

THE YORK RITE
of
FREEMASONRY
of
ALABAMA



1985



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

RECEPTION

An informal reception was held on Sunday afternoon, February 24, 1985, in the "Vaudeville" room of the Ramada Inn-Airport, Birmingham, Alabama, as members and guests were registered in the lobby. Hostesses were Mrs. Peggy Morgan, wife of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Ray R. Morgan, Jr.; Mrs. Marie Rhea, wife of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Clarence F. Rhea; and Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton, wife of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Richard Sim Hamilton. 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 24, 1985, at the Ramada Inn-Airport, Birmingham, Alabama. The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Richard Sim Hamilton, introduced the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry, who conducted the service and delivered the message.

Sir Knight George L. Marshall Jr., Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, 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 "Great Gatsby" Ballroom of the Ramada Inn-Airport with a good representation of Companions/Sir Knights and their Ladies attending. The tables were beautifully decorated and a delicious dinner was served.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight James M. Ward, Southeast Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Ray R. Morgan, Jr., presided. He introduced Miss Tracy O'Connell, Grand Worthy Advisor in Alabama, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Mr. Jon Shoemaker, State Master Counselor of Alabama, Order of DeMolay, who gave short talks.

Companion Morgan introduced his Grand Line Officers, their Ladies, the Grand Chapter's Distinguished Guests, and their Ladies, then the General Grand High Priest, Dr. Walter H. Winchester. Last, Companion Morgan introduced his family.

As a surprise, a birthday cake was presented to Mrs. Ray R. Morgan, Jr. from the Ladies of the Alabama Grand York Rite, and all sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Clarence F. Rhea, introduced the Council's Grand Line Officers, their Ladies, the Distinguished Guests of the Grand Council and their Ladies. Companion Rhea then introduced the Most Puissant General Grand Master, Bernard F. Mandlebaum, and his wife, Muriel.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Richard Sim Hamilton introduced the Grand Commandery Officers, their Ladies, the Grand Commandery's Distinguished Guests, their Ladies, and his family. Sir Knight Hamilton then introduced the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Donald H. Smith.

Sir Knight Smith presented Sir Knight Bobby C. Park, of DeMolay Commandery No. 14 in Decatur, Alabama, 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 Park accepted this honor with a word of thanks, and his name is duly recorded with former recipients of this coveted award.

Sir Knight James R. Bromley requested permission to approach the podium. He presented to the Grand Commander, a check for \$1,500.00 from the Florence York Rite Bodies for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Clarence F. Rhea, presented the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Companion Wayne Richmond Hammond of Gadsden Council No. 56. The Grand Council of Alabama proudly adds Companion Hammond's name to their list of previous recipients.

General Grand Master Mandlebaum presented the Ish Sodi Jewel for 1985 to Companion Gary Vinson of East Lake Council No. 80. He was commended for his work in Masonry and especially for the many petitions that he brought during the year. Companion Vinson accepted the award with gratitude.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Ray R. Morgan, Jr., had all Past Grand High Priests, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, and Past Grand Commanders of Alabama to stand for recognition.

This year's recipient of the General Grand Chapter Medal of Honor Award was announced to be Companion Robert F. Elkin of Eunomia Chapter No. 5 in Huntsville, Alabama. Due to his absence, it will be presented at a later date. The Grand Chapter of Alabama is honored to add Companion Elkin's name to the distinguished list of former recipients.

The banquet was concluded with prayer by Sir Knight James M. Ward, Southeast Department Commander.

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. Ray R. (Peggy) Morgan, Mrs. Clarence F. (Marie) Rhea, and Mrs. Richard Sim (Dorothy) Hamilton.

At noon on Monday, the ladies were treated to a delicious luncheon in the "Yesterday's Lounge" at the Ramada Inn-Airport. They were given lovely table favors by the three hostesses, and many prizes were given those holding the lucky numbers. Beautiful slides of numerous Alabama Attractions were shown by Mr. Ralph Burgess of Anniston, Alabama.

On Monday evening in the "Vaudeville" room, the ladies were entertained with a Magic Show presented by Mr. Jessie C. Shinn, a member of the Gadsden York Rite Bodies.

KNIGHT MASONS

The Knight Masons of Alabama, Vulcan Council No. 22, held their second annual Ladies Night Banquet on Monday evening, February 25, 1985, at Mills Restaurant as part of the Grand York Rite activities in Birmingham. Emory J. (Smokey) Ferguson was the Guest of Honor. Sir Knight Ferguson is Recorder of Vulcan Council No. 22 and Past Excellent Chief. He is also Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Alabama and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Alabama.

The Banquet was attended by 112 Knights, their Ladies, and Distinguished Guests, among whom was Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, Grand Junior Warden of Knight Masons, U.S.A.

Arthur C. Harding, Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, presided at the banquet, and gave Membership Certificates from the Grand Council to each new member. Sir Knight Harding presented Past Excellent Chief Jewels to Sir Knight Robert E. Shipp and Cecil Rayburn.

Following the banquet, further meetings were held at the Woodlawn York Rite Temple: 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-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF
ALABAMA
HELD FEBRUARY 24-26, 1985

RAMADA INN-AIRPORT
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Presiding 1984-1985

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

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

Elected 1985-1986

W. Sterling Roberts, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
821 Covington Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35206

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

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was declared convened by Sir Knight Richard Sim Hamilton, Right Eminent Grand Commander on February 26, 1985, in the "Great Gatsby" Ballroom of the Ramada Inn-Airport, Birmingham, Alabama.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry, Eminent Grand Prelate.

The following Grand Commandery Officers were present and in their stations:
Sir Knight Richard Sim Hamilton *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
Sir Knight W. Sterling Roberts *Deputy Grand Commander*
Sir Knight George E. Tremelling *Grand Generalissimo*
Sir Knight James L. Allen *Grand Captain General*
Sir Knight James H. Lee *Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson *Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry *Grand Prelate*
Sir Knight James A. Kile *Grand Treasurer*
Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann *Grand Recorder*
Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald *Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Knight Ray R. Morgan, Jr. *Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Knight Charles R. Pate *Grand Warden*
Absent *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, 1952-53	Milton L. Fegenbush, 1977-78
George W. Sorrell, 1958-59	Fred W. Vaughan, 1978-79
Anthony V. Jannett, 1967-68	Arthur C. Harding, 1979-80
Clifford J. Turner, 1970-71	Joseph D. Brackin, 1980-81
Thomas W. Mann, 1972-73	Robert E. Shipp, 1981-82
Michael L. Jones, 1973-74	Erskine K. Smith, 1982-83
William M. Newsome, Jr., 1976-77	William H. Ealy, 1983-84

**ADDRESS OF
THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
RICHARD SIM HAMILTON
1984-1985**

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

It is my distinct pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to each of you this One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

We are honored by your presence and sincerely thank you for sharing your valuable time with us on this special occasion.

I am especially pleased and honored by the presence of our distinguished guests from Sister Jurisdictions who have traveled to Birmingham to join with us in this Conclave. I trust your stay will be as enjoyable and as memorable as mine when I met with you.

I would like to extend a very special welcome to Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, and personal representative of our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, and to Sir Knight James M. Ward, Right Eminent Department Commander of the Southeastern Department. Your presence with us extends dignity and shows the support of our Grand Encampment.

STATE OF THE ORDER

In all of the Commanderies that I was able to visit, I found peace and harmony. There would appear to be some Commanderies who for apathy, discontent, or for some reason, are not even meeting or will not (or at least do not) even answer correspondence. Sir Knights, we are required by the Constitution to meet at least once quarterly, and any Commandery that does not meet for 12 months, their charter shall be forfeited or arrested.

During the year I have had the happy privilege to be in several meetings and functions with our Most Worshipful Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, as well as, the officers of other Masonic affiliated Bodies in Alabama, and there always seemed to be a genuine zeal on everyone's part for unity. I hope this will continue through the years, because I feel that our strength is in our unity.

NECROLOGY

The Supreme architect has seen fit to leave our Grand Line in tact, however, we are saddened by the loss of 137 Sir Knights who will be appropriately eulogized by the Grand Prelate in his report.

APPOINTMENTS

Sir Knight Edward L. Welsh, Jr., was appointed to serve as the Grand Representative of Alabama near the Grand Commandery of Arizona.

AUDIT

On December 17, 1984, I authorized our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, R.E.P.G.C., to secure the services of John E. Evans, C.P.A., to audit the books of the Grand Commandery.

IN STATE VISITS

Decatur York Rite Bodies	March 1, 1984
Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine	March 9, 1984
Alabama Priory No. 31, KYCH	March 10, 1984
Decatur York Rite Bodies	March 15, 1984
Received Degrees in Vulcan Council No. 22, Knight Masons, USA, at East Lake	March 31, 1984

Met with MEGHP Ray Morgan and MIGM Clarence Rhea with Sir Knight Thomas Mann to select a meeting place for Grand York Rite in 1985	March 31, 1984
Decatur York Rite. Presented a Chapeau and Sword by DeMolay Commandery No. 14	April 5, 1984
Past Masters' Night at Rising Sun Lodge No. 29, Decatur	April 9, 1984
Decatur York Rite	April 19, 1984
Anniston Commandery No. 23 conferring of Orders	April 21, 1984
Rising Sun Lodge No. 29. Slides on George Washington Memorial	April 30, 1984
Decatur York Rite	May 3, 1984
Attended Mizpah Chapter No. 19 O.E.S. for a visit of the Worthy Grand Matron	May 29, 1984
Annual Meeting Decatur York Rite	June 7, 1984
DeMolay Banquet at Alcazar Shrine Temple, Montgomery, assisted in presentation of trophies	June 9, 1984
Annual meeting of Rising Sun Lodge No. 29	June 18, 1984
Assisted in installation of officers of Decatur York Rite	June 21, 1984
Installed officers of Montgomery Commandery No. 4	June 23, 1984
Assisted in installation of officers for Rising Sun Lodge No. 29	June 25, 1984
Installed officers of Huntsville Commandery No. 7	June 26, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting	July 5, 1984
Installed officers of Lee Commandery No. 45, Phenix City	July 7, 1984
KYCH in East Lake	July 14, 1984
Installed officers of Mobile Commandery No. 2	July 14, 1984
Installed officers Anniston Commandery No. 23	July 19, 1984
Attended Alabama Masonic Workshop called by Grand Master Jack Smith in Montgomery and visited Masonic Home	July 21, 1984
Patriotic meeting sponsored by the Decatur York Rite Bodies and Rising Sun Lodge. Program by Sir Knight Thomas Mann and Bebe	July 30, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting	August 2, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting	August 16, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting	September 6, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting	September 20, 1984
2nd District Masonic Conference at Nunn-Oden Lodge No. 398, Hartselle	September 22, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting	October 4, 1984
Finance Committee meeting, Gadsden	October 7, 1984
Grand Chapter O.E.S. along with 28 Sir Knights escorted the Most Worthy General Grand Matron to the East	October 15, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting	October 18, 1984
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 conferring of Orders	October 27, 1984
Florence Commandery No. 39 conferring of Orders	November 3, 1984
Mary Lou Dancy Chapter No. 320, O.E.S. Honor night for the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Clara Hamilton	November 10, 1984
Grand Lodge of Alabama	November 18-21, 1984
Decatur York Rite meeting and Christmas Observance	December 6, 1984
Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Huntsville	December 14, 1984

OUT OF STATE VISITS

Grand York Rite meeting of South Carolina at Spartanburg	March 11-13, 1984
Grand Commandery of Mississippi at Meridian	March 16-17, 1984

Grand York Rite meeting of North Carolina at Greensboro	March 25-27, 1984
Grand Commandery of Tennessee at Nashville	April 27-28, 1984
Grand Commandery of Georgia at Americus	May 8-10, 1984
Grand York Rite of Florida at St. Petersburg	May 20-23, 1984
Institution of a Council of Knight Masons in Jackson, Mississippi along with R.E. Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, R.E. Sir Knight Robert Shipp, and Sir Knight Bob Byars	June 2, 1984

DISPENSATIONS

Mobile Commandery No. 2 to receive and ballot	March 10, 1984
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 to receive and ballot	April 14, 1984
Bessemer Commandery No. 35 to receive and ballot	April 24, 1984
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 to receive and ballot	April 28, 1984
Dothan Commandery No. 25 to receive and ballot	April 28, 1984
Florence Commandery No. 39 to receive and ballot	May 5, 1984
Mobile Commandery No. 2 to receive and ballot	July 21, 1984
Dothan Commandery No. 25 to receive and ballot	August 18, 1984
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 to elect Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, and Warder out of statutory time	August 28, 1984
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 to receive and ballot	October 20, 1984
Bessemer Commandery No. 35 to receive and ballot	October 23, 1984
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 to receive and ballot	October 27, 1984
Florence Commandery No. 39 to receive and ballot	November 3, 1984
East Lake Commandery No. 43 to receive and ballot	November 10, 1984
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 to change meeting night to second Tuesday of the month for January and February while By-Laws are being updated	December 31, 1984

CONCLUSIONS

Sir Knights, you have bestowed on me the greatest honor of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, that of being your Grand Commander. My service in the Grand Commandery Line and as Grand Commander has been a meaningful experience in my life. I wish to thank each of you for this honor.

To the officers and members of DeMolay Commandery, my own Commandery, I wish to thank you and to say that I shall always cherish the sword and chapeau, as well as, your support during these times.

My report would be incomplete without a word of appreciation to my wife, Dorothy, for her untiring effort to support me during my years in the Grand Commandery line and particularly during my year as Grand Commander. Her love, devotion, and loyalty have been a tremendous support to me. I would like, also, to thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Ray Morgan, and his wife, Peggy, our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Clarence Rhea, and his wife, Marie, and our Grand Recorder, Thomas Mann, and his wife, Bebe. They have been especially helpful and always willing to go the extra mile to help make this year a real treat.

I have endeavored to represent this Grand Commandery in our sister jurisdictions and in local visitations to the best of my ability. I trust that my deeds representing this Grand Commandery have been considered by you, the members, as a job well done. I again thank you for this honor and hope that I have contributed to the distinction of our Grand Commandery in some small measure.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Sim Hamilton,
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 the portion of the Address referring to audit be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend the portion of the Address referring to dispensations granted be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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,
Ray B. Hartwell, P.G.C., Chairman
Emrys W. John, P.G.C.
William H. Ealy, P.G.C.

Adopted.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Submitted below is the report of our financial condition at December 31, 1984:

RECEIPTS:	CASH	OTHER	TOTAL
Dues	\$ 41,852.15	\$	\$ 41,852.15
Fees	1,775.25		1,775.25
Sales of Supplies	365.41		365.41
Interest	5,071.41		5,071.41
Divine Service - Ticket Sales	984.00		984.00
Payroll Taxes deducted from employees and unpaid at 12-31-84	342.08		342.08
Total Receipts	\$ 50,390.30	\$	\$ 50,390.30
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Operating Expense	\$46,508.07	\$	\$46,508.07
Supplies for Resale	298.66		298.66
Supplies, Inventory Decrease		73.25	73.25
Total Disbursed	\$ 46,806.73	\$ 73.25	\$ 46,879.98
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 3,583.57	\$ (73.25)	\$ 3,510.32
Balance-January 1, 1984	80,708.03	6,203.27	86,911.30
Balance-December 31, 1984	\$ 84,291.60	\$ 6,130.02	\$ 90,421.62
DETAILS OF HOLDINGS:			
Petty Cash	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Checking Account	29,255.52		29,255.52
Certificates and Savings Accounts	55,011.08		55,011.08
Inventory of Supplies for Resale		758.70	758.70
Office Equipment (at cost)		5,371.32	5,371.32
Total	\$ 84,291.60	\$ 6,130.02	\$ 90,421.62

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Kile,
Grand Treasurer

Adopted.

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, 1984:

Membership as of January 1, 1984 6993

ADDITIONS:

Knighted	179	
Affiliated	14	
Reinstated	96	
Adjusted	6	
		+ 295
Total Gross Membership		7288

LOSSES:

Died	142	
Dimitted	21	
Suspended N.P.D.	264	
Adjusted	0	
		- 427
Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1984		6861
Loss in Membership for 1984		132
Chartered Commanderies		22
Commanderies Reporting		21
Commanderies under Dispensation		0

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank Sir Knight R. Sim Hamilton, the Grand Line Officers, and the Recorders of our Constituent Commanderies for the fine work they are continuing to do. I would also thank all Sir Knights in Alabama for their continued support of our charities. I want to express my deep appreciation to Mrs. Dianne Jones for her loyalty, hard work, and her ability to fulfill her duties in a very efficient manner.

Respectfully submitted,
 Thomas W. Mann,
 Grand Recorder

Adopted.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

NUMBER	NAME	1/1/84 MEMBERSHIP	KNIGHTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	ADJUSTED	DIED	DIMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/84 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN / LOSS
2.	Mobile	707	8	2	4	0	16	0	13	692	-15
4.	Montgomery	454	3	0	3	0	10	3	9	438	-16
7.	Huntsville	371	6	4	4	0	6	2	10	367	-4
10.	Cyrene	1,055	37	2	2	0	24	3	48	1,021	-34
13.	Tuscaloosa	293	3	0	4	0	5	1	13	281	-12
14.	DeMolay	232	6	0	1	0	3	1	11	224	-8
15.	Etowah	317	17	0	2	0	12	1	16	307	-10
17.	Talladega	35	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	29	-6
21.	Sylacauga	85	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	78	-7
23.	Anniston	238	12	0	3	0	4	0	5	244	+6
25.	Dothan	231	1	1	4	0	2	1	7	227	-4
28.	Opelika	83	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	81	-2
29.	Piedmont	162	10	1	2	0	1	0	7	167	+5
31.	Woodlawn	955	21	1	31	0	20	3	53	932	-23
35.	Bessemer	295	5	1	2	0	4	2	12	285	-10
38.	Alexander City	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
39.	Florence	369	3	0	6	0	6	0	16	356	-13
43.	East Lake	492	39	1	18	+6	10	1	25	520	+28
45.	Lee	197	1	0	2	0	4	0	7	189	-8
46.	Fort Payne	181	5	1	1	0	4	0	0	184	+3
47.	Monroeville	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	82	-2
48.	Jasper	107	2	0	4	0	1	0	5	107	0
TOTALS		6993	179	14	96	+6	142	21	264	6861	-132

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January 30, 1985

Mr. Richard Sim Hamilton
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

I have examined the statements of assets and fund balance of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama at December 31, 1984, and the receipts and disbursements for the calendar year then ended. My examination was 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, 1984, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a cash receipts and disbursements basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Very truly yours,

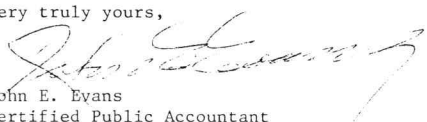

John E. Evans
Certified Public Accountant

EXHIBIT NO. 1

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1984

Assets:

Cash on Hand in Banks and Savings Certificate (1)	\$ 84,291.60
Inventory-Supplies for Resale	758.70
Office Equipment (at cost)	5,371.32
Total Assets	<u>\$ 90,421.62</u>

Liabilities:

Perpetual Membership	\$ 60.72
Payroll Taxes Payable	342.08
Triennial Reserve	1,700.00
General Fund Balance	88,318.82
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 90,421.62</u>

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 1984

Revenue:

Dues	\$ 41,852.15	
Fees	<u>1,775.25</u>	\$ 43,627.40
Interest		5,071.41
Divine Service-Ticket Sales		984.00
Sale of Supplies	\$ 365.41	
Inventory-January, 1984	\$ 831.95	
Purchases	298.66	
Total	<u>\$ 1,130.61</u>	
Inventory-December 31, 1984	758.70	
Total Revenue	<u>371.91</u>	(6.50)
		<u>\$ 49,676.31</u>

Less Expenses:

Budgeted Expenses (Schedule "A" Actual)	<u>48,208.07</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ 1,468.24</u>

EXHIBIT NO. 3

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1984

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	INCREASE (DECREASE)
Assets:			
Cash on Hand and in Banks and Savings Certificates (See Schedule "C")	\$ 84,291.60	\$ 80,708.03	\$ 3,583.57
Inventory (Supplies for Resale)	758.70	831.95	(73.25)
Office Equipment (at cost)	5,371.32	5,371.32	-0-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 90,421.62</u>	<u>\$ 86,911.30</u>	<u>\$ 3,510.32</u>
Liabilities:			
Perpetual Membership	\$ 60.72	\$ 60.72	\$ -0-
Payroll Taxes Payable	342.08	-0-	342.08
Triennial Reserve	1,700.00	-0-	1,700.00
General Fund Balance	28,318.82	86,850.58	1,468.24
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 90,421.62</u>	<u>\$ 86,911.30</u>	<u>\$ 3,510.32</u>

EXHIBIT NO. 4

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

CALENDAR YEAR 1984

Receipts:

Dues	\$ 41,852.15	
Fees	<u>1,775.25</u>	\$ 43,627.40
Interest		5,071.41
Divine Service-Ticket Sales		984.00
Sales of Supplies		<u>365.41</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 50,048.22

Disbursements:

Budgeted Disbursements-Actual (Schedule "A")	\$ 48,208.07	
Less Triennial Reserve	<u>1,700.00</u>	\$ 46,508.07

Payroll Taxes Payable:

December 31, 1983	\$ -0-	
December 31, 1984	342.08	(342.08)
Purchase of Supplies for resale	<u>298.66</u>	
Total Disbursements		46,464.65
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 3,583.57
Balance January 1, 1984		80,708.03
Balance December 31, 1984		<u>\$ 84,291.60</u>

SCHEDULE "A"
ONE OF TWO

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

BUDGETED AND ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS

CALENDAR YEAR 1984

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>OVER UNDER</u>
<u>Grand Officer Expenses:</u>			
Allowance for Grand Officer	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -0-
Stationery for Incoming Grand Officer	60.00	73.88	13.88
Past Jr. Gr. Comm. Jewel (Reserve)	200.00	215.00	15.00
S.E. Reginal Meeting	330.00	133.00	(197.00)
Foreign Correspondent	5.00	-0-	(5.00)
L.T. Eye Foundation Committee	75.00	4.40	(70.60)
K.T. Magazine-Alabama Editor	100.00	-0-	(100.00)
Total	<u>\$ 1,970.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,626.28</u>	<u>\$ (343.72)</u>
<u>Grand Recorder's Office Expenses:</u>			
Salary-Grand Recorder	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 2,784.00	\$ -0-
Salary-Office Secretary	3,200.00	3,200.00	-0-
Allowance-Grand Treasurer	120.00	120.00	-0-
Insurance-Bonds, Fire, Theft, Liability	300.00	249.40	(50.60)
Safe Deposit Box Rental	8.00	6.00	(2.00)
Social Security and Payroll Taxes	560.00	341.08	(218.92)
Office Rent	1,440.00	1,504.00	64.00
Stationery and Printing-Office	500.00	261.60	(238.40)
Repairs-Furn., Equip.-Service Contracts	100.00	143.20	43.20
Postage and P.O. Box Rental	250.00	253.02	3.02
Telephone	420.00	473.60	53.60
Annual Audit	525.00	525.00	-0-
Travel Allowance-Grand Recorder	1,960.00	1,960.00	-0-
Travel Allowance-Office Secretary	300.00	300.00	-0-
Janitorial Supplies	50.00	21.63	(28.37)
Total	<u>\$ 12,517.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,142.53</u>	<u>\$ (374.47)</u>
<u>Annual Convention Expenses:</u>			
Expenses of Distinguished Guests	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,331.53	\$ 331.53
Per Diem and Milage-Gr. Officers and Committee Members	2,000.00	1,576.57	(423.43)
Banquet and Men's Luncheon	800.00	1,552.72	752.72
Printing and Badges for Convention	300.00	183.12	(116.88)
Photographs (Convention)	95.00	40.00	(55.00)
Ladies' Luncheon	300.00	145.34	(154.66)
Total	<u>\$ 4,495.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,829.28</u>	<u>\$ 334.28</u>
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>			
Per Capita Tax to Gr. Encampment	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,858.50	\$ (141.50)
Dues-K.T. Eye Foundation	6,000.00	5,631.00	(369.00)
Memorials	100.00	60.96	(39.04)
Special Awards-DeMolay	100.00	100.00	-0-
Special Awards-Rainbow	100.00	100.00	-0-
Special Awards-Order of Knighthood	100.00	100.00	-0-
Printing Annual Proceedings	2,100.00	2,005.52	(94.48)
Contingency	100.00	54.00	(46.00)
Total	<u>\$ 28,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,909.98</u>	<u>\$ (690.02)</u>
<u>Triennial Reserve:</u>			
First 4 Grand Officers & Grand Recorder	\$ 667.00	\$ 667.00	\$ -0-
Past Grand Presiding Officers	933.00	933.00	-0-
Southern Breakfast	100.00	100.00	-0-
Total	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 49,282.00</u>	<u>\$ 48,208.07</u>	<u>\$ (1,073.93)</u>

SCHEDULE "B"

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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

DECEMBER 31, 1984

Petty Cash Fund				\$	25.00
<u>AmSouth Bank: N.A.</u>					
Checking Account				\$	29,255.52
<u>Time Deposits:</u>					
1017851	Matures	3-30-85	7.75%	<u>16,835.97</u>	46,091.49
<u>Jefferson Federal:</u>					
<u>Savings Certificate</u>					
00-12-000-284	Matures	6-01-86	8.00%	\$ 8,740.87	
<u>Pass Book Account</u>					
03-00-315220				<u>3,652.67</u>	12,393.54
<u>City Federal:</u>					
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>					
10617149	Matures	5-10-85	9.75%	\$ 9,833.41	
952956	Matures	2-25-85	11.00%	15,000.00	
<u>Pass Book Account</u>					
2-020360	Past Jr. Grand Commander's Reserve			<u>948.16</u>	<u>25,781.57</u>
Total					<u>\$ 84,291.60</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Your Committee on Finance offers the following report and budget for 1985 for your consideration and action. We have examined the audit of the Grand Commandery books by John E. Evans, C.P.A., and recommend that it be accepted and filed. This budget has been prepared with the cooperative efforts of the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C., Chairman
Michael L. Jones, P.G.C.

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET — 1985

Item	\$
Janitorial Supplies	25.00
Social Security and Payroll Taxes	500.00
Telephone	500.00
Postage & P.O. Box Rental	300.00
Contingency Fund	100.00
Grand Commander's Expense	1,200.00
Grand Recorder's Salary	2,784.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	120.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita Tax	20,000.00
Grand Encampment K. T. Eye Foundation Dues	6,000.00
Office Secretary's Salary	3,360.00
Printing of Grand Proceedings & Leaflets	2,100.00
Printing & Badges for Convention	300.00
Stationery & Printing for Office	500.00
Audit	525.00
Office Rent	1,632.00
Jewel for Past Junior Grand Commander	200.00
Insurance — Bonds, Fire, Theft & Liability	300.00
Memorials & Gifts	100.00
Patriotic Activities	-0-
Triennial Reserve (First 4 Grand Officers and Grand Recorder — \$667.00 per year for 3 years.)	667.00
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.)	100.00
Donation to DeMolay	100.00
Donation to Order of Knighthood	100.00
Donation to Order of Rainbow for Girls	100.00
Purchases for Resale	100.00
Southeast Regional Y. R. Conference (\$100.00 Maximum for each Officer — Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Recorder only.)	330.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	1,960.00
Office Secretary's Travel Allowance	300.00
K. T. Magazine Committee Expense-Editor, Alabama Supplement	100.00
K. T. Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign Expense	75.00
Foreign Correspondent	5.00
Stationery for Presiding Grand Officer	75.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental	6.00
Repairs — Furniture & Equipment, and Service Contracts	150.00
Ladies' Luncheon (Annual Conclave)	300.00
Distinguished Guests (2 nights' Lodging)	1,000.00
Banquet (Total Cost minus Tickets sold.)	1,000.00
Convention Photographs	95.00
\$30.00 Per Diem (Two nights) and mileage (Grand Officers, Past Grands, & Standing Committees only.)	1,500.00
Men's Luncheon (Current Grand Line & Distinguished Guests only)	200.00
Rental of Typewriters for Convention Registration	???.??
Total	\$49,742.00

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

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
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	
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	*W. Wallace Buckley, Jr.
New York	***Guss H. Gadd
North Carolina	*Ray B. Hartwell
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett
Ohio	*D. Shelby Vaughn
Oklahoma	Erskine K. Smith
Oregon	***C. V. McLain
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	*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.
Wyoming	James L. Allen

**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	Edward J. Welsh, Jr.	Yuma
Arkansas	James H. Lee	Route 6, Box 67 Florence, 35630	Thomas A. Booth	Little Rock
California	Henry Miller	5813 Java Avenue Birmingham, 35224	Clarence E. Dunn	Oakland
Colorado	William H. Ealy	2101 Giles Drive Huntsville, 35811	Paul B. Samaniego	La Junta
Connecticut	Bobby C. Park	P.O. Box 67 Decatur, 35602		
Dist. of Columbia	Richard Sim Hamilton	2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Gordon W. Crozier	Washington
Florida	Thomas W. Mann	354 Sun Valley Circle Birmingham, 35215	Charles W. Arnold	Orlando
Georgia	William O. Farmer	133-18th Street, S.W. Birmingham, 35211	Graydon W. Kitchens	Atlanta
Idaho	Lloyd D. Durden	507 South Edgewood Drive Dothan, 36301	Kenneth Holt	Fruitland
Illinois	Arthur C. Harding	P.O. Box 9869 Birmingham, 35215	William D. Jarrett	Jacksonville
Indiana	James E. Stutts	612 East Pasadena Avenue Muscle Shoals, 35660	Harold F. Thieman	Columbus
Iowa	Charles A. Sweeney	1624 Crestwood Drive Mobile, 36618	Victor Raider	Burlington
Kansas	George W. Sorrell	1009-47th Street, Oak Hills Birmingham, 35208	William M. Gertsen	Newton
Kentucky	Michael L. Jones	1711 Cagle Avenue, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Whitfield Tandy	Lexington
Louisiana	John D. Prince, Jr.	1228 Glen View Road Birmingham, 35222	Huston F. Boothe, Sr.	Hammond
Maine	William M. Newsome, Jr.	1600-45th Street Phenix City, 36867	Ernest E. Bates	Fairfield

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (Continued)

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 E. McCartney	Templeton
Michigan	H. Curtis Ivey	Box 768 Opelika, 36801	Donald M. Krueger	Sturgis
Minnesota			Lynn Gunsolus	Waseca
Mississippi	Emory J. Ferguson	1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W. Cullman, 35055	Willie E. Howell	Greenwood
Missouri	Robert W. Earnhardt	18 Forest Lake Tuscaloosa, 35401	William H. Sattler	St. Charles
Montana	Charles R. Pate	1220 Glendale Road Anniston, 36201	Kenneth Naylor	Conrad
Nebraska	J. Paul Gray	1106 Rainbow Circle Anniston, 36201	Robert C. Franklin	Papillon
Nevada	Emrys W. John	5516 South 10th Avenue Birmingham, 35222	Winfield S. Rash	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Robert E. Shipp	3533 Springwood Drive Mobile 36608	Richard W. Watson	Bedford
New Jersey	George L. Marshall, Jr.	609 Hal Street, N.W. Huntsville, 35805	Thurman C. Pace	Westfield
New Mexico	W. Wallace Buckley, Jr.	2317 Cardinal Avenue Huntsville, 35805	Robert Lee Finch	Bloomfield
New York	Guss H. Gadd	1055 Willingham Road Florence, 35630	Joseph R. Evans	Little Falls
North Carolina	Ray B. Hartwell	500 Spanish Fort Parkway, Apt. #121 Spanish Fort, 36527	James H. Horne	Fayetteville
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett	1402 Melanie Lane Phenix City, 36867	Paul Torgeson	Grafton

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (Continued)

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Ohio	D. Shelby Vaughn	2606 Bonita Circle, S.W. Huntsville, 35801	R. Dale Long	Cambridge
Oklahoma	Erskine K. Smith	1835 Cheaha Drive Oxford, 36203	Ronald G. Dorn	Oklahoma City
Oregon	C. V. McLain	P.O. Box 262 Mobile, 36601	Joel C. Bingner	Le Grande
Pennsylvania	Bobby Ray Terry	Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35601	Arthur R. Gebert	Lansdale
Philippines	Clifford J. Turner	Route 5, Box 187 Gadsden, 35903	Manuel Valencia Ko	Manila
South Carolina	Anthony V. Jannett	Route 1, Box 2222 Shelby, 35143	William W. Hudgens	Laurens
South Dakota	Paul E. Drinnon	2301 Oakwood Road, N.W. Huntsville, 35810	Clarence E. Lundquist	Brookings
Tennessee	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.	3110-18th Avenue Sheffield, 35660	E. Oakley Wynne	Nashville
Texas	McMurray L. Griffith	P.O. Box 31311 Birmingham, 35222	Charles M. Godwin	Colorado City
Utah	James C. Nuss	1927 Leighton Avenue Anniston, 36201	Raymond F. White	Ogden
Vermont	Milton L. Fegenbush	828 South 80th Street Birmingham, 35206	Harold W. Davis	Montpelier
Virginia	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	Jesse J. Fout	Richmond
Washington	Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Route 2, Box 51 Piedmont, 36272	Robert J. Johnston	Ellensburg
West Virginia	A. Clifton Edwards	1406 Gault Avenue, S.W. Fort Payne, 35967	Marshall M. Casdorph	Ronceverte
Wisconsin	Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.	8437 South 9th Avenue Birmingham, 35206	John Zank	Greenfield
Wyoming	James L. Allen	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 14 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, 19 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 125th Annual Conclave. The 3 Commanderies not represented are: Talladega Commandery No. 17, Alexander City Commandery No. 38, and Monroeville Commandery No. 47.

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

Total Officers or Proxies present	53
Total Past Commanders present	88
TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE	141

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,
Paul E. Drinnon, Chairman
James H. Jeffreys

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

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

2. Mobile	William H. Saliba	Commander
	*Charles W. McDonald	Generalissimo
	William J. Sirmon, Jr.	Captain General
4. Montgomery	Raymond Charles Lee, Sr.	Commander
	*James M. Taylor	Generalissimo
	Dubert U. Stroud, Jr.	Captain General
7. Huntsville	*James L. Gossett	Commander
	James L. Gossett	Captain General
10. Cyrene	Eugene N. Bell	Commander
	James U. Ward, Sr.	Generalissimo
13. Tuscaloosa	*William S. Wiggins	Commander
	*William R. Williamson	Generalissimo
	*Garnett E. Springfield	Captain General
14. DeMolay	Dalton C. Aldridge	Commander
	*Ronald P. Harris	Generalissimo
	George F. Mills	Captain General
15. Etowah	R. Reid Morgan, III	Commander
	Jesse D. Taylor	Generalissimo
	*Fred W. Vaughan	Captain General
17. Talladega	Not represented (3 years)	
21. Sylacauga	*Charles Pitts	Commander
23. Anniston	*J. Woodrow Smith	Commander
	*J. Paul Gray	Generalissimo
	Louis A. Teal	Captain General

25. Dothan	*L. C. Minks *W. Malcolm Killingsworth Maurice C. Himes	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
28. Opelika	*Lewis Smith *H. Curtis Ivey *H. Curtis Ivey	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
29. Piedmont	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr. *Alvin Parker *Weldon H. Roberts	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
31. Woodlawn	Robert E. Lyle Donald W. Hammond Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
35. Bessemer	*N. C. Wilkinson *N. C. Wilkinson Richard W. Mebius	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
38. Alexander City	Not represented (3 years)	
39. Florence	James Ray Bromley *Lee Roy Uptain Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
43. East Lake	*Claude C. McGraw Bernard L. Cosby Joe R. Bush	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
45. Lee	William C. Snyder David E. Purvis Lance C. Anthony	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
46. Fort Payne	*A. Clifton Edwards *Edward Davis *A. Clifton Edwards	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
47. Monroeville	Not represented (1 year)	
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, Anthony J. Bolter, Jr., Robert E. Shipp, Maurice M. Chastain.
4. Montgomery: William A. Stewart, Joseph P. Jones, Robert E. Clemens, Luther E. Lee, John E. Stearnes, Harry C. Denton, William O. Graham.
7. Huntsville: George L. Marshall, Jr., Paul E. Drinnon, William H. Ealy, Emory J. Ferguson.
10. Cyrene: Emrys W. John, George W. Sorrell, Henry R. Kelso, George E. Tremelling, R. J. Wadkins, McMurray L. Griffith, James C. Brewer, Shirley A. Otts, Miles S. Lee, Joe D. Lee.
13. Tuscaloosa: Garnett E. Springfield, Robert W. Earnhardt.
14. DeMolay: Earl C. Clayton, James H. Jeffreys, Bobby C. Park, Bobby Ray Terry, Michael L. Jones, Richard Sim Hamilton.
15. Etowah: Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Clarence F. Rhea, Clifford J. Turner, W. R. Hammond, Roy L. Wood, Fred W. Vaughan, Floyd M. Thompson, Paul L. Allen.
17. Talladega: None
21. Sylacauga: None

23. Anniston: Calvin C. Snow, J. Paul Gray, Charles R. Pate, Melton C. Campbell, J. Woodrow Smith, Erskine K. Smith, William E. Fuqua.
25. Dothan: W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Loyd D. Durden, Joseph D. Brackin, Edwin M. Clay.
28. Opelika: H. Curtis Ivey, Lewis Smith.
29. Piedmont: Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., Alvin Parker.
31. Woodlawn: Thomas W. Mann, W. Sterling Roberts, Arthur C. Harding, Ernest G. Sharp, R. L. Byars, Jr., James A. Kile, Howard E. Hayes, Anthony M. Deming, W. M. Hewitt, Rev. John D. Prince, Jr., George W. Busby.
35. Bessemer: N. C. Wilkinson, Robert T. Crawford.
38. Alexander City: None.
39. Florence: James H. Lee, Ernest L. Bishop, Sr., A. E. Blackburn, Charles J. Adams.
43. East Lake: William O. Farmer, Lee M. Bidy, Walter K. Collins, Cecil D. Rayburn, Claude C. McGraw.
45. Lee: William M. Newsome, Jr., Sam L. Garrett, James L. Allen, Charles L. Ingram, Gene M. Day, Jesse W. Locke.
46. Fort Payne: A. Clifton Edwards, Edward Davis.
47. Monroeville: None.
48. Jasper: Ray Rutledge.

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
Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.
Charles R. Pate

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

No Report.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Byars, Jr., Chairman
Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C.
Troy J. Roberts

Adopted.

Addendum to Report of Committee on Jurisprudence:

It was moved that proposed changes in By-laws for the Florence Commandery No. 39 be approved.

Adopted.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

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

Patriotism is "Devotion to one's country". These few simple words are easy to memorize, but many do not fully understand all they entail. Let's consider the essentials:

A patriot is one who acquires an understanding knowledge of his country's history. He understands his country's constitution and the philosophy behind it.

He approaches the solution to his country's problems on a long-term basis. He supports the official policies and laws of his country. When he considers that there should be changes, he helps bring them about through established methods and procedures.

He supports education, social justice, charities and benevolences, religion, youth, and community activities. He considers the payment of just and necessary taxes to be an investment in his country and its future.

A patriot takes an interest in good and efficient government on all levels. He scrutinizes candidates for all public offices and the issues involved, and votes what he believes will be the best for his country.

He projects an industrious, ethical, and moral image in the handling of all situations. He radiates an enthusiastic and positive approach toward his country.

If one follows these few requirements well, he will be an outstanding patriot. Many will honor him as a true statesman.

Patriotism and Christianity seem to go hand in hand. People are remembered in history for their unselfishness and willingness to serve others.

In 1200 A.D., the most well known man in the world was Innocent the Third.

The most powerful man in the world was Otto the Fourth.

The most despised man in the world was Seladdin.

The most unknown man in the world was a man taking care of a leper colony.

Now in 1985, nobody remembers Innocent the Third, unless you are a theologian.

Unless you are a history buff, you will not remember Otto the Fourth, the Chief of the Roman Empire.

Unless you are a Knight Templar and interested in the Crusades, you will not remember Seladdin.

But the man taking care of the leper colony is revered today, almost 1000 years later. His picture is in stained glass windows. He is a Saint. His prayers are in homes of Catholic and Protestant alike. St. Francis of Assisi is revered today as a little insignificant man taking care of a leper colony.

I believe that in order to be patriotic and really love one's country, we must have a deep and abiding faith in Almighty God.

When our original colonies came together and formed these United States, they had one thing, no, maybe two things in common, which enabled them to form this great Union. One was a faith in God which they shared. The other was our great Masonic Fraternity. Most of our founding fathers were Masons. All of our founding fathers were God fearing men.

Our great Masonic leader and first president, Brother George Washington, was able to take a rag tag army of woodsmen, farmers, and shopkeepers, and with God in their midst, defeat the greatest power the world had ever known. Once and for all establishing this country as a great symbol of FREEDOM for the whole world to see and try to emulate.

In conclusion, I mention the Olympics of last summer. Wasn't it great to see those young athletes, with tears visible on some of their faces, salute Old Glory while our National Anthem was being played. We are undergoing a great renewal of faith in America, faith in our God, faith in our great country, and most important of all: Faith in ourselves as AMERICANS.

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

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

During the year ending December 31, 1984, your Committee on Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Alabama processed a total of six student loans (3 males and 3 females), totaling \$9,000.00. We have a total of \$53,339.70 out on student loans at the present time.

As of December 31, 1984, the total assets of Alabama's Knights Templar Educational Foundation amounted to \$99,998.95, which represents an increase over the previous year of \$2,969.86. These assets are in loans, in equipment, and in an interest bearing Certificate of Deposit. The interest earned covers expenses of operation.

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

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

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

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

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

Alabama continues to be the second largest recipient of funds from the Eye Foundation. As of January 31, 1985, the grand total expended for 3,241 cases in Alabama was \$1,808,916.18. From July 1, 1984, through January 31, 1985, Alabama has received \$94,827.00, for payment on cases. On February 15, 1985, we ranked 37th in the Seventeenth Voluntary Campaign with a total contribution of \$1,483.00. These figures certainly indicate that we are not carrying our fair share of the load.

We urge all Sir Knights to participate in our great humanitarian project, and help us correct the inequity between funds received from the Foundation and funds contributed to it in Alabama, by supporting our Voluntary Campaign.

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

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 17th VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

As of the 11th week of the Campaign ending February 15, 1985, the Foundation office has received and posted a total of \$1,483.00 from this Grand Commandery. This total represents an average per capita contribution of \$.20, based on a total membership of 7,578 knights. As of this date, we rank number 37 of all jurisdictions.

Since this official report, your Committee has forwarded an additional \$130.00, and has received information that another \$140.00 has been forwarded directly to the Foundation. In addition, there has been delivered and in hand a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Cyrene Commandery No. 10 in Birmingham, a check in the amount of \$1,563.37 from Florence Commandery No. 39, and a cash amount of \$240.00 collected at the Divine Service this past Sunday. This is a total of \$4,573.37 which has not as yet been posted to the Foundation's records. This will bring our total as of this date to \$6,056.37, which will result in a per capita average in the amount of 79.7 cents per member.

Sir Knights, the 17th Voluntary Campaign is still far behind previous years for the same point in time. There is still adequate time to return to your respective commanderies, and renew your efforts to make this campaign one of the most successful ever. Remember the gift of sight is one of the greatest gifts that can be given.

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

Adopted.

NECROLOGY REPORT

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

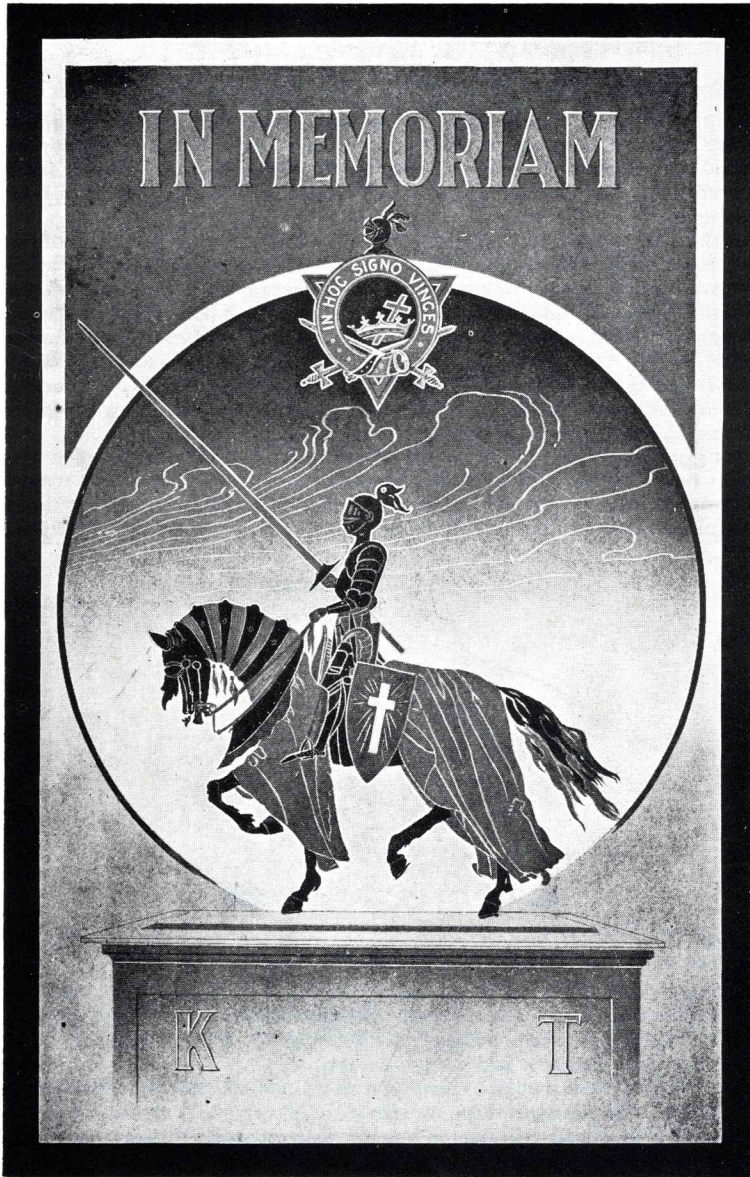
For as much as it has pleased Almighty God in his inscrutable providence, to take out of this world the souls of 142 Sir Knights since the last Annual Conclave, we leave them in the hands of a Being who doeth all things well, who is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, and doing wonders.

With those of their immediate relatives and friends who are most heartstricken at the loss we have all sustained, we sincerely, deeply, and most affectionately sympathize in their afflictive bereavement, and commend them to the Infinite Father, who will fold the arms of his love and protection around those who put their trust and confidence in Him.

With a mixture of joy and sorrow, we remember those of our fraternity who have entered the Church Triumphant during this Templar year. Our sorrow arises from the sadness of separation. Our joy is rooted in the Lord who proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby Ray Terry,
Grand Prelate

Adopted.



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

REPORT OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDITOR

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

For my first report as your Knight Templar Magazine Supplement Editor, I am happy to report that material for all twelve issues has been sent and published. Roughly 75% of the material was news and happenings of Commanderies and related bodies, and only about 25% filler material was required. In addition, each Recorder should have received a copy of the Grand Encampment publication, "Guidelines for Publicity and Public Relations" for their use in preparing material for the Knight Templar Magazine as well as the local media. Because I have been able to rely upon photographs kindly submitted by individuals and Commanderies, expenses have been \$13.84.

This is the good news. The dark side of the news is that only a handful of our Commanderies have availed themselves of the opportunity of using a magazine sent to each of their members, to brag about what they have been doing. This is an excellent manner to maintain contact with those members who, because of infirmity, distance, vocation, or other reasons, are unable to participate in their Commandery life. Sir Knights, if we ourselves aren't proud of what we are doing as Knights Templar, how can we honestly expect anyone else to be impressed?

I would like to thank those Commanderies and individuals who have submitted material to me over the last year. It has helped tremendously in doing a job which I dearly hope has benefited Templary in our state. I look forward to serving you another year, and I hope that many more of you will avail yourselves of the Supplement as a means to increase support of your Festivals, your Eye Foundation programs, and any other of the worthwhile endeavors our Commanderies are involved in.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas F. Craig, Editor

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEMOLAY

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

In some of our Commandery work and in the Knight Crusaders of the Cross, Jacques DeMolay appears.

The Order of Knighthood, which is a part of the Order of DeMolay, is based on Templary. The Sir Knights of Knighthood are the 17-21 year old young men who are dedicated to assisting their home chapters.

We understand some of our Sir Knights said Brother Jon Shoemaker's remarks at the banquet were negative. Put yourself in this young man's place or in the place of one of the young Rainbow girls. When have they seen you at one of their meetings?

We tell them they are sponsored by the Masons. The Rainbow and DeMolay are required to have Master Masons present at their meetings.

Sir Knights, we urge you on behalf of our great fraternity, to take a close look at your time, and see if you can't donate a small portion of it to our young people.

Do you know where your children or grandchildren were last Saturday night?

Fraternally,
Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Chairman
Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C.
Lloyd D. Durden

Adopted.

ALABAMA GRAND YORK RITE HOLDING COMPANY

To the Grand Officers, Companions, and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama:

We, the undersigned members of the Alabama Grand York Rite Holding Company, report the following:

On Sunday, July 1, 1984, a special meeting with the Trustees of the Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525 F. & A.M. of Alabama was called to discuss the business of signing a lease for the offices and warehouse space occupied by the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama located at 5504 North 1st Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. Under the terms of the new lease, the monthly rental was increased from \$300.00 per month to \$340.00 per month or from \$3,600.00 per annum to \$4,080.00 per annum as was stipulated in the original lease agreement dated October 1, 1979. The Holding Company was also advised at this meeting that the Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525 was in negotiation with HDH Enterprises of Birmingham, Alabama, to lease the entire building, and that if that transaction took place, the Grand York Rite Bodies would be under lease to them.

In a letter from HDH Enterprises dated August 22, 1984, to Thomas W. Mann, Grand Secretary-Recorder, the Grand York Rite Bodies were notified that as of September 1, 1984, HDH Enterprises would assume all leases, and as of that date all monies for rentals would be payable to them.

Although the Holding Company continues to investigate properties to purchase for a permanent office for the Grand York Rite Bodies, to date, no suitable location has been found that fulfills the necessary requisites of space, location, cost, and terms.

Respectfully submitted,
Emory J. Ferguson, President
Ray Rutledge, Vice-President
Erskine K. Smith, Vice-President
Thomas W. Mann, Secretary
James A. Kile, Treasurer

Adopted.

RESOLUTION

This Resolution Received in the Grand Recorder's Office December 31, 1984.

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

Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., moved that the Grand York Rite Perpetual Life Membership be amended and adopted as follows:

1. To remove it from the hands of the Grand Bodies and move it into the hands of the local Bodies.
2. To dissolve the Board of Trustees of the Perpetual Life Membership Fund.
3. To include that all proceeds received by a York Rite Body to the Perpetual Life Membership Fund, as adopted by that Body, should they so desire to adopt it, would be retained into an interest bearing account, and that only the interest be used for operating funds, and the principal shall be retained.
4. If a Perpetual Life Member of a York Rite Body transfers from that York Rite Body within the State to another York Rite Body, the Secretary-Recorder of that York Rite Body, from which he is transferring, upon completion of transfer, shall remit the funds of the Perpetual Life Membership, less the interest, to the York Rite Body to which he is transferring, at which time those funds will be put on deposit, and only the interest may be used.

After some discussion, the ammendment was seconded, and passed unanimously.

It was moved and passed that the Grand York Rite be directed to refund to Dothan York Rite Bodies the money remaining in the one Perpetual Life Membership account after two years of per capita tax has been deducted.

RESOLUTION

The Resolution concerning raffling was withdrawn due to the ruling by the Jurisprudence Committee that it was out of order.

REMARKS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Right Eminent Sir Knight James M. Ward, Southeast Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America remarked, "I am impressed by the way this Grand Conclave was organized. You have dispensed with the business in an outstanding way and in a complete and informative manner. This indicates you have a good operation going here. It is something of which you can be proud, and I know you are. Good supportive work on the part of all Sir Knights is what makes it work."

Expressions of appreciation for the hospitality shown them were made by the following: Right Eminent Sir Knight Joe W. Aspley, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida; Right Eminent Sir Knight Gerald W. Ringler, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina; Right Eminent Sir Knight Edward Saunders, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia; Right Eminent Sir Knight Horace R. Alexius, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana; Right Eminent Sir Knight James C. Gillum, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky; Right Eminent Sir Knight Ronald D. Simpson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

Most Worshipful Joseph P. Jones, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Alabama brought greetings from the Grand Lodge.

ADDRESS OF SIR KNIGHT DONALD H. SMITH, RIGHT EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, voiced his appreciation for the hospitality shown him. He said, "I thought of the three 'H's' when I thought of the three York Rite bodies here together this weekend. Those are Harmony, Hospitality, and Heart. I speak to the heart because I want to tell you that two great Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery serve the 'heart' of the Grand Encampment very closely. One of your senior Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight George W. Sorrell, serves as a trustee on the Eye Foundation and has for many years. He is very much a part of it and very much a promoter of its good. I congratulate you for having such a man as this in your Grand Commandery and I thank you for sending him to be with the Grand Encampment.

The other part of the 'heart' here is another Past Grand Commander, Thomas W. Mann, who is Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and has been under two Grand Masters. I think this is a wonderful tribute not only to Tom but to your Grand Commandery as well. I thank you for his services also.

The 21st Century is just fifteen years away. Some of us in this room today may not be alive to see it, but we are moving toward it. What I want to do with this great Grand Encampment and this Grand Commandery is to think in these terms: I want to march into the 21st Century with my head up, going forward, knowing what is going to happen, not backing into it while we are crying about how many people we are losing.

The reason we are losing members is because we do not give them enough personal contact. I notice you, like all jurisdictions, are having trouble with

non-payment of dues. How many of your Grand Commanders, your Commanders, your Recorders, or members, are willing to take the time necessary to see these people on a personal basis. Find out why they became a Templar in the first place and why they aren't interested in staying one.

Let them know that 10% of all patients taken care of by the Eye Foundation in the entire country have come from Alabama. Aren't you proud of that. Many students now attending the universities have been given the opportunity of doing so through student loans given out by the K.T. Educational Foundation. These two things should be conveyed to those who haven't paid their dues. Personal contact is a difficult thing to do. **But It Works.**

Another point I would like to make as we get into this 21st Century attitude. I would like you to think in terms of COMPUTERS. This is a computer age. One of the other problems we have with membership loss is the fact we don't have enough contact with our members. We lose their addresses and we don't furnish them with enough information. Every Grand Commandery should be thinking about having a computer. I mean a home type computer with a printer. This will enable you to keep the names and addresses current and you can print them out in the form of address labels. Send out a news letter. The thing is, if we keep the addresses current, every Knight Templar is reminded that he is a K.T., because he can be notified of the happenings in the Commandery and other bodies. He will know who the current Grand Commander is, who are the recipients of the Eye Foundation funds, along with any other pertinent information.

Remember every one of you has contributed to the Eye Foundation. A total of \$6,900.00 was paid this year by you through your dues assessment. We are all contributors. If we let others know what we are doing with these funds, they will possibly want to be contributors also. This gets into the realm of public relations. All of these things, computers, public relations, and information will help. Now all we lack is the answer to this question: 'Who is going to do it?'. When you look into the mirror each morning you know if it is going to work, it has to start with YOU.

Membership starts in the symbolic lodges, and it should not stop until you rise from the foot of that line knighted as Templars. 'Arise, Sir Knight'. What a word. What a thought.

At this point I would like to mention a few more words in favor of computers. After all if we are going to look to the future we must modernize, and the future is in computers. We can store all the files and information about your chapters, councils and commanderies on computer disks. These can be stored in a bank vault or fireproof place. In the event our building is destroyed by fire, all of our records are not lost. There are so many good things that a computer can help with, it is a shame that we haven't had one a long time ago. Think about this. It isn't a 21st Century thing, this is a plain old 1985 thing to think about. It will help you maintain membership, because it keeps the records up to date with very little effort. This leaves more time for the personal contact I mentioned before.

Another reason we are losing membership is due to a shift of population. The York Rite was built in smaller communities where men could come to their lodge and receive all their degrees in one place. As a result of the population movement, in many cases there are not enough members to fill the stations. As a result, men drop out. This leaves buildings and equipment standing idle. Why not move this equipment to a town that wants an active commandery. Move with the population. Make use of your assets.

Remember for an active commandery YOU are the one who has to get involved."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

During the Grand York Rite banquet on Sunday night, the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award for 1985 was presented to Sir Knight Bobby C. Park, DeMolay Commandery No. 14 in Decatur, Alabama, by Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

of the United



States of America

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

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

RECIPIENTS IN ALABAMA OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

*Alexander Murray Weems	1966
Charles Curtis McCoy	1967
Horace Richard Batchelor	1968
William G. Caffey, Jr.	1969
*John F. Welch, Sr.	1970
*James Merlin Christopher, Sr.	1971
Earl Pervine Woodall	1972
John Sebastian Gamundi	1973
Arlie Eldon Blackburn	1974
*James Allen Bradford	1975
Norman Curtis "Doc" Wilkinson	1976
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr.	1977
*Charles Carl Graham	1978
*Lawrence Kline	1979
John D. Prince, Jr.	1980
Loyd D. Durden	1981
Charles W. McDonald	1982
Charles R. Pate	1983
*Richard A. Chapman	1984
Bobby C. Park	1985
*Denotes deceased.	

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE — 1986

Sir Knight W. Sterling Roberts moved that the next Annual Alabama Grand Commandery Conclave be held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 23-25, 1986
Adopted.

MINUTES OF LAST CONCLAVE

It was moved that the minutes as published in the Proceedings of 1984 be accepted as the minutes, and that they be approved as printed.

This motion seconded, and carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1985-1986

There being no further business to come before this 125th 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 Bobby C. Park, of DeMolay Commandery No. 14, Decatur, Alabama, 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 1985-1986

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, installed the newly elected Grand Commandery Officers. Sir Knight James M. Ward, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander, served as installing Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., served as grand Prelate.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, W. Sterling Roberts, was invested with the jewel of his office by his wife, Elsie.

Newly installed Grand Commander Roberts presented Junior Past Grand Commander, Richard Sim Hamilton, with a Past Grand Commander's jewel, certificate, and billfold card from the Grand Commandery of Alabama. The jewel was pinned on Sir Knight Hamilton by his wife, Dorothy. Sir Knight Smith also presented Sir Knight Hamilton 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. Sir Knight Hamilton received a standing ovation from the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

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

ADJOURNMENT

After the benediction by the Grand Prelate, Dr. Padgett C. Cope, Right Eminent Grand Commander, W. Sterling Roberts, declared the 125th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned.

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



W. STERLING ROBERTS
Right Eminent Grand Commander
1985 - 1986

WILLIAM STERLING ROBERTS

William Sterling Roberts was born August 2, 1911, in Henry County, Alabama. He was educated in the public schools of Birmingham, Alabama, graduating from Phillips High School in 1929.

On December 7, 1935, he married Elsie Willis, and to this union was born a daughter, Patricia R. Nix. They have two grandsons, Jack D. Nix, Jr., and William D. Nix.

Sir Knight Roberts was employed by the Birmingham Board of Education for fifteen months. He became employed by Birmingham Electric Company on August 21, 1930. Birmingham Electric Company merged with Alabama Power Company in 1952, where he worked until his retirement on September 1, 1976.

As a member of the Ruhama Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, he served on the board of Deacons, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and has served on the Finance Committee. Presently he is serving as Chairman of the Benovolence Committee, as a member of the Nominating Committee, and on the active Board of Deacons.

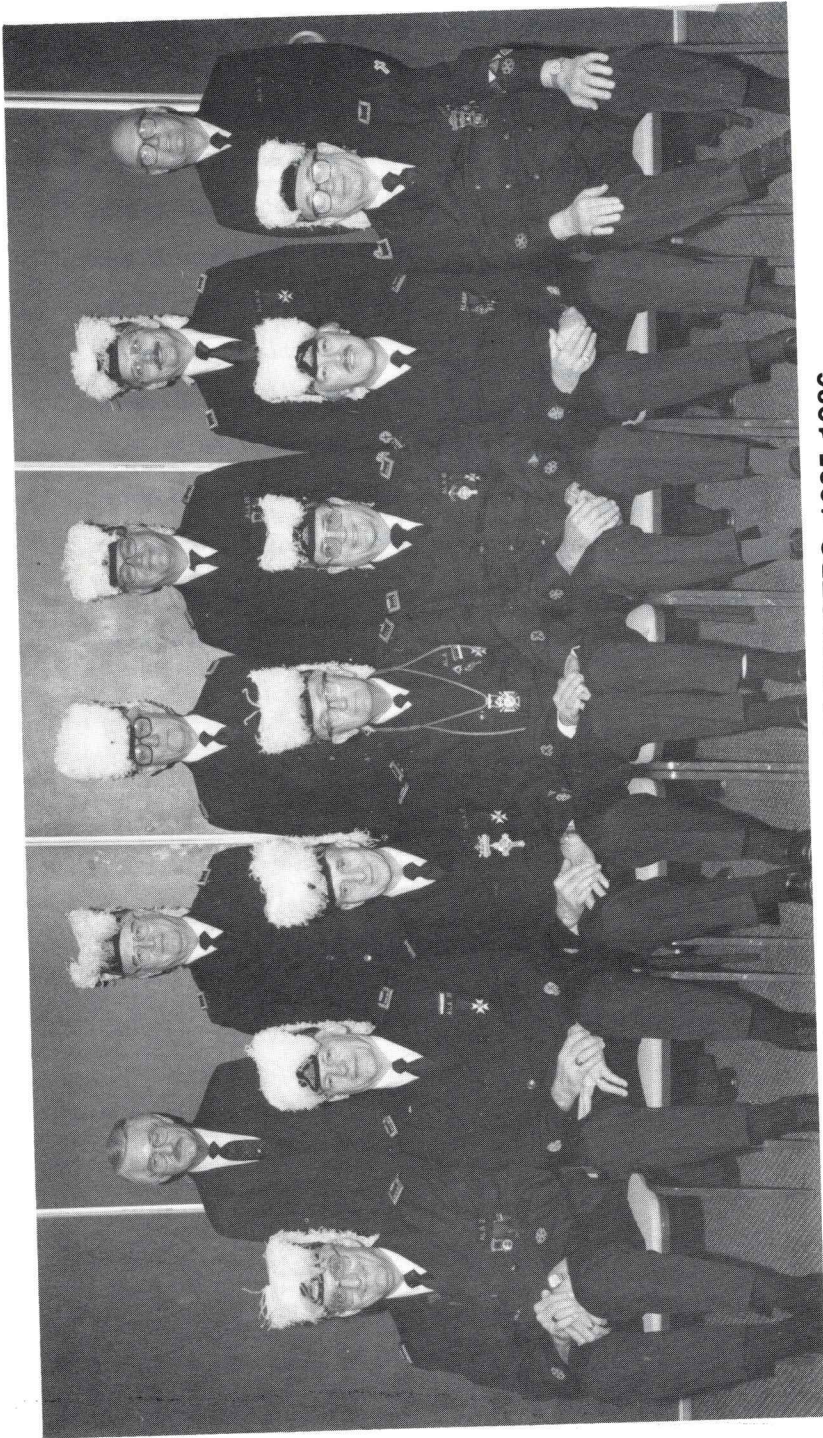
MASONIC HISTORY

Sir Knight Roberts was first introduced to Masonry on December 7, 1950, when he was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Phillips Memorial Lodge No. 832 in Birmingham, Alabama. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 18, 1951, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 15, 1951. In 1955, he served as Worshipful Master of Phillips Memorial Lodge No. 832. Later, having moved to the eastern section of Birmingham, he transferred his membership and became affiliated with Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525 on March 2, 1961. He served as Worshipful Master of Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525 in 1970.

Sir Knight Roberts received the Chapter and Council degrees May 6, 1961, and the Orders of the Commandery May 13, 1961. He served as Excellent High Priest of Woodlawn Chapter No. 146, Illustrious Master of Woodlawn Council No. 71, and Eminent Commander of Woodlawn Commandery No. 31.

He is a member of the Order of Silver Trowel, Anointed High Priests, Knight Masons, Order of Eastern Star, and Zamora Temple.

Sir Knight Roberts received the highest York Rite Masonic honor in 1978 when he received the Knight of the York Cross of Honour.



GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS, 1985-1986

*Seated left to right: Charles W. McDonald, James H. Lee, George E. Tremelling, W. Sterling Roberts (Right Eminent Grand Commander), James L. Allen, Emory J. Ferguson, Thomas W. Mann.
Standing left to right: Dr. Padgett C. Cope, James A. Kile, Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Charles R. Pate, Bobby C. Park, Chris C. Poe.*

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1985-1986

- W. Sterling Roberts, K.Y.C.H. *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
821 Covington Avenue, Birmingham, 35206
- George E. Tremelling, K.Y.C.H. *Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander*
609 Denniston Lane, Adamsville, 35005
- James L. Allen, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Generalissimo*
P. O. Box 415, Phenix City, 36868-0415
- James H. Lee *Eminent Grand Captain General*
Route 6, Box 67, Florence, 35630
- Emory J. Ferguson, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Senior Warden*
1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W., Cullman, 35055
- Charles W. McDonald *Eminent Grand Junior Warden*
615 Morgan Avenue, Mobile, 36606
- Dr. Padgett C. Cope *Eminent Grand Prelate*
416 Covington Avenue, Birmingham, 35206
- James A. Kile, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Treasurer*
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P. O. Box 2822-A, Birmingham, 35212-0222
- Ray R. Morgan, Jr., K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Standard Bearer*
P. O. Box 326, Gadsden, 35902
- Charles R. Pate, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Sword Bearer*
1220 Glendale Road, Anniston, 36201
- Bobby C. Park *Eminent Grand Warder*
P. O. Box 607, Decatur, 35602
- Chris C. Poe *Eminent Grand Sentinel*
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 Loyd D. Durden 507 South Edgewood Drive, Dothan, 36301

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 Emrys W. John 5516 South 10th Avenue, Birmingham, 35222
 William H. Ealy 2101 Giles Drive, Huntsville, 35811

18TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

Arthur C. Harding, *Chairman* P. O. Box 9869, Birmingham, 35215

**REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA
JUNE, 1984-JUNE, 1985**

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
2. Mobile	Mobile	William H. Saliba 525 Spring Park Drive Mobile, 36608	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	4th Monday
4. Montgomery	Montgomery	Raymond Charles Lee, Sr. 4213 Johnstown Drive Montgomery, 36109	Charles C. McCoy P. O. Box 6077 Montgomery, 36101-0077	1st Thursday
7. Huntsville	Huntsville	Robert L. Kay 808 Crestview Drive Madison, 35758	Kenneth W. McVay P. O. Box 371 Huntsville, 35804	4th Tuesday
10. Cyrene	Birmingham	No officer list received	McMurray L. Griffith P. O. Box 31311 Birmingham, 35222	1st Friday
13. Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Eric Lee Sherman 4217 Pelham Heights Road Tuscaloosa, 35404	George Macon Anders P. O. Box 1790 Tuscaloosa, 35401	3rd Tuesday
14. DeMolay	Decatur	Dalton C. Aldridge 1812 Enolam Blvd., S.E. Decatur, 35601	Richard Sim Hamilton 2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W. Decatur, 35601	1st Thursday
15. Etowah	Gadsden	R. Reid Morgan, III. P. O. Box 1082 Gadsden, 35902	George R. Schnitzlein 104 Buckingham Place Gadsden, 35901	3rd Thursday
17. Talladega	Talladega	No officer list received	Gary Bryant Route 5, Box 67 Talladega, 35160	1st Tuesday
21. Sylacauga	Sylacauga	No officer list received	Charles Pitts P. O. Box 717 Sylacauga, 35150	2-4 Thursdays
23. Anniston	Anniston	Robert T. Howle Route 3, Box 176 Jacksonville, 36265	Charles R. Pate 1220 Glendale Road Anniston, 36201	3rd Thursday

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA (Continued)
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NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
25. Dothan	Dothan	James Horace Kelly 1003 Irwin Street Dothan, 36301	O'Day Fontenot, Jr. 701 Randolph Street Dothan, 36301	3rd Thursday
28. Opelika	Opelika	No Officer list received	H. Curtis Ivey 500 Avenue A Opelika, 36801	1st Tuesday
29. Piedmont	Piedmont	Winford T. Kines Route 5, Box 57 Piedmont, 36272	Weldon H. Roberts P.O. Box 67 Piedmont, 36272	2nd Thursday
31. Woodlawn	Birmingham	Robert E. Lyle 5800 South 6th Avenue Birmingham, 35212	Robert L. Byars, Jr. P.O. Box 2954 Birmingham, 35212	4th Tuesday
35. Bessemer	Bessemer	William E. Butler 2645 Novel Drive Hueytown, 35023	Earl P. Woodall 107 Honeysuckle Street Hueytown, 35023	2nd Tuesday & 4th Friday
38. Alexander City	Alexander City	No officer list received	L. D. Benton Route 6, Box 83 Alexander City 35010	1-3 Tuesdays
39. Florence	Florence	James Ray Bromley 2127 Norwood Blvd. Florence, 35630	Charles Terry Bray 176 North Prairie Street Florence, 35630	2-4 Tuesdays
43. East Lake	Birmingham	James H. Nelson, Sr. 5859 North 33rd Street Birmingham, 35207	Claude C. McGraw 5009 North 74th Street Birmingham, 35206	1st Friday
45. Lee	Phenix City	William C. Snyder 806-28th Street Phenix City, 36867	Jesse W. Locke P.O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36867	1st Thursday
46. Fort Payne	Fort Payne	Ray Cantrell 3761 North Williams Avenue Fort Payne, 35967	A. Clifton Edwards 1406 Gault Avenue, S.W. Fort Payne, 35967	1-3 Thursdays

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA (Continued)
JUNE, 1984-JUNE, 1985

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
47.	Monroeville	John Egolf 1903 Louise Monroeville, 36460	Dave A. Durdan, Sr. 606 West Claiborne Monroeville, 36460	4th Friday
48.	Jasper	Shirley Smith Route 3, Box 445 Jasper, 35501	Ray Rutledge Route 11, Box 342 Jasper, 35501	3rd Monday

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Knight Crusader of the Cross of Alabama was held on Monday, February 25, 1985 at Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525, in Birmingham, Alabama, with Thomas W. Mann, Knight Crusader of the East, presiding. 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 18 candidates, followed by the business and election of officers for the coming year, who are:

Sir Knight Erskine K. Smith *Knight Crusader of the East*
 Sir Knight Robert E. Shipp *Knight Crusader of the West*
 Sir Knight George W. Busby *Knight Crusader of the North*
 Sir Knight Richard M. Slaughter *Knight Crusader of the South*
 Sir Knight R. L. Byars, Jr. *Knight Crusader Treasurer-Recorder*
 Sir Knight W. Malcolm Killingsworth *Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross*
 Sir Knight Richard Sim Hamilton *Knight Crusader of the Temple*

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

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

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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

Erskine K. Smith,
 Knight Crusader of the East

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:	
SouthTrust Bank, 3-1-84	\$332.15
Expenses Paid out in 1984-1985	
Knights Templar Eye Foundation	\$300.00
Balance in checking account, 2-1-85:	\$32.15
Deposits to Checking Account	
18 Petitions @ \$15.00	\$270.00
Balance in Checking Account, 3-1-85	\$302.15

R. L. Byars, Jr.,
 Knight Crusader Treasurer

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- Ned E. Dull *Most Eminent Grand Master*
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- William H. Thornley, Jr. *Right Eminent Grand Captain General*
3080 South Race Street, Denver, Colorado 80210
- Harold S. Gorman *Right Eminent Grand Treasurer*
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- Paul C. Rodenhauer *Right Eminent Grand Recorder*
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- The Reverend Eugene H. Buxton *Right Eminent Grand Prelate*
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- John L. Crofts, Sr. (1967-1970) P.O. Box 757, Nokomis, Florida 33555
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- James M. Ward 174 Chasewood Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39212

**56TH GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
 OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
 CINCINNATI, OHIO
 AUGUST 10-15, 1985**

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On Friday, November 30, 1860, in Montgomery, Alabama

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-manders	Members
1860	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Edmund M. Hastings*	5	144
1861	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Edmund M. Hastings*	5	155
1862	Montgomery	No quorum present	Adjournd to Dec. 15, 1863		Edmund M. Hastings*			
1863	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	William S. Knox*	Edmund M. Hastings*	5	147
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*	George D. Norris*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	6	113
1866	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	James B. Harrison*	George D. Norris*	Abram J. Walker*	Edmund M. Hastings*	7	207
1867	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	Peleg Brown*	George D. Norris*	Abram J. Walker*	Edmund M. Hastings*	7	227
1868	Montgomery	Peleg Brown*	Abram J. Walker*	George D. Norris*	Joseph H. Johnson*	Edmund M. Hastings*	8	249
1869	Montgomery	Peleg Brown*	Joseph H. Johnson*	William W. Harder*	John N. Browder*	Edmund M. Hastings*	9	249
1870	Mobile	Abram J. Walker*	Joseph H. Johnson*	William W. Harder*	Walter L. Braggs*	Daniel Sayre	9	245
1871	No Meeting	Adjournd in December, 1870 to meet in February, 1872.						
1872	Montgomery	Joseph H. Johnson*	Walter L. Bragg*	Porter King*	Andrew J. Blair*	Daniel Sayre*	9	283
1873	Huntsville	Walter L. Bragg*	George P. L. Reid*	John J. Dement*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Sayre*	9	286
1874	Montgomery	Felix G. Norman*	John G. Smith*	James B. Luckie*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Sayre*	10	264
1875	Selma	John G. Smith*	Benjamin H. Riggs*	William S. Foster*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Sayre*	9	234
1876	Montgomery	John G. Smith*	William S. Foster*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	Daniel Sayre*	9	236
1877	Mobile	John G. Smith*	William S. Foster*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	Daniel Sayre*	9	209
1878	Eufaula	William S. Foster*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	Robert Moulthrop*	Daniel Sayre*	9	210
1879	Montgomery	William S. Foster*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	Robert Moulthrop*	Daniel Sayre*	9	206
1880	Birmingham	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	Robert Moulthrop*	Frank P. O'Brien*	Daniel Sayre*	7	212
1881	Mobile	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	James T. Holtzclaw*	Frank P. O'Brien*	Daniel Sayre*	8	215
1882	Tuskegee	Daniel Smith*	James T. Holtzclaw*	William T. Atkins*	John H. Higley*	Daniel Sayre*	9	222
1883	Montgomery	Daniel Smith*	James T. Holtzclaw*	John T. Atkins*	John H. Higley*	Daniel Sayre*	10	245
1884	Montgomery	James T. Holtzclaw*	John H. Higley*	John D. Wilkins*	Henry C. Davidson*	Daniel Sayre*	10	321
1885	Selma	James T. Holtzclaw*	John H. Higley*	John D. Wilkins*	Henry C. Davidson*	Daniel Sayre*	7	209
1886	Montgomery	Daniel Smith*	John D. Wilkins*	Henry C. Davidson*	William F. Aldrich*	Daniel Sayre*	6	195
1887	Mobile	John D. Wilkins*	Henry C. Davidson*	William A. Alexander*	James B. Luckie*	Daniel Sayre*	6	202
1888	Birmingham	Henry C. Davidson*	William A. Alexander*	John A. McKinnon*	Charles Wheelock*	Edmund R. Hastings*	6	220
1889	Montgomery	Henry C. Davidson*	William A. Alexander*	John A. McKinnon*	Charles Wheelock*	Edmund R. Hastings*	5	209
1890	Huntsville	Wm. A. Alexander*	John A. McKinnon*	Charles Wheelock*	Charles Wheelock*	Edmund R. Hastings*	8	269
1891	Mobile	John A. McKinnon*	Charles Wheelock*	George S. Obear*	William H. Long*	Edmund R. Hastings*	9	308
1892	Selma	John A. McKinnon*	Charles Wheelock*	George S. Obear*	William H. Long*	Edmund R. Hastings*	9	342
1893	Radstien	Charles Wheelock*	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Robert L. Douglas*	Edmund R. Hastings*	9	352
1894	Birmingham	Charles Wheelock*	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Milton C. Baldrige*	Edmund R. Hastings*	10	368
1895	Mobile	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Robert L. Douglas*	Henry H. Matthews*	Phillip Milhous*	H. Clay Armstrong*	10	376
1896	Montgomery	Robert L. Douglas*	Henry H. Matthews*	Phillip Milhous*	William E. Oakley*	H. Clay Armstrong*	9	382

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-manderies	Members
1897	Birmingham	Henry H. Matthews*	Philip Milhous*	William F. Oakley, Jr.*	Rus M. Cunningham*	H. Clay Armstrong*	10	380
1898	Selma	Philip Milhous*	William F. Oakley*	Rus M. Cunningham*	Robert Moulthrop, Jr.*	H. Clay Armstrong*	7	288
1899	Mobile	William F. Oakley*	Rus M. Cunningham*	Robert Moulthrop, Jr.*	George F. Wheelock*	H. Clay Armstrong*	6	290
1900	New Decatur	Robt. Moulthrop, Jr.*	George F. Wheelock*	Lewis W. Hubbard*	Charles R. Westcott*	H. Clay Armstrong*	6	351
1901	Tuscaloosa	George F. Wheelock*	Lewis W. Hubbard*	Charles R. Westcott*	Charles F. Pearce*	George A. Beauchamp*	9	463
1902	Mobile	Lewis W. Hubbard*	Charles R. Westcott*	Charles E. Pearce*	Robert S. Teague*	George A. Beauchamp*	9	516
1903	Montgomery	Charles R. Westcott*	Charles S. Teague*	Thomas H. Matlocks*	Walter Smith*	George A. Beauchamp*	8	516
1904	Selma	Robert S. Teague*	Thomas H. Matlocks*	William O. Snyder*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George A. Beauchamp*	9	546
1905	Birmingham	Charles R. Westcott*	Walter Smith*	William O. Snyder*	Charles R. Patterson*	George A. Beauchamp*	11	621
1906	Gadsden	Walter Smith*	William O. Snyder*	Charles R. Patterson*	John W. Phillips*	George A. Beauchamp*	13	743
1907	Tuscaloosa	Walter Smith*	William O. Snyder*	Charles R. Patterson*	John W. Phillips*	George A. Beauchamp*	14	824
1908	Tuscaloosa	Walter Smith*	William O. Snyder*	Charles R. Patterson*	John W. Phillips*	George A. Beauchamp*	17	1013
1909	Andalusia	Charles R. Patterson*	Charles R. Patterson*	Charles R. Patterson*	Alexander D. Sirmanson*	George A. Beauchamp*	18	1085
1910	Anniston	John W. Phillips*	John W. Phillips*	Louis J. Wright*	William F. Martin*	George A. Beauchamp*	20	1210
1911	Montgomery	Louis J. Wright*	Louis J. Wright*	Louis M. Messley*	William F. Martin*	George A. Beauchamp*	20	1305
1912	Selma	Louis M. Messley*	Louis M. Messley*	Charles P. Martin*	William F. Martin*	George A. Beauchamp*	20	1375
1913	Selma	Charles P. Martin*	Charles P. Martin*	William F. Martin*	Hartford L. Ison*	George A. Beauchamp*	21	1473
1914	Dothan	William F. Martin*	William F. Martin*	William F. Martin*	William F. Ransom*	George A. Beauchamp*	21	1663
1915	Troy	Hartford L. Ison*	Hartford L. Ison*	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	George A. Beauchamp*	22	1808
1916	Birmingham*	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	George A. Beauchamp*	24	2032
1917	Tuscaloosa	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	Duncan C. Carmichael*	George A. Beauchamp*	25	2367
1918	Birmingham	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	William F. Ransom*	John V. Falck*	George A. Beauchamp*	26	2661
1919	Dothan	Dunc. C. Carmichael*	Duncan C. Carmichael*	Duncan C. Carmichael*	John V. Falck*	George A. Beauchamp*	27	3559
1920	Mobile	John V. Falck*	John V. Falck*	John V. Falck*	Walter H. Trimby*	George A. Beauchamp*	30	5183
1921	Selma	Walter H. Trimby*	Walter H. Trimby*	Walter H. Trimby*	Lawrence H. Lee*	George A. Beauchamp*	33	6669
1922	Gadsden	Lawrence H. Lee*	Lawrence H. Lee*	Lawrence H. Lee*	John Philip Melvin*	George A. Beauchamp*	36	7497
1923	Birmingham	John Philip Melvin*	John Philip Melvin*	John Philip Melvin*	Woolsey Fannell*	George A. Beauchamp*	38	8258
1924	Huntsville	Woolsey Fannell*	Woolsey Fannell*	Woolsey Fannell*	L. E. Galterstedt*	George A. Beauchamp*	40	8667
1925	Tuscaloosa	L. E. Galterstedt*	L. E. Galterstedt*	L. E. Galterstedt*	Robert H. Wood*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8772
1926	Albany	Joseph Dixon Matlock*	Joseph Dixon Matlock*	Joseph Dixon Matlock*	Robert T. Ward*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8638
1927	Montgomery	Robert T. Ward*	Robert T. Ward*	Robert T. Ward*	Philip S. Meyer*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8463
1928	Mobile	Philip S. Meyer*	Philip S. Meyer*	Philip S. Meyer*	Orlando S. Dunch*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8463
1929	Montgomery	Orlando S. Dunch*	Orlando S. Dunch*	Orlando S. Dunch*	William C. Davis*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8463
1930	Dothan*	William C. Davis*	William C. Davis*	William C. Davis*	Henry F. Williams*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8463
1931	Huntsville	Henry F. Williams*	Henry F. Williams*	Henry F. Williams*	Franklin L. Milhous*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8463
1932	Birmingham	Franklin L. Milhous*	Franklin L. Milhous*	Franklin L. Milhous*	Franklin L. Milhous*	George A. Beauchamp*	38	7905
1933	Anniston	Tully A. Goodwin*	Tully A. Goodwin*	Tully A. Goodwin*	David W. Croeland*	George A. Beauchamp*	35	6378
1934	Tuscaloosa	William D. Hawkins*	William D. Hawkins*	William D. Hawkins*	John W. Jones*	George A. Beauchamp*	35	4308
		William D. Hawkins*	William D. Hawkins*	William D. Hawkins*	Robert McL. Strong*	George A. Beauchamp*	34	4308
		Robert McL. Strong*	Robert McL. Strong*	Robert McL. Strong*	Robert McL. Strong*	George A. Beauchamp*	31	3516

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-manderies	Members
1935	Montgomery	T. Gaines St. John*	Robert McL. Strong*	Henry J. Porter, Jr.*	James M. Frazer*	Guy T. Smith*	31	3121
1936	Mobile	Robert McL. Strong*	Henry J. Porter, Jr.*	James M. Frazer*	John Heard Saxon*	Guy T. Smith*	28	2814
1937	Montgomery	Henry J. Porter, Jr.*	James M. Frazer*	John Heard Saxon*	William W. Waldo*	Guy T. Smith*	26	2633
1938	Birmingham	James M. Frazer*	John Heard Saxon*	William W. Waldo*	Frank W. Gaines*	Guy T. Smith*	25	2482
1939	Birmingham	John Heard Saxon*	William W. Waldo*	Frank W. Gaines*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2384
1940	Montgomery	William W. Waldo*	Frank W. Gaines*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Newman S. Cryer*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2295
1941	Montgomery	Frank W. Gaines*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Newman S. Cryer*	Hoyt McClendon*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2265
1942	Montgomery	Robert T. Sheppard*	Newman S. Cryer*	Hoyt McClendon*	Pleasant W. Gay*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2310
1943	Montgomery	Newman S. Cryer*	Hoyt McClendon*	Pleasant W. Gay*	A. Parker Mize*	Guy T. Smith*	22	2526
1944	Birmingham	Hoyt McClendon*	Pleasant W. Gay*	A. Parker Mize*	Clifford H. Williams*	Guy T. Smith*	22	3152
1945	Birmingham	Pleasant W. Gay*	A. Parker Mize*	Clifford H. Williams*	Archelus F. Campbell*	Guy T. Smith*	25	4494
1946	Birmingham	A. Parker Mize*	Clifford H. Williams*	Archelus F. Campbell*	James B. Patterson*	Guy T. Smith*	25	5198
1947	Montgomery	Clifford H. Williams*	Archelus F. Campbell*	James B. Patterson*	Julius L. Layman*	Guy T. Smith*	25	5785
1948	Gadsden	Archelus F. Campbell*	James B. Patterson*	Julius L. Layman*	Wm. J. Christian*	Guy T. Smith*	24	6133
1949	Montgomery	James B. Patterson*	Julius L. Layman*	Wm. J. Christian*	Llewellyn R. Hillyer*	C. H. Stubinger*	24	6103
1950	Birmingham	Julius L. Layman*	Wm. J. Christian*	Llewellyn R. Hillyer*	Edgar M. Gober*	C. H. Stubinger*	25	6651
1951	Birmingham	Llewellyn R. Hillyer*	Edgar M. Gober*	Emrys W. John*	Wm. W. Glass*	C. H. Stubinger*	25	6687
1952	Mobile	Edgar M. Gober*	Emrys W. John*	Wm. W. Glass*	J. Collier Foster*	C. H. Stubinger*	26	7131
1953	Florence	Emrys W. John*	George G. Rees*	George G. Rees*	Lonnie H. Teele*	C. H. Stubinger*	27	8101
1954	Huntsville	Emrys W. John*	George G. Rees*	George G. Rees*	Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	C. H. Stubinger*	28	8935
1955	Tuscaloosa	George G. Rees*	Lonnie H. Teele*	Lonnie H. Teele*	Holden B. Norwood*	C. H. Stubinger*	28	9272
1956	Montgomery	Lonnie H. Teele*	Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	Geo. W. Sorrell*	C. H. Stubinger*	27	9584
1957	Birmingham	Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	Holden B. Norwood*	Holden B. Norwood*	Claud Stallworth*	C. H. Stubinger*	27	9835
1958	Montgomery	Holden B. Norwood*	Geo. W. Sorrell*	Geo. W. Sorrell*	George H. Crook*	C. H. Stubinger*	26	9975
1959	Decatur	Geo. W. Sorrell*	Claud Stallworth*	Claud Stallworth*	Arthur C. Wilson*	C. H. Stubinger*	26	10073
1960	Birmingham	Claud Stallworth*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Earl D. Holmes*	C. H. Stubinger*	26	10084
1961	Tuscaloosa	Thomas W. Oliver*	Earl D. Holmes*	Earl D. Holmes*	Radford Hall Ellis*	C. H. Stubinger*	26	10075
1962	Mobile	Earl D. Holmes*	Julian P. Butler*	Julian P. Butler*	John S. Robinson*	Gordon L. Elyatt*	26	10085
1963	Birmingham	Julian P. Butler*	John S. Robinson*	John S. Robinson*	Charles L. Campbell*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9974
1964	Birmingham	John S. Robinson*	Charles L. Campbell*	Charles L. Campbell*	Bruce W. Phelps*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9918
1965	Sylacauga	Charles L. Campbell*	Bruce W. Phelps*	Bruce W. Phelps*	Anthony V. Jannett*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9847
1966	Tuscaloosa	Bruce W. Phelps*	Anthony V. Jannett*	Anthony V. Jannett*	Ray B. Hartwell*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9808
1967	Birmingham	Anthony V. Jannett*	Ray B. Hartwell*	Ray B. Hartwell*	Charles L. Jones*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9692
1968	Birmingham	Ray B. Hartwell*	Charles L. Jones*	Charles L. Jones*	Clifford J. Turner*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9494
1969	Mobile	Charles L. Jones*	Clifford J. Turner*	Clifford J. Turner*	Frank M. James*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9295
1970	Birmingham	Clifford J. Turner*	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.*	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.*	Thomas W. Mann*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9226
1971	Gadsden	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.*	Thomas W. Mann*	Thomas W. Mann*	Michael Jones*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9116
1972	Tuscaloosa	Thomas W. Mann*	Michael Jones*	Michael Jones*	Charles D. Miller*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	8971

TABULAR VIEW OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY SINCE ITS FORMATION (Continued)

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-manderies	Members
1973	Birmingham	Thomas W. Mann	Michael Jones	Charles D. Miller	McMurray Griffith	Thomas W. Oliver *	26	8687
1974	Gulf Shores	Michael Jones	Charles D. Miller	McMurray 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. Ledbetter	Thomas W. Mann	25	8465
1977	Phenix City	Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	Milton 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	Arthur C. Harding	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Thomas W. Mann	25	8692
1980	Birmingham	Arthur C. Harding	Joseph D. Brackin	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Thomas W. Mann	24	7834
1981	Dothan	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	Richard Sim Hamilton	Thomas W. Mann	24	7631
1982	Birmingham	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	W. Sterling Roberts	Thomas W. Mann	24	7278
1983	Birmingham	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	George E. Tremelling	Thomas W. Mann	23	7117
1984	Huntsville	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	James L. Allen	Thomas W. Mann	22	6953
1985	Birmingham	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	James H. Lee	Thomas W. Mann	22	6853
1986	Birmingham	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	James L. Allen		Thomas W. Mann		

*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 5504½ North First Avenue, Birmingham, 35212.

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

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

CHRONOLOGY

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

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

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

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

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

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR date from the organization of the Order in 1118 A.D. Their style is, therefore, Anno Ordinia—A.E.—in the year of the Order. Knights Templar Commanderies hold “Conclaves.”

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

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

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS — Add 4,000 years.

Thus: $1985 + 4,000 = \text{A.L. } 5985$

ROYAL ARCH MASONS — Add 530 years.

Thus: $1985 + 530 = \text{A. Inv. } 2515$

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS — Add 1,000 years.

Thus: $1985 + 1,000 = \text{A. Dept. } 2985$

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR — Subtract 1,118 years.

Thus: $1985 - 1,118 = \text{A. O. } 867$

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD — Add 1,913 years.

Thus: $1985 + 1,913 = \text{A. B. } 3898$

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS — Add 3,760 years.

Thus: $1985 + 3,760 = \text{A. M. } 5745$