

THE YORK RITE
of
FREEMASONRY
of
ALABAMA



1986



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

RECEPTION

An informal reception was held on Sunday afternoon, February 23, 1986, in the Centennial Room of the Birmingham Hilton Hotel as members and guests were registered in the lobby. Hostesses were Mrs. Becky Farmer, wife of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William O. Farmer; Mrs. Shirley Brackin, wife of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Joseph D. Brackin; and Mrs. Elsie Roberts, wife of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, W. Sterling Roberts. 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 23, 1986, at the Ruhama Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. The Right Eminent Grand Commander, W. Sterling Roberts, welcomed everyone, and Sir Knight Padgett C. Cope, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, delivered the message. Music was furnished by the church choir.

The offering received was donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

THE GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Grand York Rite Annual Banquet was held on Sunday evening in the Heritage Ballroom of the Birmingham Hilton. The tables were beautifully decorated and a delicious dinner was served.

The Invocation was given by Companion Joe R. Bush, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William O. Farmer, presided. He introduced the Grand Chapter Officers, their Ladies, the Past Grand High Priests, their Ladies, the Distinguished Guests of the Grand Chapter, their Ladies, and his family.

Among the Grand Chapter Guests was Companion Marvin L. Isley, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter and personal representative of the General Grand High Priest, Dr. Walter H. Winchester.

The Grand High Priest presented the General Grand Chapter Medal of Honor Award to Companion Claude C. McGraw of East Lake Chapter No. 154.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Joseph D. Brackin, introduced the Grand Council Officers, their Ladies, the Distinguished Guests of the Grand Council, and their Ladies. He then asked all Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of Alabama to stand and introduce themselves and their Ladies.

Companion Hayden Carmichael, District Deputy General Grand Master and personal representative of the Most Puissant General Grand Master, announced that this year's recipient of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to be Companion Earl Pervine Woodall of Charles A. Long Council No. 94, Bessemer, Alabama. Due to the illness of Companion Woodall, this Award will be presented at a later date. The Grand Council of Alabama proudly adds Companion Woodall's name to their list of previous recipients.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, W. Sterling Roberts, introduced the Grand Commandery Officers, their Ladies, the Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery, their Ladies, and his family. The Grand Prelate, Dr. Padgett C. Cope, presented the Grand Commander with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ruhama Baptist Church. Sir Knight Roberts then introduced the Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, who brought greetings from the Most Eminent Grand Master, Donald H. Smith.

Sir Knight Neumann presented Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., of Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, Birmingham, 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 Byars accepted this

honor with a word of thanks, and his name is duly recorded with former recipients of this coveted award.

The Grand Commander then introduced the Past Grand Commanders and their Ladies.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, Brother Ralph Harris Henderson, was introduced, and he spoke a few words of welcome to everyone.

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

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. William O. (Becky) Farmer, Mrs. Joseph D. (Shirley) Brackin, and Mrs. W. Sterling (Elsie) Roberts.

At noon on Monday, the ladies were treated to a delicious luncheon in the Centennial Rooms at the Birmingham Hilton. They were given lovely table favors by the three hostesses, and many prizes were given those holding the lucky tickets. Mrs. James M. (Jan) Ward, wife of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Mississippi, gave a very inspirational talk on "He Touched Me."

On Monday evening the ladies assembled for a fun night of Bingo.

KNIGHT MASONS

The Knight Masons of Alabama, Vulcan Council No. 22, held their third annual Ladies' Night Banquet on Monday evening, February 24, 1986, at Mills Restaurant as part of the Grand York Rite activities in Birmingham. A delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all.

The Banquet was attended by 104 Knights, their Ladies, and 26 Distinguished Guests, among whom was Knight Thomas W. Mann, P.E.C., Grand Senior Warden of Knight Masons, U.S.A.

Knight Henry R. Kelso, Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, presided, and requested that Knight Emory J. Ferguson, P.E.C., Scribe, introduce the new members and present them with their Grand Council Certificates. Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., P.E.C., presented a Past Excellent Chief Jewel and Certificate to Knight Arthur C. Harding.

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

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY

OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF
ALABAMA
HELD FEBRUARY 23-25, 1986

**BIRMINGHAM HILTON HOTEL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

Presiding 1985-1986

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

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

Elected 1986-1987

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

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

The One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was declared convened by Sir Knight W. Sterling Roberts, Right Eminent Grand Commander, on February 25, 1986, in the "Heritage" Ballroom of the Birmingham Hilton Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Padgett C. Cope, Eminent Grand Prelate.

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

- Sir Knight W. Sterling Roberts *Grand Commander*
- Sir Knight George E. Tremelling *Deputy Grand Commander*
- Deceased *Grand Generalissimo*
- Sir Knight James H. Lee *Grand Captain General*
- Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson *Grand Senior Warden*
- Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald *Grand Junior Warden*
- Sir Knight Padgett C. Cope *Grand Prelate*
- Sir Knight James A. Kile *Grand Treasurer*
- Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann *Grand Recorder*
- Sir Knight Ray R. Morgan, Jr. *Grand Standard Bearer*
- Sir Knight Charles R. Pate *Grand Sword Bearer*
- Sir Knight Bobby C. Park *Grand Warder*
- Sir Knight Chris C. Poe *Grand Sentinel*

**INTRODUCTION OF
PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF ALABAMA**

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

- Emrys W. John, 1952-1953
- George W. Sorrell, 1958-1959
- Anthony V. Jannett, 1967-1968
- Clifford J. Turner, 1970-1971
- Thomas W. Mann, 1972-1973
- Michael L. Jones, 1973-1974
- William M. Newsome, Jr., 1976-1977
- Milton L. Fegenbush, 1977-1978
- Fred W. Vaughan, 1978-1979
- Arthur C. Harding, 1979-1980
- Joseph D. Brackin, 1980-1981
- Robert E. Shipp, 1981-1982
- Erskine K. Smith, 1982-1983
- William H. Ealy, 1983-1984
- Richard Sim Hamilton, 1984-1985

**ADDRESS OF
THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
W. STERLING ROBERTS
1985-1986**

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

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to this One Hundred

Twenty-Sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama. I extend a special welcome to our Distinguished Guests from our sister jurisdictions and a very warm welcome to Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the personal Representative of our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Donald H. Smith. Welcome also to Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Jr., Right Eminent Department Commander of the Southeastern Department. We are honored to have Sir Knight James M. Ward, Right Eminent Past Department Commander, with us, and we extend a warm welcome to him. To each of you, we hope your stay will be a pleasant and enjoyable experience. If there is anything that I or any of our officers and Sir Knights can do to make your visit more enjoyable, please, let us know. We are honored by your presence.

STATE OF THE ORDER

It has been my pleasure to visit most of the Constituent Commanderies in Alabama. In most cases I find them all working diligently for the good of Templary. Several Commanderies have shown a gain in membership in the past year. It behooves all of us to work a little harder to keep down losses by N.P.D. and to give each Master Mason in our area an opportunity to become a Knight Templar. The Festivals where I have been, were all well attended, and the work was performed in a very efficient manner. I congratulate those Commanderies, their officers and workers, for their proficiency in conferring the Orders of Templary.

For approximately five years, Alexander City Commandery No. 38 had not sent in to the Grand Recorder any reports or remittance of Per Capita Tax. On October 19, 1985, the Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight George E. Tremelling, at my request, went to Alexander City and met with the Recorder of that Commandery. The Charter of Alexander City Commandery was surrendered to him at that time, and is now in the hands of the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann. I recommend that on request, each member of Alexander City Commandery No. 38 be issued a Demit by the Grand Commandery, to enable them to join any commandery in Alabama they choose.

I have had the privilege during this year to attend several meetings with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Alabama and other officers of the Grand Lodge, along with the officers of other affiliated Bodies in Alabama. The main theme of these meetings was "Masonic Unity." We need that complete unity if Masonry in Alabama is to continue to be a strong and viable force. On October 21, 1985, I was invited and attended the Grand Chapter Order of eastern Star of Alabama in Montgomery, Alabama. The Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty R. Bosch, presented me with a very generous donation for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the Grand Chapter O.E.S. We thank her and the members of the Eastern Star for their interest in our great philanthropy.

NECROLOGY

God, in His infinite wisdom, on December 3, 1985, called home our Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight James L. Allen. It was a shock to all of us, and he will be sorely missed in all phases of Masonry. To his dear wife, Dot, and his family, we extend our sincere sympathy and love. We pray that God will bless each of them in a very special way, and that his love and compassion will help to ease the loneliness they now feel.

On June 28, 1985, Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Ray B. Hartwell, was called home to be with the Lord. His contributions to York Rite Masonry were many, and he will be missed. To his family, we extend our deepest sympathy. May God bless them in a way to make their loneliness and sorrow more bearable. We all will miss him.

We are also saddened by the loss of 162 other Sir Knights who will be appropriately eulogized by the Grand Prelate in his report.

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

Iowa	Jesse W. Locke
Minnesota	W. Sterling Roberts
New York	Anthony M. Deming
North Carolina	James R. Bromley
Oregon	R. Charles Lee, Sr.
Wyoming	Robert L. Byars, Jr.

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

Connecticut	Stephen Dzielinski
Montana	C. Thomas Bersuch
New Hampshire	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.
Tennessee	Charles L. Brooks
Wisconsin	Adolph M. Zwitter

AUDIT

On November 8, 1985, 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.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

March 10-12, 1985	Grand York Rite of South Carolina, Columbia
March 15-16, 1985	Grand Commandery of Mississippi, Meridian
March 24-26, 1985	Grand York Rite of North Carolina, Raleigh
April 1-2, 1985	Grand Commandery of Louisiana, Covington
April 5-7, 1985	Grand Encampment Sunrise Service, Washington, D.C.
April 27, 1985	Grand Commandery of Tennessee, Nashville
May 7-9, 1985	Grand Commandery of Georgia, Albany
May 16, 1985	Hebron Commandery, Carrollton, Georgia <i>(Honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master of Georgia)</i>
May 19-22, 1985	Grand York Rite of Florida, Daytona Beach
July 14-16, 1985	Great Smokies Summer Assembly, Waynesville, North Carolina
August 10-14, 1985	Grand Encampment 56th Triennial Conclave, Cincinnati, Ohio
October 5, 1985	Hebron Commandery's Inspection, Carrollton, Georgia

IN STATE VISITATIONS

April 26, 1985	Bessemer Commandery No. 35, Order of the Temple
June 15, 1985	DeMolay Banquet, Hargis Retreat
June 22, 1985	Montgomery Commandery No. 4, Installed Officers
June 24, 1985	Mobile Commandery No. 2, Installed Officers
June 25, 1985	Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, Installed Officers and received Sir Knight John Halliday, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia, and Sir Knight Frank Smith, Eminent Commander of Hebron Commandery of Carrollton, Georgia

- June 29, 1985 Bessemer Commandery No. 35, Installation of Officers
- July 18, 1985 Anniston Commandery No. 23, Installed Officers
- July 20, 1985 Grand Master's Conference, Montgomery, Alabama
- July 27, 1985 Lee Commandery No. 45, Phenix City, Installed Officers
- September 3, 1985 Talladega Commandery No. 17,
Reorganizational Meeting, arranged by Sir Knight Charles R. Pate,
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer & Recorder of Anniston Commandery No. 23
- September 28, 1985 St. Dunstan Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
- October 12, 1985 Knight Masons Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama
- October 21, 1985 Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star,
Montgomery, Alabama
- October 25, 1985 Bessemer Commandery No. 35, Order of the Temple
- November 2, 1985 Lee Commandery No. 45, Phenix City, Inspection
- November 7, 1985 Anniston Commandery No. 23, Order of the Temple
- January 18, 1986 Finance Meeting, Grand York Rite Office
- January 25, 1986 Anniston Commandery No. 23, Patriotic Meeting

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- To receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time:
- Montgomery Commandery No. 4 March 23, 1985
 - Dothan Commandery No. 25 April 20, 1985
 - Bessemer Commandery No. 35 April 23, 1985
 - Lee Commandery No. 45 July 6, 1985
 - Dothan Commandery No. 25 August 17, 1985
 - Anniston Commandery No. 23 October 17, 1985
 - Bessemer Commandery No. 35 October 22, 1985
 - Anniston Commandery No. 23 November 2 & 7, 1985
 - Tuscaloosa Commandery No. 13 November 5, 1985
 - East Lake Commandery No. 43 November 8, 1985
 - Florence Commandery No. 39 November 9, 1985
 - Huntsville Commandery No. 7 November 23, 1985

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, to have served as your Grand Commander this past year is a great honor, and I wish to thank each of you for that honor and privilege. My service in the Grand Commandery Line and as Grand Commander has been a wonderful and rewarding experience in my life, and I am indebted to each of you for this privilege.

To the Officers and Members of Woodlawn Commandery, I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful support you gave me during this year.

There are no adequate words to express my appreciation to my wife, Elsie, for the untiring efforts she has put forth to strengthen and support me through these years, particularly during my year as Grand Commander. God has blessed us in many ways, and we thank him for the privilege we had of celebrating our Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 7, 1985. Many of you were present for the reception that our daughter and grandsons gave us in honor of this wonderful occasion. Your presence helped to make it an event that we will never forget.

I would like to thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William O. Farmer, his wife, Becky; our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Joseph D. Brackin, his wife, Shirley; our Eminent Grand Recorder, Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C., and his wife, Bebe, for their support and cooperation during the year. We have been to many meetings together, and the fellowship that we had is something Elsie and I will always treasure.

In my visits to our sister jurisdictions and visits to our Constituent Commanderies, I have tried to represent the Grand Commandery of Alabama to the best of my ability and with dignity. The goals I set for myself at the beginning of the year

have not all been reached, but I believe that Templary in Alabama is on the rise.

I will soon turn the Jewel of this office over to my successor, and I wish for him much success in his endeavors. I pledge to him my support, and will strive to help him in any way I can. Again, I wish to thank you for the great honor you bestowed upon me by letting me serve as your Grand Commander. I look forward to serving many more years on behalf of this Great Fraternity of ours.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Sterling Roberts,
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 the portion of the Address referring to Alexander City Commandery No. 38, found on page 2, second paragraph, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

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

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

We recommend 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,
Clifford J. Turner, P.G.C., Chairman
Emrys W. John, P.G.C.
William H. Ealy, P.G.C.

Adopted.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Submitted below is our Statement of Revenue and Disbursements as of December 31, 1985:

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 36,031.90	
Fees	1,230.00	
Interest Earned	4,651.51	
Sale of Supplies	505.20	
Sale of Banquet Tickets	882.90	
Decrease in Supplies Inventory	276.62	
Total Receipts		\$ 43,578.13

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating Expenses	\$ 48,646.14	
Purchase of Supplies for Resale	534.62	
Purchase of Computer (<i>Pro-Rata Share</i>)	1,190.97	
Decrease in Payroll Taxes Withheld and Unremitted	2.86	
Decrease in Perpetual Membership Account	60.72	
Close-out of Triennial Reserve Account to Expense	1,700.00	
Total Disbursements		\$ 52,135.31

**EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS
(DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS)** (8,557.18)

CASH ON HAND - January 1, 1985 84,291.60

CASH ON HAND - December 31, 1985 \$ 75,734.42

Cash on Hand December 31, 1985 Consists of The Following:

Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
Checking Account	21,156.02
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Accounts	54,528.40

Total Cash on Hand - December 31, 1985 \$ 75,734.42

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Kile,
Grand Treasurer

Adopted.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Companions: Herewith is my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1985:

Membership as of January 1, 1985 6861

ADDITIONS:

Knighted	142	
Affiliated	17	
Reinstated	73	
Adjusted	62	+ 294
Total Gross Membership		7155

LOSSES:

Died	162	
Dimitted	20	
Suspended N.P.D.	262	
Adjusted	97	- 541
Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1985		6614
Loss in Membership for 1985	247	
Chartered Commanderies	21	
Commanderies Reporting	21	
Commanderies under Dispensation	0	
Commandery Charters Revoked	1	

APPRECIATION

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

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

Adopted.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

NUMBER	NAME	1/1/85 MEMBERSHIP	KNIGHTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	ADJUSTED	DIED	DIMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/85 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN / LOSS
2.	Mobile	692	7	2	6	+8	13	0	29	673	-19
4.	Montgomery	438	6	8	1	-6	5	1	16	425	-13
7.	Huntsville	367	4	1	7	+17	6	2	16	372	+ 5
10.	Cyrene	1021	23	0	0	0	29	4	52	959	-62
13.	Tuscaloosa	281	4	0	1	0	11	4	9	262	-19
14.	DeMolay	224	9	2	2	+1	2	0	7	229	+ 5
15.	Etowah	307	6	0	3	0	8	0	8	300	- 7
17.	Talladega	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0
21.	Sylacauga	78	2	0	0	+3	2	0	0	81	+ 3
23.	Anniston	244	19	0	3	-5	9	0	8	244	0
25.	Dothan	227	5	1	3	0	2	1	6	227	0
28.	Opelika	81	0	0	0	+15	3	0	0	93	+12
29.	Piedmont	167	3	1	1	0	1	0	3	168	+ 1
31.	Woodlawn	932	3	0	17	+18	27	3	42	898	-34
35.	Bessemer	285	6	1	2	0	7	0	9	278	- 7
38.	Alexander City	50	0	0	0	-50	0	0	0	0	-50
39.	Florence	356	15	0	11	0	11	1	15	355	- 1
43.	East Lake	520	18	0	16	-10	14	2	29	499	-21
45.	Lee	189	4	1	0	0	4	0	7	183	- 6
46.	Fort Payne	184	2	0	0	0	5	0	6	175	- 9
47.	Monroeville	82	3	0	0	-1	3	0	0	81	- 1
48.	Jasper	107	3	0	0	-25	0	2	0	83	-24
TOTALS		6861	142	17	73	-35	162	20	262	6614	-247

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Mr. W. Sterling Roberts
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama
Birmingham, Alabama

I have examined the statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, as of December 31, 1985 and 1984, and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balance for the years then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 1, the organization's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenue and the related assets are recognized when received rather than earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets, liabilities and fund balance arising from cash transactions of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, as of December 31, 1985 and 1984, and the revenue collected and the expenses paid during the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1, which basis has been applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

My examinations were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information included on Schedules 1 and 2, although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the assets, liabilities and fund balance arising from cash transactions and revenue collected and expenses paid, is presented by the organization as a supplement to the financial statements taken as whole.



February 10, 1986

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
 STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

	DECEMBER 31,	
---ASSETS---	1985	1984
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 21,206.02	\$ 29,280.52
Certificates of Savings and Deposits	54,528.40	55,011.08
Inventory-Supplies for Resale (At Lower of Cost or Market)	482.08	758.70
Office Equipment	6,562.29	5,371.32
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 82,778.79	\$ 90,421.62
---LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE---		
Payroll Taxes Withheld and Unremitted	\$ 339.22	\$ 342.08
Perpetual Membership	-0-	60.72
Fund Balance:		
Restricted for Triennial Reserve	-0-	1,700.00
Unrestricted Fund Balance	82,439.57	88,318.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 82,778.79	\$ 90,421.62

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED	
	DECEMBER 31, 1985	DECEMBER 31, 1984
REVENUE:		
Dues	\$ 36,031.90	\$ 41,852.15
Fees	1,230.00	1,775.25
Sale of Divine Service Tickets	882.90	984.00
Sale of Supplies	<u>505.20</u>	<u>365.41</u>
Cost of Supplies Sold:		
Inventory-Beginning of Year	758.70	831.95
Add Purchases for Year	<u>258.00</u>	<u>298.66</u>
Available for Sale	1,016.70	1,130.61
Less: Inventory-End of Year	<u>482.08</u>	<u>758.70</u>
Cost of Supplies Sold	<u>534.62</u>	<u>371.91</u>
Gross Profit (Loss) on Supplies Sold	(29.42)	(6.50)
Interest Earned on Savings and Certificates of Deposits	<u>4,651.51</u>	<u>5,071.41</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>42,766.89</u>	<u>49,676.31</u>
EXPENSES:		
GRAND OFFICER EXPENSES:		
Allowance for Grand Officer	1,200.00	1,200.00
Stationery for Incoming Grand Officer	74.90	73.88
Jewel for Past Junior Grand Commander (Reserve)	195.00	215.00
South East Regional York Rite Conference	233.33	133.00
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee	-0-	4.40
Knights Templar Magazine -Alabama Editor	13.84	-0-
Foreign Correspondent	-0-	-0-
Total Grand Officer Expenses	<u>1,717.07</u>	<u>1,626.28</u>
Grand Recorder's Office Expenses:		
Salary-Grand Recorder	2,784.00	2,784.00
Salary-Office Secretary	2,983.34	3,200.00
Allowance-Grand Treasurer	120.00	120.00
Insurance-Bonds, Fire,Theft,Liability	144.80	249.40
Safe Deposit Box Rental	6.00	6.00
Payroll Taxes	717.96	341.08
Office Rent	1,632.00	1,504.00
Stationery and Printing-Office	636.91	261.60
Repairs-Furniture,Fixtures and Service Contracts	114.00	143.20

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED	
	DECEMBER 31, 1985	DECEMBER 31, 1984
EXPENSES - Continued:		
Postage and Post Office Box Rental	184.57	253.02
Telephone	480.98	473.60
Annual Audit and Accounting Services	525.00	525.00
Travel Allowance-Grand Recorder	1,960.00	1,960.00
Travel Allowance-Office Secretary	268.75	300.00
Janitorial Supplies	18.09	21.63
Computer Supplies	88.01	-0-
Total Grand Recorder's Office Expenses	12,664.41	12,142.53
Annual Convention Expenses:		
Expenses of Distinguished Guests	838.58	1,331.53
Per Diem Mileage-Grand Officers and Committee Members	1,441.14	1,576.57
Banquet and Men's Luncheon	1,475.38	1,552.72
Printing and Badges for Convention	259.10	183.12
Photographs -Convention	110.80	40.00
Ladies Luncheon	267.12	145.34
Total Annual Convention Expenses	4,392.12	4,829.28
Miscellaneous:		
Per Capita Tax to Grand Encampment	19,553.85	19,858.50
Dues-Knights Templar Eye Foundation	5,305.00	5,631.00
Memorials	95.61	60.96
Special Awards - DeMolay	100.00	100.00
Special Awards - Rainbow	100.00	100.00
Special Awards - Order of Knighthood	100.00	100.00
Printing Annual Proceedings	2,418.08	2,005.52
Contingency	-0-	54.00
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	27,672.54	27,909.98
Triennial Reserve:		
First Four Grand Officers and Grand Recorder	933.00	667.00
Past Grand Presiding Officers	1,067.00	933.00
Southern Breakfast	200.00	100.00
Total Triennial Reserve	2,200.00	1,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	48,646.14	48,208.07
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	(5,879.25)	1,468.24
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year	88,318.82	86,850.58
FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$ 82,439.57	\$ 88,318.82

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 1986 for your consideration and action. We have examined the audit of the Grand Commandery books by John E. Evans, CPA, and recommend that it be accepted and filed. This budget has been prepared with the cooperative efforts of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer.

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

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

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET

ITEM	BUDGET	SPENT	PROPOSED
	1985		1986
Janitorial Supplies	\$, 25.00	\$, 18.09	\$, 35.00
Social Security & Payroll Taxes	500.00	718.02	750.00
Telephone	500.00	480.98	500.00
Postage & P.O. Box Rental	300.00	184.57	200.00
Contingency Fund	100.00	100.00	100.00
Grand Commander's Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grand Recorder's Salary	2,784.00	2,784.00	3,000.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	120.00	120.00	120.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita Tax	20,000.00	19,553.85	19,000.00
Grand Encampment K.T. Eye Foundation Dues	6,000.00	5,305.00	5,000.00
Office Secretary's Salary	3,360.00	2,983.34	3,660.00
Printing Grand Proceedings & Leaflets	2,100.00	2,418.08	2,500.00
Printing & Badges for Convention	300.00	259.10	250.00
Stationery & Printing for Office	500.00	636.20	650.00
Audit	525.00	575.00	625.00
Office Rent	1,632.00	1,632.00	1,632.00
Jewel for Junior Past Grand Commander	200.00	195.00	0
Insurance - Bonds, Fire, Theft, & Liability	300.00	144.80	175.00
Memorials & Gifts	100.00	95.61	100.00
Patriotic Activities	0		
Triennial Reserve (First 4 Grand Officers & Grand Recorder - \$667.00 per year for 3 years)	667.00	1,600.00	667.00
Triennial Reserve for Past Grand Commanders. (\$933.00 per year for 3 years. Prorated - \$400.00 Maximum for each officer)	933.00	2,000.00	933.00
Southern Breakfast (\$100.00 per year for 3 years)	100.00	300.00	100.00
Donation to DeMolay	100.00	100.00	100.00
Donation to Order of Knighthood	100.00	100.00	100.00

Donation to Order of Rainbow for Girls	100.00	100.00	100.00
Purchases for Resale	100.00	258.00	100.00
Southeastern Regional York Rite Conference (\$100.00 Maximum for each Officer - Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, & Grand Recorder Only)	330.00	233.33	335.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	1,960.00	1,960.00	2,160.00
Office Secretary's Travel Allowance	300.00	268.75	300.00
K.T. Magazine Committee Expense - Editor, Alabama Supplement	100.00	13.84	25.00
K.T. Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign Expense	75.00	0	75.00
Foreign Correspondent	5.00	0	5.00
Stationery for Presiding Grand Officer	75.00	74.90	75.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental	6.00	6.00	6.00
Repairs - Furniture & Equipment, & Service Contracts	150.00	114.00	150.00
Ladies' Luncheon (Annual Conclave)	300.00	267.12	300.00
Distinguished Guests (2 nights' Lodging)	1,000.00	838.58	1,000.00
Banquet (Total cost minus tickets sold)	1,000.00	1,300.93	1,000.00
Convention Photographs	95.00	110.80	100.00
\$30.00 Per Diem (2 nights) and mileage (Grand Officers, Past Grands, & Standing Committees only)	1,500.00	1,458.26	1,500.00
Men's Luncheon (Current Grand Line and Distinguished Guests only)	200.00	174.45	200.00
Rental of Typewriters for Convention Registration			50.00
Computer Supplies		88.01	100.00
TOTAL	\$49,742.00	\$49,770.61	\$48,978.00

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	Jesse W. Locke
KANSAS	George W. Sorrell
KENTUCKY	Michael L. Jones
LOUISIANA	John D. Prince, Jr.
MAINE	William M. Newsome, Jr.
MARYLAND	Joseph D. Brackin
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND	Fred W. Vaughan
MICHIGAN	*H. Curtis Ivey
MINNESOTA	W. Sterling Roberts
MISSISSIPPI	Emory J. Ferguson
MISSOURI	Robert W. Earnhardt
MONTANA	Charles R. Pate
NEBRASKA	J. Paul Gray
NEVADA	Emrys W. John
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Robert E. Shipp
NEW JERSEY	George L. Marshall, Jr.
NEW MEXICO	**W. Wallace Buckley, Jr.
NEW YORK	Anthony M. Deming
NORTH CAROLINA	James R. Bromley
NORTH DAKOTA	Sam L. Garrett
OHIO	**D. Shelby Vaughn
OKLAHOMA	Erskine K. Smith
OREGON	R. Charles Lee, Sr.
PENNSYLVANIA	Bobby Ray Terry
PHILIPPINES	Clifford J. Turner
SOUTH CAROLINA	Anthony V. Jannett
SOUTH DAKOTA	Paul E. Drinnon
TENNESSEE	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.
TEXAS	***McMurray L. Griffith
UTAH	**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	Robert L. Byars, Jr.

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

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

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Arizona	James A. Kile	200-18th Avenue, N.W. Birmingham, 35215	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	Grover T. Halbrooks	Riverside
Colorado	William H. Ealy	2101 Giles Drive Huntsville, 35811	Paul B. Samaniego, Jr.	Trinidad
Connecticut	Bobby C. Park	P. O. Box 67 Decatur, 35602	Stephen Dzielinski	Manchester
Dist. of Columbia	Richard Sim Hamilton	2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Gordon W. Crozier	Washington
Florida	Thomas W. Mann	354 Sun Valley Circle Birmingham, 35215		
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	309 Sun Valley Road Birmingham, 35215	William D. Jarrett	Jacksonville
Indiana	James E. Stutts	612 East Pasadena Avenue Muscle Shoals, 35660	Harold F. Thiemann	Columbus
Iowa	Jesse W. Locke	P. O. Box 2331 Phenix City 36867	Victor Raider	Burlington
Kansas	George W. Sorrell	1009 West 47th Street Birmingham, 35208	William M. Gertsen	Newton
Kentucky	Michael L. Jones	1711 Cagle Avenue, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Whitfield Tandy	Lexington
Louisiana	John D. Prince, Jr.	1228 Glen View Road Birmingham, 35222	Huston F. Boothe, Sr.	Hammond
Maine	William M. Newsome, Jr.	1600-45th Street Phenix City, 36867	Malcolm Richards	West Sullivan

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (Continued)

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Maryland	Joseph D. Brackin	2102 Hardwick Drive Dothan, 36303	Calvin W. Parker	Baltimore
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Fred W. Vaughan	108 Harwood Drive Route 13, Box 82 Gadsden, 35901	Harley F. McCartney	Northboro
Michigan	H. Curtis Ivey	Box 768 Opelika, 36801	Donald M. Krueger	Sturgis
Minnesota	W. Sterling Roberts	821 Covington Avenue Birmingham, 35206	Lynn Gunsolus	Waseca
Mississippi	Emory J. Ferguson	1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W. Cullman, 35055	R. Marshall Shields	Meridian
Missouri	Robert W. Earnhardt	18 Forest Lake Tuscaloosa, 35401	William H. Sattler	St. Charles
Montana	Charles R. Pate	1220 Glendale Road Anniston, 36201	C. Thomas Bersuch	Lewistown
Nebraska	J. Paul Gray	1106 Rainbow Circle Anniston, 36201	Robert C. Franklin	Papillion
Nevada	Emrys W. John	5516 South 10th Avenue Birmingham, 35222	Winfield S. Rash	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Robert E. Shipp	3533 East Springwood Drive Mobile 36608	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Newmarket
New Jersey	George L. Marshall, Jr.	609 Hal Street, N.W. Huntsville, 35805	Thurman C. Pace, Jr.	Westfield
New Mexico	W. Wallace Buckley, Jr.	2317 Cardinal Avenue Huntsville, 35805	Darrel D. Hornsby	Santa Fe
New York	Anthony M. Deming	P. O. Box 9857 Birmingham, 35215	Lawson L. Brown	Elmira Heights
North Carolina	James R. Bromley	2127 Norwood Blvd. Florence, 35630	James H. Horne	Fayetteville
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett	1402 Melanie Lane Phenix City, 36867	Paul Torgeson	Grafton

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (Continued)

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	Joe F. Warriner	Oklahoma City
Oregon	R. Charles Lee, Sr.	P. O. Box 6184 Montgomery, 36106	Glendon K. Jefferies	Ashland
Pennsylvania	Bobby Ray Terry	Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35601	Arthur R. Gebert	Lansdale
Philippines	Clifford J. Turner	Route 5, Box 187 Gadsden, 35903	Manuel Valencia Ko	Manila Philippines
South Carolina	Anthony V. Jannett	Route 1, Box 2222 Shelby, 35143	William W. Hudgens	Laurens
South Dakota	Paul E. Drinnon	2301 Oakwood Road, N.W. Huntsville, 35810	Clarence E. Lundquist	Brookings
Tennessee	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.	3110 East 18th Avenue Sheffield, 35660	Charles L. Brooks	Memphis
Texas	McMurray L. Griffith	P. O. Box 31311 Birmingham, 35222	Charles M. Godwin	Colorado City
Utah	James C. Nuss	1927 Leighton Avenue Anniston, 36201	Raymond F. White	Ogden
Vermont	Milton L. Fegenbush	828 South 80th Street Birmingham, 35206	Robert Boyce	Windsor
Virginia	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	W. Elliott Button	Winchester
Washington	Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Route 2, Box 51 Piedmont, 36272	Robert J. Cole	Goldendale
West Virginia	A. Clifton Edwards	1406 Gault Avenue, S.W. Fort Payne, 35967	Marshall M. Casdorff	Ronceverte
Wisconsin	Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.	8437 South 9th Avenue Birmingham, 35206	Adolph M. Zwitter	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	P. O. Box 2954 Birmingham, 35212	Sam Allen	Cody

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

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

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

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

There are 21 Constituent Commanderies which comprise the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, and of these, 20 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 126th Annual Conclave.

The 1 Commandery not represented is:

Opelika Commandery No. 28 Not Represented 1 year.

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

Total Officers or Proxies present	58
Total Past Commanders present	93
Total Qualified to Vote	151

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

Respectfully submitted,
Paul E. Drinnon, Chairman
Howard E. Hayes

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

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

2. Mobile	William Leo Baugh, Jr. William J. Sirmon, Jr. John K. McClure	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
4. Montgomery	*Robert E. Clemens *Luther E. Lee	Commander Generalissimo
7. Huntsville	Obed C. Manning *Paul E. Drinnon James L. Gossett	Captain General Commander Generalissimo
10. Cyrene	Doyle W. Ealy James U. Ward, Sr. J.C. Brady	Captain General Commander Generalissimo
13. Tuscaloosa	Hollis R. Fowler Henry G. Terry *Henry G. Terry	Captain General Commander Generalissimo
14. DeMolay	*William S. Wiggins Thomas F. Moebes, Jr. George F. Mills	Captain General Commander Generalissimo
15. Etowah	Ronald P. Harris Jesse D. Taylor *Fred W. Vaughan	Captain General Commander Generalissimo
17. Talladega	*Fred W. Vaughan Lotice Mock *Lotice Mock *Lotice Mock	Captain General Commander Generalissimo Captain General

21. Sylacauga	*Charles Pitts	Commander
23. Anniston	Donald Ted Lakey	Commander
	Louis A. Teal	Generalissimo
	*Melton C. Campbell	Captain General
25. Dothan	William D. Barr	Commander
	Maurice C. Himes	Generalissimo
	L. C. Minks	Captain General
28. Opelika	Not Represented (1 year).	
29. Piedmont	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Commander
	*Alvin Parker	Generalissimo
	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Captain General
31. Woodlawn	Donald W. Hammond	Commander
	Fred W. McCluskey	Generalissimo
	Timothy J. Burgett	Captain General
35. Bessemer	Richard W. Mebius	Commander
	*N. C. Wilkinson	Generalissimo
	*N. C. Wilkinson	Captain General
39. Florence	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.	Commander
	Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.	Generalissimo
	Oliver L. Moore, Jr.	Captain General
43. East Lake	Bernard L. Cosby	Commander
	Joe R. Bush	Generalissimo
	Wesley Ray Ensey	Captain General
45. Lee	Lance C. Anthony	Commander
	*Sam L. Garrett	Generalissimo
	Mark H. Ward, Jr.	Captain General
46. Fort Payne	Nelson R. Williams	Commander
	*Nelson R. Williams	Generalissimo
	*Nelson R. Williams	Captain General
47. Monroeville	*Thomas Lemons	Commander
	*Thomas Lemons	Generalissimo
	*Thomas Lemons	Captain General
48. Jasper	*Ray Rutledge	Commander
	*Ray Rutledge	Generalissimo
	*Ray Rutledge	Captain General

*Denotes Proxy.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT:

2. Mobile: Charles W. McDonald, Brent R. Haller, Robert E. Shipp, Maurice M. Chastain.
4. Montgomery: John E. Stearnes, Harry C. Denton, Robert E. Clemens, Luther E. Lee, Raymond Charles Lee, Sr., William O. Graham.
7. Huntsville: Emory J. Ferguson, Thomas F. Craig, Paul E. Drinnon, Richard M. Slaughter, George L. Marshall, Jr., William H. Ealy.
10. Cyrene: Emrys W. John, George E. Tremelling, Raymond J. Wadkins, McMurray L. Griffith, Shirley A. Otts, George W. Sorrell, Henry R. Kelso, Miles S. Lee, James C. Brewer, Eugene N. Bell.
13. Tuscaloosa: James Tesney, Luck J. Hays, Jr., Robert W. Earnhardt.
14. DeMolay: Bobby C. Park, Richard Sim Hamilton, Bobby Ray Terry, Earl C. Clayton, Michael L. Jones, Phillip J. Sherman, Dalton C. Aldridge.
15. Etowah: Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Clarence F. Rhea, Clifford J. Turner, Fred W. Vaughan, Paul L. Allen.
17. Talladega: None.
21. Sylacauga: None.
23. Anniston: Charles R. Pate, J. Woodrow Smith, J. Paul Gray, Melton C. Campbell, Calvin C. Snow, Erskine K. Smith.
25. Dothan: W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Loyd D. Durden, Joseph D. Brackin, James C. Presnell, O'Day Fontenot, Jr., William D. Barr.

28. Opelika: None.
29. Piedmont: Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., Alvin Parker, Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
31. Woodlawn: Thomas W. Mann, W. Sterling Roberts, Arthur C. Harding, Robert L. Byars, Jr., James A. Kile, Howard E. Hayes, John D. Prince, Jr., George W. Busby, Woodrow Mack Hewitt, T.M. Turner, Anthony M. Deming, Robert E. Lyle.
35. Bessemer: N. C. Wilkinson, Robert T. Crawford.
39. Florence: James H. Lee, Ernest L. Bishop, Sr., A. E. Blackburn, Charles J. Adams, James R. Bromley, Charles Terry Bray.
43. East Lake: William O. Farmer, Lee M. Bidby, Claude C. McGraw, Milton L. Fegenbush, Cecil D. Rayburn, Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.
45. Lee: William M. Newsome, Jr., Sam L. Garrett, Gene M. Day, Jesse W. Locke, Norman H. Hutchinson, William R. East, Charles L. Ingram, Sr., William C. Snyder, Mark H. Ward, Jr.
46. Fort Payne: None.
47. Monroeville: Thomas Lemons.
48. Jasper: Ray Rutledge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

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

We recommend the approval of that portion of the Grand Commander's Address regarding Dispensations.

We have examined the proposed changes in the By-Laws of Lee Commandery and recommend that they be approved.

We recommend the approval of the Grand Commander's actions in revoking the Charter of Alexander City Commandery No. 38, since no reports were forthcoming, and they had not attended the Annual Conclave for three years according to the 1985 Proceedings.

We recommend that the proposal to amend Article 2, Section 9, 3A, of the Constitution, is in order, and can be acted upon at this Annual Conclave.

Respectfully submitted,
Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C., Chairman
Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C.
Clarence F. Rhea

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK

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

We, your Committee on Ritualistic Work, report that there has been no request for clarification of or presentation of the work this past year. We sincerely hope that each Commandery is experiencing no difficulty in ritual presentation or in securing qualified personnel. If help is needed, we urge you to contact a member of this Committee who will be only too glad to assist in whatever manner necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Marshall, Jr., Chairman
W. Malcolm Killingsworth
Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

During the year ending December 31, 1985, your Committee on Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Alabama processed a total of five student loans (four female and one male), totaling \$7,500.00. We have a total of \$53,860.42 out on student loans at the present time.

As of December 31, 1985, the total assets of Alabama's Knights Templar Educational Foundation amounted to \$102,224.33, which represents an increase over the previous year of \$4,225.38. As you already know, these assets are in loans, in equipment, and in an interest bearing Certificate of Deposit. The interest earned covers expenses of operation.

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

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

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

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDITOR

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

This past year approximately 70% of the material appearing in your Supplements was news of the various Bodies and affiliates, and 30% filler material from various sources. This is roughly the same ratio as I reported last year. My pleas for more material have not gone unanswered. I currently have material to spare. With some material I received from the Mobile area Saturday, February 22nd, I will be able to devote one issue to the York Rite Colleges. With the material for reporting on this Annual Conclave, I have the next two issues almost filled. This is a first for me! But, don't quit sending material. I have also received news from the Montgomery and Anniston areas, but there are some obvious gaps in coverage of Templary statewide.

Our National Editor reminds the State Editors, that surveys show the State Supplement is the first and the most widely read portion of the entire Knight Templar Magazine. By sending material on your Commandery or other Bodies, you have a chance to animate some of your less active Knights.

Please try to take advantage of this service the Grand Encampment provides us, to reach each and every member of our Commanderies.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas F. Craig, Editor

Adopted.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

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

Today the topic of my report is, "**What Makes America Great.**" First, I would like to mention a few simple symbols which I will refer to later: A piece of paper, a building, and a book.

In my travels during the last fifty years by plane, by ship, by train, and by automobile, and in my business, military, and Templar activities, I discovered that a part of the greatness of America can be found in the **factories and farms** that have made the American economy the **strongest** in the world, and have given her a standard of living unequaled by that of any other nation. The hum of machinery sounds throughout the day, and the glow from thousands of furnaces lights the night, in order to supply the demand for goods.

Within America's boundaries, there are wide prairies with fields of grain, pastures dotted with well-fed cattle, irrigated valleys, and orchards standing on terraced hillsides. Where tractors turn up rich fertile soil, or dams loose their water on arid deserts, huge crops spring up. At harvest time, bales of cotton stand on loading platforms, granaries are filled to capacity, and everywhere farmers ship their produce to city markets. But, many nations have large industries and bountiful harvests, so it is not this alone that makes America great.

America offers her citizens the benefits of a **free education**. The public school system teaches each generation the importance of good government, thus enabling them to take their place in the responsible positions of society. They are made to understand the value of a human being and the strength of high ideals. But, all great civilizations have had some form of educational facilities; therefore, this alone does not make America great.

America is an amalgamation of people from all regions of the globe: the adventurous people who forged a nation from a wilderness, the courageous people who sometimes died for freedom yet counted it worth the cost of their lives, and the working people who never gave up until they reached their goal. These laid the foundation for this democracy. **America is a land of many races and creeds but only one nationality - Americans.** Here then is a glimpse of the true greatness of America, for **the people are the government**. Moreover, this government is as strong as the people make it, and as corrupt as they let it become. What plan of kings or tyrants would have made this nation what it is, or given to any people the opportunities which our federal government has given to us? In what other country could a man follow the dictates of his conscience or his religious beliefs without fear of persecution?

In 1976 we celebrated our 200th birthday, and yes, the symbols I referred to in my opening remarks, like our own Masonic symbols, did much to make America Great.

A piece of paper: the Declaration of Independence, and another piece of paper: our Constitution with its Bill of Rights, did, and still hold good these 200 years. What other Country can boast of such documents that are as effective today as they have been this long, long time since our founding?

A building: yes, the Church, where each one of us can choose and worship in our own faith and beliefs without restraint or bias.

And, of course, our Capitol Building, both State and National, where each one of us can vote freely for our chosen representatives, and voice our opinions, our thoughts, and our desires freely without interference.

We also have some other symbols: A Song, our Church hymns and our National Anthem. These songs have taken us through Civil War, local uprisings, depressions, etc., and still leave us the leading nation in the World.

Yet another symbol: the Flag, the Stars and Stripes, symbolizing by its stripes the original 13 States, and the Stars denoting 50 United States all banded and bonded together to continue to keep America great.

And the final symbol: a Book, yes, The Holy Bible, on which all of us have sworn,

whether in Masonry or in Governmental Service, to be good and true to our faith and beliefs.

All these symbols together reflect reverence, dignity, and strength.

Yes, I will admit we have a small minority, small, yes, but loud spoken, at times raucous, always self opinionated, never factual, and always self-seeking. I am sorry to say this, but their loud clamor has been helped by the so-called media, Press, Radio, and Television, as well as political mongers who exploit and publicize their efforts, and endeavor to soft pedal the not so explosive and silent Majority.

And we do have that large and vast majority who, when aroused, quietly and effectively continue to exemplify the meaning of the Symbols of our Country and Our Craft.

Where else in this World is there one Country that can Claim:

Freedom of Speech
Freedom from Fear
Freedom from Want
Freedom of Worship

Our founding fathers were wise in that they functioned in a simple, basic, and factual manner, rather than being complex, irrelevant, and opinionated.

Keep America Strong and America will Always be Great!

You may work in America's factories, sail her rivers, till her lands, attend her schools, and live among her citizens; yet, not until you observe these people in the church of their choice, proclaiming their beliefs, will you understand the greatness of America. **When you see this, you will know that "America is great, because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."**

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

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:

The Order of DeMolay, as all of us should know, is an organization sponsored by one or more Masonic Bodies for young men ages 13 to 21. This Order promotes the ideals of good citizenship as exemplified by the Seven cardinal Virtues of DeMolay: Filial Love, Reverence, Courtesy, Comradship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism.

Should not we as Christian Sir Knights help this important cause by greater participation as advisors, or even as visitors, in attendance at the DeMolay meetings to show these young men that we are sponsors, not in name only, and that we are there to give them a hand in place of a handout.

Sir Knights, let me urge you to support this wonderful organization that helps to prepare these young men for the roles they are to play in this great Nation and our Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., Chairman
Ray R. Morgan, Jr.
Loyd D. Durden

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

No Report.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 18TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

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

Contributions received through the 11th week of the campaign which ended February 14, 1986, total \$3,573.89. Based on the total membership of 7,417, this results in an average per capita in the amount of \$.48. As of the end of the 11th week, Alabama ranks in 22nd place.

Reports in possession of your Committee indicate that only eleven of the twenty-one Commanderies in Alabama have made a contribution.

Sir Knights, through the first five months of fiscal year 1985-1986, which began on July 1, 1985, the Foundation received 25 case applications from Alabama and expended \$51,523.86. Alabama ranks number 7 in case expenditures and number 22 in the Voluntary Campaign. This is a serious discrepancy which your Committee feels should be brought to your attention. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is a great humanitarian venture which was founded in 1955. It has in the past and will in the future approve every qualified applicant for assistance in the preservation of eyesight.

We still have March and April left in the Campaign which is adequate time for each Commandery to develop a project to bring in funds for this very worthy cause. Remember that Life Memberships, Associate Patron, and Patron Memberships to this fund all count. Only Knights Templar are eligible to purchase Life Memberships at \$30.00 each; however, anyone, whether or not he is a member of our great fraternity, may purchase an Associate Patron, or Patron Membership at \$50.00 and \$100.00 respectively. Essentially the only items which do not count toward this campaign are wills, bequests, Grand Commander's Club, and Grand Master's Club contributions.

Let's go back to our respective Commanderies and get behind this great cause.

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

Adopted.

Addendum:

Additional contributions were made after the report was given.

They are as follows:

Florence Commandery No. 39	\$400.00
Lee Commandery No. 45 (Phenix City)	920.00
East Lake Commandery No. 43	500.00
Cyrene Commandery No. 10	2,500.00
Divine Services	238.35
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31,	
Memorial for Troy J. Roberts	50.00
East Lake Commandery No. 43,	
Memorial for James H. Lee	20.00
Total additions	\$4,628.35

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 is now the fourth largest recipient of funds from the Eye Foundation. As of January 31, 1986, the grand total expended for 3,302 cases in Alabama was \$1,921,788.42. From July 1, 1985, through January 31, 1986, Alabama has received \$67,874.00 for payment on cases.

Your Committee appreciates your participation in our GREAT HUMANITARIAN PROJECT, and we urge all Sir Knights to assist us by contributing to and supporting our Voluntary Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Sorrell, 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:

Since our last Annual Conclave, one of our Grand Line Officers has been called home by our Heavenly Father. We mourn the death of 162 Sir Knights, including Sir Knight Ray B. Hartwell, Past Grand Commander, and James L. Allen, our Grand Generalissimo. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to their families. Sooner or later each of us must stand in the presence of Almighty God, and give an account of our lives while on this earth.

We pray to hear from Him the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Padgett C. Cope,
Grand Prelate

Adopted.

In Memoriam

Ray Brown Hartwell

R.E. Grand Commander

1968 - 1969

April 19, 1905

June 28, 1985

East St. Louis, Illinois

Spanish Fort, Alabama

In Memoriam

James Leslie Allen

Grand Generalissimo

1985 - 1986

August 24, 1921

December 3, 1985

Opelika, Alabama

Phenix City, Alabama

In Memoriam

Charles Deverne Miller

R.E. Grand Commander

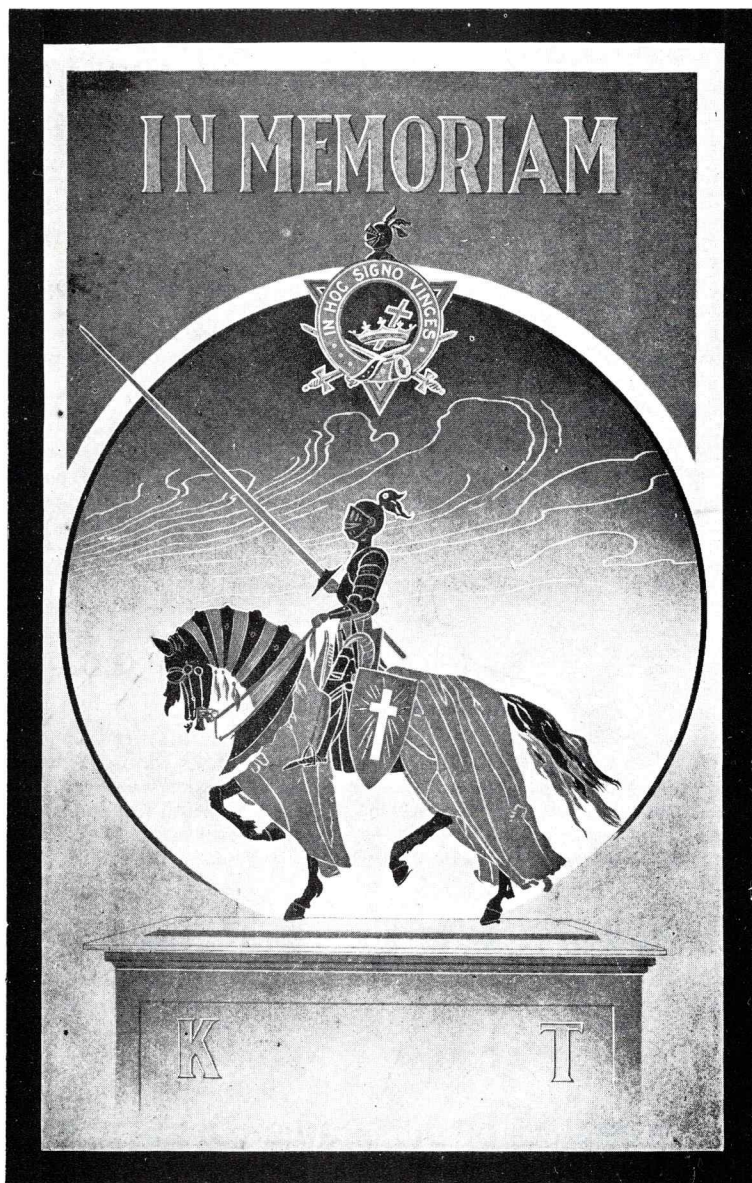
1974 - 1975

May 3, 1918

March 17, 1986

Weir, Kansas

Weir, Kansas



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

RESOLUTION

This Resolution Received in the Grand Recorder's Office December 26, 1985.

To the Grand Commandery of Alabama:

Be it resolved that Article 2, Section 9 (3) (a) of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, six dollars and seventy-five cents."

Robert L. Byars, Jr.,
Finance Committee Member

Adopted As Amended.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

Whereas: Each meeting of each York Rite Body offers much of interest and importance and fellowship, and

Whereas: Much of the business transacted in each York Rite Body duplicates that transacted in each of the other Bodies, and to conserve the time of the members, and to increase the efficiency of the work of the Bodies,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That each Grand presiding officer of the three York Rite Bodies (*Chapter, Council, and Commandery*), appoint one member of a York Rite Body to a three member Business Consolidation and Simplification Committee to report to the presiding officers and to the 1987 Annual York Rite Meeting a Resolution pertaining to consolidating and simplifying the business part of the meetings of York Rite Bodies.

Presented by Clarence F. Rhea.

SIR KNIGHT THOMAS W. MANN, P.G.C., ELECTED TRUSTEE

Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., announced that at the Grand Encampment Triennial held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August, 1985, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, Grand Recorder, was elected to a nine year term as a Trustee of the Permanent Fund of the Grand Encampment.

Also, at the recent Allied Masonic Degrees in Washington, D.C., Sir Knight Mann was elected Senior Warden of the Knight Masons, U.S.A.

GRAND YORK RITE HOLDING COMPANY

Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, was nominated by Emory J. Ferguson, and was re-elected to serve the Grand Commandery of Alabama as a member of the Alabama Grand York Rite Holding Company for another 5 year term, or until February, 1991.

REMARKS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Expressions of appreciation for the hospitality shown them were made by the following: Right Eminent Sir Knight Richard L. Harding, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina; and Right Eminent Sir Knight John W. Halliday, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

Right Eminent Sir Knight A. B. Church, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, talked about membership and NPD's. As a secretary for many years, he learned that pestering them to death did not keep

members from going NPD. He found we have to show them, prove that the Order is worthy, show compassion, and show ourselves so that others will want to be like us.

Right Eminent Sir Knight Charles H. Green, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida, spoke words of regret that his Grand Commander, Sir Knight Edward E. Moore, would not be able to attend this Conclave due to his untimely death.

Right Eminent Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Jr., Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, praised the sermon and beautiful prayers of the Grand Prelate, Dr. Padgett C. Cope. He told of the advantages of sending ministers on the Holy Land Pilgrimage of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Saunders mentioned when he was Grand Commander in Virginia, he tried to assist in membership growth by insisting each Sir Knight carry petitions in his pocket at all times. He announced about the Southeast Regional Conference to be held August 15, 16, 1986 in Alabama. He said that the junior officers particularly needed to attend. He hopes to have the Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1988, and invited all to come. He reminded the Sir Knights of the Easter Sunrise Service to be held in Washington, D.C., and invited them to come and participate in the activities. Sir Knight Saunders complimented the Alabama Educational Foundation by saying that their funds are well used.

ADDRESS OF SIR KNIGHT CHARLES R. NEUMANN, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Right Eminent Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann began by praising Sir Knights George W. Sorrell and Thomas W. Mann for their years of service to the Grand Encampment. He further stated, "A lot of the states and Sir Knights think **The Educational Foundation** rules can be changed just by sending in a recommendation. The Educational Foundation Committee meets on Friday, prior to the start of the Triennial. All Sir Knights are welcome to attend and speak on any subject pertaining to the rules and regulations of the Educational Foundation. This meeting is where the rules are changed. We have been asked to raise the interest rates on our loans. The Grand Encampment doesn't oppose this action, but it is for you, the Sir Knights, to vote this change.

Where **The Eye Foundation** is concerned, we are very proud of your efforts. I am sure Alabama will surpass last year's Campaign. You are one of the leading recipients in cases and dollars spent from the Eye Foundation. We do not ask you to replace those dollars one for one. That would be an impossible task, but we do ask that you redouble your endeavors to publicize the Eye Foundation and the Voluntary Campaign. The Campaign was not set up to get into each of your wallets and checkbooks. It was designed originally so that as a Commandery you could have projects. Projects that would bring in the community. This would make them aware of the fact that the Eye Foundation and Commanderies exist, and through that project, to raise funds for the Eye Foundation. A lot of Commanderies throughout the country have used pancake and sausage breakfasts, dances, many recognized and accepted means of raising funds in which the community could participate. We want you to start projects, get your towns involved. If you do that, your successes will be unsurpassable.

Each and every one of us could set aside \$30.00 each year and become a Life Sponsor. You can save yourself \$1.00 per year in assessments and also assure the Eye Foundation of being able to continue their great efforts. This year we will spend over 4 million dollars in cases and research. A panel composed of six distinguished doctors from all over the country meets periodically to make the decisions for the Foundation grants - the doctors and locations where the Foundation's Research funds will be spent. Some of these doctors feel we should not pay

any doctor for performing these eye surgeries. We are not in a position to ask doctors for free surgical work, but the panel feels as doctors, that the research money we provide, should be ample reason for doctors to do this surgery free of charge since all doctors benefit from our research. We believe this also. We will gear our future research to the youth, hoping to prevent some of the eye problems. We hope you will continue to be proud of the Foundation and continue to support it.

You should also be proud of **The Knight Templar Magazine** as we are. We feel it is the one source of communication between our members that goes out every month. Your two page supplement should be used for facts that pertain to what is going on in Alabama today and two months from now. It doesn't do any good to write of a Festival after it is over. Use your supplement to advertise the event at least two months in advance so members can invite candidates to attend. If you will cooperate by sending information to us in time to be published, it can save your Commanderies thousands of dollars in communication costs. Use it to bring the word of your Grand Commandery to your Sir Knights. It is each of our responsibility to make the magazine the best tool we have. If you have any news articles you would like to see in the general portion of the magazine, get them to us and we will try to include them.

Just such an article would be Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann's Report of the **Patriotic Activities Committee**. It was well written and showed a lot of heart. Sir Knights, the Patriotic activities do not start and end with the report here today. It is our job to carry them through to each of our Commanderies, to remind our Sir Knights we live in the greatest land ever created. We have the greatest government ever created; we respect the office of the presidency and the government. I say to you, wave that flag proudly.

Our **Holy Land Pilgrimage** is now in its 10th Anniversary, and we have 26 ministers touring Israel now, rededicating themselves to God and Jesus Christ. You should be proud of that fact even if you have not sent a minister in the past, the Grand Encampment has, through other states' contributions. There have been 163 ministers who have made that trip and have come back rededicated to the principles of the Christian religion. We are a Christian organization. Never forget that, Sir Knights.

Each and every one of us is concerned about **Membership**. Membership is each of our responsibility. You should be looking always for Masons that have not received the York Rite, and tell them what a wonderful rite we have. Tell them about the Commandery, how proud you are to be a member, and get those brothers knighted. More important, however, is preserving the members we have. We cannot do anything about the deaths, but dimits and suspensions are our responsibility. We should not be so eager to suspend our Sir Knights without first contacting them. We should find out why that Sir Knight has not paid his dues, what have we done wrong that he feels he can do without the Commandery. You, the Grand Officers, have taken on a great responsibility, one I know you will be able to handle. You must look throughout your state and help the Commanderies hold on to their members.

Another source of doing away with suspensions is **Life Memberships**. The money from these Life Memberships is put into a Perpetual Fund. The interest earned from this fund is paid to the Commanderies. Even if one of our members passes away, the Commanderies continue to receive the interest from that fund. **Dual memberships** is another way of getting new members. Many of our Sir Knights move. These people should be sought out. Most states have dual memberships. The Grand Encampment will provide you with a list of the sojourners in your area if you would write us about it. Contact those Sir Knights and invite them to visit your Commanderies. Make them happy. We often forget those Sir Knights who have moved away, and this is one of the reasons we have suspensions. Let's communicate. Through communication we will create activity.

I am very proud to have been selected to represent our Grand Master, Donald H. Smith, in Alabama. Karla and I appreciate your warm hospitality and I hope to return again next year. I wish for you great success in the future."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

During the Grand York Rite Banquet on Sunday night, the Knights Templar Cross of Honor award for 1986 was presented to Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, Birmingham, Alabama, by Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

of the United



States of America

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

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

RECIPIENTS IN ALABAMA OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

*Alexander Murray Weems	1966
Charles Curtis McCoy	1967
Horace Richard Batchelor	1968
William G. Caffey, Jr.	1969
*John F. Welch, Sr.	1970
*James Merlin Christopher, Sr.	1971
Earl Pervine Woodall	1972
John Sebastian Gamundi	1973
Arlie Eldon Blackburn	1974
*James Allen Bradford	1975
Norman Curtis “Doc” Wilkinson	1976
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr.	1977
*Charles Carl Graham	1978
*Lawrence Kline	1979
John Doyal Prince, Jr.	1980
Loyd D. Durden	1981
Charles William McDonald	1982
Charles Robert Pate	1983
*Richard A. Chapman	1984
Bobby Clyde Park	1985
Robert Lee Byars, Jr.	1986

*Denotes deceased.

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE - 1987

Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., moved that the next Annual Alabama Grand Commandery Conclave be held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 22-24, 1987.

Adopted.

MINUTES OF LAST CONCLAVE

Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., moved that the minutes as published in the Proceedings of 1985 be accepted as the minutes, and that they be approved as printed.

This motion seconded, and carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1986-1987

There being no further business to come before this 126th Annual Conclave, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Templar year. All the officers, except the Eminent Grand Sword Bearer and the Eminent Grand Warder, were elected by acclamation. Due to the untimely death of James L. Allen, the Eminent Grand Generalissimo, each officer was advanced two stations with the exception of the Eminent Grand Treasurer and the Eminent Grand Recorder, who shall remain in their stations.

Sir Knight Sam L. Garrett, of Lee Commandery No. 45, Phenix City, and Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., of Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, Birmingham, were elected by secret ballot to fill the stations of Eminent Grand Sword Bearer and Eminent Grand Warder respectively. They accepted their election. All Officers were declared duly and constitutionally elected to their offices in this Grand Commandery.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1986-1987

Sir Knight Emrys W. John, P.G.C., installed the newly elected Grand Commandery Officers with Sir Knight Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., serving as the installing Grand Marshal. Sir Knight William H. Ealy, P.G.C., served as Grand Prelate.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, George E. Tremelling, was invested with the jewel of his office by his wife, Margie.

Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, presented Junior Past Grand Commander, W. Sterling Roberts, with a Past Grand Commander's jewel, certificate, and billfold card from the Grand Commandery of Alabama. The jewel was pinned on sir Knight Roberts by Mrs. Thomas W. (Bebe) Mann, wife of the Grand Recorder of Alabama. Sir Knight Neumann also presented Sir Knight Roberts a Past Grand Commander's plaque from the Grand Encampment, stating that he is a permanent member of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

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

ADJOURNMENT

After the benediction by the Grand Prelate, Bobby Ray Terry, Right Eminent Grand Commander, George E. Tremelling, declared the 126th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned.

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



GEORGE E. TREMELLING
Right Eminent Grand Commander
1986-1987

GEORGE EDWARD TREMELLING
Right Eminent Grand Commander

1986-1987

PERSONAL HISTORY

George Edward Tremelling was born on August 28, 1915, in Wylam, Birmingham, Alabama, and received his education in the public schools of Birmingham.

On March 10, 1937, he was united in marriage to Margarette (Margie) Nimmer. This union produced three children: Kenneth E., Dennis L., and Margie Rebecca.

In 1976 George retired from the U.S. Steel Fairfield Wire Works, Maintenance Department, after 39 years service.

A member of Martin Memorial United Methodist Church, he is presently serving on the Administrative Board as a Trustee, and is serving as assistant teacher of the Bob Cook Sunday School Class.

MASONIC HISTORY

Sir Knight Tremelling sought light in the Symbolic Degrees in Wylam Lodge No. 492 F.&A.M., and served as Worshipful Master 1962-1963. He transferred to King Hiram Lodge No. 774 F.&A.M. in 1974 where he served as Worshipful Master 1980-1981.

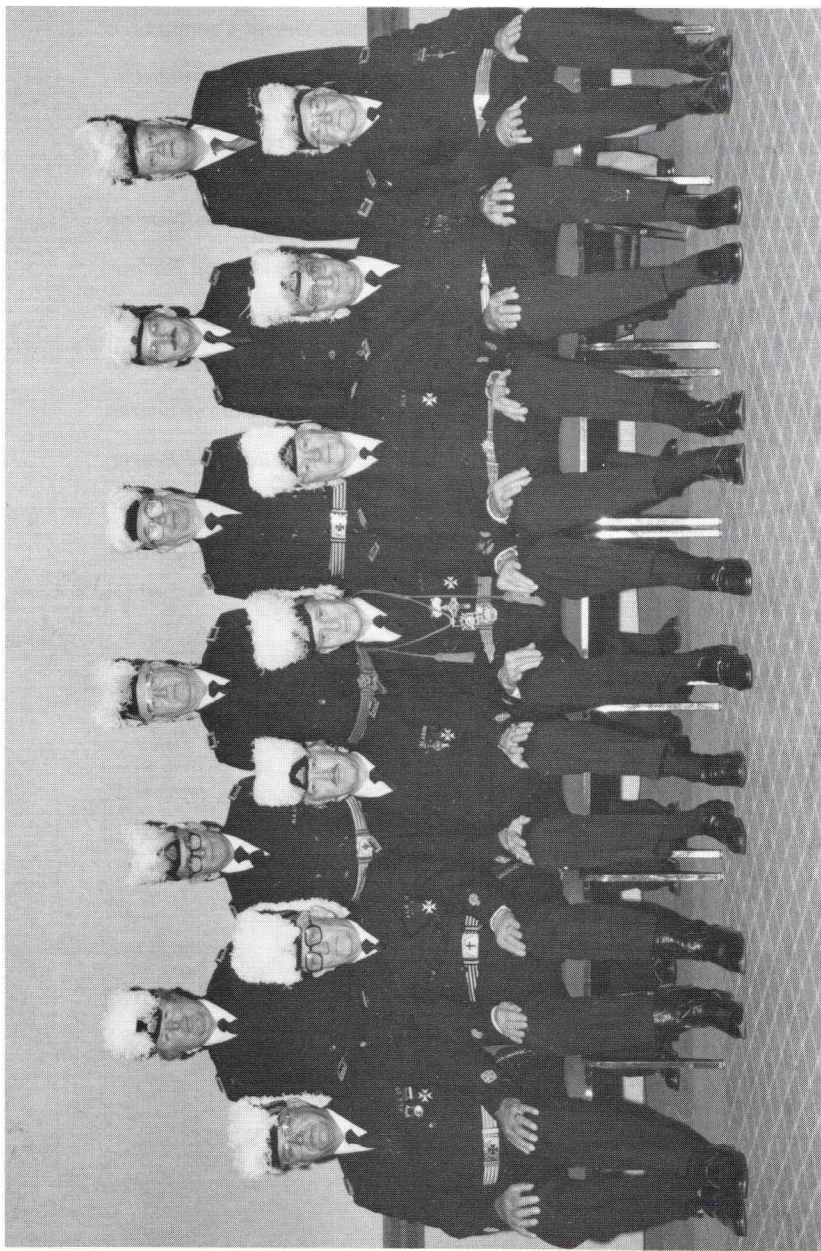
He sought light in York Rite Masonry by becoming a member of Ensley Chapter No. 120 R.A.M. in 1957, and served as High Priest in 1960. In 1963 he was appointed Grand Representative of Mississippi near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. He received the Grand Chapter Medal of Honor in 1972, served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter 1972-1973, and served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Alabama 1983-1984.

He sought more light by becoming a member of Sam Thompson Council No. 43 R. & S.M. in 1957, and served as Illustrious Master in 1960. In 1971 he was appointed Grand Representative of Missouri near the Grand Council of Alabama R. & S.M., and served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council R. & S.M. of Alabama in 1972.

He sought further light by becoming a member of Cyrene Commandery No. 10 in 1957, where he served as Commander in 1970. He is currently serving Cyrene Commandery No. 10 as Prelate.

Other Honors in the Invitational Bodies: A member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Alabama Priory No. 31, serving as Prior in 1984; a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Jerusalem Tabernacle No. 32, serving as Preceptor in 1981; a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Dunstan Conclave, presently serving as Sovereign.

Other affiliations: Council of Anointed High Priests; Order of the Silver Trowel; Knight Crusaders of the Cross; and, Order of Eastern Star, currently serving as Associate Patron of Alma Seay Chapter No. 36, O.E.S.



GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1986-1987

Seated left to right: Charles R. Pate, Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Emory J. Ferguson, George E. Tremelling (Right Eminent Grand Commander), James H. Lee, Charles W. McDonald, Shirley A. Otts.

Standing left to right: Bobby Ray Terry, Sam L. Garrett, James A. Kile, Thomas W. Mann, Bobby C. Park, Robert L. Byars, Jr.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1986-1987

George E. Tremelling, K.Y.C.H. *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
609 Denniston Lane, Adamsville, 35005

James H. Lee *Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander*
Route 6, Box 67, Florence, 35630

Emory J. Ferguson, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Generalissimo*
1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W., Cullman, 35055

Charles W. McDonald *Eminent Grand Captain General*
615 Morgan Avenue, Mobile, 36606

Ray R. Morgan, Jr., K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Senior Warden*
P.O. Box 326, Gadsden, 35902

Charles R. Pate, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Junior Warden*
1220 Glendale Road, Anniston, 36201

Bobby Ray Terry, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Prelate*
Route 1, Box 10, Decatur, 35601

James A. Kile, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Treasurer*
200 - 18th Avenue, N.W., Birmingham, 35215

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Gadsden, 35901
Ray R. Morgan, Jr. P.O. Box 326, Gadsden, 35902
Lem Bryant, Jr. 3616 Mountain Park Drive, Birmingham, 35223

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS:

Emrys W. John, *Chairman* 5516 South 10th Avenue, Birmingham, 35222
Clifford J. Turner Route 5, Box 187, Gadsden, 35903

19TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

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

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA
JUNE, 1985-JUNE, 1986

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
2. Mobile	Mobile	William L. Baugh, Jr. Route 6, Box 350-A Eight Mile, 36613	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	4th Monday
4. Montgomery	Montgomery	L. V. Beasley 610 Marilyn Drive Prattville, 36067	Charles C. McCoy P. O. Box 6077 Montgomery, 36101-0077	1st Thursday
7. Huntsville	Huntsville	William F. Denny 1106 Dale Drive Huntsville, 35801	Kenneth W. McVay P. O. Box 371 Huntsville, 35804	2nd Tuesday
10. Cyrene	Birmingham	James Uiley Ward, Sr. 1013 West 51st Street Birmingham, 35208	McMurray L. Griffith P. O. Box 31311 Birmingham, 35222	1st Friday
13. Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Henry Garner Terry 2530-39th Street Tuscaloosa, 35405	George Macon Anders P. O. Box 1790 Tuscaloosa, 35401	3rd Tuesday
14. DeMolay	Decatur	Thomas F. Moebes, Jr. P. O. Box 1153 Decatur, 35602	Richard Sim Hamilton 2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W. Decatur, 35601	1st Thursday
15. Etowah	Gadsden	Jesse Taylor Route 11, Box 454 Gadsden, 35903	George R. Schnitzlein 104 Buckingham Place Gadsden, 35901	3rd Thursday
17. Talladega	Talladega	Lotice Mock	Leon Black Burns 510 Coffee Street Talladega, 35160	1st Tuesday
21. Sylacauga	Sylacauga	No officer list received	Charles Pitts P. O. Box 717 Sylacauga, 35150	2nd & 4th Thursdays
23. Anniston	Anniston	Donald Ted Lakey 611 East 22nd Street Anniston, 36201	Charles R. Pate 1220 Glendale Road Anniston, 36201	3rd Thursday

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA (Continued)
JUNE, 1985-JUNE, 1986

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
25. Dothan	Dothan	William D. Barr 111 Bracewell Avenue Dothan, 36301	O'Day Fontenot, Jr. 701 Randolph Street Dothan, 36301	3rd Thursday
28. Opelika	Opelika	Howard W. Patten Box 33	Floyd G. Cofield P.O. Box 287	
29. Piedmont	Piedmont	Notasulga, 36866 Hugh L. Young P.O. Box 81	Opelika, 36801 Weldon H. Roberts P.O. Box 67	1st Tuesday
31. Woodlawn	Birmingham	Cedar Bluff, 35959 Donald W. Hammond 1716 South 11th Place	Piedmont, 36272 Robert L. Byars, Jr. P.O. Box 2954	2nd Thursday
35. Bessemer	Bessemer	Birmingham, 35205 Richard W. Mebius 4904 Bob Brill Road	Birmingham, 35212 Earl P. Woodall	4th Tuesday
39. Florence	Florence	Bessemer, 35020 Ernest Latory Bishop, Sr. 3110 East 18th Avenue	107 Honeysuckle Street Hueytown, 35023 Charles Terry Bray 176 North Prairie Street	2nd Tuesday & 4th Friday
43. East Lake	Birmingham	Sheffield, 35660 Bernard L. Cosby 215 North 80th Street	Florence, 35630 Claude C. McGraw	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
45. Lee	Phenix City	Birmingham, 35206 Lance C. Anthony P.O. Box 3050	P.O. Box 4273 Birmingham, 35206 Jesse W. Locke P.O. Box 2331	1st Friday
46. Fort Payne	Fort Payne	Phenix City, 36867 Nelson R. Williams Route 1, Box 113 Fort Payne, 35967	Phenix City, 36868-2331 Stephen P. Burt 357-18th Street, S. W. Fort Payne, 35967	1st Thursday 1st & 3rd Thursdays

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA (Continued)
JUNE, 1985-JUNE, 1986

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
47.	Monroeville	Timothy Whitten 47 Stacey Street Monroeville, 36460	Dave A. Durdan, Sr. 606 West Claiborne Monroeville, 36460	4th Friday
48.	Jasper	Terry Stripling Route 3, Box 277-A Jasper, 35501	Ray Rutledge Route 11, Box 342 Jasper, 35501	1st & 3rd Mondays

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was held on Monday, February 24, 1986, at Wodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525, in Birmingham, Alabama, with Robert L. Byars, Jr., Knight Crusader Treasurer-Recorder, presiding. The degree team was composed of the following:

Robert L. Byars, Jr. *Knight Crusader of the East*
 Richard M. Slaughter *Knight Crusader of the West*
 Arthur C. Harding *Knight Crusader of the South*
 Emory J. Ferguson *Knight Crusader of the North*
 Thomas W. Mann *Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross*

The Order was conferred on 16 candidates, followed by the business and election of officers for the coming year, who are:

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

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

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

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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

Robert E. Shipp,
 Knight Crusader of the East

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:
 SouthTrust Bank, 3-1-85 \$302.15

Expenses Paid out in 1985-1986
 Knights Templar Eye Foundation \$300.00

Balance in checking account, 2-1-86 \$2.15

Deposits to Checking Account:
 16 Petitions @ \$15.00 \$240.00

Balance in Checking Account, 3-1-86 \$242.15

Robert L. Byars, Jr.,
 Knight Crusader Treasurer

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS, 1985-1988

- Donald H. Smith *Most Eminent Grand Master*
1041 Idlewild Drive, Richmond, Kentucky 40475
- Marvin E. Fowler *Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master*
1904 White Oaks Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22306
- William H. Thornley, Jr. *Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo*
3080 South Race Street, Denver, Colorado 80210
- Blair C. Mayford *Right Eminent Grand Captain General*
14 Duffy Court, St. Peters, Missouri 63376
- Harold S. Gorman *Right Eminent Grand Treasurer*
P.O. Box 11007, Reno, Nevada 89510
- Charles R. Neumann *Right Eminent Grand Recorder*
14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60604-2293
- The Reverend Walter M. McCracken *Right Eminent Grand Prelate*
P.O. Box 479, Staunton, Virginia 24401

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- John L. Crofts, Sr. (1967-1970) P.O. Box 757, Nokomis, Florida 33555
- G. Wilbur Bell (1970-1973) P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705
- Roy W. Riegle (1973-1976) P.O. Box 383, Emporia, Kansas 66801
- Willard M. Avery (1976-1979) P.O. Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana 46148
- Kenneth C. Johnson (1979-1982) 19 Pine Manor Drive,
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207
- Ned E. Dull (1982-1985) P.O. Box 429, Van Wert, Ohio 45891
- Paul C. Rodenhauser (1985) Honorary 675 Wyncroft Lane, Apt. 1,
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SOUTHEASTERN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Edward R. Saunders, Jr. P.O. Box N, The Plains, Virginia 22171

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Executive Director

**57TH GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

**LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 13-17, 1988**

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California	David W. Campbell	801 Elm Avenue Long Beach, 90813
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Georgia	James Erwin Moseley	811 Mulberry Street Macon, 31298-5099
Idaho	Robert E. Heffner	530 East 16th Street Idaho Falls, 83401
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Missouri	Bruce H. Hunt	P.O. Box 188 Kirksville, 63501

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New Jersey	Thurman C. Pace, Jr.	518 St. Marks Avenue Westfield, 07090
New Mexico	Phil Witherspoon	P.O. Box 1375 Roswell, 88202-1375
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North Carolina	Kolen Flack	Masonic Temple 80 Broadway Asheville, 28801
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TABULAR VIEW OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY SINCE ITS FORMATION
On Friday, November 30, 1860, in Montgomery, Alabama

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-manderies	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*	No quorum present	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	127
1864	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	William S. Knox*	Edmund M. Hastings*	5	141
1865	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	6	113
1866	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	7	207
1867	Montgomery	Richard F. Knott*	Peleg Brown*	George D. Norris*	Abram J. Walker*	Edmund M. Hastings*	8	227
1868	Montgomery	Peleg Brown*	Abram J. Walker*	George D. Norris*	Joseph H. Johnson*	Edmund M. Hastings*	8	242
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. Bragg*	Daniel Sayre*	9	235
1871	No Meeting	Adjournd in December, 1870 to meet in February, 1872.						
1872	Marion	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	Walter L. Bragg*	John G. Smith*	James B. Lucie*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Sayre*	10	264
1875	Selma	Felix G. Norman*	Benjamin H. Riggs*	William S. Foster*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Sayre*	9	234
1876	Montgomery	John G. Smith*	William S. Foster*	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	Daniel Sayre*	9	236
1877	Mobile	John G. Smith*	William S. Foster*	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*	9	212
1881	Mobile	Stephen H. Beasley*	Daniel Smith*	Robert Moulthrop*	Frank P. O'Brien*	Daniel Sayre*	8	215
1882	Tuskegee	Daniel Smith*	Daniel Smith*	James T. Holtzelaw*	John H. Higley*	Daniel Sayre*	9	222
1883	Montgomery	Daniel Smith*	James T. Holtzelaw*	William T. Atkins*	John H. Higley*	Daniel Sayre*	10	245
1884	Montgomery	James T. Holtzelaw*	John H. Higley*	John D. Wilkins*	John H. Higley*	Daniel Sayre*	10	321
1885	Selma	James T. Holtzelaw*	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. Lucie*	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*	George S. Obeah*	Edmund R. Hastings*	8	269
1891	Mobile	John A. McKinnon*	Charles Wheelock*	George S. Obeah*	William H. Long*	Edmund R. Hastings*	9	308
1892	Selma	John A. McKinnon*	Charles Wheelock*	William H. Long*	Charles Hann*	Edmund R. Hastings*	9	342
1893	Gadsden	Charles Wheelock*	William H. Long*	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Robert L. Douglas*	Edmund R. Hastings*	9	352
1894	Birmingham	Charles Wheelock*	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Robert L. Douglas*	Milton C. Baldrige*	Edmund R. Hastings*	10	368
1895	Mobile	Fletcher J. Cowart*	Robert L. Douglas*	Henry H. Matthews*	Philip Milhous*	H. Clay Armstrong*	10	376
1896	Montgomery	Robert L. Douglas*	Henry H. Matthews*	Philip Milhous*	William E. Oakley*	H. Clay Armstrong*	9	382

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GENERALISSIMO	CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-manderes	Members
1897	Birmingham	Henry H. Matthews*	Philip Milhous*	William E. Oakley*	Rus. M. Cunningham*	H. Clay Armstrong*	10	380
1898	Selma	Philip Milhous*	William E. Oakley*	Rus. M. Cunningham*	Robert Moulthrop, Jr.*	H. Clay Armstrong*	7	288
1899	Mobile	William E. Oakley*	Rus. M. Cunningham*	George F. Wheelock*	George F. Wheelock*	H. Clay Armstrong*	6	290
1900	New Decatur	Rus. M. Cunningham*	Robert Moulthrop, Jr.*	George F. Wheelock*	Lewis W. Hubbard*	H. Clay Armstrong*	6	351
1901	Tuscaloosa	Robt. Moulthrop, Jr.*	George F. Wheelock*	Lewis W. Hubbard*	Charles R. Westcott*	George A. Beauchamp*	9	463
1902	Mobile	George F. Wheelock*	Lewis W. Hubbard*	Charles R. Westcott*	Charles E. Pearce*	George A. Beauchamp*	9	510
1903	Montgomery	Lewis W. Hubbard*	Charles R. Westcott*	Charles E. Pearce*	Robert S. Teague*	George A. Beauchamp*	8	516
1904	Selma	Charles R. Westcott*	Robert S. Teague*	Thomas H. Matlocks*	Walter Smith*	George A. Beauchamp*	9	546
1905	Birmingham	Robert S. Teague*	Thomas H. Matlocks*	Walter Smith*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George A. Beauchamp*	11	621
1906	Gadsden	Thomas H. Matlocks*	Walter Smith*	William O. Snyder*	Charles R. Patterson*	George A. Beauchamp*	13	743
1907	Mobile	Walter Smith*	William O. Snyder*	William O. Snyder*	John W. Phillips*	George A. Beauchamp*	14	824
1908	Tuscaloosa	William O. Snyder*	Charles R. Patterson*	Charles R. Patterson*	John W. Phillips*	George A. Beauchamp*	17	1013
1909	Andalusia	Charles R. Patterson*	Charles R. Patterson*	Louis J. Wright*	Louis J. Wright*	George A. Beauchamp*	18	1085
1910	Anniston	John W. Phillips*	John W. Phillips*	Louis J. Wright*	Alexander D. Simpson*	George A. Beauchamp*	20	1210
1911	Montgomery	John W. Phillips*	Louis J. Wright*	Louis M. Mossey*	Charles P. Martin*	George A. Beauchamp*	20	1305
1912	Selma	Louis M. Mossey*	Louis M. Mossey*	Charles P. Martin*	William E. Bingham*	George A. Beauchamp*	20	1375
1913	Dothan	Charles P. Martin*	Charles P. Martin*	William E. Bingham*	Hartsford L. Ison*	George A. Beauchamp*	21	1473
1914	Talladega	William E. Bingham*	William E. Bingham*	William W. Ransom*	William W. Ransom*	George A. Beauchamp*	21	1663
1915	Troy	Hartsford L. Ison*	Hartsford L. Ison*	William F. Spearman*	Julian F. Spearman*	George A. Beauchamp*	22	1808
1916	Birmingham*	William W. Ransom*	William W. Ransom*	William F. Spearman*	John V. Falck*	George A. Beauchamp*	24	2032
1917	Tuscaloosa	William F. Spearman*	Julian F. Spearman*	Julian F. Spearman*	John V. Falck*	George A. Beauchamp*	25	2367
1918	Birmingham	Wunc. C. Carmichael*	Duncan C. Carmichael*	Duncan C. Carmichael*	Walter H. Trimby*	George A. Beauchamp*	26	2661
1919	Dothan	John V. Falck*	John V. Falck*	Walter H. Trimby*	Lawrence H. Lee*	George A. Beauchamp*	27	3559
1920	Mobile	Walter H. Trimby*	Walter H. Trimby*	Lawrence H. Lee*	John Philip Melvin*	George A. Beauchamp*	30	5183
1921	Selma	Lawrence H. Lee*	Lawrence H. Lee*	John Philip Melvin*	Woolsey Finnell*	George A. Beauchamp*	33	6669
1922	Gadsden	John Philip Melvin*	John Philip Melvin*	Woolsey Finnell*	L. E. Gellerstedt*	George A. Beauchamp*	36	7427
1923	Birmingham	Woolsey Finnell*	Woolsey Finnell*	L. E. Gellerstedt*	Robert H. Wolcott*	George A. Beauchamp*	38	8257
1924	Huntsville	L. E. Gellerstedt*	L. E. Gellerstedt*	Joseph Dixon Matlock*	Robert T. Ward*	George A. Beauchamp*	40	8867
1925	Troy	Joseph Dixon Matlock*	Joseph Dixon Matlock*	Robert T. Ward*	Philip S. Meyer*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8638
1926	Tuscaloosa	Robert T. Ward*	Robert T. Ward*	Philip S. Meyer*	William C. Williams*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8772
1927	Albany	Philip S. Meyer*	Philip S. Meyer*	Orlando S. Finch*	Henry F. Williamson*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8683
1928	Montgomery	Orlando S. Finch*	Orlando S. Finch*	William C. Davis*	Franklin L. Milhous*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	8463
1929	Mobile	William C. Davis*	Henry F. Williamson*	Henry F. Williamson*	Tully A. Goodwin*	George A. Beauchamp*	39	7810
1930	Dothan*	Henry F. Williamson*	Franklin L. Milhous*	Franklin L. Milhous*	John W. Jones*	George A. Beauchamp*	35	6378
1931	Huntsville	Franklin L. Milhous*	Tully A. Goodwin*	David W. Crossland*	William D. Hawkins*	George A. Beauchamp*	35	5478
1932	Birmingham	Tully A. Goodwin*	David W. Crossland*	John W. Jones*	William D. Hawkins*	Guy T. Smith*	34	4308
1933	Anniston	John W. Jones*	William D. Hawkins*	T. Gaines St. John*	Robert Mcl. Strong*	Guy T. Smith*	34	4308
1934	Tuscaloosa	William D. Hawkins*	T. Gaines St. John*	Robert Mcl. Strong*	Henry J. Porter, Jr.*	Guy T. Smith*	31	3316

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-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	James M. Frazer*	John Heard Saxon*	William W. Waldo*	William W. Waldo*	Guy T. Smith*	26	2633
1938	Montgomery	John Heard Saxon*	James M. Frazer*	William W. Waldo*	Frank W. Gaines*	Guy T. Smith*	25	2482
1939	Birmingham	William W. Waldo*	John Heard Saxon*	Frank W. Gaines*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2384
1940	Montgomery	William W. Waldo*	Frank W. Gaines*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2295
1941	Montgomery	Frank W. Gaines*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Hoyt McClendon*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2265
1942	Montgomery	Robert T. Sheppard*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Hoyt McClendon*	Hoyt McClendon*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2310
1943	Montgomery	Newman S. Cryer*	Newman S. Cryer*	Newman S. Cryer*	Pleasant W. Gay*	Guy T. Smith*	23	2526
1944	Montgomery	Hoyt McClendon*	Hoyt McClendon*	Pleasant W. Gay*	Pleasant W. Gay*	Guy T. Smith*	22	3152
1945	Birmingham	A. Parker Mize*	A. Parker Mize*	A. Parker Mize*	A. Parker Mize*	Guy T. Smith*	25	4494
1946	Birmingham	Pleasant W. Gay*	Pleasant W. Gay*	Pleasant W. Gay*	Clifford H. Williams*	Guy T. Smith*	25	5198
1947	Montgomery	Clifford H. Williams*	Clifford H. Williams*	Clifford H. Williams*	Archelus F. Campbell*	Guy T. Smith*	25	5785
1948	Gadsden	Archelus F. Campbell*	Archelus F. Campbell*	Archelus F. Campbell*	James B. Patterson*	Guy T. Smith*	24	6133
1949	Montgomery	James B. Patterson*	James B. Patterson*	James B. Patterson*	Julius L. Layman*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	24	6103
1950	Birmingham	Julius L. Layman*	Julius L. Layman*	Julius L. Layman*	Wm. J. Christian*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	25	6651
1951	Mobile	James L. Layman*	Julius L. Layman*	Wm. J. Christian*	Lowell R. Hillier*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	25	6887
1952	Selma	Lowell R. Hillier*	Edgar M. Guber*	Ermyrs W. John*	Ermyrs W. John*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	26	7131
1953	Florence	Edgar M. Guber*	Ermyrs W. John*	Ermyrs W. John*	Wm. W. Glass*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	27	8101
1954	Tuscaloosa	Ermyrs W. John*	J. Collier Foster*	George G. Rees*	George G. Rees*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	28	8935
1955	Tuscaloosa	J. Collier Foster*	George G. Rees*	Lonnie H. Teale*	Lonnie H. Teale*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	28	9272
1956	Montgomery	George G. Rees*	Lonnie H. Teale*	Lonnie H. Teale*	Volmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	27	9584
1957	Birmingham	Lonnie H. Teale*	Volmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	Volmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	Holden B. Norwood*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	27	9855
1958	Montgomery	Volmar A. Meadows, Sr.*	Holden B. Norwood*	Holden B. Norwood*	Geo. W. Sorrell*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	26	9975
1959	Decatur	Holden B. Norwood*	Holden B. Norwood*	Holden B. Norwood*	Claud Stallworth*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	26	10073
1960	Birmingham	Geo. W. Sorrell*	Claud Stallworth*	Claud Stallworth*	George H. Crook*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	26	10084
1961	Tuscaloosa	Claud Stallworth*	Arthur C. Wilson*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Arthur C. Wilson*	C. H. Stuhlinger*	26	10075
1962	Mobile	Arthur C. Wilson*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Earl D. Holmes*	Earl D. Holmes*	Gordon L. Fvatt*	26	10085
1963	Birmingham	Thomas W. Oliver*	Earl D. Holmes*	Julian P. Butler*	John S. Robinson*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9974
1964	Birmingham	Earl D. Holmes*	Julian P. Butler*	John S. Robinson*	Charles L. Campbell*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9918
1965	Birmingham	Julian P. Butler*	John S. Robinson*	Charles L. Campbell*	Charles L. Campbell*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9847
1966	Sylacauga	John S. Robinson*	Charles L. Campbell*	Bruce W. Phelps*	Bruce W. Phelps*	Thomas W. Oliver*	27	9808
1967	Birmingham	Charles L. Campbell*	Bruce W. Phelps*	Ray B. Hartwell*	Ray B. Hartwell*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9692
1968	Birmingham	Bruce W. Phelps*	Anthony V. Jannett*	Charles L. Jones*	Charles L. Jones*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9494
1969	Mobile	Anthony V. Jannett*	Ray B. Hartwell*	Clifford J. Turner*	Clifford J. Turner*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9295
1970	Birmingham	Ray B. Hartwell*	Charles L. Jones*	Frank M. James*	Frank M. James*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9226
1971	Gadsden	Charles L. Jones*	Clifford J. Turner*	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.*	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.*	Thomas W. Oliver*	26	9116
1972	Tuscaloosa	Clifford J. Turner*	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.*	Thomas W. Mann*	Thomas W. Mann*	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. Redbetter*	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	8092
1980	Birmingham	Arthur C. Harding	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	Thomas W. Mann	24	7834
1981	Dothan	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Thomas W. Mann	24	7631
1982	Birmingham	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	Thomas W. Mann	24	7278
1983	Birmingham	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	Thomas W. Mann	23	7117
1984	Huntsville	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	Thomas W. Mann	22	6953
1985	Birmingham	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	James L. Allen*	Thomas W. Mann	22	6861
1986	Birmingham	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	James L. Allen*	James H. Lee	Thomas W. Mann	21	6614
1987	Birmingham	George E. Tremelling	James H. Lee	Emory J. Feigauson	Charles W. McDonald	Thomas W. Mann	21	6614

*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: $1986 + 4,000 = \text{A.L. } 5986$

ROYAL ARCH MASONS — Add 530 years.

Thus: $1986 + 530 = \text{A. Inv. } 2516$

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS — Add 1,000 years.

Thus: $1986 + 1,000 = \text{A. Dept. } 2986$

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR — Subtract 1,118 years.

Thus: $1986 + 1,118 = \text{A. O. } 868$

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD — Add 1,913 years.

Thus: $1986 + 1,913 = \text{A. B. } 3899$

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS — Add 3,760 years.

Thus: $1986 + 3,760 = \text{A. M. } 5746$