Anderson, S. C.
April 28, 1936.

To the Officers, Members and Representatives of the State Council of South Carolina, Junior Order United American Mechanics:

Dear Brothers:

Your State Councilor has the honor herewith to submit to you a report of his term for the year beginning Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday in April, 1935, to wit, April 24, 1935, and ending on Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday in April, 1936, to wit, April 29, 1936.

At the outset your State Councilor wishes to thank the State Council and the members of our Order throughout the State for the high honor and the privilege of serving this great Fraternity during the past year in this capacity. Honor carries with it responsibility, and during the past year he has earnestly endeavored to uphold the dignity and high principles for which our Order stands and striven to foster its noble ideals. As the years roll by he shall recall with fond memories his service as State Councilor of the Junior Order of South Carolina, and shall always be grateful for the opportunity of serving the Order and its members in this capacity.

Your State Councilor wishes to take this opportunity to thank the National Board of Officers, the District Deputies, the officers of the various Councils throughout the State, and the membership of the Order in general for the splendid cooperation extended him during the past year in performing his duties as State Councilor and carrying on the work of this great Order, and here and now expresses his heartfelt thanks and appreciation therefor.

During the term covering your State Councilor's administration Councils in many places encountered much difficulty in
carrying on; however, I am glad to report that our membership has held up well and strides in many ways have been made in the Order. Your State Councilor does not have figures in regard to gains and losses in membership before him at the time this report is being prepared and all the Councils may not have yet reported for the last quarter, but judging by gains and losses in membership announced at the various District Meetings he has attended during the past year a substantial gain in membership should be shown over the preceding year. It is the opinion of your State Councilor that most of the members of the Order who dropped out are those who joined it solely from the insurance standpoint and were never thoroughly imbued and thrilled with the great principles for which we stand. There are quite a few, however, who discontinued because of unemployment and their inability to earn sufficient money with which to support their families and pay their dues; then, there are quite a number who reside in sections in which strikes have occurred in industrial plants and have not worked regularly and this caused us to lose a group of members. Your State Councilor wishes to take this opportunity to say, however, that most of our Councils and the membership of our Order have kept the faith and, even though with serious obstacles confronting them at times, did not become discouraged but maintained a fine spirit and it is my opinion that the morale among the members of our Order is as good today as your State Councilor ever witnessed in this or any other Fraternity. The feeling and relations that exist among the brethren of our Order is uplifting and is especially fine. Peace and harmony have prevailed in the respective Councils throughout the State, with few exceptions, and our members are pushing forward to greater heights than ever before.

It has been an unusual pleasure for your State Councilor to mix and mingle with the splendid brethren who compose this Noble Order throughout South Carolina, and it has ever been his
purpose while performing the duties of State Councilor to uphold the high principles for which the Order stands and to exert his talents and energy to increase the membership and foster its ideals in every manner possible. Although the personal business of your State Councilor has suffered during the past year on account of his activity in the promotion of Juniorism work he does not regret the sacrifice and was delighted to contribute his time to the Order and to take any steps possible for its upbuilding. Your State Councilor has attended either a Council or District Meeting in practically every District in the State during the past year, but in order to economize and reduce expenses he made it a policy to attend District Meetings rather than local council meetings as several representatives from a number of Councils could be contacted on this type of visit, and he thought this the most feasible plan to adopt in making visits throughout the State on behalf of the Order. Your State Councilor was given a most cordial reception wherever he went and ever had in mind arousing enthusiasm among the members and imparting information in regard to the principles and functionings of the Order.

Only two meetings of the State Board of Officers have been held during the past year as your officers were able to handle the problems by personal contact, correspondence, wire or phone and eliminate much expense that would have been incurred by more State Board meetings.

Your State Councilor attended the institution of a number of new councils during the past year. He finds that one of the greatest needs in this State is that attention should be given to a new council just after it is organized in order to assist it in getting started properly and in encouraging the members in their new undertaking. At the first meeting of the State Board of Officers in Charleston on August 19, 1935, a Resolution was adopted requesting the District Deputies of the respective
Districts to visit all new Councils instituted in their respective Districts at least twice to assist them in getting their work started off properly and in giving assistance and inspiration to them.

In order that the members of this State Council may be informed relative to some pertinent facts regarding the four great principles of our Order, your State Councilor will now proceed to take up the same seriatim:

1. IMMIGRATION—- The Junior Order has done as much or more than any other organization in the country to restrict undesirable immigration and deport vicious and criminal minded foreigners and those who enter this country illegally.

It is estimated that we are supporting, by way of employment or through the dole, 8,000,000 foreign citizens and in the meanwhile there are 8,000,000 employable Americans now out of work. Congressman Dies, a strong proponent of Restricted Immigration, said some time back that there are about 1,500,000 aliens actually on relief and that it costs our government approximately $500,000,000.00 a year to support them. This sum is equivalent to a weekly contribution of $0.25 by every wage earner in the United States. It is also estimated that aliens holding jobs in this country have been sending $100,000,000.00 annually which they have saved, to their respective homelands.

A great many of the foreign born element are a menace to this country and the Miami Herald says:

"Unemployment, relief, unrest and subversive activities directed at our government are problems which may be found closely allied, and to which a partial solution could be found by the deportation of disloyal aliens.

"Foreigners who have failed to apply for or obtain citizenship papers probably number millions; many of them cannot speak English; they crowd our cities and slums; they are easy prey of
radical agitators. Hundreds of thousands of these are included in the relief lists supported by American taxpayers, or else they hold jobs and deprive Americans of employment. They are often enlisted in the 'liberal' classes, engage in strikes, may be organized for attacks upon industry and government. There is no good reason why the United States should continue to extend her hospitality to these unfriendly and undesired guests.

"Oddly, however these aliens, who fight the American government will battle even stronger to prevent deportation. They would inaugurate Europeanism in the United States but they have no wish to return to their native countries and submit to the communism and Fascism over there."

The Communist Party, of which we have all heard so much about is not an American Institution. It has been said that its leaders not only frankly admit that they are not American but are proud to declare that they take orders from Moscow and that the Communist Branch in the United States must live by the rules laid down by the Communist Party in Russia. Congresswoman Virginia E. Jenckes thinks that the propaganda being disseminated among the students in the colleges throughout the nation and resulting in the organization at different institutions of the National Students League is the result of the Communist Party and sternly objects to the students carrying banners written on them "We refuse to fight for the United States in any war it enters", or similar quotation. It behooves us to ever keep on the alert in regard to these matters as Communism, Fascism and all other except isms/UnAmericanism should have no place in our educational institutions throughout our nation.

2. INSURANCE—Any true-blooded 100% American citizen should be proud to claim membership in the Junior Order even if there were no insurance feature connected therewith; however, our great Order has an excellent Funeral Benefit Department that cares for the families of our members in the darker hours of human
existence. I am informed that our Funeral Benefit Department over the years has delivered claims to about 65,000 different homes aggregating over $30,000,000.00. This Department of our Order is beginning to again pay its claims promptly and we should all be proud of the service it has rendered to the members of our Order in the past and anticipate with confidence the service it will render to our members in the future.

3. EDUCATION—At the 1935 Session of the General Assembly of South Carolina an act was passed increasing the State Supported School Term in the State from six to seven months, and increasing the teachers salaries 15%. This was the most far reaching legislation along school lines that has been adopted in one Session of the General Assembly in several years. It provided another month of school in those districts that have not been operating their schools for the normal term and gave the teachers a badly needed raise in salary and increased the State schedule of salaries for teachers from an average of $66.00 to $75.00 per month. With the exception of the South Carolina Association, I know of no organization that rendered greater assistance in the passage of the above Act than the Junior Order. The legislators of our members of the Order worked untiringly and unceasingly for its passage and the influence of the Order was felt most strongly in the halls of the House of Representatives and the State Senate when the above Act was under consideration in the respective branches of the General Assembly.

There is a new pending before the 1936 General Assembly a bill providing for the regular attendance of school children. The last report of the State Superintendent of Education shows that 30% of the school pupils enrolled in the State failed to make their grades the preceding year. The same report also shows that about 22% of the pupils are absent from school every day. A survey recently made also shows that 28% of the school pupils of school age are not even enrolled in school at all. Lack of
attendance and failure run hand in hand. It is a great pity that the names of over one-fourth of our boys and girls of school age are not even on the roll and that almost one-fourth of those who are enrolled are absent daily. The above figures show the necessity for the passage of the Regular Attendance Bill.

There is also a bill now pending before the General Assembly of this State providing for a rental system of text-books under which it is contemplated renting school books to the children much cheaper than the books can be purchased, and transforming the rental system into a free system of text-books within a period of four to five years, and possibly sooner for the lower grades. The Junior Order has long stood for free text-books and it can perform a great service to the schools of the State in fostering and working for the passage of the Regular Attendance School Bill and the Rental System Text-Book Bill.

There are many other pieces of legislation in which the Junior Order has figured prominently and in which its influence has been felt most keenly, and it is to be hoped that its work along educational lines will even surpass the magnificent service it has rendered heretofore, as one of the greatest principles for which it stands is upholding and supporting the American Public School System.

In expressing the importance of the schools, a poet once wrote:

The wealth of the world isn't silver or gold,  
Or the diamonds and rubies its caverns may hold,  
Or the trees in its woods or the power in its pools;  
The wealth of the world is today in its schools.  
For nothing has value which lies in our ken  
Without the high thinking of women and men.

4. ORPHANS' HOMES——The fourth great principle of the Junior Order is to promote and maintain a National Orphans' Home, the establishment of which was most sublime. No nobler work could enlist the energies and efforts of any Fraternity. To care for the living children of our deceased brethren is to honor them. No finer memorial can be erected to the memory of a former member than
to rear his boy or girl to be a true American citizen with high ideals. It is and should ever be a labor of love. The Junior Order owns and conducts two Orphans' Homes, one at Tiffin, Ohio with an enrollment of over 1100 children and one at Lexington, North Carolina, with an enrollment of about 250 children, making a total enrollment in our Orphans' Homes of over 1350 children. Over 3000 children have been graduated from its schools and gone out into the world equipped with the problem of life. The health of the children in the Homes is good and most of them are very happy in the environment afforded by our Homes. A strictly business basis characterizes the affairs of the Homes. No overlapping or exceeding of the budget allowance made for the support of the two Homes is permitted, although there has been no depression among the children at either home. Both of them are under the supervision and management of excellent superintendents who have conducted them in a most commendable manner. In thinking of the children of our deceased brethren and of their lives and what they mean to our Order and the nation your State Councilor is mindful of the lines of that poet who wrote:

They are idols of heart and household;
They are angels of God in disguise;
His sunlight still sleeps in their tresses;
His glory still beams in their eyes.

Those truants from home and heaven;
They have made me more manly and mild;
And I know how yours could liken,
The kingdom of God to a child.

Your State Councilor wishes to offer the following recommendations for the good of the Order:

1. That an Unemployable Bureau be maintained by the State Secretary of the Order. Many members of our Order are unemployed at times and it is possible that the State State Secretary, through his various contacts with the different Councils and members of the Order over the State and general information secured in visiting throughout the State, will learn of a great many positions or vacancies in employment and could no doubt be of great service to members of the Order who should become unemployed.

2. That the respective Districts throughout the State be permitted to elect their District Deputies and that the matter of appointment by the State Councilor shall be
only a ministerial duty.

3. That the State Board of Officers arrange with the respective District Deputies a schedule of District Meetings and that the State Councilor or some member of the State Board of Officers attend at least one district meeting during the year in the various Districts.

4. That the State Board of Officers be instructed to take steps to provide for a full time organizer who shall have charge of all organization work. If the State Secretary is forced to go out and organize Councils his other duties as Secretary will suffer.

5. That the State Board of Officers be instructed to require the District Deputies to attend at least three meetings of any new Council organized in their respective Districts. The expenses of the said District Deputies should be borne by the State Councilors.

6. That the State Board of Officers shall approve the organization of any new Councils before the same are undertaken by the organizer.

7. That the State Board of Officers regulate closely the organization of Councils in order that there may not be new Councils established in close proximity to present Councils, and try to prevent confusion in regard to overlapping jurisdictions.

8. That the State Board of Officers be instructed to elect a legislative committee to promote and foster such legislation as the said Board of Officers deems wise. The State Councilor should designate the member or members of said committee to serve on any particular occasion, and any member serving in such capacity shall receive no salary but shall have his actual expenses paid by the State Council when itemized account is submitted therefor.

9. That the State Treasurer publish in the magazine each month a statement showing the receipts and disbursements for the preceding month, including the name of the person, amount paid him and purpose for which paid.

10. That this State Council Session go on record as indorsing the Regular Attendance Bill passed by the State Senate in Columbia and now before the House of Representatives.

11. That this State Council go on record as indorsing the Rental School Book Bill passed by the House of Representatives and now before the State Senate, the bill being calculated to provide a system of free text-books within four or five years.

12. That this State Council go on record as favoring the extension of teachers certificates for another year without attendance at Summer School on account of the recent depression from which we are now emerging, and the low salaries teachers have received during the past years do not justify attendance at Summer School.

13. That we indorse the action of the National Council in its excellent work along immigration lines.
14. That the office of the State Secretary be maintained in the city of Columbia which is not only the capital but the geographical center of the State, as this should be a great convenience to the members and officers of our Council.

15. That the Junior Order Magazine, the Official Organ of the State Council of South Carolina, Junior Order U. A. M., be continued but that all members refrain from using the columns of the magazine for publishing any article of a Partisan-Political nature.

16. That the State Board of Officers require the Editor of the magazine to publish a statement therein monthly setting out an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements of the operation of same.

17. That the State Board of Officers have a complete audit made by a certified public accountant for a period of five years back of the books of the State Secretary, State Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee and any other officer who has handled any funds of the Order during that period. This is intended to cast no reflection whatever on any officer but is simply a matter of business, and the financial affairs of this Order should be conducted in a business-like manner.

18. That the State Board of Officers compile a list of all property owned by the State Council together with the estimated value thereof and the name of the person having possession of same, and publish it in some issue of the magazine during the next quarter.

19. That the State Board of Officers encourage dispensations providing for small initiation fees during the next year in order to secure a larger influx of new members. In doing this it is not the idea to cheapen the Order and lower its standards but to put its benefits and blessings within the reach of the average man and the man of moderate means and those who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, as it is this class of our citizenship who will benefit most from the Insurance feature of our Order.

20. That all of our Officers and members make it a special point to manifest a brotherly feeling for the members of our Order, showing a deeper interest in their welfare and if necessary, make a sacrifice to help them if the need should arise.

21. That the officers of our Order cooperate with patriotic and other organizations that might stand for the same principles or be working toward the same goal as we, and at no time allow jealousies and bickerings to exist between our organization or some other. But with a united front we should march shoulder to shoulder, remembering that "United we stand, divided we fall."

In closing, your State Councilor would say to the members of this State Council to take courage and let's go forward and make great strides during the next year. Seneca, the wise old Roman, once wrote, "Courage leads to heaven; fear, to death". Emerson the great Essay writer, once said, "Half a man's wisdom
goes with his courage. Walter Lippmann defines courage "The willingness to face situations from which it would be more or less natural to run away." Real courage is not the mere brutal or taking of blows, or enduring pain, it is the power that resides in the mind and has for its foundation duty. Even though discouragement comes at times, we should never think of giving up but should exemplify to the highest degree real courage. Cervantes, the great Spanish writer, said that, "He who loses wealth loses much; he who loses a friend loses more; but he who loses his courage loses all." Goethe put the same thought in other words when he stated "Money lost, something lost, Honor lost, much lost; Courage lost, everything lost; better thou wert never born." Someone has said that a man without courage is like concrete without reinforcement, like a body without a backbone, a skyscraper without a steel framework to support it. Even though Shakespeare's Macbeth was a villain and a murderer you must admire him when he stands up for the fight that is to end in death saying, "Blow, wind, come, wrack! At least we'll die with harness on our back." So with a spirit of courage let's go forward during the coming year and accomplish great things for the Junior Order, greater than have ever been accomplished in the past. We can if we will.

Your State Councillor bespeaks for his successor, the same loyal cooperation and support that was extended him and wishes for the Junior Order in South Carolina the coming year even greater accomplishments that have characterized its glorious past. He pledges himself to at all times promote the principles and ideals for which the Order stands and to further the cause of virtue, liberty and patriotism.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. STROM THURMOND
State Councillor.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The members of the Junior Order are having a delightful time in Anderson during their annual State convention in session here today and tomorrow. I have been requested to speak for a few minutes this evening during the Woodmen of the World period, on Fraternalism. The Junior Order and the Woodmen of the World are two of the splendid Fraternities in South Carolina, and being a strong believer in Fraternalism, I am glad to say a few words on this subject.

Topping the list of ideals, stands not militarism, the science that kills, nor commerce, the art that accumulates wealth, nor agriculture, the mother of all industry and the mother of all human life, but Fraternalism - that feeling that soothes broken hearts, that teaches love for neighbor, that lubricates good fellowship. Fraternalism brings all out of chaos and is a mighty force working for the up-building of the race of man. It has never cast a shadow on a home, has never wounded a human heart, has never wronged a human soul, has never been deaf to the cry of the needy or the distressed, and has never been blind to the wounds of the deserving.

When I think of Fraternalism I like to think of the lines of the poet who wrote:

I live for those who love me,
for those who know me true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And the good that I can do.

Truly, this is the spirit of real Fraternalism.

In thinking of the good being done by the Woodmen of the World, the Junior Order and the other splendid fraternities in the nation, I am reminded of the splendid Service being rendered by them.

One of our great universities has for its motto the Latin
words, "Non ministrari sed ministrare" - "Not to be ministered unto but to minister." This is a splendid motto and exemplifies the spirit of one who loves mankind and is eager to render a service. It is a motto that could well be hung over any desk or mirror, that could well be engraved on a locket or ring, that could well be inscribed on any soul's banner of ideals. The path to power is the lowly road of service. Humble helpfulness and not prideful self-pretension is the way the truly great must walk. Any greatness except that based upon unselfish service is illusion.

A poet once wrote,

"Count that day lost,
Whose low descending sun,
Views from thy hand
No worthy action done."

One's greatest happiness comes from rendering a genuine service to his fellowman or to his state and nation, and we should self-examine ourselves every day and ascertain whether our deeds for that day exemplify a true citizen and patriot characterized by a spirit of service. One should live so straight and honest and square that he will be a landmark, and whose memory and ideals will linger long in the minds of civilization after he has passed. This reminds me of those lines of the poet that are so appropriate here,

"When a great man dies,
For years beyond his ken
The light he leaves behind him
Will shine upon the path of men."

Probably the thing that has made the Junior Order and the Woodmen of the World and the other fraternities such great organizations is Loyalty. Loyalty is the most priceless quality of the human soul. A man may be stupid and guilty of other shortcomings, but these will be excused if he is loyal. It has been said that people love dogs more than any other kind of animal,
and I think I can explain that by saying that the dog is the most loyal of all beasts, and is considered the incarnation of loyalty. A man may be ambitious, energetic and honest, but he will be despised by his fellow man if he is not loyal. He may possess the keen mind of a statesman or the strong form of an athlete, but if he is not loyal he is bound to fail. A man may be endowed with wonderful natural ability or may even have greatness thrust upon him, but if he hath not loyalty in his soul, the seeds of success are not in him. Loyalty is the one quality that sets a man apart more than a kingly robe. It is the thing that causes institutions or nations to rise or fall. The success of a business or corporation depends more on the loyalty of its employees than upon anything else; without it, the business or corporation is doomed to failure. It is the one quality above all others that elevates a man to the highest pinnacle of honor, virtue, happiness and success, and without it he can easily sink to the lowest depths of vice, shame and misery. Loyalty is the outstanding quality that makes manhood worthy and womanhood lovely.

Fraternaism instills loyalty in its members. If Fraternaism had no purpose other than this it would indeed be worth while.

In closing, I wish to thank Station W A I M for its kindness for permitting this short broadcast on Fraternaism, and again say that the State Councilor of the Junior Order is genuinely grateful to the hospitable citizens of Anderson for the pleasant and enjoyable stay of our members in your splendid city.