Dear Brother Juniors:

This will be the last issue of our Junior Order Magazine before Christmas. On December 25th, Nineteen Hundred and thirty-five years ago a little Babe was born in a manger whose life and works constitute the basis for the whole New Testament of our Bible. Although he lived to be only thirty-three years of age, the service our Savior rendered to humanity and the world has ever since been an inspiration to mankind, and Jesus Christ is today looked upon as the only person who ever lived a perfect life. When his birthday arrives we should all think of him, the high ideals for which he stood, his great saving power and the sacrifice he made to redeem the world from sin, and it should be our purpose in living to emulate his life as much as possible.

The celebration of this day should bring joy and glad tidings to men, and your State Councilor calls upon all members of the Junior Order to look about and ascertain if there any Juniors in need or in distress, and if any are found to render them such aid as will make them comfortable and happy during what should be the most joyous period of the year. To live is a great opportunity, but to render unselfish service to mankind is still a greater opportunity. It should be a pleasure for us to help any unfortunate brothers who may be in need.

Business conditions throughout the country are better and people generally are now more optimistic and more encouraged than they have been for several years, and we should all be truly thankful for the many blessings that have come to us during the past year. We should manifest our appreciation by resolving to live up to the high principles for which our great Order stands and foster its noble ideals, and work harder than ever to promote the upbuilding of this glorious fraternity which is rendering such
a magnificent service to mankind and to our nation.

Your State Councilor has made many trips in the interest of the Junior Order during the past month, but will only give a short account of a few of them herein. He attended a splendid District Meeting at Lancaster on October 25th. The efficient District Deputy, Brother E. L. Crenshaw, and the Brethren in that District are very enthusiastic and are doing good work.

The District Meeting at Chester on November 12th was attended by your State Councilor, State Vice Councilor, Brother Bigham, and a number of prominent members of our Order. The capable District Deputy, Brother Patrick, is a hard worker and we expect a good report from this District at the next State Council Session.

Your State Councilor on November 14th attended an Oyster Supper of McCormick Council. Brothers C. K. Epting, J. Arch Talbert, J. Fred Buzhardt and others have aroused new enthusiasm in this Council, and Juniorism in this fine little Town is now on the upgrade.

On November 16th he attended a splendid meeting at Graniteville in which thirteen new members were initiated. All thirteen of the candidates were young men under twenty-five years of age. This was a splendid bunch of candidates, and Graniteville Council which is one of the best in the State is to be commended on this fine work.

Your State Councilor attended an excellent meeting and Oyster Supper of Chesterfield Council on November 21st. The Councilor there, Brother McIntyre, and others are working very untiringly for Juniorism there and we expect good results from this Council.

Your State Councilor and State Secretary attended a meeting in Washington of National Council Officers with officers of the State Councils throughout the nation on November 9th, but he will not relate the trip here as a full account of the same is given
elsewhere in this magazine.

With many good wishes to each member of the Junior Order for a Merry Christmas and New Year filled with joy and happiness,

Fraternally yours,

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State Councilor