Edgefield, S. C.
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Dear Brother Juniors:

Various Councils over the State have held Rallies, Ladies' night and Social occasions during the past month. One of the Rallies your State Councilor attended was at William Anderson Council No. 36 at Woodruff on August 2nd. Brother Blanton, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Dr. Toole, a prominent member of the Order, and other members of the Order there had arranged a good program and a nice crowd was in attendance to enjoy the same and to participate in the hash supper that was served. He attended a splendid District meeting in District No. 2 at Whitney near Spartanburg on August 9th. Brother R. M. DaBard presided at the meeting and he is one of the most enthusiastic and wide-awake District Deputies in the State and deserves great credit for the splendid work he is doing in that District.

On August 16th your State Councilor attended a District meeting in District No. 13 held with Monarch Star Council No. 11, at Union. In the absence of Brother Patrick, District Deputy, Brother Lewis Mayor of Union, Gualty presided and conducted the meeting in a dignified and excellent manner. On August 19th a meeting of the State Board of Officers was held at the Francis Marion hotel in Charleston and all members were present, which includes the State Councilor, State Vice-Councilor, Junior Past Councilor, State Secretary and State Treasurer. A number of matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order were taken up and acted upon which we feel will result in benefit to the Order. On August 24th your State Councilor attended andpicnic an annual Rally of Clover Leaf Council No. 23, which is the largest Council in the State, at a beautiful lake near Clover. Brothers Hopper, Dickson, Smith and the other members of the Council there had arranged a good program for the Rally of the Juniors, their families and friends on this occasion. Brother Hildebrand, a member
of the House of Representatives from York County, presided at the
meeting and addresses were made by Brothers Thornton and Love,
members of the House of Representatives from York County, Brother
Grant, a member of the House of Representatives from Chester County,
Brother Olin D. Johnston, Governor of South Carolina, your State
Counselor and others. This was one of the best Junior Rallies
your State Counselor has ever attended and much enthusiasm was man-
ifested at the meeting. It is a splendid idea to hold such a meeting
annually and it would undoubtedly be very beneficial to every Coun-
cil in the State if such an outing of Juniors, their families and
friends were held each year.

Your State Counselor has received several complaints
recently in regard to certain articles of a partisan political
nature appearing in "The Junior Order Magazine". He wishes to
take this opportunity to say to the Brother members of our Order
throughout the State that he has not indorsed any of those articles
and does not approve of them. The Junior Order of United American
Mechanics stands for high principles and ideals and its members
will take an active part to promote and foster those principles and
ideals at all times, but the Junior Order is a nonpolitical and non-
sectarian organization and it is your State Counselor's opinion
that only non-political and non-sectarian articles should be pub-
lished in the Magazine. If this non-political and non-sectarian
policy is violated, unfavorable results may ensue that would be
very detrimental to the welfare of our Order. Therefore, your
State Counselor feels it his duty to call on all officers and
members of our Order to refrain from using the columns of our
Magazine for the purpose of publishing any political or sectarian
article. He requests the cooperation of all concerned in carrying
out this policy as he feels that the observance of same is for the
best interest of the Order.
Some time back your State Councilor read an article about Mr. Charles M. Schwab, the great steel magnate and millionaire, and in the article was given Mr. Schwab's "Ten Commandments of Success". These Commandments so exemplify the spirit that should characterize the members of the Junior Order that your State Councilor is giving them below with the hope that they will be read with interest. They are as follows:

1. "Work Hard". Hard work is the best investment a man can make.

2. "Study Hard". Knowledge enables a man to work more intelligently and effectively.

3. "Have Initiative". Ruts often deepen into graves.

4. "Love Your Work". Then you will find pleasure in mastering it.

5. "Be Exact". Slipshod methods bring slipshod results.

6. "Have the Spirit of Conquest". Thus you can successfully battle and overcome difficulties.

7. "Cultivate Personality". Personality is to a man what perfume is to a flower.

8. "Help and Share with Others". The real test of business greatness lies in giving opportunity to others.

9. "Be Democratic". Unless you feel right towards your fellowmen you can never be a successful leader of men.

10. "In All Other Things Do Your Best". The man who has done his best has done everything. The man who has done less than his best has done nothing.

With best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

J. STROM THURMONT
State Councilor.