Dear Brother Juniors:

This article will appear in the April issue of our Magazine which will probably be the last issue before our Annual State Convention in Anderson on April 28th and 29th. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the officers and members of the Junior Order for their cooperation in fostering the ideals and work of this Noble Order since my term as State Councilor during the past year. The longer I remain in the Junior Order, and the more I come in contact with our brother members and the fine work they are doing, the more I appreciate the value of this great Fraternity and the service it is rendering to our nation and to humanity. In thinking of our great Order we should all do so with a view of SERVICE.

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 priderful self-pretension is the way the truly great must walk. Any greatness except that based upon selfish 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 kin
The light he leaves behind him
Will shine upon the path of men".

It has been said that there are four things a man must learn to do if he is to keep his record true:

Think without confusion clearly,
Love your fellowman sincerely,
Act from honest motives purely,
Trust in God and heaven securely.

A person with a vision of service always has sympathy for those in trouble. A soul’s sympathies are its riches. The poorest man in the world is the one who has lost his power to feel for others. Sympathy is the cement of mankind and holds the race together. All forms of selfishness including greed, cruelty, arrogance and luxury are in direct contrast to sympathy, and have no place in the heart of a person bent on helping mankind. We should at all times be vigilant, and ever on the alert, to help a fellow member of our Order who may be in need or in trouble, and extend him sympathy and encouragement, and assist him along the path of life all that it is possible for us to do. If all people were fully informed of existing conditions and felt keenly a true sympathy for deserving unfortunates many hardships would be avoided and unjust conditions eliminated.

Your State Councilor attended the Annual Celebration of Hampton Council No. 51, at Red Bank in Lexington County, on March 7, 1936, and was accompanied on the trip by Brothers Duckett and Early Turner of M. C. Butler Council. The Annual Celebration of Hampton Council was characterized by a splendid banquet and a number of fine addresses thereafter. Brothers
Wilson, Ralph and other good members there know how to stage a good celebration. District Deputy Broome and Brother Harmon, County Superintendent of Education, and the State Councilors of the Daughters of America and others made inspiring addresses. Enthusiasm for Juniorism in this section of the State is running high and the prospects for a good year are exceedingly bright.

A message comes to your State Councilor that Anderson is leaving no stone unturned to make our State Convention, to be held there on April 28 and 29, one of the best ever. Your State Councilor has been successful in securing Dr. D. W. Daniel, Head of the Academic Department of Clemson College, to make an address at 12:30, on Tuesday April 28, the opening day of the Session. Dr. Daniel bears the reputation for being the Master Speaker of the State and his address alone should be sufficient to attract a large attendance on the opening day of our Session. A speech from Dr. Daniel is worth riding miles to hear and his speech alone would warrant your attending the Convention. He will speak on "Patriotic Service." I cannot urge too strongly the value of his address, and it is my wish that every Junior attending the State Convention hear his address.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, Past National Councilor, is planning to attend our State Convention and we shall anticipate with pleasure having him with us.

With best wishes to all of our members,

Fraternally yours,

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State Councilor