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Dear Brother Juniors:

With this issue of the magazine the year 1936 will have arrived and with it comes new hope. We should all be thankful for the many blessings that were bestowed on us during 1935, and anticipate for a greater and bigger year for Juniorism in 1936. Some Fraternities and Orders have lost membership by the hundreds during the past two years and we should be indeed grateful that our Noble Order has carried on in such a fine manner.

It is my wish that each member of the Junior Order during this year will feel it his solemn duty to not only retain his membership in the Order on account of the benefits to himself and his family and the lofty principles for which we stand but that he will go out and work for Juniorism and bring in some new members of the right kind—men of fine character and ideals who will be an asset to us. If everyone will exert himself some in this way we can double and treble the membership of our Order during 1936. Certainly every member of the Junior Order can enlist at least one or two members during the year and if this is done think of the results that will be attained. There are numbers of fine men in every community who would be glad to join the Junior Order if some member should take the time to present them in the right manner, explaining the high principles and ideals for which we stand and the benefits to be derived from membership in such a fine Order. I am counting on every member of the Order to do his part in building up the Junior Order in South Carolina during the year 1936.

Your State Councilor attended a splendid District Meeting at Rock Hill on November 29th. The Traveling Freight from Jasper S was present and the crowd at this meeting was one of
the largest of any meeting he has attended during the year 1935. Splendid talks were made by a number of brethren of the Order. Congressman Richard made an excellent address and he expressed himself as standing four square for restricted immigration and the other principles for which Juniorism stands.

On December 5th your State Councilor attended the Newberry Annual Banquet which was a very nice affair indeed. On December 13th he attended a District Meeting in District No. 15 at Andrews. District Deputy, Kerns and District Secretary, Flowers, and the other Juniors in this District are very enthusiastic in performing a fine piece of work for Juniorism.

On December 19th your State Councilor attended a Council meeting and Banquet at Bishopville. District Deputy, R. E. Broome, from Columbia made a splendid address and the meeting appeared to be very beneficial from every standpoint.

I have received a number of requests from different members over the State for a copy of a little poem which I have recited on several occasions. The poem is entitled "It's All in the State of Mind" and is given below for any who may be interested therein:

**IT'S ALL IN THE STATE OF MIND**

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't;
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't;
It's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you will lose, you've lost,
For out in the world you'll find
Success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of mind.

Full many a race is lost;
Ere ever a step is run;
And many a coward fails
Ere ever his work's begun.
Think big, and your deeds will grow;
Think small and you'll fall behind;
Think that you can and you will—
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You ever can win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But soon or late the man who wins
Is the fellow who thinks he can.

I hope that the members of the Junior Order enjoyed a pleasant and happy Christmas and that the year 1936 will be kind and generous to each.

Fraternally yours,

J. Strom Thurmond
State Councilor.