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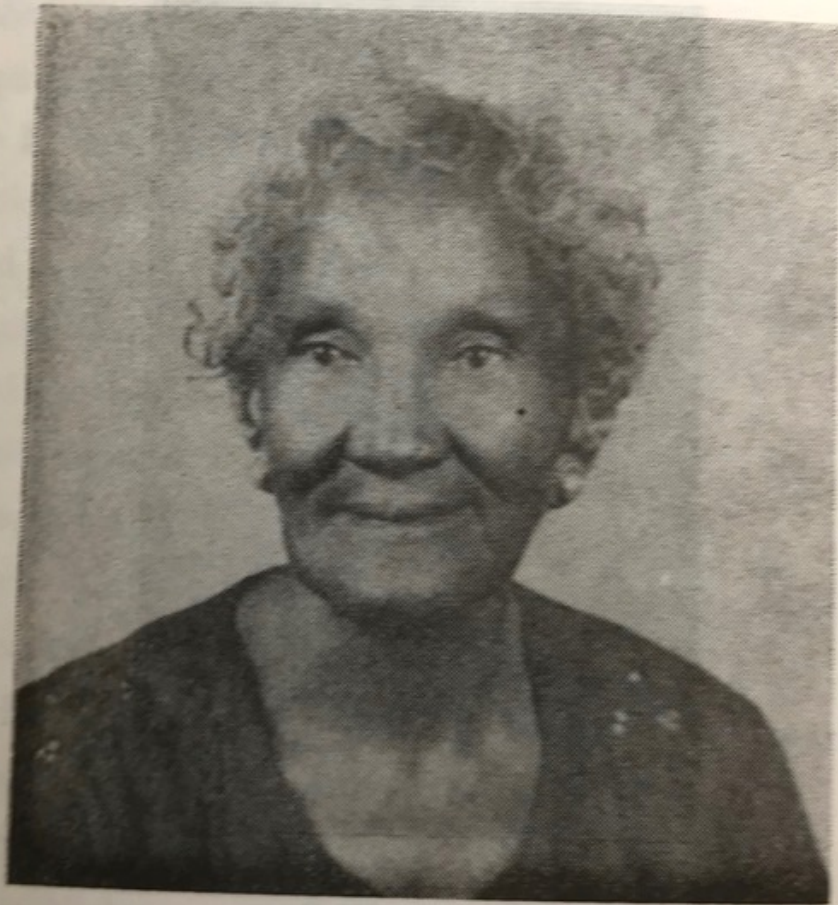
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Maggie L. Walker

St. Luke Builder and *"Inspiration"*

Her last Admonition - *"Carry On"*



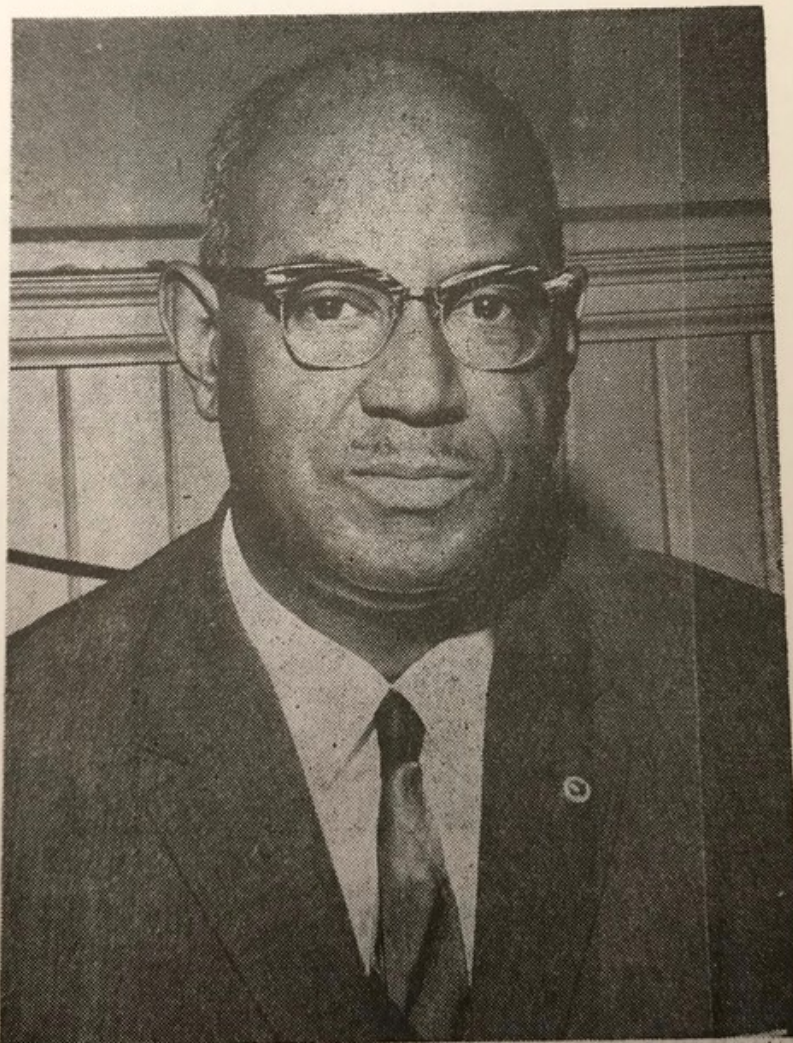
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Past Right Worthy Grand Chief

1965-1967

R. W. G. Secretary

Past R. W. G. Chief



Joseph D. Brown

Past R. W. G. Chief

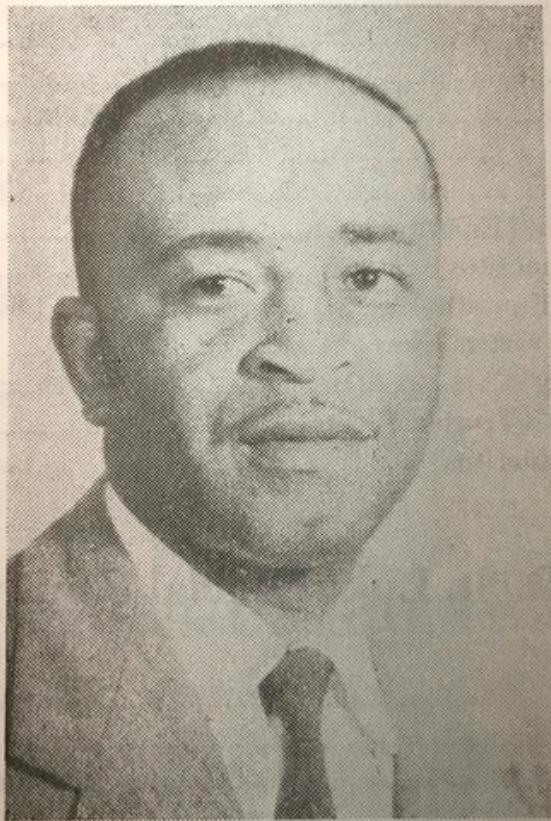


Lillie B. Lewis

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Board of Trustees

R. W. G. Chief



Charlie Enoch

CENTENNIAL SERVICES

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Joseph D. Brown	R. W. G. Secretary
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Ollie M. Gibbs	Bookkeeper
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Barbara Atkins	Assessment Department
Barbara Richardson	Assessment Department
Laura Clayton	Stenographer
Kirkland Cogbill	Printer (Retired)

CUSTODIAL SERVICE

Joseph Goode
Moses Taylor

Grand Council Officers

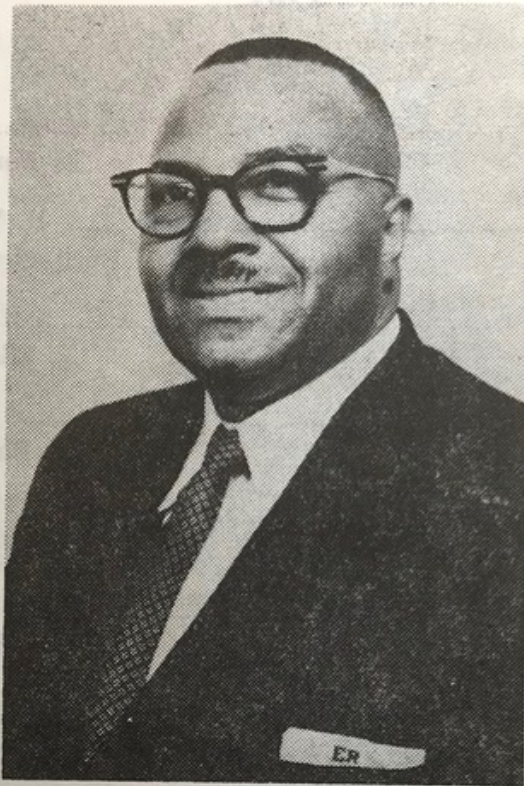
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Mrs. Edmonia Battle	R. W. G. Chief Portsmouth, Virginia
Mr. Charlie Enoch	R. W. G. Vice Chief Burlington, North Carolina
Mr. Joseph D. Brown	R. W. G. Secretary Richmond, Virginia
Rev. Edward M. Revels	R. W. G. Prelate Baltimore, Maryland
Mrs. Laura Dillard	R. W. G. Messenger Kimball, West Virginia
Rev. Shellie L. Gardner	R. W. G. Inside Sentinel Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Thelma H. Jones	R. W. G. Outside Sentinel Mt. Vernon, New York

Juvenile Grand Officers

Mrs. Laura Matthews	R. W. G. Matron Siler City, North Carolina
Mrs. Blannie Taliaferro	R. W. G. Vice Matron Bronx, New York
Mrs. Louise Mills	R. W. G. Prelate Pocomoke, Maryland
Mrs. Sadie B. Yancey	R. W. G. Messenger Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Daisy Jones	R. W. G. Inside Sentinel Hartford, Connecticut
Mrs. Sarah K. Watts	R. W. G. Outside Sentinel Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Convention Chairman



Rev. Edward M. Revels, B.Th., D.D.

R. W. Grand Prelate

The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Revels, Convention Chairman is the founder and minister of the St. Paul Christian Community Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

He was honored in his home state of North Carolina, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him.

Before his pastoral work took him away from his business, he was one of the leading businessmen of the City, and is a Candy Maker by trade.

Rev. Revels is very active in the civic life of the city and state. He is a member of the NAACP, YMCA, Boy Scouts, F. & A. A. Y. R., Vice President and General Chairman of the Annie Anderson Association for Aged and Handicapped, Vice President of Morris College of Sumter, S. C., and is Assistant Chaplain of the Maryland District. I. O. St. Luke.

The Honorary Chairman of the Centennial Committee



Trustee Goldie A. Minter is a woman of integrity and humility. She is a veteran of years of dedicated services to the Order, having served as Right Worthy Grand Chief and now Trustee of the Maryland District.

Convention Committee



Mrs. Goldie A. Minter, Honorary Chairman; Rev. E. M. Revels, General Chairman; Mrs. Fannie P. Rollins, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Bernice Anderson, Banquet Chairman; Mrs. Leola Dobson; Mrs. Catherine Jackson, Program Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Hurtt, Mrs. Mary Gray, Rev. Foster and Rev. Banks, Mrs. Gladys Wagner, Secretary; Mrs. Alverta Henson, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Mary Moseley, Treasurer.

One Hundred Years - And All's Well

For the first fifty years the pioneer workers were struggling to obtain a foot-hold that the foundation of our great Order would be both strong and secure.

Our heritage is a good name with strong principles, the Holy Bible our chart, and the Cross our Emblem.

For the second fifty years the builders have sustained character for the Order. They established a Convention to confer on the progress and problems which affect in a vital way the welfare of thousands of men, women, and children. By so doing, the Order has gained strength and courage to march forward and to successfully face the competitive forces of present day society. We realize that the work of maintaining the growth and preserving the eternal harmony after it has become established is still more vital.

May the future leaders be as strongly inspired by the spirit of unselfish devotion as were the pioneer workers. This is the wish we make for the preservation and future of our Order.

Dreamers are often times laughed at; doers are always commended. But the dreamer who is also a doer is the one who carries the world forward.

Dorothy V. Turner,

Field Representative

Baltimore, Maryland

August 14, 1967

The 72nd Annual Matrons-Patrons Conference opened with the Juvenile Directress, Mrs. Dorothy V. Turner presiding.

After a short meditation period ended Mrs. Turner had the house tiled by members available aiding the R. W. G. Messenger, Mrs. Sadie B. Yancey, Washington, D. C.

The following committees were appointed:

I. The Nominating Committee

Mr. Preston Lea, N. C.
 Mrs. Gertrude Gains, N. Y.
 Mrs. Evelyn Bernard, N. Y.
 Mrs. Ethel Gray, Virginia
 Mrs. Della Ireland, N. C.
 Mrs. Amanda B. Mason, Virginia

II. The Resolution Committee

Mrs. Lucy Boone, N. Y.
 Mrs. N. G. Andrews, Virginia
 Miss Vernell Rhodes, New York
 Mrs. Yvette Bates, D. C.

III. Good of the Order

Mrs. Nellie Parker, North Carolina
 Mrs. Mable Petty, New York
 Mrs. Willie McDonald, Va.
 Mrs. Lucy Gaines, Pennsylvania

A most gracious welcome was then given by Miss Althelia Hall representing the Juveniles of Baltimore.

A hymn, "What A Fellowship" was sung by the congregation after which other welcomes were given by Mrs. Alverta Henson, representing the Matrons of Baltimore, and Mrs. Ruth Cleaver representing the Women of Baltimore.

The acceptance of the welcomes was made by Miss Lauretta Hardy, Washington, D. C.

Echoes from the states were given by the following:

North Carolina, Mrs. M. L. Roberts
 Virginia, Mrs. Roberta Bragg
 Washington, D. C., Rev. S. L. Gardner
 New York, Deacon John Stratton
 West Virginia, Mrs. Della Mack

Connecticut, Mrs. Daisy Jones
Illinois, Mrs. Minnie B. Gadley
New Jersey, Mrs. Hopkins

Greetings from the Grand Council were given by the R. W. G. Secretary, Mr. Joseph D. Brown.

A solo "One God" was beautifully rendered by Mr. Samuel Sydnor.

The R. W. G. Matrons report was given by Mrs. Laura Mathews of Siler City, N. C.

Her opening statement was "How good it is for the Saint Luke to come together built on a firm foundation."

She further stated that we should know the Order, and for what it stands. In knowing and using the standards we could help keep the Circles together. We should thank the tree that bringeth forth good fruit.

The Juvenile Department stands for great heights and is the golden key for a successful future.

After this report was concluded, a solo "Lead Me and Guide Me" was sung by Mr. Samuel Sydnor.

The Biennial Report was given by the Field Representative, Mrs. Dorothy V. Turner.

She mentioned the states she had visited and stated some of the desires of the R. W. G. Secretary and Field Representative to be presented to the Trustee Board.

1. To increase certificates of Juvenile Department.
2. Paid up benefit or cash value at age of 18 years depending upon age of child when joining.
3. \$1000.00 policy, an increased certificate.

She also noted that the circles are facing problems of loosing Circles when a matron passes.

The solution for that was to train older girls to help matrons. This could also be done by Councils and Circles working together to help create better leadership hoping that the new generation would not have to struggle as we have.

The panel discussion "Progress Through Togetherness" began with Mrs. Laura Dillard, as leader due to the absence of Mrs. Thelma Jones, N. Y.

Persons appearing on the panel were:

Mrs. Lillie Wagstaff, N. C.
 Mrs. Dorothy E. Turner, N. C.
 Mrs. Lucille Jackson, Va.
 Mrs. Cassie Cabbell, West Va.
 Rev. O. J. Brooks, N. Y.
 Mr. Roenza Wynn, N. Y.

Panel Facts

Two words of great interest are Progress and Togetherness.

No man stands alone. In order to progress we must work together as one.

Progress through togetherness is illustrated through the I. O. of St. Luke and as a result we have this great celebration today. With continued cooperation the Order will surely progress.

Working together goes back to the home, then to the church and community. All of these working together for worthwhile things will give us many golden years.

Progress was made from the beginning by the great organizer, Mary Prout. The Negro with the help of God, can and will progress. We must forever have faith in God and man in order to progress.

As St. Lukes we are striving to follow our theme, "Progress Through Togetherness."

The Dollar March for Matrons was announced by Mrs. Turner and the ladies proudly marched around the chapel after receiving their dollars. They were led by Mrs. Gladys Goodine of New York.

After the march the "Tube Rose Circle," New York rendered a selection "It Is Well With My Soul."

Other selections rendered at this time were:

A recitation "My Bible Is My Life," Theresa Jackson, New York.

A musical selection "Everlasting Life," The Martin Sisters, Burlington, N. C.

Baltimore Juveniles sang "I'll Take Jesus As My Friend."

Report of Committees:

1. Nominating Committee

Mrs. Blannie Taliaferro, R. W. G. Matron

Mrs. Louise Mills, R. W. G. Vice Matron

Mrs. Sadie B. Yancey, R. W. G. Prelate

Mrs. Daisy Jones, R. W. G. Messenger
 Mrs. Sarah K. Watts, R. W. G. Inside Sentinel
 Mrs. Lottie B. Heath, R. W. G. Outside Sentinel

Words of inspiration were given the officers which were really enjoyed by everyone present, because they gave a thorough meaning of true St. Luke spirit. They were given by Mrs. Sarah Brown of Richmond, Va., wife of the R. W. G. Secretary.

She defined each letter in the words Saint Luke Juvenile.

S—Saviour, Matthew 1:21 God is first in our lives.

A—Ask and it shall be given.

I—Invitation - Come unto me all ye that are weary

N—New Birth.

T—Thanksgiving - Give thanks in all things

L—Love ye one another - God is love.

U—Unity - oneness.

K—Key - Prayer is the key.

E—Eternal life - A promise from God

J—Joy.

U—Union - In union there is strength.

V—Victory - Conquer ourselves

E—Everlasting hope.

N—Need

I—Inspiration - Inspire others to come to meetings.

L—Life - Source of life comes from God.

E—Earn - Earn your office by serving.

This dynamic address was a challenging message to everyone.

The officers were then installed, being presented by Mrs. Frances Saunders, New York, who also gave them instructions which were supervised by Past R. W. G. Secretary, Mr. Horace Scott.

Another Committee asked to report.

Good of the Order

The Committee made the following report:

I. We recommend that separate registration areas for delegates to the Matron-Patron Conference aside from the delegates to the general convention.

II. Have a planned program with more of our children participating on Youth Day.

The Committee - Mesdames Lncy Gaines, Willie A. McDonald, and Nellie Parker.

Juvenile

Credentials Committee

Chairman, Mrs. Cora Perkins, Virginia
 Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Virginia
 Mrs. Celia Wooldridge, Virginia
 Miss Brenda Richardson, Virginia
 Mrs. Marie C. Braxton, D. C.

Resolution Committee

Chairman, Mrs. Lucy Boone, New York
 Miss Bettie McCleod, Maryland
 Miss Josephine Crawford, Connecticut
 Miss Yvette Bates, D. C.
 Miss Barbara McBride, Maryland
 Miss Vernell Rhodes, New York

Nomination Committee

Chairman, Mrs. Bettie Collins, West Virginia
 Mrs. Ellen Wiltey, Maryland
 Mrs. Gertrude Gaines, New York
 Mr. William Jackson, New York
 Mrs. Dianna Williams, North Carolina
 Miss Evelyn Evans, Virginia

We recommend the following Juvenile Grand Officers:

Mrs. Blannie Taliaferro, Bronx, N. Y.	R. W. G. Matron
Mrs. Louise Mills, Pocomoke City, Maryland	R. W. G. Vice Matron
Mrs. Sadie B. Yancey, District of Columbia	R. W. G. Prelate
Mrs. Daisy Jones, Hartford, Conn.	R. W. G. Messenger
Mrs. Sarah K. Watts, Phila., Pa.	R. W. G. Inside Sentinel
Mrs. Lottie B. Heath, New York	R. W. G. Outside Sentinel

Juvenile Condolence Committee

R. W. G. Chief, R. W. G. Secretary, all Grand Officers and Delegates, we the committee wish to make the following report:

We regret the passing of many Grand Officers and Members. We are grieved at the passing of our long time Grand Patron, Mr. John Savage since our last Convention.

We commend the bereaved to God who is the healer of all wounds.

A few more years shall roll, a few more seasons come, and we, too, shall be with those who sleep.

Respectfully submitted,

- Mrs. Lottie B. Heath, Chairman
- Mrs. Florence Carter
- Mrs. Louise Mills
- Mrs. Della Ireland
- Mrs. L. Bizzell
- Mr. Homer Hines
- Mrs. Lucy Boone

Good of the Order Committee

- Chairman, Mrs. Nellie C. Parker, North Carolina
- Miss Willie McDonald, Virginia
- Mr. James Allison, New York
- Miss LaVerne Hylton, Virginia
- Mr. Vincent Garrett, Maryland
- Mrs. Leola Shipman, North Carolina

CITIZENS NIGHT

Monday, August 14, 1967 — 7:30 O'clock

Presentation of Presiding Officers	Mrs. Catherine H. Jackson District Deputy, Baltimore, Md.
Presiding	Dr. Edward M. Revels, General Chairman Mrs. Celia McLeod, R.S. Faith Council, Baltimore, Md.
Devotionals	
Welcome Address	Mrs. Goldie A. Minter Honorary Chairman and R. W. G. Trustee
Music	Psalmist Baptist Church Chorus
Greetings	3 Minutes
State Senator	Mrs. Verda Welcome
Dr. Lillie Mae Jackson	NAACP
Rev. Marion Bacomb	Interdem Ministerial Alliance
Dr. Martin Jenkins	President Morgan State College
Music	Austin and Samuel Sydnor
Dr. Thurmond Templeton	Urban League
Rev. O. D. Nance	Conference President, Baptist Night
Rev. Ernest P. Clarke	Methodist Conference
Mr. Leroy Dyette	Morticians Association
Remarks	R. W. G. Secretary Mr. J. D. Brown
Benediction	

THE PAGEANT

Introduction	Mrs. Mary L. Winston
Music	National Anthem
Presentation	
Closing Remarks	Mrs. Dorothy V. Turner
Benediction	Mr. Alvis Pinnix, Burlington, N. C.

THE PAGEANT

Presented Monday evening, August 14, 1967

A Pageant written and directed by the Field Representative, Dorothy V. Turner, was presented Monday evening, August 14, 1967 at the Faith Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

The pageant was colorful and informative, depicting 100 years of progress. The music was under the supervision of Mrs. Celia McLeod, Music Directress of Faith Baptist Church and a 55 voice chorus composed of members of the Faith Baptist and the St. Paul Community Churches.

The past 100 years are of historical importance, an Order founded by a very modest person, Mary Prout in 1867. She had a desire to help her people, leaving a rich but humble heritage. Down through the years the Order has been blessed with good leadership. Foremost among the great leaders were Maggie L. Walker, Lillian S. Bazley, Hattie N. F. Walker, Horace H. Scott and Joseph D. Brown our present R. W. G. Secretary.

The participants in the pageant were selected from the St. Luke Office Staff and members from the States in which we are represented.

As we close the record of the past, we look to the days ahead. As in the life of any human institution or agency, in God's Divine Providence these will be days without end, since the needs of men and women will continue as long as the earth moves and the stars and planets revolve.

In that future, may the Independent Order of St. Luke grow strong and vigorous in the love of God, and in deep concern for the welfare of man.

Dorothy V. Turner,

Field Representative

**JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CENTENNIAL
OBSERVANCE OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
OF THE R. W. G. COUNCIL, I. O. ST. LUKE**

Tuesday, August 15, 1967

CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

9:00 A. M.

The meeting opened with R. W. G. Chief, Mrs. Edmonia Battle, presiding. Rev. Shellie Gardner, R. W. G. Inside Sentinel, conducted devotionals. Opening Hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" was led by the choir. The music for the morning was furnished by the Baltimore St. Luke Choir under the direction of Mrs. Leola Dodson, Md. Rev. A. T. Alston read the scripture, 2nd Chapter of Acts, 13 verses and offered prayer.

The R. W. G. Council opened in due form with all officers at their respective stations.

All joined in singing the second verse of "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

The R. W. G. Secretary, Mr. J. D. Brown called the Roll of Grand Officers and Trustees. All answered present with exception of Trustees Ruth Morris, Hattie N. F. Walker and Nellie Wynn, they were absent due to illness.

The Credentials Committee was appointed with Mrs. Cora S. Perkins, Va., as Chairman.

A telegram of congratulation from the Governor of Maryland was read after which the choir lead in singing "I Surrender All."

While waiting for the Mayor to appear the members had a brief song and testimonial service.

We are happy that Mrs. Bessie W. Taylor of D. C. and Mrs. Goldie A. Minter of Maryland, two of our senior Trustees, were able to attend the Centennial Convention.

A hymn "Oh How I Love Jesus" was dedicated to Mrs. Sarah Johnson, deceased, who fought so hard to bring the Convention to Baltimore.

In absence of Dr. Paige, the Pastor of this Church, Rev. Brown the Assistant Pastor extended words of welcome. A most hearty welcome was given by Rev. Mr. Brown in which he quoted, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels but have not love, I am nothing."

Mrs. Gladys Nixon welcomed the body with glowing remarks on behalf of the Fraternal Societies.

Mrs. Mary Moseley, a faithful member for many years gave words of welcome from the Baltimore St. Luke. A beautiful poem on "Keep Faith" closed her welcome.

The meeting was turned over to Dr. E. M. Revels, R. W. G. Prelate, who presented Dr. Emerson R. Julian. Dr. Julian, noted for his activities in political life presented the Mayor, The Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin. Mayor McKeldin opened his greetings with passages from the Bible. He stressed Love and Togetherness. He said we must not expect God to do for us what we can do for ourselves, and until we recognize all men as brothers on earth, we cannot succeed. Mayor McKeldin is not only a Mayor, he is a man of God.

Response to the welcome was made by Mr. H. H. Scott, Past R. W. G. Secretary. Mr. Scott closed his response as Mrs. Maggie Walker would have said, Thank You! Thank You. Carry On.

Mrs. Lucy Gaines of Pennsylvania lifted our souls with a beautiful solo "The Lord's Prayer."

Rev. Revels introduced the speaker of the morning, Rev. W. W. Payne, Minister of Wayland Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Payne, a St. Luke from childhood, said, "It was an honor to preach this Centennial Sermon." His text "A Look at Luke," so forcefully delivered brought joy to our hearts. He stressed the importance of being thankful to God for his blessings; being kind to one another; keep the faith and keep on keeping on. He left with us the five words taken from the pen of Apostle Paul "Only Luke is with Me."

Music by the choir "Shine on Me," followed the sermon. The visitors, delegates and all St. Luke were presented by Mr. J. D. Brown.

Greetings were brought from Mrs. Sarah Collier, Trustee at large of Illinois, by Mrs. Olivia Terry.

After other expressions and songs the meeting adjourned.

August 15, 1967

Tuesday Afternoon Session

2:00 P. M.

The afternoon session of the R. W. G. Council opened with Mr. Charlie Enoch, R. W. G. Vice Chief, presiding.

Trustee Oliver J. Brooks read the scripture and offered prayer after which the hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung.

At this point several of the members expressed their feelings through song and all joined in singing these old familiar tunes.

Roll call of Grand Officers and Trustees by the R. W. G. Secretary, Mr. Brown, and those answering present and absent were the same as indicated in the morning session.

The rendition of the "Creation" by Mr. Robert Jackson of Portsmouth, Va. which followed was superb.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read; upon motion made by Mrs. Olivia Terry, Illinois, and seconded by Mrs. Beulah Fulton, N. Y., they were adopted.

Mrs. Edmonia Battle, R.W.G. Chief delivered her Annual Address. She recalled the trail blazers of the Order and reminded us that a trail without any travelers will soon fade away. She stated that our highway traffic has been decreasing in the last few years and the answer to this deficiency must be met and improved to insure a throbbing highway for the next generation. She thanked those who gave her guidance the past two years.

Mrs. Nannie Day, N. C., made the motion to receive the report and turn it over to the committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Mrs. Gladys Bennings, Wisconsin, seconded the motion, motion carried.

The R. W. G. Secretary, Mr. J. D. Brown gave his annual report. He brought greetings to the delegation on this 100th Annual and 25th Biennial Session. He said we must reflect our thoughts to the humble beginning of the Order, keep the faith and live up to the high standards of Love, Purity and Charity. Production is still the uppermost thing in the mind of Mr. Brown. He asked that each member move someone to work for the Order, and pass the word on to others. It is the desire of the Order to institute new features, however, before this can be done, there are certain revisions to be made in the Constitution. The Order depends upon each members when it thinks in terms of growth for our greatest need is assessment dollars which can only be derived from increased membership. Mr. Brown reported on the Financial

Status of the Order, after which he read the Statistical and membership reports.

The presence of Mr. Kirkland Cogbill, our printer was missed from this Convention. He has been confined to bed for eight months, due to illness.

Tribute was paid to the deceased Grand Officers and Trustees, Mrs. Delilah Chrysler, Dr. A. W. Brown and Mr. Harry Braxton. In closing this report, Mr. Brown expressed his gratitude to all for the support given him and urged all to "Carry On."

Mrs. Lucy Simon, D. C., made the motion to receive the wonderful report of the R. W. G. Secretary to be turned over to the proper committee. Mrs. Martha Pinnix, North Carolina, seconded the motion.

The next number on program was a solo "The Impossible" rendered by Mr. Robert Jackson, which was dedicated to our Field Representative, Mrs. Dorothy V. Turner.

Atty. M. Ralph Page read the report of the Trustee Board and stated that the Bureau of Insurance, State of Virginia suggested that revisions of portions of the Constitution were needed and because of this, the Trustee Board, appointed Mr. J. D. Brown, Atty. Page and Mr. H. H. Scott to make the necessary changes and additions subject to the approval of this Convention.

The following appointments, subject to confirmation of the body. Due to the physical condition of Trustee Nellie J. Wynn, Mrs. Ethel W. Snead was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her mother. Dr. C. B. F. Hinton of Virginia was selected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. A. W. Brown, deceased and Mrs. Gladys Bennings, Wisconsin, was appointed to serve as Trustee at large to fill the place left vacant by Mrs. Delilah Chrysler, deceased.

Dr. Revels, chairman of the Centennial Convention was graciously thanked for making our Convention a complete success.

Mr. H. H. Scott, Virginia, moved that the report of the Trustee Board be adopted and all acts of said board during the interim be ratified. Mrs. Mary B. Coles, Pennsylvania, seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

The Medical Examiner, Dr. B. H. Bowser, reported that the national cause of death is heart disease or cerebral hemorrhage. Records show that during the two year period adjusted claims amounted to \$5,950.00. There were only two disability claims during this period. Claims paid to date are 32,716 amounting to \$3,741,989.23. He stressed continued growth, especially in the Juvenile Department as this serves as a feeder for the Adult Department.

Mr. Robert Jackson, Virginia, made the motion to receive the report and turn it over to the proper committee. Mrs. Nannie Day, North Carolina, seconded the motion and it was carried.

Music "Something Got A Hold On Me," was rendered by Mr. Robert Jackson of Virginia.

Atty. M. Ralph Page, Legal Advisor, reported that over the past two years he has worked with the R. W. G. Secretary and the Trustee Board to make the business and legal aspects of the Order effective and sound; assets now being close to \$1,000,000.00

Upon motion made by Mrs. Lizzie B. Smith, Pennsylvania, and seconded by Mrs. Mattie L. Moore, D. C., the report was received and turned over to the proper committee.

Atty. Page reported that over the past two years, investments have been made amounting to \$188,655.00 with a net return of \$4,196.28.

A motion was made by Mr. Vernell Parker, N. Y., to adopt the report of the Investment Committee; Mrs. Louise Hawkins, North Carolina, seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Music "Something Got A Hold On Me," was rendered by Mr. Robert Jackson of Virginia.

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FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

Tuesday evening, August 15th, 7:30 o'clock

Faith Baptist Multi-Purpose Room

Mistress of Ceremonies Mrs. Gladys Goodine, N.Y.C.
and Mrs. Louise Mills, R.W.G. Prelate, Juvenile Department

Invocation Rev. S. L. Gardner, R. W. G. Inside Sentinel

REFRESHMENT PERIOD

Remarks Mr. J. D. Brown, R. W. G. Secretary

Presentations to District Officers and Others

Solo Miss Rebecca Sydnor
Student, Peabody Conservatory of Music

Felicitations — 3 Minutes

Mr. Frank Butler, District Grand Secretary,
Grand United Order of Odd Fellows

Mr. Elander English, Grand Master of Jobs

Music Mr. Alvin Richardson, Minister of Music

Mr. Clarence Bishop, Grand President of Mt. Olive Association,
Inc.

Mrs. Betty Moss, Vice President of Afro-American Publications

Solo Mrs. Audrey Green
Psalmist Baptist Church

Mrs. Mary Hawkins, Methodist Women

Mrs. Blanche White, President, Master Beauticians

Mr. Milton Branch, Manager, Southern Life Insurance Company

Solo Mr. Fleming James
Past Worthy Shepherd of Nazarites

Mrs. Mable Gee, President, Sunday School and Baptist Training
Union of Maryland

Benediction

Adjournment

August 16, 1965

Wednesday morning Session

The Grand Council, I. O. of St. Luke opened in usual ritualistic form after which the hymn "Stand up for Jesus" was sung. Devotionals were conducted by Trustee C. B. F. Hinton of Richmond, Virginia. The scripture was selected from St. Luke followed by the hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." A lively testimonial period followed. A review of committees was made by the R. W. G. Secretary. The roll call of Grand Officers and Trustees followed. All were present with the exception of Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker, Mrs. Ruth Morris, Mrs. Nellie J. Wynn and Mrs. Sarah Collier, Trustee at large. All absences due to illness.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mrs. Nellie Parker of Morgantown Council, Burlington, North Carolina, made the motion and Mrs. Della Mack of Bluefield, W. Va. seconded the motion. Sister Della Mack led the delegation in singing "Precious Lord Take My Hand."

The R. W. G. Chief, Mrs. Edmonia Battle, Portsmouth, Virginia called for reports:

1. The Credentials Committee — Mrs. Cora S. Perkins, Richmond, Virginia, Chairman made the report. It was motioned by Mrs. Love Roberts of Shelby, North Carolina, and seconded by Mrs. Lucy Gaines of Philadelphia, Pa., that the report be received and adopted.

2. Grand Officers Reports and Addresses — The Committee commended the R. W. G. Chief for her splendid report and requested that each delegate be responsible for carrying the report home. Mr. Vernell Parker of New York served as Chairman of the Committee. Mrs. Leola Dobson, of Baltimore moved the adoption of the report and Mrs. Pearl Glover, Richmond, Virginia, seconded the motion.

3. Good of the Order — Mrs. Gladys Bennings, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Chairman. Mrs. Dorothy Anthony, Meridian Council, New Rochelle, N. Y. made the motion for the adoption of the report and Mrs. Margaret Brown, Baltimore, Maryland seconded the motion. This report was turned over to the Board for further action.

4. Resolutions Committee — Mrs. Mary Smith, West Virginia Chairman. There was a lengthy discussion relative to wearing white dresses during all sessions of the Convention. Comments suggesting that the members dress as they desire were made by

Mrs. Lucy Simon, Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Gladys Goodine of New York. After the discussion a substitute motion was made by Trustee Horace H. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Mamie Mitchell of Scottsburg, Va., that the report be turned over to the Trustee Board for future action.

5. Committee on Courtesies — Mrs. Bessie Harris, Chairman. The report was received. Mrs. Ruverna Ward, Nyack, N. Y., made the motion and Mrs. Waitress Holly of Baltimore, Maryland, seconded the motion. Report received.

6. Nomination Committee — Mrs. Octavia Terry, Chairman, Evanston, Illinois. The report was received with the addition of a Grand Officer, Mr. Alvis Pinnis of Burlington, North Carolina, Mr. Robert Jackson, Wynn Council, Portsmouth, Va., made the motion to receive the report, Trustee L. E. Humphreys, N. J., seconded the motion. The report was received.

A comment was made by Mr. Robert Jackson suggesting that the young people of the convention receive convention assignments or stay at home. This statement was well taken by the delegation.

The Panel - PROGRESS THROUGH TOGETHERNESS followed.

Moderator, Mrs. Laura Dillard, Pages Pride, Kimball, W. Va. She opened her discussion with the question, How much have you contributed to the social, economic, political, educational, mental, civic and economy of your country?

Listed are excerpts from statements made by panelist:

Trustee C. B. F. Hinton: God started unity and there is strength in togetherness.

Trustee Roenza Wynn: Go forward for progress. Much can be accomplished in this time of confusion through togetherness. Positions do not make men but men make positions.

Mrs. Gladys Goodine: The world would not be in this turmoil if we had togetherness. Good leadership has piloted the Order these 100 years.

Mrs. Daisy Jones: Get together with ourselves with a plan and then stand up and be counted. Stop complaining, pray for guidance and trust one another.

Mrs. Lottie B. Heath: We are standing on the threshold. Togetherness means enthusiasm, thankfulness, harmony, service and sacrifice. Take one year at a time.

Mrs. Nannie Daye: 100 years ago there were sacrifices. Let us not be confounded. We must pray for guidance.

Mrs. Jennie James: To progress we must have togetherness. This is necessary in the home, church and community and most

of all we must be together with God.

Mrs. Esther McDavid: We owe so much to our great leaders. We must sing, pray and work together with God for progress.

Mrs. Louise F. Hawkins: My friend is God, the solver of all of my problems. St. Luke is one of the greatest examples of progress through togetherness.

Mrs. Mary Washington: Together we stand, divided we fall. Love will put us together.

Mrs. Josephine Payne: The door to progress is education. Let us go forward to help the less fortunate.

Mr. Daniel Perkins: Progress means moving forward. We must move together. If we do not hang together, we hang separately.

The delegation was enthusiastic in its applause for the inspiring discussion.

The report of the grievance committee followed. The report was received and adopted. Mrs. Catharine Jackson, Baltimore, Maryland, made the motion and Mrs. Geneva Powell, Baltimore, seconded the motion to accept the report which was approved by the delegation.

The Courtesy Committee: Mrs. Lucille Jackson, Chairman, Virginia. The report was received upon a motion made by Mrs. Willie McDonald, Virginia, but was not seconded as there was a final report to be made at the last session of the Convention.

Mr. Robert Jackson an energetic young man and a member of Wynns Council, Portsmouth, Va., made an appeal to the Convention, his theme "Go forth with the young people." He was supported by a committee, the young adult progress group. The basis of the report was, use your young people, place them in positions of leadership. Revamp a part of the program to include more young people. Upon recommendation of Trustee Scott the report was unanimously received with a standing ovation from the delegation and placed in the hands of the Trustee Board for future action.

Meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock.

August 16, 1967

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session of the Right Worthy Grand Council opened with the Rev. Albert T. Alston of Burlington, N. C., in charge of the devotional period. The scripture, 12th chapter of Eccles. was read followed by prayer and congregational singing of the hymn "God Is Real." The pianists for the session were Mrs. Leola Dobson and Mr. Sydnor of Baltimore. The R. W. G. Secretary, J. D. Brown called for final report of committees. The report of the Appeals Committee was heard. Mrs. Gladys Hicks, Lincoln Council, Bluefield, W. Va. offered a motion that the report be received. Mrs. Ruverna Ward, Nyack, N. Y., seconded the motion. Mr. Gerald Lamb, Treasurer of the State of Connecticut, sent a letter of congratulations to the Convention on its 100th observance.

Copies of the original and revised constitutional amendments were passed to the delegates. Attorney M. Ralph Page read the original and Trustee Horace H. Scott the revised portion. The motion to accept the changes was made by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Lillian Humphreys of New Jersey. The constitutional changes along with a change in the collection of semi-annual taxes due in June and December of each year were accepted by the delegation.

The Tax Change is: Beginning January first, nineteen sixty-eight, the June and December payment of the Semi-Annual Tax will be paid by another method. Each member will pay an additional thirteen cents monthly and when the months of June and December arrive, the semi-annual tax will have been paid, thereby doing away with the expense of sending out separate tax sheets and delinquent notices. The Juvenile members will pay an additional one cent per month which will cover their June and December payments. The R. W. G. Council adopted amendments to constitution, same to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees in its semi-annual meeting for proper word correction. An interesting discussion; VOICES OF THE PAST with the pioneer members of the Order participating was next.

Members participating and excerpts from their talk are as follows: Trustee Sarah H. Page of Kimball, W. Va. She spoke of the birth of the Order, its progress, the trials and tribulations encountered and of God's blessings through the years. She closed by singing "His Eye Is On The Sparrow."

Mrs. Bessie J. Brooks, State Supervising Deputy, New York. She cited the progress of the Order through the years and spoke

of her devotion to the principles upon which it is built.

Mrs. Marigene Coles of Philadelphia, Penn. Expressed appreciation for the pleasures derived from her association with the Organization down through the years. (It was regretful that Trustee Lizzie B. Smith of Pennsylvania, a member of many years could not appear on the Panel because of illness. Mrs. Smith has made many contributions to the progress and growth of the Order.)

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Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church. In his opening statement, the Rev. Mr. Alston extended greetings from the state of North Carolina, and from his pastorate, the Mt. Sinai Bapt. Church Durham, N. C. Dr. Foster is a retired school teacher and a past Moderator for the North Carolina Baptist Convention. His subject was taken from Isaiah 21st chapter and the 11th verse, Watchman, What Of The Night? He said that God works miracles in the darkest hours and brings consolation and peace to the soul. When things are darkest we must trust God, for joy, cometh in the morning. After the uplifting sermon, Mrs. Leola Dobson led in singing, "The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now."

The R. W. G. Secretary spoke briefly, thanking the Centennial Committee and the delegates for their cooperation in helping to make the Centennial Observance a tremendous success. He also announced that certificates of merit would be mailed to members for membership solicitations. The report of the courtesy committee was heard and on motion made by Trustee Ethel Snead of Portsmouth Va. and seconded by Mrs. Kathleen Schaed of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the report was turned over to the Trustee Board.

Closing remarks were made by the R. W. G. Chief, Mr. Charlie Enoch. Benediction Dr. E. M. Revels, Convention Chairman.

Bringing to a close a wonderful 100 years, with a firmer belief in the principles of the Order, Love, Purity and Charity, and trusting that since many purposes have been met over the past 100 years that there will be a fresh insight into their meaning and importance in the days ahead.

Dorothy V. Turner

and

Bettie Collins

Convention Recorders

Resolutions Committee

Right Worthy Grand Chief, Grand Officers and Delegates:

We the Committee on Resolutions present the following for your approval:

1. That the delegates in attendance at the Convention be required to wear white dresses to all sessions of the Convention.
2. That an earlier hour be designated as closing time for each session to permit delegates and members time to rest after sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

- Mrs. Mary J. Smith, Chm., Va.
- Mrs. Minnie Smith, New Jersey
- Mr. Alfred D. Ware, Va.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Del.
- Mrs. Willie Gray, N. C.
- Mrs. Bernice Anderson, Md.
- Mrs. Leola Dobson, Md.

Grand Officers Reports and Addresses

R. W. Grand Chief, Officers and Delegates, we the committee on reports beg to make the following report for the Centennial session of the Independent Order of St. Luke, convening in this City of Baltimore. We have carefully examined the Grand Officers reports and wish to commend the report of the R. W. G. Chief and wish her God's speed. We are of the opinion that all of the reports were presented in grand style and ask that each delegate take home a copy of each report available and present them to their Council.

Respectfully submitted,

- Mr. Vernell Parker, Chm., N.Y.
- Mrs. Helen Whitehead, Va.
- Mrs. Gladys Hicks, West Va.
- Mrs. Martha Pinnix, N. C.
- Miss Seymoure Burke, D. C.

Nomination Committee

We the members of the Nomination Committee make the following recommendations for Grand Officers:

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| Mr. Charlie Enoch | R. W. G. Chief |
| Mrs. Laura Dillard | R. W. G. Vice Chief |
| Dr. E. M. Revels | R. W. G. Prelate |
| Rev. Shellie Gardner | R. W. G. Messenger |
| Mrs. Thelma H. Jones | R. W. G. Inside Sentinel |

Mr. Alvis Pinnix R. W. G. Outside Sentinel

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Olivia Terry, Chm., Ill.
 Mrs. Martha Davis, N. J.
 Mrs. Otelia Wade, Va.
 Mr. James W. Dillard, West Va.
 Mrs. Ruth Lewis, West Va.
 Mrs. Eloise Cropper, Maryland

Condolence Committee

Right Worthy Grand Chief, Grand Officers, Trustees and Delegates:

We submit our report as follows:

We feel the weakness of our words when we attempt to express deep regard for the loss of the departed members of our Order.

We bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God, trusting that the Heavenly Father may bring comfort to our bereaved hearts and may we cherish the memory of those who have gone on before us. We say with God, "It is well with my soul."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Lucille Jackson, Va., Chm.
 Mr. Johnnie Spence, N.J.
 Mrs. Virgie Moody, N.Y.
 Mr. Preston Lea, N.C.
 Miss Maude C. Smith, D.C.
 Mrs. Lucy Gaines, Pa.
 Mrs. Mary Nixon, Pa.
 Mrs. Laura Matthews, N. C.
 Mrs. Margaret Scott, W. Va.
 Mrs. Reecy Quinne, Va.

Youth Progress Committee

1. We advocate the use of young people in the convention program.
2. We advocate the respect of time and more interest in the program of the Order.
3. We recommend the rotation of the Convention.
4. The training of young people to take the place of adult members.

5. The use of young people in planning special activities for their interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Jackson, Va., Chm.

Margaret Johnson,

Phillip McIntyre

Marva Groom

Mary Sills

Yvonne Landy

Linda Warren

Kenneth Warren

Grievance Committee

We recommend that the Legal Advisor's report be shortened to facilitate time.

We are suggesting that the wearing of white dresses be left to the individual's preference and not in the hands of the Trustee Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Larola Driscoll, Chm.

Mrs. Eva C. Jackson

Mrs. Amanda Mason

Mrs. Mattie Ross

Mrs. Deborah Davis

Mrs. Anna Austin

Good of the Order Committee

We the Committee on the Good of the Order submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the certificates of the order be increased.
2. A program attractive to securing additional workers in each State be planned.
3. That the age limit for new members be increased.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Laura Heyward, Chm.,

D. C.

Mrs. Ethel Holmes, N. J.

Mrs. Bessie Flowers, N. Y.

Mrs. Gladys Bennings, Wis.

Special Courtesy Committee

R. W. G. Chief, R. W. G. Secretary, Grand Officers, Delegates and Members:

We your Committee on Special Courtesies submit the following report: We thank the assistant Pastor, Officers and members of the Faith Baptist Church of Baltimore, for so graciously opening the doors of the Church and allowing the Right Worthy Grand Council to observe the One Hundredth Anniversary in the City of its birth, Baltimore. We thank the honorable Mayor McKeldin for his most inspiring address of welcome.

We also thank the Officers and members of this great Order for this very harmonious Convention which has given us a firmer belief in the principles of the Order, Love, Purity and Charity.

May God bless each of you who served on the Great Centennial Committee.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Bessie Harris, Chairman

Mrs. Geneva Powell, N. Y.

Mrs. Bertha Taylor, D.C.

Appeals Committee

R. W. G. Chief, R. W. G. Secretary, Officers and Delegates:

We your Committee on Appeals are happy to report that no appeals have been brought to our attention.

Mr. Daniel Perkins, Chm., Va.

Mrs. Helen Brown, N.C.

Mrs. Ethel Holme, N. J.

Mrs. Mattie Williams, Conn.

Mrs. Lorine Moore, Md.

Mrs. Gladys Bennings, Wis.

Mrs. Clotee Holly, N. Y.

Adult Credential Report

August, 1967

State	Co. No. of	Pres. No. Del.	Abs. No. of No. Del.	No. of No. of Vis.	Amt.	Fine
Conn.	8	2	6 2		\$29.75	
D. C.	16	12	4 15		90.00	
Delaware	1	1	0 1		6.00	
Illinois	1	1	0 1		6.00	
Maryland	20	11	9 14		66.00	
N. C.	27	9	18 18		72.00	
New Jersey	15	3	12 11		53.00	
New York	23	11	12 18		114.00	
Pennsylvania	17	3	14 4		39.00	
W. Virginia	15	6	9 8		42.00	
Wisconsin	1	1	0 2		6.00....	
Virginia	188	40	148 49		512.00	
Total	332	100	232 143	600	\$1,035.75	\$10.50
Adult	332	100	232 127		291.18	2.00
Juvenile	149	75	74 4		24.00	
P. O.	14	4	10 30			
G.O. & Trustees			2			
Total	495	179	318 304	600	\$1,350.93	\$12.50

Minnie O. Smith, N.J.

Margaret Lewis, Va.

Celia Wooldridge, Va.

Brenda Richardson, Va.

Chr., Cora S. Perkins, Va.

**REPORTS OF
GRAND OFFICERS
And The
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

REPORT OF R. W. G. CHIEF

Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Grand Officers, Trustees, Matrons, Patrons and Delegates assembled:

Greetings:

Today we thank God for one of the rarest moments of any organization, "The Centennial Celebration." This Convention has significant value to former dedicated officers and trusting members, who have labored severely to accomplish the Order's purpose and more for their contemporary and future society. This evaluation, if expressible, can best be deliberated by our founder, Miss Mary Prout, Mr. W. M. T. Forrester, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker, Mrs. Dorothy V. Turner, and the Honorable Horace H. Scott.

They were, and are leaders, who blazed the trail for this elite organization. The matrons, trustees, patrons, and members must assume the responsibilities and the "torch" for another new era. "For a trail without any travelers will soon fade away."

The road for Miss Mary Prout, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, and the others was hard and full of obstacles that few would ever attempt to tackle. Through continued faith in God, themselves and their fellow workers, they have produced astounding results. Their results collectively have given the Independent Order of Saint Luke providential liabilities acceptable anywhere in the nation.

The highway that the Independent Order of Saint Luke has built from a mere trail one hundred years ago by our Daniel Boone, Miss Mary Prout, will need more maintenance and care than the yesteryears. "For a modern society demands much more from its highways than an ancient one."

Why does a modern society demand this? Our society's livelihood depends on its highways whose constituents are carefully

selected to accommodate a heavier and chronic traffic. Similar, our Order's livelihood depends on its members. But the traffic on our centennial highway has been decreasing in the last few years. Is our road properly equipped and maintained? It is constructed of the right materials for its purpose? Or is another road taking our share of the traffic? Whatever the answer to its deficiency the problems must be met and improved to insure a throbbing highway for the next generation.

We as an Organization have made a magnificent contribution to the Negro society, but have we as individuals done our share for the problems that plague our race, our state, our country, and our beloved world? You as an individual may seem small for such large tasks, but it is you acting with other individuals that solve the problems and render the support that is needed by such large units.

As Right Worthy Grand Chief, my prayer is that the future leaders hold the purpose and aim of this Order as a light to lead others. The brightness of their light will depend on three qualities: Mentality, vitality, and experience. Leadership based on these are qualities this Order should consider, if it hopes to smooth the "Road" for the new era. The new era will bring new problems and challenges that we as an organization and as individuals must face. Failing to meet them will mean a deterioration of the Independent Order of Saint Luke, you as an individual and your society in which all of us are a part. The new era has already begun. Are we ready? Will we accept the new challenges? Will our leaders' lights be bright enough? The questions are before you, but only time will solve the riddle.

I am offering my sincere and gratifying thanks for those who have given me guidance and direction during the past two years. Their assistance whether realized or not was an invaluable service to me. Knowing the Home Office and my fellow workers, I can truly state that future office-holders will be able to verify me of worthy assistance received during their reign.

Passing the "torch" during this "Centennial Celebration" marks the new beginning for this organization. I hope the "torch" will be carried as proudly, courageously, and faithfully as it was during the previous one hundred years. The burden will become more difficult than the yesteryears, but the remedy is still the same: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee."

Yours in Love, Purity and Charity

Mrs. Edmonia Battle,

R. W. G. Chief

REPORT OF R. W. G. SECRETARY

August 15, 1967

To the R. W. Grand Chief, Vice Chief, Trustees, Grand Officers and Delegates assembled in the 100th Annual and the 25th Biennial Convention of the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke, Centennial and Fraternal Greetings:

It is indeed more than a pleasure and certainly a rare privilege to have the opportunity to greet and welcome you for this once in a lifetime event. Many of you have come at a great sacrifice, demonstrating that Love, Purity and Charity are very much alive and in action.

To those of you here for the first time, we are most happy for your presence and pray that you will catch the spirit and become stalwarts for the growth of the Order. We pray further that each one of us will be an inspiration to others and move them to hold the torch high that the light of progress may ever be before them.

In accordance with the duties of my office, I hereby submit to you, for your consideration, the Biennial Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. We trust you will take the time to study these reports and feel it your duty to make recommendations for the growth of the Independent Order of St. Luke. This Order belongs to all of its members therefore, it is incumbent upon each to strive towards its progress.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS YOUNG

We reflect our thoughts to the year of 1867 when an humble slave woman had the vision to realize the sick needed care and the dead should be disposed of properly. Have we kept that faith? The records of the Order for this first One Hundred Years will reveal the affirmative of this question.

We are striving with everything within us to keep the faith, and live up to the high standards of Love, Purity, and Charity, the foundation upon which the Order was built.

PRODUCTION

In order to move forward on the wheels of progress, the Order has attempted to enter several avenues approaching the "Production Lane." Field Workers have been solicited, area representatives procured, inducements offered, membership drives initiated, such as "Grand Officers Drive," "Travel Drive, Centennial Drive, and Free Reinstatement Period."

It will be the total effort that will give the Order the thrust it needs in this jet propelled age. We must face-up to the fact that yesterday's methods will not suffice for today.

Upon taking the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary, one of the things uppermost in our minds was increased membership and how to go about obtaining that goal.

We are not pessimist. We do not go around telling ourselves that the end of the rope is at hand and we know that when we say "I have done all I can," that is an invitation to sit, feel sorry, and do nothing. To those members who have added just one member, we are grateful.

MOTIVATION

When you analyze people you will find that everybody is moved by something. It is up to each member to move someone to work for the Order, and pass the word on to others, that they may become successful in moving someone else. Some will work for money, some toward a goal, others for a worthy cause.

FRATERNALISM FOR THE TIMES

In the beginning Fraternalism looked after the sick, aided distressed and buried the dead and this was about as much as was needed. How do we view Fraternalism today? Our late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy remarked "Do not ask what my country will do for me, but rather what can I do for my country" This will work a miracle with our beloved Order.

Too many of our members are expecting modern Fraternalism with antiquated features. To exist in a competitive community we must modernize our organization. This costs money.

It is expensive, to even explore or attempt to find out in which direction the Order should be traveling. One thing we all know, our traveling is not commensurate with the brains available within the Order. It is our desire to put the best use that which is at our command for the asking.

However, before, new features can be instituted, there are certain revisions to be made in our Constitution.

This will be taken up in the report of the Trustee Board. It is our hope that all Councils will take a more active part in the program for expansion.

GRATITUDE

To our secretaries who have responded to our request to send money orders instead of personal checks, we thank you so very

much for you see, every time a check bounces our records are left incorrect. This also means a Council may be suspended. It is a must that we keep our records as accurate as humanly possible.

TAKE TIME

While reading through your statistical report you will note especially that the funds entrusted to our care have steadily increased from year to year. As a result of our investment program your dollars have not been idle but silently working thereby taking some of the slack created by inactive members.

The cost of administering the Order's business has been kept at a minimum, so much so, that our actuaries noticed our frugality and commended us for it.

Our greatest need is assessment dollar, which can only be derived from an increased membership.

The surplus funds of the Order have increased from \$250,234.00 in 1955 to \$388,152.00 in 1964 according to the report of the Insurance Bureau of the State of Virginia. A gain of \$137,918. December, 1966, surplus funds amounted to \$445,938.07. Insurance in force in 1955 amounted to \$2,654,884.00 in 1964, \$1,992,149.00 or a loss of \$662,735.00. Payments received from members in 1955, \$92,153.78, in 1964 \$69,792.12 or a loss of \$22,361.66. These figures reflect a ten year period.

So you have a picture of our trend. The Order depends upon each member when it thinks in turns of growing.

OUR YOUTH

An organization that fails its youths, fails. For as we look around we see formerly dedicated members who are no longer capable, due to advanced age, declining health, etc., of maintaining the drive that once motivated themselves and others for the growth and progress of the Order.

We are looking forward to features within the Order that will be attractive not only to our young people, but also to adults, for our young people.

We thank those of you who have cooperated so beautifully in our transfer program when our younger members reach the age for our adult division.

This is one feature we believe the Councils should explore and take advantage of the opportunity, keeping our youths active and

productive. If we fail to take advantage of the youth for tomorrow the next Centennial may have another story to tell.

We are envisioning an open door policy. (cosmopolitan) No longer are we satisfied with all the world coming to us, and not going out to reach all persons who are acceptable and of good moral character.

We look forward with great anticipation, not only to explore the future, but put to use the things we have learned and gained from the past.

Man fails when he feels within himself he cannot win. He also succeeds when he feels he cannot and must not fail. We may not win with every effort but with every effort we come closer to our goal.

HELPING HAND

There are several things worthy of our attention toward a growing organization. Our hard working secretaries deserve every word of praise that we can heap upon them. However, we should like to ask their cooperation in a few things that mean so much to our organization, our Home Office personnel, and the R. W. G. Secretary. On several occasions we have requested the secretary to keep a closer check on her membership roll book and the assessment sheet sent from the Home Office.

The machines run very rapidly and at times a name is left off the assessment sheet, unnoticed upon reception by the subordinate council secretary, as a result, some member's dues are collected and not submitted to the Home Office. Secretaries please keep a close check.

To those of you who make every effort to send your assessment sheet before the 26th of the month deadline, we are most grateful. However, we have troubles untold as a result of assessments being received after the 26th day of each month. Members are notified of being lapsed, when they have paid their assessments. Correspondence after correspondence result from late mailing of the sheets, with some of the secretaries who are at fault becoming angry when reminded, that the 26th of the month deadline is a Constitutional requirement.

DEBT OF GRATITUDE

The services performed by our office personnel are invaluable. This report could not be rendered were it not for the splendid

cooperation received from the moment the R. W. G. Secretary entered upon his duties until even now as you look around and see the Office Force in action. To this dedicated group of ladies and gentlemen, I say thank you. We are cognizant of the fact that everytime the office of the R. W. G. Secretary changes hands there are days of apprehension, anxiety, and fear. Our associations have not been marred by strife that is usually so prevalent with a new administration.

Attached to the Secretary's report is a copy of our gains and losses. Please review the situation in your home state, weep or feel proud according to the progress made or losses sustained.

BONUS AND COMMISSIONS

The paying of a 15 per cent commission was instituted to encourage and promote growth. However, the records reveal that the paying of commission has not resulted in or shown a growth for the past two years, commensurate with the expense of this program. Commissions paid in 1966 amounted to \$4,837.61. Many are satisfied receiving commissions, but are not willing to create an atmosphere toward an increased membership.

We are faced with the challenge of procuring funds for expansion and meeting the demands of a competitive market. Actuarial services are at an all time high. We dare not venture into the unknown without the advice of professionals. We were asked the question, "where are you going to get the necessary funds needed to delve into extended certificates for both the Adult and Juvenile Departments?"

The only avenue seemingly opened to us for this purpose at this time is the channeling of funds used for commissions to the purpose for which it was intended, and that is growth.

We have reminded our co-workers to look forward to this change. This was first mentioned in the May issue of the Monitor "substitute." Thus far we have experienced only a few complaints. We solicit your constructive suggestions.

RETROSPECT

For the first time in the history of our printing department, we have been denied the services of our printer, Mr. H. Kirkland Cogbill for 8 months. Due to a severe illness Mr. Cogbill has not been able to assist us with our printing requirements since December, 1966.

THE FRATERNAL MONITOR

Law 47 states, "The Fraternal Monitor" when published is the official organ of The Right Worthy Grand Council, all subordinate councils are expected to contribute \$1.00 per year to help defray cost of publishing same. We receive only a minute contribution toward the expense of the Monitor.

May we take this opportunity to say ours has been a glorious past with a blazing future before us. My thanks to all of you whether you have accomplished much or little, for the efforts exerted toward the growth and progress of the Independent Order of St. Luke. We cannot name you one by one, but all of you deserve our special thanks.

To our past R. W. G. Secretary I again say thank you for the assistance received upon my accepting the reins and responsibility of this great organization.

CONCLUSION

We have no outstanding bills hovering over our heads. Our affairs are handled on a pay as you go basis.

All death claims that have the proper information have been paid.

Since our 1965 convention death has removed from our midst many members. However, we pay special tribute to our late R. W. G. Past Chief, Mrs. Delilah Chrysler who entered her eternal rest March 14, 1966, also Dr. A. W. Brown, R. W. G. Trustee who departed this life March 19, 1967.

To the sick and ailing among us, you have our prayers. We thank God for all of you especially are we thankful for this opportunity to serve you and this great Order.

For the support of the Grand Officers and members of the Trustee Board, I am deeply grateful.

"If we can bear our sufferings without losing faith, we can overcome the world, carry on." (Maggie L. Walker)

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Brown,

R. W. G. Secretary

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ST. LUKE, RICHMOND, VA.

TWO YEAR STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

July 31, 1967 and July 30, 1965

FINANCIAL

	7-31-67	7-30-65	(Decrease) Increase
Cash	\$ 93 369 29	\$115 866 36	(\$62 497 07)
Notes Receivable	1 432 99	1 932 92	(399 93)
Securities	732 311 55	674 104 89	68 206 66
Furniture and Fixtures Net ..	1 048 90	1 567 06	(518 16)
Printing Plant Net	600 00	600 00	
Land and Building Net....	15 214 93	15 214 93	
Automobile	1 320 23		1 320 23
Protested Checks		7 30	(7 30)
Suspense Items	(308 94)	(181 74)	(127 20)
Reserve for Outstanding Checks and Suspense	(232 21)		(232 21)
Employees' Fed. W/H & S/S Taxes	(433 20)	..	(433 20)
Employees' State W/H Taxes	(35 52)	..	(35 52)
Advance Collection on Calendars	(56 80)	..	(56 80)
Total Assets	\$854 231 22	\$849 011 72	\$ 5 219 50
Fund Balances	\$854 231 22	\$849 011 72	\$ 5 219 50

The factors resulting in the increase of \$ 5 219 50 in the fund balances is summarized as follows:

Assessments Collected	\$131 144 30	
Rents Received	2 427 52	
Dividends and Interest Income	60 750 39	
Semi-Annual Taxes Collected	21 780 28	
Increase in Securities	1 882 29	
Gain on Securities	674 00	
Fees and other	9 752 20	\$228 410.98
Less:		
Death Benefits Paid	\$ 66 082 82	
Expenses Paid	156 907 89	
Loss by theft of Typewriter	200 77	\$223 191 48
Two Years Increase in Fund Balances		\$ 5 219 50

ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES					1967
Adult Mortuary	Juvenile Mortuary	Legal Reserve Mortuary	Expense Fund	Charity Fund	
\$111 608 35	\$20 261 00	\$697 725 37	\$24 213 95	\$422 55	
1965					
\$118 889 27	\$20 502 46	\$688 016 54	\$21 063 13	\$540 32	
TOTAL ASSETS					\$854 231 22

**STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
ASSETS**

July 31, 1967

Cash on hand	
Consolidated Bank and Trust Co.	\$44 883 74
Savings	48 385 55
TOTAL CASH	<u>\$93 269 29</u>
OTHER ASSETS	
Petty Cash	\$ 100 00
Notes Receivable	1 432 99
Stocks, Bonds, Mortgages	742 311 55
Furniture and Fixtures	1 048 90
Printing Plant	600 00
Land And Building	15 214 93
Protested Checks	(308 94)
Suspense Items	(92 07)
Reserve for Suspense Items	(140 14)
Reserve for Outstanding Checks	1 320 23
Automobile	(433 20)
Employees Social Security & Federal Withholding Taxes	(35 52)
Employees State Taxes	(56 80)
Advance Collection on Calendars	
Total Assets	<u>\$854 231 22</u>

FUNDS

Adult Mortuary	\$111 608 35
Legal Reserve Mortuary	697 725 37
Juvenile Mortuary	20 261 00
Expense Fund	24 213 95
Charity Fund	422 55
Assets - August 1, 1965	\$849 011 72
Assets - August 1, 1967	<u>\$854 231 22</u>
Increase in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 5 219 50</u>

MORTUARY DEPARTMENT

TWO YEARS REPORT

August, 1965 - July 1967

Ohio	1	\$ 100.00
Delaware	1	100.00
Maryland	15	2,082.68
New York	30	5,408.00
Illinois	2	400.00
Virginia	191	31,750.59
Wisconsin	15	3,600.00
New Jersey	14	2,053.95
Connecticut	15	4,366.40
Pennsylvania	19	4,532.67
West Virginia	10	1,701.65
North Carolina	27	4,644.12
District of Columbia	22	4,642.76
TOTAL	362	\$65,382.82
JUVENILE:		
West Virginia	1	100.00
DISABILITY:		
Illinois	1	500.00
Virginia	1	100.00
TOTAL	365	\$66,082.82

AVERAGE 71 YEARS

SUMMARY

"A"	111	\$12,424.00
"B"	4	1,200.00
"C"	8	3,770.00
Juvenile	1	100.00
Past Chief		300.00
Legal Reserve	241	48,288.82
TOTAL	365	\$66,082.82

Total Amount of Claims Paid to Date \$3,731,989.23
 Number of Claims Paid to Date 32,761

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

August 15, 1967

Greetings:

Your Investment Committee, consisting of Mr. J. D. Brown, R. W. G. Secretary, and Atty. M. Ralph Page, Legal Advisor, is entirely happy to make its report to you covering the period from the last Biennial Convention until the present time.

Over the past two years, your Investment Committee has studied several markets, held conferences with investment representative made an analytical survey of present investments to determine future yields of proposed investments. Such a review has been prepared by Waddell and Reed, with another under review by Francis I. DuPont Co.

The committee has invested \$118,655.00 as described below with a net return of \$4,196.28. One real estate loan in the amount of \$3,800.00.

Said Committee approved and purchased the following:

1. September 6, 1965, from The Alabama Power Company, First Mortgage Bonds valued at \$10,000.00 - Class A, Interest at 4 7/8 per cent, yield 4.83.
2. February 21, 1966, From The Twelve Federal Land Bank Bonds valued at \$20,000.00.
3. May 26, 1966, from the Hamilton Mutual Fund 4,235.28 shares, valued at \$25,000.00, with dividends there from to be invested for additional shares.
4. July 14, 1966, from the Southern Aid Insurance Company, 700 shares of Capital Stock valued at \$10,500.00.
5. October 20, 1966, from The Wisconsin Gas Company, First Mortgage Bonds, valued at \$20,000.00 yield 6 5/8 per cent.
6. November, 1966, U. S. Savings Bonds, Bonds valued at \$1,000.00.
7. December, 1966, U. S. Savings Bonds, \$7,000.00.
8. July 6, 1967, from Putnam Duofund, Inc., 1300 shares, \$19.35 per share purchase price or \$25,155.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Brown

Investment Committee Member

M. Ralph Page

Investment Committee Member

REPORT OF THE LEGAL ADVISOR

To the Delegates of the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke:

It is with esteemed pleasure and intense delight that we fellowship today at our founder's city where initial seeds were sown and tender roots sprang forth which formalized the birth of the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke.

The technical skills, visions, hopes, aspirations, and inspirations, embodied in the physical and mental frame of Mary Prout, were patiently and carefully woven into a pattern of beauty. The results of her pattern, the theme of which being love, purity, and charity, burst forth and spread its teachings through vast regions of these United States. Fraternalism for our people became the Order of the day. The welding together of hearts, minds, bodies, and souls took on new meaning and greater depths. The deep-seated awareness, needs and interdependence between black faces throughout the eastern stretches of America became more real. Yes, Miss Prout and her immediate followers ushered in dignity, spirit and new born hope when the valleys were so low and the mountains ever so high. Today we pay tribute and homage to their unselfish devotion.

Certificates of membership swelled to great and substantial numbers during the 1920's. The best Negro minds of the country were a part of the Order. Our reputation throughout America was known and unexcelled. Officers and members of Subordinate Councils and Circles were reverent in their devotion to the work of the Order. A public high school and movie house were named for Mrs. Maggie L. Walker. And Mrs. Walker founded a banking institution. Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands had placed us on the mountain tops.

The framework which began 100 years ago is still present. The mechanics for strong and efficient operations are yet with us. Nevertheless, the all-important Subordinate Council Officers are declining. New ways and more effective methods are needed to bolster and increase our decreasing memberships through these officers. And it is prayerfully suggested that before this Convention is completed that arrangements be made for a meeting of all Subordinate Officers to discuss ways and means for increasing our memberships.

For while the Order is sound financially, our very being is dependent upon growth in terms of new certificates.

We are now endeavoring to increase the value of our certificates so as to attract new members. We are likewise devising new programs to pay area supervisors for the obtaining of new certificate holders. But the basic need is for each member, officer, or non-officers, wherever he or she might be, to become an essential part of the organization by procuring new people.

Your legal advisor over the past two years has labored closely with our Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Trustee Board. The business and legal aspects of your Order are effective and sound. Our assets are close to \$1,000,000.00 and all investments yield high returns.

Nevertheless, it is you to whom we ultimately look for help, hope, constructive criticism, and praise. The future of your Order depends upon the quality of work, devotion, and attention that you employ. Let us march onward and upward, knowing that what we do now will determine to a great measure, what we shall leave for those who follow in our footsteps.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Ralph Page,

Legal Advisor

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

To the Delegates of the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke.

It is with especial esteem and sincere pleasure that we fellowship with you in the 100th Annual Session of The Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke and the 72nd Annual Session of the Juvenile Department.

Much information has and will be presented to you concerning the inner workings of the Order covering the past two years. We, therefore, suggest and request that you follow the proceedings diligently in order that you may be in a position to explain in detail to your respective Councils and Circles what has transpired here.

Because of the thorough-going examination of our Constitution and of our business operations by the Bureau of Insurance of the State of Virginia, the Executive Board and the Trustee Board saw fit to appoint R. W. G. Secretary, J. D. Brown, Past R. W. G. Secretary and board member, Horace H. Scott, as well as your

legal advisor, M. Ralph Page, to revise portions of our Constitution, subject to the approval of the convention. Many and varied changes, deletions and additions were made, the report of which will be presented to you subsequently for your decisions.

It is with extreme regret that we have lost the services of Trustee Nellie J. Wynn, who has worked diligently and effectively for the Order for long years. Her physical condition caused her to resign. We individually and collectively thank her for devotion to duty, love for the Order, and spiritual awareness for all people. Her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Snead, a tireless leader of unselfish character, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her mother.

The Trustee Board along with the R. W. Grand Council was and is saddened by the death of Dr. A. W. Brown, Trustee and Chairman of the Executive Committee. Dr. Brown through the years rendered skill, technique and loyalty to our Order. His loss is of great magnitude, for his keen sense of dedication, analysis and interpretations of difficult business, legal and spiritual problems will be sorely missed.

We, nevertheless, have been fortunate to procure the services of the Rev. Dr. C. B. F. Hinton to serve as trustee for his unexpired term of office. Dr. Hinton is well versed in all areas of business activity and we ask for his confirmation along with that of Mrs. Ethel Snead.

It is with extreme sorrow also, that our former R. W. G. Chief and Trustee-at-large, Mrs. Delilah Chrysler, has passed. She gave strength, dynamic leadership to us which shall not soon be forgotten. We cherish her deeds and we honor her memory. Subject to this Convention's approval, we have appointed Mrs. Gladys Bennings, a skillful and ardent supporter from the Wisconsin Lodge, to replace Mrs. Chrysler as Trustee-at-large.

The Reverend Dr. E. M. Revels, Centennial Chairman, is most graciously thanked for making our Convention a complete success. His tireless attention to a multitude of details and his organizational techniques over the past two years have yielded great results. We appreciate his endeavors and wish for him fruitful years in the future.

The Trustee Board in another paper will offer to you changes pertaining to increased Juvenile Certificates and a scholarship program. Increased certificates and benefits in the Adult Department shall likewise be brought to your attention. Likewise, the possibility of lowering the age for the payment of assessment dues from 90 to 85 will be discussed.

It is our hope that with the revision of the Constitution, increased certificates and other suggestions, we shall be in a position to surge forward in the immediate future with additional memberships.

Our investment picture is sound. Our out-look is upward. However, our membership is tapering off. Memberships are our staff of life.

We therefore, prayerfully ask that our trustees take a more active part in securing memberships. We further ask that our Trustees keep in constant contact with other members so as to provide guidance and direction to all phases of our work.

We further ask that subordinate officers constantly check with our trustees as well as the Home Office so as to be familiar with the needs of the Order as they arise.

It is our earnest hope and settled conviction that each of you will lend a spark to ignite a successful membership increase.

Again, we thank you for indulging us to make this report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Ralph Page

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Greetings:

R. W. G. Chief, R. W. G. Secretary, Grand Officers, Trustees, and members of the Independent Order of St. Luke.

The year 1867

The Place Baltimore, Maryland

The person Mary Prout, a modest Slave Woman.

The time 100 years later, 1967. A transition from the old Order to the new. "Time marches on."

These are challenging times we are being challenged to compete with government, industry, and the professions in wages and other benefits. The integration of our people into what were formerly white businesses is now becoming an established and routine pattern. We have labored to gain our economic and social freedom, we must now recognize and meet our responsibilities to the change. Our businesses must continue to justify the confidence and respect of our people - of all people. Individually and collectively we must accept the responsibility. We must strive to prove ourselves, thoughtful - competent and capable leaders and make progress through togetherness.

Our founding Sisters refused to be contained by the barriers of prejudice and obstruction, they were valiant! Where do we want to go? Ours is the challenge and the responsibility to continue to build for the present and for the future generations which come after us.

During the past two years we have traveled extensively with our R. W. G. Secretary. We have visited most of the States in which we operate, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Conn., New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Virginia, and Wisconsin. These visits included Drive Closings, Thanksgiving Services, and planned Conferences. It has been my desire to stimulate interest in the work through personal contacts, telephone calls, when we come to you we try to bring enthusiasm, encouragement, and certainly the desire to help you put over your program which helps us put over our program - for without your support we fail. Our work is a good cause - we must see an increase in the Juvenile and Adult membership. Mr. Page has suggested that we plan a conference inviting all Trustees, Grand Officers, and workers interested in the growth of the Order to gather to discuss problems affecting their area and membership.

I get a little weary of hearing reference made to the effect that our Fraternal Organizations are doomed as a result of the changing social pattern. I say to the Prophets of Doom that: we will survive, we will continue to render services that will command the respect of our ethnic market as well as other markets that have not been touched.

Men are not motivated by telling them how little they have done. Let's accentuate the positive and talk more about how much more can be done. Even the largest among us do not live in ivory towers, what ever happens to the least will eventually affect the greatest.

We are now in the process of appointing area supervisors on a temporary salary basis. If you are interested please talk with me after this Session.

It's the desire of the R. W. G. Council to increase the value of certificates in the Juvenile and Adult Department. The R. W. G. Secretary and I recently had a conference with the Order's Actuary and plans for an Educational Policy are being considered in the Juvenile Department, the policy would automatically provide for a paid-up certificate in an Adult Mortuary fund at age 18 or, upon request at age 18 only, a cash value would be allowed to provide 8 semi-annual payments, varying from approximately \$21 to \$57 each, depending on the age of the child at issue. A

paid-up term certificate would be offered and at age 18 the certificate would automatically convert to a \$1000 whole life certificate with assessment payable at a special rate.

Young people hold the key to our survival and continued progress. One writer had so aptly stated:

Tarry not in the tents of your Fathers - The World is moving forward - let's move forward with it. With deep humility and yet, with a firm resolution, I accept this challenge.

Our program for the next 2 years will be an enlarged one - we shall stay on the field working for the Order - Shall attempt to organize more Youth Councils apart from the Adult Councils.

In this convention we shall attempt to revamp our Councils programs to serve as an incentive for increased interest and membership. We shall stress the importance of promoting Fraternal activities of mutual interest in the welfare of members on the local level.

We wish to thank each of you for the many wonderful things you have done, your cooperative spirit, and your many sacrifices.

We commend this great Convention Committee under the leadership of Dr. E. M. Revels and Trustee Goldie Minter, Past Matron, Mrs. Fannie P. Rollins, all chairmen and members of the committee. This Committee shall go down in history among the greatest.

CONCLUSION

Today we are like the river salmon - returned to the place of our birth. The long journey up stream hasn't been all sunshine but many have made it.

We are here on a new day in a new era, here to be reborn and to go once more from our spawning ground, down stream to the open sea.

Let us pledge that the new generation will not have to struggle - as we may have had to.

And one Day, when they return to this, their cradle, they will look back on us, with a sense of pride, as we today look back at our fathers who began this Order.

Fraternally yours,

Dorothy V. Turner

August 15, 1967

REPORT OF MEDICAL EXMINER

Right Worthy Grand Chief, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Trustees, members and friends of the Independent Order of St. Luke, it is with great pleasure and admiration, I greet you on this memorable occasion - our Centennial Celebration.

The achievements offer eloquent testimony to the business, financial and investment skills, and the prudence and integrity during the past one hundred years. Our organization has been tested, weathered storms, overcame handicaps, and now is stronger than ever, because of faith, - the faith of the policyholders and the active workers in it. Honor today goes to these active workers, as well as the founders, officers, and employees of this great organization.

In reviewing our medical records our death claims parallel the natural causes of death lead by heart or circulatory diseases or cerebral hemorrhage, followed by cancer of all types, then accidents, and finally pneumonia and respiratory diseases. The leader, heart disease, claims 41 out of every 100 deaths, more than 700,000 in the United States every year, or twice as many are caused by the next five leading causes of death combined. Annually over 30% of those who die of heart disease are under 65 years of age.

Adjustments were requided on some death claims for the usual reasons of mis-statement of age, short length of time of membership and other infractions, but to a less degree than in some previous years. This must be due to cooperation of our members and council secretaries alike, continue the improvement.

During the six month period February, 1966 thru July, 1966 claims for adjustment amounted to only \$500.00 of which \$266.40 was paid out and \$233.60 saved the Order.

During the one year period August, 1966 thru July, 1967 claims amounting to \$3,400.00 were adjusted for infractions and \$1,845.14 paid out on these and \$1,554.86 saved the Order.

During the two year period August 1965 thru July 1967 claims amounting to \$5,959.00 were adjusted and \$3,438.82 paid on these claims saving the Order \$2,511.18.

Disability claims were also very low during this period and only 2 were paid, one to a member from Illinois for \$500.00 and one to a member from Virginia for \$100.00 a total of \$600.00.

There were during the past 2 years

Class	No.	Amt.
A.....	11	\$12,424.00
B.....	4	1,200.00
C.....	8	3,770.00
Juvenile.....	1	100.00
Past Chief.....		300.00
Legal Reserve.....	241	48,288.82
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		\$66,082.82

Our records show that the Independent Order of St. Luke has paid to date a total of 32,761 claims on which \$3,741,989.23 is the total amount paid to date.

For continued growth of our beloved fraternal society, just as churches grow - we must maintain a healthy Juvenile Department to serve as a feeder to our Adult Department, and in return we will continue to offer an attractive and good investment.

Where will these juveniles be found? While the number of babies has declined from its record past - war level, new record highs are in store for the future, Life Insurance Company statisticians declare. Current figures point to a growing trend after the next few years, culminating in an all-time record high in births sometime during the 1970's. Since the all-time high of 4,334,00 in 1957, the chart of annual births has shown a downward trend. In 1964 the last official figures available set the years total at 4,027,490 new babies. In 1965 about 3,759,00 were recorded in the United States, and last year there were little more than 3,600,00, a figure that approximates the 1950 level.

The 1966 estimate corresponds to a rate of about 136 per 1000 married women under age 45. It is considerably below the annual rates of the past - war years, but well above those registered during the depression of the 1930's.

The recent trend has been toward smaller families. The rate for several second births remained virtually unchanged, from 1947 to 1957, at about 45 per 1000 married women under age 45, but then declined to a post-war low of about 34.6 per 1000 in 1965. Similarly the annual rate for third births decreased from from a peak of 33 per 1000 in 1957 to about 24.4 in 1965.

Equally striking during the 1960's has been the pronounced decrease in the frequency with which moderate sized families have another child. The annual rate for fourth births - 21 per

1000 in 1961 dropped to 15.7 in 1965, a decline of 25 per cent. For later children the drop was almost as great.

Looking to the future the statisticians noted that there is now no large back log of depression - or war deferred births to be made up as was the situation after World War II.

It is unlikely that there will be a further shift toward earlier marriage and family building, but they say a future rise in the number of births is almost inevitable. Already the annual number of first births has increased from 1,118,000 in 1960 to over 1,160,000 in 1965 and, an estimated 1,200,000 last year. Their number should rise even more rapidly as the large contingents of post-war children reach marriageable age and build their own families.

For the duration of the Vietnam conflict, the continued military deferment of men with children may also contribute to the upswing of first births. During the next few years these mushrooming first births should offset any continuing downswing in second, third, and subsequent births, thereafter, the number of total births should climb to new records in the 1970's.

Although our medical records show fewer death claims processed during the past two years than the previous two years or in prior years, the fact remains that we, as Negroes have a higher susceptibility to diseases and a higher death rate in proportion to the white population.

The cause of this is varied and includes low income individually and low family income, substandard as crowded housing facilities, subnormal educational levels, inadequate medical care and public health facilities in the neighborhoods of some communities. In Pittsburgh during 1966 the death rate for tuberculosis in the Negro was four times that of the white person.

An analysis of mortality and birth data for New York City showed that in 16 low income areas the tuberculosis death rate was more than twice as great and the maternal mortality rate was 2½ times as great as that of the rest of the city. The nationwide mortality rate maternally was almost twice as high for non-whites as for whites during the 1940's, in 1964, it was almost 4 times as high. Infant mortality rates show a widened gap in the past decade, but offer signs of improvement this year.

There is no doubt that our medical schools and research centers are the best in the world, and that our medical technology has made incredible advances year after year, and yet within a few blocks of many of our magnificent medical centers, there are

persons in poor health. Despite our claim that the poor have access to adequate care, the burden falls most heavily on them. They have grossly inadequate health insurance protection although about 90% of American families with annual incomes of over \$7,000 have some type of health insurance, barely half the families with incomes below \$4,000 have any coverage at all.

Prematurity, infant and maternal mortality and morbidity statistics are much higher among the Negroes living in the lower North Side, Hill and Homeward areas of Pittsburgh which are over 95% Negro. According to the report it is significant that exclusive of public housing, approximately 40% of the homes are substandard. Infant mortality in these neighborhoods are 3 times that in the city of Pittsburgh as a whole and four times the national average.

The quality of medical care available and received by many citizens who happen to belong to minority groups is relatively poor throughout our free and civilized society. These groups include in addition to Negroes, Jews, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Sharecroppers, Indians, migrant farm laborers, Asians and others.

National figures show that there are presently above 20,000,000 persons 65 years and over in the United States. It is estimated that this number will increase to approximately 24,000,000 by 1972 which will be an increase of over 30% during the previous ten year period. In attempting to make suggestions for an overall solution to the medical care dilemma of the senior citizen, the medicare law definitely will give every elderly citizen much needed assistance and protection in an attempt to obtain adequate medical services. After care for these patients means either a return home, or with relatives or nursing homes if they were hospitalized. As of January 1966 there were 13,685 licensed nursing homes in the United States with 581,616 beds. Of these beds an estimated 300,000 or 52% were built in preceeding 5 years. In 1965 1,058 homes were opened with 61,576 beds while 1,066 homes with 69,610 beds were under construction during early 1966 due to increase in aged population and the medicare law.

Almost 9 of 10 patients in nursing homes are 65 years of age. Women outnumber men 2 to 1 for example 175.1 women per 1000 aged 85 years or over are patients in nursing homes compared with 105.6 men per 1000 of age.

What of the future for us longevity both healthwise and organizationwise?

Along health lines are included implantation of mechanical hearts, kidney, and other internal organs, the use of motor driven

artificial limbs, continued progress on cancer research, additional vaccines to eradicate diseases and the development of an RH injection already tested on more than 300 in Canada, England, and the United States.

Organizationally we must continue to grow, improving by more diligent work, continual adjustment of our Constitution, by-laws and fraternalism to meet changing times, assuring a heritage for those at subsequent centennials.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. Bowser

Medical Examiner

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The I. O. St. Luke

As Of January 1, 1967

Assets for the Years Shown

1939	\$208,759.82
1941	226,810.90
1943	261,730.57
1945	324,550.29
1947	387,844.83
1949	455,327.33
1951	533,784.67
1953	598,303.86
1955	654,237.67
1957	724,967.49
1959	774,480.28
1961	803,346.45
1963	826,903.33
1965	865,381.19
1966	900,784.28

RATING—Based on our analysis of its December 31, 1966 financial statement and on our appraisal of management, we assign to The Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke of Richmond, Virginia, as of January 1, 1967, our highest Certificateholders' rating - A plus (Excellent).

Statement of Condition of Order's Funds

Adult Mortuary	\$ 114,459.17
Legal Reserve Mortuary	724,159.09
Juvenile Mortuary	19,903.52
Expense Fund	41,588.57
Charity Fund	673.93
Increase in Assets 1966	35,403.09
Adult Members	6,928.00
Juvenile Members	2,676.00
Insurance in Force	1,849,930.00

Condensed Financial Statement**As of December 31, 1966****Assets**

Cash on hand and in banks	\$111,053.04
U. S. Government Bonds	124,008.36
Other high-grade bonds	470,784.21
Preferred stocks	15,100.00
Common stocks	103,456.83
Savings and loan shares	7,215.68
Mortgage loans on real estate	46,003.01
Home office property	15,214.93
Miscellaneous resources	7,948.22
Total admitted Assets	\$900,784.28

Liabilities

Reserves to mature life, disability and annuity contracts as they become due	\$427,436.00
Reserves for claims pending	2,652.00
Premiums Paid in advance	309.08
Special fund for possible future changes in valuation of securities owned	45,112.40
Miscellaneous reserves for expenses, taxes, etc.	3,608.79
Unassigned surplus	421,666.01
Total	\$900,784.28

THE CLOSE

We are duty bound to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for one hundred years of guidance, for without this unseen hand moving our Order, the right paths could not have been followed.

We look forward with great anticipation not only to explore the future, but to put to use the things we have learned and gained from the past.

Man fails when he feels within himself he cannot win. Man wins when he feels from the heart he cannot fail. He may not win with every effort but with each effort he comes closer to his goal.

May we continue to keep within us the right spirit and attitude toward our work.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain.

J. D. Brown,

R. W. G. Secretary

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