Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

Grand Summer Reunion

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am arranging for a grand reunion of the Scottish Rite in Columbia on the 23rd, 24th and 25th days of August, 1909. This is an event which no member of the Rite can afford to miss, and an exceptionally fine opportunity for Master Masons to join the Rite.

It gives me unusual pleasure to announce that the Brethren of Delta Lodge of Perfection and Buist Rose Croix Chapter of Charleston have kindly consented to confer in full form, with all paraphernalia, a number of the Lodge and Chapter Degrees, while the other Degrees. including the 32nd, will be communicated. Arrangements have already been made to put on the most important and beautiful Degrees of the Lodge and Chapter, including the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth, and it is possible that others may be conferred in full form. It has been decided to begin the Fourth Degree at 3 P. M. Monday, the 23rd day of August, and the work will be continuous until the 32nd is completed on Wednesday night, the 25th, excepting, of course, recession for refreshment and sleep. I will later issue a circular notice to those interested giving the hour at which the respective Degrees will be conferred in full form.

For the information of Master Masons desiring to join the Scottish Rite, it should be understood that there are four distinct bodies of the Rite, to wit: The Lodge of Perfection, Fourth to Fourteenth inclusive; the Chapter, Fifteenth to Eighteenth inclusive; the Council, Nineteenth to Thirtieth inclusive; and the Consistory, Thirty-first and Thirty-second. A Brother can join as many of these bodies at one time as he desires, but after taking the Degrees he must keep up his membership in all the bodies, because his failure to do so in any one body puts him in bad standing in all. I would not advise any Brother desiring to join the Rite to fail to take the Lodge and Chapter Degrees, or even the Lodge Degrees, because he is unable at this time to take all of the Degrees of the Rite. He should take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Degrees as far as he can go, and get the others when he is able. There are many who have taken the Lodge Degrees only, while others have stopped with the Chapter Degrees, although the Rite is so attractive that the great majority are not content until they receive the 32nd.

The cost of the Degrees is as follows:

Lodge of Perfection	$27.00
Chapter	25.00
Council	30.00
Consistory	56.50
Total	$138.50

These are the minimum fees allowed by the Supreme Council, except as to the Lodge, which we have put at $27.00 to include the price of the ring and Moral and Dogma. The fees for the Consistory include English and Latin Patents.

All Master Masons in good standing in South Carolina, exclusive of Charleston County, are eligible to the Scottish Rite Degrees at this reunion, and must make application to Aleph Lodge of Perfection, No. 3, at Columbia, S. C. For this reunion the application must be in the hands of the Secretary of that Lodge, accompanied by $27.00, before the 16th day of August, when action will be taken on same. Application blanks for the Lodge can be obtained by addressing Brother Melvin S. Meyer, Secretary, Columbia, S. C.

Those desiring to receive the Degrees beyond the Fourteenth must notifty me before the 16th of August, stating how many Degrees they desire to take. The names of all of these applicants have to be submitted by me to the Inspector General for this Jurisdiction, and if he approves same the Degrees will be given at this reunion. It will not be necessary to pay the fees, except of course to the Lodge, until the day the Degrees are given.

If you are interested, I will esteem it a personal favor if you will call this matter to the attention of the Master Masons in your vicinity who you think will likely desire to join the Rite. If you are not interested, kindly turn this circular letter over to some Brother who you think may be.

I expect to be absent from the city from the 27th of July to the 9th of August, so that if you do not receive an answer to any letter to me during that time you can rest assured that same will have my prompt attention by the 10th.

I trust that I have given all the necessary information herein, but if I have failed kindly inquire further of,

Yours fraternally,

J. T. BARRON, 32°

Special Deputy and Legate.

COLUMBIA, S. C., 24th July, 1909.