

HISTORY OF THE  
757th DISTRICT  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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### *Dedication*

**T**HIS history is dedicated to the Rotarians of the 757th District, whose friendship, loyalty, and cooperation during the year of my governorship have been a lasting inspiration to the author. Need of a ready reference for district statistics, felt by each successive governor, especially by myself, has been primarily responsible for the record herewith presented.

### *Explanation and Appreciation*

No attempt has been made in this history to follow up clubs which are no longer members of the 757th District.

Previous editions have been published in 1945, 1950, 1955 and 1960.

Assistance from past-governor Emmett Stover in checking statistics and in many other ways has been of inestimable service; also helpful replies to inquiries, from the Evanston office and the Rotary Club of Chicago, indispensable in bringing this fifth edition of the History up to date.

## HISTORY OF THE 757th DISTRICT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

**A** HISTORY is a story. It should be a true story. With that thought in mind we have assembled the facts herein with as minute accuracy as could be obtained.

In the preface of many high school histories we find such introductory paragraphs as follows: "Nearly 2,000 years ago there was a brave captain whose name was Julius Caesar," or "We do not know when man first came into possession of the earth," or "Far back on the path of time History rises and comes to meet us," or "What memory is to man, history is to the human race," or "It is hard to believe other nations ever produced a line of men as noble, generous, and patriotic as that here catalogued," or "Two things help to determine our lives, one is our heritage from the past—the other is made up of the opportunities which come our way." But the one which intrigued me most prefaced an elementary history, the author saying, "I am going to tell you the history of the most wonderful people who ever lived."

"Once upon a time" sixty years ago the first Rotary Club in the world was organized. On February 23, 1905, at the invitation of Paul P. Harris, an attorney, four men met in an office of the Unity Building in Chicago, the other three being Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Gustavus E. Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor. The following day Paul Harris asked Harry Ruggles, a printer, into the proposed club. He, in turn, interested Will Jenson, a real estate man. Schiele was the first president of the first Rotary Club. Paul Harris died January 27, 1947. All have now passed away, Harry Ruggles, the last, December 3, 1957. Max Goldenberg, the last surviving member of the Chicago club of 1905, passed away in 1961. The further history of this pioneer club is enchanting but must be curtailed in this story of the 757th District.

The Rotary Club of Chicago was the first club of the first international order of civic clubs in the world.

In 1913, the first Rotary Club in the Rotary district of which we were a part was organized at Richmond, Virginia, the 69th club in Rotary. As Washington is recognized as the father of our country, so the Rotary Club of Washington, D. C., may be considered the father of the 757th District, Rotary International, having sponsored Richmond. Roanoke, the oldest club in our present 757th District, was founded by Richmond one year later, in 1914, the 123rd club in Rotary. Moreover, Washington was the parent of both Richmond and Nashville, the two sons whose progeny consists of all the clubs now within the boundaries of the 757th District, except one club, as we shall see later.

Washington was the son of Minneapolis who had been parented by Chicago, so Roanoke is the great-great-grandson of Chicago.

In due time Richmond also begat Staunton and Covington-Hot Springs, while Nashville begat Johnson City. Johnson City is the next oldest club, after Roanoke, in our district, having been organized October, 1916. Lynchburg was next ushered in by Roanoke in February, 1917. Staunton has in due season assisted with the organization of Harrisonburg and Waynesboro; Johnson City has been responsible for the organization of Elizabethton, Greeneville, and Kingsport. Roanoke has the largest family in the 757th District, having sponsored in addition to Lynchburg, already mentioned, Bristol, Pulaski, Radford, Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Martinsville, Salem, Williamson Road and Rocky Mount. Second honors for parenthood go to Harrisonburg, with four living children—Winchester, Woodstock, Luray and Bridgewater; and Lynchburg with Danville, Lexington, Bedford and Fort Hill. Two clubs in our district were sponsored by clubs outside the confines of the 757th District, other than Roanoke and Johnson City. Amherst in 1939 was sponsored by Blackstone, Va., which in turn was descended from Richmond. Grundy was assisted in its organization by Welch, W. Va.,

which is the son of Bluefield, which is the son of Huntington, which is the son of Wheeling, which is the son of Pittsburgh, Pa. So Grundy is the only club in the present 757th District not descended from Richmond or Nashville. Stuart, Bassett and Fieldale were organized by Martinsville. Otherwise, no other club in the district has sponsored more than two clubs. South Boston in the neighboring 760th District was organized by Danville.

Although Johnson City was organized before Lynchburg, the latter was chartered three months before Johnson City, as sometimes has happened, due to the rush of new clubs in the hands of the Secretariat. For example, between the organization of Danville in January, 1920, and Staunton in June, 1920, 184 charters were issued to other clubs throughout Rotary International. Johnson City waited almost eight months for its charter and Pulaski four. Likewise, there are other instances of discrepancies between organization date and charter date.

In the earlier days of Rotary, extension was a much simpler matter than today when many other orders of civic clubs have come into existence, and new locations offering opportunities for the establishment of Rotary are at a premium. Big years in extension in our district, although it has changed its bounds and name during the period, were in 1920 with five new clubs organized, five in 1938, and five in 1939. More clubs in this district have been organized in April than in any other month, ten. October comes next with seven, January six, March and November five, February four, May and December three, June and July two each, August one, and September none. In more recent years the assigning of charter numbers has been abandoned completely by the board of directors of Rotary International, since so many clubs, particularly during the last world war, went out of existence, and in the reorganization of many the numbers became confused to such an extent that they possessed no significance. Today, as of November 5, 1965, there

are 12,200 clubs in Rotary International, with a membership of 580,000. Our own district, as of the same date shows 48 clubs and 2,593 members.

The first ten clubs in the 757th District in order of their organization, but not in order of charters received, have been Roanoke, Johnson City, Lynchburg, Bristol, Danville, Pulaski, Staunton, Greeneville, Covington-Hot Springs and Harrisonburg. In this list, in addition to the case of Johnson City and Lynchburg, Covington-Hot Springs received its charter before Greeneville, and Staunton before Pulaski. Other instances follow, such as Galax and Bedford, the former having received its charter after the latter but was organized before Bedford. Subsequently to these instances, in busy years of extension, all organization dates and admission dates have been consecutively parallel.

It is interesting though not particularly significant to note that no clubs were organized between 1917 and 1920, none from 1928 to 1933, nor from 1939 to 1941, though every other year except 1915, 1934, 1936, 1942 and 1943 saw at least one new club added to the district. Since then 1946, 1949, 1951 and 1963 have seen Fieldale, Salem, Williamson Road, Rocky Mount and Fort Hill come into the fellowship of our district, making the total of 48 clubs. None has been added since Fort Hill, in April, 1963.

### *Boundaries of the District—Governors*

First records of geographical boundaries of our division of Rotary International show we were called the 4th District from 1915 to 1918, including the entire states of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. David P. Sites\* of Roanoke, was governor at that time, the first governor of that territory now known as the 757th District. He as governor was succeeded by Thos B. McAdams\* of Richmond, Howard E. Rondthaler\* of Winston-Salem,

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\* Deceased.

Rogers W. Davis\* of Charlotte, and Lewis W. Perrin\* of Spartanburg. Joseph A. Turner\* of Hollins came next, during whose administration the district number was changed from 4th to 7th, but the boundary of the new 7th District remained intact.

In 1922-23 during the governorship of Roger Moore of Wilmington, N. C., who succeeded "Joe" Turner, the boundaries of the district were radically changed and the district became the 37th. South Carolina was taken out entirely and one county of West Virginia, namely Mercer, was brought within our bounds. In Virginia all counties east of the eastern boundaries of Tazewell, Smyth, and Washington were retained, and in North Carolina everything east of the eastern boundaries of Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery and Richmond Counties was left a part of the new 37th District.

The next year saw Mercer County of West Virginia removed but all else remained the same. At this time G. Franklin Lenz\* of Newport News, was governor.

These years were gay periods in Rotary with large conferences and elaborate entertainment extending over several days. International conventions of Rotary drew special trainloads of Rotarians and their ladies from our district or possibly two districts combined. The "Dixie Special" traveling from Norfolk through to Los Angeles in 1922, under the leadership of Joe Turner, with coffee at Meridian, stop-offs at New Orleans, San Antonio, where hot baths were provided at the St. Anthony Hotel, El Paso, Albuquerque, where shower baths at the Y. M. C. A. were most acceptable, Grand Canyon, supper at Ashfork, and doughnuts at Barstow proved one of the memorable gay Rotary experiences of the day.

Frank Lenz was succeeded by M. Eugene Newsom\* of Durham, who was followed by Charles J. Smith of Salem.



In 1926-27 another curtailment of the district was made, and its name changed to the 56th District. North Carolina was relinquished and Virginia slightly narrowed to that part of the state east of longitude 82 in Washington County. This new line left out a small part of Washington County. Frank W. Evens\* of Norfolk became the first governor of the new 56th District, following Charlie Smith. Charles J. Smith and Joseph A. Turner were both members of the Roanoke Club. In 1926 a large and happy conference was held in Durham, "Gene" Newsom's home town. Many of the delegates brought home cherished souvenirs in the form of copper paper-knives, emblazoned with a blue enameled Rotary seal, which still occupy an uncontested place on our desks. Rotarians at the Petersburg conferences in 1923 came home with precious dessert plates adorned with blue and gold bands, a Rotary seal in the center, long to be placed among the treasures of one's dining alcoves. These are among cherished memories of the sociable twenties in district Rotary.

The boundaries of the 56th District remained intact for ten years. Successive governors were William H. Surber\* of Charlottesville, John Weymouth\* of Hampton, Julian A. Burruss\* of Blacksburg, G. Jeter Jones\* of Richmond, Charles K. "Brownie" Brown\* of Staunton, Ed. R. Johnson\* of Roanoke, John E. Martin\* of Suffolk, Paul D. Bowden of Warrenton, William McC. Paxton of Norfolk, and William A. "Bill" Luke, Jr.,\* of Covington.

The following year on July 1, 1937, the district assumed its present general form and became known as the 186th, with Robert C. "Bob" Jennings of Waynesboro, now living in Chicago, as its first governor. The designated boundaries were that part of Virginia west of the western boundaries of the counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Buckingham, Charlotte, and Halifax; and that portion of Tennessee east of the western boundaries of the counties of Hancock, Hawkins, and Greene. Following Robert C. Jennings, subsequent successive

governors have been Irvin W. Cubine of Martinsville; Dave Shearer\* of Johnson City; Dowell J. Howard\* of Winchester; Dr. A. Merle Showalter of Christiansburg; Raymond C. Campbell of Elizabethton; Hensel Eckman of Pulaski, district treasurer; Rev. Lynn C. Dickerson of Harrisonburg, now living at Hollins, Virginia. In 1944-45 a slight change in boundaries was made in Tennessee: the 186th District would include that part of the state east of the western boundaries of the counties of Sullivan and Greene. The counties of Hancock and Hawkins were transferred to the 678th District. Dickerson was followed in governorship by Curtis V. Bishop\* of Danville; Clem D. Johnston of Roanoke; Devereux D. Rice\* of Johnson City. Devereux died in office and his term filled out by Raymond C. Campbell; Rev. W. R. "Shorty" Smith of Chatham, now of High Point; George W. Leavell\* of Bristol; Felix E. Edmunds of Waynesboro; Rev. Ronald S. Wilson\* of Winchester, later of Miami; Asa W. Reese of Radford. Lynn Dickerson was first president of the Radford club. Reese was followed by Garland K. "Link" Linkous\* of Danville; M. Lester Carper of Martinsville; Percy H. Warren\* of Harrisonburg; Daniel E. "Dan" Leatherman of Winchester; Louis A. Pardue\*, Blacksburg; Joel L. Borden\* of Bedford; Emmett A. Stover of Martinsville and Norman V. "Gus" Geyer of Kingsport. In 1949 our district became the 275th. The boundaries of the district were designated as: TENNESSEE, that portion east of the western boundaries of the counties of Sullivan and Greene; VIRGINIA, that portion west of the eastern boundaries of the counties of Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Nelson, Amherst, Campbell and Pittsylvania. There were no further changes when the district became 757 on July 1, 1957. Gus Geyer was succeeded by Harry Crim of Strasburg who in turn was followed by John H. Fray of Marion, John K. Patterson of Staunton, Yuille Holt, Jr., of Lynchburg and Lewis O. Barksdale of Waynesboro, incumbent.

The 757th District, Rotary International, one of twenty-four comprising Zone 4, is geographically long and fairly narrow, occupying the mountainous and valley sections of the western part of Virginia and eastern Tennessee. A majority of the clubs is in town and cities within or bordering the Shenandoah Valley from Winchester to Roanoke. A line drawn south from Staunton would include Amherst, Lynchburg, Altavista, and Danville which are the farthest east in that area. Gate City, Grundy, and Kingsport are perhaps the most westerly clubs of the district. From Roanoke we come to the Southwest Virginia section and the Great Smoky Mountain section of Tennessee. Greeneville, Tennessee, is the most southerly of our clubs, and Winchester, the most northerly and easterly, a total distance of 397 miles between them. The author of this history has visited all of the fifty states and believes there is no more beautiful, beckoning scenery in any state than the land comprising the 757th District. Should we not be worthy of the blessings this land provides?

It may not be generally understood by the average Rotarian that the United States is distributed into five zones primarily for the nomination of five directors of Rotary International. The boundaries are changed occasionally, such as before the 1943 convention and again in May, 1946. Zone 1 comprises the Pacific and west central states in general, Alaska and Hawaii; Zone 2, the states near the Great Lakes, including North Dakota. Zone 3 is the south central section. Zone 5, New England and most of the north Atlantic states, including eastern Pennsylvania. Our Zone 4 includes all of Maryland, except the west corner, Virginia, West Virginia, the southern half of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Twenty-four districts are components of the 4th Zone. Besides District 757, we are grouped with 403, 671, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 699, 753, 755, 760, 762, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777. Our nearest neighbor in West Virginia is District

755; the eastern half of Virginia is 760 and in western North Carolina bordering us on the south are districts 767 and 769; across our boundary in Kentucky is District 674. Directors from the various zones mentioned alternate in serving two years. All directors serve two years. The U. S. A. supplies five of the ten directors of Rotary International, an eleventh being the president-elect. These eleven are in addition to the president, three vice-presidents, general secretary and treasurer. Next year's candidate for director will be elected at the Denver convention.

### *International Officers*

This part of our history fills us with particular pride.

In addition to the district governors mentioned previously, the territory of the 757th District as it now stands has produced three directors of Rotary International, namely: Ed. R. Johnson\* of Roanoke, 1936-37; E. W. Palmer\* of Kingsport, 1939-40, and Irvin Cubine of Martinsville, 1945-46. Ed. R. Johnson was international vice president and director in 1933-34, and international president in 1935-36. When the district was known as No. 4, W. E. Morton of Richmond was director in 1914-1915, and when numbered 37, M. Eugene Newsom, of Durham, was director both in 1926-27 and in 1930-31, at the time of which latter date the district was known as 56. "Gene" Newsom was international president in 1929-30.

### *One Time Governors*

The following Rotarians served as governors from the 52nd District at a time when that district included some of the territory now in the 757th District. Robert Yost of Bristol, was governor in 1928-29; E. W. Palmer,\* 1930-31, and Clarence P. Daniel\* of Bristol, 1936-37. Clarence resigned in January, 1937, and his term was filled out by E. W. Palmer, so Colonel Palmer was governor twice under different circumstances.

## *Conferences*

Previous to the formation of districts a conference of what was formerly known as the Southern Division had been scheduled to be held at New Orleans, La., in 1916. Because of this general conference, none was held in the 4th District that year. In 1917, the first conference of the 4th District was held at Charlotte, April 25; in 1918 Asheville was the host on March 8-9; in 1919 Greensboro, N. C., May 20-21; 1920 Greenville, S. C., March 15-16; 1921 Norfolk, April 12-13-14; 1922 Winston-Salem, N. C., March 21-22; 1923 Petersburg, March 6-7; 1924 Raleigh, N. C., April 3-4; 1925 Richmond, March 26-27; 1926 Durham, April 13-14; 1927 Roanoke, April 26-27; 1928 Norfolk May 8-9; 1929 Lynchburg, May 2-3; 1930 Richmond, May 8-9; 1931 Norfolk, May 6-7-8; 1932 Danville, May 4-5-6; 1933 Newport News, May 11-12; 1934 Roanoke, May 16-17-18; 1935 Richmond, May 9-10; 1936 Lynchburg, May 21-22; 1937 Newport News, May 5-6-7; 1938 Staunton, May 5-6; 1939 Roanoke, May 4-5—this meeting was a joint conference with the 187th District; 1940 Bristol, April 25-26; 1941 Winchester, April 21-22; 1942 Danville, April 19-20-21; 1943 Roanoke, April 11-12; 1944 Roanoke, April 24-25; in 1945 no conference was held due to government wartime restrictions, voting being accomplished by mail; 1946 Johnson City, April 14-16; 1947 Roanoke, April 18-19; 1948 Bristol, April 9-10; 1949 Roanoke, April 21-23; 1950 Kingsport, April 20-21-22; 1951 Roanoke, May 3-4-5; 1952 Staunton, April 24-25-26; 1953 Johnson City, February 26-27-28; 1954 Hot Springs, March 11-12-13; 1955 Hot Springs, March 10-11-12.

Conferences have continued at The Homestead in Hot Springs each year since 1954. In 1956 March 8-9-10; in 1957 March 7-8-9; in 1958 March 20-21-22; in 1959 March 5-6-7; in 1960 March 24-25-26; in 1961 March 23-24-25; in 1962 March 29-30-31; in 1963 March 21-22-23; in 1964 March 12-13-14; in 1965 March 18-19-20; in 1966 March 17-18-19.

CLUB STATISTICS  
DISTRICT GOVERNORS  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS  
CONFERENCES  
ASSEMBLIES  
PAST PRESIDENTS OF R. I.

## I. CLUB STATISTICS

CHARTER NUMBER	CLUB	ORGANIZATION	ADMISSION	SPONSOR
123	Roanoke, Va.	.....1914, April 17	1914, June 1	Richmond
298	Johnson City, Tenn.	.....1916, October 20	1917, June 1	Nashville
280	Lynchburg, Va.	.....1917, February 3	1917, March 1	Roanoke
328	Bristol, Va.-Tenn.	.....1917, August 13	1917, October 1	Roanoke
611	Danville, Va.	.....1920, January 20	1920, February 1	Lynchburg
765	Pulaski, Va.	.....1920, May 1	1920, September 1	Roanoke
759	Staunton, Va.	.....1920, June 11	1920, August 1	Richmond
797	Greenville, Tenn.	.....1920, October 12	1920, December 1	Johnson City
793	Covington-Hot Springs, Va.	.....1920, November 12	1920, December 1	Richmond
890	Harrisonburg, Va.	.....1921, March 21	1921, April 1	Staunton
1012	Winchester, Va.	.....1921, October 13	1921, November 1	Harrisonburg
1062	Lexington, Va.	.....1921, November 1	1922, February 1	Lynchburg
1191	Buena Vista, Va.	.....1922, April 28	1922, May 1	Lexington
1377	Radford, Va.	.....1923, January 26	1923, March 14	Roanoke
1410	Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Va.	.....1923, April 9	1923, April 23	Roanoke
1547	Kingsport, Tenn.	.....1923, October 17	1923, November 6	Johnson City
1558	Abingdon, Va.	.....1923, October 18	1923, November 23	Bristol
1785	Galax, Va.	.....1924, April 21	1924, May 24	Pulaski
1761	Bedford, Va.	.....1924, April 29	1924, May 10	Lynchburg
1892	Waynesboro, Va.	.....1924, December 12	1925, January 20	Staunton
1888	Wytheville, Va.	.....1924, December 31	1925, January 15	Pulaski
1918	Woodstock, Va.	.....1925, January 28	1925, February 20	Harrisonburg
2242	Elizabethton, Tenn.	.....1926, January 19	1926, February 6	Johnson City
2266	Luray, Va.	.....1926, January 25	1926, March 4	Harrisonburg
2329	Front Royal, Va.	.....1926, March 30	1926, April 16	Winchester

2531	New Market, Va. ....	1927, March 17	Woodstock
2595	Tazewell, Va. ....	1927, April 12	Abingdon
2851	Marion, Va. ....	1928, April 3	Abingdon
2903	Martinsville, Va. ....	1928, May 2	Roanoke
576	Strasburg, Va. ....	1933, April 21	Winchester
3783	Richlands, Va. ....	1935, March 5	Tazewell
4318	Gate City, Va. ....	1937, June 10	Kingsport
4755	Bridgewater, Va. ....	1938, May 26	Harrisonburg
4808	Hillsville, Va. ....	1938, July 21	Galax
4859	Mountain City, Tenn. ....	1938, October 17	Elizabethton
4873	Buchanan, Va. ....	1938, October 28	Lexington
4886	Stuart, Va. ....	1938, November 2	Martinsville
4941	Shenandoah-Elkton, Va. ....	1939, February 8	Luray
4975	Chatham, Va. ....	1939, March 2	Danville
5005	Altavista, Va. ....	1939, April 6	Lynchburg
5021	Amherst, Va. ....	1939, April 17	Blackstone
5461	Grundy, Va. ....	1941, December 8	Welch, W. Va.
5575	Bassett, Va. ....	1943, January 7	Martinsville
6191	Fieldale, Va. ....	1946, February 11	Martinsville
7399	Salem, Va. ....	1949, November 11	Roanoke
7401	Williamson Road, Roanoke, Va. ....	1949, November 17	Roanoke
None	Rocky Mount, Va. ....	1951, July 9	Roanoke
None	Fort Hill, Lynchburg ....	1963, February 27	Lynchburg



## II. DISTRICT GOVERNORS

YEAR	NAME AND RESIDENCE	DISTRICT
1915-16	David P. Sites*, Roanoke, Va. ....	4th
1916-18	Thomas B. McAdams*, Richmond, Va. ....	
1918-19	Howard E. Rondthaler*, Winston-Salem, N. C. ....	7th
1919-20	Rogers W. Davis*, Charlotte, N. C. ....	
1920-21	Lewis W. Perrin*, Spartanburg, S. C. ....	
1921-22	Joseph A. Turner*, Hollins, Va. ....	
1922-23	Roger Moore, Wilmington, N. C. ....	37th
1923-24	G. Franklin Lenz*, Newport News, Va. ....	
1924-25	M. Eugene Newsom*, Durham, N. C. ....	
1925-26	Charles J. Smith*, <sup>†</sup> Salem, Va. ....	
1926-27	Frank W. Evens*, Norfolk, Va. ....	56th
1927-28	Will H. Surber*, Charlottesville, Va. ....	
1928-29	John Weymouth*, Hampton, Va. ....	
1929-30	Julian A. Burruss*, Blacksburg, Va. ....	
1930-31	G. Jeter Jones*, Richmond, Va. ....	
1931-32	Charles K. Brown*, Staunton, Va. ....	
1932-33	Edward R. Johnson*, Roanoke, Va. ....	
1933-34	John E. Martin*, Suffolk, Va. ....	
1934-35	Paul D. Bowden, Warrenton, Va. ....	
1935-36	William Paxton, Norfolk, Va. ....	
1936-37	William A. Luke, Jr.*, Covington, Va. ....	
1937-38	Robert C. Jennings, Waynesboro, Va. ....	186th
1938-39	Irvin W. Cubine, Martinsville, Va. ....	
1939-40	Dave Shearer*, Johnson City, Tenn. ....	
1940-41	Dowell J. Howard*, Winchester, Va. ....	
1941-42	A. Merle Showalter*, Christiansburg, Va. ....	
1942-43	Raymond C. Campbell, Elizabethton, Tenn. ....	
1943-44	Hensel Eckman, Pulaski, Va. ....	
1944-45	Lynn C. Dickerson, Harrisonburg, Va. ....	
1945-46	Curtis V. Bishop*, Danville, Va. ....	
1946-47	Clem D. Johnston, Roanoke, Va. ....	
1947-48	Devereux D. Rice*, Johnson City, Tenn. ....	
1948-49	W. R. Smith, Jr., Chatham, Va. ....	
1949-50	George W. Leavell*, Bristol, Va.-Tenn. ....	275th
1950-51	Felix E. Edmunds, Waynesboro, Va. ....	
1951-52	Ronald S. Wilson*, Winchester, Va. ....	
1952-53	Asa W. Reese, Radford, Va. ....	
1953-54	Garland K. Linkous*, Danville, Va. ....	
1954-55	M. Lester Carper, <sup>†</sup> Martinsville, Va. ....	

## II. DISTRICT GOVERNORS

YEAR	NAME AND RESIDENCE	DISTRICT
1955-56	Percy H. Warren*, Harrisonburg, Va. ....	.....
1956-57	Daniel E. Leatherman, Winchester, Va. ....	.....
1957-58	Louis A. Pardue*, Blacksburg, Va. ....	757th
1958-59	Joel L. Borden*, Bedford, Va. ....	.....
1959-60	Emmett A. Stover, Martinsville, Va. ....	.....
1960-61	Norman V. Geyer, Kingsport, Tenn. ....	.....
1961-62	Harry Crim, Strasburg, Va. ....	.....
1962-63	John H. Fray, Marion, Va. ....	.....
1963-64	John K. Patterson, Staunton, Va. ....	.....
1964-65	Yuille Holt, Jr., Lynchburg, Va. ....	.....
1965-66	Lewis O. Barksdale, Waynesboro, Va. ....	.....

## III. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

YEAR	HOST CITY	REGISTRATION
1910	Chicago, Ill. ....	60
1911	Portland, Ore. ....	149
1912	Duluth, Minn. ....	598
1913	Buffalo, N. Y. ....	930
1914	Houston, Tex. ....	1,288
1915	San Francisco, Cal. ....	1,988
1916	Cincinnati, Ohio ....	3,828
1917	Atlanta, Ga. ....	2,654
1918	Kansas City, Mo. ....	4,034
1919	Salt Lake City, Utah ....	3,038
1920	Atlantic City, N. J. ....	7,213
1921	Edinburgh, Scotland ....	2,302
1922	Los Angeles, Cal. ....	5,858
1923	St. Louis, Mo. ....	6,817
1924	Toronto, Ont., Canada ....	9,187
1925	Cleveland, Ohio ....	10,233
1926	Denver, Colo. ....	8,890
1927	Ostend, Belgium ....	6,550
1928	Minneapolis, Minn. ....	9,448
1929	Dallas, Tex. ....	9,526
1930	Chicago ....	11,019
1931	Vienna, Austria ....	4,288
1932	Seattle, Wash. ....	5,159
1933	Boston, Mass. ....	8,456

### III. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

YEAR	HOST CITY	REGISTRATION
1934	Detroit, Mich. ....	7,390
1935	Mexico, D. F., Mexico ....	5,332
1936	Atlantic City ....	9,914
1937	Nice, France ....	5,790
1938	San Francisco ....	10,409
1939	Cleveland ....	9,237
1940	Havana, Cuba ....	3,719
1941	Denver ....	8,956
1942	Toronto ....	6,671
1943	St. Louis ....	3,872
1944	Chicago† ....	403
1945	Chicago† ....	141
1946	Atlantic City ....	10,958
1947	San Francisco ....	14,678
1948	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil ....	7,511
1949	New York ....	15,971
1950	Detroit† ....	6,939
1951	Atlantic City ....	8,453
1952	Mexico† ....	6,804
1953	Paris, France ....	10,107
1954	Seattle† ....	8,015
1955	Chicago, Golden Jubilee ....	14,312
1956	Philadelphia, Pa.† ....	10,001
1957	Lucerne, Switzerland ....	9,702
1958	Dallas ....	14,048
1959	New York ....	15,475
1960	Miami, Fla. ....	11,351
1961	Tokyo, Japan ....	23,366
1962	Los Angeles ....	22,302
1963	St. Louis ....	10,779
1964	Toronto ....	14,661
1965	Atlantic City ....	9,368
1966	Denver	
1967	Nice	
1968	Mexico	
1969	Honolulu, Hawaii	
1970	Atlanta, Ga.	

† Known as "limited convention."

## IV. CONFERENCES

YEAR	CONFERENCE CITY	DATE	DISTRICT
1916	New Orleans, La. (Southern Division Conference)		
1917	Charlotte, N. C.	April 25	4
1918	Asheville, N. C.	March 8-9	
1919	Greensboro, N. C.	May 20-21	7
1920	Greenville, S. C.	March 15-16	
1921	Norfolk, Va.	April 12-13-14	
1922	Winston-Salem, N. C.	March 21-22	
1923	Petersburg, Va.	March 6-7	37
1924	Raleigh, N. C.	April 3-4	
1925	Richmond, Va.	March 26-27	
1926	Durham, N. C.	April 13-14	
1927	Roanoke, Va.	April 26-27	56
1928	Norfolk, Va.	May 8-9	
1929	Lynchburg, Va.	May 2-3	
1930	Richmond, Va.	May 8-9	
1931	Norfolk, Va.	May 6-7-8	
1932	Danville, Va.	May 4-5-6	
1933	Newport News, Va.	May 11-12	
1934	Roanoke, Va.	May 16-17-18	
1935	Richmond, Va.	May 9-10	
1936	Lynchburg, Va.	May 21-22	
1937	Newport News, Va.	May 5-6-7	
1938	Staunton, Va.	May 5-6	186
1939	Roanoke, Va.		
	(Joint Conference with 187th)	May 4-5	
1940	Bristol, Va.-Tenn.	April 25-26	
1941	Winchester, Va.	April 21-22	
1942	Danville, Va.	April 19-20-21	
1943	Roanoke, Va.	April 11-12	
1944	Roanoke, Va.	April 24-25	
1945	No Conference		
1946	Johnson City, Tenn.	April 14-15-16	
1947	Roanoke, Va.	April 18-19	
1948	Bristol, Va.	April 9-10	
1949	Roanoke, Va.	April 21-22-23	
1950	Kingsport, Tenn.	April 20-21-22	275
1951	Roanoke, Va.	May 3-4-5	
1952	Staunton, Va.	April 24-25-26	
1953	Johnson City, Tenn.	February 26-27-28	
1954	Hot Springs, Va.	March 11-12-13	
1955	Hot Springs	March 10-11-12	
1956	Hot Springs	March 8-9-10	
1957	Hot Springs	March 7-8-9	757
1958	Hot Springs	March 20-21-22	
1959	Hot Springs	March 5-6-7	
1960	Hot Springs	March 24-25-26	
1961	Hot Springs	March 23-24-25	

## IV. CONFERENCES

YEAR	CONFERENCE	CITY	DATE	DISTRICT
1962	Hot Springs	.....	March 29-30-31	...
1963	Hot Springs	.....	March 21-22-23	...
1964	Hot Springs	.....	March 12-13-14	...
1965	Hot Springs	.....	March 18-19-20	...
1966	Hot Springs	.....	March 17-18-19	...

## V. ASSEMBLIES

YEAR	ASSEMBLY	CITY	DATE	DISTRICT
1916	}	No record until 1919.		
1917				
1918				
1919				
1919	Raleigh, N. C.	.....	October 16	7
1920	Greensboro, N. C.	.....	September 23	...
1921	Lynchburg, Va.	.....	September 27	...
1922	Durham, N. C.	.....	September 14	37
1923	Hot Springs, Va.	.....	August 20-21	...
1924	Rocky Mount, N. C.	.....	September 4-5	...
1925	Fredericksburg, Va.	.....	August 27-28	...
1926	Charlottesville, Va.	.....	August 24-25	56
1927	Suffolk, Va.	.....	August 24-25	...
1928	Danville, Va.	.....	August 7-8	...
1929	Staunton, Va.	.....	July 17-18-19	...
1930	Winchester, Va.	.....	July 17-18	...
1931	Charlottesville, Va.	.....	August 5-6	...
1932	Luray, Va.	.....	July 27-28-29	...
1933	Newport News, Va.	.....	May 10	...
1934	Roanoke, Va.	.....	May 16	...
1935	Harrisonburg, Va.	.....	July 25-26	...
1936	South Hill, Va.	.....	July 23-24	...
1937	Martinsville, Va.	.....	July 28-29	186
1938	Wytheville, Va.	.....	July 28-29	...
1939	Blacksburg, Va.	.....	August 17-18	...
1940	Lexington, Va.	.....	July 23-24	...
1941	Roanoke, Va.	.....	July 24-25	...
1942	Pulaski, Va.	.....	July 17-18	...
1943	Natural Bridge, Va.	.....	June 29	...
1944	Natural Bridge, Va.	.....	June 25-26	...
1945	Marion and Staunton, Va.	.....	July 15-16; 17-18	...
1946	Natural Bridge	.....	July 12-13	...
1947	Natural Bridge	.....	July 11-12	...
1948	Natural Bridge	.....	July 9-10	...
1949	Natural Bridge	.....	July 8-9	275
1950	Natural Bridge	.....	July 13-14	...
1951	Natural Bridge	.....	June 21-22	...
1952	Natural Bridge	.....	June 27-28	...
1953	Natural Bridge	.....	April 10-11	...

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YEAR	ASSEMBLY CITY	DATE	DISTRICT
1954	Natural Bridge	April 23-24	...
1955	Natural Bridge	April 22-23	...
1956	Natural Bridge	April 20-21	...
1957	Natural Bridge	April 26-27	757
1958	Abingdon, Va.	May 2-3	...
1959	Luray, Va.	May 8-9	...
1960	Natural Bridge	May 6-7	...
1961	Natural Bridge	April 21-22	...
1962	Natural Bridge	April 27-28	...
1963	Natural Bridge	April 19-20	...
1964	Natural Bridge	April 24-25	...
1965	Natural Bridge	June 18-19	...
1966	Natural Bridge	June 24-25	...

## VI. PAST PRESIDENTS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

1910-12	Paul P. Harris*
1912-13	Glenn C. Mead*
1913-14	Russell F. Greiner*
1914-15	Frank L. Mulholland*
1915-16	Allen D. Albert*
1916-17	Arch C. Klumph*
1917-18	Leslie Pidgeon*
1918-19	John Poole*
1919-20	Albert S. Adams*
1920-21	Estes Snedecor
1921-22	Crawford C. McCullough*
1922-23	Raymond M. Havens*
1923-24	Guy Gundaker*
1924-25	Everett W. Hill
1925-26	Donald A. Adams
1926-27	Harry H. Rogers*
1927-28	Arthur H. Sapp*
1928-29	I. B. Tom Sutton*
1929-30	M. Eugene Newsome*
1930-31	Almon E. Roth*
1931-32	Sydney W. Pascal*
1932-33	Clinton P. Anderson
1933-34	John Nelson*
1934-35	Robert E. Lee Hill*
1935-36	Ed. R. Johnson*
1936-37	Will R. Manier, Jr.*
1937-38	Maurice Duperry
1938-39	George C. Hager*
1939-40	Walter D. Head
1940-41	Armando de Arruda Pereira*

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1941-42.....	Tom J. Davis*
1942-43.....	Fernando Carbajal
1943-44.....	Charles L. Wheeler
1944-45.....	Richard H. Wells*
1945-46.....	T. A. Warren
1946-47.....	Richard C. Hedke
1947-48.....	S. Kendrick Guernsey
1948-49.....	Angus S. Mitchell*
1949-50.....	Percy Hodgson
1950-51.....	Arthur Lagueux*
1951-52.....	Frank E. Spain
1952-53.....	H. J. Brunner
1953-54.....	Joaquin Serratos Ciblis*
1954-55.....	Herbert J. Taylor
1955-56.....	A. Z. Baker
1956-57.....	Glan Paolo Lang
1957-58.....	Charles G. Tennent
1958-59.....	Clifford A. Randall
1959-60.....	Harold T. Thomas
1960-61.....	J. Edd McLaughlin
1961-62.....	Joseph A. Abey
1962-63.....	Nitish C. Laharry*
1963-64.....	Carl P. Miller
1964-65.....	Charles W. Pettingill
1965-66.....	C. P. H. Teenstra
1966-67.....	