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*Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater (Center) installed Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. by Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, at the Public Installation in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria, Friday, August 26, 1955. This was the first installation ceremony ever held publicly by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the induction of its officers.*

# The New Magazine—"Knight Templar"

For the past ten years the Grand Encampment Review has served a worthwhile purpose in reporting important news of Templar activities throughout the country and other Jurisdictions.

In changing the general policy of the Grand Encampment Review it was found necessary, in keeping with the modern trend of Templar activities, to broaden its scope into wider news coverage and to include all the important phases in Public Relations for the Order of Knights Templar.

## "Knight Templar" Magazine

This is the new name for the Official National Publication of the Grand Encampment, of Knights Templar, of United States of America.

This Official publication has been enlarged to a 32 page magazine, size 6 x 9 and set in a style for greater convenience and ease in reading. Many photograph reproductions will be used to brighten up its pages.

The published reviews of annual conclaves will not be neglected, but presented on a basis of their news importance. All of the Knights Templar programs and Commandery activities throughout the country will be treated as important news stories, and of assistance to other Jurisdictions in planning programs for Templar advancement.

The plan for creating this new magazine—"Knight Templar"—is in keeping with the progress that can and should be made in the growth of Templar Masonry throughout the Nation. The important thought has been advanced—"That Templary needs Revitalization." . . . It is hoped that the "Knight Templar" Magazine will prove a real contribution in the revitalization of our great Christian Order.

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## Brief History of The Grand Encampment Review

*"To interpret Templary at its best has been the policy of The Grand Encampment Review."*

An important decade of detailed and dated history of the Order of Knights Templar has been recorded and preserved through the pages of the published volumes of The Review.

The Grand Encampment Review, Official Publication of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. was first issued in November 1944, was printed and distributed upon the urgent request of members of the Order. . . . The Review had its beginning under authority voted in the 42nd Triennial Conclave, held May 24th and 25th, 1943 in Chicago, and the recent issue of May-June 1955, presents the fact that through the years this magazine has had an ever widening zone of acceptance of real influence and Templar-news importance.

Throughout the years the Review has covered all outstanding Knights Templar programs and activities, such as: The Educational Foundation Fund, Christmas Observance, Easter and Ascension Day Services, Church Events, Patriotic Activities Committee Programs. There has also been news coverage of coming Templar events, celebration of anniversaries, Drill Corps Exhibitions, public Installations of Officers and social events held by Commanderies.

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## Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater

*Elected and installed Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.*

At the 46th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, in New York City, August 20-26, 1955—"Knights Templar Week"—Walter A. DeLamater became the 38th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

An excerpt from his biography reveals that he is a descendant of the DeLamaters, who under the firm name of DeLamater Iron Works were the builders of the Monitor of historic fame in the Monitor-Merrimac battle during the war between the States. "DeLamater Square" off West 14th Street, near 11th Avenue, New York City, is near the former location of the old Iron Works and today still exists as a street. He is also a descendant of Abraham DeLamater, first President of the Village of Rhinebeck, founded in 1688, is the present residence of General DeLamater. His New York City address is the Union League Club.

General Walter A. DeLamater is the only soldier in the history of the famous 71st Regiment of the New York National Guard to enlist as a private and to be elevated to Major General. He holds honorary membership in 87 societies and is as distinguished in peace time activities as in war.

### Masonic Record

Sir Knight DeLamater has an unusual record in both the York and Scottish Rite Bodies. He was Coronated Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree and Honorary Member Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction U. S. of A., 1947.

He was appointed R. E. Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. in 1937 by M. E. Grand Master Mark Norris.

In the Grand Encampment Line Sir Knight DeLamater was appointed Grand

Sword Bearer in 1940, Grand Standard Bearer in 1943. Following this service he was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1946, elected Grand Captain General in 1949. Automatically advanced through the death of Sir Knight Walter Stover to R. E. Grand Generalissimo in 1949. At the election in 1952 he became the R. E. Deputy Grand Master, and at the 46th Triennial in 1955 was honored by being advanced to Most Eminent Grand Master.



*Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U. S. A.*

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### This Magazine Is For ALL Knights Templar

While it is designated as the official publication of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the new magazine the "Knight Templar" is issued for the benefit of every Sir Knight in all Jurisdictions.

It is the hope of the Officers and Editor that Templar Masons everywhere will become interested in helping spread the news of the Order through this magazine, so that many Templars and Masons will find its contents of value in carrying on their work for the Chivalric Orders. (See back page of this issue.)

We are desirous of publishing news of Templar and Masonic activities, programs of all kinds, and especially plans for membership building campaigns.

The celebration of anniversaries and honoring distinguished Templars and Masons is always good news and the kind of dignified publicity to help the Order.

Remember the slogan—"Yours for a Revitalized and Greater Templary" of the Most Eminent Grand Master, means that Sir Knights everywhere should work to make these words come true—a living reality—a real dream of accomplishment to come true.



*Sir Knight William C. Gordon, M. E. Grand Master (right) receiving welcome to the 46th Triennial at the Grand Central Station, Saturday, August 20th, by Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater, Deputy Grand Master (left), and Stuart H. Walker, General Chairman of the Conclave (center).*



*Official Escort of Sir Knights at "Present Swords" Salute, as Sir Knight William C. Gordon, M. E. Grand Master, arrives by Special Train at Grand Central Station. The Grand Master was escorted under command of Sir Knight James C. Corbett, R. E. Grand Commander of New York, to the Waldorf-Astoria, Sat. morning, Aug. 20.*

## Grand Master's Message

*To all Knights Templar under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.*

We have just concluded a very interesting, inspiring and unusual Triennial Conclave with many features incident thereto which will be covered in this publication and others to follow. As you will observe we have changed the format, size and name. It is believed that the time has arrived to develop a publication with more human interest stories and more in keeping with the trend of the times. We have changed the name of the publication from "Grand Encampment Review" to "Knight Templar" which includes everyone who is enlisted under the banner of Christ in our Order and is thus dedicated to the Sir Knights who in the last analysis make the Grand Encampment. If we are going to make progress we must develop a harmonious team and recognize all Sir Knights and not just merely a few of the so-called "higher ups."

We are entering a new Triennium with many plans and objectives for a revitalized, reinvigorated and a greater Templary. I think we all will admit that we have been too apathetic and too complacent in the past and we have not made the progress that this great Order should have made. Enthusiastic interest has not been generally manifest for some time past. We have outside of the church and the Christian Religion itself a Great Order and one that can and should occupy a most important part in the life of our Masonic Activities, in our community and in fact in the world but we have not sold Templary to the extent that we should have to our own members let alone the other Masonic Bodies and to the public.

I think that everyone in a moment of deep meditation and analysis will realize that they have not given the Order the effort and interest that they can and should have. Let us be frank in our thinking and in talking. There is not an individual that hasn't been blessed somewhere, somehow to some extent and his family and no matter what our

problems may have been we have much to be thankful for. Many of our problems are if properly analyzed perhaps blessings in disguise to give us a greater and deeper appreciation of the finer and better things of life and that after all the sufferings we have had to undergo are worthwhile and left us probably with a greater appreciation of our God and our fellowman.

In order to accomplish outstanding results it requires enthusiastic interest, inspiring leadership; it requires high esprit and morale on the part of our leaders. It is well to remember that esprit does not bubble up from the bottom but filters down from the top. It requires determination, the "Get There Spirit," some sacrifice and work. If our Saviour could sacrifice his Life for us, the least we can do is give some time and thought to matters that are pertaining to Him and that in reality is His Work. Your Grand Master appeals to every Sir Knight for a more enthusiastic, energetic contribution of time and effort to our Great Christian Order of Knighthood. We need the help of every Sir Knight.

Committees will soon hold conferences and formulate and initiate plans and a program for the Onward March of Templary. Much constructive legislation was adopted at our Triennial Conclave, some in the Ritual designed to assist Commanderies in conferring the Orders on large classes because there is no question we must increase our membership and add greater numerical strength. Let us aim for 500,000 members.

For the first time in the history of the Grand Encampment we have adopted a Project establishing a 100% charity on a national basis, that of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation for research, treatment and hospitalization for diseases and injuries of the eye to serve humanity regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex, or national origin; the only requirement being that the one

applying cannot afford to pay. Already a number of very sizable contributions have been received and a number of promises of wills and bequests (all tax free). The assessment per member of \$1.00 per year, less than 2c per week to try to prevent some poor person from becoming blind your Grand Master feels certain will be willingly contributed. While assessments are never popular it is felt that everyone who has enlisted in our great Christian Order, as a matter of fact almost anyone, would consider \$1.00 per year contribution a willing donation towards this great humanitarian effort. It is firmly believed that as time goes on the influence, happiness, joy and goodwill created through the service that we rendered and the many that were treated who if they had not been might have lost their sight will be known far and wide. This service that we will render humanity will be a lasting tribute to the Glory of our Great Order and every Sir Knight will be proud to have had a part in this great undertaking.

It will raise the standard of Knights

Templar and the Cross of Christ higher than ever before. This in no way will interfere with our Educational Loan Foundation which is a Project of the Grand Encampment and which we are morally and duty bound to do everything possible to make successful. That is a service and a finance project and not a charity so the two do not conflict whatsoever. Together they give us a stronger and greater Christian organization than ever before.

In conclusion the Grand Master desires everyone to realize that we can only be successful if we have a *strong united team determined to accomplish results*. One man certainly cannot accomplish much but all united can accomplish outstanding results. May God grant His blessings upon every Knight Templar and his family and with His Guidance and earnest prayer it is felt that all objectives can and will be attained. LET US DO IT!

Yours for a Revitalized and Greater Templary,

Walter A. DeLamater,  
Grand Master.

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America holding their 46th Triennial Conclave in the City of New York during the week August 20-26, 1955 adopted a Project establishing the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This to be a non-profit organization for research, treatment and hospitalization of diseases and injuries of the eye in an endeavor to prevent a growing tendency to blindness. This service to be available to everyone regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin; the only requirement being that the one desiring treatment cannot afford to pay.

Each Knight Templar throughout the United States and possessions and countries under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment are being assessed \$1.00 per year and already some substantial contributions have been made and wills

and bequests on behalf of this Foundation.

The Board of Trustees will consist of: Rall B. Cowden, P.G.C., Midland, Tex.; Thomas C. Law, P.G.C., Atlanta, Ga.; Lachlan M MacDonalld, P.G.C., Bryan, Ohio; John E. Rines, P.G.C., Mass. and R. I., Winchester, Mass.; Judge Oakley K. Morton, P.G.C., Riverside, Calif.; Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.C., Duluth, Minn.; Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master, Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Louis H. Wieber, Deputy Grand Master, Cleveland, Ohio; Paul M. Moore, Grand Generalissimo, Aliquippa, Penna.; Ansel A. Packard, Grand Captain General, Middletown, Conn.; William C. Gordon, Past Grand Master, Marshall, Mo.; Edmund F. Ball, Grand Treasurer, Muncie, Ind.; John Temple Rice, R. E. Grand Recorder, Chicago, Ill.

A panel of outstanding consultants in

the field of ophthalmology; and in addition thereto: Gallaway Calhoun, Chairman of the Board of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Tyler, Tex.

George M. Saunders, Secretary of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Chicago, Ill.

There will be available for this work approximately \$500,000.00 each year and eventually more.

This 100% charitable project on a national basis for the Knights Templar is in keeping with the tradition of the Order. They having maintained hospitals in Jerusalem and have pledged to universal benevolence and binding up

the wounds of the afflicted and it is right in keeping with all their obligations and traditions.

The Knights Templar in addition to this Project have for some years maintained the Educational Loan Foundation loaning money to worthy students and grants and scholarships and this has been a service but not a true charity.

The resolution to establish the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was enthusiastically received by the Knights Templar in Session at the Waldorf. Already some sizable contributions have been received.



*Public Installation of Department Commanders, Grand Encampment. (Left to right) Sir Knights: G. Maxwell Fowler, Subordinate Commanderies, Frankfort, Ind.; Frederick Kennedy, North Eastern, Wellesley, Mass.; Samuel A. Wright, North Pacific, Seattle, Wash.; William Thomas Buckner, Central Atlantic, Richmond, Va.; Thomas Nelson Morrison, South Eastern, Lakeland, Florida; Sigurd Jensen, East Central, Chicago, Ill.; Burt DuVall Pearson, North Central, Virginia, Minn.; Charles Ormond Showalter, West Central, Omaha, Nebr.; Theodore F. Voelter, North Atlantic, Belleville, N. J. (Not in photograph) Department Commanders: Quincy Cleiborn Appling, South Pacific, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Willard Day Billingsly, South Central, Little Rock, Ark.*

## Welcome By Mayor Wagner

Mayor Robert F. Wagner officially welcomed members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to the city at ceremonies held at Waldorf-Astoria Monday morning, August 22, 1955.

Earlier Mayor Wagner officially proclaimed the week of August 20-26 as "Knights Templar Week" in the city in recognition of the work performed by the Grand Encampment in providing opportunities for higher education for 75,000 young men and women irrespective of race, color or creed during the past 33 years through the Knights Templar Educational Foundation founded in 1922.

"Knights Templar Week" was also proclaimed throughout the State of New York during the same week by Governor Averell Harriman.

This was the first time in 93 years that the Grand Encampment has met in New York City, the last time being in September, 1862. More than 20,000 Sir Knights, their wives, families and special guests attended the conclave opening Saturday, August 20, with the arrival of the Most Eminent Grand Master William C. Gordon of Marshall, Mo., at Grand Central Terminal by special train at 8 A. M.

Major General Walter A. DeLamater of New York City and Rhinebeck, N. Y., Deputy Grand Master was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment during the conclave.

### Publicity Coverage

There was unusual interest on the part of the Press, and news photographers in the Conclave. Every major public event was well covered by reporters and cameramen from all leading New York newspapers. There was newsreel coverage of the arrival of the Grand Master at the Grand Central, the Church Parade, the Night Parade on Fifth Avenue, Mayor Wagner's Welcome Address, and Public Installation.

News stories appeared daily throughout the whole event. Excellent coverage was given by the Associated Press which sent stories and pictures to publications all across the country.

There was also television coverage on several news programs. The film showing the arrival of the Grand Master was seen over the NBC-TV network on Saturday evening and on the following day over the CBS-TV network's late news program.

There was additional publicity through various sources which was of great value in publicizing the events of "Knights Templar Week."

The original publicity plans of the NBC to give radio and television coverage to the parade on Fifth Avenue and the Installation of the Grand Master were cancelled because of the flood news along the East Coast. . . . The stories of the floods and disaster were of necessity given so much space in the newspapers and on television that the story of the Triennial Conclave was lost. For almost the first four days of the Conclave practically all newspaper space generally allotted to important events of this kind was given over to stories and pictures of the flood. This meant that the amount of space given to the Conclave events was greatly reduced in newspapers throughout the country.

Nevertheless, the press continued to give as much coverage as was possible in face of the great disaster of the floods which became headline national news. Prior to the Conclave wide publicity was given through many newspapers across the country, and in many Masonic magazines.

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Send copies of the "Knight Templar" to your friends.

You can help build up this Order.



## Commentators of the Parade In Fifth Avenue

By SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH CAMERON DUNN (New York)

*Sir Knight Clark MacKenzie, Past Grand Master of Masons of Michigan, and Sir Knight Joseph Cameron Dunn, P.G.C. of New York, in the Reviewing Stand described, via Loud Speaker, details of the brilliant and beautiful night Parade on Tuesday, August 23rd, 8 p. m., down Fifth Avenue.—Editor.*

### Prologue

This is the Eighth Triennial of the Grand Encampment to be held within New York State and the Seventh in New York City. The First was in June 1816 at the formation of the Grand Encampment. The last time was in September 1862. The Nation was in a turmoil at that time, but this Order of Knights Templar, true to the principles of Him under whose Banner its members are enlisted, performed that sacred duty of "binding up the wounds of the afflicted and comforting those who mourn."

### Float No. 1

"The Call For The First Crusade"—The Order of Knights Templar sprang from that memorable religious Enthusiasm which pervaded Europe at the commencement of the 12th Century. . . . It was in that period of Chivalry that the Order was born and came forth in all its youth and strength. The Christian World was aroused against the barbarous infidels. There was an eloquent appeal that all men in christendom should go on a journey to save the City of Jesus of Christ. "God Wills It" was



*Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and Grand Marshal, led the parade on a beautiful Palomino.*



*Mounted Crusaders, members of the Craft organized as the Mounted Deputy Sheriffs of Bergen, N. J., appear in Parade as a courtesy to the Grand Marshal and to Templary in general.*

the cry. They were exhorted to wear the Cross upon their shoulders and breast. Thus the Cross became the sign of the Knights of the Crusades around which all Medieval Knights rallied, and it is now the insignia so proudly worn by the Knights Templar of today.

#### Float No. 2

"The Crusaders First View of The Holy Land"—In June 1097 the zealous main body of what is called the First Crusade was made up of the finest flower of Knighthood from France, England and Germany, and was under the command of Godfrey de Bouillon. . . . Their first view of the Holy City was on June 10th, 1097, but it was not until July 1099 that the city was taken. Thus ended the First Crusade.

#### Float No. 3

"Richard—The Lionhearted Meets Saladin"—Richard Coeur de Lion, one of the great leaders of the Third Crusade, was a glorious fighter and the whole Crusade became a setting for his inimitable personal valor. His principle opponent Saladin defeated the Christian

Forces and prevented them from entering Jerusalem's walls. The treaty signed by these two great warriors stands in history as one of the most important documents of the Crusades.

#### Float No. 4

"Formation of Ancient Order of the Temple."—In 1113 Hugh de Paynes united with eight other French Knights to organize the Order of Knights Templar. The habit of the Order was a white garment, the symbol of a pure life, to which was later added a Red Cross worn over the left breast as a symbol of martyrdom. The Templars stood firm against the opposing hordes fighting the Christian strongholds in Palestine.

#### Float No. 5

"Formation of the Modern Order of the Temple."—As early as 1769 meetings of Knights Templar were held on the American Continent. From 1780 on there was a rapid spread of the Temple Order in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina and other Eastern States. In New York

City, on June 20th, 1816, was formed the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. DeWitt Clinton was the first Grand Master. He held the office of Grand Master of Templars until his death in 1828.

#### Float No. 6

"A Priory of Knights of Malta."—The Order of Knights of Malta was originally known as Knights Hospitallers or Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. About 1050 they erected a hospital near the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated it to St. John the Almoner. They cared for the Christian Pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. With the fall of Jerusalem in 1187 the Order of St. John lost the hospital. Later they established homes on Cyprus, Rhodes, Candia, and finally the Island of Malta, which gave the Order the name it bears at this time.

#### Float No. 7

"Grand Encampment Educational Foundation."—In 1922 under Grand Master Joseph Kyle Orr, the Grand Encampment initiated a most worthy movement in the educational field. A plan was adopted to aid young men and women to complete their education. Without regard to race, color or creed,

the Foundation has assisted nearly 75,000 students to take their proper place in society. This is a Chartered, non-profit organization supported entirely by contributions made by Knights Templar across the Nation.

#### Order of Parade

In addition to commenting on the Floats, Sir Knights Joseph Cameron Dunn and Clark MacKenzie described in detail the Order of the Parade as printed in the parade orders.

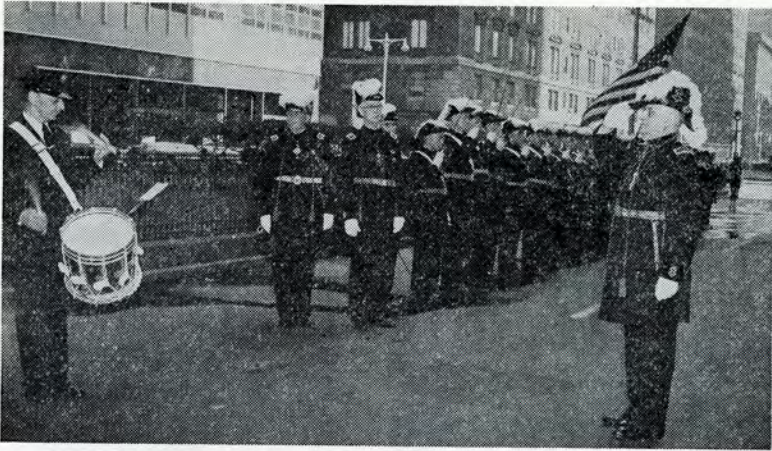
The parade was led by an escort of Mounted Police of the City of New York, which made a most striking appearance and was received with great applause from the thousands of spectators.

The Grand Marshal, Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo, next passed the Reviewing Stand on his prancing Palomino.

Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, Most Eminent Grand Master, was accompanied by an escort under the direction of Col. James McB. Sellers, Wentworth Military Academy, P.G.C., of Missouri, Marshal of the Division. Kismet Temple Band, Brooklyn, New York, played "Onward Christian Soldiers" as they led the Division.



Float No. 3—"Richard, The Lionhearted, Meets Saladin"—Richard 1st, Coeur de Lion, one of the great leaders of the 3rd Crusade, helped to assemble the greatest armaments of the Crusades. The Treaty of these two warriors is an important historical document of the Crusades.



*Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater as Deputy Grand Master on Saturday, August 20, in front of the Waldorf-Astoria, as he officially received Sir Knight William C. Gordon, M. E. Grand Master, on his arrival at the Conclave Headquarters.*

The Commentors announced the arrival of the Grand Officers, Department Commanders and Distinguished Guests, giving name, rank and home State, as each left the car and entered the Reviewing Stand.

All of the details of the parade orders were issued in full in the printed "Order of Parade," with the following exceptions.

In First Division—The Mounted Crusaders were members of the Craft, organized as The Mounted Deputy Sheriffs of Bergen County, N. J., and appeared in the parade as a courtesy to the Grand Marshal, Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, and to Templary in General.

In Second Division—The Chief of Staff, Sir Knight Clayton G. Cousino, G.G., of Ohio, acted as Marshal in place of Sir Knight Fern J. Blose, P.G.C. of Ohio, who was confined to the Hospital.

The Second Division was led by the Newark High School Band of Newark, Ohio, of more than a hundred pieces. A fine appearing organization in colorful uniforms and received with spirited applause. In the Ohio Second Division, the Warren Commandery Drum and Bugle Corps of Warren, Ohio, delivered excellent marching music.

Under the Third Division, The Crescent Temple Band of Trenton, N. J., replaced the 199th Army Band . . . the twenty-two costumed marchers represented "The Ancient Grand Masters of the Crusades."

Representing Subordinate Commanderies were four members of Porto Rico Commandery No. 1, in their white uniforms embellished with gold ornaments.

Fourth Division—The Second Section of the Fourth Division was led by "Arabian Steeds and Chariot," immediately ahead of Detroit Commandery No. 1. These Sir Knights deserve great credit for bringing the horse contingent to New York, as well as the Sexton High School Band of Lansing, Michigan.

Fifth Division—In the Fifth Division the Knights High School Band, Knightstown, Indiana, appeared as a courtesy of the Knights Templar in that City.

Seventh Division—In the Seventh Division the St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Temple Band, Chicago, Ill., furnished music in addition to the 199th Army Band.

Finale of Parade—Enthusiastic applause was given to the formation of "The Passion Cross" by Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Mich.

Many Sir Knights who participated in this beautiful and inspiring Templar Parade are to be thanked for their loyalty and devotion in making it a great success. Special credit should go to Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, R. E. Grand

Captain General: Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Grand Marshall; Sir Knight Theodore F. Voelter, Chief of Staff, and all of the Sir Knights who served in the formation and execution of the parade.

## Templars Parade In Fifth Avenue

Following the parade of Knights Templar in New York last week (Aug. 23), the New York Times said:

Knights Templar trooped in eleventh-century splendor down Fifth Avenue last night.

Eight thousand members of the high Masonic order illuminated the parade route—Eighty-fifth Street to Sixty-second. The dazzle of their jeweled swords and Passion Crosses was cheered by 100,000 spectators. The police estimated that 220,000 persons were in the stands between Sixty-second and Seventy-eighth Streets.

The two-hour long spectacle was high-lighted by seven Templar floats, each an epoch in the history of the Knights' ancient order, from which modern Templary draws sustenance. A Knight Templar is of the highest rank in the York Rite, paralleling the thirty-second degree Mason of the Scottish Rite.

The marching Knights wore an almost severe black uniform, military styled, but their head-dresses, termed chapeaux, were gay with white or black ostrich plumes. Their belts were of metallic silver and gold, their epaulets of red or green.

The weather was fine for parading—a northwest breeze and temperatures in the low seventies—and the marchers, whose average age was 60, stepped lively. The colorful pageant, the first here since September, 1862, brought to a climax the forty-sixth triennial conclave of a group that traces its origins to the Crusades in the Holy Land.

Marching contingents were smaller than expected because of flood conditions in near-by areas, according to the

parade's grand marshal, C. Byron Lear, a textile executive of Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.

The parade began at 8 p. m. with a flourish of trumpets and a roll of drums. The last contingent passed the reviewing stand at Sixty-fourth Street shortly after 10 p. m.

There, Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker, a past grand master of Detroit Commandery No. 1, took the salute. He had ridden over the parade route.

Plumed knights on horseback, wearing simulated mail and armor, accompanied the first tableau, which depicted the First Crusade. Eighteen helmeted riders astride chestnut horses aided the illusion.

Dismounted knights marched behind the second float, which featured a profile of Jerusalem and the Crusaders' first view of the Holy Land. Richard I and his valorous Moslem adversary, Saladin, were shown in a scene outside Jerusalem.

The "Formation of the Ancient Order of the Temple" was enacted in a float that high-lighted the first grand master, Hugues (Hugh) de Payens of Burgundy. This was followed by a scene detailing the formation in Boston in 1769 of the modern order. Here the knights wore Prince Albert coats, swords, belts and gauntlets.

The ancient Knights passed out of existence in 1314 with the death of Jacques de Molay, grand master. He was burned at the stake before the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris in the reign of King Philip IV.

A twelfth-century conclave of the Knights of Malta marked the next float.

In the last float, the grand encampment's educational foundation was honored. This depicted college students receiving diplomas and showing how they were helped with loans to complete their studies.

The parade's finale was in the form of the passion cross—the knights' symbol—which was a spectacle of uniforms topped with white feathers. In keeping with the theme of the conclave, "Cru-

sade Back to God," much of the music of the fifteen bands had a religious tone.

The Knights Templar are members of the Christian religious order of Masonry. The organization has 400,000 members in its more than 300 commanderies throughout the United States, Alaska, Mexico, the Philippines and the Canal Zone.—New York Times, Aug 24, 1955.

## New York Cathedral Service

The Knights Templar Divine Service at the New York Cathedral—The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine—held for the 46th Triennial of the Grand Encampment, held Sunday, August 21st, 1955, at 4 p. m. was well observed. . . . There was a total attendance of 8,000 with 2,000 Sir Knights in Templar Uniform.

Sir Knight Joseph Cameron Dunn, P.G.C. New York, served as Chairman of the 46th Triennial Conclave Religious Service Committee. . . . Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Grand Marshal; Sir Knight George D. Barclay, Grand Captain General of New York and Staff.

Uniformed members of the Knights Templar of the U. S. A. assembled outside of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine the afternoon at 3 o'clock. A half hour later they marched into the huge edifice to attend a special religious service.

The massed colors of the United States lead the procession, followed by the Beauseants and Banners of the Knights. The Detroit Comamndery No. 1 of Michigan preceded the Grand Marshall into the Cathedral. There they formed two lines between which the Grand Marshall and his Staff marched to their seats.

The services started promptly at four P. M. with an Anglican Chant. The 96th Psalm was read and Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., read the lesson which was Ecclesiasticus 35:10-19.

The Very Reverend and Sir Knight Chester Burge Emerson, D.D., the Right Eminent Grand Prelate preached the sermon.

"Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung, followed by the Blessing of the Standards which were massed before the Altar.

All Sir Knights were arrayed in their very colorful uniforms, which heightened the dignity and the impressiveness of the occasion.

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Extracts from sermon of The Very Reverend and Sir Knight Chester Burge Emerson, D.D., R. E. Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U. S. A., given at St. John the Divine, New York City, Sunday, August 21.

"Indeed faithfulness is the test of any man. Loyalty to the Christian cause must be constant and utterly inconsiderate of consequences. The history of Christianity is one long catalogue of good soldiers of the Cross, from the Roman era to the Asia of today. It is not so many years ago when the Boxers of China fell upon a group of native Christians and encountered that same unflinching devotion which has been the life of the Church. The Boxers herded them together and gave them their choice:

" 'We will give you one night to think it over and recant. If you have not changed by that time, you will be beheaded at sunrise.' "

" 'You need not wait,' " the Christians replied, " 'we do not ask for time to con-



*Knights Templar Attending Services.*

sider. Our minds are made up. If we must either recant or die, then we will die at once.' ”

“And there, as the shadows of evening fell around them, those faithful Christians were led forth to seal their faith with their own blood. Their heads were off in an hour, but their souls were at peace with Him. They had been faithful unto death. No crown of life was too good to rest upon their humble heads.

“The world is salted with men and women who in their humble works and walks are leading a faithful discipleship to their Lord. Through their loyal living they are furnishing the spirit that is keeping and will continue to keep the world conscience-stricken who are saving trade from being completely mercenary, and politics from being completely predatory. They are the men who are preventing the professions from being self-seeking, and society from only becoming self-destructive.

It is exactly this faithfulness that we Knight Templars have and for whose witness to the world we are present here. The symbols of it we rear upon our heads that we may constantly reflect upon its obligations day by day. We wear them

on our sleeves that the world may know that we are not ashamed to confess Christ crucified, and that our good right arms are ready to do His bidding; we wear them over our hearts so that all men may know where our first affection and allegiance lie and to keep us in good courage to fulfill the same; we mark our banners with a Passion Cross and march together behind His real but unseen presence praying that we may not falter but endure hardship as good soldiers of the Cross. For us in simple but profound terms, Christianity is Enlistment under Christ and then it is a soldier forever on the march with Him. Of course, we stumble sometimes, but a brother holds us up; sometimes we fall out of line but never so long, please God, that we cannot join again the rear rank.

And so we go about our human business, solitary and together, in humble station or in great, in circumstances spare or rich, trusting Our Lord to lead us and uphold us in faithfulness.

We have our moments of insight, and they are very great moments when we see ourselves as we really are and “appraise us if pursuing the right way or

the wrong way to our soul's triumph or undoing."

"Tis then we understand our need of possessing what we do not possess by the mere gift of nature alone, the gift we come to possess only in our daily obedience to the commands of our Lord.

That gift is the power to see life in its wholeness, in its responsibilities, in its opportunities of self-realization, in the way of service, and its divine end in life with Him who can bring us out of our lowliness into His largeness, out of our sinfulness into His righteousness.

Faithful! What a word that is! It is the keystone of all life's building. Whatever else is there to build upon, what native talent, what trained ability, what grace or charm of person, of inheritance, of culture, of privilege or opportunity, if faithfulness be lacking, all will tumble into the dust; but if it be there, then shall the heart of man have peace, whatever else he misses, and every life he touches will be helped and healed. "Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" and "Be thou faithful unto death."

## Social Activities

Many enjoyable social events highlighted the 46th Triennial during "Knight Templar Week."

On Friday, August 19th the New York Grand Commandery Dinner was held on the Belvedere Roof of the Sheraton-Astor Hotel. This was a delightful affair concluding the 142nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York.

Sir Knight Stanley W. Wakefield, the retiring Grand Commander, was Toastmaster and introduced many distinguished visitors and ladies who were present to enjoy the event.

The dinner was followed by a public installation with Sir Knight Raymond W. Cross, P.G.C., as Installing Officer and Sir Knight Earl Eaton, Marshal and Sir Knight Ward L. Ekas, P.C. of Monroe Commandery No. 12, as Captain General. . . . Sir Knight James C. Corbett, of Rochester, was installed Right Eminent Grand Commander, followed by the Installation of all the Grand Line Officers, elected and appointed.

### Grand Masters Dinner

In the Empire Room at the Waldorf-Astoria, on Saturday evening, August 20th, the Grand Commandery of New York honored Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, M. E. Grand Master of the

Grand Encampment, at the "46th Triennial Dinner."

New York State newly elected Grand Commander, Sir Knight James C. Corbett, presided and introduced many distinguished guests. This brilliant social event was graced by the presence of many ladies from New York and other Grand Jurisdictions.

### Grand Encampment Dinner

Another outstanding Social Event was the Grand Encampment Dinner held in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria, on Wednesday, August 24th, honoring Sir Knight William C. Gordon, M. E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment Officers and Distinguished Visitors.

The Toastmaster, Sir Knight Lachlan M. MacDinald, P.G.C. of Ohio and General Chairman of the 46th Triennial presided and made the occasion one long to be remembered. The principal guest speaker was the Hon. and Sir Knight Wilbur N. Brucker, Secretary of the Army of the United States. Secretary Brucker is a Past Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 and R. E. Past Grand Commander of Michigan. His inspiring address on the subject "Knighthood is in Flower" was received with enthusiasm and deep appreciation.





*(At left) Sir Knight James C. Corbett, R. E. Grand Commander of New York, presenting the beautiful Oldsmobile to Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master, as a gift of appreciation and expression of loyalty from all the Sir Knights of the Empire State. The Sir Knights of Yonkers Commandery No. 47, presented Grand Master DeLamater with a beautiful tie clasp (which is a replica of the Grand Master's Jewel).*

#### State Breakfasts

On Sunday morning, August 21st at the Park Sheraton Hotel the invitation breakfast by the Grand Commandery of Missouri, was a pleasant event among old and new friends. The Toastmaster, Sir Knight George C. Marquis, P.G.C. of Missouri, introduced the guests in his inimitable delightful manner.

On Monday Morning August 22nd, the usual Conclave Breakfast of the Red Cross of Constantine was held at the Hotel Commodore. Sir Knight Edward Holloway, P.G.C., of New York and present Sovereign of St. Paul's Conclave, presided. Sir Knight Frederick A. Nicholson, P.G.C. of N. Y. and Most Eminent Viceroy of the Grand Imperial Council, accompanied by officers from many other Conclaves were present.

On Tuesday morning, August 23rd, in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria, the Ohio-Pennsylvania Breakfast was attended by more than a thousand Sir Knights and their ladies. Sir Knight George H. Thomas, R. E. Grand Commander of New York presided.

#### Tea for the Ladies

A delightful event was the Grand Encampment Tea, on Tuesday afternoon, August 23rd, in the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria, honoring Grand Master Gordon's daughter, Mrs. Charles M. Buckner; and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. William C. Gordon, Jr. In the receiving line were the wives of the Officers of the Grand Encampment.

On Wednesday morning, August 24th, at the Hotel Roosevelt, the Grand Commandery of New Jersey held its invitation breakfast, honoring Grand Master Gordon and his guests. Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and Past Grand Commander of New Jersey, delighted the guests with his usual streamlined efficiency as the Toastmaster.

On Thursday morning, August 25th the Sheraton-Astor Hotel was the scene of the Southern Breakfast for invited guests, and was the usual delightful affair.

One of the most interesting trips and of great delight to the visitors, was the

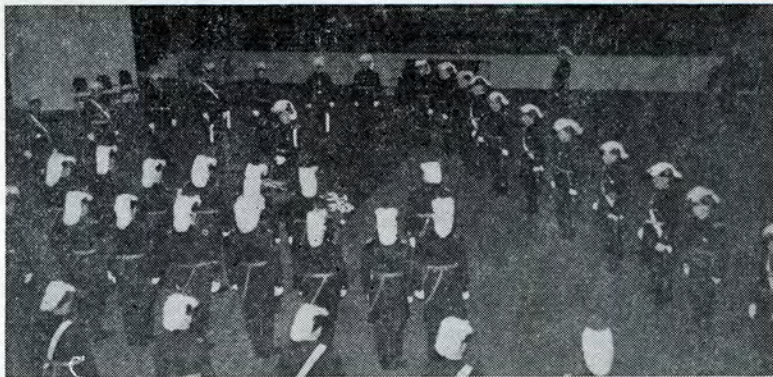
boat trip with luncheon on the boat for Sir Knights and Ladies, up the historic and picturesque Hudson River to West Point and return. Sir Knight Salvador C. Mir, Eminent Past Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 68, Flushing, N. Y., was in charge of the arrangements and is deserving of praise for his successful outing.

#### Public Installation

The closing ceremony of "Knights Templar Week" was the Public Installation of Grand Encampment Officers in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday, August 26th at High

Noon. This was an historic event as it was the first induction of Officers ever held publicly by the Grand Encampment.

The front cover of the "Knight Templar" shows Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, (Center, facing camera) being installed as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., by Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R.E. Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. . . . The other Grand Encampment Officers and Department Commanders of the Grand Encampment were installed by Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, Retiring Most Eminent Grand Master. (See other pages for photos).



*Triangle Formation by Yonkers Commandery No. 48 (Grand Master DeLamater's Commandery) and other Sir Knights of Westchester County at the Public Installation in the Grand Ball Room, Waldorf-Astoria, at 12 noon, August 26. Sir Knight William C. Gordon, M. E. Past Grand Master, stands at the Altar conducting the Installation of Grand Encampment Officers and Department Commanders. Sir Knight DeLamater was Installed as Grand Master by Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, at the opening of the ceremony. (See front page photo.)*

## Announcement

### Knight Templar

A new magazine, replacing the "Grand Encampment Review" published from November 1944 through May-June 1955.

The "Knight Templar" is the only official magazine (National) of the Order of Knights Templar, published quarterly for all members of the Order.

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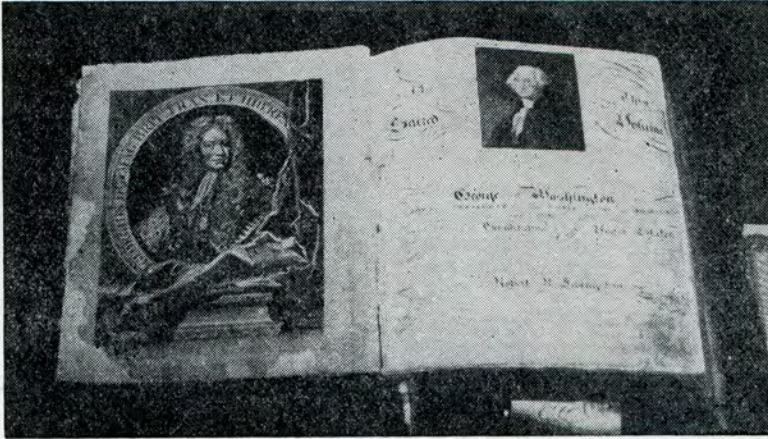
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(Vol. I, No. 1—Knight Templar will become a Collector's Item—Save It).

### Official Slogan

**"A Revitalized and Greater Templary."**



*Washington Bible.*

## Order of the Temple Ceremony

In an impressive ceremony the Order of the Temple was conferred by Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, of Detroit, Michigan, at City Centre Theatre, New York City, August 22nd, at 8 p. m. Honored as the candidate at this special Conclave was Most Worshipful Raymond C. Ellis, Grand Master of Masons of New York State.

An interesting Prologue, at this ceremony, was presented by Sir Knight Edward Holloway, P.G.C., of New York, in which the Masonic Treasures, "Washington Bible," "The Paul Revere Golden Urn" and "The U. S. Capitol or George Washington Gavel" were introduced by special delegations of Distinguished Masons and Templars from Boston, Washington and New York City.

This was the first time in Templar Masonic history that these most highly valued Masonic Treasures have appeared together at the same time. In fact this was the first time that "The Paul Revere Golden Urn" was ever permitted to be removed from the Grand Lodge Room in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Famous "Washington Bible"

The illustration shows The St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York, treasured Bible,

also known as the "Washington Bible" opened to the King George frontis piece.

This is the Bible on which George Washington took his oath of office as first President of the United States, April 30, 1789. The oath was administered by Most Worshipful Robert L. Livingston, then Chancellor of the State of New York and at the same time Grand Master of Masons.

The Bible was brought from the Lodge Room to Federal Hall by General Jacob Morton, then Master of St. John's Lodge No. 1, and later Grand Master of the State.

This same treasured Bible, with the permission of St. John's Lodge, was used at the inauguration of President Harding in 1921 and of President Eisenhower in 1953.

Another photograph shows the Bible open for the ceremony in 1789; a view of the actual pages on which President Washington took the oath of office. At Washington's inauguration the Bible was opened at these pages, showing the text of Genesis 49: 13-33 and 50: 1-8.

(Photograph used by permission of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York.)

## Golden Urn Containing Lock of Hair of George Washington

This may easily be considered the most cherished of all priceless Masonic relics of this nation because of the association of two great Masons and patriots of the American Revolution in this one object.

The urn, which was made by Paul Revere, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts from 1795-1797, is of simple design familiar in the days of the Revolution. It measures about 3¾ inches high and has a screw base so that it can be mounted on the mahogany pedestal made for it. A lock of hair of Wor. George Washington, donated to Grand Lodge in 1800 by his widow, is encased in the top of the urn under a circular crystal glass.

The polished mahogany pedestal is also classic in its simplicity. It measures 6½ inches high by 3¼ inches square at top and base, is hollow and is lined with blue velvet. One side is a hinged door with lock. It is believed that the pedestal was also made by Revere.

The following inscription is engraved on the urn:

This Urn incloses a Lock of Hair  
of the Immortal Washington  
Presented January 27, 1800  
to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge  
by His amiable Widow.  
Born Feby. 11th. 1732  
Obt. Decr. 14, 1799

This precious relic plays an important part in the installation of each new Grand Master at his first installation on St. John's Day in December, a custom which has been carried out for over 150 years.

### The George Washington Gavel

In the laying of the cornerstone of the U. S. Capitol on September 18, 1793, George Washington used this Gavel in the ceremony. The Gavel of Maryland Marble was made by John Duffey, a Silversmith by trade.

The ceremonies were conducted under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Maryland which, at that time, had jurisdiction over what is now District of Columbia.

At the conclusion of the laying of the cornerstone George Washington presented the Gavel to Valentine Reintzel, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 9.

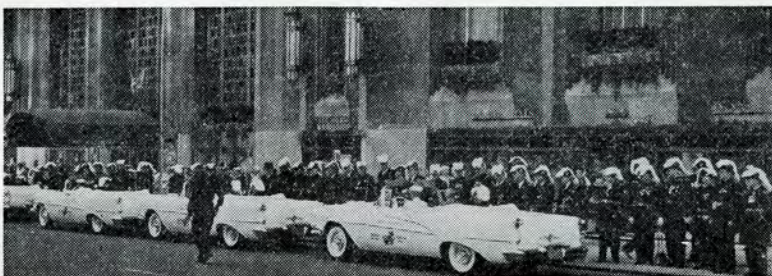
Since that time the historic Gavel has been used in many ceremonies dating from the early 1800's. Nearly all Presidents have used the Gavel in various celebrations and ceremonies. Today the Gavel is one of the valued treasures of Potomac Lodge No. 5, Washington, D. C., which possesses its original Minute



Historic Official Jewel of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar New York State. 100 Years Old in 1957.

Books from 1795 to date, and throughout the years following the public use of the Gavel has been recorded which forms a most interesting history.

This priceless historical memento, the George Washington Gavel, is doubtless one of the most carefully guarded relics associated with the first President of the United States.



*A section of the Fleet of the Glamorous Parade Oldsmobiles, with names and insignia of Grand Officers and Distinguished Visitors lettered on the car doors, standing in front of the Waldorf-Astoria. The 53 new "Starfire" convertibles, were made available by the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors, and provided transportation for Grand Officers and Visiting Dignitaries during Knights Templar Week.*

## A Message From The Committee on Public Relations

By SIR KNIGHT GEORGE A. WEEKS, Chairman

Templary is an outgrowth of the first Crusade, inspired in the latter part of the Eleventh Century by the fiery preaching of Peter the Hermit. The Christian peoples of Europe were roused and joined together in a determined campaign to liberate Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre from the Moslem. In the year 1099, after a march and series of battles beginning in 1096, Jerusalem was finally freed of the infidels.

The success of the Crusaders forms one of the brightest pages in human history. But it was not achieved without great sacrifice, the loss of many valuable lives. It had a most stimulating effect upon the future of the Christian religion.

The solemn ceremonies which anciently accompanied the creation of a Knight,—austere fasts, whole night passed in prayer, the Sacraments of confession, penance, and the Eucharist, bathings

which prefigured purity of manners and life, a white habit as a symbol of the same purity, and a serious attention to sermons—were all duties of preparation, devoutly performed by the neophyte for the sword of chivalry. . . . We now pledge ourselves to the pursuit of a warfare which requires no swords, demands the shedding of no blood, and exhibits no Beauseant save the cross of Him who went about doing good. . . . The sword of Knighthood is no longer drawn save as a symbol; but the great principles which moved and inspired the chivalric Soldier of the Temple to press forward to the rescue of the Holy Sepulchre from the profanation of infidel hordes, and to protect and afford hospitality to weary Pilgrims traveling from afar, to respect and shield the virtue of woman, and protect the helpless—yet lives and finds expression in the lives of modern Tem-

plars whose swords, endowed with justice impartial, fortitude undaunted and mercy unrestrained, are never drawn in the cause of oppression, injustice or falsehood. Let us then close up the ranks, and, shoulder to shoulder, as becomes brave men and true, manfully fight the great battle of life, discharging its duties as becomes "heroes in the strife" and pressing forward to the goal with certain confidence in the Great Captain and Leader of our salvation, even Jesus Christ the Lord.

Ordinarily, we do not speak of "selling" Templary, but actually, that is exactly what we are doing when we invite our Masonic associates to share with us the benefits of Christian Knighthood. Surely the selling of something worthwhile is an honorable calling.

Certainly, no ritual exceeds, and few approach the impressiveness and beauties of the Orders of Templary.

Wherever you may be, no other group excels and few equal the fine fellowship to be found among Sir Knights.

Templary has so much good to offer the uninitiated, but—we need to tell our story. Frequently, we hear newly-made Sir Knights extol the magnificence of our Orders. At the same time, they wonder why they were not asked years

ago to become a member of a Commandery.

Sir Knights, Templary has something of genuine value to offer, but as was so realistically said, "You've got to tell 'em to sell 'em."

Our Grand Master has suggested that we—"Work! Pray!" and Contribute Time and Effort to His Program and Objectives for—"A Revitalized and Greater Templary" (Official slogan to appear in all Press Releases.)

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The Committee on Public Relations, George A. Weeks, P.G.C. (Mass. & R. I.), Chairman, 40 Glen Street, Melrose 76, Massachusetts; Collis P. Hudson, P.G.C. (Ky.), George W. Campbell, P.G.C. (Mich.), George H. Thomas, P.G.C. (Ohio), Clinton Kastner, P.G.C. (Iowa), Chalmers L. Pancoast, P.G.C. (N. Y.), Charles B. Wolfertz, P.G.C. (Pa.), Claude A. Putnam, P.G.C. (N. H.), Raymond F. Hoffmann, P.G.C. (Pa.).

Advisory to Committee on Public Relations, Burt D. Pearson, Department Commander, G. Max Fowler, Department Commander, Chester B. Emerson, Grand Prelate Emeritus, Ray V. Denslow, P.C.

## Commander's Message—Cuba

Our Recorder attended the 46th Triennial Conclave at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, and brings back this story: "I arrived a bit late for the session on Wednesday morning, having gotten off the subway at 53rd and Lexington and was walking down Lexington to 50th where the Waldorf stands some 37 stories above the street. There were four giant fire-engines on the Lexington side and three more on the 50th St. side and smoke was pouring out of the roof. Nobody was the least bit excited, so I went in the hotel, up to the Ballroom on the 3rd floor, said good morning to the Grand Recorder and asked him if he

knew the hotel was on fire. He was quite surprised and we spoke to the hostess assigned to the ball room, and she phoned the office and confirmed it. The Grand Recorder told the Grand Master who announced it but nobody paid any attention and things went right on as before. Only in "lil ole New York" could this happen. It seems that one of the kitchens on the top floor was slightly damaged."

Bill Sechrist, Commander, Havana Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Asylum 20th Street No. 3308, Marianao, Havana, Cuba.

## Ohio Templars Attend V. A. Hospital Day

Ohio Sir Knights in full Templar Uniform from Marietta, Newark, Pomroy, Lancaster, Circleville, Dayton, Mt. Vernon, Cincinnati and Washington Court House were present at the Veterans Administration Hospital Day, Sunday, May 1st, 1955 at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sir Knight George H. Thomas, R. E. Grand Commander of Ohio, wrote: "The Knights Templar present in the Recreation Hall were prominent among the 800 people who made the Protestant Worship Service an outstanding event. . . . A new Stadium erected by the Blue Star Mothers Club was dedicated in the afternoon following a street parade in which there were a number of Floats and Bands from other cities in Ohio."

There were also marching units from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, R.O.T.C. Units, Shrine Band and Drum Corps. Governor Lausche of the State of Ohio was present and delivered an address

at the dedication of the Stadium. During the day over 30,000 people visited the new Veterans Administration Hospital.

A beautiful program illustrated with a copy of a painting of the head of Jesus Christ, in whose service Hospital Day was dedicated.

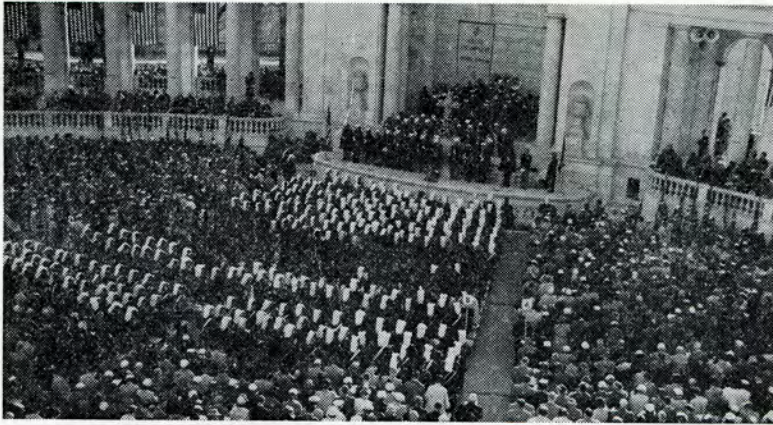
Following the Hymn — "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "The Greetings to Knights Templar, was delivered by Dr. E. L. Hooper, Chief, Professional Services.

The Reverend Norman B. Emch, Chaplain, said, in part: "We are grateful to the Knights Templar of Central Ohio for assisting us in making this Hospital Day Service colorful and honorable. . . . A hearty welcome is extended to the many relatives and friends of the patients who are worshipping with their loved ones at this service."

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*Ohio Templars at V. A. Hospital, Chillicothe, Sunday, May 1, 1955. Sir Knight George H. Thomas, R. E. Grand Commander, Ohio, second from left in front row, had charge of Templar group.*



*Easter Sunrise Services.*

## Easter Sunrise Memorial Service—1955

On Easter Sunday morning, April 10, 1955, which for warmth and clearness had never been excelled during the years this service has been in existence, the Twenty-fifth Consecutive Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, was held in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery. The interest in this annual service by Knights Templar was demonstrated by the attendance of representatives from fourteen jurisdictions, with especially large delegations from Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Members of the Supreme Court, the Senate and House of Representatives and other high Government officials were present and the Amphitheater was filled to overflowing. The sermon was delivered by Sir Knight (Captain) Maurice M. Witherspoon, ChC, USN, Retired, of New York.

Rt. Eminent Walter L. DeLamater, Deputy Grand Master, presented a word of welcome on behalf of the Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, who was absent because of illness. The following officers of the Grand Encampment were present:

Walter A. DeLamater, R. E. Deputy Grand Master.

C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo.

Paul M. Moore, R. E. Grand Captain General.

Rocco J. Gorman, Department Commander, Central Atlantic Department.

Harold A. Carman, Department Commander, Northeastern Department.

Ansel A. Packard, R. E. Grand Senior Warden.

C. Vernon Eddy, R. E. Grand Junior Warden

John E. Rines, Chairman, Committee on Finance.

Wilber M. Brucker, Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence.

Harry O. Schroeder, Chairman, Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Edward Holloway, member, Committee on Jurisprudence.

The following Grand Commanders were in attendance, many of them being accompanied by their Grand Commandery officers:

New York—Stanley W. Wakefield.

Virginia—F. Allen Brown.

Vermont—J. Wesley Murdock.

Pennsylvania—James N. Deeter.

Michigan—R. Dewey Stearns.

New Jersey—Earl E. Seiwel.

Maryland—Conrad Raider.

West Virginia—W. Bernard Roche.

South Dakota—Arthur G. Fessenden,



representing Marsden F. Bancroft, G.C. District of Columbia—Rodger R. Kauffman.

General Grand Council—C. Ellwood Smyrk, representing Thomas E. Doss, General Grand Illustrious Master, R. & S. M.

At the conclusion of the services in the Amphitheater the Sir Knights assembled at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where the traditional Cross of Lilies was placed at the Tomb by Sir Knight Walter L. DeLamater, with appropriate music by the famous United States Marine Band, which for each of the twenty-five years has furnished the music for this impressive event.

This Easter Sunrise Memorial Service was again broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company over a nationwide hook-up.

Following the Sunrise Service over 450 Sir Knights and their ladies assembled in the Hall of Nations of the Washington Hotel for a breakfast sponsored by the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia. It was a fitting climax of a beautiful service on a wonderful day.

Raymond N. Babcock,  
Chairman.

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The Committee on Easter Sunrise Service.

June 9, 1955

Mr. Chalmers L. Pancoast,  
305 West 45th Street,  
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

The Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Committee, through the good offices of one of our Past Commanders, has had made a motion picture of the recent Easter Sunrise Services at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery.

It is a very splendid picture, with appropriate sound track and the Committee has had two copies made which

are available to any Commandery which may desire to show it.

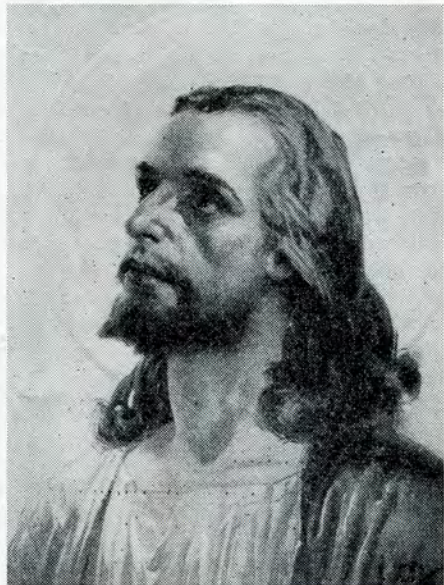
It is a 16-mm color film, optical sound track, and is available without cost. The film will be sent by Railway Express C.O.D. and must be returned pre-paid by Railway Express.

I am wondering if you could find space in the next issue of the "Knight Templar" to carry announcement of the availability of the film. Correspondence concerning the film should be had with: R. E. Sir Knight Raymond N. Babcock, Chairman, Easter Sunrise Committee, 801 13th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

Courteously yours,  
Raymond N. Babcock,  
Chairman.

#### V. A. Hospital Day

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"THE MASTER"

Cover design of program for V. A. Hospital Day, at Chillicothe, May 1, 1955.

# Grand Commandery

*Annual Conclaves—Time and Place 1955-1956. Names of Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders.*

## March

March 3, 1956—New Jersey, 96th Annual Conclave, Atlantic City, 9:30 a. m., E.S.T. Sir Knight Earl E. Seiwel, R.E. Grand Commander, Pleasantville, N. J. Sir Knight William Beck, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, 269 Powers Street, New Brunswick, N. J.

March 12, 1956—South Carolina, 49th Annual Conclave, Columbia. Sir Knight Emil I. Johnson, R. E. Grand Comander, P. O. Box 393, Spartanburg, S. C. Sir Knight Henry F. Collins, Grand Recorder, 901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbia, S. C.

## April

April 8-10, 1956—Louisiana 93rd Annual Conclave, City of Lake Charles. Sir Knight Edwin Franklin Gayle, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 904, Lake Charles, La. Sir Knight Lionel Lemarie, Grand Recorder, 300 Masonic Temple, New Orleans 12, La.

April 9, 1956—Oregon, 70th Annual Conclave, City of Astoria. Sir Knight George F. Ostrom, R.E. Grand Commander, 296 West Harrison St., Astoria. Sir Knight Richard H. Tusan, Grand Recorder, 1119 S.W. Park Ave., Portland 5.

April 16, 17, 1956—Arkansas, 84th Annual Conclave, Little Rock. Sir Knight John M. States, R.E. Grand Commander, 201-02 Peoples National Bank Bldg., Jonesboro, Ark. Sir Knight Charles D. Hill, Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 2216, Little Rock.

April 18, 1956—Mississippi, 95th Annual Conclave, City of McComb. Sir Knight J. W. Alford, R. E. Grand Commander, McComb. Sir Knight Sid F. Curtis, Grand Recorder, Meridian.

April 19, 20, 1956—California, 98th Annual Conclave, City of Fresno. Sir Knight George R. Milford, R.E. Grand Commander, 1010 Jefferson Street, Red Bluff. Sir Knight Chester H. Newell, Grand Recorder, 25 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 2.

April 19, 20, 1956—Nebraska, 84th Annual Conclave, Scottsbluff. Sir Knight Guy L. Raber, R.E. Grand Commander, P.O. Box 78, Scottsbluff. Sir Knight Carl R. Greisen, Grand Recorder, 401 Masonic Temple, Omaha.

April 20, 21, 1956—Missouri, 95th Annual Conclave, St. Joseph. Sir Knight Lowell H. Scott, R.E. Grand Commander, 1347 South Jefferson, Springfield. Sir Knight Ray V. Denslow, Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 529, Trenton, Mo.

April 21-25, 1956—Alabama, 96th Annual Conclave, City of Montgomery. Sir Knight George Graham Rees, R.E. Grand Commander, 2436 Bay Street, Montgomery. Sir Knight Charles H. Stubinger, Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 98, Montgomery 7.

April 22-25, 1956—Texas, 103rd Annual Conclave, Mineral Wells. Sir Knight W. L. Brown, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 328, Amarillo. Sir Knight Harry B. Tuer, Grand Recorder, 1317 Praetorian Bldg., Dallas.

April 23, 24, 1956—Oklahoma, 61st Annual Conclave, Shawnee. Sir Knight Rennie L. Moore, R.E. Grand Commander, 711 N. Bullitt St., Holdenville. Sir Knight James A. Lathim, Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 227, Muskogee.

April 30, 1956—Maine, 105th Annual Conclave Portland. Sir Knight Nelson B. Camick, R.E. Grand Commander, Eastport, Me. Sir Knight Convers E. Leach, Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Portland.

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May 1, 1956—Connecticut, 129th Annual Conclave, Meriden. Sir Knight Archibald G. Prisk, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 149, Yalesville. Sir Knight J. Zalmon S. Hunt, Grand Recorder, 210 Lewiston Ave., Willimantic.

May 7, 1956—North Carolina, next Annual Conclave, Charlotte, N. C. Sir Knight William Nathan Harper, R.E. Grand Commander, 601 Mt. Vernon Ave., Charlotte. Sir Knight John Harvey

Parker, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, Box 792, New Bern, N. C.

May 8, 9, 1956—Utah, 47th Annual Conclave, Salt Lake City. Sir Knight Ethelbert H. Bingham, R.E. Grand Commander, 2318 Kensington Ave., Salt Lake City 8, Utah. Sir Knight Bert Atwater, Grand Recorder, 650 East South Temple St., Salt Lake City 2, Utah.

May 8, 9, 1956—Kansas, 87th Annual Conclave. Sir Knight Glenn E. Williams, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 263, Oswego. Sir Knight Arthur H. Strickland, Grand Recorder, 320 West 8th Street, Topeka.

May 9, 1956—Maryland, 86th Annual Conclave, Baltimore. Sir Knight Harry B. Shaw, R. E. Grand Commander, 4016 Longfellow St., Hyattsville, Md. Sir Knight Charles H. Welden, Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Baltimore.

May 9, 10, 1956—Georgia, 95th Annual Conclave, Atlanta. Sir Knight James R. Belflower, R.E. Grand Commander, Tifton, Ga. Sir Knight William J. Penn, Jr., Grand Recorder, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon.

May 10, 11, 1956—Virginia, 134th Annual Conclave, Petersburg, Va. Sir Knight Carl Frank Wood, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 546, Petersburg, Va. Sir Knight C. Vernon Eddy, R.E. Grand Recorder, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Encampment, P. O. Box 58, Winchester, Va.

May 10-12, 1956—Indiana, 102nd Annual Conclave, Fort Wayne. Sir Knight Samuel S. Geake, R.E. Grand Commander, 4716 Lafayette Esp., Fort Wayne. Sir Knight John T. Boyd, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, 302-04 American Bank Bldg., Vincennes, Ind.

May 12, 1956—District of Columbia, 61st Annual Conclave, Washington, D. C. Sir Knight Raymond N. Babcock, R.E. Grand Commander, 4111 12th Street, N.E. Washington 17, D. C. Sir Knight Otto B. Roepke, Grand Recorder, 801 13th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

May 13, 14, 1956—North Dakota, 67th Annual Conclave, Williston. Sir Knight Roland M. Gross, R.E. Grand

Commander, P. O. Box 354, Williston, N. D. Sir Knight Albert G. Tverberg, Grand Recorder, Box 604, Grafton.

May 13, 14, 1956—Florida, 62nd Annual Conclave, City of Sarasota. Sir Knight Cristen Delphin Andersen, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 147, Welaka, Florida. Sir Knight John D. Phelps, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 283, Miami, Florida.

May 16, 17, 18, 1956—Idaho, 53rd Annual Conclave, Salmon, Idaho. Sir Knight Edward D. Sanman, R.E. Grand Commander, 1324 15th Street, Sandpoint, Idaho. Sir Knight Ralph W. Hopffgarten, Actg. Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 2367, Boise, Idaho.

May 20, 21, 22, 1956—Washington, 69th Annual Conclave, Wenatchee, Wash. Sir Knight Ben Wood, R.E. Grand Commander, East 114 Spring St., Colfax. Sir Knight Clifford L. Evans, Grand Recorder, 817 American Bldg., Seattle.

May 20, 21, 22, 1956—Kentucky, 109th Annual Conclave, Lexington. Sir Knight James William Mattingly, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 615, Lexington, Ky. Sir Knight Carl P. King, Grand Recorder, 533 Chinoe Road, Lexington Ky.

May 22, 1956—New Mexico, 56th Annual Conclave, Roswell. Sir Knight Christopher A. Bernard, R.E. Grand Commander, 520 South Second St., Raton, N. M. Sir Knight Elmer H. Riemmen, Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 6719, Roswell.

May 22, 23, 1956—Pennsylvania, 103rd Annual Conclave, Pittsburgh. Sir Knight Channing M. Galbreath, R.E. Grand Commander, 946 Jackman Ave., Avalon, Pittsburgh 2, Pa. Sir Knight John W. Laird, Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

May 25, 26, 1956—West Virginia, 82nd Annual Conclave, Huntington. Sir Knight Earle V. Townsend, R.E. Grand Commander, P. O. Box 756, Huntington. Sir Knight Robert H. Bowlby, Grand Recorder, Box 637, Morgantown, W. Va.

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**Masonic Career**

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Sir Knight DeLamater's long Masonic career will here be mentioned briefly: Blue Lodge, Raised in Hofman Lodge No. 412 at Middletown, N. Y., July 26th, 1917. Affiliated with Kane Lodge No. 454, N. Y. C., February 1, 1921, and after holding various offices in the Line was elected Worshipful Master in 1931. Honorary member Rhinebeck Lodge No. 432, F. & A. M. Rhinebeck, N. Y.

Grand Lodge State of New York—Grand Representative of Nevada. Member Board of General Activities of Grand Lodge of New York State, 1935-1950. Chairman of Board 1945-1950. Member of Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Grand Lodge New York State, 1952 to date.

Among the many Masonic Honors are: Royal Arch Masons—Past High Priest, Terrace City Chapter No. 177, R.A.M., Yonkers, N. Y. Royal and Select Masons—Member of Adelpic Council No. 7, R. & S. M. and elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1944.

Sir Knight DeLamater was elected Sovereign St. Paul's Conclave No. 12, N. Y. C. in 1940, and has held various offices in the Grand Imperial Council of the Imperial, Ecclesiastical and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine of the U. S. A., Empire of the East 1946 to date. Grand High Prelate 1954.

Past Illustrious Potentate Mecca Temple (1926) and (1950). Recorder 1951-1955, Recorder Emeritus, Consultant and Advisor.

General DeLamater has received many decorations, awards and citations, for his Fraternal, Military and Civic Activities.

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### Tri-State Night

Tri-State Templar Festival held in the New Rochelle, New York, Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 16th, was an unusual and well-attended Templar conclave. Sponsored by the newly-formed Council Officers Association of Zone 3 of New York Grand Comandery headed by Sir Knight Clarence B. Mitchell, President, it was attended by uniformed Templars from three states: Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

The program, rigidly adhered to by General Chairman William Mercer, P.C. (1954) of Bethlehem Commandery, No. 53, of Mt. Vernon, was as follows:

3:00—Full form opening by Bethlehem Commandery, No. 53, Mount Vernon, New York, by Generalissimo Harry C. Frederick.

3:30—Conferral of Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on a class of 36 candidates from the zone by Washington Commandery, No. 1, Hartford, Connecticut. Sir Knight Preston R. Sage, Commander.

6:00—Dinner at historic First Presbyterian Church with the ladies. Limited to 260. Others were provided by local chairman Frederick with a guide to local restaurants.

7:30—Reconvene Commandery. Reception of visitors and distinguished

guests by the five participating Eminent Commanders who alternated in the East. Sir Knights William Kerr, Manhattan, No. 31, Bronx; W. Edwin Gallaher, Westchester, No. 42, Ossining; George E. Schneider, No. 47, Yonkers; Robert D. Carlson, Bethlehem, No. 53, Mount Vernon; and Clarence B. Michell, Crusader, No. 56, White Plains.

Among those introduced were Sir Kt. Frank L. Rand, Grand Generalissimo, Fred R. Humphrey, Grand Senior Warden, and Dr. Philip J. Jones, Captain of the Guard of Connecticut. William R. Wheelan, junior Past Grand Commander of New Jersey. Stanley Wakefield, Grand Comander, Dr. George D. Barclay, Grand Captain-General, Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Recorder and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Earl M. Cameron, Captain of the Guard, and Edward E. Hoerig, Zone Commander.

8:00—Conferral of the Order of Malta by St. John's Commandery, No. 9, of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Sir Knight Nicholas Sabia, Commander.

Nearly 300 Templars were present at the first conclave of a Commandery in New Rochelle in 70 years. Bethlehem Commandery moved from the city of New Rochelle to its present location in Mount Vernon in 1885 and the Festival



*Tri-State Templar Festival at New Rochelle, N. Y., under auspices of Zone 3 Council Officers Association. Bethlehem Commandery No. 53, the Host Commandery. Left to right, Sir Knights W. Edwin Gallaher, Commander, Westchester No. 42; George E. Schneider, Commander, Yonkers No. 47; Robert D. Carlson, Commander, Bethlehem No. 53; Clarence B. Michell, Commander, Crusader No. 56.*

was purposely held in a non-Commandery city to stir up Templar enthusiasm.

Dressing facilities were provided in St. John's Methodist Church where entertainment for the ladies was held. Sir Knight Andrew Sargis, Gen. of Westchester Commandery, provided a variety show followed by movies for the after-dinner period for the ladies.

Templar lapel-buttons were presented each member of the two teams as gifts of the Council Officers Association by the Grand Commander, Stanley Wakefield.

#### General "Tom Thumb" Knight Templar Uniform Was On Display at The Waldorf-Astoria

July 30th, 1955 marked the 92nd anniversary of the Knighting of General "Tom Thumb" as a Templar Mason by Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, Bridgeport, Conn., on this same date in 1863.

This anniversary was observed during "Knights Templar Week"—August 20-26, 1955. During this Nation-wide Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., the "Tom Thumb" Templar Uniform was displayed in the Grand Ballroom lobby of The Waldorf-Astoria, Headquarters for the Conclave.

A specially made case contained the full Knights Templar Uniform of the smallest Templar Mason the world has ever known. This historic uniform insured at \$50,000, consists of a long coat, black trousers, white plumed Chapeau, star-decorated baldric, gauntlet gloves, belt and silver sword. Also on exhibit were many personal possessions of Sir Knight Charles S. Stratton (General "Tom Thumb"), such as his watch charm, ring and photos of the General as he frequently appeared in his Knight Templar Uniform.

General "Tom Thumb," the world's smallest Master Mason and Knight Templar was made famous by Phineas T. Barnum when exhibited in Barium's



General "Tom Thumb" in his Knights Templar Uniform.

American Museum in New York City, in 1842. At that time Charles Stratton was four years old and was less than two feet tall, weighing 16 pounds.

The publicity given to General "Tom Thumb" was Barnum's first big step to success as the world's greatest showman. It is said that the name came from the old English ballad "In Arthur's Court Tom Thumb Did Live." Guided by Barnum, Stratton rose from the weekly \$3.00 salary until he had accumulated a fortune and he became world famous as General "Tom Thumb."

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## KNIGHT TEMPLAR

### Brooklyn Masonic Night

Over 250 Masons attended "York Rite Night" of Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 586, F. & A. M., in the Brooklyn Masonic Temple on March 9th.

Wor. Emil W. Weyhrauch, Master of the Lodge, welcomed the various delegations from the district, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. Brought up in the Masonic Home at Utica, N. Y., Bro. Weyhrauch proved that his boyhood among Masonic dignitaries helped him with the new titles and offices introduced into his Lodge that evening.

Supplemented by a fine musical program, speakers spoke briefly on the various York Rite bodies. They were Rt. Wor. William E. Nixon, District Deputy Grand Master, Most Ex. Laurence R. Atherton, Grand High Priest, Most Ill. Edward L. Flemming, Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Sir Kt. Stanley W. Wakefield, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Sir Kt. Frederick H. Staal, a past master of the Lodge and member of the Grand Commandery committee on York Rite Co-operation was general chairman.

Fall River, Mass.

June 8, 1955.

Chalmers L. Pancoast,  
Editor,  
The Grand Encampment Review.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

On receiving and reading my copy of the May-June issue of the Review. I was especially interested in your article dealing with the History of Our Grand Encampment.

At the time, I was reading "Ivanhoe," by Sir Walter Scott. Each became more interesting and added more interest to the other.

I offer my thanks and appreciation to you for your time and effort in giving us that article. I am sure that every Sir Knight who reads that article will have a much larger insight and understanding of the history of Our Grand Encampment.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Roy P. Jackson.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar  
of Indiana.

September 16, 1955.

Chalmers L. Pancoast  
Official Reviewer and Editor  
305 West 45th Street  
New York City, New York

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

I felt that you might be interested in the activities of Knightstown Commandery. Our Commandery has approximately 120 members and has shown a great increase in membership during the last ten years, percentage wise; our community consists of the town of Knightstown, with a population of approximately 2,600; many years ago we sponsored the forming of Commanderies at Greenfield, Rushville, and New Castle, all of which are county seats and are within a radius of 18 miles of Knightstown.

Our membership can only remain small in that we have a very small territory in which to work. It is probable that no other Commandery in the United States is in a town as small as Knightstown; we won the State competition for Class B Drill Teams and placed 4th in the competition in New York City.

There were 51 Sir Knights, ladies and their families that attended the Grand Encampment Conclave and in addition we sent our Knightstown High School Band consisting of 58 members and 14 sponsors; the money was raised through community activities and no contributions exceeded \$100.00.

There was considerable interest shown by the Sir Knights from other parts of the country in our band and the way the money had been raised.

Courteously yours,  
Willard M. Avery,  
ab: Deputy Grand Commander.

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# "A Revitalized and Greater Templary"

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(Chivalric Orders)

**ORDER OF RED CROSS.**—Here again we revert to the period of the Royal Arch Degree, when the Jews were returning from Babylon to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple. One of their number prevails upon the King to restore to the new Temple the Holy Vessels carried away by the Babylonian armies when the first Temple was destroyed. In presenting his plea before Darius the King, a powerful testimony to the almighty force of Truth was offered, and a new Order founded, which is a fitting foundation stone for the Orders that follow.

**ORDER OF MALTA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN PASS.**— Shifting to the time of the Crusades, admission to the Mediterranean Pass is sought, that a safe pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre might be undertaken. This is a very sublime and sacred Order, which culminates in the enrollment of the suppliant as a Knight of Malta.

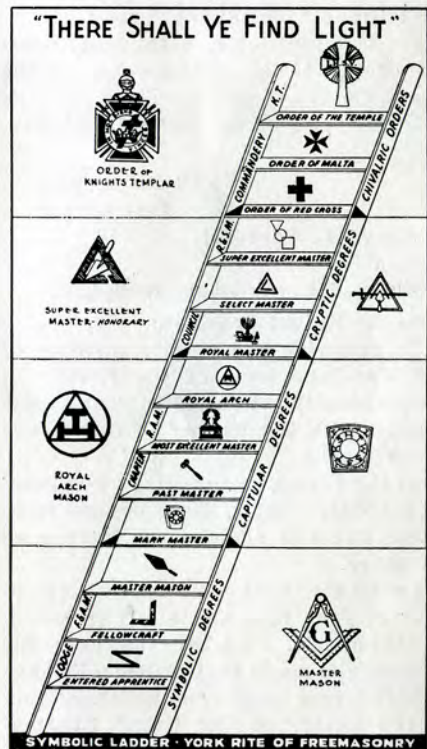
**ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.**—No Degree or Order in Masonry is more solemn, more impressive or more soul-searching than the Order of the Temple. It becomes a fitting climax to the labors of the humble penitent, who has faithfully performed the symbolic seven years of preparation for this consummation of his endeavors, his knighting as a Christian Warrior.

Knights Templar were so named because of their close association with the site of the Temple, during the number of years that they occupied and held Jerusalem. The Ancient Order of the Temple has been dispersed, and the warlike spirit of the Order has passed away, but there remains a spirit of refined and moral Chivalry, which prompts its members to be ever ready to defend the

weak, the innocent, the helpless and the oppressed, and thus warrant the title of true KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The Order of the Temple has been called the most beautiful of all the Orders and Degrees of Masonry; and no Mason, who is a believer in the Christian religion, should be satisfied until he has received this, the capstone, of the York Rite.

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