1956 KNIGHTHOOD CRUSADE NUMBER
for
“A Revitalized and Greater Templary”

A resolution was adopted at the 56th Triennial Conclave to furnish the eighth floor of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Building in Alexandria, Virginia, as a Knights Templar Chapel. It is hoped that some Commandery or Sir Knights will endow Memorial Windows in this Chapel. Size of windows, 2½ feet 3¾ inches high and 3 feet and ¾ inches wide—only two—one in east—other in west. The Monument to Brother George Washington was built by Free Masons and is maintained by them for all Americans.

Iowa Made First Contribution

At a reception in Burlington, Iowa, on Saturday evening, September 24, 1955, Sir Knight Norman J. Young, R. E. Grand Commander, presented to Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Grand Recorder, a check from the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa, in the sum of $1,487.00, as the first contribution from the Grand Commandery of Iowa, for the furnishing of the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

Sir Knight John Temple Rice responded that this was the first contribution to be received and that the Grand Encampment, its officers and members, were appreciative of this consideration on the part of the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

Sir Knight Norman J. Young, Grand Commander, replied: “With one of Iowa’s Past Grand Masters, Sir Knight Clifford D. Jory, being President of the Association, and with our Past Grand Commander, Earl B. Delzell, being on the Grand Encampment Committee for this project, I am extremely happy to present this check for Iowa and trust that we might be recorded as the first Grand Commandery on the list to contribute.

“I assure you that our Grand Commandery is proud to have two of our Iowa Masons taking part in this great project.”
Grand Master's Message on the George Washington Memorial

This issue of the "Knight Templar" is being published very close to the birthday of a great American and a Great Mason, General and Worshipful Brother George Washington.

In view of the fact that the Grand Encampment has authorized the furnishing of a room in the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, it is felt that the Grand Master's message at this time could very appropriately be confined to that project.

The resolution as presented by the Committee appointed by Grand Master Gordon and which was adopted by the Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave, the Committee consisting of Sir Knight Harry O. Schroeder, Past Grand Commander of Maryland, Chairman, Sir Knight Earl B. Delzell, Past Grand Commander of Iowa and Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, R. E. Grand Captain General recommended that we furnish the 8th floor as a Chapel where the thousands of visitors passing through that Memorial may come and sit in the quiet of a Chapel in silent meditation of God's wonders and receive the inspiration that one always receives in prayer and meditation in such impressive and dignified surroundings.

It is estimated that the cost will be between approximately $50,000.00 and $60,000.00. As your Grand Master understands the architect's idea will be to furnish it as a replica of a Gothic Chapel copied after one of the great Chapels in England. Surely a room of this kind is most appropriate to our great Christian Order of Knighthood. There will be several large windows in this room and it would add greatly to the beauty, impressiveness and dignity of the Chapel if those windows were all stained glass depicting appropriate scenes of our great Christian Order as for example the Ascension Scene over the sanctuary and other appropriate scenes. It would be a fine thing if some Grand Jurisdictions or even if some individual would contribute such a window as a memorial. A bronze plate with the name of the donor could be placed at the lower part of the window as is the usual custom. If any Grand Commandery or individual is interested in donating a stained glass memorial window if they would contact either the chairman of the Committee, Sir Knight Harry O. Schroeder, 110 Clarke Pl., Frederick, Md., or the Grand Master, P. O. Box 175, Rhinebeck, N. Y., the cost and various details will be readily furnished.

Plans are underway and will soon be ready to be submitted to the Committee, and the architect estimates that it will take about a year to complete. It would be therefore most appropriate to dedicate that room on the Saturday before our Easter Sunrise Service in 1957 which would be at a time when we would have a large number of Sir Knights in uniform and our friends and guests present.
Everyone realizes when work has once started that money must be available, as usually contractors desire payment on account as the work progresses. So that we could have this entire amount (at the rate of 15c per member) in the hands of the Grand Encampment before work is started it would be greatly appreciated and will help considerably if all the Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies would make a special effort to get their quota of 15c per member in as soon as possible. Iowa was the first to send in their full amount, followed by Tennessee. Massachusetts and Rhode Island and New York are ready to send theirs in, so let us make every effort to get the money in and the project underway.

It is going to be a fine "Monument" to Templary, and a most appropriate Tribute to General and Brother George Washington, who, when downcast and discouraged knelt in Prayer for Help and Divine Guidance.

I believe this project will help Templary tremendously from a public relations standpoint.

The Knights Templar room itself will be one which we feel will be visited and used by the thousands of visitors to the Memorial and the Knights Templar Chapel will be the only room of that nature in the building.

The Grand Master is counting on your cooperation. Your interest and efforts will be greatly appreciated, and every Sir Knight, in fact every Mason, we think will be very proud of the Knights Templar Chapel in that Historical Memorial to George Washington.

Yours for a "Revitalized and Greater Templary,"

Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master.

ENCOURAGEMENT

From all parts of the country have come many favorable comments about the new magazine "Knight Templar" which are complimentary to the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight

Walter A. DeLamater for his planning program for the future of Templary.

It is encouraging to the Editor as well, to feel we have started a publica-
tion project along lines which has been appreciated as necessary in Public Relations work.

Our Editorial plans are to stimulate a greater interest in this Official Magazine of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

As a reader this is your Magazine. Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions for the improvement of this magazine will be received with gratitude.

In following the slogan of the Grand Master—"A Revitalized and Greater Templary" means that each one of us, Sir Knights all, will have to revitalize ourselves in order to be active and help Templary go forward for the benefit and inspiration of more Men, Masons and Sir Knights, everywhere.
Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service
Sunday, April 1, 1956—7:30 A. M.

By Raymond N. Babcock, Grand Commander, D. C., Chairman

The Committee on the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service is planning now for the 26th Annual Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery for Sunday, April 1, 1956. On that morning the Knights Templar will be starting their second "quarter of a century" of continuous Services and it has now become National in its scope and one of the traditional Easter Sunday morning events.

The services will be held in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery, and the "setting" in those hallowed grounds is an inspiration in itself. Led by the famous Marine Band which, incidently has furnished music for each of the 25 previous services, the sight of the Knights Templar, with their waving black and white plumes, marching into the vast amphitheater is awe-inspiring.

The minister for this coming Easter morning will be Rev. Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts and a speaker of renown. The Grand Master of Templars, Most Eminent Sir Walter A. DeLamater, has already signified his intention of being present to extend his welcome as well as other Grand Encampment officers, and it is the hope of the Easter Sunrise Committee that many Sir Knights from all over the country will be present, thereby surpassing the large attendance of Sir Knights from other jurisdictions who were present last year.

The Easter Sunrise Committee will be prepared to make hotel reservations for all who will attend in uniform, together with their families. About fourteen jurisdictions were present last year and one had a delegation totaling over 100 Sir Knights and their ladies.

A view of the vast crowd assembled for the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service.
There is no better time to visit the Nation’s Capital than early Spring, which would be an opportune time for Knights Templar from all over the country to plan to make a pilgrimage to Washington for this service sponsored by the Grand Encampment.

It is expected that the services will be broadcast as usual, and the military will take care of the traffic and parking problems in their usual efficient way. Be assured that the Committee is ever alert to make each succeeding service smoother than those preceding, and in our efforts we are greatly assisted by the officials of Arlington National Cemetery.

In attendance will be members of the Supreme Court, Cabinet members, Senators, Representatives and many high Government officials, who for years have set aside this Sunday to participate in our service by their presence.

The Grand Commandery, K. T., of the District of Columbia will again sponsor its usual Easter Sunrise Break-

Easter Sunrise Service Cleveland, Ohio

In Cleveland the Sir Knights will this year hold their 23rd Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, has written: “This, we believe, is one of the largest Easter Sunrise Services, sponsored by Knights Templar anywhere in the U. S. A. This Templar Service, open to the public, draws about 10,000 persons each year, with from 300 to 400 Uniformed Sir Knights marching to their seats in the formation of two large Crosses, and arranged back of the Crosses are rows of Sir Knights reaching from wall to wall in the huge auditorium.

“Music is furnished by the Scottish Rite Male Chorus of 75 members, under the direction of Sir Knight Vincent H. Percy. Each year the address has been, and we hope will continue to be given, by Sir Knight and Reverend Chester B. Emerson, D. D., and Grand Prelate Emeritus of the Grand Encampment.

“Doors open at 5:30 A. M. Processional of Sir Knights starts at 6:15 A. M. The Service is broadcast and closes at 7:30 A. M. Most of the participating Commanderies have a Breakfast for their Sir Knights and ladies, which gives all the opportunity to later attend the regular Easter Services of their own Church.

“At the Sunrise Service an offering is taken by boys of DeMolay Chapters of greater Cleveland, and after all expenses are paid, the balance is divided among the Children’s Homes, Hospitals and the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield.

“When this Sunrise Service was started 22 years ago, the Knights Templar was the only organization to sponsor a

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Templary is like a wheelbarrow—it stands still unless someone pushes it!
That someone must be, not only the M. E. Grand Master, the officers of Grand Encampment and of every Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Commandery, but every available Sir Knight.

Let’s take a quick glance at the figures.—During the Triennium ending July 1, 1946, the net gain in membership during the period was 24.0% of the membership at the beginning of that Triennium, in 1949 it was 19.7%, 1952 9.2% and 1955 it was 6.9%.

In spite of continued gains we are consistently losing momentum!
It doesn’t take much intelligence to see that, should we continue the present trend, it will be but a matter of a few years before Grand Encampment will be losing membership rather than gaining.
You don’t like that picture, do you? Neither do I, nor do thousands of other loyal and consecrated Sir Knights!

Our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, has recognized this trend and is determined to use every possible means to reverse this movement. His vitality, consecration and devotion to Christian Knighthood leaves him no alternative but to press forward with all of the enthusiasm and ardor of his magnetic personality.

Note the change in the name, the format and the manner of reporting in the "Knight Templar"—formerly the Grand Encampment Review—that’s only one step in the great program of revitalizing Templary.

A special committee known as The Committee on Progress and Special Activities has also been appointed. It is our prayer that its work and helpfulness will reach down to the very roots of Templary—into every constituent and subordinate Commandery in the Grand Encampment.

At the very outset, we want to make it clear that this is not a committee to supplant existing means of organization. Our aim is to encourage and work with what is already being done. Let us remember that whatever is good for Templary is good for you and what is good for you is good for the Grand Encampment.

These are changing times! Each succeeding day brings forth developments which might lessen interest, decrease attendance and weaken Templary. Problems are different than they were, even yesterday.

The eternal principles upon which Christian Knighthood is founded remain the same; yet the need for constantly emphasizing these eternal truths is evident on all sides—support of the Christian church, juvenile delinquency, profaning the Lord’s name, laxity in morals, disregard of the rights of others are but a few of the things that call attention to this fact. Changing times demand new methods; fresh dresses for old, yet proven, ideas; promotional activities; all designed to combat the many evils existing today. Unless we do this, we may falter by the wayside and become a “forgotten” brotherhood.

At a meeting of the Executive group of this Committee, it was decided to assign to each Grand Jurisdiction a quota for the present Triennium in membership. We all know that membership is but one of many things that emphasize Templary, yet it is one of the very few standards that can be measured accurately. Likewise, we must consistently add to our numbers lest we become an organization of older and yet older Sir Knights each passing year eventually to die out and become extinct.

Your State has a quota! It is based on the average of accessions to your Grand Commandery during the last six years plus ten per cent.
That’s reasonable and attainable, don’t you think so!
We must progress and we can’t do that unless we do better than we have been doing. Your quota gives you some-
thing definite to "shoot at." You will want your jurisdiction to reach, even exceed, your suggested quota!

These quotas are divided into one year periods so that each Grand Commander has the opportunity to establish for his time of leadership a record to which he can point and say: "During the year that it was my privilege to serve, the Sir Knights in our jurisdiction reached their quota."

At the next Triennium, our Grand Master will have a special tribute for each Grand Commander who has so distinguished himself; for each Grand Jurisdiction that has attained—first, its yearly quotas—secondly, its Triennium quota.

From time to time you will hear from this Committee with suggestions and ideas—but—the real basis of progress will always be your personal devotion, your work, your sacrifices and your prayers for "A Greater and Revitalized Temporal!"

A good way to begin is to encourage all Sir Knights to subscribe to the "Knight Templar." Its a great magazine! The more you read it, the greater will be your pride in the fact that you, too, are a Knight Templar!

Let's get a hold on that wheelbarrow and push! It takes will power, devotion, consecration, sacrifice and hard work to go forward—but what greater satisfaction is there in life than that of helping your fellow men and promoting Christian Knighthood as one of the great organizations next to the church, in advancing the kingdom of God on earth!

**Inspection Tour Itinerary**

G. Max Fowler, Department Commander

(Editor's Note—This advance story of the Inspection Tour to Subordinate Commanderies by Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, P. G. C., Indiana, Department Commander, was written November 22, 1955. By the time the February-March "Knight Templar" is in the mails this Inspection Pilgrimage will be partially completed. The story of the Official Visits of Sir Knight Fowler to Subordinate Commanderies will be published in a future issue.)

On January 19th, Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, P. G. C. of Indiana and recently appointed Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., along with Mrs. Fowler, will depart from Indianapolis by air for the first of his visitations to numerous Subordinate Commanderies now under his jurisdiction.

The first lap of their journey will be to Puerto Rico, which they will reach the night of the 19th. A delegation of Sir Knights and ladies will meet Sir Knight Fowler and wife at the San Juan airport and conduct them to the Caribe-Hilton Hotel, where they will remain for several days. Eminent Commander John H. Stinson, of Porto Rico Commandery No. 1, has arranged for a meeting with his officers and Sir Knights with Sir Knight Fowler, and has indicated a social get-together in honor of his official visitation, following the business discussions.

The Fowlers will fly back to Miami and thence to Havana, Cuba, where on Tuesday evening, January 24, a meeting will be held in the Asylum of Havana Commandery No. 1. Sir Knight and Mrs. Fowler will be met at the airport also by a delegation of Sir Knights and their ladies, and a dinner will be held in honor of the visiting Department Commander and wife at the American Club. A special Conclave will be called, where it is hoped the Order of the Temple will be conferred, Tuesday evening, January 24th. The Fowlers will arrive the afternoon of the 25th from Havana.

On January 25th, they will sail from Havana on the United Fruit Liner, the S. S. Chiriqui, for Guatemala and for an informal discussion there with members of the Masonic fraternity, thence into the interior of this fascinating country for
a sight-seeing tour. While in Guatemala, they will be joined by Sir Knight Don P. Carpenter and wife, of Brazil, Indiana, for the trip into the interior of Guatemala. Sir Knight Carpenter is a Past Grand Commander of Indiana.

On Thursday, February 1st, the Fowlers and Carpenters will fly via Pan American Airways from Guatemala City to Ancon, Panama Canal Zone, where Sir Knight Fowler will officially visit with the officers and Sir Knights of Ancon Canal Zone Commandery No. 1, and a delightful time with these Sir Knights and ladies is also anticipated, according to correspondence received from these friendly folk.

Later, and after a visit in Panama, the four will fly back to Guatemala, where the Carpenters will return by air to New Orleans and thence on home while the Fowlers will return by ship to New Orleans, arriving just in time to see the Mardi Gras before returning to their home in Frankfort, Indiana.

Later on in the season, Sir Knight Max and wife will fly to Tampico, Mexico; Mexico City, thence to the four Commanderies in Alaska, three of which are fully chartered and one under dispensation.

\[ \text{Knighted 103 in One Class} \]

When the Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery No. 68, Flushing, New York, decided to do something for Templary the results were both surprising and encouraging.

In his General Orders, Sir Knight H. Randall Kreger, Eminent Commander of Trinity, stated: "We wish to Knight 100 Companions in our 46th Triennial Class."

Some of the interesting details were described by Sir Knight Joseph Cameron Dunn, P. G. C. of New York, who 'master-minded' this great event:

We solicited the assistance of five Chapter Secretaries, four of whom are Commandery men. They supplied a list of all eligible members who were not already Knights Templar. From this was fashioned a list of 540 prospects. To the eligibles (some names were scratched) was sent a letter (exhibit B), a bulletin (exhibit C), a petition and a business reply envelope. Approximately 45 favorable replies were received. From there out it was a matter of personal contact. We endeavored to explain Templary in detail to each one approached. This was not intended to be a stunt, nor was it simply a case of putting on a membership drive with a capital "D."

Active members took the attitude that we had something that many men would enjoy if they properly understood what was being offered. The many reasons given for responding to our invitation were both interesting and enlightening.

On Saturday, March 19, at exactly 3:00 P. M. the cast for the I. O. of the Red Cross marched into the Asylum. One hour and 12 minutes later the cast marched out. Then 187 guests of the Commandery sat down to dinner at six o'clock.

At precisely 8:00 P. M. the full Malta Corps entered the Priory. In one hour and ten minutes it was all over.

The Order of the Temple presented what seemed at first to be almost insurmountable problems. In Trinity we go by the book. Nothing is left out, nothing added, no innovations. Here is the schedule for March 26:

Twenty-five Knights of Malta reported at 10:00 A. M. Five Chs. of Relf. were used. Afterward all 25 were escorted to the Asylum, given a brief lecture, told about Grand Encampment ritual requirements and then received the first 4 Libs. They retired, and, as required, each participated individually in the 5th Lib. There were two more groups of 25 and one of 22. Five reported at 5:00 P. M., and the 103 Knight of Malta was held for the evening ceremony.

At six o'clock sharp just short of 200 sat down to a dinner served by the ladies of Trinity. There was the usual friendly atmosphere which pervades all Templar
affairs.

The regular officers of Trinity filed into the Asylum at eight o’clock and in two hours and ten minutes the Order was concluded except for the Attributes, which required an additional twenty minutes.

The entire Class stood and repeated the Declaration and Vow with the Exemplar. The then Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater Knighted the Exemplar. The following participated in the Knightings: Sir Knights Stuart H. Walker, Chalmers L. Pancoast, Joseph Cameron Dunn, J. Harry Cook and Kenneth C. Doibeare, all P. G. Cs. of New York. Also George D. Barclay, G. C. G. and J. George Lang, G. St. B., both of New York. The Commander and ten Past Commanders of Trinity assisted in the Knightings.

In my 28 years as a Templar more impressive ritual and efficient organization and planning were not seen in this Commandery, whose work is always outstanding.


Sir Knight DeLamater made the principal address. He is an Honorary Member of Trinity. We were successful in keeping from him the knowledge that the Class was to be dedicated to him. He was presented with a suitable plaque to commemorate the occasion.

The entire experience was thrilling and worth all the effort it required. The newly created Knights were so impressed more than 80 attended the next Conclave to hear lectures on the Order, its origin, history, purposes and accomplishments.

The occasion set a new high in Templar interest in this jurisdiction and might well be copied by Commanderies across the nation.

(Editor’s Note — Trinity’s Knightings for 1955 now total 110. A real accomplishment for “A Revitalized and Greater Templary.”)

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Arlington fast, which has in the past been a very fitting climax to the service at Arlington.

We will be looking for a delegation from your jurisdiction next April 1, 1956. If you come once you will return.


CLEVELAND, OHIO
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PUBLIC EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE. With a few of the Churches having an early service. Today, there are a large number of various organizations sponsoring a Sunrise Service, together with many of the Churches in the various parts of the city and its suburbs. We believe that our Templar Service has been the means of awakening the community at large to come out and join with the public in observing this Great Day of The Resurrection of our Lord.”
Okinawa No. 1

Recently added to the number of Subordinate Commanderies was Okinawa No. 1, Knights Templar. Officers elected were: Sir Knights Wallace H. Morris, Eminent Commander; Benjamin R. Flores, Generalissimo; and Louis Jenning, Captain General.

Sir Knight Antonio Gonzales, E. Commander of Far East Commandery No. 1, Manila, Philippines, was designated by the Grand Master to organize and present the petition for a Dispensation. On November 30, 1955, a class was organized and invested with the Orders of Knighthood. There were 27 Candidates in the class. The petition for Dispensation has had favorable indorsement from Far East No. 1.

Among the Sir Knights created were members of Masonic Bodies from California, Oklahoma, Michigan, Utah, Kentucky, Missouri, Alabama, Canal Zone and the Philippines.

Guam No. 1

December 29, 1955, a Charter was presented to Guam Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar. Hon. Ford Q. Elvidge, Governor Territory of Guam was a member of the class when the Orders were conferred at the Government House.
Templar Masons Help Solve Youth Problems

By Chalmers L. Pancoast, P. G. C. of N. Y.

(Letters on Youth Training Programs are Welcome—Editor.)

The many Fraternal groups that are encouraging membership in Youth Clubs and Camps are rendering a great service toward building a better American Citizenship.

The constantly increasing membership in Youth Organizations is proving the strongest barrier against youth wrongdoing. It appears that the best way to stop Juvenile Delinquency is never to permit it getting started.

Youth supervision, control and training in well established Youth Clubs and Camps, is the first and important step in helping solve youth problems.

With reference to this subject, Sir Knight W. Stewart Sedgwick, 33rd Degree, and Past Commander of St. Lukes Commandery No. 34, Newark, Ohio, wrote Aug. 13, 1955, as follows:

You are certainly undertaking a most worth while project and one that should demand the attention of every decent citizen, especially among the Masonic fraternity.

About once a year the Masonic Lodges have a Father and Son get together; I find that most boys will do most anything to get out with their Dads, hikes, fishing trips, but most fathers seem to have so many irons in the fires they don't realize that their own sons need this attention.

The big attraction now is baseball; they start the boys in at age of eight in Little Leaguers, then into Babe Ruth League and then American Legion Junior League. This keeps them busy thru out the summer months and I have found many who are practicing basketball when not playing baseball.

The local Post of Legion used to have five to ten teams and it was purely a local affair but the YMCA have taken diamonds away and now its only one team with about twenty boys; this group plays in several surrounding counties and have just finished winning the District championship for the third straight year—but lost in finals of State.

The Legion also has a youth organization called the "Sons of the American Legion" but locally we have never developed that here, due to lack of owning our own home and field house. The Legion and the Forty and Eight have done a remarkable job for children or needy veterans and have a standing committee on their Welfare program at all times.

Education of parents seems to be one of the first things that is needed, and then a definite program outlined that appeals to the youth.

The Boy Scout movement takes an active lead for Teen-age Clubs designed for proper training and guidance. This is helping young people to march forward into the future in an orderly manner. In public appearances and parades they are a credit to themselves, the pride of their families and a guarantee of future benefit and worth to the city, the State and Nation.
Among the other organizations increasing in membership in Newark is the Order of DeMolay. Brother Edward H. Reber, District Governor of this Fraternal Order for boys, remarked: "Boys have come into DeMolay who were backward and had some tendencies toward delinquency, but quickly find themselves and become leaders in the Order. They later have assumed responsible positions in business organizations."

Giving the boys something to do for a city is good youth building and playing a definite part in the youth-betterment in their city appeals to them as an important undertaking. Some DeMolay boys have, and are now, assisting law authorities in Traffic Safety Work. In one Chapter the boys made a project of stenciling 'Safety Slogans' on the sidewalks at crossing in the business district, receiving permission first from the City Officials, who commented favorably on this service by boys.

The Newark Chapter of DeMolay, named "Moundbuilders" was started in 1938. Today the membership is 157, with 70 new members since October, 1954.

District Governor Edward H. Reber stated; "I have been active in DeMolay in Newark since 1938, and in that time I have no knowledge of any DeMolay boy going wrong. There have been minor infractions, but when called to their attention and corrected have never occurred again."

Many such boy organizations have no set programs for combatting juvenile Delinquency. It is only through the training and guidance given the members that they build up self confidence and try to live lives that will be a credit to themselves and to their city.

In Newark and Licking County, Ohio, the many boys Baseball Clubs have been found to have positive character building qualities and good sportsmanship training for teen-agers. This has been recognized by civic leaders and today youth Baseball Leagues have become very popular with all citizens young and old.

The Babe Ruth Little League has been given good support and the sponsors of the teams take pride in their knowledge that they are building a sound program for youth betterment and a strong barrier against juvenile delinquency. The Babe Ruth All-star Teams of Newark and Licking County provide thrilling and colorful entertainment in their spirited contests. Large crowds come out for the pre-game parade, award ceremonies and the baseball game by their boys. It is always an inspiring scene and a heart-warming spectacle for parents, friends and other teen-agers who admire the youthful ball players.

At the old-time Labor Day Celebrations there were open-street contests for teen-age girls and boys. It was then considered okay for teen-agers to race in the streets in public contests, for the horse-and-buggy age presented no problem.

Since those early days when teen-agers were permitted many liberties in public behavior, the recent increased membership in youth clubs in Newark has been a vital factor in curbing juvenile delinquency. Adults realize that today they have a big responsibility in the control and training of youth to better behavior and character building.

The youth in well organized and properly managed clubs and camps are taught to think straight and live useful lives. They are trained to correct wrong habits and associate with the kind of youth that will benefit their own lives.

Newark, Ohio, and other large cities are now carrying out programs which will solve the problem of youth delinquency which has threatened to destroy the useful and desirable citizens of tomorrow. Newark has fought the problem in its early creeping stage. The solution to the youth problem is to encourage more youth to join one of the good organizations. The way to stop juvenile delinquency is to prevent it from getting started.
Grand Commandery Histories

By Dr. Francis J. Scully, P. G. C., Arkansas, Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on Templar History

There are now forty-seven Grand Commanderies. The oldest is the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, dating back to May 6, 1895. The youngest is the Grand Commandery of Nevada, constituted on April 15, 1918. With all these years of existence one would naturally expect to find much published material on these Grand Commanderies, but unfortunately the facts speak otherwise. It is surprising how little is available.

Only twenty-four of these Grand Commanderies have published books or articles relating to their history. Some are comprehensive, giving details of the introduction of Templary into their jurisdiction, the first Commanderies, the formation of the Grand Commandery, the important events of the passing years and their noted members. These are mainly by the older Grand Commanderies. Others are brief, some too brief, but better than none at all. Some were published years ago and need to be brought up to date.

Twenty-three Grand Commanderies have no published histories at all. This is most unfortunate. Time is an important element in history and if the data and material are not gathered early, while they are still available or the memory of the events is still vivid in the minds of the men who participated in them, much will be forever lost.


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Joe E. Ewalt's 90th Birthday

The following postcard was received from Sir Knight Joe H. Ewalt, Ewalt's Crossroads, Route 1, Paris, Kentucky: “Dear Sir Knight Pancoast: I fully appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering the 90th Anniversary of my birth, July 15th, 1955, with an attractive greeting card. Best wishes for health, prosperity and happiness for you and those dear to your heart. Courteously yours, Joe H. Ewalt, 33rd Degree Mason, Senior Past Grand Commander, Presiding Officer of the four York Rite Grand Bodies of Kentucky.”

Masonic Press

The Masonic press, beyond all doubt, provides a wonderful means by which the wealth of cultural material may be broadcast and absorbed by Freemasons seeking more Light in Our Great Fraternity.

Time was when the principles and ideals of Freemasonry were spread by word of mouth, but the great progress and growth of the Craft has required more than this. Masonic literary gems have contributed much to the expansion and advancement Freemasonry has enjoyed for over two centuries.

Freemasonry can well count among its members great leaders in science, art, industry, church, and state. All have contributed to the sum total of Masonic culture and knowledge, but without the medium of the Masonic press, the teachings and philosophies of our learned brethren would have remained unknown, save to a few of their choice associates.

Few organizations have withstood the test of time as has Freemasonry, steeped as it is in the ancient legends of the Operative Craft whose traditions and fundamentals we have had the good fortune to inherit.—(Oklahoma York Rite News.)
New York Committee on Progress & Special Activities

Excerpts from a letter sent to each Constituent Commandery in the State by Sir Knight Earl L. Eaton, P. G. C., Chairman. Other members of the Committee are: Sir Knights Stanley W. Wakefield, P. G. C., Vice-chairman, Howard L. Adams, P. C., Ray W. Burden, P. C., John W. Fotch, P. C., and Salvador C. Mir, P. C.

The first letter of the Committee was accompanied by example circulars presenting details on how to form a class of candidates and a program for building a higher membership. Included was a circular headed, "Ten Reasons Why You Should Become a Knight Templar."

Sir Knight Eaton's letter to Commanderies follows, in part:

Our first task is to re-consecrate ourselves to the ideals which prompted us years ago to become members of our Order, and the vision that inspired us to work so much in its services.

This Committee then, essentially, must be a working committee. Unless we do work, there might as well not be a Committee on Progress and Special Activities! Let us repeat that you were selected among many because you have been and are a "working" Sir Knight; one who has rendered distinguished service; and, we have every confidence that with men of your calibre, all striving together to re-vitalize and rebuild Templar, we cannot fail. We must be successful in our efforts—not for personal glory; not for ourselves; but for the Order which has done so much for us.

At a meeting of the New York Committee on Progress and Special Activities, held on October 2, 1955, it was unanimously decided to concentrate our work this year on increase in membership. Trinity Commandery No. 68 had a successful membership drive last winter, when they obtained 103 petitions by getting a list of eligible Royal Arch Masons from the chapters, and sending a letter much like the one enclosed, together with a copy of the ten reasons why one should become a Knight Templar; with a petition and a postage-free, addressed envelope. Two weeks later the Commandery sent with their notice a letter similar to the one enclosed, with a petition to each member of the Commandery. We want to carry out this program throughout the State in every Commandery. We want to send the letters and petitions to the Chapter members shortly after January, 1956.

We ask that you try to obtain a list of Chapter members from the secretaries of the Chapters near your Commandery, as soon as possible, and after checking off the ones that are already Templars, please let me know (Earl L. Eaton) the number. We will then forward to you the printed material, and all you have to do is to sign the letter, address the envelopes, and mail to prospective candidates. Two weeks later, sign the second letter, and send it with your Commandery Notice, with a petition.

The expense of postage in mailing the material to the Chapter members will be borne by our Committee of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander has conferred with the Grand High Priest, who has promised his cooperation for us to receive the list of Royal Arch Masons in each Chapter. At a recent meeting of the Zone Officers, they were very enthusiastic, and promised their whole-hearted support.

From time to time, you will receive communications containing information which we hope will be helpful to our Order. One man cannot do the necessary work; neither can fifty men, but hundreds of Sir Knights united in one common cause will succeed. You are the "key" man in your Commandery, and I know that you will do your utmost in this important assignment. Whenever you know of some activity that has been tried and found successful, let us know.

Sir Knights, this is a challenge for all of us to do our part, in the great program
set up by our Grand Master, Walter De- 
Lamater, and supported whole-heartedly 
by our Grand Commander, James C. Cor-
bett. Our Grand Commander is very de-
sirous and is going to do everything in 
his power to see that Templary goes for-
ward this year. Let us all work together 
for the cause of Templary.
Again, I want to tell you how much I 
appreciate the opportunity of working

with you in this great cause. We value 
your counsel, your help, and your inter-

est.
With every good wish for Templary, 
and with kindnest personal regards, I 
remain,

Yours for a Greater Templary,

EARL L. EATON, Chairman, 
40 North St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of New York

Ten Reasons Why You Should Become A Knight Templar

1. The Commandery offers you a 
grand opportunity to improve in every 
walk of life through the study and work 
in the progressively expanding light of 
pure Masonry.
2. It is the mightiest non-theological 
Protestant Christian organization in the 
world. It stands for the noblest prin-
ciples in individual life and the highest 
standards of good government.
3. It is founded and draws its inspira-
tion from the Christian Religion and the 
faithful practice of the Christian Virtues.
4. As a militant Christian command 
we are committed to the defense of 
innocent maidens, destitute widows, 
helpless orphans and the Christian Re-
ligion.
5. It constantly reminds you to let 
your light so shine before men that 
they may see your good works and 
glorify your Father.
6. The ritual presents an advance and 
liberal education to all members which 
brings forth their finest character and 
works to be shared without stint with 
one another.
7. It gives you the richest of frater-
nal fellowship, peaceful freedom of mind 
and a deep understanding of character 
enabling you to live in harmony with 
God and with benefit to your County.
8. It bases all its teachings upon the 
fundamental, Truth, thereby adding 
greatly to your understanding of the 
symbolic significance of the first three 
degrees of Masonry.
9. In the exalted lessons of Templary 
you receive the most interesting, the 
most serious, and the most sublime im-
pression which can come to anyone who 
is concerned with those impulses of life 
which make for better manhood, better 
citizenship, and a better society.
10. Templary extends to you the privi-
lege of sharing its priceless heritage 
from the past as defenders of the Faith, 
and ennobles your life through participa-
tion with the Sir Knights in the work 
of this great Masonic Order.

New Orleans 150th Celebration

Sir Knights from the Commanderies 
of Indivisible Friends No. 1, Jacques 
DeMolay No. 2, and Ivanhoe No. 19, of 
New Orleans participated in the Sesqui-
centennial Celebration of the Founding 
of Christ Church in Louisiana, in 1805. 
This event was held November 16th, 
1955 in the Municipal Auditorium and 
attended by 6,000 persons.

An inspiring sermon on "So Great A 
Good" was delivered by the Rev. Will-
liam H. Nes, of Evanston, Illinois. Dr. 
Nes sermon commemorated an historic 
address by the Rev. Philander Chase on 
Sunday Nov. 17th, 1805, which marked 
the first Protestant Service following 
the Louisiana purchase.
Mecca Temple Honors Major General Walter A. DeLamater

The front page of the December 1955 issue of "The Meccan," Official Publication of Mecca Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., New York City, featured a photo of Sir Knight DeLamater accompanied by the following story:

The General Walter A. DeLamater Class

so named in honor of our Illustrious Past Potentate and Recorder-Emeritus. Apart from the privilege of becoming Shriners that evening, the Class will also have the added distinction of consuming their membership in a group bearing the name of this Distinguished World Chief of Templary. The candidates who received the Order of the Mystic Shrine on December 7, 1955 were listed in Mecca Temple records as members of this "Honor Class."

Major General Walter A. DeLamater was Potentate in 1926 and 1950; Recorder 1950-1955; Recorder Emeritus and Consultant Advisor 1955.

Director General of the Imperial Council Sessions, 1951 and 1953.

Sir Knight DeLamater was elected on August 23, 1955, to the Exalted Office of Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

The reception at the Masonic Hall for this distinguished Guest of Honor, December 7 was the final Ceremony of 1955. A most interesting program was carried out by Noble George Levy, Potentate and his Staff of Officers.

The printed program carried this message "To the Class of December 7, 1955:

To The Class of December 7th

You will very soon be participants in the World's Greatest Philanthropy!

Dear to the hearts of Shriners are our Hospitals, wherein we have ministered to more than 250,000 crippled children, without money or price, and without regard to race, color or creed. All of these have been either cured or materially benefited, and thousands of others, "in-and-out" patients, have been blessed by clinical treatments, braces and other artificial aids furnished them.

These children, crippled, deformed and sadly handicapped, literal shipwrecks on the sea of time, are entered into our hospitals, and after months of tender, merciful treatment they go hopping and skipping out, able to play with their fellows and to take useful positions in life. Think of it, more than 250,000 helpless dependent ones transformed into a mighty army of self-supporting citizens.

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Beaver Valley 50th Anniversary

In Pennsylvania the Fiftieth Anniversary of Beaver Valley Commandery, No. 84, Knights Templar, was celebrated Tuesday, November 29th, 1955 at Beaver Falls, Pa.

The reception of the "Honor Guest," Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, R. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A., was the outstanding feature of the program. Sir Knight Moore was Eminent Commander of Beaver Valley Commandery No. 84, in 1924-25, and Grand Commander of Pennsylvania in 1939.

Greetings from the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania were extended by Sir Knight Channing W. Galbreath, R. E. Grand Commander of Pennsylvania.

The Anniversary Address was by Sir Knight Raymond F. Hoffman, P.G.C. of Pennsylvania and a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations.

An attractive printed program (cover in gold) gave a detailed history of the Commandery from 1905 and 1955. In this was listed Charter Members and Eminent Commanders who had served Beaver Valley Commandery No. 84, Knights Templar.

Wanted by the Editor

News of Coming Events:
Anniversaries to be Celebrated.
Date—Place—Plans.
New Programs for Advancement.
Future Programs for Honoring Distinguished Masons and Templars.
Plans for Coming Events and Activities.
Demits and Suspensions

By George A. Weeks, P. G. C. Mass, and R. I., Chairman Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations

This subject has always been a serious problem. During the year 1945-1946 an Official Order was mailed to all Commanders and Recorders of Constituent Commanderies:

“For the purpose of enabling Grand Commandery to be of more assistance to the Constituent Commandery and to keep Grand Commandery more closely in touch with our membership situation, it is desired that each Commandery send a report to the Grand Commander on each member who is being considered for suspension for non-payment of dues, also in each case when a member requests a demit, other than a demit requested in order to transfer to another Commandery.

“The report will be made on a form as attached.

“The report in detail will be carefully supervised by the Grand Commander for the purpose of aiding the Commandery in the handling of the case should such assistance be desirable.

“The Commandery should postpone action on the case until advice is received from the Grand Commander.”

Then, in 1948, a list was compiled from our official returns showing the Demits and Suspensions from 1942 to 1947, inclusive, in each Commandery, which list was sent to our Division Commanders to get a complete report from the Recorders of the Commanderies in his division. (These reports are on file in Grand Commandery office at the present time.) Then, on December 6, 1948, another letter was sent to all Division Commanders, calling attention to the fact that more than 1,000 names of former members had been placed in their hands for reports.

This letter was followed by a circular letter issued by the Grand Commander, under date of April 7, 1949, requesting that no suspensions be made without thorough investigation, unless it was for non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter. Then the member would be informed that he could get reinstated in the Lodge or Chapter and thus retain his membership in his Commandery. This is our procedure at the present time—it seems to be very satisfactory.

COPY

TO THE DIVISION COMMANDERS

Re: SUSPENSION LISTS

Sir Knights:

Last month we sent you a list of demits. Together with those on the enclosed lists, we have now placed in the hands of the Division Commanders, a Grand Total of nearly 1,000 names of former members. Let us stop to think what 1,000 members would mean to us all! In the matter of dues, it means approximately $9,000.00, in additional revenue each year to the Constituent Commanderies; it means $500.00 more revenue each year to Grand Commandery. What a wonderful help this would be to our financial situation!

Nine (9) Commanderies did not suspend a single member in this period which shows that they must have disbursed a large amount of Charity to tide over some of their members. In treating those on your list, consideration may well be given to rebating a certain proportion of their indebtedness and it might mean going more than half way with them. Remember, when you rebate dues it is an expense properly chargeable to your Charity Fund, in other words, the money can be transferred from your Charity Account into your General Fund, and it will have the same affect on the latter as though the member had paid his dues.

Some of these Suspensions are due to non-affiliation in the prerequisite Bodies, since which time they have become reinstated and are now waiting to be asked to come back into the Commandery. I am now wondering if there is any way of knowing just when they become eligible again?
It is suggested that these names be distributed among your Membership Committee Members and a genuine and sympathetic effort be made to bring them back to our fold. I am real interested in this part of our Membership Campaign, and I would appreciate hearing from you as to what progress you are making.

Thank you very much for your cooperation, and with knightly greetings, I am

Courteously yours,

GRAND COMMANDER.

March 31, 1949.

CHECK FOR STEEPLE FUND

The Patriotic Activities Committee, headed by Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder, R. E. Grand Commander, and his Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, attended the morning service at the Old North Church on Sunday, November 13, and presented a check for $500 to be used toward the Steeple Fund of that historic church.

Historically, Templary and the Old North Church are very closely allied with one another. Templary had its birth in Massachusetts when, on December 11, 1769, the Order of the Temple was conferred upon Brother Paul Revere by Army Lodge No. 322 of the 29th British Regiment (now Glittering Star Lodge No. 322 under the Grand Lodge of Ireland). “During the Eighteenth Century a considerable number of military Lodges came into existence, possessing the right to meet legally at whatever place the regiment might find itself. The first such lodge was Irish, and was founded in 1732 and was later followed by others.”

On May 14, 1770, the Order was conferred upon General Joseph Warren, then Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. Brother Robert Newman of Boston was Knighted on November 5, 1794, little more than 19 years after he had hung the lantern in the belfry of the Old North Church. Robert Newman served as Sentinel of Boston Commandery No. 2 during the years 1802-1803-1804 and this Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was organized on May 6, 1805—150 years ago. It is the oldest Grand Commandery in the United States and the only Grand Commandery having jurisdiction over two states.

Presenting Check to Steeple Fund. This event is interesting from both a patriotic and historical standpoint. The photo reading from left to right: Sir Knight Thomas A. Booth, Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder, Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Rev. Charles Russell Peck, Vicar of The Old North Church, and Sir Knight Dwight C. Page, Grand Generalissimo.
San Diego, Calif., York Rite Success

A most interesting program of the First Annual York Rite Festival, November 10-11-12, 1955, was held for the York Rite of Free Masonry, in California, by the San Diego and Imperial Counties, including all Masonic Bodies, and known as the York Rite Co-ordinating Council. Sir Knight Irvin S. Gress, Eminent Commander of San Diego Commandery No. 25, served as President of the Council, and Sir Knight William Measure, Eminent Commander of Imperial Valley Commandery No. 54 and Sir Knight Evans S. Cunningham, Eminent Commander of Harmony Commandery No. 71, served as members of the Sponsoring Organization.

According to a letter written by Sir Knight Benjamin T. Salmon, nephew of Sir Knight George G. Tyler, of Georgetown, Mass., this First York Rite Festival was an outstanding success. In his letter Sir Knight Salmon said: "This was the first time that anything of this magnitude has ever been done in California. An excellent representation from all Grand Bodies, Chapter, Council and Commandery co-operated very closely.

There were 57 Candidates for the Orders, and the general opinion among them was that they had been privileged to participate in the most superior ritualistic work ever conferred in California. The Grand Commander cited this First York Rite Festival as the greatest contribution to the advancement of York Rite Masonry in California History, and from now on other sections were taking steps to form similar York Rite Co-ordinating Councils.

A 16-page printed program gave all the details of the plans of the Sponsoring Organization of the York Rite Co-ordinating Council of San Diego and Imperial Counties, listing the names of the General Committee and the names of all the Candidates for the Degrees of the Council and Chapter and the Orders of the Commandery. Featuring the names of the Casts conducting the Ceremonies.

“3300 Membership in 1956”

New Slogan by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota

By Robert F. Patterson Grand Commander Vermillion, S. D.

From General Order No. 1

The 72nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota convened in the City of Lead, July 31, August 1 and 2, 1955. Of the twenty Constituent Commanderies, sixteen were represented by Dais Officers or by proxy. The Franklin Hotel at Deadwood and the Highland Inn at Lead housed the Grand Officers. Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Commanders and their ladies. The overflow of other Knights Templar and ladies were nicely taken care of at Motels. Many complimentary remarks were received from the Hotels on the fine guests they housed and likewise from the Sir Knights and ladies of the nice accommodations furnished.

This year the Past Commanders' dinner was not held on account of the Sir Knights, ladies and Guests attending the Passion Play at Spearfish on Sunday evening, July 31.

The 72nd Annual Conclave convened Monday morning, August 1, at the Masonic Temple, Lead, South Dakota. The Grand Commandery was opened in full form with Grand Commander Bancroft presiding.

Report of Educational Loan Committee showed 17 New Loans totaling $9,
200.00 made during the year.
At 6 P. M. the Grand Commandery banquet was held at the Masonic Temple in Lead with Grand Commander Marsden F. Bancroft acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Immediately following the banquet, the Sir Knights and their ladies went to the Athletic Field in Lead for the competitive drills. Three teams competed, Damascus No. 10 Aberdeen, Capitol City No. 21 Pierre; Madison No. 20, Madison. The Judges were Robert D. Dinwiddie, Grand Commander of Minnesota and Guy L. Raber, Grand Commander of Nebraska. The cup for the best drill team was awarded to Madison No. 20, winning it for the second time in succession.

Mass. & R. I. Grand Commandery Service Committee

A Service Committee has been established under the auspices of the Grand Commandery. Its purpose is to further the progress of Templary by assisting member commanderies with respect to their activities that have produced good results in other commanderies. It is hoped that the Service Committee can help with problems in such fields as membership, finances, regalia, costumes, publicity, and social and patriotic activities.

The Committee wants to act as a clearing house for worthwhile ideas. Each commandery can contribute toward an ‘idea bank’ and thus help a sister commandery by sending a brief report of successful activities to the Committee with facts, figures and comments. Reports will be acknowledged and some of the ideas may be included in succeeding issues of the Templar. Credit will be given to the contributors. Successful ideas of the past, as well as those of the current year, are needed.

The Committee plans to establish a file of good ideas for all types of activities. It is hoped that the Service Committee can be of help to all commanderies, but more particularly to the smaller commanderies, where problems may be more acute. From time to time the Committee may ask for help with unusual problems through the columns of the Templar.

The Service Committee can succeed in its purpose if all Commanderies make use of it. Contribute ideas! Ask for help if needed. Successful ideas are like lights, that when used, can light up the road ahead. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works" and by doing so help the progress of Templary.

The Service Committee is headed by J. Leroy Jones, Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, who is acting as Chairman. Commanderies in the jurisdiction have been divided into six regional districts, each served by a District Service Representative. The District Service Representatives are available and anxious to discuss problems and offer suggestions by telephone, mail or in person within their respective districts.

“Knight Templar”

A new publication—official magazine of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. Issued quarterly to replace “Grand Encampment Review.”

Send subscriptions for friends who are or may become Master Masons, Companions or Templars.

You can help “REVITALIZED AND GREATER TEMPLARY” by sending in new subscriptions, or handing this magazine to some one who may be interested.

This new 32-page magazine—“KNIGHT TEMPLAR”—will publish news of Templar and Masonic events and activities from every Grand Jurisdiction.

All Templars can help increase the number of readers of the “KNIGHT TEMPLAR” and at the same time help build up Membership in the Order.

Subscription rate—2 years for $1.00.

Make all checks or money orders payable to: Grand Encampment Knights Templar of U. S. A. Not to individuals.
150 Years of Growth

Oldest Grand Commandery in America Holds Its Sesquicentennial Conclave

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which was organized in Providence, Rhode Island, on May 6, 1805, assembled in the Asylum of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templars, Dorrance Street, Providence, to celebrate its one hundred and fifty years of existence as a Grand Commandery with Right Eminent Sir Kenneth H. Earle, Grand Commander, presiding, on October 29, 1955.

St. Johns Commandery is the oldest Commandery of Knights Templar in the United States of America, having been organized on August 23, 1802 “in the town of Providence assembled in Masons Hall, with that Valiant Knight, Thomas Smith Webb, presiding.”

The guest of honor at this historic conclave was Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, which Grand Encampment, was organized in June, 1816. The Grand Master outlined the new legislation passed at the 46th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in New York, August 23 to 26th, establishing a Knights Templar 100% charity on a national basis for the treatment of needy suffers from eye disease or injuries which if untreated would result in blindness. This project is to treat all persons, without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin, and that the treatment and hospitalization of patients for this purpose shall be free and the prerequisites for admission will be the inability of the patient to pay for such treatment of hospitalization.

During the morning session, Right Eminent Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle Grand Commander welcomed distinguished guests numbering 25 or more.

One of the 7 historic floats in the Fifth Avenue Parade at 46th Triennial Conclave. Float No. 1—“The Call for the First Crusade.” The Cross became the sign of the Knights of the Crusades around which all medevil Knights rallied. The Cross is now the insignia so proudly worn by the Knights Templar of today.
What They Say About First Issue "Knight Templar"

Letters Received by the Editor and the Grand Master.

Kentucky

"Congratulations on the first issue of 'Knight Templar' . . . This new magazine should fill a long felt need in the publications devoted to the interest of Templary . . . I wish for you and the magazine every success."—Courteously yours, Wylie B. Wendt, Associate Editor, "The Beauseant," Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, K. T., Louisville, Kentucky. Nov. 22, 1955.

Arkansas

"I have just seen a copy of the new 'Knight Templar' and want to congratulate you on a fine job . . . It was given to me by Sir Knight Charlie Hill, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas."—Sincerely, Roy S. Pollock (Knighted in Coeur de Lion No. 23, N. Y. C., and former Officer)—Atlas Advertising Agency, Little Rock, Arkansas. Nov. 22, 1955.

Indiana

"I am in receipt of the first edition of the new 'Knight Templar' Magazine. Great. It's wonderful and I feel it will meet with a ready response from all of the Sir Knights. Everyone is talking about it and the congratulations will soon be pouring in."—Sincerely and Fraternally yours, G. Max Fowler, P. G. C. of Ind., Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies. Nov. 22, 1955.

Pennsylvania

"Chalmers—You have done a terrific job in the first issue of the 'Knight Templar' Magazine! . . . Heartly congratulations to you for such a splendid piece of work. It cannot help but be most beneficial to all of Templary and to every Sir Knight who reads it . . . With every good wish for the continued success of the 'Knight Templar' magazine."—Courteously and cordially, Charles B. Wolfertz, P. G. C. (Pennsylvania)—Chairman Grand Encampment Committee on Progress and Special Activities. Nov. 28, 1955.

Virginia

"I have no criticism to offer either of the new Format or Contents of the 'Knight Templar' Magazine. It is interesting and embellished with many pictures which always enhances readability."—Sincerely Charles Vernon Eddy, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment. Nov. 29, 1955.

Iowa

"I have just received my copy of Volume 1, Number 1, of the 'Knight Templar.' I want to express my appreciation for the new format and for the contents. To me it is greatly improved and is much more attractive. Even the size is much more convenient. I wish for this new venture a deserved success."—Cordially and courteously yours, Earl B. Delzell, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M. Member Grand Encampment Committee on George Washington Masonic Memorial. Nov. 29, 1955.

Missouri

"Have just seen a copy of the 'Knight Templar' which I have thoroughly enjoyed and hope I may continue to receive your very interesting and newsy magazine . . . It is my intention, in a forthcoming issue of our magazine of 'The Philalethes Society' to have a writeup of your magazine with information as to how it may be received by interested persons."—Yours Fraternally, John Black Vrooman, Editor. St. Louis, Mo.

Cleveland, Ohio

"I welcome the 'Knight Templar' and the change in your title of Reviewer to Editor . . . Yours is the opportunity now to present to all readers of this new magazine, not only articles of interest of historical nature, but present news items throughout the realms of the Grand Encampment . . . I hope that in the future issues, there will be articles on how those Grand Commanderies who
have shown more progress than others have become organized to achieve those results. I think that might be an incentive for others to try to do likewise."

Fraternally yours,

EARL T. ARMESY,
Grand Commander, Ohio.

Knight Templar Magazine
Edited By Ex-Local Man
Nov. 24, 1955.

Volume 1, Number 1 of a new magazine, "Knight Templar" has just reached The Advocate, through the courtesy of its editor, Chalmers L. Pancoast, of New York.

The magazine is of special interest to Knights Templar everywhere. It was authorized following the recent national convocation of the Knights in New York, and Pancoast, former Grand Commander of New York Knights Templar, was chosen to edit the periodical. It replaces a former publication, Grand Encampment Review which was published in the East, and contemplates a wider and more thorough coverage of Templar activity throughout the country.

The first issue has 32 pages of magazine size, with a face type that is easy to read. The issue is liberally supplied with reproductions of photographs. It will be issued quarterly.

The issue contains a number of articles on the Grand Encampment. It carries a message from the Grand Master. It has an article on the Templar Eye Foundation and articles referring to the annual Easter observance of Commanderies. Another article tells of the service held August 21 in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, with 2,000 Sir Knights attending in uniform.

Editor Pancoast has done a fine job with the first issue of the magazine. His long experience with the publication of the Grand Encampment Review made his selection wise and logical. His service has done much to spread the good work of the Commanderies, and his new position will give him the opportunity to continue in a work he likes.

An inserted subscription blank in the first issue makes ordering subscriptions easy for Templars.—Newark (O.) Advocate.

New York

"Congratulations on the fine new magazine 'Knight Templar' you are editing. This is greatly needed and a good forward movement for Templary."
—Courteously, William E. Conyngham, P. C., Hudson River Commandery No. 35, Newburgh, N. Y.

Ohio

"My congratulations on the new Grand Encampment publication, the 'Knight Templar.' A nice piece of work and by one who knows how." Sincerely, Harold E. Grigsby, P. C., Captain General, St. Luke's Commandery, No. 34, Newark, Ohio.

Colorado

To the Most Eminent Grand Master:

"Congratulations on the new 'Knight Templar' magazine. All of our Sir Knights who have seen it are greatly pleased. Keep up the good work."—Courteously, James R. Hoffman, P. G. C., former Department Commander, Denver, Colorado.

Oklahoma

Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast:

"May I humbly congratulate you as the Editor of 'Knight Templar' magazine. It is my sincere hope that this periodical may prove of inestimable value to Templary." Fraternally yours, Shade D. Neely, B. S., M. D., Muskogee Commandery No. 2, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

California

To the Most Eminent Grand Master:

"We are looking forward to your February Message in the 'Knight Templar.' It will be received with great enthusiasm because, your plain, straight forward January Message, plus your slogan, has the Sir Knights of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, and Golden West Commandery No. 43, wanting to cooperate with you in every way possible." Fraternally, James F. Raymond, P. C., Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Los Angeles.
Annual Conclaves

Grand Commandery—State Events—Time and Place—1956—Names and Address of Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders. (Grand Commandery Annual Conclaves for March, April, and May, 1956, were published in the "Knight Templar," Vol. 1, No. 1, November-December Issue, 1955, on Pages 24-25.)

June


June 8-9-10, 1956—New York, 143rd Annual Conclave, Rochester, N. Y. (Headquarters Hotel Seneca.) Sir Knight James C. Corbett, R. E. Grand Commander, 532 Lake Avenue, Rochester 13, N. Y. Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, R. E. Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 175, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

June 11, 1956—Nevada, 38th Annual Conclave, Boulder City, Nevada. Sir Knight Yale Williams, R. E. Grand Commander, 1267 Court St., Elko, Nevada. Sir Knight Edward C. Peterson, E. Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 467, Carson City, Nevada.


June 24-30, 1956—Iowa, 92nd Annual Conclave convenes June 26 at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Sir Knight Norman J. Young, R. E. Grand Commander, 1301 N. 8th St., Burlington, Iowa. Sir Knight Clinton Kastner, E. Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 515, Boone, Iowa.

August

August 12-13-14, 1956—South Dakota, 73rd Annual Conclave, Vermillion, S. D. Sir Knight Robert F. Patterson, R. E. Grand Commander, 416 Lewis Street, Vermillion, S. D. Sir Knight Elvin F. Strain, E. Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 468, Sioux Falls, S. D.

September


September 19-20, 1956—Tennessee, 95th Annual Conclave, Knoxville, Tenn. Sir Knight Euel Guy Frizzell, R. E. Grand Commander, 2931 Essary Road, Fountain City, Tenn. Sir Knight Thomas Earl Doss, P. G. C., Grand Recorder, Box 216, Nashville 2, Tenn.

September 21, 1956—Colorado, 81st Annual Conclave, Denver, Colorado. Sir Knight John Schwartz, R. E. Grand Commander, 4900 Tennyson Street, Denver 12, Col. Sir Knight Fred W.
Ilchman, E. Grand Recorder. 4228 Hooker Street, Denver 11, Colorado.


October

October 1, 1956—New Hampshire, 108th Annual Conclave, Keene, N. H. Sir Knight George Edgar Tuttle, R. E. Grand Commander, Peterborough, N. H. Sir Knight Walter Edward Dunlap, E. Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 468, Concord, N. H.


October 22, 1956—Arizona, 63rd Annual Conclave, Winslow, Arizona. (Devotional Service, October 21, 8 p. m.) Sir Knight George Fountain Dyer, Sr., R. E. Grand Commander, 1027 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona. Sir Knight Henry P. Johnson, P. G. C., Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 724, Bisbee, Arizona.


“Festal Week”


One of our outstanding activities is our Summer Home at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa where the Grand Commandery meets during what we call Festal Week. Then during the rest of the Summer Season the Park is open to all Masons and their families from this and other States as a beautiful place to spend a Summer Vacation with the slogan “When Thinking Summer Vacations—Think Templar Park.” It affords a meeting place where Masons may become better acquainted and the forming of those friendships which last as long as Life itself.

June 21-25, 1955 “Festal Week” was opened Sunday evening for Vesper Services under the direction of our Eminent Grand Prelate, Forrest P. Hagan, whose splendid sermon made a deep impression and presented a devotional service most worthwhile.

We again showed a net gain in membership amounting to 196, with 564 knighted and a total membership as of December 31, 1954 of 10,391.

Arrangements were made for the forming of a Statewide Past Commanders’ Association with a meeting and banquet to be held at the close of the next Annual Conclave. The date of the next annual conclave will be held during Festal week, June 24-30, 1956 at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa, the Grand Commandery convening on Tuesday, June 26th, 1955.

The leisurely program during Festal Week permitted many social activities and the “Retreat” held on our beautiful parade ground, with four Commanderies participating, the lowering of the colors, the sunset gun, the devotional and the marching of the Commanderies, headed by the Spirit Lake Band makes a deep impression never to be forgotten. Many of the folks around the Lakes drive in just to witness this parade.

Another Annual Conclave has closed but the inspiration received cannot help but better carry on the activities of the coming year under the able direction of Sir Knight Norman J. Young who was elected and installed as our Right Eminent Grand Commander for the ensuing year.
Pilgrimages in Massachusetts and Rhode Island

By George A. Weeks, P.G.C.

Several Commanderies in this Jurisdiction have special teams for the conferring of the Orders of Red Cross and Malta in full form, all in beautiful costumes, namely: St. Johns No. 1, Boston No. 2, Worcester No. 5, De Molay No. 7, Gethsemane No. 35, and several smaller Commanderies give a fine exemplification of the Orders.

The outstanding Commandery in this Jurisdiction in interstate visitations is Hugh de Payens No. 20, of Melrose, Mass. Following is a resume of some of their activities:

The Pilgrimages of Hugh de Payens No. 19, Easton, Pennsylvania, and Hugh de Payens No. 20, Melrose, Massachusetts, started as a result of Hugh de Payens No. 20, Mass. being assigned to act as escort to Hugh de Payens No. 19, Penn., at the Triennial Conclave in 1895, held in Boston, Massachusetts.

Hugh de Payens No. 20, went by train to Fall River to meet the New York boat (the old Fall River Line) and received the Hugh de Payens No. 19 guests. The guests were escorted to Boston and accommodated at the old U. S. Hotel (now torn down). Hugh de Payens No. 20 was quartered in Park Square, Boston, and records show a continuous round of entertainment provided in one place or another.

So delighted were the Easton Knights with the hospitality of the Melrose Knights that on their return to Pennsylvania they sent a delegation back to Melrose to present No. 20 with a beautiful Beauseant banner. This was the beginning of the interchange of visits. The Easton fraters also extended to No. 20 an invitation to visit them following the Pittsburgh Triennial in 1895. A framed copy of the invitation is now in the Armory of No. 20 in Melrose. It is a sketched copy, approximately 24 inches square.

75 Sir Knights and Ladies of Hugh de Payens No. 20 went on the Pittsburgh Triennial in 1898. On arrival there, they were met by Sir Knight Duss and his well-known band at that time of 30 pieces. Mr. Duss composed a special Hugh de Payens Commandery March for the occasion—"Cross and Crown." An original copy of the music was later discovered and photo-lithographed.

On returning from Pittsburgh, the Easton Knights got on the train at Allen-town and continued on to Easton. At Easton, Hugh de Payens No. 19, in full Templar regalia and their own Commandery band, met the No. 20 Knights who were later escorted to the Asylum, where No. 19 worked the Order of the Temple in full form. Returning to the hotel, the Ladies and Sir Knights of both Commanderies were graciously entertained.

The next morning the guests from Melrose were given a trolley ride up Mt. Weggatt, an elevation of nearly 1,000 feet, to Paxinosis Inn (now burned down). From this mountain the view looks across New Jersey and Pennsylvania—the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance and the Delaware Water Gap. The same noon another banquet was tendered No. 20, and later on they left for Melrose.

On their return to Melrose, the No. 20 Knights purchased a large punch bowl, ladle and salver, suitably engraved, and presented it to No. 19, in March 1899. This bowl is now in a glass case, and is on view in the Sentinel's room of Hugh de Payens No. 19 in Easton. It is taken out every Christmas, from which a toast is always offered to Hugh de Payens No. 20 of Melrose.

After a few years, the interchange of visits ceased, and it was not until 1946 when Sir Knight T. Stuart Drake, Past Commander of No. 19 and Grand Representative of Mass. and Rhode Island near Pennsylvania, discovered that the then Grand Commander of Mass. and Rhode Island was a member of Hugh de
Payens No. 20 of Melrose. He wrote to the Mass. and Rhode Island Grand Commander's office and inquired if the R.E.G.C. would accept an invitation to renew the interchange of visits between these two Commanderies. The Grand Commander of Mass. and Rhode Island (Frank H. Wilson of Mass.) accepted the invitation, and visits were resumed.

Visits to Easton have been to attend their Anniversary Breakfasts; to see the Order of Malta in full form (when the Melrose Prior took the place of the No. 19 Prior who was ill at the time); and to witness the Order of the Temple.

Visits to Melrose have been to see the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross put on in full robes, regalia, lighting effects, etc; also to witness the Order of the Temple, at which Sir Knight T. Stuart Drake officiated.

On many of these visits exchange of gifts has continued. Among these, Easton has been given a Commander's cup and a tankard. The Melrose fraters are the proud possessor of a beautiful Crucifix and Cross, a set of the 9 Shields in color, replicas of the Coat-of-Arms of the original 9 Templars of the Ancient Order.

On the beautiful punch bowl in Easton, this sentiment is engraved around the bowl:

"May our friendship strengthen as the years pass by and the Golden City become our eternal Camping Ground."

Red Cross and Malta

Two Commandery Conclave—Melrose 1950.

Special edition of the Conclave of De Molay No. 7 of Boston and Hugh de Payens No. 20, of Melrose, were issued.

Red Cross and Malta put on twice on the same day—afternoon and evening. Hugh de Payens No. 20 knighted 123 that year, with a net gain of 116 members. Street parade, candidates from entire jurisdiction.

Red Cross—Gardner, Mass, 1954

Hugh de Payens No. 20 took entire Red Cross team to Gardner for Grand Commandery of Mass. and Rhode Island. At this affair, Malta was put on by Worcester County No. 5.

Malta Team Visitations

Because of the increase in new members in Hugh De Payens No. 20 as result of the 1950 Conclave, Hugh de Payens No. 220 built up a Malta team the next year, composed of all the new candidates knighted the previous year. New robes, regalia, lighting effects and a complete new team of brand new members (No officers on the team.)

March 28, 1953
Hugh de Payens team went to Concord, N. H. for all the candidates from Grand Commandery of N. H.

Grand Encampment Review of Nov.-Dec. 1953 has a picture of team on page 7, taken at Concord, N. H.

May 1, 1954
Hugh de Payens No. 20 Malta team went to Dover, N. H. for another similar group of N. H. candidates.

October 16, 1954
Hugh de Payens No. 20 again went out of the state to Rochester, N. H. completing 3 pilgrimages to the Grand Commandery of N. H.

December 10, 1955
Hugh de Payens team has a pilgrimage planned to Portland, Maine, St. Albans Commandery to be host for all candidates from Grand Commandery of Maine.

Louisville-DeMolay No. 12 Host

For Sixth Annual Field Day

The Sixth Annual Field Day of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kenutcky was held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Louisville on Saturday, November 12th, with Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, K. T. acting as host and its crack degree teams conferring the Orders of Red Cross and Malta in full and elaborate form. This field day was designated by the Grand Commander as "Joseph Hedges Ewalt Day" in honor of the Senior Past Grand Officer of all Grand York Rite bodies in Kentucky.
Knights Templar Chapel Windows

Through the courtesy of Brother Frederick F. Schondan, Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, we were given permission to use the photographs of the Memorial on the Cover Page and also the Statue of George Washington, both of which were made recently.

Should any Grand or Constituent Commandery, or group of Sir Knights, be interested in endowing a Memorial window for the Knights Templar Chapel kindly communicate with the Grand Master.

The size of the windows on the 8th Floor are 24 feet 3½ inches high and 3 feet and 4 inches wide.

According to Livingstone Elder, the Architect, the present plan is for 4 windows, one on each wall. The subject matter is tentatively a picture of the Ascension toward the East, the Burning of Jacques DeMolay toward the West, and subsequently windows toward the North and South which incorporate figures of Historic Knights Templar. (More details later.)

Wilber M. Brucker Visits Alaska

Sir Knight Gilbert Whitehead, Eminent Commander of Anchorage Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar of Anchorage, Alaska, wrote to the Grand Master under date of December 5, 1955, as follows, in part: "I would like to inform you that Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, took the time to call on December 1st, while here on an Army Inspection Tour. He arranged for an informal meeting of Sir Knights to discuss local and Territorial Templar activities. We had a very enjoyable visit and naturally felt honored that Sir Knight Brucker would take time from his very busy schedule to inquire about Templar conditions in Alaska."

Membership

The total membership of the Order as of July 1, 1955, was 380,237 Sir Knights in 1608 Constituent Commanderies and 13 Subordinate Commanderies.

The total number created during the Triennium was 61,949 Knights, distributed as follows: for year ending July 1, 1953: 20,944 Knighted; for 1954, 22,293 Knighted; for 1955: 18,712 Knighted.

The all-time high in membership was 424,981 in 1930, so it would appear that the present Triennium, ending at the Triennium Conclave in 1958, may see the total membership of the Order exceed the former record.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation made student loans in the following numbers: 1952—913 loans, 1953—1,080 loans, 1954—1,298 loans, or a total for the three-year period of loans to 3,291 students, compared to 1,877 loans made the preceding Triennium.

Mecca Temple Honors

(Continued from page 16.)

The Grand Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple was filled to capacity with Nobles from many Temples for this outstanding event for Mecca Temple. There were 253 Candidates becoming Members of "Mecca Honor Class."

Illustrious Potentates and Officers were present from many New York State Temples, as well as other Cities and States. Represented were the Cities of Utica, Binghamton, Troy, and Watertown, New York. Others were Baltimore, Detroit, Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey; and the States of Delaware, New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan, Rhode Island, Montreal, Canada, and others.

A highlight of the "Mecca Honor Class" Program was the substantial contribution made to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
Knights Templar in Japan

Sir Knight and Colonel Royal S. Cope-land, Past Commander of Rockland Commandery No. 75, Nyack, New York, made an interesting report to the Grand Master from Tokyo, Japan. He wrote that the first meeting of Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar was held at the Masonic Temple on November 21, 1955, when 26 candidates were Knighted. He says that he feels highly honored to have taken part in what promises to be a strong and active group of Templars. He wrote, in part: “With the assistance of Sir Knights John T. White, P. C., Coast Commandery No. 19, Biloxi, Miss.; Frederick F. Riley, Arlington Commandery No. 29, Va.; Earl W. Glines, San Diego Commandery No. 25, Calif.; and William R. Lepper, Kensington Commandery No. 54, Philippines, I conferred the Order of Red Cross, the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple, on 26 Royal Arch Masons, who are desirous of forming a Commandery in Tokyo, Japan.

Officers: Frederick F. Riley, Eminent Commander; John T. White, Generalissimo and Earl W. Glines, Captain General.

Credit

The cut of the “Symbolic Ladder” which appeared on the back page of the first issue of ‘Knight Templar’ was from an illustration in a York Rite leaflet, originated, designed and drawn by Wallace Phelan Douglas, Grand Instructor—Inspector for Grand Bodies of the York Rite Free Masonry, State of Tennessee.

John Jacob Astor was made a Mason in Holland Lodge No. 8, New York, in 1790, served as Master of his lodge and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, and Recorder of the Knights Templar.

Kentucky to Revive Street Parade


The parade for next May is really gaining momentum. I can now announce that Rapier Commandery of Indianapolis, Ind., which took first prize in the competitive drills at the Grand Encampment session in New York, will be in Lexington to take part in the parade and also put on an exhibition drill. There will also be several hundred other Sir Knights from Indiana in uniform to help swell our parade, so we must all make plans to be here in our uniforms. If our fraters from across the river are willing to travel several hundred miles to help swell our parade, then there is little or no excuse for any of our Sir Knights not being in the parade. It is your parade and I know that you will put it over in good old Kentucky style.

Courteously yours,

J. WILLIAM MATTINLY, 
Grand Commander.

Easter Service in California

Sir Knight James F. Raymond, P. C., Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, wrote to the Most Eminent Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, as follows: “Many thanks for your inspiring January message, published in our January Bulletin and also in the “Crusader” Bulletin of our sister Commandery, Golden West No. 43. Your opinion is invited in every respect, as per a quote from your Message —‘A strong united team determined to accomplish results’ will provide, the ‘Let Us Do It Spirit’.”

“The foremost California objective at hand is a joint Masonic Easter Service, which will be held in the Shrine Temple. Last year’s Easter Service was attended by some 4,000 persons. Our aim this year is a full house of 7,000. Golden West Commandery No. 43, and Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, will act jointly as Host.”
Photo of Sir Knight Walter Boone Saunders, P. G. C. of Wyoming and his five sons, at the beginning of his term as Grand Commander for the year 1940-41. Sir Knights Walter Boone Saunders, P. G. C.; Robert Boone Saunders (oldest son), Hardin, Montana; Daniel Greene Saunders (second son), Ogallala, Nebraska; Don Burnis Saunders, G. C. 1953-54 (third son), Gillette, Wyo.; Harold Holden Saunders, P. C. (fourth son), Gillette, Wyo.; Walter Harvey Saunders, P. C. (fifth son), Upton, Wyo. All six Sir Knights are members of Saint Grail Commandery No. 13 K. T., with Sir Knight Saunders and three of his sons, Don B., Harold H., and Walter H., having served as Eminent Commander. Sir Knight Saunders and son Don B. have both served the Wyoming Grand Commandery as the Right Eminent Grand Commander, as well as both have served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming as Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Son Harold H. is the present Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming.


Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

My father and three of his sons have served as the Commander of the local Commandery, making a total of four.

This picture was taken some fifteen years ago while my father was serving as the Grand Commander of Wyoming. At the close of my year of service as Grand Commander, and at the Grand Conclave held at Buffalo, Wyoming, September, 1944, I had the honor and pleasure of having my father pin a Past Grand Commander’s jewel on my breast which doesn’t happen very often in Wyoming. A like circumstance occurred in September 1952 at Sheridan, Wyoming, when he pinned a Past Grand High Priest jewel on my breast. Sort of a father and son deal in both orders.

Courously yours,

D. B. SAUNDERS, P.G.C.