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May That Morn Always Dawn

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

Sir Knights we must encourage and continue to promote, and publicize the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery, as a Knights Templar Service for all Sir Knights, their families and friends.

May that day never come to pass when this service will cease to be a Templar Event, year after year, for a larger and stronger Order.

All members of the Nation-wide Order of Knights Templar surely must consider it a great honor and privilege to support this program at a sacred National Shrine like Arlington, which all Sir Knights can and should attend each Easter Morning.

Here we have been given authority to hold an outstanding and inspiring Annual Easter Service, held under the auspices of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. For more than a quarter of a Century this Templar Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the Arlington National Cemetery has always been considered a ceremony for the benefit of the public and a fine expression of devotion for all Templars.

The 26th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, held April 1st, 1956, has been declared to be the greatest demonstration that the Knights Templar have ever held on these revered grounds and in an Amphitheater designed for the purpose of sacred services.

At this 1956 Easter Sunrise Service, there were nearly seven hundred Sir Knights in Full Templar Uniform, and the great open-air Amphitheater was crowded beyond its capacity with Christian worshippers, many of whom were content to stand in the colonades and entrances. Present at the Knights Templar Breakfast which followed there were more than six hundred there to enjoy the good fellowship of the Order.

All Sir Knights should take a greater interest in this Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington and never permit it to change location or cease to exist as a Knights Templar Service.

Considering the fact that for twenty-six years that this has been an inspiring demonstration for the public as well as Templars, we should look ahead, and for each Easter in the future this Sunrise Memorial Service should be planned on a more extensive scale for a Public Templar Service Program for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and Belief in Life Everlasting.

Read the Easter Sunrise address of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master which will be found in this issue of the "Knight Templar."

May Easter Morn Always Dawn with this Glorious and Inspiring Service in the Hallowed Grounds of Arlington to Stimulate all Templars to Continue as Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ, and as an Up-lifting Service for the Public.
Grand Master's Message "Templary in Action"
Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater

Since the publication of the May-June issue of the "Knight Templar" the Grand Master has been on the firing line throughout the country. He has officially visited the Grand Commanderies of Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, an official dinner conference with the Sir Knights of Louisiana, and an "All Colorado Templar Day" in Denver, Colo., where they conferred the Order of Malta in full form on a class of over 100, formed the lines for the reception of the Grand Master with 192 Sir Knights in uniform forming these lines and between 600-700 at the dinner. It was a very interesting, inspiring and impressive service.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Commanderies of Utah, a luncheon conference in Butte, Mont., and a dinner conference in Great Falls, Mont., with the Sir Knights of Montana; the Grand Commandery of North Dakota, in Williston, N. D.; the Grand Commandery of Idaho, in Salmon, Idaho; the Grand Commandery of the State of Washington, in Wenatchee, Wash. On May 31st, June 1st and 2nd the Grand Master visited the Grand Commandery of Michigan; then June 8th, 9th and 10th the Grand Commandery of New York; on the 19th, 20th and 21st the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, and from the 24th to the 29th the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

SHOWING GAINS

Everywhere Templary is moving forward. Sir Knights are enthusiastic and interested. Almost all Grand Jurisdictions visited have shown gains this past year and are taking a great deal more active interest for the coming year.

Contracts have been let for the Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and a number of Grand Jurisdictions have already sent in their 15¢ per member and it is sincerely hoped that all of them will complete that contribution in the very near future because

the architect and artist are at work and we don’t want any stoppage of work when once started.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The Articles of Incorporation for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation have been received and approved and certified, and we are now incorporated. The By-Laws for that Foundation are now in the hands of the Grand Master and the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, and as soon as they have been all received we will have a meeting of the Trustees and formally organize and then be in operation. We are anxious to take care of the requests for treatment that have already been received and while no funds have been solicited we still have received some very generous contributions toward that Foundation. Throughout the land there is a general feeling that this Knights Templar Eye Foundation is going to be a great thing for Templary. The Grand Master knows
it is going to be a great humanitarian effort because he has been so closely identified with this project that he knows the evidence is so great to prove the tremendous demand and the great service we are going to render.

**ON THE MARCH**

Templary is on the march in the various subordinate commanderies. A Committee on Progress and Special Activities have issued two very fine bulletins and we trust that the representatives in the constituent commanderies have followed the recommendations and taken the various matters up with the Sir Knights in those commanderies. We are anxious to move Templary forward, and the most effective way is to do it through our Sir Knights and getting down to the so-called “grass roots.”

**GOOD CITIZENSHIP**

The Patriotic Activities Committee work in many instances the Grand Master feels is not given the proper attention that it should. If there ever was a time that we needed Patriotic Activities it is right now, and this great Christian Order should be the medium of the Masonic fraternity to stand out on all matters that are patriotic, good government, good citizenship, and should be outstanding in all patriotic and good citizenship activities in their communities. It should take a more prominent part and a more active interest in this great work than they have before. Surely with the Patriotic Activities Committee, the Religious Observance Committee they go hand in hand in this great Christian Order of ours.

**MOVE FORWARD IN CHRIST’S WORK**

The Grand Master feels in many cases our Knights Templar, our Masonic brethren and even the public have not appreciated or evaluated this great Christian Order of Knighthood as it should be. They are so prone to think of it only as another Masonic body in which to receive some added degrees or Orders as we term them. They do not realize that the work of the Knights Templar is unusual and outstanding because it is all bound around the life of Christ, thus in reality making it Christ's work, and as such we cannot afford to have it lag—it must move forward and we have to take a keener and greater interest in this great Christian Order. It has to take a more important place in our Masonic structure, as well as in the community. We can make this great Christian Order of Templary outstanding, we can make it a vital force for the finest things in life, we can make it a vital force for all that is good and wholesome in our community, in our country, in our own personal lives if we will just give it some time and some effort. We have been coasting along and taking the line of least resistance and just thinking of ourselves, thus in a very selfish and materialistic manner we have not been prone to make the sacrifices that are essential to obtain the results that we should obtain in this great Christian Order. We have had plenty of time to think of ourselves, but so little time for this great Order. We forget, too, that Christ sacrificed His life for us, and surely we who enlisted under His banner can at least sacrifice some time and some effort in His service and to this great Order of ours.

**APPEAL TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS**

The Grand Master appeals to every Knight Templar, to every Mason, and as a matter of fact every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar, and to the public in general to do everything they can to make this great Christian Order of Knighthood stand out like a beacon light to all. Sir Knights, do not falter, put on your armour, tighten your belt, and go out and take all the objectives that have been defined. It can be done. Will you do it? Will you be just a dues paying member, strut around and say that I am a member of the Order of Knights Templar, which doesn't mean anything at all, or will you be an active
member, will you have a part in seeing it move forward, will you make a sacrifice, or will you continue to go along just thinking of yourself and not of our great Order?

This is rather a frank statement, but nevertheless the time has arrived to face facts, and we cannot afford to go along and make a lot of flowery statements. We have to think of this great Order, and it is believed that the average person, they really realize it when the matter is brought to their attention how they have neglected it, and what they have failed to do but what they should do and what is expected of them, they will come along and fall right in line and help and assist in the further advancement of our great Christian Order.

Remember the battle cry is “Onward Christian Soldiers” not backward, and if you are going to be a real Christian Soldier and you have enlisted as such, then let’s move forward.

All for “A Revitalized and Greater Templary.”

From the Committee on Easter Sunrise Service

By Raymond N. Babcock, R. E. G. C. (D. C.), Chairman

The twenty-sixth Annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment, K. T., of the United States of America, was held on a beautiful Easter Sunday morning, April 1, 1956, in the Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery—cold, but not uncomfortably so, and with the largest attendance of Sir Knights in uniform ever to participate. Large delegations were present from Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Virginia, and, of course, the District of Columbia, besides smaller delegations from many other states.

Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, gave the welcome; R. E. Sir Wilber M. Brucker, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and Secretary of the Army, gave the opening prayer, and Sir Knight Thomas Sherrard Roy, D. D., Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, gave an inspiring sermon entitled, “Death Be Not Proud.” Congressman Edward H. Rees, of Kansas, inserted the Sermon in the Congressional Record, and favorable comments were received from all sections of the country from those who heard the sermon broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company.

To the stirring music of the famous United States Marine Band, the nearly 700 Sir Knights marched from the West Gate of Arlington National Cemetery to the Amphitheater, and at the conclusion of the service these same Sir Knights assembled before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and with the Marine Band playing appropriate music, Sir Knight DeLamater placed the traditional “Cross of Lilies” before the Tomb.

Following the Sunrise Service over 600 Sir Knights and their ladies assembled in the Hall of Nations of the Washington Hotel for a delightful breakfast, sponsored by the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia. With the Grand Commander of the District of Columbia presiding, an appropriate program followed, all of which made for a fitting climax for a most impressive and outstanding Easter Sunrise Service.

The following Grand Encampment officers and Grand Commanders were present, many of them accompanied by practically their entire line of Grand Commandery officers and contingents of uniformed Knights:

Grand Encampment: Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master; Paul M. Moore, R. E. Grand Generalissimo; Ansel A. Packard, R. E. Grand Captain General; C. Vernon Eddy, R. E. Grand Senior Warden; Theodore F. Voelter, Dept. Commander, North Atlantic Division; William T. Brucker, Dept. Commander, Central Atlantic Division; Wilber M. Brucker, Chairman Jurisprudence Committee; Harry O. Schroeder, Chair-
man George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee.


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A motion picture of the Easter Sunrise Service of 1955 is available. The picture runs approximately 30 minutes. We have two films available, and it will depend on the demand for them, but we will naturally try to accommodate requests in the order received by the Chairman.

They will be sent Railway Express C. O. D. and expect it to be returned promptly Railway Express prepaid.


Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, Making Address of Welcome At Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, April 1, 1956.

1789—June 24th—New York Knights Templar participated in Street Parade and Festival of St. John the Baptist in St. Paul's Chapel.

May the Ceremony of Placing a Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the name of the Knights Templar of the United States of America be continued year after year.
Address of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater

Distinguished Guests, Sir Knights, Ladies and Friends:

As the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, under whose jurisdiction are the Knights Templar in every state of the continental United States, as well as in six foreign countries and five of our territories or possessions, on their behalf I extend Greetings and a Welcome to all to this great memorial and inspirational service held on this hallowed ground; and by our presence here we also pay tribute to those of the Armed Forces and the members of this great Christian Order of Knights Templar who have been called to their eternal rest.

The people of the world today are reminded of the fact that Christ was nailed upon the Cross, an ignominious death, yet today we rejoice, are happy that Christ arose from the dead after sacrificing His life for us. And the Cross which originally was a symbol of shame and degradation stands out today as the greatest symbol of love, Christianity, and sacrifice, the world has ever known. That Cross, if we but see it, is a beacon light to guide us as a Nation and individuals in our daily lives, that we may live closer to Him and eliminate from our thoughts and actions many of our own selfish, materialistic desires and give at least some time, thought and effort to His Service.

We, the members of the Great Christian Order of Knights Templar, welcome you on this Easter Morn. What an inspiration to see before us thousands here this morning to pay tribute to Christ without whom we will accomplish little, but with a closer and stronger desire to follow in His Footsteps lies the Hope of the World. God grant that we may leave this hallowed place today inspired and with a determination to endeavor to keep before us the Cross of Christ and what is represents. And as Christ’s spiritual strength sustained Him in His agony, so will our spiritual strength sustain us and enable us to endure the trials, suffering and tribulations in this world.

Templar Easter Services Across the Country 1956

Delaware

St. John’s Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Wilmington, held the Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Masonic Home, Lancaster Pike, on Easter Sunday Morning, April 1, 1956, at 6:30 a.m. The Temple was open at 5:30 a.m. and there was a large attendance of Sir Knights, Masons, their friends, and their families, to make this event a success. In the program of “Order of Service,” the Templar Marching Hymn—“Onward Christian Soldiers” was by the Brass Quartet, Nur Temple Shrine Band. “The Call to Worship,” by Sir Knight Powell E. Craig, Eminent Commander; address by Sir Knight Willard G. Purdy, Prelate; prayer and benediction by Sir Knight Roy T. Thawley, Associate Prelate.

Albany, New York

Sir Knight Earl B. Kaler, Eminent Commander, Temple Commandery No. 2, issued a pamphlet for the Easter Service held at the Cathedral of All Saints on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., April 1st. The Sir Knights of Apollo Commandery No. 15, of Troy, N.Y., joined in the service. This Easter Divine Service was by the invitation of the Very Reverend Allen W. Brown, Dean of the Cathedral of All Saints. The Temple Commandery Band furnished music for the parade.
hail, snow and wind that prevailed in mid-day.

The Al Malaikah Temple Chanters formed a cross in a field of Sir Knights behind the foreground stage floral decoration of Easter Lilies. The Reverend J. Richard Sneed, D.D., delivered the sermon “Beyond the Impossible.” Sir Knight Arthur C. Hurt, Jr., Prelate of Golden West Commandery led the congregation in responsive reading. Noble Ralph W. Thorell was at the organ. Members of the Order of DeMolay and Jobs Daughters officiated as ushers and providing of the printed program. The Al Malaikah Temple Guard and Noble Dixon Kelley supervised the auditorium seating and stage setting. A majority of the Sir Knights participating in stage pageant were members of Pasadena Commandery No. 31, Calvary Commandery No. 62, Alhambra Commandery No. 48, Monrovia Commandery No. 63. These Commanderies set aside their usual Easter Service to participate in this joint observance.

**Colorado**

The following report was received through the courtesy of Sir Knight James R. Hoffman, P. G. C., Past Department Commander.
The Knights Templar of the Denver Area held their thirty-second Easter Sunrise Service at the Municipal Auditorium of Denver on April 1st. The Templars led by Sir Knight John Schwarz, R. E. Grand Commander, accompanied by eleven Staff Officers and Past Grand Commanders, and lines formed by three hundred Sir Knights in full Templar Uniforms, paraded from the Masonic Temple to the Auditorium.

Marching music was provided by the Shrine Band and the Drum and Bugle Corps of El Jebel Shrine. In the Arena of the Auditorium the Sir Knights were seated about a Cross formed by the Shrine El Jebel Arab Patrol, dressed in uniforms and Red Fez which presented a striking Picture, with the Red Cross of the Patrol in the midst of the White Plumes and Uniforms of the Templars.

The Very Rev. Paul Roberts, Dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, delivered the Easter Message on the subject "The Victory of Life."

Anthems were sung by the El Jebel Shrine Chanters, Galen E. Swank, Director. The DeMolay Boys furnished the ushers under the direction of Sir Knight M. P. Brothers, P. C. The Program was in charge of Sir Knight and Rev. Lowell B. Swan of Warren Methodist Church.

Approximately five thousand citizens of Denver participated in the service which started at 5:30 A. M. and was broadcast by Radio Station KIMN.

This Easter Sunrise Service was originated by the Knights Templar in Denver in 1924, making this the 32nd Annual Service. The Easter Sunrise Service Committee was composed of the six immediate Past Commanders of the Denver Area.

St. Luke's No. 34, Newark, Ohio,
Easter "Flowered Cross"

The 21st public Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by St. Luke's Commandery No. 34, Newark, Ohio, was well attended; and appreciated by the public. Sir Knight Oscar V. Hanlin, Eminent Commander, presided.

FLOWERED CROSS AT TEMPLAR EASTER SERVICE

One of the bright spots of the Knights Templar Easter sunrise service held at the Midland Theatre, was the beautiful cross formed of white lilies. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Otha R. Clary, pastor of the Central Church of Christ. The music was by the Central Church choir.—Newark (Ohio) Masonic News Review.

The "Masonic News Review" published a photograph under the heading, "Flowered Cross at Templar Easter Service." And the cut line read, "One of the bright spots of the Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service held at the Midland Theater, was the beautiful cross formed by white lilies, erected in the center of the stage." The sermon, "Whom Seekest Thou?" was delivered by Rev. Otha R. Clary, Pastor of the Central Church of Christ, and the music was by the Central Church Choir.

This successful 21st Sunrise Service was well publicized in advance through news stories and photos in the Newark, Ohio, Advocate. There was also a front page illustrated article in the "Masonic News Review," March, 1956, issue. In the center of the page appeared a photo of a mountain peak and valley, headed by the caption: "Easter Morn," followed by this message:
From snow-capped mountain peaks,
To green pastures in pleasant valleys,
Thousands sing out joyously—
“He Is Risen”

Christ Is Risen, Heaven and Earth
Rejoice.
All creation finds a happy voice,
Glorious Angels, downward thronging
Hail The Lord
Of all the skies above,
Heaven with joy and holy longing
For the word incarnate cries—
“He Is Risen”

Heaven and earth rejoice—
All creation singing—
“Christ Is Risen.”
—Chalmers L. Pancoast.

Year after year, the Commanderies all
over United States assemble at an early
hour on Easter Morn to hold services to
the Resurrection of the Blessed Emanuel
and the revival of Faith and Hope in
every living creature.

The services by St. Luke’s Command-
ery are beautiful and the most Important
of the Templar year. Sir Knights garbed
in their black uniforms, white plumes and
swinging swords make an impressive
sight.

Hundreds of folks who share in the
early morning services come to the thea-
ter and all seats are taken before the
Sir Knights make their entrance. Many
more are turned away.

Columbus, Ohio

Sir Knights of Mt. Vernon Command-
ery No. 1, and Columbus Commander No.
69, celebrated the Twenty-third Annual
Easter Sunrise Service at the R. K. O.
Palace Theater on Easter Sunday, April
1st, at 6:30 a. m. Sir Knight John E.
Powell, P. C., was General Chairman of
the arrangements. The Reverend and Sir
Knight Howard Elwood Mumma, D. D.,
Broad Street Methodist Church, Colum-
bus, delivered an inspiring sermon on
“Easter Triumph.” The Service music
was under the direction of Sir Knight
Bert E. Williams; Sir Knight Joseph W.
Cave, organist. The Sir Knights assem-
bled at the Masonic Temple at 5:30 a. m.
and marched to the R. K. O. Palace Thea-
ter, led by Alladin Temple Shrine Band,
under the direction of Noble Carl L. R.
Robinson.

25th Annual Easter—Akron, Ohio

Akron Commandery No. 25, Bethany
Commandery No. 72, and Cuyahoga Falls
Commandery No. 83, celebrated Easter
with a joint service. This was the 25th
Annual Easter Service held at the Palace
Theater, Akron, Ohio, Sunday, April 1,
1958, at 6:00 o’clock.

An attractive program, in rich colors,
showing the Cross, an Open Bible, and
a display of Easter Lilies, announced
the “Order of Service.” The following
Sir Knights took part in the service: The
Church Call, by Edwin J. Bonebrake; the
Quartet, James McPherran, Lowell Wea-
er, John Stein and Ronald Matthews;
the Invocation, the Rev. and Sir Knight
Willard C. Fetter; the Responsive Read-
ing, the Rev. and Sir Knight Perrie Ma-
haffey; the Easter Message, “The More
Excellent Way,” 1 Cor. 12:31, by the Rev.
and Sir Knight Arnold W. Meckstroth.

There were about 150 Uniformed Sir
Knights at this service. And nearly 2,000
citizens in the audience. The Sir Knights
marched from the Temple to the Theater,
led by the Akron Masonic Band, under
the direction of Sir Knight Lloyd M.
Haines. The return march to the Temple
was made on Main Street of the City.
In the program, the sponsoring Com-
manderies expressed thanks to the Quar-
et; Clarenz Lightfritz, the Organist;
the Akron Masonic Band; Temple Chap-
ter Order of DeMolay; Radio Station
WADC; the Billow Co.; Keith Albee
Theater; Grotto Safety Patrol; and the
O’Neil Company. It was stated, “These
fine organizations have been a great in-
spiration to all by the contribution they
have made to our Easter Sunrise Serv-
ice.”

1779 — February 7th — Philadelphia —
Thomas Proctor is designated as a
“Knight Templar” in a Masonic address.
Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater being escorted under the Arch of Steel by Past Grand Commander Sir Knight C. Eugene Smith of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas upon his arrival at Little Rock, Arkansas to attend the 84th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arkansas.

Excellent Public Relations Mark Success at Little Rock, Ark.

A very interesting and successful Conclave, best describes the 84th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arkansas, which was held at Little Rock, April 16, 17, 1956. This was the direct result of a well planned campaign of advance publicity for an Annual Conclave of unusual interest.

"Unusual" describes this Conclave, which was based on the services of a professional Public Relations man to plan the details and handle the publicity, who was officially appointed by the Grand Commandery. An important step which modernizes Templar programs, for "A Revitalized and Greater Templary." Sir Knight Roy S. Pollock, of the Atlas Advertising Agency of Little Rock, was appointed Director of Publicity for Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1, of Little Rock, of which he is a member. Roy was previously an Officer of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23 of New York City.

His plans for stimulating greater interest in the 84th Annual Conclave started by having a delegation of Sir Knights in full Templar Uniform at the railway station to meet and greet the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, upon his arrival as the Official Honored Guest of the Conclave. The accompanying photo, with cut-line, describes this event which aroused the interest of the press and radio and appealed to the public and members of the Order. Through this public recognition the Order of Knights Templar was benefited in
a way that means growth and advancement of the Order.

Carefully laid publicity plans resulted in two Television Stations carrying News Releases twice each day, and both local newspapers printed pictures for three successive days. In addition to the news cameramen, commercial photographers also took pictures of the events. All this goes to prove that Templar Masonry has definite news and pictorial values, which at Little Rock were recognized and capitalized for the good of the Order. Story and photo emphasize good public relations work is necessary.

Large Templar Emblems—in Neon lights in artistic background of Grand Ballroom at Little Rock. Mrs. DeLamater in center.

Col. Royal S. Copeland

Sends Message

An interesting letter was received from Sir Knight and Colonel Royal S. Copeland on March 21, 1956, by the Grand Master.

Many will recall that Sir Knight Copeland was Commander of Rockland Commandery, No. 75, at Nyack, New York in 1937. Colonal Copeland is the son of the late U. S. Senator Royal S. Copeland.


He writes in part: “On February 4th, 1956, the IX Corps was moved to Okinawa... Effective April 1st, I will be Sig-O. for 1st Car Division—Major Command, and will take over Administrative and Tactical Mission for Japan. I will now have ample opportunity to assist Tokyo Commandery No. 1... We are very pleased to find a growing interest in this Commandery. They have 15 or 20 applications for the Orders... On March 9th I assisted them in the conferral of the Order of the Red Cross on 9 candidates... On April 7th the Order of Malta and Order of the Temple was conferred...”

Sir Knight Copeland Represented the Grand Master in forming Tokyo Commandery No. 1. His address is Col. Royal S. Copeland, Signal Office, Headquarters Central Command, APO 500, San Francisco, California.

1799—December 30—New York Knights Templar instructed to assemble for ceremonies in eulogy of Brother George Washington.
"If Easter Be Not True"

The Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, United States of America, Empire of the East:

In some respects Easter is the most beautiful of all Christian observances. Its central concept, the dedication to the resurrection of Jesus, lies at the very core of Christian faith. This is the time at which men rejoice in the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of hope over despair.

There is need for hope today. We have been cast down in spirit, depressed and not a little frustrated. We have sought for peace and joy and comfort and have been confused and baffled in the search. We have sought enlightenment only to realize how much we have to learn.

But in the spring comes the healing touch of Hope. It is symbolized in the renewal of the earth. It is perennial and thus eternal. It is the Festival of Hope!

In the spring we renew our faith, restate our resolutions. There are good deeds to be done, good thoughts to be entertained, good dreams to be realized. The birds sing with joyous melody, the flowers bloom in fragrance and beauty, the sun shines in majesty and glory.

Christ Is Risen!

All the influences of love and goodness that are working in the hearts of men, all the heavenly hopes and aspirations and endeavors of the world, are proofs and revelations of His present and everlasting life.

Easter brings with it fresh hope, new joy, unshaken courage. We can lift up our eyes and our hearts to the hills whence cometh our strength. We celebrate the miracle of resurrection and our faith is renewed, our hope restored, our charity revealed.

May this Easter bring to you and all Knights Companions that eternal light—the light of the Glory of God shining for evermore in the face of Christ Jesus.

"If Easter be not true,
Then all the Lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The Spring must lose her fairest bloom
For Christ were still within the tomb—
If Easter be not true."

JOSEPH CAMERON DUNN, K. G. C.
Grand Sovereign.
New York City, March 15, 1956.

Kentucky Grand Commander's Message

"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said."

A simple statement to a few people, spoken nearly two thousand years ago, continues to reverberate into every corner of the earth, bringing new hope and light to those who still sit in darkness.

"Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than he went through before;
He that unto God's kingdom comes,
Must enter by this door."

May the joys of this glorious Easter-tide bring to you and to yours the richest benediction of the Blessed Emanuel.

As the day draws near for our Knight Templar procession down the main street of Lexington, to herald the opening of our Annual Conclave, the thought occurs to me that this march should be referred to as a Crusade rather than a parade. With our Templar uniforms decorated with the Passion Cross and with our white plumes and our glittering blades of steel, are we not marching for Christ? Are we not demonstrating to the world that we are soldiers of the Cross of Christ; defenders of the Christian faith?

A Knight Templar procession is a beautiful spectacle that always stirs the hearts of the onlookers and inspires the marching Templars to greater achievements and progress.

Courteously yours,

J. WILLIAM MATTINGLY,
Grand Commander.
SIR KNIGHTS OF HAVANA COMMANDERY AND WIVES

(Left front) Sir Knight Harry L. Chemidlin, P. C. and present Recorder of Havana Commandery. Seated (in front) Mrs. Max Fowler, wife of the Department Commander, Sir Knight G. Max Fowler. Seated (in rear and from left to right) G. Max Fowler, Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies; Mrs. William Sechrist and Sir Knight William Sechrist, Eminent Commander of Havana Commandery No. 1. Immediately to the right of Mrs. Sechrist (and standing) between Mrs. Sechrist and Mrs. Fowler (sitting) is Mrs. Lawrence E. Burton, wife of the newly elected and installed Eminent Commander, who took office the week following visitation. Sir Knight Burton, newly elected and installed Commander is shown standing, next to last Sir Knight in rear row.

Ancon and Havana Commanderies


Excerpts from the excellent report of his visitations follows:

One of the most delightful experiences of my Masonic career was our official visitation to Ancon Commandery No. 1, in the Canal Zone. Accompanied by Mrs. Fowler, I sailed from Hoboken, N. J., on March 12th, on the S. S. Nieu Amsterdam on a Caribbean Cruise. On Sunday, March 18th, our ship pulled into Port at Cristobol in the Canal Zone, where we were met by Sir Knights Edmund C. Fishbough, Eminent Commander, and Howard G. Gee, Recorder of Ancon Commandery, together with their charming wives. We were escorted to the Roosevelt Hotel in Cristobol where we enjoyed a delicious dinner. We spent the night aboard the ship.

The following afternoon Sir Knights Harry F. Shannon, Senior Warden, and Elmer Kanz, Sword Bearer of Ancon Commandery, met us at the ship and took us over the beautiful 40 mile highway to Ancon. That evening, Mrs. Fowler and I were taken to the Army and Navy Club where we were introduced to the fifty-eight Sir Knights and wives who had gathered for the occasion. Following the delightful dinner the Sir Knights met informally in the Army and Navy Club where I was privileged to extend the greetings of our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, and other Officers of the Grand Encampment.

During the course of the evening I was privileged to present to Sir Knight John R. Hammond, Jr., Past Commander of Ancon Commandery, an attractive certificate, bearing the signature and seal of our Most Eminent Grand Master, designating Sir Knight Hammond as the Official Representative of Ancon Commandery near the Grand Encampment of Knights.
Templar of the U. S. A. I found Ancon Commandery in splendid shape. In the York Rite Bodies a fine spirit of Masonic Fraternity prevails.

Our ship, the Nieu Amsterdam sailed into the harbor of Havana, Cuba Friday morning, March 23rd. Upon going ashore we were met at the pier by Sir Knight William C. Sechrist, the Eminent Commander of Havana Commandery No. 1, and Sir Knight Laurence E. Burton, the Generalissimo of that Commandery together with their lovely wives. Eminent Sir Knight Harry L. Chemidlin, Past Commander and Recorder of Havana Commandery was also there to greet us.

We drove some fifteen or twenty miles out into the country where we enjoyed a delicious luncheon that noon. The afternoon was again spent in a sightseeing and shopping tour.

At 7:30 we were driven to the American Club, where there were assembled 28 Sir Knights and their wives belonging to the Havana Commandery, and who met us in the All States room.

Mrs. Fowler and I were formally introduced to the assemblage in which we both made a brief response.

Sir Knights seemed most cordial in their greetings to us as representatives of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. and I was happy to present the personal felicitations of our Most Eminent Grand Master representing the Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies of our Grand Encampment.

The Havana Commandery has a total membership of 107, 58, I believe it is, living outside the jurisdiction. But the fact remained that 28 Sir Knights were in attendance, which attested to the fine spirit of Masonic fellowship prevalent in Havana.

During the evening, I was privileged to present to Sir Knight Chemidlin a beautifully printed and inscribed certificate bearing the Seal of our Most Eminent Grand Master, designating Sir Knight Chemidlin as Grand Representative of Havana Commandery No. 1 as the official representative near the Grand Encampment of Knight Templars of the United States of America. Sir Knight Chemidlin responded in his usual fine manner, expressing his appreciation and requesting that I convey to Sir Knight Delamater his gratitude for the recognition.

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In visiting with Sir Knight Burton, Generalissimo of that Commandery, I was agreeably surprised to know that he represented a firm in Indianapolis.

In discussing Commandery affairs with Sir Knight Chemidlin, I find Havana Commandery in excellent condition and with interest running very high, as I found in Panama. The Masonic bodies, especially the York Rite bodies in Havana, are very closely knit together and a fine spirit of Masonic fellowship reigns. It was truly an enjoyable experience, to visit both Ancon Commandery No. 1 and Havana Commandery No. 1, which made me all the more determined to again visit these exotic places in the not too distant future.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial
Located in Alexandria, Virginia

By C. Vernon Eddy, R. E. Grand Senior Warden, Grand Encampment

Notwithstanding the fact that Masonry has given enthusiastic moral and financial support through the years, a large number of younger Masons know little or nothing of the details of the GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL or appreciate the motives that prompted the project.

Masons who visit the Nation’s Capital should not fail to make the Pilgrimage to nearby Alexandria to view with pardonable pride the Magnificent George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Yes, Washington, The Nation’s Capital has the “Washington Monument” but the “Washington Memorial” is located across the Potomac River in Virginia. On Shooters Hill stands the Memorial with its “Beacon Light” and the “Chimes” as—“A Lamp to the World of Men.”

It has been over thirty years since construction was begun. The superstructure has been completed and the work of finishing the interior progresses, as funds in hand will allow. Incomparably beautiful and unrivalled in historic interest, the site covers 36 acres of land, is 107 feet above sea level and stands as a Shrine facing in all directions. The Memorial Building is 248 ft. long and 168 ft. wide at its base. The consideration of the whole project started in 1910; work began in 1922; cornerstone laid in 1923. Eight and one-half years later, or May 12, 1932—The Washington Bicentennial year—the Memorial was dedicated at one of the largest meetings of its kind in the World. Since the beginning of construction in 1922, approximately six million dollars have been expended.

Pages could be written covering the various features of the Memorial. What would be outstanding to some may not to others so I shall touch on some features which may be of interest to the reader. First—the heroic bronze statue by Bryant Baker standing 17 ft. 3 in. high, weighing 8 tons, depicting our Illustrious Brother George Washington as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, Alexandria No. 22, was unveiled February 22, 1950, with elaborate ceremonies under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. Masons of Virginia.

In the Memorial, which is 333 feet high, are two elevators which travel in slanting shafts, 7½ degrees off center, and approach each other very closely on the top floor. The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in this country are said to have the only such elevators in the World.

The Assembly Room, dining room, kitchen and an Auditorium, seating over 500, and containing the console of the magnificent organ and chimes, are on the first floor. On the north side of the same floor are the Shrine Museum Rooms with dioramas of all Crippled Children’s
Hospitals. A unique display is a complete five division Shrine Parade. Its 900 figures, elephants, camels and bands electrically operated, march to music on a twenty-eight foot table. The main entrance to the building rises to the second floor and opens directly into the Memorial Hall with the immense bronze statue of Washington. On the north and south sides of the Memorial Hall are murals forty-six feet long and eighteen feet high, depicting significant occasions in George Washington’s Masonic life: laying the cornerstone of the Nation’s Capitol, and participating in services at Christ Church in Philadelphia in the early days of the nation. The seven floors of the Tower have all been assigned as follows:

3rd Floor Mezzanine—Grotto Archives Room.
4th Floor—General Museum Room.
5th Floor—Royal Arch Masons.
6th Floor—Library.
7th Floor—General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters.
8th Floor—Chapel of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.
9th Floor—Observation Floor.

The Memorial Association has been the recipient of many historical trophies and other unusual and valuable things to exhibit in the Memorial, all of which are gratefully appreciated. One of considerable interest is a meshed Oriental Rug donated by Sarkis H. Nahigian of Chicago. This rug is believed to be the largest of its kind and measures 46’ 6” long and 29’ 6” wide. It is priceless. It can be seen on the floor of the Assembly Room. When Mr. Nahigian presented the rug he said,

“I donate this carpet in grateful appreciation of all the unlimited privileges and friendship and support I have enjoyed in this blessed United States of America, and not among the least of these, is my privilege of being a Mason. It is also an expression of what George Washington, and what he stands for, means to me personally.”

Through nearly four decades, American Freemasons have labored towards the fulfillment of a majestic Temple to the memory of the Father of his country. The vastness, the dignity, the atmosphere of this Memorial is unlike anything comparable in the World—if there is any comparable structure. It came into being not by United States Government taxation, not by gratitude of Country, but as a free will offering of the Masonic Fraternity of the United States and possessions. It is a demonstration in enduring stone of the veneration and admiration in which George Washington is held by the Ancient Craft, and the Brotherly love of Freemasons for their most distinguished Worshipful Master, and builder of our Great Nation.

Templar Chapel
The Committee on the Knights Templar Room in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, met in conference in that Memorial on Wednesday, February 22nd.
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and the sketches and plans as submitted by the architect and artist were enthusiastically approved and adopted. It is to be located on the 8th floor of that Memorial and on the 9th is the new Carillon recently presented. What an outstanding room our Chapel will be, so needed in that Memorial, so in keeping with Masonic tradition and the life of George Washington, and with our great Christian Order of Knighthood. There will be four large stained glass windows in our Chapel. The four subjects selected for these windows are as follows: In the Sanctuary—The Ascension Scene; the other three windows will depict—Jesus healing the blind (this in keeping with our recently established Knights Templar Eye Foundation); another, Christ being crucified; and the fourth, Christ the Teacher—The Sermon on the Mount to emphasize the Education Loan Foundation.

In the center of the floor a bronze (Cross of Malta), and on the cloth on the table in the Sanctuary the Cross and Crown. These four stained glass windows will add so much to the beauty, dignity and impressiveness of our Chapel. They will each cost not to exceed $7,500. Every effort will be made to purchase them at a lower price, but commensurate with reliable and outstanding artistry and workmanship.

If anyone, and it is hoped that some Grand Jurisdictions or individuals will assume the financial responsibility of one of these windows as a memorial and a suitable bronze plate will be placed beneath.

It will take at least one year to complete the plans, furnish the Chapel, and install the stained glass windows. It is planned to dedicate the Chapel on the Saturday before Easter in 1957, when so many of our Sir Knights will be in Washington for the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service.

Knights Templar Chapel
A letter from Sir Knight Harry W. Bundy, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, to the Grand Master stated in part:

"Dear Brother DeLamater: I want to congratulate you most sincerely on the fine Bulletin No. 2, which just came out from the "Knight Templar." As a member and director of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee, let me thank you for that. As a member of the Royal Arch Committee on the furnishing of a Royal Arch Room, let me say this beautiful room which the Grand Encampment contemplates will certainly add the finishing touches to your great series of rooms immediately below and in succession, attending to the high point of the Grand Encampment, the figurial room effect.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

HARRY W. BUNDY,
Grand Secretary.

50-Year Pin to Charles Bang
Sir Knight Charles Bang, Eminent Past Commander of Empire Commandery No. 66, Knights Templar, of Staten Island, N. Y., was presented with a Fifty Year Templar Pin on April 19, 1956, having completed his half century as a Knight Templar on March 27, 1956.

It is interesting to note that Sir Knight Stuart H. Walker, R. E. Past Grand Commander of New York, presented to Sir Knight Charles Bang his 50-year Grand Lodge Pin in Tompkins Lodge No. 471, F. & A. M. on December 21, 1955; also presented him with his Grand Chapter Certificate in Tyrian Chapter No. 219, R. A. M., on March 8, 1956; and then presented his 50-year Templar Pin in Empire Commandery No. 66 on April 19, 1956. Sir Knight Charles Bang has a fine record. He served as Eminent Commander, during 1909, 1944, 1945, and 1951, and is a Past Grand Representative. The above information was submitted through the courtesy of Sir Knight D. H. Sanders, Jr., Recorder of Empire Commandery No. 66.
WALTER A. DELAMATER JUBILEE
MARCH 10, 1956

(Left to right) Sir Knights J. George Lang, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery; George D. Barclay, Grand Generalissimo; Most Eminent Walter A. Delamater, Grand Master, Grand Encampment, U. S. A.; Theodore L. Voelter, Department Commander, North Atlantic Department, Grand Encampment, U. S. A.; Frederick A. Staal, Grand Warder, Grand Commandery, N. Y.

New York "Delamater Jubilee"

This successful Templar Jubilee which was sponsored by The Templar Knights Commanders Association and The Council Officers Association of the Metropolitan Area of New York, was held Saturday, March 10th, 1956, in the Grand Lodge Room of the Masonic Hall.

This Jubilee was planned to honor the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Walter A. Delamater, in recognition of the fact that he had attained the highest office that Templary can bestow.

The Grand Commander of the State of New York, Sir Knight James C. Corbett, together with his Line Officers of the Grand Commandery and the Grand Line Officers of other Masonic Bodies were present.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred on a Class of Candidates presented by the Twenty Commanderies participating in the event. A selected cast from various Commanderies was assigned to confer this Order. The Class was dedicated to the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. Delamater. Each Commandery having candidates in the Class, and having their Officers present, received credit on their Annual Report for an extra Conclave for the year.

The Most Eminent Grand Master was presented with a Scroll bearing the names of all the Sir Knights in attendance. A dinner in the Masonic Club following the Jubilee was attended by Sir Knights and their wives. The event was an outstanding success for the promotion of Templary. The Executive Committee planning and carrying out the program is to be congratulated for its excellent work.

—The Executive Committee—

Mailed to the Editor’s Desk

OREGON—“The Albany Trestleboard” from the York Rite Bodies of Albany, Oregon, is a newsy, monthly paper of six pages, filled with good reading for all Masons. Issue of May, 1956, Vol. 5, No. 5, gave an interesting story of the York Rite Reunion in detail. The front page of each issue is always illustrated with a monthly calendar of events for quick reference and easy reading.

CONNECTICUT—From Sir Knight Horace M. N. Sigman, P. G. C., a fine story of the York Rite Festival printed in full on another page. Also two pamphlets, “Why a Master Mason Should Become a Knight Templar,” issued by all York Rite Bodies; also a second pamphlet, “More Light,” distributed by the Grand Chapter, R. A. M.

INDIANA—An attractive booklet, “The Ancient Order of Knights Templar,” presented by Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, P. G. C., and R. E. Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies. The title page reads, “This little booklet has been completed from statistics provided through extensive research work by noted historians in Louisiana and by the Grand Encampment of U. S. A. This booklet dedicated to those valiant Knights Whose deeds of Charity and Pure Beneficence, spread their fame both far and wide.”

CALIFORNIA—A colorful illustrated folder, 8½x11, presenting the York Rite Sessions, held at Fresno, California on April 15-20, 1956, with headquarters at the beautiful “Hacienda.” All of the York Rite Sessions were presented in detail, with the list of presiding and recording officers of the various Grand Bodies for 1955 and 1956. Illustrated with enlarged photos of the “Hacienda” and modern City of Fresno this folder was a souvenir worth preserving. This event was the 98th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California. Sir Knight George R. Milford, R. E. Grand Commander, said, “The Sir Knights and Ladies of Fresno Commandery, in conjunction with the other constituent Commanderies in the Valley, have devoted a maximum of thought and effort together with the citizenry of the City and County of Fresno to make your visit pleasant and of enduring happy memories.”

NEW YORK—“Fraternal Night” programs, sponsored by Jamestown Commandery No. 61, was described in an illustrated news story published in the Jamestown Post-Journal, Friday, April 20, 1956. A photo presented the prominent guests, who were: Sir Knights James C. Corbett, R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar, Rochester; Harry Holroyd, Eminent Commander, Jamestown Commandery No. 61; Sylvanus F. Nye, Grand Master of Royal Arch Masons of the State; Charles T. Johnson, Jr., High Priest of Western Sun Chapter, R. A. M.; James H. Watson, Grand Master of R. & S. M., Buffalo; Fred Erickson, Master of Kharram Grotto; Harold C. White, Sr., Commander-in-Chief of Jamestown Consistory, Scottish Rite; and Don Castle, Chief Rabbi, Smailla Temple, Shriners, Buffalo.

Sir Knight Keith Bailey, Zone 13 officer for the Knights Templar, introduced the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Corbett, who stressed that all Masons are anchored to the cornerstone of Symbolic Lodges and that their progress through the two other main branches, either York Rite or Scottish Rite, are continuations of Masonic teachings in which all branches work together as a great unit. Stressing the Masonic purpose of brotherhood he explained the mechanics of the various organizations of Mansory for the benefit of wives present. He explained that York Rite Masonry takes all of its teachings from the New Testament only and has always carried the symbols of Cross and Crown. He emphasized that Masonry is the handmaiden of the church but never should replace its functions.

(Sent to Editor by Sir Knight Selden B. Bemus.)
An interesting magazine, "Ziyara Bugle," published monthly at Boonville, N. Y., by Ziyarra Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Noble William H. Schutz, Editor. A very newsy publication, carrying the Expressive slogan, "We Toot Our Horn." Each issue carries news of the activities of the Commanderies in that section. This fine co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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Sir Knight George A. Weeks, P. G. C. of Mass. and R. I., and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations, was the guest speaker at the Annual Service at St. James Episcopal Church, North Cambridge, on February 22, 1956. This annual Washington's Birthday Corporate Communion and Breakfast is held by the men of the Diocese. The title of Sir Knight Weeks' address was: "George Washington, Churchman, Leader, and Statesman."

YOUR 15c—NOW—WILL HELP

Many Grand Commanderies have already sent in their full contribution, at the rate of 15 cents per member, for the erection of the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The Most Eminent Grand Master, and the Committee, are anxious to receive all contributions, as early as possible, because the contracts have been let for both the work and the furnishing of the Chapel.

If all Commanderies will make it a point to send in their 15 cents per member, it will be a tremendous help in supplying funds to keep the work going forward. A number of Grand Commanderies have assumed their part in supplying funds. By this method the Grand Commandery has paid the 15 cents per member, and then collected from the Constituent Commanderies. This has been a big help in getting funds for this very important Templar Project.

(From Bulletin No. 2)—The contribution of 15 cents per member should first be collected by the individual Commanderies, and the quota, or total, of each Commandery forwarded to the Grand Recorder of their respective Grand Commandery, who will accumulate the full quota of that Jurisdiction and send the total quota, or sum, to the R. E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

There will be four large stained glass windows in our Chapel. The four subjects selected for these windows are as follows: In the Sanctuary—the Ascension Scene. The other three windows will depict—Jesus Healing the Blind (this is in keeping with our recently established Knights Templar Eye Foundation); another, Christ being Crucified; and the fourth one of Christ the Teacher—Sermon on the Mount (to emphasize the Knights Templar Educational Loan Foundation). The present plan is to dedicate the Knights Templar Chapel on the Saturday before Easter Sunday, April 20, 1957.
Connecticut Festival

A 'York Rite Festival' was held at the Masonic Temple of St. John's Lodge No. 6, Norwalk, Conn., on March 6th, under the auspices of Washington Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M., in conjunction with Washington Council, No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T.

The intention of the meeting was to bring a little more light to those in attendance of the various bodies of the York Rite. Companion Raymond A. Purdy, Most Ex. High Priest of Washington Chapter presided. He welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers.

The speakers of the evening were all members of the four York Rite bodies and all have been honored in some way or another by the fraternity. Comp. F. Ward DeKlyn, has presided over the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

The speaker is a member of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and the recipient of the Pierpont Edwards Medal of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for Distinguished Masonic service. He traced the ancient Templars from its beginning with Hugh de Paynes as Grand Master in 1118 A. D. through to its destruction with Jacques DeMolay as Grand Master. Then the earliest beginning in the United States, Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton, the first Grand Master to Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, the present Grand Master. He spoke of the Educational Fund and the newly established Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Having, also, been the Grand Inspector of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, he, also, spoke of the necessity of doing good work to make a good impression on the candidate, that he may desire More Light.

Comp. Herbert E. Warner, Past Most Puissant Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, spoke on Cryptic Masonry, the necessity of receiving these degrees to understand the Capitular degrees and the degree of Master Mason. It takes a candidate to a time prior to the events of the Third Degree, when the Builder imparts to the candidate the sublime teachings of the laborer seeking his reward—the word—and actuate all to that proficiency, fervency and zeal that should characterize those who have received the preceding degrees. And in the Select Master's degree the account of the concealment and preservation of the secrets which were buried in darkness for the period of four hundred seventy years but brought to light at the building of the second Temple.

Comp. Horace M. N. Sigman, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, Past Prior of Connecticut Priory, No. 28, Knights of the York Cross of Honour and Past Sovereign, St. Andrew's Conclave, No. 28, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, being also the recipient of the Pierpont Edwards Medal of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for Distinguished Masonic service, spoke for the Symbolic Lodge. He called attention to the Great Light of Masonry—the Holy Bible—that the opening words of Genesis were 'In the beginning God,' and of St. John's Gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' He quoted freely from the writing of Most Wor. Carl Claudy's pamphlet 'The Legend of the Lost Word.' He states that 'Ancient Craft Masonry attains climax in the symbolism of the Lost Word and a quest for its recovery, but in our ritualistic work there is little attempt at explanation. The Lost Word symbolizes a truth that must be wrought out through the vicissitudes of life in personal experience. The whole design of Masonic science is a quest for truth. 'Divine truth is symbolized by the Logos, the Word, the Name.' Through this symbol all other symbols of Masonry guide a man onward and upward to God.

The final speaker of the evening was Comp. Paul D. Collier, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Connecticut, and
a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine. He emphasized the fact that it was necessary to receive the Capitular degrees to expand his Masonic education. The Mark Master degree takes the candidate back to the Fellowcraft Degree, when the candidate presents his work for inspection, which is rejected but later 'becomes the head of the corner.' In the Past Master degree, the candidate is taught that he must first learn to obey before he can learn to rule, and that he must learn to govern himself before he can govern others. In the Most Excellent Master Degree the Temple of King Solomon is completed. The workman rejoiced that their long labor was ended, and in gratitude, King Solomon greeted them as Most Excellent masters, entitled to travel and receive Master's wages. The candidate, as a Master Mason, received a substitute for the Lost Word, is told that the Lost Word had been communicated to Moses at the Burning Bush. Seventy years after the Children of Israel had been carried away into captivity, some of them returned to Jerusalem and were engaged in the rebuilding of the Temple. In the course of this work the Lost Word was found. Thus in the Royal Arch Degree is summed up the great teaching of Masonry which is the search for Truth expressed in the discovery of the True Name.

Following the addresses, the sound film of the Easter Sunrise Service of 1955, at Arlington, was shown, which was well received, especially by those who had never seen Knights Templar in action.

Those present were very much interested in the remarks of the speakers and has led to the hope that still further light may be brought to the members of the Lodges within our jurisdiction as some have expressed a desire for more knowledge.

Pamphlets on the York Rite were handed to those present for further study. Refreshments and a social hour followed the meeting.

Norwich No. 46 (N. Y.)

Easter Vesper Service

Sir Knight Harry B. Frink, Recorder of Norwich Commandery No. 46, of Norwich, N. Y., mailed to the Editor an interesting newspaper account of the Easter Vesper Service held on April 1st, by the Commandery at Sherburne, N. Y. Sir Knight Frink says that they are trying to increase the interest in Templary by holding their Templar Services in their jurisdiction in other cities outside of Norwich. The newspaper article follows: The Rev. Oliver C. Weist, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Sherburne, delivered the sermon, "Easter and Shattered Hopes," at the Easter Vesper Service, held in his church Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of Norwich Commandery No. 46, Knights Templar.

Well over 25 members of the Commandery, 17 of which were in full uniform, attended the services. Those in uniform marched from the Sherburne Masonic Temple to the church and were seated in a body, under the command of Norman Allen, Generalissimo.

The call to worship and official welcome to the Knights Templar and their guests, and the message from the Grand Commander was given by the Rev. Rexford K. Crounse, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Sherburne.

DeMolay Honor

At the meeting of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay in Reno Nevada, during March, 1956, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master was elected "Active Member-at-Large" in a letter to the Most Eminent Grand Master from Sir Knight Frank S. Land, Founder and Secretary-General of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay, he said: "We find DeMolay very active in aiding you in your program to bring greater goals to Templary."
Eighty-five Candidates

Photographs show the Conferring of the Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta upon 85 candidates in the Masonic Temple, Newtonville, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, March 27th, 1956. Accompanying these pictures is the historical background the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross as presented by Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, K. T.

The presentation of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, in full and dramatic style in Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, of Newtonville, Mass., was conceived in 1945. A complete wardrobe of 45 costumes and props was then purchased by Gethsemane Drill Corps and Em. Sir Harold L. Burr was appointed Director. From the first it was planned to make the various parts available to members who under usual conditions would be seated on the sidelines as inactive spectators, rather than to use the line officers who already have the regular duties. This idea has been the means of interesting men who are not desirous of learning ritual, but who take great enjoyment from their active participation in the Craft. In the 11 years of our existence only a few changes have been made in the personnel.

We have tried to present a production which, while not eliminating any part of the prescribed Ritual, has added situations and embellishments, such as "slave girls," "Nubian Slave," "Oriental Band Group" in colorful costume with Oriental music (through the co-operation with Aleppo Temple Shrine), to make a more interesting and entertaining evening to the Candidates, as well as to Knights Templar visitors throughout the jurisdiction.

We have, as the picture shows, made a Throne Scene of sumptuous beauty, with some $5,000 worth of Oriental rugs, loaned for each production by a member, drapes, special lighting, incense and flares. We have endeavored to portray the facts that Zerubbabel was the only MASON and probably the only Jew in the original event—that the "Sacred

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was presented in Full and Dramatic Form by the Drill Corp of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K. T., of Newtonville, Massachusetts under the direction of Em. Sir Harold L. Burr, Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K. T.
The Order of Malta was presented in full and dramatic form by Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 K. T. of Lowell, Massachusetts under the direction of M. E. Sir Harry Gilmore Pollard, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U. S. A.

The vocal reception of the "arguments" by the Princess and Satraps are given with enthusiasm in the Persian tongue. We have taken the production with all properties and lighting to other Commanderies in Providence and Worcester, where the work has been received with enthusiasm by "standing room only" audiences.

Every member of the Cast is made up by professional artists with careful regard to the custom prevailing in Babylon in 530 B.C.; glasses and wrist watches are eliminated; sandals and white socks are worn; no Templar uniform is worn during the production. The use of authentic Jewish caps and Prayer Stoles by the Jewish Council is effective, and the "Bridge" scene is handled with vim and enthusiasm.

From the very favorable comment we have received from all Candidates and spectators we feel that our efforts to enliven what could be a rather cold ritualistic rendition of the Order has succeeded and that the Candidates have received their money's worth.

At the Convocation pictured, 85 Candidates from various Commanderies received the Order and the Asylum's seating and standing capacity was taxed to the limit.

HAROLD L. BURR, Director.

Eastern Massachusetts Presiding Councils Club, Knights Templar: President, Henry F. Bell, St. Omer; Vice-President, Charles R. Georgian, Coeur de Lion; Secretary-Treasurer, Harold L. Burr, Gethsemane, 176 Marked Tree Road, Needham, Mass., NE 3-0867-J. Directors: Chester L. Crawford, Cyprus, Chairman; George C. Patton, Jr., Hugh de Payens; Wayne E. Soucy, Coeur de Lion; John C. Reid, DeMolay; Dana K. Seller, St. Bernard.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, organized 1805, and the Appendant Order of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

By courtesy of George A. Weeks, P. G. C., Grand Recorder.
Class of 103 Candidates—“All Colorado Templar Day”

Saturday, the 5th May, 1956, Colorado demonstrated a real revival of Templary in the State. The Grand Commandery held an “All Colorado Templar Day” in Denver at the Mosque of El Jebel Shrine. The occasion was the visitation of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, General Walter A. DeLamater, of New York.

The Order of Malta was conferred in full ceremonial form with eighty-four in the cast of characters. One hundred three candidates from twenty-nine of the thirty-six Colorado Commanderies composed the class and was the largest number to receive the Order at one time in Colorado. Six hundred Sir Knights from all but one of the Colorado Commanderies partook of the banquet. There followed the Full Form Opening with four platoons of forty-eight Sir Knights each. These one hundred ninety-two Templars in line were the largest number ever used at one time in Colorado Asylum Tactics and made a most impressive display with their white plumes and black uniforms.


This event indicated a definite re-vitalization of Templary in Colorado under the leadership of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight John Schwarz. Assisting him as an executive committee in planning the program were Sir Knights H. Baird Whitaker, Past Commander, Fred W. Ilchman, Grand Recorder, and James R. Hoffman, Past Grand Commander and Colorado Representative on the Grand Encampment Committee on Progress and Special Activities.

North Dakota York Rite in 1923

“York Rite Festivals” are an important part of programs planned by all Grand Jurisdictions. The claim has been made that the “York Rite Festival” had its origin in North Dakota, as shown by excerpts from the address of Sir Knight Walter L. Stockwell when Grand High Priest of North Dakota, in 1923.

He wrote under the heading of “York (American) Rite Festival”: “At the suggestion of your Grand High Priest, Keystone Chapter No. 5, R. A. M.; Fargo Council No. 1, R. & S. M.; and Auvergne Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, planned and carried through a successful three day Festival, December 3-5, 1923. We believe that wherever these Bodies are located, they could with profit make such a Festival an annual affair. We earnestly commend the consideration of such a Festival to every Chapter so situated as to permit the exemplification of all the Degrees of Chapter and Council, and the Orders of the Commandery.” (From Proceedings, Grand Chapter, N. D., 1924.)

Sir Knight Ralph L. Miller, P. G. C., and Executive Secretary, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of North Dakota, sent in this interesting historical data. He wrote, in part: “At this first York Rite Festival in 1923, all the Degrees and Orders were conferred. We have held a Festival every year since and the writer has been present and participated in some capacity in each event. I am enclosing a program of the recent Institution of Walter Lincoln Stockwell, Priory U. D., Knights of the York Cross
of Honour, in which dedication I lay claim to the Origin of the Festival being proposed by Sir Knight Walter L. Stockwell, P. G. C. of North Dakota. As General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, 1920-33, he preached 'Festivals' far and wide, and in many places the idea was taken up and has been followed for years.

"We have had 'York Rite Reunions' in North Dakota as early as 1919 and 1920, but Sir Knight Stockwell wanted to get away from the 'Reunion' which is indicative of another Rite, and he came up with the word 'FESTIVAL' as being distinctive for the York Rite."

**Illinois Centennial**

News of activities in Illinois and program for Centennial Conclave.

Friday, Sept. 28, 1956, Centennial Conclave opens at 9:00 a.m. Drake Hotel, Chicago.

Saturday, September 29—2:00 p.m. Drills, Band Concert, Program. Chicago Avenue Armory; 6:00 p.m.—Centennial Banquet—Medinah Temple Mosque; 7:30 p.m.—Centennial Celebration and Program; 9:30 p.m.—Templar Ball.

Sunday, September 30—1:30 p.m. Traditional Templar Parade to Chicago Avenue Armory; Review and Religious Observance.

**Easter Sunday**


Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter Sunday.

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Illinois "Commandery Night"

"SHRINE TEMPLE HONORS 5,000 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR"—quote from all of the Chicago newspapers. "COMMANDERY NIGHT" was a great success and one of the largest crowds ever to attend. Medinah Temple was filled to every seat and overflowed into the aisles. It was a great night for Templary. The enthusiastic audience witnessed a fine program, beginning with the Brass Band Concert, then Shrine Pageantry; 500 Sir Knights marched upon the stage, with the United States Colors and Beausants leading and forming the background. All the Past Commanders formed the Honor Guard for the reception of the Grand Commander and staff. It was a glorious sight to see the vast audience and the stage filled with Templars. Then came the fine drill of Englewood Commandery No. 59, K. T., and they received great applause. For the finale, the Sir Knights came in from the back of the stage in fours, with lights out and the spot on them, marching to "Onward Christian Soldiers." Then came the wonderful stage show, which kept the audience entertained and in their seats until the final curtain. Everyone was enthused and enjoyed the fine program.

I was thrilled beyond words to express my feelings, and I am proud of everyone who participated and proud to be your Grand Commander. I am grateful to the Commanders, Past Commanders, and Sir Knights for their loyal support that made this night possible. It should be an inspiration to every York Rite Mason and shows what can be done when we go to work. Let this inspiration cause us to redouble our efforts that Templary may continue to prosper. (May, 1956.)

Courteously and sincerely,

CARL ELI ANDERSON,
Grand Commander.
England and Wales


The Very High and Eminent Grand Seneschal, Sir Eric Studd, Bart., O.B.E., G.C.T.


Foreign Relations—The Council has satisfaction in reporting that the most harmonious relations continue to exist between the Governing Bodies of the Holy House of the Temple throughout the entire World.

New Preceptorics—The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants to the following Preceptorics:


No. 346. "Talisman," Swanbourne, in the Province of Western Australia.


Centenary Warrant—The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Centenary Warrant to the following Preceptorics:

No. 34. "Albert," Liverpool, in the Province of Lancashire.


Christmas Observance—The Brethren of the Holy House of the Temple in England and Wales are again reminded to join in kind wishes to their dearly loved Brethren of the Order in America and the rest of the World on Sunday, 26th December, 1955, at 5 o'clock p. m. Meridian equivalent to Noon Eastern Standard Time.

By Order of the Council,

ERSKINE SIMES,

Great Chancellor.

T. G. L. LUMLEY-SMITH,

Great Vice-Chancellor.

14th November, 1955.

MARYLAND

By Conrad J. Raider, Past Grand Commander, 4301 Glenmore Avenue, Baltimore 6, Md.

February 28, 1956.

Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Md., paid a visit to Washington Commandery No. 1, District of Columbia, on Wednesday, February 22, 1956, and after attending a very fine dinner at Almas Temple Mosque, we were received by Washington Commandery at the Asylum in the Masonic Temple and opened the Commandery in Full Form, according to the Maryland practice.

We carried 40 Sir Knights from Beauseant and were very well entertained by Washington Commandery and welcomed by the R. E. Grand Commander, Raymond N. Babcock, and we also had the pleasure of our own R. E. Grand Commander, Harry B. Shaw, present.

Beauseant Commandery will confer the Order of the Temple on April 6, 1956, upon the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, Brother Arthur W. Dowell; also the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Brother C. Milton Lancaster, and Brother Cecil I. Cullom, Worshipful Senior Grand Steward, and Brother Chester L. Headley, Worshipful Junior Grand Steward, as well as Brother Arthur W. Dowell, Jr., son of the Grand Master.
You can see from this that Beauseant will really have a big night, with all the Grand Officers being Knighted.

February 3, 1956, we conferred the Order of the Temple upon our Junior Past Grand Master, John D. Hospelhorn, which leaves only ONE Past Grand Master who is not a Knight Templar, and he is Brother Jacob S. New.

I thought this may be some news to show we are trying to step up Templary in Maryland, and I am looking forward to greater work in the Commanderies.

Denver Patriotic Meeting

On Friday evening, March 9th, the Denver Area Knights Templar Association held a joint patriotic meeting at Park Hill Masonic Temple. All six of the Commanderies of Denver and vicinity participated with some sixty-five Sir Knights in uniform and over one hundred fifty guests and their ladies. The Grand Commander of Colorado, Sir Knight John Schwarz, was officially received, together with nine of his line officers and Past Grand Commanders.

Music was furnished by the Shrine Band of El Jebel Temple. After preliminaries participated in by the National Sojourners, Sir Knight C. Wheeler Barnes, Past Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, gave a stirring patriotic address on “Masonic Leadership.” He painted in words a marvelous picture of King Solomon’s Temple in all its elegance, yet not quite completed because of lack of leadership where there was “no work laid out, no designs drawn upon the trestle board” on that fateful day. Today the Templars may well furnish the leadership necessary in these critical times of great prosperity which sinister forces seek to destroy. He concluded with “The Bridge Builder;” by W. A. Dromgoole:

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
Thru which was flowing a sullen tide;
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him;

But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting strength with building here:
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide;
Why build this bridge at the eventide?”
The builder lifted his old gray head—
“Good friend, in the path I have come,”
he said,
“There followeth after me today,
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.”

Sincerely and fraternally,
JAMES R. HOFFMAN, P. G. C.

Correction

Correction in the caption under the bottom picture on page 9 of the February-March 1956 issue. The caption should have read—from left to right—E. Sir Knight Antonio Gonzales, Eminent Commander of Far East Commandery, Manila, P. I.; E. Sir Knight Wallace H. Morris, Eminent Commander of Okinawa Commandery No. 1 (UD), Okinawa, R. I.; and Sir Knight Jose E. Racela, Recorder, Far East Commandery No. 1, Manila, P. I. Sir Knights Gonzales and Racela assisted in organizing Okinawa Commandery No. 1. Could a correction be published in the next issue of the magazine? In the larger picture, that captioned as the class of Okinawa Commandery No. 1, my Generalissimo, Benjamin R. Flores, is standing to the right of Sir Knight Gonzalez. My Captain-General, Louis B. Jennings, is standing to the left of Sir Knight Racela.

Courteously yours,
WALLACE H. MORRIS,
Commander.
A Ten Year Record of Pilgrimages
or The Record of a Traveling Commandery

Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, K. T., of Louisville, Kentucky, is a Commandery that likes to make pilgrimages to other commanderies for the purpose of conferring the Orders of Tem- plary.

This commandery is a consolidation of Louisville Commandery No. 1, chartered 1840, and DeMolay Commandery No. 12, chartered 1867. These two commanderies held a joint conclave May 18, 1883, and working together, conferred the Order of Malta in full form, the first time in Kentucky. DeMolay Commandery No. 12 has been conferring the Order of Malta with the full form ceremonial for many years before the consolidation took place in 1935.

With respect to pilgrimages, the record for the past ten years shows that Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 has made the following visitations, the mileage listed being for the round trip.


The Orders conferred at the Field Days were the Red Cross and Malta.

Louisville-DeMolay Commandery has visited a total of fourteen commanderies in four states (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky), conferred the Order of the Red Cross nine times on 348 candidates, the Order of Malta fourteen times on 459 candidates, and the Order of the Temple twice on thirteen candidates, for a grand total of 25 Orders on 820 candidates, traveling a total of 2,566 miles.

Submitted by Wylie B. Wendt, P. C., Chairman of the Committee on Pilgrimages.

Ohio's 114th Conclave
Sept. 30-Oct. 1-2, 1956

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio will be held in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, September 30, October 1 and October 2, 1956.

Church Service—Religious service will be under the direction of Rev. and Sir Knight Eugene H. Buxton, in the Old Stone Church, Public Square, Cleveland, on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Annual Review and Parade will take place on Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Grand Commandery will convene in the Ball Room of Hotel Cleveland on Monday, October 1st, at 9:00 a.m., and the closing session will convene on Tuesday, October 2nd, at 8:30 a.m.

Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy, R. E. Grand Commander; Sir Knight Robert J. Hackett, P. G. C., Grand Recorder, 502 Ohio Building, Akron 8, Ohio.
Early Templary in New York State

The beginnings of the Knights Templar in New York State are concealed in the actions of its members in Colonial times. For they believed in secrecy and recorded very little of what they did.

It is a proven fact that eight Encampments or Commanderies, as they are now called, existed within the state. Six were located in New York City and two were up-state at Albany and Stillwater, respectively.

The New York Encampments went under the following names: “Old Encampment”; “Grand Encampment”; “Morton Encampment”; “St. Peter's”; “Columbian”; and “Rising Sun.” The one at Albany was called “Temple Encampment”; and the one at Stillwater bore the name of the town.

Each of these encampments had its own set of laws and was subject to no higher authority. In fact, no one knows for sure, today, where they got the authority to confer Knighthoods on individuals. It is assumed that the power came from groups of English Knights who either visited or migrated to this country.

In 1816 it was realized by the different leaders that it was necessary to join together and have one set of laws. On June 20, 1816 this became an accomplished fact when the eight encampments gathered for what proved to be the first Conclave of the Knights Templar of the U.S.A. They set up a constitution and elected DeWitt Clinton, then the Governor of New York, as the Grand Master.

Gala Malta Festival at Little Falls, New York

Saturday, May 12th, 1956, Sir Knights from Little Falls, Norwich, Rome, Utica and Otsego (Cooperstown) Commanderies assembled in Little Falls for a huge Malta Festival. The class of Candidates was one of the largest in this section in some years... upon whom the Order of Malta was conferred by the Malta Team of St. George’s Commandery, Schenectady, N. Y. This team is one of the finest in the country today. It will be a thrill for all Sir Knights to see them work.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight James C. Corbett and members of his staff were on hand for this affair.

The festivities started with a street parade of uniformed Sir Knights, led by the Ziyara Temple Shrine Band and the Utica and Rome Patrons. The parade moved at 3:30 p. m. sharp. It has been some time since there has been such an outstanding public appearance of uniformed Sir Knights in the Mohawk Valley of New York.

The parade was followed by a dinner at the Masonic Temple for all the units and Commandery members and any of their ladies.

A special movie show at the local theater and other entertainment was arranged for the ladies who attended at no extra charge.

At 7:30 p. m. all Sir Knights and Candidates assembled in the beautiful Little Falls Masonic Temple Lodge Room for the exemplification of the Order of Malta. Ziyara Temple unit members who have followed the York Rite attended the meeting in their parade uniforms.

(Through courtesy of Sir Knight Lynn Nicholas Peterson, Commander, Norwich Commandery No. 46, Norwich, N. Y. Harry B. Frink, Recorder.)

This was the greatest Malta Festival ever held in Central New York, and was a revival of York Rite Masonry and resulted in a greater Templary.

There is no better way to stimulate interest in your Commandery than to place a copy of the “Knight Templar” in the hands of each member four times a year. The cost is only One Dollar for Two Years. Send subscriptions to John Temple Rice, Grand Recorder, Suite 1733, 14 E. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 4, Ill.
Drill Regulations

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

The Committee on Drill Regulations, Roy Wilford Riegel, P. G. C., Chairman, Palace Building, Suite One, Emporia, Kansas; James McB. Sellers, P. G. C., Lexington, Missouri; Carl W. Faas, P. G. C., P. O. Box 61, Thiensville, Wisconsin.

March 27, 1956

Greetings and Knightly Salutations to all Sir Knights:

Our great Order of Christian Knighthood is a militant body, the uniform is one symbol of our strength, loyalty and devotion. A uniformed Knight in the Asylum or on the street publicizes our great Order and shows to our brother Sir Knights and the public that we are proud to be Knights Templar, and unafraid to show that we believe in the Christian Religion, and are loyal to the nation we love.

Every Commandery that has a drill team, no matter whether it be a Class A team of 31 uniformed Knights or a Class B team of 13 uniformed Knights, is a better or stronger commandery in every department. The commandery with a drill team is able to execute the floor work in a more efficient manner and to inspire the candidate in a greater fashion. A commandery with a drill team usually performs its ritualistic work in a quickened and precise manner.

The members of a drill team form a stockpile for the future officers of a commandery; a Knight who has marched in a drill team can and should serve his Commandery better generally than if he has had no drill experience.

The more drill teams we have the stronger will be our Grand Commanderies which will in turn strengthen the Grand Encampment. In 1928 at the Detroit Grand Triennial 34 drill teams competed on Belle Isle near that city. In 1955 at the New York Grand Triennial only 15 drill teams competed against each other. The Grand Encampment Drill Regulations Committee wishes to increase the number of competing and marching drill teams at the next Grand Triennial wherever it may be. We call upon each Grand Encampment officer, each Grand Commandery officer, each Commandery officer and all Sir Knights, during the next two and one-half years, to help us in our crusade for more drill teams. Let us double the number of drill teams at the next Grand Triennial! What is more inspiring than a Grand Triennial parade with thousands of uniformed Sir Knights in maneuvering drill teams? We ask all Sir Knights to talk, stress and urge new drill teams, and help with their formation, regardless of the size, at your next Grand Conclave, at your next Commandery Stated Conclave, through your official papers and bulletins, and at every other opportunity.

The Committee on Drill Regulations stands ready to assist you and your drill teams in every possible manner.

Albany, N. Y., R. A. M.

The Capital City Chapter No. 242, Royal Arch Masons, held a York Rite Night on April 27, 1956, 7:30 p. m., in the Masonic Temple in Albany. The purpose of the program was Masonic Education for our Blue Lodge Brethren, an evening of good fellowship and entertainment, as well as an opportunity to hear an inspiring speaker.

George W. Pratt, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, was the speaker. He has a wide reputation as an able and forceful speaker. He is much interested in the progress of our Masonic Organizations. He has also served as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York for the year 1951-52.

This program was a success in that the York Rite Masonic Bodies received members. It is important that we must add members to the Royal Arch Mason Chapters, Royal and Select Master Councils, Knights Templar Commanderies, as a Masonic Force for good.