The Guiding "Star" of Templary
For The New Year and All
The Years To Come

And, Lo, the Star which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

St. Matthew 2, 9
Season’s Greetings

This universal expression means “Merry Christmas” to all.
May the Spirit of Christmas ring in the hearts of all Templars, Masons and Christian Men everywhere, and may this Christ Spirit find expression in acts of Charity and Loving Words.

To wish you all a “Merry Christmas” is a sincere wish that the Light of Christ may glow brightly in your hearts as you follow “The Guiding Star of Templary” as illustrated on the cover page of this issue.

The Great Captain of Our Salvation, Whose Birthday we commemorate on Christmas Day, gives you that Spirit of Christ which is embodied deeply within you, that you may keep this Christmas Spirit throughout the year to come.

As devoted Knights Templar may we radiate the warmth of the Christ Spirit and spread His Great Love into the world about you. This same Christ Spirit will make others feel His Great Love for you, steady, strong and enduring.

This “Season’s Greetings” includes a Happy New Year. To all is extended our sincere wishes for a Joyous and Blessed New Year; and may the Blessings of the past year continue to enrich your hearts and souls.
Grand Master’s Message
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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A Great Work For Humanity
In this issue of the magazine several pages will be devoted to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a project that will in the years which lie ahead mean much to Templary and especially to humanity. It is going to be a great work and in keeping with the traditions of the Templars of old, as well as the obligations and vows to “Practice the Christian Virtues, universal benevolence and binding up the wounds of the afflicted.”

In Chicago, on July 21, 1956, there was held the Organizational meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland. By-laws were adopted and the following Officers elected:

Officers
Walter A. DeLamater, President, Rhinebeck, N. Y.
Rall B. Cowden, 1st Vice President, Midland, Texas.
Lachlan M. MacDonald, 2nd Vice President, Bryan, Ohio.
Chauncey C. Colton, 3rd Vice President, Duluth, Minn.
Edmund F. Ball, Treasurer, Muncie, Indiana.
John E. Rines, Secretary, Winchester, Mass.

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Walter A. DeLamater, Rhinebeck, N. Y.
William C. Gordon, Marshall, Mo.
Thomas C. Law, Atlanta, Ga.
Lachlan M. MacDonald, Bryan, Ohio.
Paul M. Moore, Allsquippa, Pa.
Oakley K. Morton, Riverside, Calif.
Ansel A. Packard, Middletown, Conn.

Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater

John T. Rice, Chicago, Ill.
Louis H. Wieber, Cleveland, Ohio.

General Counsel
William E. Crowe, Enid, Oklahoma.

Ophthalmologists-Advisors
Dr. F. Phinizy Calhou, Jr., M.D., Atlanta, Ga. Emory University, Atlanta.
Dr. Frederick C. Cordes, M.D., San Francisco, Calif. University of California, San Francisco.
Dr. John H. Dunnington, M.D., New York, N. Y. Institute of Ophthalmology, New York.
Dr. Edwin Dunphy, M.D., Boston, Mass. Harvard Medical School, Boston.
Dr. A. Edward Maumenee, M.D., Baltimore, Md. John Hopkins University, Baltimore.
Dr. Derrick Vail, M.D., Chicago, Ill. Northwestern University, Chicago.
The family contacted me sometime ago asking that the boy be sent to the Shriners Hospital, but of course we could not take him. The Father does not have the money to pay for an operation, and it would be great if we could take care of this little boy. Can we do it? ...

Courteously yours, Charles Hammar, P. C. Recorder.

Our First Case—A Success

We just could not say, that we are not ready to handle cases. But we agreed to take this case and the following is the result.

The boy, Daniel Weissert, 4 Years old, born Nov. 4, 1952, in a family that attends St. Ann's Catholic Church. When we agreed to take the case we did not ask what the boy’s religion was; then only after the operation and then only for our records. He was operated on at the St. Francis Hospital, Greenbay, Wisconsin. The operation was successful. The boy’s pictures taken before and after the operation are here-with produced by permission of the boys parents. The following extract is from a letter of September 4, 1956 from Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Weissert:

"Having had poor eyes myself all through life, I can realize the great job the Knights Templar have undertaken... Our son having been the first to receive this service, and have it fully paid for by your Organization, we feel we owe you and the Knights Templar a very big Thank You. The operation was a complete success. It’s wonderful to have it paid for just like that."

New Applications

We now have about thirty applications on hand, and Sir Knights you have not as yet had time to realize the great humanitarian work that will be our privilege to undertake, and the heart-warming results that will make us all prouder than ever of our great Christian Order of Knighthood.

The following is a general resume taken from a pamphlet recently printed.
and now available to all upon application:

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.  
Dear Sir Knight, Brother, Friend:  

For about 34 years the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America have sponsored the Knights Templar Educational Loan Foundation, through its loans to worthy students. Many thousands of boys and girls, regardless of race, creed or color have been enabled to pursue and complete their college education which without the financial assistance of this Fund would have been unable to have done so. This Foundation will continue to serve worthy students as heretofor.

The Knights Templar whose heritage dates back to the Crusaders, are vowed to defend the Christian Religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, and to bind up the wounds of the afflicted and practice universal benevolence.

The work of the Knights Templar being bound around the life of Christ makes it in reality His work and together with its black uniforms, and white waving plumes, have made it an outstanding organization, soldiers of the Cross, and outside of the Christian church, it is the greatest Christian Fraternal Organization in the world today. Therefore, in keeping with those obligations and traditions, and following the teachings of Christ and as true Christian Soldiers whose battle cry is "Onward Christian Soldiers" have now established under the sponsorship of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, a 100% charitable project on a national and international basis. This project is known as the "Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.," a non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland and approved tax exception corporation by the Internal Revenue Bureau, being applied for.
The objectives of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are as follows:

(a) Research into the little known causes of diseases of the eye.
(b) Treatment and/or hospitalization.

Of those suffering from diseases and injuries of the eye which, if not treated, might result in blindness and which is one of the most disastrous afflictions of humanity. Yet it is a startling and tragic fact that many of those who are now blind need not have lost their sight.

An extremely high percentage of blindness is caused by a few diseases or ills, such as tension, operation for glaucoma, cataracts, detached retina and others which medical science can now cure before blindness results.

This service is available to everyone regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin. The only requirement being that the one applying for treatment would be the inability of the patient (or parents if a minor) to pay for such service.

This Project is to be financed by an annual assessment on each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of one dollar per member, and operated at a minimum cost of overhead.

Voluntary contributions, wills and bequests have been made, and will of course at all times be most acceptable thus enabling the Foundation to expand its service, but there is to be no appeal to the public for funds. All contributions are tax deductible.

This is a Knights Templar service and contribution to a great humanitarian work and all Knights Templar are herewith enjoined from soliciting or holding any affairs, entertainments, functions or advertise for the purpose of obtaining funds for this Project without the written request and approval of the President or Board of Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. We must at all times safeguard and control the raising of funds, and the operation of the Foundation, so that under no circumstances will the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. be subjected at any time to any adverse criticism, but on the contrary receive the plaudits, interest, cooperation and commendation of everyone no matter whom or where.

Instructions and forms to be filled out by the individual applying for treatment and/or hospitalization if an adult (or by parent or guardian if a minor) may be secured as well as detailed information desired by addressing the communication or inquiry to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. to the Administrative Office, P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York, which, until further notice will be the Administrative office of the Foundation.

Note: The main or fiscal office is located at Suite 1733, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 4, Illinois, but until further notice, address all correspondence in reference to this Foundation to P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York (except the Annual Report and Financial Returns of Grand and Subordinate Comanderies which will be rendered as usual on forms supplied by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.) They are to be sent directly to him in Chicago as heretofore and as per Section 41H of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

Plans For The Future

Early next year we will allocate funds for Research into the little known causes of Glaucoma and other diseases of the Eye.

One of our good friends recently gave to the Grand Master, two $1,000 Government Bonds to be used for research into the cause of Glaucoma, this friend being so afflicted.

Sir Knights, at last we are to be loyal Soldiers of the Cross, carrying out the Vows and Obligations of our Order, and actually doing Christ's Work.

The enthusiastic, whole hearted support and cooperation of all is requested;
and to think that the individual Sir Knights have only been asked to contribute less than 2 cents per week ($1.00 per year) to this great work for humanity and for those unable to pay.

Acknowledgement is herewith made to the many fine voluntary contributions given by Commanderies and individuals to our Eye Foundation, outside of the one dollar assessment.

We are now actually Marching Onward and putting into action, not just singing the words of that great hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers, Onward."

Sincerely yours for a Greater Templar,

WALTER A. DeLAMATER,
Grand Master.

And a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TENNESSEE FIRST IN EYE FUND WITH $8,136.00

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee has been the FIRST Grand Commandery to pay the annual assessment for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. A check for $8,136.00 was sent in September, 1956 to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight John Temple Rice, P. G. M. This check represented their $1.00 per member assessment for the Eye Foundation.

A very active program was carried out at the 95th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, held September 19 and 20, 1956, at Knoxville. Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master, Official Honor Guest, wrote: "This was really an outstanding Conclave. There was a fine street parade and a large number of Official Visitors and Distinguished Guests enjoyed the inspiring Religious Service, the banquet and entertainment program. The Grand Commandery of Tennessee is to be greatly commended for this Templar activity. . . ."

Attending the Conclave were the Highest Officers of the three National York Rite Bodies. They were Sir Knights Tom Q. Ellis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, R. A. M.; Thomas Earl Doss, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S. M.; and Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

Tennessee showed a net gain of 349. A splendid record.

"ALEXANDER DUNCAN FRASER CLASS" AT DALLAS

An attractive leaflet "The Dallas Templar" issued by Dallas Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, Dallas, Texas, issue of August, 1956, carries the inspired slogan "Dedicated to the Best Interests of York Rite Masonry. Dallas No. 6, is the second largest Commandery in Texas, and the City of Dallas has two other large Commanderies.

The first page featured the following story, which was received through the courtesy of Sir Knight John Temple Rice, P. G. M. and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Alexander Duncan Fraser Class

In order to show in a small way our deep appreciation for our beloved member and Past Commandery, Sir Knight, A. D. Fraser, Sr., Dallas Commandery plans to confer the Orders of Knighthood in honor of this Valiant Knight during the month of August.

The Class will be known as the "Alexander Duncan Fraser Class"—The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross will be conferred on Thursday, August 2nd at seven P. M.; The Order of Malta on Thursday, August 8th at seven P. M., and the Order of the Temple on Thursday, August 16th at seven o'clock P. M.

Sir Knight Fraser will be several years young on August 16th and we think it appropriate for the Order of the Temple to be conferred by him personally and we will no doubt have a team composed of his many friends of long standing.
Washington 69th Conclave


(Courtesy of Sir Knight Richard Hein)

The conclave was opened with a parade led by the Wenatchee American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps to the First Methodist Church for Divine Service on Sunday.

The 300 delegates in the parade were led by the Grand Master, Most Eminent Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater and Right Eminent Sir Knight E. M. Gillette, Past Grand Commander of Idaho in 1909. Six Past Grand Commanders escorted the car along the Parade route. Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater was the first Grand Master to visit the Grand Commandery of Washington and his visit was appreciated by all the Sir Knights. The Grand Master gave a very inspiring talk on the Order and urged each Sir Knight to redouble his efforts for this great Christian Order.

Monday evening 200 Sir Knights and ladies enjoyed the Grand Commandery Banquet and Ball. The Grand March was led by the Grand Master and Mrs. DeLamater, the Grand Commander and Mrs. Woods. Sir Knight Albert Jensen of Seattle was elected to govern the Commandery for the next year.


The people in overalls are Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater (right) Mrs. Rosalind DeLamater, and Sir Knight Andrew Sims, who is Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery of Montana and General Superintendent of the Anaconda Copper Mines at Butte, Mont. The picture was taken after they had come up from going down into the mines. The belts contain the batteries for the light on the helmet.
Greetings From Iowa and the “Youngs”

The Iowa Grand Conclave, the 92nd Annual Session, was held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa, June 26, 1956.

Sir Knight Norman J. Young, R. E. Past Grand Commander, of Burlington, Iowa, sent an interesting report and a group of pictures which we are happy to use.

He wrote in part: “We had the extreme pleasure of having as our guest our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater, and our Department Commander of the North Central Department, Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, along with a number of other distinguished visitors. During the early evening of Tuesday and Wednesday of June 26th and 27th, we held a Dress Parade. Photos of the Parade and distinguished guests are being sent to you.

“The weather was ideal—fishing good—wonderful, harmonious session—with a total of approximately 500 attending—Sir Knights, ladies and families.

“This year we organized the Iowa Association of Past Commanders,’ with the Past Grand Commanders conferring the initiatory work the afternoon of June 29th, with 293 Charter Members. We had a program in the evening, followed by a Smorgasbord. All distinguished visitors were made Honorary Members and each presented with a Jewel.”

(Editor—We wish to thank Sir Knight Norman J. Young for the large number of subscriptions for the “Knight Templar” magazine, which he has mailed to the editor.)

Grand Officers 1956-57: Sir Knight Albert C. Eckert, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sioux City, Iowa; Sir Knight Emil J. Biasi, P. G. C., E. Grand Recorder, 489 8th Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa.
DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ATTENDING THE IOWA 92nd ANNUAL GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE AT TEMPLAR PARK SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA.


Seated (left to right): Sir Knights Burt D. Pearson, Minnesota, Department Commander of the North Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.; Walter Allen DeLamater, New York, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.; Norman John Young, Iowa, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Brother Ray R. Douglass, Iowa, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors not in the picture: Sir Knights George Wilbur Bell, Illinois, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Robert Patterson, South Dakota, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Robert D. Dinwiddie, Minnesota, R. E. Past Grand Commander.

Akron (O.) Commandery No. 25

The first public installation of officers of Akron Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar was held Wednesday, June 13, 1956 in the Masonic Temple. Sir Knight Karl J. Flickinger, Eminent Commander and Sir Knight Herbert E. Rogler, Commander elect. There were more than 300 in attendance. An attractive printed program listed the Past Commanders, acting officers of June, 1956, with the list of newly elected incoming officers. A most interesting program was carried out followed by a reception and refreshments.

Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Installing Officer.


Sir Knight and Rev. Eugene Buxton, Eminent Grand Prelate, Chaplain, assisted by: Sir Knight Eugene F. Edgerly, P. C., Commander.

(Thanks to Sir Knight Harry H. Ferrall, 1812 Glenmount Ave., Akron 19, Ohio for mailing copy of program.)
From Kentucky Grand Commandery News Bulletin
August 1, 1956

1. Revitalization Through Education.
Time was, when it was necessary to receive all Masonic information and instruction by “mouth-to-ear” methods, or by communication. Today we have many fine magazines and publications which are devoted to Masonry, in general, and some to Templar, in particular, which are full of useful information and helpful suggestions. The subscription rates are nominal and officers of Constituent Commanderies should have access to them. Our new magazine, the “Knight Templar,” published by the Grand Encampment, is especially helpful and informative. It is highly recommended to those who are not already subscribers.

All Knights Templar should become acquainted with the provisions of the Educational Loan Foundation and also the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. A well-informed Knight Templar is usually an interested and active member and the converse is generally true.

2. Revitalization by Visitation.
The Templar who never goes to any other Commandery but his own is in the same category as the man who never leaves his home town to go visiting. Nothing is more helpful to the officers than for them to visit other Commanderies. There they find fellowship of the finest kind and it is very likely that they will get some new ideas which they can use in their own Commanderies. Let’s not be too proud or independent to do what others are doing if their methods are more effective than our own. During the coming Field Days and later, the Inspections, there will be many opportunities for visitation. It will do your soul good and you, in turn, may encourage your hosts by your presence. Why not give it a trial?

Courteously yours,
CLAERENCE W. DENHAM.
Grand Commander.
DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND NEWLY ELECTED AND INSTALLED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

Front row, left to right: Holden B. Norwood, Em. Grand Generalissimo; George W. Sorrell, Em. Captain General; Velmar A. Meadows, Sr., V.E. Deputy Grand Commander; Lonnie H. Teele, Rt. Em. Grand Commander; Walter A. DeLa\n\nmater, M.E. Grand Master; Grand Encampment; Carl E. Anderson, Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Illinois; Roland S. Marshall, Sr., V.E. Deputy Grand Commander, Maryland; Charles H. Stubinger, Em. Grand Recorder.


Fred Goodell Honored

Tucson (Ariz.) Daily Citizen, of May 8, 1935, featured a write-up of Sir Knight Fred O. Goodell, R.E. Past Grand Commander of Arizona (1936), one of the real Veterans of Pima County Officialdom, upon his retirement June 30, as Comptroller, which position he has held since 1935. The occasion was marked by a dinner given in his honor.

The newspaper story reported that after a trip to Nebraska, where he rode the plains in the early days buying livestock, he will return to Tucson. Sir Knight Goodell intends to keep up all of his Masonic activities, including the Square and Compass Cripple Children's Clinic. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Arizona, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the R. and S. M. of Arizona, and Past Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the State. Currently he is treasurer of a number of Masonic Bodies.

The dinner given by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, honoring Sir Knight Goodell, was to express its appreciation for the many years of loyal, faithful and efficient service rendered Pima County since his appointment as Assistant Clerk, Comptroller and County Auditor on July 6, 1935.
"All Masonic Night"—Boston Garden

By George A. Weeks, Chairman, Public Relations

On June 2nd, 1956, Aleppo Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Boston, Massachusetts, Em. Sir Herman C. McStay, Illustrious Potentate, sponsored an "All Masonic Night" held in Boston Garden, to which all Grand Officers of the York and Scottish Rites were invited as the guests of the Shrine. Rt. Em. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder, Grand Commander, extended an invitation to the Council Officers of the Constituent Commanderies, to be accompanied by their first, second and third divisions with Banners, to act as his escort on this special occasion. Thirty-two Commanders accepted his invitation. These Commanderies with their colors, banners and uniformed Sir Knights totaled 674. Added to the above number were 17 Grand Commandery Officers, the special guests on the stage and sitting in the boxes, the Band, Patrol, Chanters, Oriental Band, Degree Staff and Temple Guards; more than 1,000 Sir Knights had an active part in this display—before an audience of more than 16,000.

Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., General Chairman, was congratulated for his painstaking efforts in arranging all the details, the split-second timing, and the handling of such a large group, without rehearsals. Surely Templary was on display in all its glory, marching to the strain of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

EDITORIAL PAGE

(The headline and signature cuts designed and used through the courtesy of Sir Knight Sigurd R. Jensen, P. G. C., Illinois, Department Commander, East Central Department, Grand Encampment.)
A CALL TO ARMS

By Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson

R. E. Department Commander, North Central Department Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa before the Grand Commandery of Iowa, 92nd Annual Conclave, June 27, 1956. Address follows:

This majestic structure, our present place of meeting and fellowship, plus all of the facilities of your Templar Park, afford us a pervading peace of mind and soul, so great are inspiration and succesee which we derive from concourse and communion within these cloistered acres blessed by nature and her God.

Here we shall be prepared to resolve nobly and to act forth-rightly, our words and our deeds thus dedicated to reflect our attachment to those principles which are Templary in action as the consecrated torch-bearer of the Christian Religion.

What a challenge is here presented amid these tabernacles of the Most High! It is almost to believe that this occasion, this Grand Conclave, might become a Pentecost for those here gathered to exalt His name and to recall His sacrifice. Of a certainty, our nation cannot keep her appointed rendezvous with destiny unless the people of America be candidates for the Pentecostal experience.

We who embrace Templary should always remember—and never forget—that the Christian Church, as such, began
This arrangement of the Holy Family in glistening colored ice, created by William Martin, 730½ Eleventh Street North, won the first place religious division award in the annual Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest. Spotlighted at night in its snow-covered grotto with angels and large-sized candles leading to the Christmas scene, the Nativity display has been viewed nightly by hundreds since it was completed.

when the Holy Spirit descended on Christ’s Apostles and followers 50 days after the First Easter, seven days following His Ascension. We note and we exalt Easter, also Ascension Day.

But we might well celebrate and observe Pentecost, or Whitsunday, for then did the Apostles dare come out of hiding, strengthened for their preaching and teaching missions by the Holy Spirit, just as we should be in the present. It would be Templary practically expressed. It could be a natural sequence or happenstance from this communing together in hallowed environs.

I know of no organization outside the Christian Church itself so well equipped as Templary to redeem and re dedicate America. Let us, in this understanding of challenge and opportunity, build Templary to membership in the millions.

Providence is especially concerned about this great country. God has demonstrated that concern time and again. When fearful stresses and strains have occurred in the fabric of nation and world, the Most High has given us leaders around which to rally in defeating the foe.

God’s solicitude for America derives from the compact which was made with Him by the Founding Fathers, your heritage and mine. Wars within and without the confines of the nation have been fought and under Divine Guidance won in extending those tenets by which man lives and grows morally and spiritually. In every crisis, God has raised inspired leaders. America stands.

But liberty is not easily held for it must be forever purchased. Even now malign forces wage open battle in the
world for the minds and souls of men. The grand pride is America. Templary has been no bystander in these conflicts loosed upon country and world. It is no casual onlooker in the strife of the present, for Templary is American. It is America. Indeed, in the pattern of the nation to which Templary gives unreserved allegiance, it, too, has had its hours of travail and affliction, but always the Grand Captain of Our Salvation has provided competent, qualified and consecrated leadership. He has called men of singular ability to its service in every critical juncture in its rich history.

Today, at this very moment of climactic emergency, when Templary stands on the threshold of grave challenge—and perhaps its finest hour—the call is for Sir Knights of moral and spiritual stature and heroic composition. The reveille sounded would summon a revitalized and aggressive Knighthood to rewarding service in the name of Him to whom we have pledged sacred avowal.

Sir Knight DeLamater has responded forthrightly and affirmatively to the clarion trumpet call. He is Templary's gift to America in this day of exigency and perplexity. Tested in the crucible of war, and no less so in the problems of peace, and completely obedient to the will of the Master, he has sounded the tocsin. It is the "Forward into Battle" of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Verily, the Most Eminent Grand Master is moved by the Pentecostal charge in this 20th Century.

Sir Knight DeLamater is one of America's great men. There are none in high place in this nation who are more dedicated than is he as a militant champion of the way of Christ. He is a representative of the best in American citizenship.

There is a battle position for all Sir Knights as Soldiers of the Cross. Templary needs recruits. It would bind the hearts, minds and deeds of all Sir Knights, their kith and kin—indeed, all of the populace—in bonds pointed to lofty objectives. Lives joined to noble goals can be sublime when challenged in the manner urged in the exhortations of the Most Eminent Grand Master. He would enlist our all, our lives, our means and our sacred honor in the Cause of the Hour.

You are needed today as never before in bearing aloft the banners and guidons of the Order. Your militant help is needed to bring the main body of the nation's men and women back to prime paths, to the highway marked morality and spirituality, patriotism. Somewhere along that road so carefully charted by the Founding Fathers, a large segment of our fellow citizens has lost the way.

Templary's declared anxiety that America shall have a rebirth of religion, morality, patriotism and fiscal integrity will remain only a pious declaration unless it is translated into affirmative action by Sir Knights and their households wherever dispersed. The Order of the Day is to stand up and be counted on the side which is right.

We have an America to protect and defend. May we so accept our obligations to Templary and to the United States that this country of ours, this land of beauty which was born for glory, shall continue to be a bright beacon of hope and faith to tried and troubled souls everywhere. Let us pray and let us work to keep America strong and free.

Colorado Makes 80% of Goal

It should be of interest to all Grand Commanderies to learn how Colorado set a membership goal for 1956, and what they did toward making it. Sir Knight James R. Hoffman, P. G. C., Chairman, Colorado Division Grand Encampment Committee on Progress and Special Activities, in a letter dated Sept. 11, 1956, stated: "One third of our Commanderies reached or exceeded their quotas for petitions up to July 31st of this year (end of our fiscal year). Also as of that date we had (Continued on Page 19)
Bellefontaine No. 61 (Ohio)

An attractive program announced the "Golden Anniversary" celebration of Bellefontaine Commandery No. 61, Knights Templar, of Ohio, on Saturday the first of September, 1905. The Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Kenneth W. Crissman, welcomed the Honored Guests, Sir Knights Earl T. Armsy, R. E. Grand Commander of Ohio; and Rev. Eugene Harvey Buxton, Eminent Grand Prelate of Ohio, a member of Bellefontaine No. 61. Accompanying the Distinguished Guests were nine Ohio Grand Commandery Officers with delegations. Also present were three of the 50 Year Members and sixteen of the living Past Commanders. It was also noted that each Commander of the Second Division was present.

The address was by Sir Knight Earl T. Armsy, R. E. Grand Commander.

Featured in the program was a story of the early history of Bellefontaine Commandery No. 61, presented by Rev. and Sir Knight Alun O. Jones.

The introduction of this History is given, in part, as follows: "Over fifty years ago, Sir Knights living in Bellefontaine and close vicinity, and being mostly members of Raper Commandery No. 19, of Urbana, Ohio, traveled by Traction Car to the meetings in Urbana. Many times meeting with hazards in so traveling, such as changing cars at the 'Sink Hole' near West Liberty, because it was not safe for the cars to cross. They would have to walk across and get on another car. Sixty-six of these Valiant Knights, desiring to form a Commandery in Bellefontaine, attended the Grand Conclave in Columbus, Ohio, during October 1905, and participated in the parade with the Sir Knights of Sidney Commandery No. 46, who sponsored our Knights in procuring a Dispensation from the Grand Commandery on the 12th day of October, 1905. Sir Knight Alfred Butler was appointed Eminent Commander, Sir Knight John E. West, Generalissimo and Sir Knight Newman W. Corbet, Captain General."

"The first regular Election and Installation of Officers was held on October

Massing of Troops—Knights Templar Conclave, Columbus, Ohio, October, 1905, Passing Dispatch Office.
30th, 1906 when the Grand Commander of Ohio, Right Eminent Sir Knight John H. Gibson with seven other Grand Commandery Officers attended and conducted the Election and Installation. There was a banquet and the Order of the Temple was conferred in the evening on Sir Knight F. N. Johnson.

“Bellefontaine Commandery now has the honor of having seven living Fifty-Year Members: Sir Knights Frank L. Arnold, David W. Askren, Harry I. Bartholomew, Harrie F. Goff, John E. Miller, Joseph C. Longfellow and Chester J. Pearce.” (Excerpts from old records.)

Golden Anniversary Committee

Wm. F. Blinn, Chairman; Chester J. Pearce, George W. Davidson, C. L. Henderson.

This report was received through the courtesy of Sir Knight Chester L. Henderson, Recorder of Bellefontaine Commandery No. 1.

Honolulu Commandery No. 1
Visited Officially By Don P. Carpenter of Indiana

Mrs. Carpenter and I arrived in Hawaii by air right on time on the evening of June 25, 1956. We were met at the airport by the Eminent Commander and three other Sir Knights, all with their wives, and we were dowered with leis, and made to feel that we were most welcome on the island. We were escorted to our hotel, and the following morning a representative of the Grand Master, a Mr. Wilder, took us for a ride about the city, which we enjoyed very much.

Honolulu Commandery No. 1, met at 7 P. M. Thursday evening, June 28 with 44 Sir Knights in attendance, eighteen of them being in full Templary uniform. They had organ music throughout the work, and they Knighted 3 candidates. Their uniforms and plumes were well kept and in good condition.

In my talk, I emphasized the 10% increase in membership sought by the Most Eminent Grand Master, and I dealt at length upon the Eye Foundation, Inc., and the Student Loan Fund, and, of course, I extended greetings from the Most Eminent Grand Master and also the Eminent Sir Knight, the Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment of the K. T. of the U. S. A. I told them that you were planning to be present in 1958, and that I was going to urge that you come sooner if possible. I suggested and strongly recommended that their Commandery should be represented at the next Triennial. The fact of the case is that I do not see how they do such wonderful work, as they do not have an opportunity to visit other Commanderies and witness the work of the other Sir Knights as we do on the mainland. I would highly commend the work of the Prelate, who is, by the way, past eighty years of age, and the work of the Eminent Commander. It was splendidly done. There were no rituals used during the work. They have a membership of approximately 345, but, of course, most of their members are scattered all over the world. It was a wonderful experience to have the opportunity to visit this Commandery and to witness the excellent exemplification of the Order of the Temple.

Have no fear. Honolulu Commandery is doing splendidly and are very enthusiastic about their work. The hospitality extended Mrs. Carpenter and I was rich indeed, and we appreciate their many courtesies during our brief visit to the islands.

Fraternally yours,
Sir Knight Don P. Carpenter,
Past Grand Commander of Indiana.
As personal representative of G. Max Fowler, R. E. Department Commander.
TEMPLE CHARITIES
Annual Christmas Offering and Good Cheer Fund

By George A. Weeks, P. G. C., Grand Recorder Mass. & R. I.

Chairman Public Relations Committee of G. E. of United States of America.

CHRISTMAS

May your thoughts again go back to the first Christmas Eve, and may you have the reassuring message of "The Angel of the Lord."

"Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy."

At Christmas Time, let us join in the song of the Heavenly Host—"Glory to God in the highest. On earth Peace, Goodwill towards men."

Let us glorify God by helping man, by seeking out the lonely to cheer them, the sad to comfort them, the distressed to relieve them, the orphaned and widowed to gladden with the touch of brotherhood and love. Ever remembering:

"To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."—Heb. 13:16.

In 1931, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Briggs, Grand Commander, conceived the idea of starting a Christmas Offering and Good Cheer Fund in each Constituent Commandery. One of the first duties of the newly elected Grand Commander was to mail out Official Order No. 1, asking each Sir Knight to contribute at least $1.00 (or as much as his means will allow) to his Commandery Christmas Fund.

This Christmas collection is to be taken for one purpose only—that of carrying Good Cheer and Good Will into the homes of the needy.

It is not in order to place it, or any portion of it, in any fund for future use; it is for Christmas relief alone, and all of it should be used for this purpose at this time.

This Fund to be expended in its entirety, under the direction of the Eminent Commander, to relieve the distress of others less fortunate than ourselves. When your needy members are taken care of, it will be in order to extend this assistance outside your ranks, with preference to families where there are children.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."—Galatians 6:10.

In 1931 the collection amounted to $5,768.24; in 1952 it reached an alltime high of $9,097.80. Since the inception of this Fund we have collected and distributed $152,831.93.

In Massachusetts and Rhode Island, each Commander of a Constituent Commandery is required to report to the Grand Commandery office the amount collected for the Christmas Offering and Good Cheer Fund, and to give a detailed report of how much was collected and how the Fund was distributed at Christmas-time.

"In the soul of everyone True happiness is sown, And well 'tis proved The more we give The greater is our own. And others helped to happiness By actions which are kind Will bring us to The self-same goal True happiness to find."

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your treasure during the coming year.
IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

The following editorial first appeared in the New York Sun on September 21, 1897. Written by Francis P. Church, it has been considered one of the most famous editorials ever penned.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.'
Please tell me the truth is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
115 West 95th Street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

COLORADO
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attained 80% of our Grand Encampment quota of Knightings for the first year.

"We have been pushing the DeMolay sponsorship as an activity for our various Commanderies. We are proud to report that four of them are now sponsoring DeMolay Chapters. We agree to fix at 5,000 in 1956. We feel that we have accomplished good results through our work."
65 Years of Christmas Joy for Children at Albany Home

Rt. Eminent Chalmers L. Pancoast,
305 West 45th St.,
New York 36, N. Y.

February 2, 1956.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

I had quite a time digging back in the old records to find the information. The first visitation to the Albany Home for Children made by Temple Commandery No. 2, was made on Christmas Day in the year 1890. Sir Knight Charles H. Armitage was Eminent Commander.

Temple Commandery has made this visitation every year since that time. We have usually average 50 to 60 Sir Knights attending. This year, due to a snow storm, we had 30. In addition to a check from the Commandery, we collect a dollar from each of the Sir Knights attending and donate this to the Home.

I am enclosing a photo of part of the group, and also one of me making the presentation to the Director of the Home.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN R. GILLILAND,
Commander 1955.


Albany, N. Y., Phone 4-4768; John R. Gilliland, Commander 1955, 20 Woodside Avenue, Albany, N. Y., Phone 8-1288.


(Courtesy Sir Knight John R. Gilliland, Eminent Commander Temple No. 2, 1955.)

Christmas Happiness—Temple Commandery No. 2, Albany, N. Y. Annual visit to Albany Home for Children.
First Christmas Toast

Historical records show that the first Knights Templar Toast was proposed in 1876. This year of 1956 will be the 80th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Templar Christmas Observance.

Back in the year of 1876, Sir Knight Stephen Berry, Past Commander of Portland (Maine) Commandery No. 2, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Maine from 1892-1917, started the custom of Christmas Observance when he invited Templar Correspondents of Grand Commanderies to propose a Toast at noon on Christmas Day, joining in the sentiment expressed in the words “God Bless Us Everyone” as expressed in the immortal words of Tiny Tim, by Charles Dickens.

In 1885 Grand Master Robert Enoch Withers, of Wytheville, Va., was serving in China as the United States Consul at Hong Kong. Sir Knight Berry proposed a Toast “To him that’s away” and asked for a response, which was received from Grand Master Withers, as follows: “The noble and magnanimous Order of Knights Templar—though Continents expand and Oceans roll between us, heart responds to heart in loving greetings.”

Sir Knight Berry thereupon enlarged the scope of the Toast and in a circular letter widely distributed throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment requested all Sir Knights to join the Templar correspondents at noon on Christmas Day, in a libation pledging loyalty and obedience to the Grand Master.

The custom was unofficially continued each year and in 1889 Grand Master Charles Roome, of New York, appointed a “Committee on Christmas Toast” which reported in 1892 recommending the adoption of a Resolution expressing the approval and official sanction by the Grand Encampment to the observance of a Christmas program by Knights Templar, either as individuals or as Commanderies.

The progressive enlargement of the annually prepared Christmas Toast was evidenced in the report of Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas, Danville, Kentucky, in his 1898 Report, in which he said “I have done all I could to encourage the Christmas Observance, and trust that many more of our Commanderies will follow the example and make the occasion what it should be.

In connection with the Christmas Observance, Grand Master Reuben Hedley Lloyd, San Francisco, Cal., in his 1901 report, wrote, “From far-off Manila, six thousand miles beyond the sea, on Christmas Day, A.D. 1898, I received a telegram from Sir Knight Duboce, the gallant Colonel of the California Regiment of Volunteers, saying “The sojourning Templars Toasted you on Christmas morning.” I responded by wire: “Telegram received. California, Golden Gate and the Grand Master have just proposed a Toast to yourself and Templars in Manila.”

Grand Master William Bromwell Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio, in his address to the Grand Encampment in 1907, said that while the Christmas Observance had become an established custom, dear to the hearts of Sir Knights and Commanderies, yet it was not recognized by the Statutes, and no provision was made for a regular Committee to prepare the Toasts, and he recommended that the subject be referred to a committee of five for consideration and report.

A Committee was duly appointed and reported in 1910, recommending that the action of the Grand Encampment in 1892 approving the custom of Christmas Observance be reaffirmed, and that it be considered one of the established customs of the Order; and that the Observance be continued and held on Christmas Day, preferably at noon; that a regular standing committee of one be appointed by the Grand Master to prepare the sentiment and that it be promulgated with the Grand Master’s response throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which report was unanimously adopted.
The Color Design or the Escutcheon of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky

(Most of the information supplied to Wylie B. Wendt by Joseph H. Ewalt, Senior Past Grand Commander, Kentucky.)

This colorful design has appeared on the front cover of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kentucky every year since 1887. The change to this design was made during the administration of Sir Knight Henry G. Sandifer as Grand Commander, who was installed May 19, 1887.

Sir Knight Lorenzo D. Croninger was the Grand Recorder at this time. He operated a printing, engraving and jewelry establishment in Covington, and undoubtedly, he had a lot to do with the selection and the making of the new design. Sir Knight Thomas was heard to commend Sir Knight Croninger on the beauty of the design, and to give his approval for it to appear on the front cover of the Proceedings.

Sir Knight Ewalt writes that he had the pleasure of knowing these three distinguished Knights Templar, and knowing of their admiration for the beautiful and the artistic, Sir Knight Ewalt feels certain that the change in design resulted from their co-operation. He also writes that the design has been highly commended by writers of many other Grand Jurisdictions. It is indeed a beautiful and unusual design. It has appeared on the front cover of our Proceedings from 1887 to the present time, and in all probability, will continue to so appear.

WYLIÉ B. WENDT,
Chief Instructor Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kentucky.
February 9, 1956.

Templar Music Wanted

1441 Helma Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio
July 26, 1956.

Executive Director Public Relations
KNIGHT TEMPLAR
305 West 45th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I was very pleased to receive my first issue (Volume I, Number 3) of the "Knight Templar," and enjoyed its contents thoroughly. If first and second issues are still available, I would appreciate receiving copies.
My main purpose in writing this letter is to request some assistance. I am sure that you will agree that good music plays a very important part in the proper conferring of our Orders. As Chairman of the Music Committee of Hamilton (Ohio) Commandery No. 41, I am striving to improve our musical program, but inasmuch as our Commandery does not have an organ available, we must depend upon recorded music. I am wondering if it would be possible for you to insert a brief item in an early issue of "Knight Templar" requesting ideas as to the musical selections played in the various Orders, source of special phonograph records, etc. I am sure that this information would be helpful to many Commanderies.

If you feel that this suggestion has any merit, will you please proceed accordingly. Thank you for your attention.

Fraternally yours,

W. R. HEDGECOCK,
Generalissimo,
Hamilton Commandery No. 41.

(A reply from some Sir Knight with data will be appreciated.—Ed.).

From New Mexico

May 16, 1956.
Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancost, P.G.C.,
Editor, "Knight Templar"
305 W. 45th St., New York 36, N. Y.

Right Eminent Sir:

The May-June issue of the Knight Templar arrived at my desk a day or two ago, and I have been reading it with much interest.

This letter, however, is in particular reference to the item about a picture of DeWitt Clinton. First, I have a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of 1874, which has an excellent reproduction of a steel engraving of a portrait, not in uniform, of DeWitt Clinton. Undoubtedly there are a number of copies of this extant.

Second, one of our local families take pride in their descent from DeWitt Clinton—so much so that they use DeWitt as a second name in the family. I have inquired of them, but they have no pictures of any kind of our first Grand Master. However, they have promised to make inquiry among other relatives, and will also look further among family mementos.

Aside from the above, Templary in New Mexico lost three of its illustrious leaders during the past year, the incumbent Grand Commander, Christopher A. Bernard, in December, Past Grand Commander Thomas J. Hall (1937) in August, and Past Grand Commander John W. Hall (1943) in April. I have prepared and will conduct a Memorial Service for these and for the departed Fratres of our Constituent Commanderies at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in Roswell next Tuesday. I will also deliver the sermon at the Divine Service.

Las Vegas Commandery received its Dispensation as a Subordinate Commandery from Grand Master Benjamin Dean, in 1882, and was Constituted September 28, 1883, by Sir Knight Frederick A. Knickerbocker, Deputy Grand Master.

With best personal and fraternal regards, I am

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

GEORGE A. STRACKE,
(Senior Warden Las Vegas Commandery No. 2)
(Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico)

Saint Paul's Memorial Church, Episcopal, Las Vegas, New Mexico; The Rev. George A. Stracke, Rector; Parish Office, 715 National Avenue.

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The report should encourage the Commanderies in shaping their programs for the coming year because it shows a greatly increased interest in the religious ideals upon which the Order of Knights Templar rests.

The percentage of Commanderies which have not forwarded their reports to date is 17% of the total number, and therefore the balance must form the basis for the following estimates. Although this is an improvement of 4% from three years ago, your committee urges more prompt reporting as an aid in such study as this entails.

In the matter of religious observances outside the ritual of the Order, three years ago 12.3% of the Commanderies noted they had taken part in none. This percentage has now been reduced to .02, and thus shows an increasing recognition of the denominational bodies including the Methodist, Evangelical Lutheran, Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Unitarian and Community, but we are missing mention of the Congregational and Christian Science whom we hope are still with us. Your committee respectfully suggests the importance of some evidence of cooperation with all Christian churches as far as possible to avoid any suggestion of discrimination.

During the past three years the church attendance has increased 24% until practically no Commandery fails to report some church service to its credit. Because of this tendency toward public participation in divine worship it is of interest to note what seasons the Commanderies have chosen to observe. Of the four teaching seasons in the church year those chosen by the Sir Knights for their public observance were Christmas 10%, Holy Week 23%, Easter 31% and 36% for Ascensiontide. Your committee takes the liberty of commending the Commanderies in their proportionate choice, especially their emphasis on the Ascension. Although we are "ever mindful of the hallowed sacrifice on Calvary," it is the "Ascended Saviour" which is the dominating motive of Templary.

For this reason we suggest that in approaching the pastor of any church in the matter of a Templar service the Sir Knights should make it clear to him that it is most fitting for Knights Templar to have a service commemorating the Ascension. If it is not convenient for him to have a service during the Ascensiontide, let the sermon be on the subject of Our Lord's ascending into heaven. The chairman of your committee has for several years past had the opportunity of observing from the church's point of view the annual Templar service in the New York Cathedral. Although the service is held in the Ascension season and the liturgy is shaped for that teaching, the sermons have had little to do with that which is most emphasised in our asylums. The preachers chosen by the Sir Knights often had no Masonic affiliation, and although they succeed in delivering a good exhortation on Brotherhood, they were not in a position to know what Knights Templar most desire to hear preached. In emphasizing the Ascension we will not only be true to ourselves as Knights Templar but we will render a needed service in displaying the complete revelation of the Christian faith.

On the other hand our cooperation with the Masonic Lodges seems to have remained discouragingly static. Your committee would suggest that a further increase in this relationship is imperative not alone with regard to securing new members for our Commanderies, but also it would seem to be our responsibility to help our brothers to preserve the ideals of religion in the Blue Lodges.

Also reports on our charitable activities seem to show no great change during
the years, except that there is more mention of works for children. Here the Commanderies probably receive more spiritual benefit than the beneficiaries themselves.

The benefit derived by the giver is nowhere more evident than in the financial reports from the Commanderies in the State of New York. In the course of the last three years there would seem to have been a slight decrease in the total amount given. The present total of $41214.60 is a few dollars less than the total reported three years ago. The average is considerably lessened by the twenty Commanderies which have declared in their reports "no donations." Your committee feels these may be some sensitive objection among these Commanderies in not wishing to estimate the amount of their offering in monetary terms. The fact is that in the case of 34 Commanderies there is no evidence before the committee of their having made any donation to church or charity. In spite of this the average of the Commanderies reporting has increased over the past three years by $17.45, so that we can fairly estimate that the average Commandery in the State of New York donating to charitable and religious purposes is now almost $100.

If this be the "widow's mite," the Lord is the judge. But that our report may not conclude on a dollar sign, we give to our fellow Sir Knights throughout the State this final exhortation: "Let your light of Templary so shine before men and Masons that they may see your good works and glorify your Ascended Saviour."

Respectfully submitted by


(Signed):

The Rev. Sir Frank L. Gonnell, P. C., No. 16.
May 25, 1956.

A Letter from a Past Grand Commander of the State of New York

Rochester, N. Y.
February 20, 1951.

From—
John B. Mullan,
Grand Recorder Emeritus,
217 Wellington Ave.

Dear Sir:

The Review for February and March has just come to my home and as usual, it is a fine piece of reporting. It indicates that Templary is on the March, to quote from the Grand Commander of Ohio.

As I read the obituary notices for Walter Stover and Billy Sharp and noted the passing of Emil Montanus, of Michigan, who, for many years wrote the Review, Millard F. McKeel, Grand Recorder of North Carolina, O. Frank Hart, Grand Recorder of South Carolina, Walter L. Stockwell, of North Dakota. All of them old friends of many, many years standing.

It left a lonesome spot in my heart, for I had been closely associated with all of them. I met Billy Sharp at the Triennial in Philadelphia in 1919, when he was elected Grand Junior Warden, and had the privilege of voting for him as Grand Master in Detroit in 1928. Walter L. Stockwell was the Dean of Grand Recorders, and an old member of the Mutuals. I also had a Christmas card from Walter Stover.

These old memories recall the value of FRIENDSHIP, the greatest of all the jewels in the Masonic Order.

Best of everything to you and Hazel.

Courteously yours,

JOHN B. MULLAN.
Whitsunday (Otherwise Known as Pentecost)

Rev. Thomas P. Simpson, Rector Trinity Episcopal Church, Newark, Ohio

Whitsunday calls for the celebration of the Holy Communion. In the English scheme of things Whitsunday was a day of obligation, and is so considered in some circles in this country. Christmas and Easter have taken the spotlight in this country, and Whitsunday has been shoved into the background to the point where people like me are trying to justify it to people like you.

It was originally called Pentecost, after the ancient Jewish harvest festival of thanksgiving, when the followers of our Lord first experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. Later, in England and other northern countries where the running water was cold at Easter, the custom grew of having baptisms at Pentecost, when the water was warmer. Since these people wore white garments for their baptism, the Sunday became known as White Sunday, and was shortened in time to Whitsunday. Nowadays, when a lot of baptisms are private affairs on practically any day of the year, that part of the day has no more significance.

At one time in England, it was required that all magistrates and officials of the cities and counties make their Communion three times a year, of which Whitsunday was one. This was necessary where state and Church were united. In a country like the United States where the church and the state are separated there is and can be no such requirements for public officials. So, as far as this part of the day is concerned, it is lost on us.

Yet the really important message of Whitsunday remains. Since Christmas we have been thinking primarily about Jesus Christ—his birth, life, resurrection, and so on, ending with his ascension. Now we turn our attention to the Holy Spirit. In the Apostles’ Creed we say, “I believe in the Holy Ghost: the Holy Catholic Church...” The Church and the Holy Ghost—if you want to be Anglo-Saxon—Holy Spirit. If you want to be modern American—are connected in our faith. It was to the Church as a body that the Holy Spirit first came in power at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is mediated through the Church. All of this sounds horribly theological, as indeed it is. Yet this is the supreme message of Whitsunday. You come to church to get something, and the “something” you come to get is God’s Holy Spirit. That is the Comforter or Strengtheners that Jesus told us about. That is the Spirit that keeps you going, that keeps you wanting to live in spite of all the things that make you wish you could give up.

This is something that no unitarian could ever find, for it is part of what we call the trinitarian view of things. We know God as Creator and Father, as Son and Redeemer, and as Holy Spirit and Sanctifier. Thus God enters into our lives to the extent that we now no longer look up into the far heavens to discover him, but find—as we pray in the Communion Service—that he dwells in us, and we in him. We are not alone in our search for reality.

Senior Member of Grand Encampment

Our best wishes are sent to Sir Knight Curtis Bentley Winn, Senior Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oregon, who served as R. E. Grand Commander of that State in 1899-1900. He is at present the Senior Member of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of United States.

Sir Knight Winn is active and in the news, as the only member left of the 19th Century, according to Sir Knight John Temple Rice, R. E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.
In the September, 1956, issue of the "Albany (Oregon) Trestleboard" appeared this news story: "Elder Statesman—Curtis Bentley Winn, Senior Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 17, came home from Los Angeles to attend the June Communication of St. Johns Lodge No. 17 and partake in the annual strawberry feed. Brother Winn was Worshipful Master in 1894, long before most of our members were born. On June 20, 1956, Brother and Mrs. Winn entertained a few of their old friends at dinner to celebrate Brother Winn's 92nd birthday. Brother Winn was the first candidate initiated in the present Masonic Temple."

This same issue of the "Albany Trestleboard" attention was called to the fourth Public Installation of Officers from Temple No. 3, Bruce No. 17, and Lincoln No. 25, Commanderies, Knights Templar, of Albany, Corvallis, and Newport, Oregon, held Saturday evening, September 22, 1956, Masonic Temple, Albany. The Installation was conducted by Sir Knight Ray E. Allen, R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Oregon, assisted by other Grand Officers.

The editors of the "Albany Trestleboard" are to be complimented on the excellent publication they are printing for the advancement of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

**To The Editor**

May 14, 1956.

Chalmers Lowell Pancost, Esq.

305 West 45th Street

New York 36, New York

Dear Chalmers:

I have read with keen interest the May-June issue of Knight Templar and am writing to compliment you upon the excellency of selection of the material—the spiritual character of it—the effectiveness of the illustrations—etc.

Personally I think you are the right man in the right place, and if given time will create a fund of good will appreciation for the far-sighted character of the decision of the Grand Encampment in organizing this highly specialized service.

Good health—and an ever increasing measure of success.

Cordially yours,

JAMES WRIGHT BROWN.

Editor & Publisher, the Oldest Publishers’ and Advertisers’ Newspaper in America.

**Sir Knight Arthur L. Lee Remembered**

The Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. Delamater, received the following letter, on July 26, 1956:

My dear Grand Master:

The enclosed check, payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is sent as a contribution in memory of our mutual friend, the late Sir Knight Arthur L. Lee, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of New York, and Grand Treasurer Emeritus of the Grand Encampment.

Fraternally yours,

ROSCOE C. WADSWORTH, P. C.,

Trinity Commandery No. 68,

Flushing, N. Y.

To aid in encouraging contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, this suggestion has been offered: "In lieu of sending flowers when a friend passes away, especially if a Knight Templar friend, it is believed a great many Templars would, instead of sending a floral tribute, send a Memorial Contribution to our new great charity, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. (An excellent suggestion.)"

Sir Knight Arthur L. Lee passed to his Great Reward, July 20, 1956.

Date on wrapper indicates time your subscription expires. Renew now.—Also for a friend or two.
Missouri Lodge of Research

By George C. Marquis, P. G. C., Independence, Missouri

In 1941, the Grand Master of Masons, of the Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered Missouri Lodge of Research, A. F. & A. M., which has grown to be the largest Masonic Lodge of Research in the United States, so far as contributing members are concerned.

By reason of the character and purpose of the Lodge of Research, it has no Temple of its own in which to keep a library. Nine years later, in 1950, I managed an agreement with the Jackson County Public Library, to house the Masonic Library without cost. A legal agreement was entered into, drawn by a very competent Masonic lawyer, then chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence, that the library could be moved to another location on the action of the Lodge of Research. That action was taken at the annual communication of the Lodge of Research last September, at the time of the Grand Lodge communication. When the Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., is completed early in 1957, the Lodge of Research Library will occupy a separate room completely furnished, with facilities for display of museum items, as well as books. Among the museum items are two of especial interest; one is a Masonic apron of one of George Washington's staff, and the other is a Masonic apron said to have been brought to America on the Mayflower. As for books, we have some seventy-five or eighty library shelves now filled. These include all the published proceedings of the three National York Rite Bodies,—General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Grand Encampment. Naturally, I want the missing number of the Knight Templar in order to have the Grand Encampment issues in their entirety. I may say that the Jackson County Public Library is located in Independence, Mo., and is the Truman Library, Inc.

I concede that the library of which I write does not now rate among the great, but in my humble judgment it will rapidly grow into one of the largest and best Masonic Libraries in existence. We now have a fine start. Mr. Truman informs me that he has the assurance of receiving, immediately on completion of the building, what he is assured to be the finest Masonic Library in the State of Ohio; our Missouri historian, Ray V. Denslow, said to the Lodge of Research at its last annual communication, that his private library would land there. Certainly Denslow's library is rated highly. Then I know personally of two wills bequeathing valuable Masonic collections to this library.

This library is located on one of the principal east and west United States Highways, in the geographic center of the nation, on the eastern edge of the metropolitan area of Kansas City. It will be visited daily by hundreds of folks from every section of the United States, and other countries. The library is bound to grow.

From Sir Knight Joe H. Ewalt, P. G. C., Kentucky

On May 21, 1956, a postcard was received which read: “The 109th Annual Conclave of Kentucky Grand Commandery Knights Templar has convened, being my 69th consecutive Annual Attendance. Cordially, Joe H. Ewalt.”

The August 1, 1956, News Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, carried the following story:

CONDITION OF SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH HEDGES EWALT REMAINS CRITICAL

We regret to report that the condition of Sir Knight Joseph Hedges Ewalt, the grandest of all Masonic members in Kentucky, remains very critical. In fact,
members of the family indicate a slight turn for the worse last week.

On June 24th Sir Knight Ewalt suffered a stroke at his home and was promptly moved to the hospital in Paris, Kentucky, where he now remains.

On July 15th, while in the hospital, Sir Knight Ewalt celebrated his 91st birthday. As in the past, his many friends showered him with hundreds of birthday cards and, of course, this year there was added many hundreds of get-well messages. Of course these could not be answered, as would be his wish, and has been his custom, either in person or by his family, and Mrs. Ewalt has issued the following statement, which we are more than happy to publish for her:

"Mrs. Joe H. Ewalt, of Ewalt's Cross Roads, Paris, deeply touched by the hundreds of well-wishing cards, letters, telegrams, and telephone and personal calls which Brother Ewalt received for his ninety-first birthday and is continuing to receive during his critical illness, takes this medium of thanking all who have shown such friendship and affection. If time and circumstance permitted she would write personally to each, as was his wont when he was in good health. Since personal acknowledgement is impossible for her because of so many added responsibilities in this emergency, she asks all to accept on her behalf and this word of heartfelt appreciation."

"The Ohio Templar"

The above title is the name of the "Official Publication of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio." The September 1956 issue, Vol. 1, No. 5, carried on the masthead, the names of Sir Knights Earl T. Armesy, Grand Commander, and Robert J. Hackett, Grand Recorder.

The front page featured this message: "This issue of the Ohio Templar is an attempt to communicate to each Commandery the news of not only this Grand Commandery but those communications we have received from the Grand Encampment, . . . Particular mention with attendant honors will go to those 27 Commanderies who reached their 6% quota in membership this past year. To those fine bodies we owe the largest amount of credit for again showing a gain of 221 in Ohio. . . . I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation for the splendid co-operation to all those Sir Knights who have performed faithfully in many ways for their Commandery. . . . Keep it up and help revitalize here in Ohio."

Courteously yours,

EARL T. ARMESY,
Grand Commander (1955-1956)
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Rt. Eminent Chalmers L. Pancoast, 305 West 45th St., New York 36, N. Y.

February 2, 1956.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

I had quite a time digging back in the old records to find the information. The first visitation to the Albany Home for Children made by Temple Commandery No. 2, was made on Christmas Day in the year 1890. Sir Knight Charles H. Armitage was Eminent Commander.

Temple Commandery has made this visitation every year since that time. We have usually average 50 to 60 Sir Knights attending. This year, due to a snow storm, we had 30. In addition to a check from the Commandery, we collect a dollar from each of the Sir Knights attending and donate this to the Home.

I am enclosing a photo of part of the group, and also one of me making the presentation to the Director of the Home.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN R. GILLILAND, Commander 1955.


(Courtesy Sir Knight John R. Gilliland, Eminent Commander Temple No. 2, 1955.)

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