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Start now making plans to attend the 47th Triennial Conclave of
the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of
America, to be held in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16-22,
1958. Read the Grand Master's Message—"A Great Christian Demon-
stration," on page 1 of this issue.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

A Great Christian Demonstration



Walter Allen DeLamater

For the first time in Templar history, the City of Indianapolis has been chosen for the 47th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The invitation came from the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, for the period of August 16th through the 22nd, 1958.

For all Sir Knights and their Ladies an extensive program is being planned to make every feature and every day of the Conclave a most enjoyable event for Knights Templar and their Ladies from all parts of the country, and an attractive program to the Masonic Fraternity and the Public in general.

Headquarters

The Hotel Claypool has been selected for Grand Encampment Headquarters. The Hotel Claypool has been completely refurnished and every room air-conditioned. The Sir Knights will be interest-

ed to know, that all the Hotels in Indianapolis are completely air-conditioned, and there are a number of fine hotels where the Grand Commanderies of all Jurisdictions can make their Headquarters; and place reservations, so that their Sir Knights and Ladies can be comfortably housed.

Sir Knights should *now* begin to make plans for attending this Conclave, which will attract Sir Knights from every State because of the central location of the City of Indianapolis, and being an unusually inexpensive city. It is anticipated that there will be a great out-pouring of Sir Knights in uniform for the Divine Service, Social Functions, the Parade, etc.

Saturday, August 16th

The Grand Encampment will reconvene, and hold its 47th Triennial Conclave on Saturday, August 16, 1958, at 12 Noon, in the Riley Room, Hotel Claypool, full Templar Uniform and Sword to be worn.

Distinguished Guests will be received and routine Business transacted. Recess at 4:30 P. M.

Evening Parade

The public street parade will be held on Saturday evening, August 16, 1958, at 7:00 P. M., on that fine, wide and level Meridian Street, and the line of march will not exceed one and one-half miles in length.

Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, R. E. Grand Captain General, will, in due course, issue the necessary detailed Parade Orders. He is appointing Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo, as Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held in the evening because it will be much cooler at that time of the day, and being on a Saturday evening should attract the greatest number of

uniformed Sir Knights, as well as the interested public.

Christian Demonstration

It is well for all Knights Templar to bear in mind that this parade is not just another Knights Templar Parade, but it will in reality be a "Christian Demonstration"—an inspiring parade of "Soldiers of the Cross," as well as a Masonic and Patriotic Demonstration. There will be many added features to make it spectacular, interesting, impressive and a spiritual up-lifting. This Parade will display to our friends and to the public "A Revitalized and Greater Templary." And to our Masonic Brethren a visual indication that Templary is really "On the March."

All Sir Knights attending the Conclave are expected to participate in the many public events, in Full Templar Uniform with Sword; and Commanderies will proudly display their Uniformed Sir Knights, Banners and Colors. It is hoped that all Grand Jurisdictions will make an enthusiastic and determined effort to make this parade the greatest ever held and a real demonstration of strength, interest and progress of the greatest Christian organization in the world, outside of the Church.

Sunday, August 17th

Divine Service will be held in the Coliseum at 4:00 P. M., under the leadership of the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight and Reverend Doctor E. Robert Chable, who will deliver the sermon. It is hoped that the Right Eminent Grand Prelate Emeritus Sir Knight and Reverend Doctor Chester Burge Emerson will be present and participate in the service.

Monday, August 18th

Drill Competition starting at 9:00 A. M., will be held all day at the Coliseum, concluding with an exhibition Drill by

Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan. . . . At 8:00 P. M., the Order of Knight of Malta will be conferred in full ceremonial form by a selected all Indiana State cast, in the theatre of Murat Temple.

Tuesday, August 19th

9:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M., Grand Encampment reconvenes. 5:30 P. M., Special Exhibition of 50 mile automobile race on the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway, followed by a picnic supper.

Wednesday, August 20th

Grand Encampment reconvenes 9:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.

First Order of Business will be Election of Officers for the ensuing Triennial Period.

Reports of the Corporation, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Election of Board of Trustees and regular business of the Grand Encampment. . . . Reception 7:00 P. M., and at 7:30 P. M., Banquet tendered to the Most Eminent Grand Master and Officers.

Thursday, August 21st

Grand Encampment reconvenes for regular business—9:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.

In the evening—Special Entertainment.

Friday, August 22nd

Grand Encampment reconvenes for the conclusion of all business, and the Installation of Officers.

Conclave Committee, Indiana

Sir Knight C. Wilbur Foster, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, has been appointed Chairman of the Triennial Conclave Committee of Indiana, by Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Indiana. Sir Knight Foster's office is at 4741 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for room

reservations, all general or detailed information desired should be directed to him at above address.

Grand Encampment Committee

The Grand Master has appointed Sir Knight C. Wilbur Foster, as a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Triennial Conclave, which Committee presently consists of Sir Knight Lachlan M. MacDonald, P. G. C. of Ohio, as Chairman, and Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Past Most Eminent Grand Master, and the R. E. Grand Recorder, so that all matters pertaining to the Conclave can be properly co-ordinated.

Our Aim to Get Every Uniform in the Parade

As a part of our program for "A Revitalized and Greater Templary" every Sir Knight is urged to start NOW—AT ONCE—to create enthusiastic interest in the 47th Triennial Conclave, in an organized and determined effort to have the greatest attendance and outpouring of Uniformed Sir Knights than ever before in our history. Aim to get every Uniform in the Parade. It Can Be Done. Let us Do It. DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND THE CONCLAVE, Sir Knights, and show your colors, and be counted as a true "Soldier of the Cross." Remember—Our Battle Cry is—"Onward, Christian Soldiers, Onward."

And also remember that Christ sacrificed His Life for us. The least that we can do is to sacrifice some of our personal desires and efforts for His Service.

An Outstanding 1958 Triennial Conclave Is Our Objective.

Sincerely, Yours For A Greater
Templary,

WALTER A. DeLAMATER,
Grand Master.

1783—August 1st—Charleston, South Carolina—Henry Beaumont receives diploma certifying he has received the degrees of Royal Arch, Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, Charleston, S. C.

GRANDFATHER INSTALLS

Shreveport, La.

December 14, 1956.

Knight Templar Magazine
Executive Director Public Relations,
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305 West 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Sir:

Believing the following will be interest to many Sir Knights, I am forwarding the following information for the Knights Templar.

December 11, 1956, H. K. Phelps, III, was installed as Worshipful Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 440, F. & A. M. of Louisiana by his grandfather, Harry S. Weston, 33° and Past Grand Commander of Louisiana (1921).



Sir Knight Harry will be 83 years old in March, 1957. Sir Harry was recorder of Ascension Commandery No. 6, K. T. for many years, later becoming Secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies at Shreveport and then served as Recorder of E. L. Karubah Shrine. He is now retired but still hale and hearty, being able to read the Installation Ceremony without the aid of glasses. Sir Harry resides at 538 College Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Courteously yours, Herbert Jennings,
P. C., Recorder, Ascension Commandery
No. 6, Knights Templar, P. O. Box 503,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Governor Allan Shivers of Texas Knighted in Colorado Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar

The Sir Knights of Colorado Commandery No. 4 K. T. located in Austin, Texas, will long remember the special conclave held in that Commandery on December 17, 1956.

Starting with a turkey dinner including all the trimmings at 6 P. M. served

to over two hundred Sir Knights the evening then continued with a very unusual conclave in the Asylum.

The Order of the Temple was conferred upon Knights of Malta James J. Irby and the Honorable Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas.



(Left to right, front row) Sir Knights Arch M. Dullnig, E. G. Generalissimo; J. Marvin Pugh, R. E. Grand Commander; Hon. Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas; H. B. Beard, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander; J. C. Garlitz, E. Grand Captain General. (Second row) H. Jack Hefner, E. Grand Standard Bearer; Harvey C. Byrd, E. Grand Junior Warden; George S. Adams, E. Grand Treasurer; Gus L. Meyer, E. Grand Senior Warden. (Back row) Harry B. Tuer, E. Grand Recorder, as Prelate; Hal Burnett, E. Grand Captain of the Guard; Litt S. Perry, E. Grand Warden.

After the Commandery was opened by the Officers of Colorado Commandery, the Eminent Commander turned the Commandery over to the Grand Commander J. Marvin Pugh.

All the stations were filled by Officers of the Grand Commandery in conferring the Order of the Temple and I am sure that many of the nearly three hundred Sir Knights present were agreeably sur-

prised to know their Grand Officers were capable of conferring the Order in such an impressive manner. These Officers are from different parts of the State many traveling from two hundred and fifty to nearly five hundred miles to be present.

Harry B. Tuer, P. G. C., Grand Recorder, 1317 Praetorian Bldg., Dallas 1, Texas.

A Good Letter to New Commanders

By John J. Bahn, Grand Commander, N. Y.

Dear Commander:

I wish to congratulate you upon your elevation to the highest office in your Commandery—The office of Eminent Commander. You are well qualified to wield the sword of authority, and under your leadership, the Commandery should make progress. A successful year will be the result of a considered program and a desire to serve your membership.

Your Grand Commandery has for its greatest objective the growth of Templary. Its many committees have worked diligently to offer suggestions which we feel should be very helpful to our Commanderies. Suggestions which should create a greater interest and enthusiasm in and for Templary. The reports of these committees are contained in the proceedings of Grand Commandery. You will find copies of these in the office of your Recorder, and may I suggest a careful perusal of the proceedings for the past few years. You will find much information in these books that will prove to be very helpful to you both in the exercise of your office and in planning your program.

Delinquents

Most Commanderies have a large list of members who are in arrears in their financial obligations. Continued neglect of this matter can only result in a future unaffiliation. Unfortunately, the matter of dues is usually laid over until the fall

and then it is too late to clear the Treasurer's books. I cannot too strongly urge you to arrange to contact all delinquents now. A member, who is in arrears, will not be a regular attendant at your Conclaves.

Grand Conclave

At the Grand Conclave last year, six of our Commanderies were not represented. The Commanders of ten other Commanderies were represented by proxy. Section 67 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar states, "It is the duty of the Commander, the Generalissimo and the Captain General of Constituent Commanderies to attend the Conclaves of their respective Grand Commanderies." I shall deem it a privilege to greet the Council Officers of all of our Commanderies at the Grand Conclave to be held in Albany next June. Bring your families that they may join in a program that will have the color of Christian Knighthood and the lovely splendor of our gracious ladies.

The days ahead will be busy days—days devoted to Knights Templary. Very few Sir Knights have the distinction and the privilege that has been given to you. May you "Fight the good fight with all your might," may your days be pleasant and through your efforts, may Templary ever move forward.

Courteously yours,

JOHN J. BAHN,

Grand Commander.



(Photos by courtesy of Sir Knight Ray V. Denslow, Grand Recorder Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of Missouri, who established the three Commanderies while he was in Germany.)

Group of Knights Templar Candidates, September 16, 1956. This photo shows the large class of candidates on whom the Templar Orders were conferred in the Herman von Solza Commandery No. 1 at Frankfurt, Germany, when the three Commanderies were Instituted. These Commanderies were, Heidelberg Commandery No. 3 at Heidelberg; Keufburen Commandery No. 2 at Keufburen, and Herman von Solza No. 1 at Frankfurt.

Distinguished Masons in photo: Dr. Theodor Vogel, Grand Master of the United Lodge of Germany, is shown on extreme left of the Second Row. Sir Knight Clinton Sote, is shown in first row center. Sir Knight Peter Rasmussen, is fourth man from left in rear row.



Sir Knight Ray V. Denslow, Grand Recorder of Missouri, in center of photo, reading instructions to new Officers . . . Sir Knight Peter Rasmussen, Officer Grand Chapter R. A. M. (extreme right) . . . Brothers William Frick, Grand Secretary, and Doctor Werner Mohr (both on left) . . . Dr. Theodor Vogel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Germany, at right of Sir Knight Ray Denslow.

Commanderies in Germany

Officers of the three new commanderies in Germany:

Hermann von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt/Main, Germany. Commander, Werner Mohr, Frankfurt/Main, Germany; Generalissimo, Konsul a. D. Henry Bernard, Koenigstr. 34 Stuttgart/Germany; Captain General, Dipl. Ing. Walter K. Pobuda, Konradstr. 9 Wuerzburg, Germany; Recorder, Eduard C. Finskh, Neckarvorlandstr. 74 Mannheim, Germany.

Kaufbeuren Commandery No. 2. Commander, Arthur B. Shorey, Kaufbeuren Air Base (MDAP) fliegerhorst, Kaufbeuren-Allgäu, Germany; Generalissimo, Douglas McLeod, Jr., 7331st TTW, APO 191, New York; Captain General, James J. Orbison, 7332nd TTG, APO 191, New York, N. Y.; Recorder, Fay Allen Hulsey, 7332nd TTG, Box F-40, APO 191, New York, N. Y.

Heidelberg Commandery No. 3. Commander, James A. Parker, AG Div. HQ. USAREUR, APO 403, U. S. Army; Generalissimo, Dale H. Shick, Signal Div. Hq. USAREUR, APO 403, U. S. Army; Captain General, Charles G. Payne, 529th MP Group, APO 403, U. S. Army; Recorder, Peter Rasmussen, 8 Klingenteichstra., Heidelberg, Germany.

News From Illinois

The Eleventh Annual Decatur Pilgrimage held Saturday, November 3, 1956, was an outstanding success. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was exemplified by Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, and the Order conferred by Sir Knight Thomas R. Dalbey, E. P. C. of the Commandery. There were 147 candidates who received the Order of the Red Cross.

The evening work, The Order of Malta, was exemplified by Ottawa Commandery No. 10, and Sir Knight Wendell, E. P. C. of Ottawa No. 10, occupied the station of Prior. There were 149 candidates for the Order of Malta.

All of the Grand Commandery Officers of Illinois were present. Guests were: Sir Knights Ted Evers, R. E. P. C. of Missouri and Sir Knight George Bower from the same state. There were Distinguished Guests from other Grand Commanderies and Representatives from the Grand Chapter.

Dinner reservations totaled 627 in the beginning of the afternoon's work and there were only a few vacant chairs out of 650 not occupied for dinner. A wonderful turkey dinner was served in very efficient style. It was hot and tasty. Table decorations were magnificent and very elaborate and in keeping with the fall season consisting of baskets of fruit and other fall decorations.

The work was put on with such good form and clearly audible and it was so impressive that the audience was not inclined to even whisper. The R. E. Grand Commander introduced the distinguished guests and made a very eloquent speech on Templary and its phases including the Eye Foundation. It was the most impressive meeting that I have attended outside of the Grand Encampment affair.

(This data was received through the courtesy of Sir Knight Alvin Louis Crump, of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Jackson No. 9 (Mich.) Pilgrimage

On this same date, Saturday, November 3, 1956, Jackson Commandery No. 9, of Jackson, Michigan, headed by Sir Knight W. E. Dewey, R. E. Grand Commander of Michigan and Sir Knight R. Don Sharpe, Eminent Commander of No. 9, visited Englewood Commandery No. 59, in Chicago. Sir Knight Sigurd R. Jensen, R. E. Department Commander, brought greetings from the M. E. Grand Master.

"Educational Loan Story" next Issue.

Colorado Progress

Last month I sent to all our Colorado Representatives on Progress and Special Activities a "year-end" letter with the hope that each one would be stimulated to plan for the new year.

Although 64% of the Royal Arch Companions in Colorado are Knights Templar, only 16% of the Lodge membership belong to the Chapter. It follows that we should turn much of our effort toward increasing the Chapter membership.

Our Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion, and Sir Knight H. Baird Whitaker has undertaken a splendid program to obtain at least 685 new Royal Arch Masons in the state this year. With the assistance of the Commandery and the Council, he is sponsoring a series of promotional meetings among Lodge Masons in the eight Chapter Districts of Colorado. Much enthusiasm has been shown in these gatherings thus far and a great many petitions have been procured.

In addition several new Chapters are in contemplation. One has been chartered, two more ready for Dispensation and five are in the making. Our representatives of the Committee on Progress and Special Activities are assisting in these projects.

We are now looking forward to our "All Colorado York Rite Observance," which will be held in Denver on May 3rd and 4th of this year, at which time all the Degrees and Orders of the Chapter, Council and Commandery will be conferred. It is not intended that these bodies will refrain from receiving petitions and conferring the Degrees and Orders in the customary way in their own Temples.

Sincerely and courteously,
 JAMES R. HOFFMAN, P.G.C.,
Past Department Commander.

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

There are 355,804 Knights Templar under the Grand Encampment,—these Knights of the Temple hold membership in 1604 Commanderies. These Commanderies are located in all states of the United States. There are commanderies—in Hawaii—there are two Commanderies in the Philippines, Alaska has four commanderies—Puerto Rico has Porto Rico No. 1, Havana has No. 1 of Havana. The largest subordinate Commandery is in Anchorage Alaska. Canal Zone has No. 1 in the Canal Zone and it is the second largest Commandery of the subordinates, the newest Commandery in the Grand Encampment is Kaufbreuen in



Ohio Mass Formation, Cincinnati, Oct., 1955—"In the Long Parade of Templary"

Fliegerhorst Allgau, Germany. Heidelberg No. 2 is another new Commandery in Germany—in Old Heidelberg—Tokyo, Japan was the first new subordinate Commandery established in the present triennium, etc.

What rich kernels do you know about that would be of interest to other Templars and Masons, to add to this new department "You Ought To Know," suggested by Sir Knight John Temple Rice, P. G. M. Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment.

Music for Templar Ritual

December 11, 1956.

Chalmers L. Pancoast
Editor "Knight Templar"
305 W. 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Sir:

In the Knight Templar issue, Volume 2, No. 1, of November, December, 1956, page 22, there is an inquiry from W. R. Hedgecock, Generalissimo of Hamilton Commandery No. 41, Hamilton, Ohio concerning music in our ritualistic work.

I can agree with him first, that proper music certainly "sets off" our work immensely, and second, that a great majority of our Commanderies do not have any organ but find it feasible to equip their Commanderies reasonably with recorded music.

I have been hunting music for our Commandery, Chapter and Council several years, and finally have found in part what I think helps a great deal. First, it works better with a high fidelity machine and to protect the modern long playing records, a diamond needle is preferred. One of the best places to get records I know of now is The Acacia Electrical Transcriptions, Inc., P. O. Box 56, Western Hills Station, Cincinnati, Ohio. These records can help more than any we have found to date.

It is my belief that the Grand Commanderies should attempt to work out

this music so that it could be standardized.

I may say that the Royal Arch and Most Excellent Masters Degree have a great potential for full work with only a little music and appropriate slides. My Chapter is actively working on this and cooperating with the Commandery in this set up.

Our Commandery, Chapter and Council would love to have more research on this.

Fraternally,
SHADE D. NEELY,
Commander, Muskogee (Okla.)
Commandery No. 2.

Texas Educational Loan Brings Outstanding Results

Sir Knight James M. Caviness, (P. G. C. Texas) Chairman, the Committee Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, has written an interesting letter to Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master, which tells an interesting story of a loan made by the Texas Division to a young lady in 1937 and which she finished repaying in 1943, and at present is engaged in highly professional work.

An illustrated story from "Interior Design" November, 1956, presents an article which must have been most encouraging to the Texas Division of the Knights Templar Educational Loan Foundation. The story follows:

Cecile Terry Hargrave, Dallas, Texas

A native Texan and graduate of East Texas State Teachers College, Mrs. Hargrave studied interior design at Southern Methodist University and the Little School of Fine Arts in Dallas. Her husband, Glenn M. Hargrave, is manager of the contract department of their firm which is known as Interiors by Cecille. Much of their work is referred to them by architects, and their newest assignment is a plant for Uarco, Inc., a manufacturer of business forms in Paris, Texas.



From Parade at the Tennessee 95th Grand Conclave at Knoxville, September 19 and 20, 1956. Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Official Honor Guest, standing in car. Sir Knight E. Guy Frizzell, R. E. Grand Commander, seated in car. . . . The Knight Templar Magazine, Page 5—November-December, 1956, carried the story of the Conclave, headlined—"Tennessee First to Send Check of \$8,136.00 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund."



TENNESSEE

An outstanding feature of the 95th Annual Conclave was the colorful parade along Gay Street on Wednesday Morning, September 19, 1956, in which several hundred Sir Knights in uniforms and waving plumes, proudly carried the Colors and Banners of this Order of Christian Knighthood in Tennessee.

Range York Rite Association of Minnesota

This organization is made up of Virginia Chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons of Virginia, Minn., and Eveleth Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar of Eveleth, Minn. Sir Knight L. E. Lambert of Virginia, Minn., is Secretary.

Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, R. E. Department Commander, who is head of the General Membership Committee, in December 1956, presented an interesting report to Sir Knight William Howard Robinson, R. E. Grand Commander of Minnesota. His report follows in part:

We have formed a York Rite Association for our area, designated the Range York Rite Association. It is bearing rich fruit and it represents a joining together of our Chapter and Commandery in a co-operative effort to increase the strength and influence of the Rite in this part of Minnesota. Had we a Council in our area, it, too, would have been joined in the venture.

We have already had a large Chapter class as a first fruit of this planned

activity. We are not going to have Chapter convocations for degree work on a hit and miss basis. We are going to strive mightily for about three good-sized convocations, and we shall call them "festivals." They will fall on Saturdays, and we shall make the occasions just as interesting and in the same pattern of dignity of the "reunions" of another Rite.

We are going to plan these "festivals" sufficiently far in advance to get work done, and we shall strive to make the occasions the pattern, year on year. Two will be straight "festivals," the third will be a "Past High Priests' Ceremonial." We shall make systematic canvasses for candidates for these convocations. We shall, as part of the system, write a proper letter to each eligible Blue Lodge Mason in the jurisdiction, inviting him to make his Masonic progress in the York Rite. We shall follow this up by

personal interviews by the proper representative of the Order.

Last night at our Commandery Conclave, we received petitions from 26 candidates, and right around the corner is another group—about 20—and there will be others before the fiscal year ends. I cannot too much praise Sir Knights and Companions Elmer J. Hill, Herbert C. Peterson and Edward A. Lofquist for giving the revitalization of the Rite their full effort and dedicated activity, plus endless time. They are on fire.

You will note from the letterhead the extent of our reaching into every section of our jurisdiction. What we are doing here can be done anywhere and everywhere, and it should be done everywhere. A few fire-balls, and the Rite will get off the ground everywhere.

Cordially and courteously yours,

BURT D. PEARSON.



Elected and Appointive officers for the ensuing Templar year of The Grand Commandery of Arizona and distinguished guest—Winslow—October 22, 1956. Front row left to right: N. Dewey Marker, Gr. Senior Warden; J. Earl Smith, Gr. Generalissimo; Dwight E. Shannon, Deputy Gr. Commander; Quincy Appling, Department Commander; Franklyn E. Brown, Gr. Commander; Gerald I. Craig, Gr. Capt. General; George Milford, Jr., Past Grand Commander of California. Back row left to right: Fred P. Misak, Gr. Capt. of the Guard; Chas. Franklin Parker, Grand Prelate; Fred O. Goodell, Grand Treas.; Floyd I. Manker, Gr. Junior Warden; H. P. Johnson, Gr. Recorder; Louis D. Shotwell, Gr. Standard Bearer; Herbert W. Edwards, Gr. Sword Bearer.

Detroit No. 1 Thrills in Inaugural Parade

On Monday, January 21, 1957, Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar of Michigan, made a successful pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., to participate in the Inaugural Parade, with the result of contributing a most beautiful display of Templary in action, on parade.

Sir Knight Karl H. Smith, Eminent Commander, made a report to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, excerpts of which follow:

It was a very successful pilgrimage from every standpoint, apparently. We had a total of thirty-five platoons—thirty in the Drill Corps itself, and five platoons in the escort. The escort consisted of Past Commanders, Commanders, and Generalissimos of constituent Commanderies surrounding Detroit. We invited them to go with us. There were 9 from Damascus Commandery, 5 from Highland Park Commandery, 1 from Redford Commandery, 2 from Monroe Commandery, 5 from Jackson Commandery, 3 from Marshall Commandery, 4 from Columbia Commandery, 3 from Eureka Commandery, 5 from Holy Grail Commandery, 5 from Genesee Commandery, 2 from Saginaw Commandery, 3 from Howell Commandery, 5 from Mt. Clemens Commandery, 4 from Durand Commandery, and 2 from Northville Commandery.

We thought it a good idea to invite these other Commanderies to participate with us.

The platoons were headed by Eminent Commander Karl H. Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander W. Edward Dewey, and Generalissimo Donald P. Schurr, on three matched black horses. Past Commander Orison S. White had charge of the Triangle Escort, headed by Eminent Grand Generalissimo Charles McIntyre; then followed by Postmen's Band, then the thirty platoons of Sir Knights in a perfect line, both as to platoons and facing distance.

When we went by the reviewing stand, which contained the Congress, the Cabinet, distinguished guests, and of course, the President and Vice President, we formed into a huge cross, led by the band playing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Although you can imagine how many Sir Knights wanted to take a look at the President, who was only a foot away from our left wing of the cross, not one Sir Knight turned his head.

The President was heard to remark "What a wonderful spectacle. This is marvelous."

Naturally, as Eminent Commander of our great Commandery, I am unusually proud of this tremendous task so well executed, planned and done.



Photo of the Detroit No. 1, Pilgrimage, as it marched in the Inaugural Parade, Washington, D. C., January 21, 1957. Complete description will be found in the report of Sir Knight Karl H. Smith, Eminent Commander, Detroit No. 1.

The Committee consisted of Virgil J. Leech, Past Commander, General Chairman; Stanley W. Jansen, Past Commander, Associate General Chairman; David W. Nelson, Past Commander, in charge of Finances; Carl J. Millikin, in charge of Transportation, and Robert J. Brooks, Captain General. Assisting them in sub-committees were approximately an additional hundred Sir Knights.

Every detail of this pilgrimage was beautifully worked out and executed.

The next morning the Commandant of West Point called at the office of the Secretary of the Army, Wilber M. Brucker, Past Commander of Detroit Commandery, and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, who stated, "These Knight Templar of yours are giving West Point some real competition."

To us, this is significant, and I think it generally spells out the beautiful job the Sir Knights did. I am confident it was a hallmark in getting before the eyes of our Nation and the world the fact that we are still willing to parade in the Passion Cross thereby telling the world that we believe in our Christian way of life, and to us that is the biggest problem facing the world today.

Needless to say, we missed seeing you. We hoped that something could happen that would bring you to Washington where you might see for yourself this beautiful display of Templary on parade.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

KARL H. SMITH,

Commander.

Following this report, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master, wrote as follows:

February 1, 1957.

Sir Knight Karl H. Smith, Commander
Detroit Commandery No. 1
Masonic Temple
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir Knight Smith:

I gratefully acknowledge your very informative and interesting letter of the 29th ult. enclosing photo of Detroit Com-

mandery No. 1 in the Inaugural Parade. You have every reason to be very proud. Of course, it is to be expected nowadays of Detroit Commandery No. 1 because they have the esprit, morale, and the traditions and anything they undertake is perfect. They have established a reputation and I know they take great pride in maintaining it.

It must have been a thrilling sight to see them in the parade and especially going by the Reviewing Stand. I don't wonder that the President remarked "What a wonderful spectacle. This is marvelous." I can see by your photograph everything is lined up and West Point cadets have nothing on Detroit Commandery No. 1, and I say that in all sincerity.

I think having some other Sir Knights with you was a very gracious gesture on the part of Detroit Commandery No. 1. I regretted that I was unable to be there.

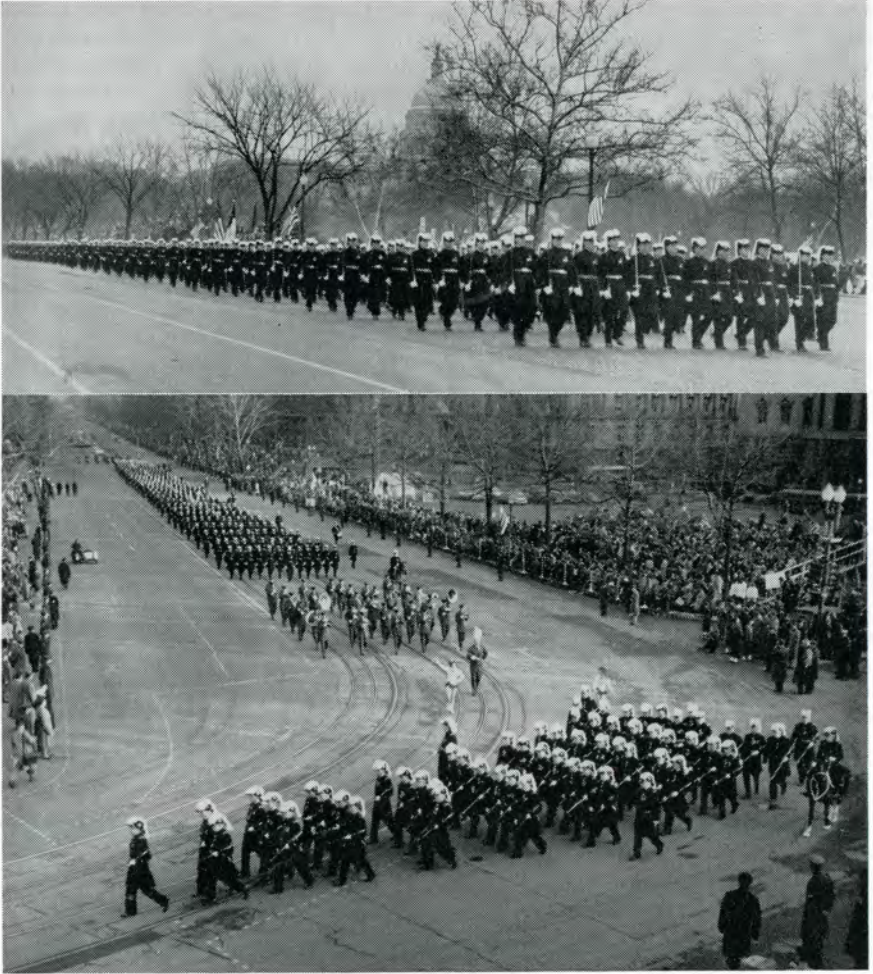
Again, I congratulate and commend you for this great contribution to Templary. It was really outstanding and I think a wonderful thing to have this great Order of ours participate in that Inaugural Parade. It was such an unusual thing and then making the fine showing that you did make must have impressed the public and the Government Officials and distinguished guests very much. I want you to know how much I appreciate it and I congratulate and commend you in highest terms. Detroit Commandery No. 1 has certainly made an outstanding contribution to Templary. I can think of many of the great accomplishments of Detroit Commandery No. 1, and the outstanding events they have participated in but I think this occasion was one of the best.

I am simply thrilled with your letter and with what Detroit Commandery has accomplished. With warmest regards, I remain,

Sincerely, yours for a Greater Templary,

WALTER A. DeLAMATER,
Grand Master.

Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Mich.

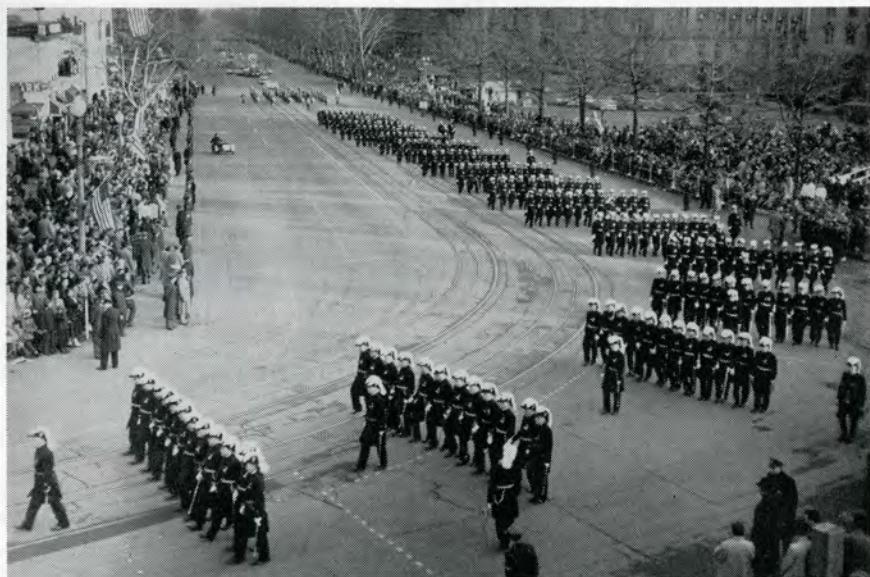


The Flag Speaks

I stand for a world-shaking idea that is creating a new earth, putting Kings to flight, bursting the shackles of slaves, making men gods, glorifying human personality and lifting all humanity to a higher plane of more abundant living. I stand for a new experiment in the laboratory of life which has exploded old theories of government and set men

free. I have kindled, and kept burning in the hearts of men, the fires of liberty, unity, justice and brotherhood. Men have lived and toiled and died to keep alive the things I symbolize. A great host of heroes, with the help of God, have kept me gallantly flying in the face of every threat and challenge to the democratic way of life which I represent. The blood spilled at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, Chateau

In Inaugural Parade, Washington, D. C., Jan. 21, 1957



Thierry, Bataan, and in all the other great battles for freedom on land and sea, is in my red stripes. The shining white light of concentrated sunshine penetrating the blackest night is in my white stripes, which in the Nation's darkest hours are radiant with eternal hope. The vast sweeping infinity of the

heavens is in my stars, inspiring mankind to continue climbing courageously up the spiral staircase of history to a world of gleaming promise. I am the emblem of man's finest dream. I am the standard of the "last best hope of earth." I am the AMERICAN FLAG.—Wilford A. Peterson, Texas Grand Lodge Mag.

NEW YORK SOCIAL EVENT

Reception and Dinner by Temple Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar

A reception and dinner was held in honor of Sir Knight John J. Bahn, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of New York, at the Sheraton-Ten Eyck Hotel, on Saturday evening, October 13, 1956.

The occasion was attended by one hundred and ninety-six Sir Knights and eight members of John's immediate family. Those who shared the head table with our Right Eminent Grand Commander, John Bahn and his charming wife, Harriet, were Sir Knight Harold MacMahon, the Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York, who was General Chairman of the arrangements for the reception and his wife, Lena; Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, United States of America; and his wife, Rosalind; Sir Knight Robert P. Shollenberger, Eminent Past Commander Temple No. 2 and Past Grand Representative, and his daughter, Mrs. Betty Nix; Sir Knight Earl B. Kaler, Eminent Commander of Temple Commandery No. 2 and his wife, Hazel; Sir Knight and Reverend Harold W. Griffis, District Superintendent of the Albany District of the Troy Methodist Conference and his wife, Mrs. Griffis; and Sir Knight Clifford S. Van Pelt, Prelate and Eminent Past Commander of Temple Commandery No. 2, and his wife, Eva.

Sir Knight Robert P. Shollenberger acted in the capacity of Toastmaster taking the place of Sir Knight Frederick A. Nicholson, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of New York State Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Fred A. Nicholson was scheduled to act as toastmaster, but due to illness was unable to be present. Sir Knight Shollenberger, in his pleasant, capable manner, served as toastmaster with distinction.

The program was opened by the invo-



Sir Knights (l. to r.): Earl B. Kaler, E. Commander, Temple No. 2; John J. Bahn, R. E. Grand Commander, N. Y.; Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment.

cation by the Prelate, Sir Knight Clifford S. Van Pelt.

"Heavenly Father, we are again gathered in Thy name. We ask that You teach us to serve Thee as Thou deservest. Teach us to give; to fight; and to labor without counting the cost; without seeking reward except that we are doing Thy will.

"Heavenly Father, we know Thy blessed Son, Jesus, came not to do His will but Thy will. Open our hearts to every call from Thee. Give us the fortitude, stamina and courage to stand up and be counted in carrying out the plan of Christian living.

"Almighty God, we beseech Thee to look with favor upon our great Order. Let us not forget that our power as a nation and the place of our nation among nations have come from Thee. We have these advantages as a trust and must use them to Thy Glory. We must be quick to see the needs of others and determine to promote good fellowship among all men.

"We ask Thy blessing on our Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Most Eminent Grand Master, and that You give them the wisdom and understanding necessary for the leadership and understanding necessary for the leadership of

this great Christian Order of Knighthood.

"Bless those who are unable to be with us tonight because of illness. Also bless those who are absent because of other reasons.

"In the midst of changing times, let us be steadfast to those things which we know cannot be shaken. In Masonry, the wisdom of our forebears developed what are known as the Ancient Landmarks. These landmarks, Oh God, very likely, have preserved our great system of Masonry intact. May we be wise enough in these changing times to remember that the unchanging things are preserved for us in the Holy Scriptures, the rule and guide for our conduct.

"This great nation has a hope of peace, and that hope with Thy help will prevail. War, as a instrument of national policy, must cease.

"This Great Order of Christian Knighthood, pledged to the defense of the Christian Religion, desires this peace and understanding and with Thy guidance and protection will continue to strive for their ultimate establishment.

"Heavenly Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we ask Thy blessing on this food. Bless this food to our use, and us to Thy service, in the name of Thy son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

A delicious dinner was served after which the Eminent Commander Sir Knight Kaler welcomed the guests who attended to honor our Right Eminent Grand Commander, John J. Bahn.

Sir Knight Robert P. Shollenberger introduced many distinguished guests:

Sir Knight Shollenberger introduced the speaker of the evening, Sir Knight and Reverend Harold W. Griffis, who gave an inspirational address. The theme of his talk was high-lighted by the story he told of an old man skilled

in bridge-building who came to a ravine. On the other side, he saw the materials out of which he could build a bridge. He succeeded in getting to the other side of the ravine and proceeded to construct a bridge. Another man happened along and addressed the old man, saying, "Old man, why build you that bridge, you will not be passing this way again." "Quite right," replied the old man, "I will not be passing this way again but I passed a young man on the road who had stopped at the fork in the road contemplating which road he should take. If he happens to choose this road, he will need this bridge to cross the ravine and by using this bridge will not be forced to suffer the delay and hardships which I had to suffer in order to overcome this obstacle."

Sir Knight Shollenberger presented the Right Eminent Grand Commander, John J. Bahn, who addressed the assembled guests in his very capable manner and also expressed his appreciation for the honor given to him by their presence.

The President of the Ladies Organization of Temple Commandery, Mrs. William MacFarlane presented to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, John and Harriet, a set of beautiful electric lamps.

Also, a high-light of the evening was the appearance of the Shubert Choral Club of Schenectady of which our Grand Commander has been a member for many years. The Club gave a delightful program of several selections. There were present 25 male voices. This choral group is well-known throughout New York State and has been organized actively for a period of 57 years.

The benediction was given by the Pre-late. The guests departed with a memory of hospitality and fellowship which will remain with them for many years.

(Prepared by Clifford S. Van Pelt, P. C. No. 2, Member of Public Relations Committee Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of New York).

Washington Commandery, No. 1 of Hartford, Celebrates Charter Night

Ward K. St. Clair, E. P. C., DeWitt Clinton No. 14, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Washington Commandery, No. 1 of Hartford, Connecticut celebrated Charter Night on October 16, 1956 with appropriate ceremonies on the occasion of their 160th anniversary.

"In July, 1796, three regular Knights Templar, hailing from three different Commanderies, formed an Encampment at Colchester, in the State of Connecticut," thus reads in part a small pamphlet printed in New London in 1823. This was the beginning of what is now Washington Comamndery, No. 1.

On September 5, 1803 a Grand Body in England issued a charter to the group to confer all the degrees of Masonry beyond the Craft except the Royal Arch. This authority was used by the Colchester group until May 1, 1819 when they received a charter from the newly formed Grand Encampment of the United States and it is under this charter that they still operate.

When the Grand Commandery of Connecticut was formed in 1827 they became a founding member and have remained a member to this date.

The English Charter is of interest to the student of Templary for several reasons. First, because it proved the existence in England of some Grand Body claiming authority over the Order of Knights Templar at an early date. For the plate from which the Charter was printed was made on March 15, 1794. Second, because from this same plate a charter was made for a group which operated as an Encampment of Knights Templar in Granvil'e, New York. This charter was Number 2.

To date there are seven known impressions made from this plate. Three are charters, one is a membership certificate and three are aprons.

We have already mentioned two of the charters. The third charter was issued to Charles Sinclair in 1796 to form a group in London, England. The certificate was issued to a man by the name of Amden certifying that he was a Knight Templar.

Of the three aprons, one is in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, one in the possession of the Grand Lodge of New York and the third is in Western Australia

According to an article in one of the issues of the Masonic Review for 1862, the Editor stated that he had in his possession a warrant issued to a group in New London, Connecticut and which was listed as Number 1. Where the warrant is at the present time is the question. It was present in Washington Commandery No. 1, as late as 1844, but has since disappeared.

Should anyone know anything of its whereabouts the Recorder of Washington Commandery, No. 1, Sir Knight Philip J. Jones of 750 Main St., Hartford 5, Connecticut will be glad to hear from them.

Norwich, N. Y.

Norman Scott Alylen, Commander of Norwich Commandery, 46, Knights Templar, and his staff of officers were installed last night in colorful public ceremonies in the Masonic Temple.

J. Harry Cook of Cooperstown, Past Grand Commander, served as the installing officer.

A reception and dinner for the commander and council officers, past commanders and their wives was held preceding the ceremonies at the Norwich Club. Lynn N. Peterson, retiring commander, presided at the affair.

“Stand Fast in Faith”

In these words are found the assurance of peace and good will among men: “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written the just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1-17).

Every book in the Bible contains some reference to Faith. We are admonished to “Beareth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things,”—that is supreme faith. We cannot overlook those familiar verse, known to so many men, and always comforting and stimulating, such as: “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.” (Cor 16-13). . . . “That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” (Cor. 2-5). . . . “Now abideth faith, hope and charity, these THREE, but the greatest of these is charity.” (1 Cor. 13-13).

Men who desire to strengthen their Faith have but to turn to the Bible to find the words of encouragement and comfort ready for their minds to absorb. It is well to remember these words: “As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.—(Gal. 6-10). . . . “One Lord—One Faith” . . . “Till we all come in the unity of faith.” (Eph. 4-5) . . . “Above all things, THE SHIELD OF FAITH, wherein ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” (Eph. 6-16) . . . “Stand ye fast in one spirit, striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Phil. 1-27) . . . “I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and Who gave Himself for me.” (Gal. 2-20) . . . “FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5-7). . . .

When things are going dead against you and darkness descends, the faith you have in God and your fellowmen, alone will turn the tide, and bring the light of hope and peace of mind. A firm faith in God, in His loving kindness and mercy, brings health to the mind, and creates a great spiritual wealth, which

you can enjoy always—a supreme wealth of the mind, heart and soul. A FIRM FAITH represents life's most precious jewels, its joyous riches and its lasting fortune. Rest assured, that a firm faith in the truths about Faith revealed in the Bible, also means an inspired faith in mankind, and a sincere desire to live well with all men.

All these and more are revealed in the sublime truths and lessons of Templar Masonry.

There is much consolation and helpfulness in the sacred words that have been placed within the reach of all men. “Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5-1) . . . By whom also we have access by Faith unto this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5-2) . . . So, then Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10-17) . . . “For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of FAITH. He had opened the door of FAITH . . . Purifying their hearts by FAITH.” (Acts 11-14-15) . . . “Hast thou FAITH? . . . Have it to thyself before God. . . . He that worketh miracles among you doeth it by FAITH.” (Gal. 3-5) . . . “For by Faith ye stand” . . . “For we walk by FAITH, not by sight.” “The just shall live by Faith . . . In Jesus Christ FAITH which worketh by love.” (Gal. 5-6).

Finally, peace of mind, and a perfect happiness in living, can come only from a firm faith—an every day working FAITH . . . When your faith has deep roots in your heart, mind and soul, then you are right with God, and will “dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

We form our destiny by our FAITH—but “FAITH without works is dead.”

Sell Templary and what it means to manhood to your Brother Masons and Royal Arch friends. No Candidate has ever gone away without thanking us for what we did for him to make him A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

“THE LONG PARADE OF TEMPLARY”

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

As I begin to write down my impressions of a Knights Templar street parade, the words of James Whitcomb Riley come to me: “As the glittering pageant winds down the long street.” I see in the Templar parade something more than a mere file of marching men. I glimpse a glittering pageant stretching back across the years in which thousands of Templars have marched for the glory and growth of the Order of Christian Knighthood. In fond memory I hear the echo of the tramping of thousands of feet, many now silent; feet that moved forward for a great cause. The “Long Parade of Templary” reaches back to those who marched in the years that have now gone over the horizon of time.

Our Templar parades of today are but a continuation of a procession of Christian Soldiers of yesterdays, marching, marching, marching, onward and victorious. In these long lines of marching Templars I see a triumphant procession in a colorful and spirited movement; a joyous panorama, which distance and time have not dimmed, only enlarged and made more glorious.

One of the great moments of my life was my experience as Grand Captain General of New York Templars, when I rode a spirited horse at the head of a beautiful Knights Templar street parade. This was at our 120th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York, held at Yonkers, June 10, 1935, when Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater was the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Leading the parade, I turned in my saddle and looked back at the Mass Formation following me on South Broadway, after we passed the Grand Stand, and at that moment I received a real thrill—a pleasurable thrill—a thrill that seemed a fitting reward for all the effort to make that parade a pageant of beauty and inspiration.

White plumes waved everywhere; shoulder-straps, white baldrics, swords glittered; jewels sparkled, and faces of Sir Knights were animated with the joy of marching for Christian Knighthood. When the massed bands struck up the marching song of the Templars—“Onward, Christian Soldiers”—it came up through the canyon of buildings with a roar of thunder, but soul-stirring in its quality. Behind the bands came rows of American flags, then the beautiful Grand Standards of all Commanderies, followed by rows of the black and white beaubeants. Next came the gorgeous spectacle of marching Templars—the Officers, Past Officers, and Baldric men stretched solidly from curb to curb. There was an enthusiastic outburst of applause from the thousands of people on the grand stands, sidewalks, office windows, and house tops. It was a never-to-be-forgotten pageant, which was declared to be most picturesque and colorful, like all our Templar parades, which are landmarks in the history of the Order in the State.

As the massed bands continued the Processional Hymn—“With the Cross of Jesus Going on Before”—on past the Reviewing stand, where the Grand Officers reviewed the parade, the applause of the multitude increased until the ovation became a veritable triumph.

This colorful parade carried with it the mysticism, the traditions of ages; it carried with it that symbolic something which went past the eye and through the imagination to the heart. It went to the heart and it lingered there, uplifting, thrilling and enthralling.

A school boy was at the window of the high school as the parade passed. He was to write an essay in a contest. He chose the “Templars’ Parade” as his subject. He wrote that the parade—the long line of Commanderies with bands and



The Long Parade of Templary

banners—was a brilliant spectacle—but that the “Massed Formation,” as it came back up the hill toward the Masonic Temple, to him, represented “POWER.” This impression coming from a school boy is of importance. Templar parades do represent “Power”—the power for good—the power for leading men to high ideals—the power to develop loyalty, devotion and zeal for Christ’s Kingdom—for an enthusiastic movement onward and upward to greater heights for Templary.

“The Long Parade of Templary” had its beginning in the “Masonic Walks of Yesterday.” And through the parades of

years, the present connects the past with the yet unrecorded parades of tomorrow—thus generating Power and Progress. “The Long Parade of Templary” is a procession of Cross Bearers reaching from the First Crusade through the years to the Happiness of Eternity—it is an inspiring historic record of the past linked with the triumphs of the present and promise of the future.

Each year the Official Proceedings of the various Grand Commanderries relate enthusiastic stories of the dramatic street parades and Divine Service Processionals held during the Knights Templar Annual Conclaves. Public opinion of the parades

as expressed by the press, is esteem, reverence and praise. Daily newspapers report Templar Christmas Observances, Church parades; Easter Dawn and Easter Day Divine Services; Ascension Day Celebrations; Memorial Events; Knights Templar Programs of Patriotism—all great spectacular activities in the forward movement of the Order of Christian Knighthood.

Many men find the thrill of being a Templar in marching in a spirited parade at an Annual Grand Conclave. They realize a certain ambition of attainment in being a part of an organization in colorful costumes, bands, banners and jeweled decorations—an Order which has the esteem, respect and appreciation of the public. Once or twice a year they become an active and moving part of a one-day parade, or celebration. But the true Templar is more than a marching, glorified uniform. He is interested in "The Long Parade of Templary"—the parade of days, of years, that goes on day after day, year after year, requiring constant effort, regular attention to duties; which requires devotion, loyalty and hard work.

As this "Long Parade of Templary" passes along the great highways of life, man after man joins in, and marches along. Some drop out along the way without ever realizing the thrill of a long, year after year march.

Those that join "The Long Parade of Templary" get into step, keep in step, with their fellow men throughout the years; and are the men who make the

parade a colorful and inspiring spectacle, because their hearts and souls are the most important part of those Templars in Uniform. These are the men who walk with us day by day—"who clasp our hands as we march along together."

For those men who march along bravely year after year in "The Long Parade of Templary" life grows brighter, and hearts grow stronger, and courage takes hold of the souls of men.

In "The Long Parade of Templary" I have marched side by side with many men—men whom I have admired; and who were friendly men, helpful men; and men who have encouraged me to speak my heart to other men marching along, that they, too, might feel the pull of the hope of reward for all Templars.

We call him a Man, and a True Templar, who marches on with unfaltering steps. We call him Brave who refuses to drop out of "The Long Parade of Templary" no matter how weary or discouraging the journey of life may become.

"We call him strong, who stands unmoved—

When some great trouble hurls its shock;

But when the spent storm folds its wings—

How is his step in the silent, unending parade of life.

"The Long Parade of Templary."



The Long Parade of Templary—Old Glory Always Heads the Line of March.

Celebrating the 236th Anniversary of the Festival of St. John the Baptist

JUNE 24, 1957

St. John the Baptist came, as he said: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord." . . . The observance of St. John's Day by the Craft was more general in the early days of Freemasonry, and seemingly more important, than it is at the present time.

Early historians claimed that it was the bounden duty of all Freemasons to assemble on St. John the Baptist Day, and by a solemn invocation of the past, renew the ties and strengthen the Fraternal bonds that bind the present to the Brotherhood of the past.

On June 24th, 1957 we celebrate the 236th anniversary of this Sacred Day in the Craft, because it was in the evening of June 24th, 1721, that the first Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England was approved at a meeting held in Stationers Hall, London. Even before this date it is evident that St. John the Baptist was held in high esteem, but the date of June 24th, 1721, is the first to be discovered in ancient records with reference to this festival honoring St. John the Baptist.

The two Saints John—St. John the Evangelist Day, December 27th; and St. John the Baptist Day, June 24th—have been accepted, even by the Colonial Brethren, as an important part of our Masonic background.

Some authorities state that St. John the Baptist belonged to a religious sect of strict observance, known as the Essenes. One of the sacraments of Essenes was baptism. It was an act of repentance for sin on the part of an adult, and was not a ceremony for the bestowing of a name. The practice of baptism was a form of worship at that time, and thus it was that the people, including Jesus Himself, flocked to the

banks of the Jordan for immersion in the muddy waters thereof by John, which gave rise to his sacred name of "St. John the Baptist."

While Freemasonry may have existed in New York State earlier than 1730, and the Feast of St. John the Baptist celebrated, no records reveal any activity, yet it is an undisputed fact that Freemasonry was at work about that year in the Empire State. The story of the appointment of Daniel Coxe, as the First Provincial Grand Master June 5th, 1730, has been written. However, New York City newspapers frequently published notices of Masonic meetings, but it was not until June 24, 1753, that any record can be found of the mention of Day, when a news item announced that the Masonic Craft had assembled to fittingly celebrate St. John's Day. That will be 204 years ago this coming June 24th, 1957.

In the early days throughout the Colonies first lodges were named "St. John" in honor of the Patron Saint of Freemasonry. St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City, was warranted December 7th, 1757. And the first of the two military lodges in New York State was named St. John's Regimental Lodge; and the second American Union Lodge No. 1. The history of these two military lodges is a big story in itself.

It wasn't until nearly a quarter of a century later that any particular mention was made in the public prints of the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist. . . . In his book—"The History of American Union Lodge No. 1" Brother Charles S. Plumb, Historian of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, wrote: "The Festival of St. John the Baptist was first given consideration, when at the meeting of the Lodge on June 6th, 1776, it was voted that the Senior Warden, who happened

to be John Parks, deliver a speech to the lodge upon the Festival of St. John on the 24th. . . . A removal of the American Union Lodge from Connecticut to New York was made on June 23rd, 1779. And the first instance recorded of General George Washington's visit at the American Union Lodge No. 1, occurred at the Festival in honor of St. John the Baptist June 24th, 1779 at the Nelson's Point, near West Point, New York. . . . Of this very important historical event the minutes of this Lodge report: "American Union (Military) Lodge held by authority under the Most Worshipful John Rowe, Esq., Grand Master of all Masons in North America, where no special Grand Master is appointed, confirmed by the Most Worshipful Peter Middleton, M. D., Provincial Deputy Grand Master for the Province of New York, by the name Military Union Lodge. . . .

"The officers elect have taken their seats and finished the partial business of the day, Lodge was closed until 10 o'clock A. M., then to meet on West Point, N. Y., celebrate the Festival of St. John. . . . Brethren then proceeded to West Point, where being joined by a number of Brothers from the Brigades on West Point, and Constitution Island, the whole proceeded from General Patterson's Quarters to the Red House, in the following order:—1. Brother Whitney, to clear the way . . . 2. The Band of music with drums and fifes . . . 3. The Wardens . . . 4. The Youngest Brother with the bag . . . 5. Brethren by Juniority . . .

"After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge retired to a bower in front of the house, where being joined by his Excellency, Gen. Washington and family, an address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Hitchcock. . . . Following toasts were drunk to the: Congress; Friendly Power of Europe; Warren, Montgomery and Wooster; and females of America."

Many notable celebrations of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, on June 24th, and of St. John the Evangelist on De-

cember 27th, were in New York, but only the minutes of American Union (Military) Lodge No. 1 are complete in interesting detail with dates, places and names of celebrated Officers of the Continental Army. The original records of this famous old lodge as a military organization are now owned by the Grand Lodge of New York. Outside of the military the records of Masonic activities in the colonies in the 1700's are very limited.

The celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist in 1782, was the last event of its kind during the Revolutionary War. At the final election of officers as a military Lodge, which took place on June 20, 1782, it was voted that the Lodge meet and celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist, in connection with Washington Lodge No. 10, on Monday June 24th at West Point. This historic event opened with a procession from Gen. Patterson's House to the Collonade, each Lodge separate, where a dinner was provided, and an oration delivered by Bro. John Brooks, of the Massachusetts Line. After dinner, the Lodges having drank a number of toasts, the procession returned to Gen. Patterson's. The American Union Lodge then proceeded to the ball-room in the Connecticut Line, and closed in good time. Later the following vote passed:—"That Washington Lodge be requested to acquaint Worshipful Bro. Brooks, that this body wish him to accept our very particular thanks for the polite and truly Masonic address with which he was pleased to honor the Brethren at the late Festival of St. John the Baptist." . . . Washington Lodge No. 10 used Starkean Hall in West Point, as a meeting place from late in 1782 to the end of the war, and American Union Lodge also used the same hall. The final recorded session of American Union Lodge, as a Military body, was held May 23, 1783, at Mr. Foot's, on West Point. . . . "The Revolutionary War being now brought to a happy termination, and the army disbanded, the Craft, of course, were dispersed to their several homes, to enjoy

the blessings of 'the peace their valor won,' and to cultivate the moral and social virtues, by the establishment of Masonic Lodges in the various sections of the country where they were severally located."

The dramatic story of the birth and life of St. John the Baptist, whose day of nativity we celebrate as Masons on June 24th each year, is told in the Gospel according to St. Luke. Here is to be found the complete narrative of Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, with Elizabeth his wife accounted righteous before God. . . . The angel Gabriel said to Zacharias—"for their prayer is heard and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear a son, and thou shalt call his name John . . . And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. . . . For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord. . . . And many of the children of Israel shall be turned to the Lord thy God. . . . And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; TO MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD." . . . The preaching of St. John the Baptist was:—"He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. . . . Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. . . . Exact no more than that which is appointed you."

Among the days of Masonic festivity few have more anciently or deservedly been celebrated than the anniversary of the nativity of St. John the Baptist.

On June 24th Masons meet for the noble purpose of illustrating the benevolent principles of our great Fraternity, and of paying respect to the ancient Patron Saint of the Craft. In St. John we find a character uniting in a pre-eminent degree the virtues of charity, love and benevolence, which is highly worthy of the imitation, not only of all good men, but especially of Masons.

The Templar Cross

November 30, 1956.

Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater
Rhinebeck, N. Y.

Dear Walter:

You, no doubt, are familiar with the historical facts that when the Templars were persecuted and driven out of official existence in other parts of Europe, the King of Portugal refused to be a party to the program and Portugal became a refuge for many of the Knights. They were very influential there for many years in political, financial and religious circles. Particularly, they built many churches and other public buildings. The Templar Cross became a well known emblem everywhere and was even incorporated into the seal of Portugal.

I was interested when visiting Portugal recently to note the evidences on all sides of this Templar influence. Many old churches are referred to as Templar Churches. Architecturally they have none of the Gothic styles, tending more to the Byzantine. The Templar Cross in stone is their principal decorative feature. I have some good pictures of the church at Tomar which is a typical example.

The Templar Cross, recognized now primarily as a national emblem of Portugal, is one of their most used decorative patterns in jewelry, embroidery, etc.

Sincerely,

GEORGE G. CREWSON, P.G.C.,
of New York.

Claude C. Berry Honored

Friends of Sir Knight Claude C. Berry a member of Richmond Commandery No. 2, stationed at Richmond, Virginia, will be interested to know that he has just completed 25 years "Publicity" service for Sphinx Shrine Club, in which Club he was President in 1933, and has also served as "Publicity Man" for his Commandery for 20 years. For this service he was recently recognized in the Commandery monthly publication.—(Kentucky News Bulletin.)

G. Max Fowler Writes

Many interesting letters have been received from Sir Knight G. Max Fowler (P. G. C., of Ind.), R. E. Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment. In a recent letter he said: "It is reported that many Grand Commandery Officers of Illinois and several of the Commanderies in Chicago are combining and have hired a special train to bring around 300 or more Sir Knights to the Indiana Grand Conclave to be held in Bloomington, Indiana, May 16, 17, 18, 19, 1957. These Sir Knights will form a Division in the Templar Parade. The Illinois Sir Knights will then proceed on the following morning in their special train to participate in the Grand Commandery Parade of Kentucky, where the Grand Conclave will be held in the city of Louisville, May 20, 21, 1957. Sir Knight Fowler said that he considered this a wonderful gesture on the part of the Sir Knights of Illinois in bringing the Order of Knights Templar to public attention. It is simply another step in the Grand Master's Program for a "Revitalized and Greater Templary."

"Masonic Temple Topics"

The editor expresses pleasure in the letter from Sir Knight Judson L. Parker, General Editor, of "Masonic Temple Topics" a monthly magazine of large circulation in the Chicago area and considered by many to be the finest Masonic paper published. It is published from 140 Dearborn Street, Chicago. The policy is to devote one issue each year to the various branches of Masonry. The February 1957 issue was published in the interests of the Order of Knights Templar. On the editorial staff are Masons who write especially for "Masonic Temple Topics." There are also foreign correspondents who cover Masonic happenings in various parts of the world.

Sir Knight Judson L. Parker, General Editor, is a member of Austin Commandery No. 84, Knights Templar of Chicago.

CALIFORNIA

(From Commander's Message)

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 is now second largest in North America. It is quite possible and within our grasp during 1957, to become the largest. This presents a real challenge to all our officers and members. I am confident we can accomplish this goal. 500 new members during the year will put us well over the top. Let each Sir Knight resolve to bring in at least one new petition and help to achieve this objective for 1957. You are urged to bring an eligible Master Mason guest to the stated conclave dinner on February 7th in order that he may enjoy the fine fellowship that exists in Los Angeles Commandery.

Our "Full Form Opening Drill Team" made a fine showing in competition with Long Beach and Golden West Commandery teams on Thursday, January 15th. Even though we did not win first place, I am confident that our team will continue to improve and be in the winner's circle before the end of the year.

Courteously and Fraternally yours,

JOHN S. LANIER,

Eminent Commander.

"A Revitalized and Greater Templary."

Kentucky Grand Conclave Louisville, May 20-21, 1957

From Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, Chief Instructor.

Item from "News Bulletin, Feb. 1, 1957.

GRAND COMMANDERY PARADE

Things are shaping up for a fine parade. Four bands have been obtained and more are possible. There will be four divisions in the parade, one each for the marching Templars from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The commanderies in Kentucky should begin now to prepare for this parade. Uniforms should be inspected and put in good shape. U. S. Flags and Beauseants should be checked. Grand Standards will not be carried.

It is hoped that each commandery in the state will be represented in the parade by a marching unit, but individual Sir Knights or small groups will be assigned to other Commanderies. No Sir Knight will be overlooked. More will be published later.

ORDER OF MALTA

The attention of all commanderies is called to the fact that the Grand Commander is emphasizing the desirability of all Commanderies devoting more time and attention to the conferring the Order of Malta with the full ceremonial.

The Order of Malta has a beautiful and impressive ritual and all candidates are entitled to the full form ceremonial.

Flag Day June 14

June 14 is "Flag Day" and that magnificent emblem of freedom will be unfurled throughout the nation — even throughout the world. The sight of it will thrill us and arouse noble sentiments within our hearts.

There are definite rules of etiquette in its use and it is appropriate that we familiarize ourselves with our Flag Code now.

The National Flag should be raised and lowered by hand. It should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset, or between such hours as may be designated by proper authority.

Do not raise the Flag while it is furled. Unfurl, then hoist quickly to the top of the staff. Lower it slowly and with dignity.

When the Flag is hung as a banner across and over the center line of a street running east and west, the union should be to the north, and to the east in a street running north and south.

Where the National Flag is displayed

with State or other flags, it should be given the place of honor on the right. Display the Flag upon a staff when possible.

Place no objects on or over the Flag. Various articles are sometimes placed on a speaker's table covered with the Flag. This practice should be avoided.

Always let the Flag hang straight. Do not festoon over doors or arches or tie it in a bow knot. Use red, white, and blue bunting for decorative purposes.

When Flags are used in unveiling a statue or monument they should not be allowed to fall to the ground, but should be carried aloft, forming a feature of the ceremony.

Before being placed at half-mast the Flag should always be raised to the top of the staff. Before lowering it should likewise be hoisted to the top. On Memorial Day, display at half-mast until noon only; then hoist to top of staff.

When displayed in the chancel or on a platform in a church, the Flag should be placed on a staff at the clergyman's right; other flags at his left. If displayed in the body of the church, the Flag should be at the congregation's right as they face the clergyman.

Do not use the Flag as a portion of a costume or athletic uniform. Do not embroider it upon cushions or handkerchiefs nor print it on paper napkins or boxes.

When carried in a procession, military or otherwise, the Flag should be borne to the right of regimental or other flags.

A Federal Law provides that trademark cannot be registered which consists of, or comprises among other things, "the Flag, coat-of-arms, or other insignia of the United States or any simulation thereof."

Pledge to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, Under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."
—(Newark, Ohio Masonic News Review, 1953)

OREGON

From the "Albany Trestleboard," Vol. 6, No. 3, March, 1957.

Eminent Sir Knight Merle Frisbie, Department Commander and Grand Warder, paid an official visit to Temple Commandery on February 5th on the occasion of the conferral of the Order of the Temple. Quite a number of Sir Knights from Bruce Commandery, Corvallis, and several from Ivanhoe were also present.

The Order of Malta was presented on February 15th and these Knights will be created Knights Templar at the stated conclave on March 5th.

Word has been received that the 1958 triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held in Indianapolis in August of that year.

(August 16-22, 1958).



DEATH OF A COMMANDERY

ALL FIFTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF WHELOCK (TEXAS) COMMANDERY NO. 5 K.T. JOINED THE CONFEDERATE ARMY IN 1861 AND ALL WERE KILLED IN BATTLE. THE COMMANDERY, THEREFORE, CEASED TO EXIST.



Good Report on

Eye Service Treatments

Extract of letters from those having been assisted by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Case No. 1—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 is wonderful to have it all paid for like that. With four children money goes fast.

Case No. 3—Sir Knight C. C. Miller, Park Place Commandery No. 106, Houston, Texas reports:

I visited Mr. X and I am pleased to report that he seems very pleased with the operation, I visited him several times during the time he was in the hospital and also visited him at his home yesterday. Mr. X had Cataracts removed.

Case No. 4—Sir Knight Clayton G. Cousino, Grand Commandery of Ohio:

I stopped over last evening and saw Mrs. X. The lady upon whom the operation was performed, she is in very fine spirits and anxiously awaiting the Doctor to take the bandages from her eyes. She is so deeply appreciative of the K. T. E. F. that it is a shame that every Sir Knight who has been assessed isn't able to talk to her. I do hope the good work continues. Mrs. X had contracts removed, and is the widow of a Mason.

Case No. 5—Dr. John E. Alexander, Evansville, Ind.:

We thank you for the authority for surgery on Mr. X. He is making an uneventful post operation course and it was successful. Mr. X had cataracts removed and is a Knight Templar.

The Masonic Craftsmen, 25-11 Thirty-fifth Avenue, Long Island City 1, New York.

26 February, 1957.

Major General Walter A. DeLamater,
13 Center,
Rhinebeck, New York

Dear Grand Master:

Recently, a member of this club, Sergeant Muhlhauser, appealed to you for help in assisting his mother in Oklahoma, who is suffering from a serious eye ailment, which is causing her to become progressively blind. He tells us that you acted immediately in his behalf, and we are deeply grateful.

I take particular pride in this worthy act because I am a member of DeWitt Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar, in Brooklyn. It is actions such as this which shed added lustre upon our beloved Order, as well as on Freemasonry at large. Some of our younger members, most of whom are in the Signal Corps of the Army on active duty, are much impressed by what has been done in this matter, and they tell me that they feel inspired to work all the harder for the good of the Masonic Order as a result.

Once again, let us express our appreciation of this wonderful act on your part.

Fraternally yours,

BART L. STAFFORD,

K. T. Secretary.

Army Pictorial Center,
35-11 35th Avenue,
Long Island City 1, N. Y.

Correspondence

February 15, 1957.

Mr. Chalmers L. Pancoast, Editor,
"Knight Templar" Magazine,
305 West 45th Street,
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

My very warm thanks for your letter of February 12, enclosing photo and manuscript concerning the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

I am mighty glad to have this fine material and will work it up for publication, probably in our April issue. It certainly was thoughtful of you to remember us and I appreciate deeply this opportunity to give your readers an account of the wonderful project currently sponsored by Chivalric Masonry.

If I can reciprocate your courtesy at any time, be assured it will be my pleasure to do so.

In the meantime, more power to you and with warm fraternal greetings and an abundance of good wishes.

Courteously yours,

LAURENCE R. TAYLOR,

Editor.

The Indiana Freemason, Official Organ of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Indiana. Laurence R. Taylor, Editor. The Indiana Masonic Home, Franklin, Indiana.

Patriotic Activities

March 1, 1957.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

The "Knight Templar" for February and March has been received and as usual I have read it from cover to cover. This booklet is a wonderful source of information regarding Templary throughout the Grand Encampment and only hope that all of our interested Sir Knights are taking advantage of the circulation.

You and your associates are to be commended upon the very fine piece of work being done with the publication of the "Knight Templar."

On behalf of the Committee on Patriotic Activities of the Grand Encampment, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you sincerely for the article and space provided for the publication and publicity of the report of the Patriotic Activities Committee which we assure you is deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards and Knightly Greetings, I am Courteously yours,

IRVING L. HELLER, Chairman
Patriotic Activities Committee.

Cross Formation of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Mich.



Photo Courtesy "Storer of Spellman."

Sir Knight Edwin C. Brendtke, Recorder, Detroit No. 1, presented this photo, with the following statistics concerning the picture taken at the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D. C., on January 21, 1957.

"There were 460 Sir Knights participating in the parade of which 373 were members of Detroit Commandery, No. 1. . . . The Battalion was composed of 29 Platoons and a complement of Officers. . . . There were 18 Michigan Commanderies who sent representatives along with Detroit No. 1. . . . It is interesting that

in the Battalion of Sir Knights of Detroit No. 1, every year from 1920 through 1956 was represented; and also two Sir Knights from the year 1916 and two from 1917. . . . The heaviest concentration was from the years 1943 through 1956, accounting for 293 of the 373 Sir Knights of Detroit No. 1 who were in the parade." . . . Officers of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Sir Knights, Karl H. Smith, Eminent Commander; Donald P. Schuur, Generalissimo; Robert J. Brooks, Captain General and Edwin C. Brendtke, Recorder.

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