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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Inspiring and Impressive Events in Templary

I am dictating this message by Dicta-phone enroute to the Grand Commandery of Indiana. I cannot help but look back over the events incident to the dedication of the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, and the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service. They were thrilling events, most inspiring and impressive.



Walter Allen DeLamater
Grand Master

That week-end of April 20-21 of 1957, was a great forward movement for Templary. With the Auditorium in the George Washington Memorial crowded to overflowing, there were many who could not get in. It was a fine program, with inspiring music by the quartet and the great message delivered to us by the Vice President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon. The President sent a telegraphic message, which is given in detail in the story of the program on another page in this issue.

The Vice President, who had a prepared speech, was so impressed by the Chapel itself and the four beautiful stained glass windows, that he described those windows and spoke on the subject matter of each window. One was Christ Crucified, one was the Ascension Scene, one was the Sermon on the Mount, tying in with our Educational Loan Foundation, and the other one was Christ Healing the Blind, tying in with our Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Chapel itself. His address was a great inspiration.

Arlington Easter Sunrise Service

We had about 1,000 Sir Knights in uniform at the Easter Sunrise Service, the Amphitheater was crowded to overflowing. The Marine Band playing as usual was a great sight, and the soloist from that Band outstanding.

The opening prayer at our Easter Sunrise Service was delivered by Arthur M. Summerfield, the Postmaster General, and he, wearing the uniform of a Knight Templar. Then, the Secretary of the Army, Wilber M. Brucker, in the uniform of a Past Grand Commander of Michigan, made us proud to know and to realize that we have men in the Service, in public office and in political life, who have the courage and backbone to stand up and be counted.

In one of the boxes was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and other Associate Justices, Cabinet Officers, Members of the Congress were also at the Service.

It was a great week-end for Templary, for every Sir Knight, and in fact everybody who attended both the dedication and Easter Sunrise Service, and I feel they all left enthused, inspired and impressed; and with a greater admiration, love and appreciation for our great Chris-

tian Order of Knights Templar. They really saw Templary in action. Oh, if every Knight Templar could have been present.

I have been greatly impressed on my visits with the Progress of Templary. So far, this year, I have Officially visited the Grand Commanderies of Oregon, California, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Maryland, Kansas, Indiana, and am enroute to Florida, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania.

It was very gratifying to witness the competition drills of drill teams, and an evening parade in Oklahoma and Kansas. It is a fine thing for Templary that the drill teams help so much in building up a Commandery.

Organized drill teams put many more Sir Knights into action and to take a greater interest in the organization. They have an investment in the organization and it creates interest and enthusiasm in the Commandery and besides establishes a reservoir for future Officers.

Gains in the South and West

It is very gratifying also to note the gains in membership in the South and West. As a matter of fact the South and West are really pulling us out of the hole each year, because the Atlantic Seaboard States are asleep, and almost yearly show losses. If it were not for the South and West and other parts of the country we would be in the red. Texas is showing a gain of 588, California of 535, and others with 200 or 300. At the rate they are going, Texas will, and is determined, to lead all Grand Jurisdictions in numerical strength.

Something must be done along the Atlantic Seaboard, and there is no reason why the Sir Knights on the Atlantic Seaboard cannot be just as enthusiastic, determined and interested and obtain candidates as they can in other parts of the country. Frankly, and I

am speaking right out straight from the shoulder, I think the Sir Knights on the Atlantic Seaboard ought to be ashamed of themselves, and should have more pride than to let other jurisdictions push on ahead.

One Commandery in Indiana Knighted 85, one in Minnesota Knighted 81, and one in Texas 65, all from January 1 to April 1, this year. Gains can be made.

Again, I want to stress the fact that there are entirely too many demits and suspensions, and that most of them could be avoided if somebody would just take a personal interest and see the individual. You cannot continue losses each year without going down and down. In some respects we are at the crossroads.

It must be borne in mind that we are living in a different time and age and that old foggy methods and horse-and-buggy methods don't go these days.

You have to modernize your thinking and your methods and plans into the time in which you are living. Just the same as a lot of people are moving out into the suburbs, dry goods stores and others are establishing branches out there. It may be advisable to establish in the suburbs Chapters and Commanderies.

More Attention to Our Great Charity

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is moving forward. We are receiving applications every day and I sincerely trust that it will continue in even greater volume. I like to caution though that when they send in an application, to send it in complete, and then wait until it is finally approved, and it will be taken up at once. The U. S. Internal Revenue Bureau has approved our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as a Tax exempt Corporation and all contributions are Tax Deductible.

**47th Triennial—Indianapolis,
August 16-22, 1958**

We want to think and plan almost daily now, and possibly have a "Piggy Bank" so that the individual, the families and all the Sir Knights can be in Indianapolis August 16-22, 1958. We must put on a great demonstration. Remember this great Christian Order is before the public and before the Masonic Fraternity, as a matter of fact before our own Sir Knights. With a great outpouring of Sir Knights what an inspiration it is going to be. We are all going to feel better for it. Let us make every effort to have a tremendous turnout. Let us work on it constantly. Things don't happen by attending to them at the last minute. You have to have a definite objective. You have to be enthusiastic, take interest and be determined, and then work and drive for your objective. Objectives can be obtained if we only have the backbone and are willing to take the time and make the effort.

The Educational Loan Foundation, you are going to hear more about, because we are trying to study every phase of Templary in the day in which we are living. I fully appreciate and feel that all the decisions made by a Grand Master in years gone by, were the right decisions to make at that time, but I am not particularly interested in any decision made in the past if it does not fit in the present day. We are not going to progress if we do not adapt ourselves to the times in which we are living.

We have to modernize our thinking and our way of doing things. We are never going to really "Revitalize Templary and have a greater Templary" unless we get right to work and put everything that we have behind our efforts and objectives.

Templary must move forward. It can be done if you have the will to do it and certainly if Christ could give up His life for us, we should be able to give some time to His work. I feel this Great Christian Order is His work,

for the very reason that all the obligations we have taken all center around the Life of Christ. Let's put over Templary as never before. Let us go out and do a real job.

Yours for a Greater Templary,
WALTER A. DeLAMATER,
Grand Master.

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT
Washington

May 11, 1957.

Dear Mr. DeLamater:

It was most thoughtful of you to write to me as you did and I appreciate your generous comments on my remarks at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

I assure you that it was a pleasure and a privilege for me to participate in this ceremony. I have long admired the men of the Knights Templar and their good and charitable works.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
P. O. Box 175,
Rhinebeck, New York.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington

May 10, 1957

Major General Walter A. DeLamater,
The M. E. Grand Master
P. O. Box 175
Rhinebeck, New York.

Dear Brother DeLamater:

Thank you very much for your gracious letter of April 30th, concerning my appearance at the Easter Sunrise Service in the uniform of a Knight Templar.

I consider it one of the finest privileges that has been afforded me since I have been in Washington, and even before I came here. To me it was a thrilling scene and an impressive occasion—one that I shall long remember.

If I pleased you and the audience with my message, I am most grateful.

Fraternally yours,
ARTHUR E. SUMMERFIELD,
The Postmaster General.

Large Attendance at Chapel Dedication

The Knights Templar Chapel Dedication Ceremony held in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Auditorium, at Alexandria, Virginia, Saturday, April 20, 1957, at 3 p. m., was given wide advance publicity through special press releases to all newspapers in Washington, New York City, Baltimore, Richmond, Va., etc. Also a press release was sent to all press associations and press photographers.

The Sunday newspapers in Washington featured stories of the dedication. "The Sunday Star," Washington, D. C., April 21st, headlined a two-column story, by staff writer, John V. Horner, which read: "Knights Templar Chapel is Dedicated by Nixon." An interesting story followed, stating: "The Vice-President participated in the dedication of the Knights Templar Chapel. Mr. Nixon praised the Masons for establishing the Knights Templar Chapel, which will be open to all persons and creeds." He said: "That while the Chapel is small in the number of square feet, it is infinitely large in its Spiritual Quality." The Vice-President said he was deeply impressed by the significance of the Chapel's four stained glass windows. The art work depicts the Crucifixion, the Ascension, the Teachings of Jesus, and the Healing of the Blind. He said the background and the history of Templar Masonry are directly related to these subjects. (The newspaper story was much longer in presenting details.) The Washington Post and Times-Herald, Sunday, April 21st, carried a feature story similar in detail.

Report by Sir Knight J. Howard Haring

A lengthy letter covering the Dedication Ceremony, copies of the program and an illustrated booklet, were received through the courtesy of Sir Knight J. Howard Haring, Past Grand Commander of New Jersey. He stated that on Saturday, April 20th, promptly at 2:45 p. m. those who had received special invita-

tions were assembled at the North Elevator prepared to go to the 8th floor where the Knights Templar Chapel is located. Vice-President Nixon, escorted by Secretary of the Army, Sir Knight Wilber Brucker (P. G. C. of Michigan), and Grand Encampment Officers, Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment; Harry O. Schroeder, P. G. C., of Maryland and other Grand Encampment Officers.

At 3:00 o'clock, in the Chapel, the special dedication service was held. Formal presentation of the Chapel to the Association was made by Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master and was received by Sir Knight Clifford D. Jory, President of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. The scripture reading was by Sir Knight and Reverend E. Robert Chable, R. E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.

Program in the Auditorium

Following the report by Sir Knight Haring, excerpts taken from the "Order of Service" program are herewith presented.

Excerpts from report of Sir Knight J. Howard Haring:

"At 3:30 p. m. the ceremonies opened promptly in the auditorium. Present were at least 1,000 Sir Knights and their families. The same prayer was delivered by Sir Knight Chable as the one delivered at the private ceremony in the Chapel. Grand Master DeLamater spoke extemporaneously and with his usual enthusiasm.

"Vice President Nixon was a revelation to all who heard him speak. I never saw any man enter into the spirit of the occasion more than he did. His pleasant smile, easy manner, sparkling humor, and his very evident regard for the religious nature of the occasion impressed

everyone. The newspaper stories cover the occasion as well, if not better, than I could do.

"It was of course particularly interesting, to me, to hear Nixon refer at the beginning of his speech to the Crucifixion window which was dedicated to my Dad. Nixon said he was an expert on such occasions as this, and in fact he might be termed 'a small-time Grover Whalen.' He spoke in glowing terms of the splendid renditions by the male quartet, one member of whom was blind. He especially delighted in the singing of the quartet because he had an ear for music and at one time had studied the piano and became quite adept at this until a Democratic President took over at the piano in the White House and for obvious reasons he gave it up. He was "tremendously impressed" with the prayers as delivered in the Chapel and in the auditorium. Having served in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, he had come to understand that the best remarks of the day were contained in the invocation prayers of the Chaplains, and so it was with the prayers delivered on this occasion. He spoke of the spiritual leadership given by George Washington, and the great contributions he had made in the founding of our Government.

"Vice President Nixon told the assembly that they would be surprised to find that the Chapel was so small a room in the tower—"though small, it is infinitely large in spiritual quality." Especially was he impressed by the stained glass windows, observing that they embodied the early symbols of Christianity and spoke of their application to healing the sick, curing the blind, and the work of the Educational Foundation. He referred to the background of the Order of Knights Templar and spoke at length on the history of this Order and its work of the present day for the advancement of mankind."

Courteously and fraternally,

J. Howard Haring.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude—Ralph H. Gauker, Organist.

Invocation—Rev. E. Robert Chable, R. E. Gr. Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Welcome by the Chairman of the Committee—Sir Knight Harry O. Schroeder, P. G. C. of Maryland.

The White House, Washington, D. C., March 25.

Major General Walter A. DeLamater.

Most Eminent Grand Master Grand Encampment Knights Templar of United States of America, P. O. Box 175, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

To all, joined in the Dedication of the Chapel in George Washington National Memorial I send greetings, as this Chapel is dedicated that "To the Glory of God and to all Faiths for Meditation and Prayer." It is built for the highest purpose, from the inspiration of this place, comes renewed strength for all who seek to serve their neighbor and Creator. Congratulations for the effort such a project required and best wishes for the promise it holds.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

Hymn—"For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest."

Introduction of Distinguished Guests and reading of Memorials and Gifts.

Anthem — "The Builders," Cadman; Quartet—Howard Clayton, Tenor; Granville Leef, Tenor; Robert Nicholson, Bass; Thomas Leef, Bass; Paul D. Gable, Director and Accompanist.

Formal turning over of the Chapel to the Most Eminent Grand Master by the Committee.

Remarks of Acceptance by the Most Eminent Grand Master and presenting the Chapel to Sir Knight and M. W. Clifford D. Jory, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Acceptance by Sir Knight Jory.

Anthem—"The Lord Is My Light," Allitson. Quartet.

Remarks—The Vice President of the United States.

Hymn—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Onward, Christian Soldiers
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Christ the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle

See His banners go.

Onward, Christian Soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

"The Lord's Prayer," Malotte—Quartet.
Benediction.

Organ Postlude—Ralph H. Gauker.

This Chapel, a monument to Templary has been furnished through the generosity, enthusiastic interest and loyalty of the Sir Knights, their families and friends and is herewith gratefully acknowledged as a lasting tribute to them.

Voluntary contributions from all of the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

Holy Bible—Sir Knight Frederic Kennedy, R. E. Department Commander.

Bible Stand and Bible Marker—Sir Knight and Mrs. E. Robert Chable, R. E. Grand Prelate.

Cross — South Eastern Department through Sir Knight Thomas N. Morrison, R. E. Department Commander.

Candlesticks—Jersey Commandery, No. 19, East Orange, N. J.

Marble Altar—Sir Knights of Pennsylvania.

Altar Cloth—Sir Knights of Connecticut.

Vases—Maryland Commandery No. 1, Baltimore, Md.

Lectern and two Carved Canopy Topped Chairs—Sir Knights of New York.

Stained Glass Windows—

Ascension Scene—Sir Knights of Alabama.

Christ Healing the Blind—Sir Knight John E. Rines, Past Grand Commander, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Sermon on the Mount—Family of the late Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, M. E. Grand Master Grand Encampment 1949-1952.

Christ Crucified — Officers and Sir Knights of Delta Commandery No. 26, Newark, N. J.

United States Flag and Christian Flag —Damascus Commandery No. 5, Newark, N. J.

Beauseant—Washington Commandery, No. 1, Washington, D. C.

Chandelier—Sir Knight Charles H. Kessor, R. E. Grand Commander, West Virginia.

Cross of Malta inlaid in floor—Sir Knight Samuel A. Wright, R. E. Department Commander and Sir Knight William E. Beggs, Past Grand Commanders of the State of Washington.

Two Bronze Tablets—Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Los Angeles, Calif.

Guard Rope and Standards—Sir Knight George O. Linkletter, Past Grand Commander of New York.

Two Bronze Tablets — Presented by Toyko Commandery No. 1, U. D. Knights Templar, Toyko, Japan.

Stall — Presented by Sir Knights of Iowa in Honor of Sir Knight and M. W. Clifford D. Jory, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Chapel Music Background—Installed in Honor of Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Presented by Sir Knight John E. Rines, P. G. C. of Mass. and R. I.

The Special Bronze Tablet on which is the Message of The President of the United States of America, Dwight D. Eisenhower; and acknowledging the presence at the Dedication of The Vice President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon; and The Secretary of the Army, Wilber M. Brucker, P. G. C. of Mich.,

Presented by Sir Knight Walton S. Hootsell, P. G. C. of Mississippi.

—Stalls—

Sir Knight Harry O. Schroeder, P. G. C., Maryland.

Sir Knight Joseph Cameron Dunn, P. G. C., New York.

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Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in memory of the Sir Knights of that Grand Jurisdiction.

Presiding Council Club of Eastern Massachusetts in memory of Past Eminent Commanders.

Sir Knight Stuart H. Walker, P. G. C., New York.

Sir Knight Leslie W. Gorham, P. G. C., Connecticut.

Sir Knight Edward Holloway, P. G. C., New York.

Sir Knight Frederick A. Nicholson, P. G. C., New York.

Sir Knight C. Vernon Eddy, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment K. T. United States of America, Past Grand Commander of Virginia.

THANKS TO G. C. OF OHIO

From a letter received from Sir Knight Clayton Cousino, dated May 23, 1957: "I am very happy to state that I have collected through my office, 137 subscriptions to the "Knight Templar" Magazine, and I feel that quite a few more have gone direct due to our little promotion."

Editor says: "Excellent promotion in Ohio . . . Many Thanks."

GAIN 588 Texas Greet the Grand Master

"The Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise," under date of April 15, 1957, printed a front page story, illustrated with a photo, showing Sir Knight Walter A. Delamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, being greeted at the railway station, as he arrived in Beaumont to attend the four-day Grand Conclave of the Knights Templar of Texas. He was welcomed by Sir Knight James Marvin Pugh, R. E. Grand Commander of Texas, a member of Beaumont Commandery No. 33, host to nearly 1,000 Sir Knights and their Ladies, marking the 104th Grand Conclave.

The Memorial Service was held in the City Auditorium, Sunday at 3:00 p. m., and was preceded by a beautiful street parade. The Rev. and Sir Knight Robert E. Barclay, Eminent Grand Prelate and Pastor of the Silsbee First Baptist Church, had charge of the Devotional preceding the Memorial Service. Speakers for the Service included, Sir Knights Daniel E. Cushing, Munger T. Ball, Ernest W. Speer and R. E. Henderson.

It is worthy of mention that throughout the travels of the Grand Master in the West and Southwest, he received "A Good Press." Newspapers were generous in giving front page space for news and photos of the Knights Templar activities.

At this 104th Grand Conclave the Texas Grand Commandery showed a gain of 588 for the past year. The State of California was close, showing a gain of 535.



Gettysburg, Pa., 1935 Ascension Day Parade.



Sir Knight and Rev. E. Robert Chable, R. E. Grand Prelate, delivering "Magnificent Sermon" at Amphitheater.

Arlington Easter Sunrise Service

By Raymond N. Babcock, G. C., Chairman

The 27th Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service was held on Sunday, April 21, 1957, with perfect weather and more Templars in uniform than on any previous occasion, with the vast Amphitheater filled to overflowing. There were Templars and their families present from more than twenty jurisdictions, headed by the following Grand Encampment officers:

Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master; Louis A. Wieber, R. E. Deputy Grand Master; Paul M. Moore, R. E. Grand Generalissimo; C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo; Ansel A. Packard, R. E. Grand Captain General; V. Vernon Eddy, R. E. Grand Senior Warden; E. Robert Chable, R. E. Grand Prelate; Thomas N. Morrison, Department Commander, Southeastern Dept.; William T. Buckner, Department Commander, Central Atlantic Dept.; Theodore F. Voelter, Department Commander, North Atlantic Dept.; Frederic Kennedy, Department Commander, Northeastern Dept.

Chairmen of numerous Grand Encampment Committees were also in attendance.

Grand Commanders from 18 jurisdictions were present, many of them accompanied by large delegations of Sir Knights, especially New York, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The large procession of Sir Knights marched from the West Gate of the Cemetery to the Amphitheater, led by the famous United States Marine Band. After an introduction by the Chairman, R. E. Sir Raymond N. Babcock, a welcome was extended to the vast assemblage by Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master, followed by prayer by Honorable and Sir Knight Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General of the United States. The Rev. E. Robert Chable, Ph. D., Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, delivered a magnificent sermon, and the musical selections sung by Mr. William Jones, soloist of the Marine Band, met with universal acclaim.

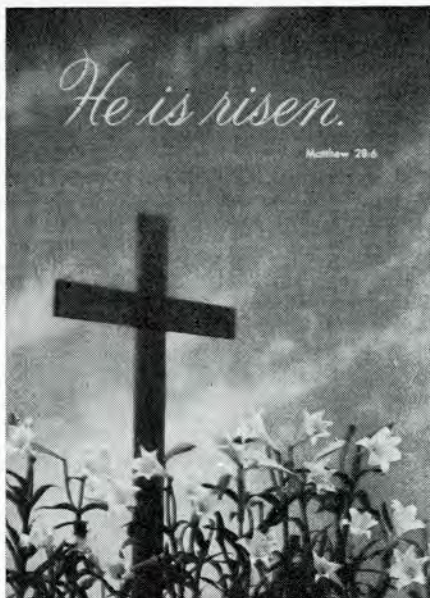
At the conclusion of the services in the Amphitheater the "Traditional Cross of Lilies" was placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by the Most Emi-

nent Grand Master, in the presence of the assembled Sir Knights at "present swords" and appropriate music by the Marine Band.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia sponsored a breakfast at the Washington Hotel, which was a fitting climax to a wonderful and inspirational service.

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The Committee on Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service: Raymond N. Babcock, G. C. (D. C.), Chairman, Masonic Temple, 801 Thirteenth St., N. W., Washington 5, D. C.; Fred E. Blood, P. G. C. (D. C.), Vice-Chairman, Roland M. Brown, P. G. C. (D. C.), Treasurer; William T. Ballard, P. C. (D. C.); Schuyler C. Blackburn, P. G. C. (Md.); Reuben A. Bogley, Jr., P. C. (D. C.); Virgil C. Davis, Jr., P. C. (Va.); Samuel T. Farmer, P. G. C. (D. C.); Louis E. Gelbrick, P. C. (D. C.); Joe R. Harris, G. Sw. B. (Va.); Ben Jenkins, P. C. (D. C.); Robert L. Kause, P. G. C. (D. C.); Raymond L. Morris, P. C. (Va.); Knut I. Nilsson, P. G. C. (D. C.); Etrebil A. Schaub, G. C. G. (Md.); James R. Stringfellow, P. G. C. (D. C.); W. Scott Walb, P. G. C. (Md.).

One of the visitors with the New York up-state delegation was most enthusiastic about the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service of 1957. Mrs. W. Ray Converse, wife of the Past Grand Commander, in charge of the New York Sir Knights, in a letter, remarked: "I have attended many Easter Sunrise Services, but it seems this year there were many improvements to make it more inspiring. The Marine Band was definitely at its best; and William Jones, soloist of the Marine Band, was simply magnificent. He stood there in the midst of the Band and how beautifully he could sing. The entire program on this lovely, warm Easter morning was spiritually uplifting, and a real credit to the Templars."



Sunrise Service of the Knights Templar—Twenty-Sixth Annual Easter Service at the Palace Theatre, Akron, Ohio, Sunday, April 21, 1957, at Six O'clock—Akron Commandery No. 25, Bethany Commandery No. 72, Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83.

EASTER AT AKRON, OHIO

The 26th Annual Easter Sunrise Service was held at the Palace Theater, Akron, Ohio, Sunday, April 21, 1957, at 6:00 o'clock. Sponsored by Akron Commandery No. 25, Bethany No. 72, Cuyahoga Falls No. 83.

Sir Knight Harry H. Ferrall, Akron Commandery, wrote:

There were about 150 Uniformed Sir Knights, along with the band, who marched from the Masonic Temple to the theater. The theater holds around 2,000, and it was nearly full. The services were very impressive.

Akron Commandery No. 25, Bethany Commandery No. 72, and Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83, Knights Templar, wish to thank the Quartet; Dorothy Deinger, the Organist; The Akron Masonic

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Band, under the direction of Sir Knight Lloyd M. Haines; Temp'le Chapter Order of DeMolay; Radio Station WADC; The Billow Co.; Keith Albee Theatre; Grotto Safety Patrol; and the O'Neil Company. These fine organizations have been a great inspiration to all by the contribution they have made to our Easter Sunrise Service.

OKLAHOMA DIVINE SERVICES EASTER

Sixty-second Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Oklahoma. Held at the Centenary Methodist Church, Sir Knight J. Walter Bowers, Jr., Pastor. Sunday evening, April 21, 1957.

From program:

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Geo. E. Schutz and the other Grand Officers, desire to express their deep appreciation to the Centenary Methodist Church for the use of their wonderful facilities for the holding of these services.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a project of our Most Eminent Grand Master, and adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Encampment provides for the research, treatment and hospitalization of those who suffer from diseases or injury to the eye, which might result in blindness if untreated. Such treatment is limited to those unable to pay and shall not be limited to any race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin.

Sermon—In Hoc Signo Vinces—(In This Sign You Will Conquer), by Sir Knight J. J. Stowe, Jr., Eminent Grand Prelate.

Closing Hymn, 285—"The Son of Man."

Immediately following the service there will be a Reception in the basement of the Church, honoring Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar and Mrs. DeLamater; also Sir Knight Geo. E. Schutz, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Schutz, together with all the Oklahoma Grand Officers.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE DELAWARE

Masonic Home, Sunday, April 21, 1957, 6:30 a. m. Under auspices of St. Johns Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, stationed at Wilmington, Delaware. Address, Sir Knight Joseph B. Dickerson, Cambridge University, Cambridge, Maryland, Minister McCabe Methodist Church.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Brass quartet, Nur Temple Shrine Band, Sir Knight Raymond T. Hogue, conducting.

Officers

G. Lloyd Frederick, Commander; J. Henry McDonnell, Generalissimo; Gustave A. Peterson, Captain General; Walter W. Bacon, P. C., Treasurer; Powell E. Craig, P. C., Recorder; William H. Cantwell, Senior Warden; Archie C. Ford, Junior Warden; Cecil F. Pope, Warder; Raymond A. Howard, Standard Bearer; Ernest H. Martyn, Sword Bearer; Williard G. Purdy, Prelate.

EASTER AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

They Planned Knights Templar Easter Service

As they have every Easter for a quarter century, Knights Templar marched to a Sunrise Service in the Palace Theater Easter morning. Dr. Boynton Merrill, of the First Congregational Church, conducted the service. The committee in charge included: Robert W. Taylor, George R. Schoedinger, John E. Powell, Albert C. Wurdack, F. Oscar Schoedinger, Frank H. Nicklaus, Willis K. Link, Clarence Mahoney, Lowrance M. Looker and J. Wallace Cherry. They represented Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1 and Columbus Commandery No. 69. Sir Knight Drew Davies is Commander of Mt. Vernon Commandery and Sir Knight Albert C. Wurdack is Commander of Columbus Commandery. — (From "The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch.")

From "York Temple News," Columbus, Ohio:

There They Laid Jesus—In a Garden

By Rev. Boynton Merrill, D. D., Minister, First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Abstract of sermon delivered by Rev. Boynton Merrill, D. D., pastor of First Congregational Church, Columbus, at the 1957 Knights Templar Easter Service, held in RKO-Palace Theater, under the auspices of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1 and Columbus Commandery No. 69.

"In the place where He was crucified there was a garden and in the garden there was a tomb; there they laid Jesus."

I venture that most of us picture the place of Our Lord's crucifixion as a bleak and rocky hill with Roman soldiers doing their fearful duty. Jeering deriders; the

silent, helpless disciples; the broken-hearted women; a cursing thief; the dying Christ; an awful stillness; that is the Calvary given to us by the first three Gospels and by the artists who have sought to recreate the scene.

The author of the Fourth Gospel gives us a significant and beautiful glimpse of that tragic spot about which the other evangelists are silent. "In the place," writes John, "where He was crucified there was a garden." John agrees that He was crucified but, he says, that it was in a garden and, that he was buried, too, but in a garden.

Two things I want to say. First; if they wanted to keep Jesus dead and buried they made a great mistake when they buried Him in a garden. God seems, somehow, to show forth His power over



Annual Easter Vesper Service, Arizona Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

death in gardens. He has a way of working miracles in gardens. What we bury in gardens and what seems to die, God brings back in new and wondrous beauty. This He did in the garden which lay just over the crest of Golgotha.

Second; to look back to the first Easter is not enough. Of what avail were the first Easter if no other Easters were possible? How sad to be forced to relegate God's renewing power to one event, to one death, to one burial. We need to remember that the One who conquered death and gave the Lord Jesus not only freedom from the flesh, but spiritual power beyond all measure, is the One who has promised spiritual victory to all and abundant life, too.

The world is still full of trampled gardens where hate and death seem to have their way; but, it is only seeming. Easter, our own hearts and all the world unite to declare that life is resurgent and that God does rule.

NORWICH, N. Y., EASTER

Sir Knights, Greetings:

Easter is here. Spring, and the start of a new year, when all nature comes to life, and rises—even as our Blessed Saviour rose to begin that New Life, that Immortal Life with His Father in Heaven.

Sir Knights, we have often been reminded that we are born to die. "Man cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down. He fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not." Knowing all this and faithfully believing in that New Life as Christians and Knights Templar, let us devote our remaining time to deeds of Charity and Kindness to all mankind; promoting good fellowship among men and nations, emulating, so far as possible, that Great Captain of our Salvation, Jesus.

May this day shine bright for each of you, Sir Knights, your families and your friends.

Easter Services—Sunday, April 21st

Sir Knights of Norwich Commandery, with their ladies and friends, will journey to the Masonic Home in Utica and join with Utica Commandery in observances at 3:00 p. m. Bring your uniform and change at the home.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Sir Knights are urged to keep in mind the Eye Foundation project. Remember that any contribution, no matter how small, may make a difference in the life of some youngster or unfortunate person.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

NOMAN S. Allen, Commander.

HARRY FRINK, Recorder.

Norwich (N. Y.) Commandery No. 46.

Sacred Music for Ritualistic Work

1441 Heima Ave.

Hamilton, Ohio

March 7, 1957.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

While I have received a few replies in response to my article in "Knight Templar," the information has not been very helpful, and I have not uncovered any new source for records of this type.

As a result, I have found it necessary to purchase a number of high quality organ recordings of sacred music on the open market, thereby, completely revising the musical program in conjunction with the ritualistic work. The Summitt Sound Systems Company, Akron, Ohio, has produced several albums of fine sacred organ music by Porter Heap, which have been very helpful in arranging this new musical program.

I am proud to say that many compliments have been received on our new music from distinguished visitors, as well as members of our own Commandery.

Thanks you again for your interest in this matter.

Yours truly,

W. R. HEDGECOCK.

G. Max Fowler's Publicity for Eye Foundation Excellent

In the Frankfort, (Indiana) Morning Times, March 10, 1957, a full page illustrated article announced a great charity project, with this headline—"First Operation Successful—Knights Templar Sets Up Eye Foundation to Prevent Blindness."

This was the first article written and prepared for wide publicity by Sir Knight G. Max Fowler (P. G. C. of Indiana), and present R. E. Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment. This first article of an excellent publicity campaign for the Eye Foundation was illustrated with photo of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master, and also photos of a four-year-old boy, before and after an eye operation.

FIRST OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

Knights Templar Sets Up Eye Foundation to Prevent Blindness

Foundation President Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. DeLamater is president of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and was instrumental in its establishment.

"The Great Miracle"—this often has referred to the prevention of blindness and the saving of sight in human beings.

And to help make this "great miracle" a reality for those unable to afford expensive hospital and doctor costs, the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America has established the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The charity foundation is non-profit and is making its services available to "everyone regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin." The only requisite is that the person be unable to pay for the service.

Guiding light in the establishment of the foundation is Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand En-



BEFORE AND AFTER

Four-year-old Daniel O'Donnell Weissert is pictured as he appeared before (left) and after an eye operation made possible through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Danny was the first to receive aid through this charity group.

campment of Knights Templar of the United States. Foundation headquarters are at Rhinebeck, N. Y., home of DeLamater.

The foundation is dedicated to research into diseases of the eye, and treatment and hospitalization of sufferers of eye disorders. Funds are made available to help prevent blindness and help more people "continue to enjoy the beautiful sights of nature and the faces of friends."

The foundation follows the policy of taking eye specialists to the patient rather than the patient going many miles, sometimes, to be treated.

A relatively new institution, the first case was handled in 1956. The patient was 4-year-old Daniel O'Donnell Weissert, Escanaba, Mich. His case was reported to the foundation as an emergency case. A letter read, "The eye doctor says the boy will be blind in one eye very soon unless he has an operation to save the eye . . ."

An operation was performed at the St. Francis Hospital, Green Bay, Wis., and was successful. Afterwards his parents wrote, "We can realize the great job the Knights Templar has undertaken. Our son having been the first to receive this service. To have it fully paid for

by your organization, we feel we owe the Knights Templar a big 'Thank You.' It's wonderful—a complete success—like a Great Miracle saving our son from blindness."

When the Knights Templar agreed to take this first case, no question was asked about the boy's religion. After the operation it was learned that the family attended St. Ann's Catholic Church. A foundation spokesman said this points up the fact this charity is open to all.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, with officers elected, by-laws adopted, and a panel of ophthalmologists duly appointed, is financed by an assessment of members of the Order of Knights Templar and voluntary contributions which have been received.

Knights Templar, which outside the Christian church is one of the largest Christian fraternal organizations, believes in helping the unfortunate. The Templar heritage dates back to the Crusaders and members are avowed to practice universal benevolence. All work of the modern Order of Templary is bound around the life of Christ.

Officers and Sir Knights of.....
Commandery No....., Knights Templar, are "proud of the integral part the local Commandery is playing in the important humanitarian service to mankind."

Applications for this charity service may be made direct to the administrative office at Rhinebeck, N. Y., or to any Sir Knight of a constituent Commandery of any state.

The "Press Release" presented here-with was accompanied by a letter making a strong appeal for a news coverage on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This letter from Sir Knight Fowler was mailed to newspaper editors in the State of Indiana, in the sixty cities in which Commanderies of Knights Templar are stationed.

The Frankfort Morning Times

I am enclosing herewith mats and a story concerning the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., heralded perhaps as one of the greatest pieces of lodge legislation ever enacted, by any fraternal order.

The Knights Templar, the pinnacle of York Rite Freemasonry, is now functioning and offering to the public, regardless of race, color, creed, age or sex, aid to those in need of eye surgery or the correction of any eye ailment which possibly might lead to a life of blindness. The sums set up for such care and operations is enormous and already patients are being received upon the presentation of proof of applications for such operations. In many cases corrective measures have already been taken and the patient in need of such treatment or care being returned to lives of usefulness. A patient need not leave his own home town, the work being done right in his own hospital and with local available facilities by the most skilled surgeons in the country.

As.....Commandery No.....
located in your city is an integral part of this great humanitarian project, I hope you can see your way clear to use all or even part of this article. There may be many right in your own city who could be helped and the service is absolutely free to those who cannot afford such treatment or care and available ONLY to those who cannot afford to finance such operations or corrections.

Petitions for surgery or treatment can be arranged for through the Recorder of your local Commandery.

Sincerely yours,

G. MAX FOWLER, Publisher.

This letter is presented in detail along with the press release as a good example, which other Grand Commanderies may want to copy. The original press release, accompanying the letter, was revised somewhat, and mailed to 408 additional newspapers in Indiana, both daily and weekly, in order to get 100% coverage.

With each letter was mailed a copy of the press release, with mats for illustrating the article.

Sir Knight Max Fowler's plans for Templar publicity have been of great value to the Indiana Grand Commandery and to the Grand Encampment over a long period of years. And now his latest endeavors in behalf of publicizing the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are greatly appreciated, as they are a real benefit in promoting the project.

Since the Triennial in 1955, in New York City, when Sir Knight Max Fowler was appointed the first R. E. Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment, he has worked faithfully to cover the Grand Jurisdictions beyond the boundaries of the United States. Even though he has been handicapped in some of his travels, the reports of his activities in other lands have been published in previous issues of this magazine and abroad.

In addition to his Official Visits during these past months, he has kept up a constant flow of correspondence with the 19 Subordinate Commanderies, to advance the cause of Templar Masonry.

The work of Sir Knight Fowler for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has been most valuable in building up interest in this worthy Charity Project to prevent blindness.

NEBRASKA

April 26, 1957.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held in the Masonic Temple, McCook, April 25 and 26, 1957.

We were honored by the presence of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A., and representatives from Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Colorado.

Twenty-six of the twenty-eight Commanderies were represented. The report

shows 230 were Knighted, with a net gain of 47, showing a membership as of December 31, 1956, of 4,916.

Mt. Calvary No. 1, Omaha, was awarded the Evers' Banner for the largest number of Knightings, and Gethsemane No. 21, Columbus, received the Banner for the greatest percentage of gain.

Divine Service April 24—8:30 p. m.

The Period of Silent Prayer—Words for meditation—We hope ever and pray always for the advent of that glorious day when the "mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountain, when the reign of the Blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation, shall become universal and eternal."

Appreciation

The Grand Commander, R. E. John G. Morris, the Grand Officers, the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, their Ladies and Guests are deeply grateful to Reverend Adrian J. Edgar and the Memorial Methodist Church for the use of the beautiful sanctuary; to the Memorial Methodist Choir, its director, Mrs. Kenneth Coffey, and the accompanist, Mrs. Doris Bauer, for very appropriate music for this service.

EUGENE, OREGON

"The Register Guard," Eugene newspaper, devoted four columns to the York Rite Organizations meeting in Eugene, April 7, 1957. The story was illustrated with photos of Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Ray E. Allen, R. E. Grand Commander; and M. W. Fred H. Forester, Grand Master of Masons of Oregon. Religious Service was held at the First Christian Church, Eugene, Oregon. Sermon by Sir Knight Carroll C. Roberts, Grand Prelate. Street Parade preceded the Church Service.

Birth of a New Mexico Commandery

Sir Knight Merle I. Pawley, Eminent Commander, Sangre de Cristo Commandery, Knights Templar, Los Alamos, New Mexico, has written a letter of real inspiration for greater activity in Templary. The letter addressed to Sir Knight John Temp'le Rice, Grand Recorder, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, is herewith given, in part, as follows:

April 14, 1957.

Your article in the "Knight Templar" magazine was a surprise to me, although a very delightful one. The surprise and delight came not only from the fact, that our small efforts hidden away here in the Jemez mountains have been noted, but also that you have caught the spirit in which this Commandery had been started and the beauty of the name it bears.

When I was transferred here in January, 1955, we were assigned a house in the "Western Area" which faced the East. Every morning I always stopped on the front walk to gaze across the valley to the majestic peaks rising in the distant Eastern sky. I was struck with their beauty, and one of the first things that caught my fancy was the perfect "Thunder Bird" vividly outlined on the side of one of the highest peaks. One late afternoon, as the sun set, it colored those distant mountains a blood red and gave the impression of huge drops of blood from the wounds of some warlike giant.

I learned later that the name of those mountains was "Sangre de Cristo," and that the English translation was, as you fully explained in your article, "The Blood of Christ." I knew that the Conquistadore who named them had seen a similar sunset and, with the poetic instincts of his ancestry, so very aptly named them. . . . I remarked to my family, "What a meaningful and beautiful name for a Commandery."

You probably know that Los Alamos had no Royal Arch Chapter or Commandery, although they did have a York Rite Club. A Los Alamos Chapter, U. D., R. A. M., was chartered on May 21, 1956, with 37 charter members, as Los Alamos Chapter No. 20, R. A. M.

Our first meeting to discuss the possibilities of forming a Commandery was held on May 4, 1956. There were seven Sir Knights and three Royal Arch Masons present. On August 3, 1956, was the first meeting for organization and practice. Then on October 15, 1956, Sir Knight John C. Kost, Jr., Most Eminent Grand Commander of New Mexico, examined us on the three Orders. The petition bore sixteen signatures at that time.

On November 17, 1956, we conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on the first four of our sixteen candidates. We will Knight the last one on April 25, 1957. During this time, some of the wives got busy with scissors and sewing machines, and with our furnishing them with the materials, made velvet and satin Red Cross and Malta Mantles, Red Cross Banner and table covers, Malta Banners and table covers, covers for the East and West tables, the Beauseant and Grand Standard for the Order of the Temple. Our own members made triangle, tables, crosses, etc., etc. We, therefore, have beautiful regulation equipment, of which we are excusably very proud.

On June 7th and 8th, 1957, Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, Iowa, will make a pilgrimage to Los Alamos to confer the Order of Malta and be in attendance at a "Fiesta of Masonry" which Sangre de Cristo Commandery, U. D., is organizing in their honor.

(A story of the "Sangre de Cristo Fiesta" will be published in a future issue of the Knight Templar.)

In New Mexico—"It Can Be Done"

March 5, 1957.

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

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

It can be done! Here is the proof.

New Mexico is a small Grand Jurisdiction, numerically speaking. Our total

membership as of December 31, 1956, is only 2,790. There are but 12 Commanderies in the state. Although we have shown a gain every year, there seemed to be a spirit of apathy or indifference in many of our Commanderies.

That was changed in at least one Commandery during 1956, and it is of Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, that I want to say a few words.

Photographs showing scenes from Tableaus used in conferring the Order of the Temple by Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, Albuquerque, New Mexico, at York Rite Festival, February 16, 1957.

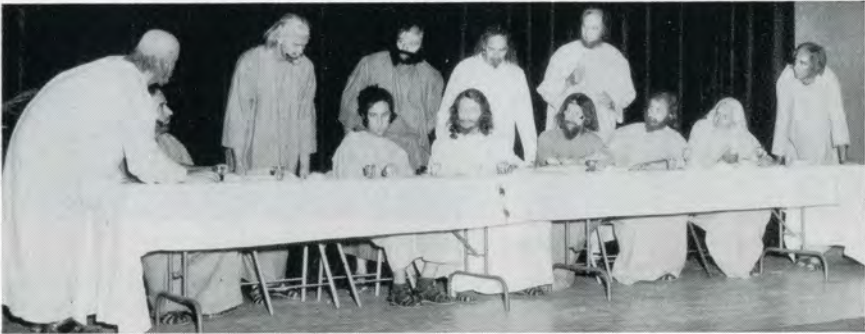


TABLEAU SCENE—"THE LAST SUPPER"

(Left to right) Sir Knights Harold Boger, Henry Mansour, Tom Rehkop, Bruce Mead, Lawrence Brown, James C. Mitchell (The Christ), H. C. Bingham, Al Stenseth, Milburn K. Tharp, E. A. Otto, Robert Conlee, Herbert Bingham and Jim Hudson.



"THE GARDEN SCENE"

(Left to right) Sir Knights Bruce Mead, Claude Isenhart, E. A. Otto and James C. Mitchell (The Christ).

Tableau scene in Order of the Temple by Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, Albuquerque, New Mexico.



"CROSS BEARING SCENE"

(Left to right) Sir Knights Tom Rehkop, Harold Boger, James C. Mitchell (The Christ), H. C. Bingham, Al Stenseth, Milburn K. Tharp and Clayton Leach.

For the year 1951 through 1955 this Commandery showed an average annual gain of 55 members, that is, they Knighted 55 members for each of the five years. Early in 1956 the officers and some of the Past Commanders called a meeting, laid out a plan and went to work. As a result of their efforts, Pilgrim Commandery Knighted 180 during the year 1956. The Chapter and Council in that city Exalted and Greeted 166 and 173 members, respectively.

All this was done because a few dedicated Companions and Sir Knights got and "sold" York Rite Masonry to those members of the Symbolic Lodge that had never been approached in an intelligent manner. True, they had been told that Masonry had more to offer than what is contained in the Lodge degrees, but no one had taken the time or the effort to

explain WHY there was more in store for them in the Chapter, Council and Commandery. Our Albuquerque brethren accomplished what they did because they **believed** in what they were saying and their enthusiasm is evidenced by the results they accomplished.

I am enclosing three photographs showing scenes from the tableaux used in conferring the Order of the Temple, and I hope they will be used in the next issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.

Courteously yours,
ELMER H. RIEMEN,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico in the United States. Elmer H. Riemen, Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 6719, Roswell.

DeMOLAY SPEAKS

By Roger Simpson, Order of DeMolay

I am one of a vast army of youth—the Order of DeMolay. I cannot presume to speak for that army, but in the confidence that many others share my views, I appeal to you, our respected leaders—members of the Masonic fraternity.

Three million young men have entered the portals of DeMolay, passed through its hallowed territory, and moved into the adult world—in almost every case better prepared to serve their fellow men.

And as we travel the road of DeMolay, an organization potentially the world's greatest and most influential for youth training, achievement and service, we look to Masonry for inspiration, interest and understanding.

In Washington we have been granted one of the greatest gifts your fraternity can bestow, the opportunity to meet in the atmosphere of the sacred tradition of Masonry—the Temple.

Yet, in the frankness of youth, we ask and expect more. We believe in our organization strongly enough to ask of the members of Freemasonry inspiration, guidance, protection and cooperation.

We look to every Mason to provide for us and the younger boys who will follow an example of uprightness and dedication to principles which will never show us a violation of those precious ideals on which both orders are based.

We urge you to offer guidance and leadership to chapters of the Order of DeMolay. DeMolay needs qualified, dedicated adult leaders in unlimited numbers. In no chapter of our organization do we now have enough.

We plead for more Masonic advisers who show both a desire to serve DeMolay and the experience and temperament to work with our impressionable minds. In addition, we depend on Masonry for the extension of DeMolay. No DeMolay chapter was ever started on DeMolay



Roger Simpson

initiative alone. Masons must lay the groundwork, inspire a desire for membership in the youth of the community, and then maintain their own interest and attendance in the chapter.

DeMolay relies upon you for protection—protection from the devious paths down which our inexperience may lead us; protection through the strength of group opinion from influence which may be unwisely or unknowingly exerted upon us and finally protection of our inherent right to full democratic process in our own chapters.

The youthfulness of DeMolay asks cooperation with the maturity of Freemasonry. We ask an opportunity to help you in your service to mankind, and expect in return your support for our efforts to achieve the same goals.

In practical terms, we suggest that every lodge near to a DeMolay chapter have an active committee, preferably of revolving membership, to work with us

to help us make the fullest use of our opportunities. And please remember: A Mason is always welcome at a chapter meeting. Indeed, his attendance is needed.

Optimistically, I declare this opinion held by young men of the Order of DeMolay. As our goals, dreams and activities are supported by the strength of Masonic interest, DeMolay will continue to progress and ascend to new heights of service to mankind.

Albert Jenson, G. C. Wash., Writes:

Mr. Chalmers Pancoast
Editor, "Knight Templar"
305 West 45th Street
New York 36, New York
Right Eminent Sir:

The article by Roger Simpson, a Past Master Councilor of Wenatchee Chapter, Order of DeMolay, has been a subject of much comment since its recent publication in the Masonic Tribune here.

Roger is a sophomore, majoring in journalism at the University of Washington and is now serving as State Publicity Director for the Order of DeMolay of Washington.

We, as Templars should support and encourage DeMolay and other youth organizations in every way possible. The publishing of his article in the "Knight Templar" may stimulate further support of this great youth organization.

We are now in the midst of our annual inspections and in our travels throughout the state I never miss an opportunity to put in a "plug" for the Knight Templar magazine.

With sincere knightly greetings and appreciation of your great work for Templary, I am

Courteously,
Albert Jensen,
Grand Commender.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Washington. Office of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Albert Jensen, 3917 Densmore Avenue, Seattle 3, Washington.

March 9, 1957

Subscribe Now for the "Knight Templar" Magazine

Be sure to read these important Four Issues for 1957 and 1958, for News, information and pictures of the 47th Triennial Conclave to be held in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16-22, 1958.

November-December, 1957

Volume 3—Number 1.

Grand Master's Plans for Greater
Templar Activity in 1958.

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February-March, 1958

Volume 3—Number 2.

"Soldiers of the Cross."
Onward to Indianapolis
August 16-22, 1958.

(Closing Date for Copy, Dec. 1, 1957).

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May-June, 1958

Volume 3—Number 3.

Sir Knights Stand and Be Counted
For the 42nd Triennial Conclave.
(Closing Date for Copy, March 1, 1958)

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August-September, 1958

Volume 3—Number 4.

Program of Progress for the Order.
Entertainment for Sir Knights
and Ladies.
(Closing Date for Copy, May 15, 1958).

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Subscribe Now—It is possible there will be No Free Copies after the 1958 Triennial.



(Left) California's New Grand Commander, Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, Jr., son of the late Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, 1949-1952. (Center) Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master Grand Encampment. (Right) Sir Knight Glenn W. Gurtner, Grand Commander of California, at Annual Conclave, Santa Monica, April 10-11, 1957.

CALIFORNIA

Centennial Year

January 2, 1958, is the beginning of our Centennial Year. We will celebrate our birthday for a period of fifteen months, culminating with a wonderful party at our Annual Meetings in April, 1959.

Sir Knight William E. Waste, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, and his committee will submit during these sessions a detailed program of this one-hundredth year birthday. We request your consideration and approval.

Public Schools Week

It was my pleasure to join with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest and our Most Illustrious Grand Master in a joint communication, proclaiming the **Observance of Public Schools Week**.

Sir Knights, the public school system is our most precious institution in America and its continuance must be preserved at all costs. It is not sufficient for us as Masons to merely darken our meeting halls for this one special week.

We should, as Officers of our York Rite Bodies, take an active part in this Observance. We should be represented on committees in each local community, and we should not turn this important observance over to other organizations. As Knights Templar, we should be militant in defense of our Public Schools.

GLENN W. GURTNER,
Grand Commander 1956-57.

1957 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS COMMITTEE

Composed of the Presiding Officers 1956-57 of Santa Monica Bay Chapter No. 97, Royal Arch Masons; Inglewood Chapter No. 131, Royal Arch Masons; Alpha Council No. 39, Royal and Select Masters; Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 67, Knights Templar.

William D. Tucker, General Chairman; Edwin F. Collins, Vice-Chairman; Chester H. Newell, Advisory; George C. Ordway, Secretary; Charles O. Fish, Treasurer; Lawrence A. Smith, Hospitality; Convention Bureau, Housing; Harry H. Williams, Transportation; Terryll Dougherty, Publicity; James A. Africa, Grand Chapter Preparation; Hamilcar Smith, Grand Council Preparation; Eugene L. Mamath, Grand Commandery Preparation; Charles O. Fish, Competitive Drills; Edwin F. Collins, Entertainment; Alva Teel, Luncheons; Steven N. Brussa, Official Photographer.



Colorful, elaborate uniform of Drill Team, California Commandery No. 1, San Francisco, at 1957 Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of California, in Santa Monica, April 7-12, for Grand York Rite sessions of California. Sir Knights welcomed by Sir Knight Glenn W. Gurtner, R. E. Grand Commander 1956-57.

KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

By Stuart H. Walker, P. G. C. of New York

Today we all live in a confused World and many problems, the solution of which will come only when the Spiritual overcomes the Material. Therefore, Templary, with its Christian Spiritual Foundation, must necessarily furnish the needed Leadership.

The answer to this Leadership is only to be accomplished by the presentation and execution of an outstanding Christian Service, exemplifying to the fullest extent, the giving of one's self and one's talents, without thought of personal or material gain.

Such a Service was in the minds of the original group of Sir Knights who in 1920 planned and in 1922 sponsored the Birth of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

Conception

The objectives and recommendations of these sponsors were:

1. The formation of a Knights Templar Educational Foundation for the benefit of the Youth of America, as a non-profit, self supporting Revolving Loan Fund, in Trust form.

2. The purpose of this Foundation to assist by loans, all worthy Boys or Girls willing to assume responsibility, and lacking funds to complete their College education, irrespective of Race, Creed or Color.

3. The Foundation, being distinctly a Service, requires special, careful and efficient administration to fulfill its objective, therefore the necessity of the combining in one unit, the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies and Sir Knights into one co-operative body, for such accomplishment requiring that the administration be governed by such fixed Regulations as may be adopted, and those participating, be well qualified to handle same in accord with the high-

est business ethics and responsibility.

4. Being a working combination, consisting of the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies and Sir Knights, requiring necessary governing legislation, and the Grand Encampment being the Sovereign body, such legislation must be provided through that body.

5. That the Capitol Funds be raised by contribution or levy, by or through the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies or Sir Knights.

6. That such Funds, when received by the Foundation, become the capital thereof, and are to be allocated and returned to the States in the amount received, for the Administration, responsibility and use within its jurisdiction, under such regulations as may be prescribed.

Birth and Functioning

By action of the Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave at New Orleans, La., in 1922, the recommendations of the sponsors were accepted and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation was formally established.

The Capital (approximately \$3,800,000) was raised by endowment, from the Grand Encampment of \$100,000 and a levy of \$1.00 per year, for nine years, on each Sir Knight.

This being an entirely new venture, not only for the Templar Bodies, but also in our Body Politic, few had the experience, foresight, or understanding as to the wonderful possibilities of this Service; hence the legislation governing its functioning became controversial, with the result, that while the Foundation has functioned through a severe panic and two Wars, its assets today are over \$5,000,000 after aiding many thousands of Students, and several Grand Jurisdictions have shown excellent results; nevertheless, the Sponsors' objective or organization is far from accomplished.



Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee of Grand Commandery Knights Templar State of New York: (l.-r.) standing, Dr. Earl L. Eaton, Stuart H. Walker, Secretary and Treasurer, J. Harry Cook; seated, General Walter A. DeLamater and Joseph Cameron Dunn, Chairman.

Future—What You Can Do About It

Realize fully that College education today is not a luxury, but an absolute necessity and with the high cost, the burden thereof has become mighty heavy and the possibilities of attainment greatly lessened, that relief such as offered by the Service of the Foundation, can do much to lighten the burden and make possible the attainment.

Take enough interest to find out how the Foundation Committee is functioning in your State.

If you find that your State Committee is doing a good job, then offer your service. They will be delighted with your aid and put you to work. If, on the other hand you find your State Committee is "sitting on their hands" put a bomb under them and wake them up.

Remember that this costs you or your Grand Commandery nothing materially,

but has the possibilities of wonderful satisfaction and Spiritual profit.

By a little personal effort in your Community and Social Circle, you can unquestionably find some worthy Family, Boy or Girl, to whom this Service will be a God send.

By your active interest in, and dedication to, the efforts and principles of the Foundation, help to attain the ideals of the Sponsors, by making the Knights Templar Educational Foundation a By-word in every Home in America.

Stuart H. Walker,
Past Grand Commander,
State of New York.

One of the few surviving original sponsors, Past Chairman and member, Grand Encampment Educational Committee. Executive officer from conception to present time, Division of State of New York Committee.

100th BIRTHDAY GREETING

May 10, 1957.

Sir Knight Eugene M. Gillette, P.G.C.
121 North Buchanan Ave.,
Wenatchee, Wash.

Dear Sir Knight Gillette:

As the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America covering every state in the continental United States, Commanderies under our jurisdiction in Tokyo, Okinawa, Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, Mexico, Alaska, Cuba, Porto Rico, Panama Canal Zone and Germany, and on the behalf of all those Knights Templar we extend Greetings on this your 100th birthday. I think it is remarkable and we are just so happy about it and proud.

I recall so well my visit in Wenatchee last May and you riding in the same car with me and just ten days before that you had passed your 99th birthday and you were there in full Templar uniform as a Past Grand Commander. I was thrilled and very proud. It was mighty fine and I want to congratulate you most heartily for all the years of service you have rendered. It is really a great inspiration to us all.

I trust you are enjoying good health and that you will still be with us for many more years to come. With every possible good wish and warmest personal regards, I remain and as I said above extend Greetings on behalf of all Knights Templar.

Sincerely yours for a Greater Templary,

WALTER A. DELAMATER,

WAD/t

Grand Master.

From New Hampshire

Sir Knight Harry C. Downing, Jr., Captain General, St. George Commandery, Knights Templar, Nashua, New Hampshire, has written a most interesting letter and a newspaper clipping, of a program honoring Sir Knight Howard T. Joslyn, R. E. Grand Commander of New Hampshire.



The photo—(Left to right)—Grand Commanders, Sir Knights Thomas A. Booth, Mass. and R. I.; Howard T. Joslyn, N. H.; and Winston R. Jagger, Maine.

In his letter Sir Knight Downing said: "The news article omitted the name C. Wesley Lyons, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire.

"St. George Commandery will endeavor to promote York Rite Masonry on Monday, May 6, 1957, when the Knights will exemplify the Mark Master degree on Chapter candidates from four or five Chapters in southern New Hampshire. The Knights will be in full Templar uniform, and will perform a Templar opening with a reception of the Grand Commander, followed by inspection of swords, passing in review, and the forming of the triangle. The requests for reservations assure us of a full house, and the opportunity to convince many Masons that the Christian way of living is still the best."

Sojourners Honor Grand Master of Masons, New York, Sir Knight Nathan Turk, E. P. C.

Judge Nathan Turk, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, was presented with the first Honorary Membership in West Point Chapter No. 344 of the National Sojourners at the annual Cadet orientation meeting on 11th April, 1957, at the United States Military Academy. The Sojourners is an Order of the Masons organized by Commissioned and Warrant Officers, past and present, of the uniformed services.

Judge Turk, a Mason for many years, is a member and Past Master of Candor Lodge No. 411, and an honorary member of many lodges. Well known for his work for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York as Deputy Grand Master, Junior Grand Warden, District Deputy Grand Master of the Chemung-Schuylertioaga-Masonic District, and his leadership in the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign, which raised one and one-half million dollars for rheumatic research, Judge Turk spoke before the members and Cadets on the principles and aims of Masonry.

Judge Nathan Turk, of Owego, New York, Grand Master of Masons in State of New York, poses with Cadet First Classmen during Reunion at West Point Chapter. Sir Knight and Judge Nathan Turk, Eminent Past Commander of Malta Commandery No. 21, Binghamton, New York.



UNITED STATES CORPS OF CADETS, WEST POINT, NEW YORK, APRIL 11, 1957

The following is a list by name and state of the cadets who were photographed at West Point on the night of April 11:

From left to right, front row (seated): Stanley Cass, Colorado; Kenneth Simila, Oregon; Stan Jenson, Nevada; Mark Heath, Pennsylvania; Gerry Hawley, Ohio; George Rogers, Wisconsin; Kenneth Bryan, California; Joe Shimek, Texas.

From left to right, rear row (standing): Herbert Koops, New York; Donald Bowes, California; John Little, Georgia; Philip Stein, Wisconsin; Willis Thomson, Indiana; Sir Knight Nathan Turk, Past Commander, Malta No. 21, Binghamton, New York; John Hocker, Indiana; Dean Bates, Ohio; Robert Langworthy, California; Phil Ritchey, Oregon; William Liakos, Nebraska; Harry Soyster, Pennsylvania.

Note: All cadets in the photo are members of the Class of 1957.

Donald J. Bowes, Cdt. Capt. Co. A, 2d Regt., 1st Cl.



TRINITY CHURCH—100th ANNIVERSARY

This photo presented through the courtesy of Sir Knight Harry C. Frederick, Eminent Commander (1956-57) of Bethlehem Commandery No. 53, stationed at Mount Vernon, New York. The photo shows Sir Knight Charles S. Berger, Captain General, at the head of a platoon of Sir Knights of Bethlehem Commandery No. 53, in the processional into Trinity Church on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, Sunday, October 21, 1956.

TRINITY CHURCH 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. Ernest D. Vanderburgh, Th. B., Rector of Trinity Church, Mount Vernon, New York, has presented an interesting history of this event, excerpts of which follow:

"Trinity Church celebrated the One Hundredth Anniversary of the incorporation of the Parish on Sunday, October 21, 1956.

"A cordial invitation was extended to the Sir Knights of Bethlehem Commandery to join in the celebration.

"The first Rector, Rev. William S. Coffey, was one of the organizers and the first Commander of Bethlehem Commandery, and some of the former Rectors of Trinity Church, now deceased, the Rev. William H. Owen, Jr., the Rev. Raymond S. Brown and the Rev. Alfred Tennyson Phillips, were associated with the Commandery. Also the late Charles B. Weller, Senior Warden, and the late Herbert Wray, Vestryman, were former Eminent Commanders. The late Charles B. Weller was also Grand Master of the

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New York State."

The Rev. Ernest Vanderburgh also stated:

I have been told that Bethlehem celebrated its 75th Anniversary by attending Divine Service here in Trinity; also that Bethlehem helped us to celebrate our 75th, 80th and 85th Anniversaries. So you see Bethlehem and Trinity have been closely associated down through the years.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

The Forty-seventh Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will convene in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, at the invitation of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana on August 16-22, 1958. Headquarters will be in the Hotel Claypool, which has been completely refurbished, every room air-conditioned—in fact all of the Indianapolis hotels are completely air-conditioned, and there are a number of fine hotels, as well as motels, so that all can be comfortably and satisfactorily housed.

HOOSIER HOSPITALITY

By Willard M. Avery, P. G. C. of Indiana

The Grand Commandery of Indiana and our Sir Knights are confronted with a situation never before faced by our Grand Jurisdiction. Since the conception of the Grand Encampment we have never been host to the Triennial. In 1958 we will be given our first opportunity to display our Hoosier Hospitality to Templary throughout the Nation.

The first reaction among our Indiana Sir Knights upon learning that we were being considered and later upon being chosen as host for the Conclave was that of surprise and a feeling of pride. The element of surprise is no longer present, but we are still proud of the fact that we were considered worthy to serve you. The feeling of surprise has now given way to a realization of responsibility and a knowledge that we have work to be done. Our plans have been formulated and we are now working out the details for our guests comfort and enjoyment.

In formulating our plans and executing them in their early stages we realize that Indiana in General, and Indianapolis in particular, is lacking in some of the scenic wonders of our country that is of major attraction to our national tourist trade and consequently to convention goers. However, we feel that Indianapolis as a convention city has many advantages and will afford us a wonderful site for the 1958 Triennial.

In the first place Indianapolis is centrally located, it is known as the crossroads city of the nation. It is one of the most accessible cities in the country, and since we have not recently had a Triennial in the middle west, we feel that the attendance should be very large and we are making plans accordingly.

In the second place our Capitol City is adequately provided with physical facilities for caring for a Conclave such as we are expecting. Much remodeling has re-

cently been done on our hotels and most of the rooms therein are air conditioned and will be available at reasonable prices. Meridian Street is a wide, well-lighted, thoroughfare in the main part of the city, with more than two blocks of spacious plazas, which affords excellent facilities for our Saturday night parade. A fine Coliseum is available for our Sunday afternoon religious service. We expect these to be the largest that we have had in recent years. All other physical facilities are available and adequate for holding an outstanding Triennial Conclave.

Our visitors will be treated to entertainment throughout the Conclave, highlighted by Tuesday afternoon at the internationally famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the Memorial Day 500-mile automobile race. The facilities of this famous race track have been secured and an actual race will be run by some of the leading race car drivers of our country, under rules similar to those in effect at the time of the "500." You will be surprised at the magnitude of this beautiful race course and thrilled with the race of the afternoon. The Sir Knights of Indiana are indeed pleased to be able to give to our visitors this outstanding entertainment as a feature of the 47th Triennial Conclave.

It is our feeling here in Indiana that the primary reason for believing that the coming Triennial Conclave will be one of the very best is that we are sincerely interested in having the Sir Knights of the United States visit us. This is our first Triennial and we have a record to make. It is our earnest desire that we maintain the high standards of recent years in entertaining and providing for the wants of the Grand Officers and delegates to the Grand Encampment, and at the same time we will strive to provide an inspirational and enjoyable vacation

period for ALL the Sir Knights, their ladies and their families.

We sincerely invite and earnestly urge you to be in Indianapolis on August 16, 1958, and stay throughout the 47th Triennial Conclave. The latch string is out, come and partake of our Hoosier hospitality.

OHIO CONCLAVE 1957

Ohio will have its 115th Regular Conclave in Toledo October 11 and 12. In the past their Conclaves have always started with a Church service on Sunday, business session on Monday morning, a Parade on Monday afternoon, and the final business session on Tuesday morning.

This year they are having both business sessions on Friday, with a Church service in Trinity Episcopal Church on Friday evening, conducted by the Reverend and Sir Knight Arthur W. Hargate, Grand Prelate.

On Saturday morning in addition to Committee meetings the newly elected Grand Commander will meet with the officers of the Constituent Commanderies, giving him an opportunity to discuss with them his program, plans, and hopes for the coming year.

The Saturday afternoon Parade is hoped to attract many more Sir Knights from all parts of the state than did the parades which were held on Monday in the past. It is regrettable that they do not have facilities for feeding all visitors in any one Temple, but they plan on giving each Sir Knight a dinner ticket, which can be used at any one of the several restaurants in downtown Toledo.

In the evening, preceding the Grand March and Grand Ball, they will have professional entertainment. This will be held in the Grand Ballroom and Patio of the Commodore-Perry Hotel, which is the headquarters hotel. The Grand Commandery sessions will be held in the downtown Masonic Temple.

The Parade and Mass Formation will be about a mile and a quarter in length,

and they expect about 3,000 in line. Sir Knights, Clayton Cousino, of Toledo, is Grand Commander; Russell Davis, of Columbus, the Deputy Grand Commander; Hower Helser, of Lancaster, the Generalissimo, with Virgil Kent, of Defiance, Grand Captain General, in charge of the Parade. John Rutschow, Telodo, Grand Captain of the Guard, is General Chairman.

Histories of Commanderies

R. R. No. 2, Sunbury, Pa.
19th April, 1957.

Dear Frater Pancoast:

My initial copy of the "Knight Templar," February-March, 1957, issue arrived this morning.

While reading the many important articles appearing in the issue, my particular attention was drawn to the article appearing on pages 24 and 25 entitled "Histories of Individual Commanderies," which ends with a paragraph devoted to the appeal for information relative to Commanderies holding observance of a particular event, especially if the Commandery has issued a souvenir edition commemorating such event.

Mount Hermon Commandery No. 85, stationed at Sunbury, Pa., has celebrated the first fifty years anniversary of Constitution, October 13, 1956, at which time a booklet celebrating our fiftieth anniversary was issued. This "Golden Anniversary" was suitably on this date commemorated with a dinner and ball, at which time a total of 504 Sir Knights and their ladies enjoyed dinner together.

Fraternally yours,
Ralph M. Kendall, P. C.



Detroit 1927 "Million Dollar Arch"

Ohio Boosting "Knight Templar"

March 27, 1957
(Dic. 3-26-57)

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

I have been bringing this magazine up recently at Inspections which Sir Knight Vernon Maxwell and I have attended, and we have been successful in obtaining subscriptions in various Commanderies totaling 79, together with 24 coming in in reply to my Ohio Templar letter. The best way to get subscriptions is to talk about it at an Inspection and ask the Sir Knights to come to the Recorder's desk and sign their names and drop a dollar. I have been trying to hit 100 during my year and it looks like it will go well over that.

Fraternally yours,
CLAYTON COUSINO,
Grand Commander.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar
of Ohio.

—385,408—

"YOU OUGHT TO KNOW"

The Commandery—Order of Knights
Templar.

(Chivalric Orders)

1. Order of Red Cross—Conferred on Royal Arch Masons.
2. Order of Malta and The Mediterranean Pass.
3. Order of the Temple—Candidate becomes a "Knight Templar."

(National Organization—Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

(State Organization—Example)—The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York.

(States)—47 Grand Commanderies.

Constituent Commanderies—1,605—Under Jurisdiction of the Grand Commanderies of the 47 States.

Subordinate Commanderies—15 under Grand Encampment.

Total Membership—385,408.



Sir Knight Clayton Cousino, Grand Commander of Ohio, received through lines.

CLASS OF 33—LOGANSPORT, IND.



St. Johns No. 24, Logansport, Ind.

May 23, 1957.

My Dear Chalmers:

I am just in receipt of the enclosed photo from the Recorder of St. John Commandery No. 24, of Logansport, Indiana, showing the class of 33 dubbed and created Knights Templar Saturday afternoon and evening, March 30th of this year.

The York Rite bodies of Logansport had previously held a York Rite week, in which work was given to a class of

candidates for the Chapter and Council, and the 33 shown in the picture were those that were given the Orders of Knighthood. Quite a sizeable class.

Sincerely,

MAX.

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