



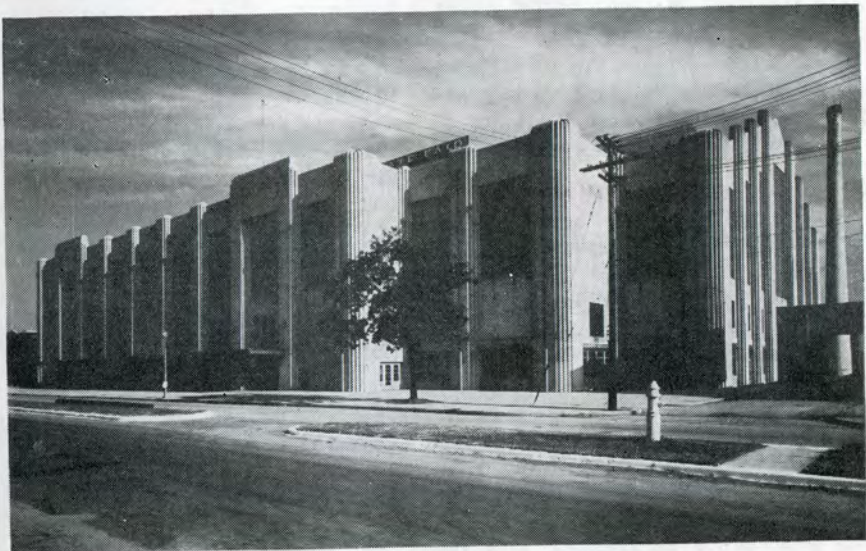
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CHRISTMAS

True Knights of the Cross Devoutly
Sing:

"Joy to the World; the Lord is Come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let every Heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and Nature Sing."

These words express the true Christmas Spirit, which in Song, Words and Deeds, touches deeply the hearts of all Sir Knights.

As Knights Templar we celebrate Christmas,

To Honor the Birth of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Master.

May the Christ Spirit dwell in your hearts on Christmas Day,

And all the days of the coming years.

May you know the joys of Christian Knighthood,

And spread Christ's message to all men—everywhere.

May your voices be lifted up in Carols and Joyous Songs.

May your minds be inspired with the words,

From the Greatest Message of the Ages:
"Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace Among Men."

On this Christmas Day 1957—May we all rejoice with—"Exceeding Great Joy."

May all Sir Knights join in Divine Worship in your Commanderies, your Churches and your Homes on this Glorious Christmas Day. Christmas warms our hearts with love, inspires our minds to seek Happiness in bringing Happiness to others.

Across the Nation at Christmas Time the Hearts and Hands of thousands of Sir Knights go out in helping the less fortunate in life to find the Joy and Peace of Christmas.

OUR PRAYER

Our Father which art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom Come.

Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Make 1958 the Greatest Year in Templary

"A Revitalized and Greater Templary" is Now Being Accomplished

Dear Sir Knights:

Your Grand Master now heads "down the home stretch" for by the time you receive this issue of the "Knight Templar" we will be well on our way toward the 47th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16-22, 1958.

The Grand Master will not have the opportunity to write many more messages through the medium of our magazine, but he cannot help but greatly appreciate the increase in membership, the increase in student loans and the increase in the cases handled by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the continued increase in subscriptions to the "Knight Templar" and the loyalty and enthusiastic interest in Templary that is being demonstrated in many Grand and Subordinate Jurisdictions throughout the Grand Encampment.

We started out with a slogan for "A Revitalized and Greater Templary" and as your Grand Master has said so often and in all of his talks around the country, we have to consider this great Christian Order of ours in a different category than just another Masonic Body. Being bound around the Life of Christ makes it actually His work, and therefore it has to stand out at the top of the Masonic structure, as well as in the community. We have vowed to practice the Christian virtues, practice universal benevolence, to bind up the wounds of the afflicted and this year 1957 and 1958 should be outstanding in practicing those vows by actually putting into our own life, heart and soul through our great charitable project, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and it should be a great year, we hope, in saving the sight of hundreds of those who might possibly become blind if it was not for our aid. Remember our



Walter Allen DeLamater
Grand Master

Knights Templar Eye Foundation is for research, treatment and hospitalization of diseases and injuries of the eyes in order to prevent blindness and that service is available to anyone regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin; the only requisite being that they cannot afford to pay. So far we have processed over sixty (60) cases.

The year of 1957-1958 should be a great one in securing more members. Let us also have the greatest increase in membership we have ever had. We can if we are enthusiastic, interested, determined and willing to work. We must also have real leaders, those at the head of every branch or level of our great Christian Order must enthuse, inspire and instill in the hearts and souls of the Sir Knights our great objectives and all must contribute toward accomplishing results.

After all the greatest reward we can receive is the knowledge that we had a part in accomplishing something worthwhile. What a great accomplishment it is going to be to have a part in an effort to save sight, increasing our membership so that we have a strong virile organization, holding down and make a determined effort to keep down the number of demits and suspensions. Our Committees in the Knights Templar Educational Foundation in the various jurisdictions should really get to work so that we have more loans out helping more of the youth receive their education, helping them over the trying times when they need financial aid, and we have to make every sacrifice for Christianity, every sacrifice to make this great Christian Order really revitalized, really greater, to stand right out where it should. We want to greatly increase subscriptions to our magazine, the "Knight Templar," because it furnishes real inspiration, it is interesting and informative, and every month the subscriptions have increased and let us try to get every member to subscribe. When you have a part in something, you become interested, you are more enthusiastic, just the same if you have a uniform you are more interested, you have an investment, you are helping the organization stand out. Let this year of 1957-1958 be the greatest one we ever had. Let us also aim to have a tremendous turnout of uniformed Sir Knights in Indianapolis on August 16-22, 1958, for our Triennial Conclave. It must be a great demonstration of Soldiers of the Cross, a great Christian demonstration, it has to stand out and we cannot afford to have just a small group, a small turnout, let us have a tremendous parade, because it will have a great influence and make a very effective impression on our own Sir Knights, our Masonic Brethern and the public. The hope of the world is through Christ and we who have enlisted under His banner must have the fortitude, backbone, interest, and determination and make sacrifices if need be to

advance Templary to a world-wide outstanding Christian organization. It can be done. Let us do it!

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

THE NEW YEAR—1958

The front cover headline of this issue "In 1958—Make Templary Great" is from a slogan created and adopted by the Grand Commander of New York State, Sir Knight George D. Barclay. His motto for the year is—"Let's Make Templary Great in Fifty-eight."

We have used this slogan on the front cover to emphasize the thought and force in planning activities for the coming year in Templary.

It means—"In 1958—Make Templary Great"—Great in Eye Saving—Great in the Education of Youth—Great in Sacrifices for Christianity—Great in obtaining new members for the order of Knights Templar—great in making the "Knight Templar" Magazine an inspiration and help for all Sir Knights—great in obtaining our goal of, 10,000 subscribers and regular readers of the "Knight Templar."

The date August 16-22, 1958 is important as a great and outstanding event in Templar advancement.

The 47th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, with Hotel Claypool as headquarters.

A great Templar Spectacle will be the public street parade to take place on Saturday evening, August 16, 1958 at 7 p. m., on the wide and level Meridian Street. Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, R. E. Grand Captain General, will issue detailed Parade Orders. Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Generalissimo, has been appointed Grand Marshal for the Parade. Detailed plans for the Parade will be published in coming issues of this magazine.

In Memoriam

SIR KNIGHT ANSEL ALVA PACKARD

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of United States of America.

Died Monday, August 26th, 1957.

Services Trinity Episcopal Church. Interment, Cemetery Church Yard.



ANSEL A. PACKARD

R. E. Grand Captain General

Many tributes would be written of Ansel Packard, who was a friendly man, with a smiling and a pleasant personality, that will live long in the memory of his many friends.

His untimely passing is a great loss to Templary, the Order of Christian Knighthood, to which he was a devoted and zealous worker over many years.

We shall miss his pleasant voice, his words of advice and encouragement, and his deeds of kindness and helpfulness in human welfare.

The things he accomplished for the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of Knights Templar will live long as a beautiful Memorial to a Loyal and Devoted Sir Knight.

Grand Master Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater has written:

"In the passing of Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, 'A Great Oak' has fallen, for Ansel was one that neither Templary, the Grand Encampment, or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., could afford to lose. His family requested that in place of flowers, contributions be made to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and many contributions have and are being received."

Sir Knight Ansel Packard was a very efficient officer, one whom everybody had been looking forward to the time when he would assume the leadership of our great Christian Order of Templary, and the great accomplishments from the service it was anticipated he would render when he attained the Office of Grand Master.

In addition to his long and outstanding Masonic service he was respected as a man, a Mason, and as a Christian Gentleman, beloved as a friend. His ability, wide experience and efficiency were well recognized in commercial and professional services, in his church, and the community, as well as in Masonry.

He was intensely interested in Templary and in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The work of this Foundation was of great importance to Sir Knight Packard, and he looked forward to seeing it as a very successful and charitable organization. The biographical sketch published by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar emphasizes the exceptionally strong character of Sir Knight Ansel Alva Packard.

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker Appointed Grand Captain General



SIR KNIGHT WILBER M. BRUCKER
Appointed Grand Captain General

Under date of September 3, 1957, the following announcement was made by the Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater:

"It becomes my very sad duty to officially advise you of the passing of Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, The R. E. Grand Captain General and a Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

"Therefore, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Past Grand Commander of Michigan, former Governor of Michigan, present Secretary of the Army, and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, has under the provisions of Section 26, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, been appointed by the Grand Master as the R. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, Knights Tem-

plar of the United States of America.

"Sir Knight Brucker has agreed to fulfill the duties of the Office, and has been duly installed in that Office by the Grand Master. In compliance with Section 18½ of the Constitution, Sir Knight Brucker, by virtue of his Office as the Grand Captain General, automatically becomes a member of the Board of Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc."

Ohio Presents Check to Fund

A report has been received from Sir Knight Clayton G. Cousino, Grand Commander of Ohio, that a check in the amount of \$500.00 was recently contributed to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Through the co-operation of the York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine there has been considerable activity in Ohio in promoting this Templar humanitarian project. The four Commanderies of Toledo purchased space in the Toledo Shrine Circus program calling attention to the Knights Templar Eye Saving Service. From this source came the first request for assistance, described as the (History, Ohio Eye Case No. 4).

A request came from Sir Knight Harold Wittmann, P. C., Recorder of Toledo Commandery No. 7. The letter stated: "Mrs. (Case 4), widow of a Sir Knight, is in need of an eye operation. She has been slowly going blind. In one eye she sees only dark from light or as objects pass by. By having another operation on the eye there is a possibility of her having partial sight. She is 74 years of age. This is a case deserving of recognition."

Mrs. (Case No. 4) was operated on February 8, 1957, through the assistance of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund, and the operation has been reported as successful.

HISTORIC INDIANAPOLIS

With a metropolitan population of 615,000, Indianapolis is the largest state capital city in the United States. It is only a few miles from the center of population of the United States and well deserves its title, "Crossroads of America."

In the heart of the business district is the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, second only to the Washington Monument in height, and one of the finest and most elaborate pieces of monumental architecture in the world.

Indiana's War Memorial occupies five city blocks, was built at a cost of \$15,000,000 and includes the beautiful limestone building which houses national headquarters of the American Legion. The Central Shrine is a massive building of Indiana limestone in which Memorial Hall, an impressively beautiful auditorium, is located. Another feature of the Memorial Plaza is a black granite obelisk, 100 feet high, with an illuminated fountain at its base.

The James Whitcomb Riley Public Library is said to be the most nearly perfect example of pure Greek architecture in the United States. The Scottish Rite Cathedral, considered by many the most beautiful building in Indianapolis, is one of the finest examples of Old World architecture in the United States and has in its illuminated tower a fine carillon, one of the largest and most expensive in the world, a gift to the city of a public-spirited citizen.

Indianapolis' and Indiana's living memorial to James Whitcomb Riley is the Riley Hospital for Children which has taken a mighty hold on the imagination of the Hoosier Commonwealth and has been showered with benefactions. It is a part of the impressive Indiana University Medical Center.

Riley's last home, on Lockerbie Street, is maintained as a shrine and open to the public. His boyhood home in Greenfield, 19 miles east of Indianapolis, has been restored and refurnished in the period of his occupancy and is now open

to the public.

Of great historic interest is the home of Benjamin Harrison, a president of the United States. The home at 1230 North Delaware Street has been restored and open to the public.

Indianapolis is a city of home-loving folks, as is evident in the block after block of substantial, well-kept homes with beautiful shade trees, shrubbery and gardens. The city park and boulevard system is a source of great pride, also the six municipal golf courses and four municipal swimming pools. The sunken gardens in Garfield Park, on Indianapolis' southside, attract thousands of visitors annually. Colored lights playing on fountains give an effect of fairyland. Riverside and Brookside Parks have fine shelter houses and acres of wooded grounds for picnickers. Many visitors are attracted to the extensive fish hatcheries maintained in connection with the municipal nurseries near Riverside.

Over 1100 manufacturing plants with great variety of products are located in Indianapolis.

When you speak of Indianapolis to the average person who has not visited the city, usually one of two associations are recalled. In Indianapolis is located the famous Speedway where each Decoration Day is held the international motor classic, the 500-mile race. Or, Indianapolis was the home of James Whitcomb Riley, beloved Hoosier Poet. Both claims to fame are merited. But Indianapolis, capital of Indiana, holds much more of interest.

The Grand Master has appointed Sir Knight C. Wilbur Foster, as a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Triennial Conclave, which Committee, consists of Sir Knight Lachlan M. MacDonald, P. G. C. of Ohio as Chairman, and Sir Knight John Temple Rice, R. E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.



Presentation of Album of Photographs by Eminent Commander John S. Lanier, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, to Most Eminent Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, in presence of Vice-President Richard Nixon at Dedication of Knights Templar Chapel, Alexandria, Virginia, April 20, 1957.

From Commander Lanier's Message

The June 1957 issue of the publication of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, featured eleven photographs by Sir Knight Steven N. Brussa, of the Dedication Ceremonies for the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, Saturday, June 20, 1957.

In his message Sir Knight Lanier said, in part: "It was indeed a great privilege for me to have the honor of representing Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 at the dedication ceremonies of the Knights Templar Chapel. I am deeply grateful to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment for his courteous invitation to attend.

"Being present at this service of the Knights Templar Chapel dedication ceremonies on Saturday afternoon, April 20th, and also the Easter Sunrise Service in

Arlington Memorial Amphitheatre on Sunday morning, April 21st, was a thrilling and tremendously inspiring experience, and certainly the most beautiful and colorful I have ever witnessed.

"To see the great marching units of Sir Knights and the Massed Colors, led by the U. S. Marine Band and the assembling of the multitude was well worthwhile. All this, with the dynamic encouraging remarks of the Grand Master, the impressive spiritual message of the Grand Prelate, and the beautiful singing and music was a great and thrilling sight to behold.

"Sir Knight DeLamater appointed Sir Knight Steven to be the official photographer of the Grand Encampment for this occasion. We are fortunate in obtaining a most complete and beautiful picture record."



Sir Knight Decker, at 83, Still Parades

This photograph of Sir Knight and Dr. William Nelson Decker, a member of Oriental Commandery No. 22, Bridgton, Maine, Knighted July 25th, 1907, is an active Templar, who at the age of 83 enjoys parading with the Templars as well as other organizations.

In an issue of *The Bridgton News*, Dr. Decker was pictured in the foreground as he led the Spanish American War Section of the parade last year. He also marched in the Memorial Day Parade.

In a letter from Sir Knight W. Osborn Davis, P. C. and Recorder of Oriental Commandery, he wrote: "Sir Knight Decker marched in the Knights Templar Parade of Maine on May 5th, 1957, at the time of the Annual Conclave and walked to The Hotel Eastland and back, and said that he loved every bit of the procession."

Sir Knight Davis stated, that while Dr. Decker is not the oldest living member of Oriental, he is very active. There are three other older members, namely, Sir Knights David Eugene Chaplin, P. C., a Charter Member 1903; Clarence Merle Libby, P. C., 1905 and Harry J. Keene,

1905.

This interesting bit of history was received through the courtesy of Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, R. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. He wrote, that Sir Knight Winston Jagger, R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Maine, at the time of the Conclave, May 5th, would appreciate a sketch of this fine veteran Knight Templar in an issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Sir Knight Packard commented: "You may recall that the Masonic Temple is about a mile from the Eastland Hotel in Portland, Maine, and that the march from the Temple to the Hotel is up hill all the way, so that the old gentleman set a fine example for his younger associates, appearing in full Templar Uniform in a Knights Templar Street Parade, for the advancement of the Order."

Paul M. Bechtel, P. C. of Pa. "Drums" Up Subscriptions

An interesting letter was received June 22nd, 1957, from Sir Knight Paul M. Bechtel, Eminent Past Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar of Reading, Pa., which was most encouraging in our efforts to get more subscriptions to the "Knight Templar" Magazine.

In this letter was enclosed a Money Order and a list of Sir Knights from this Commandery, ordering 16 new subscriptions for which we are most grateful.

Sir Knight Bechtel stated: "The enclosed list of new subscriptions to the "Knight Templar" Magazine is the best I could do for the first time. Will continue to "drum" more subscriptions for the next time. Have also enclosed one of DeMolay's monthly notices. I had the write-up concerning Free Copy of "Knight Templar" Magazine in both May and June monthly notices. Please feel free to call on my services at any time.

Most sincerely, I am, Yours in Christian Knighthood—Paul M. Bechtel, P. C.

MELITA No. 13

New Jersey Ascension Service

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight Louis C. Gollmer, Recorder of Melita Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar of Paterson, New Jersey, this article is being published. He wrote: "Our Ascension Day Service this year was held on Sunday, June 2nd (1957), at 8:00 P. M. in the Pompton Reformed Church, organized 1812, located in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey."

The sermon "The Ascension," by the Rev. Gerrit Heemstra, was delivered to a large delegation of Sir Knights, their families and friends. Sir Knight Gollmer, Recorder, wrote: "The sermon seemed to appeal to this large assembly, many claiming it really was the first time they had ever heard the subject explained in detail."

It is with regret that limited space in this magazine will permit only excerpts from this inspiring sermon, which follow:

(By the Rev. Gerrit Heemstra)

Ascension Day was a Holy Thursday in the early Greek, Roman and English churches. It dates back to the earliest times of the Christian Church. It is first mentioned in the Apostolic Constitutions, but St. Augustine believed it was instituted by the Apostles themselves or by primitive bishops. In the Middle Ages, great ceremonies were held and the Image of Christ was drawn up to a roof, suggesting that He had ascended and the image of Satan was cast down into flames, suggesting that he had been defeated.

Ascension Day also explains Christ's Crucifixion. If God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, He was in the Christ Who forgave men and redeemed their souls. That Christ has returned to God as the Great High Priest and He is making intercession for us in the Holy of Holies of heaven. There is nothing so encouraging and strengthening than to know that someone is praying for us. We may seem utterly alone in



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

Ministers: Gerrit Heemstra, Gregory A. Gross. Minister of Music, Donald C. Fulkerson.

"God make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship and a Father's care; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and hate. God make the doorway of this house the gateway to Thy Eternal Kingdom."

our struggles and sorrows, but Christ is always with us in prayer. He is a Member of that great Cloud of Witnesses that is surrounding us.

The Ascension completes the meaning of the Resurrection. Why should Christ be risen from the grave if there were not a place for Him somewhere and a work for Him to do? He arose from the grave, so that He might continue to make disciples, to baptize and to teach through His followers. St. John understood the

meaning of the Resurrection after the Ascension. Mary and Martha caught the significance of His words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life" after His Ascension. And so, too, with Thomas and Peter and Saul and all the others. In fact, when the early church decided to select someone to take Judas' place, we read in Acts 1:22, "Beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become a witness with us to His Resurrection." In these words, St. Luke connects the baptism of John with the Ascension of Christ as being necessary to witness to Christ's Resurrection. The Resurrection opened the grave; the Ascension opened men's hearts.

There is another thought connected with Christ's Resurrection that concerns us. In John 14 He said, "In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also." In these words, we find Christ preparing a room for us as a mother prepares a room for her son who is returning from service, or for her daughter who is returning from college.

Virginia Sesquicentennial in 1966

Sir Knight Claude C. Berry, P. D. C., Richmond Commandery No. 2, Editor and Publicity Chairman, has written: "In the Knight Templar magazine for February-March, 1957, there appears a partial list of the History of Individual Commanderies, with a request for copies of History not listed. We are sending a booklet on the History of Richmond Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, when the 100th Anniversary (1816-1916) was observed. We are planning to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the oldest Commandery of Knights Templar in Virginia in 1966. It was organized March 24, 1816, and chartered April 10, 1823."

Brother Henry Price History

Sir Knight Frank H. Wilson, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Mass. and R. I., delivered an historic address on the subject of Brother Henry Price, the First Provincial Grand Master of New England. This address was made at the Henry Price Memorial Service, under the auspices of the Henry Price Club of Townsend, Mass., Sunday, May 26, 1957.

Space will permit only a few excerpts from this interesting address, as follows: "Brother Henry Price, the Provincial Grand Master of New England, came to live in Townsend, Mass., in the year of 1763. His estate was large and embraced several farms with buildings, mills, a blacksmith shop, wood lots, and hundreds of acres of land, and was known as the Hartshorn Farm.

"Henry Price's age prevented him from taking part in the contest with Great Britain, however, in 1733, the rank of Major was conferred upon him by Governor Jonathan Belcher. . . . Brother Henry Price was a member of Lodge No. 75, Rainbow Coffee House, London, England, which was constituted July 17, 1730.

"On July 30, 1733, Henry Price called together 10 Brethren at the 'Bunch of Grapes' tavern, State street, Boston. Here, his deputation, dated April 30, 1733, London, issued by the Grand Master of the F. & A. M. Masons of England, was read, appointing Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England. . . . The new Lodge was designated as the 'First Lodge in Boston' until 1792, when it took the name of St. John's Lodge, and has been in continuous existence."

The Order of Knights Templar is a uniformed organization, dating back to its very inception. The Uniform exemplifies our correlation with the original Knights Templar of the 11th and 12th Centuries, who established the Order to aid Christians on their pilgrimages to Jerusalem to offer their devotions at the Holy Temple.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE-SAVING NOTES

From the Recorder of Holyrood Commandery No. 32, Knights Templar, Cleveland, Ohio, contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund have been made. Accompanying is a copy of a printed notice mailed to all the Sir Knights of that Commandery:—"Holyrood Commandery No. 32, Knights Templar, Wish to extend deepest sympathy at this time of sorrow and grief. With kindest thoughts for our deceased Frater, a contribution is being made to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in memory of Sir Knight (Space is left for the name of the departed Sir Knight). An excellent idea which some other Commanderies might want to adopt.

We have been advised that a Sir Knight of Temple Commandery No. 2, Albany, New York, has left the Eye Foundation \$3,000.00 in his will. It has been reported, that recently a number of wills have been made, which have included the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and that this method of making a contribution as a memorial is gaining ground throughout all Jurisdictions.

From Colorado word has been received that the Memory of the late Grand Recorder of Colorado, Sir Knight Fred Warren Ilchman, will be honored by a contribution to the Eye Foundation as permanent Memorial to this great Templar. In a letter received from Sir Knight James R. Hoffman, P. G. C., of Colorado, he said: "Colorado has lost one of her most outstanding Masons in the passing of our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Fred W. Ilchman. I have worked with him in many Bodies of Masonry. He was one of the finest men I have ever known." A printed "In Memoriam" was enclosed in this letter. Our deep regret is, that space will not permit publishing this in full. However, it will appear in the Colorado Proceedings.

Nassau Commandery No. 73, Hempstead, N. Y., made a fine contribution to the Eye Saving Fund, in Memory of their late Treasurer, Sir Knight Oscar Hoffman.

All Sir Knights have contacts with various Trust Companies, Attorneys, etc., to assist them in drawing Wills and other Grants to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Central City No. 35, New York 100th Birthday

An attractive program announced the 100th Anniversary of Central City Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, of Syracuse, celebrated on May 11, 1957, with Sir Knight Leland L. Denton, Eminent Commander, presiding.

The highlight of the event was the Banquet for "The Centennial Year," held at the Hotel Onondaga Grand Ball Room. The program listed the Honored Guests, Past Commanders forming the Honorary Committee. The names of all the active Officers of the Commandery were presented, along with the names of the Sir Knights of the Centennial Executive Committee.

The Religious Service for the 100th Anniversary was conducted by the Federated Churches, Baptist, Presbyterian, and the Excelsior Chapter No. 164, Royal Arch Masons, Canandaigua, N. Y., 4:00 P. M. Sunday, May 12, 1957. The Sermon: "I Am That I Am!" by the Rev. David W. Ayers, Pastor and Chaplain of Canandaigua Blue Lodge No. 294; the Anniversary Prayer, by Sir Knight and Rev. William T. Plews, Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery State of New York.

The cover design for the program of the service, showed a human hand reaching for a copy of the Holy Bible. The headline read: "The Bible—It is a living Book you have in your hand—Hold it reverently."

Sightless Templar Drills Weekly

The Detroit News, Sunday, March 31, 1957 featured a story with the above three column headline. Photo cutline read:

Showing unusual aptitude in platoon drilling, Dean Brown, who was born blind, now marches regularly with the precision drill corps of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. In the drills Brown is flanked by Farrand Vyse, and Gene Breen who help guide him through the Templar maneuvers.

By Walter W. Fuller

Sighted Friends Act As "Guides" for Him

Dean Brown is one of Detroit's most unusual handicapped persons. In a humble way he is extremely proud of his many and varied achievements, and there are good reasons.

Born sightless, Brown is an expert piano tuner, and repairman. Because he is a widower he lives alone, keeps house, cooks his own meals, travels alone on buses throughout the city, and carries one of the white canes supplied by Lions clubs to all blind persons.

Brown would like a Lions Leader Dog, but cannot use one because, in his work, he must go into homes, and spend hours and most people do not want a strange dog around at a time of tuning and repairing pianos.

Bowls Regularly

Brown bowls once a week, and maintains a 95 average. He now is "tail twister" of the University Lions Club. As such his duties are "to keep harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meeting, and collect the 10-cent fines often imposed on members."

Last fall Brown became a member of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. His cheerful outlook on life so impressed Gene Breen, a fellow Knight and a Lion, that he urged Brown to be-

come a member of the Templar drill corps.

After considerable gentle persuasion Breen finally convinced Brown that he could drill successfully as a "No. 2 man" in a platoon. Since that time the sightless Knight Templar has drilled for the past five Friday nights, and has won high praise from officers for his work.

Breen Teaches

During drill maneuvers Brown marches between Breen and Farrand Vyse, both veteran drill men. They help guide him about the huge drill hall of the Masonic Temple.

Breen patiently taught Brown all the fundamentals the average sighted man would have to learn first in the rookie squad. Now Brown is doing a fine job of executing the many Templar drill maneuvers as he marches between Breen and Vyse.

Because of his handicap, Brown constantly looks for ways to serve those less fortunate. He is especially sympathetic toward those who have gone blind after having normal sight. He does voluntary work such as presenting blind men with electric shavers which are purchased by the Metropolitan Council of Lions Clubs.

"My work with the Commandery drill corps has added more to the joy of living than I ever dreamed possible." Brown said after he came off the drill floor the other night. "It's certainly a great source of satisfaction to feel that the men want me to drill with them. I am very grateful for this privilege."

Brown's two brothers Russell and James, also are members of the drill corps.

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WHO ARE THESE MEN?

As we salute our Past Commanders on this, their special night, we are prompted to review the attributes of leadership which have distinguished them through a long period of selfless service to Coeur de Lion Commandery.

Our Past Commanders are men of integrity who have attained positions of trust and leadership by proving themselves worthy of the title. Those Sir Knights who wish to follow in their footsteps would do well to emulate the qualities that are exhibited by these men, attributes that are demanded of all who would aspire to positions of government.

Our Past Commanders are models of Knightly dignity, loyalty and dependability, possessing qualities that would insure the success of any enterprise they sponsor. Each one is a man of humility who has not sought high places but who was drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

His main concern is for the good of his Brothers rather than for personal gratification.

A Commander must be a practical man since he must lead others in thought and action with initiative and courage. Hence, he is not afraid to assume responsibility and he intends to give a good account of his stewardship.

As an executive he is no shirker but a man of action with a definite idea of what he wishes done—and he does it! Discouragement is his motto. He knows no discouragement and he presents no alibi.

We must also agree that our Past Commanders are men of high ideals with the vision to seek long-range goals so that their successors in office may continue to nurture the growth which they have stimulated.

Add to all these qualities a pleasing personality with tolerance and respect for others, a sense of humor, a love of truth, and a devotion to the ideals of Christian Templary and you have the pattern of a good executive or leader for any Commandery.

These are our Past Commanders! In the hands of such men the cherished traditions of Coeur de Lion Commandery cannot die—they will live!

VICTOR A. FIELDS,
Commander.

Coeur de Lion Commandery, No. 23,
Knights Templar. Stationed at New
York, N. Y.



Grand Master Relaxed

This unusual photo of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, reveals the fact that the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment can and does relax—at times.

The photo was shot by Sir Knight John Croft, Past Grand Commander of Iowa, on a boat, headed for Boca Grande, Florida, at the last Christmas Season. The original print was a very thin copy, but our good friend Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, R. E. Department Commander and P. G. C. of Indiana, with his expert hands as a publisher has produced cut that is being used through his courtesy.

GOING BLIND

By CHALMERS PANCOAST

How would you feel to have a good eye doctor tell you that you were losing your eyesight—Going Blind? No doubt the shock would paralyze your thoughts and make you feel helpless with despair.

You shut your eyes and enter a world of darkness and realize the tragedy of your life if blind. You start thinking what it would mean. You set an alarm clock for 30 minutes. Then you sit down and close your eyes tightly for 30 minutes. You see nothing—only visions of fond memories. You imagine that never again will you see a bright morning sunshine, or a glorious sunset. The twinkle of stars, and glow of a golden moon will never again thrill your heart and soul. Even the love-light in the eyes of dear ones become merely a memory.

Before you are the smiling faces of friends but you do not see them except as memories. Charming landscape, vistas which have delighted you vanish into a misty past. Green fields, beautiful trees, verdant hills and valleys are gone. Beautiful flowers become memories of past loveliness. No longer will you see bright sunlight and shadows of things that were so taken for granted but always loved and admired. Gone are thrilling sights of travel and of adventures into delightful places with friends.

A world of beauty and charm has become a canyon of blackness. Memories of yesterday are today the tragedy of a blind tomorrow. With your eyes closed for only 30 minutes it seems like ages of blindness, tragedy filled with despair and loneliness.

Suddenly

The alarm clock sounds its 30 minutes of warning. You open your eyes quickly with relief and joy and gratitude. You are back in a new world of brightness, of beauty, charm and promise and smiling faces. You have been living in a

world of darkness for only thirty minutes which seemed like eternity. A really terrible experiment and heart-breaking experience. Then you thank God for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund to prevent blindness.

A real charity to save the sight of unfortunate persons unable to pay for treatment. Regardless of age, color or creed the fund is available to all. The greatest charity and humanitarian movement ever launched by a fraternity. Already a blessing to many who have been helped to keep on seeing this beautiful world. Those people without money who are told they are going blind can now be given their hope—a real blessing in their lives. Blindness is a great tragedy. Facing losing eye-sight is heart-breaking unless help comes. It can be and will be prevented.

Saving sight is a Knights Templar charity that will live long and help thousands in years to come. Every Knight Templar should feel proud that by assessment each year and many voluntary contributions received and through wills and bequests he can help someone from going blind. All Sir Knights must thrill at the thought that Templar Masons are saving sight and bringing new hope into the lives that face the tragedy of blindness and living in a world of darkness and loneliness and despair.

The light of day is a glorious sight. No one need live in a world of blackness when blindness can be prevented.

A circular of information on this charity is available by writing to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York.

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Jesse Earl Ramsdell Trophy

June 5, 1957

Chalmers L. Pancoast, Editor
 Knight Templar
 305 West 45th St.
 New York 36, N. Y.
 Dear Sir Knight:

Four years ago R. E. Jesse E. Ramsdell, our beloved Grand Commander, died suddenly while Grand Commander of this grand jurisdiction. His widow, respecting his devotion to the order, contributed a sum of money and asked that the Grand Commandery use it in any manner that would promote the progress of our Order. The Grand Commandery applied this money in the purchase of a trophy known as the Jesse Earl Ramsdell trophy. This trophy is awarded to the Commandery in Florida in recognition of its outstanding proficiency in conferring the Orders with a special emphasis on the Order of the Temple. This year Olivet Commandery No. 4 of Orlando, was judged the recipient of this honor.

In reviewing the "Knight Templar," I have observed that there is a lack of material concerning the Florida activities. Probably the fault lies with us in not submitting articles for publication.

In the near future we plan to have a picture made of the officers of this Commandery displaying the recently won trophy. If you deem the above newsworthy, I should like to submit this material to you for early publication in the "Knight Templar."

Courteously yours,

BLENUS WILLIAMS,

Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand
 Commandery of Florida.
 Orlando, Florida.

FLORIDA RAMSDELL TROPHY

The Jesse Ramsdell Trophy is the outgrowth of a suggestion by Mrs. Jesse Earl Ramsdell who gave the Grand Commandery of the State of Florida a substantial



Trophy

contribution, and asked that the money be used as a memorial to her late husband, and to promote the progress of the Order. Sir Knight Ramsdell served as Grand Commander of Florida in 1952. While performing his duties of office he was suddenly stricken and died. The Grand Commandery, appreciating Mrs. Ramsdell's suggestion, added an additional amount and adopted the traveling trophy shown above. After rigid inspection every year, and after the Committee of Judges have passed upon the proficiency of the competing Commanderies it is awarded to the one proven to be most excellent in its work, with special emphasis being placed on the Order of the Temple, and full form opening. Sir Knight Ramsdell was a member of Olivet Commandery No. 4 of Orlando, Florida, and its members are proud of the honor in being awarded this trophy.

Sir Knights, Sons of Late Jesse Earl Ramsdell



Every officer of Olivet Commandery No. 4 extended himself to the fullest to win the Ramsdell trophy, but it is fitting and proper that recognition be made of two members who played an important part in winning the honor, they are Sir Knights Frank Ramsdell, shown at the right. Warder, and Robert Ramsdell, Guard.

These Sir Knights are sons of the late Jesse Earl Ramsdell and are identifying themselves with the advancement of York Rite Masonry, being active in all of the Bodies.



The officers of Olivet Commandery No. 4, Orlando, Florida. Front row, left to right: Edgar L. Dorsey, Jr., Senior Warden; Ernest C. Slaughter, Gen.; Lofton D. Chiles, Commander; Harold W. Bremer, Capt. Gen.; A. B. Leonard, Sr., Junior Warden.

Middle Row, Em. Louis H. Schneider, Prelate; Em. Robert B. Shugart, Acting Recorder; Em. Blenus Williams, Treas. (G. S. B.), Frank K. Ramsdell, Warden; Robert Ramsdell, Guard; Sam H. Walkup, Jr., Sword Bearer; Herbert J. Whittle, Sentinel.

ACTIVE AT 106 YEARS

Sir Knight Hiram Franklin Deaner, of Oakland, Calif., is still an active Templar, according to a letter received from Sir Knight H. William Sutherland, Recorder, Oakland Commandery No. 11, dated June 3rd, 1957.

In the letter it is stated that Sir Knight Deaner was Knighted in Marysville Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, in the year of 1880. He belonged to the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter in Marysville. In 1904 he affiliated with Alcatraz Lodge No. 24, F. & A. M., Oakland Chapter No. 36, R. A. M., and Oakland Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar. . . . He was born at Keedysville, in the State of Maryland, May 25th, 1851.

Sir Knight Eugene M. Gillette, P. G. C. of Idaho (1909), now of Wenatchee, Wash., was 100 years old May 10, 1957.

Accompanying the letter from Sir Knight Sutherland was a clipping from the Oakland Tribune, Wednesday, June 6th, 1956, headed "Old Timers Honored by Masons of Oakland Area." The story was illustrated with a picture of Sir Knight Deaner, at the age of 105 cutting a birthday cake at an Old Timers Night in the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple. With the statement that he had been a member of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies since 1892.

(Editor—Our thanks to Sir Knight H. William Sutherland, Recorder, for sending the above facts and the subscriptions to the "Knight Templar" Magazine.)

Oregon Grand Commander in 1899

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight John Temple Rice, R. E. Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment has been received an interesting item of Templar History. In his letter Sir Knight Rice says: "I am sending you a letter from Sir Knight Curtis Bently Winn, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Oregon, who is the only living member of the Grand Encampment prior to the year 1900. Sir Knight Winn having served as Grand Commander of Oregon in 1899."

In response to a letter sent to him by Sir Knight Rice on his 93rd Birthday, he replied in the following letter in long hand, revealing wonderful penmanship in a man of that age.

"Dear Sir Knight Rice—Your Air Mail and Special Delivery Letter on June 18th, received today (June 20, 1957) on my 93rd birthday anniversary, a very happy one. Age brings with it, compensations for 67 years of Masonry has brought me many good friends. My good wife of 56 years, with me, just returned May 29th from a 16,000 voyage on the good ship Monterey to the South Pacific, touching at Honolulu, Pago Pago, Samoa, Suva, Fiji Islands, Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand, Sidney, Australia and Papeete, Tahiti, on the way South. From our passenger list of 350 we assembled 50 Members of the Craft, from all parts of the world, and this made many new friendships. . . . It was a pleasure to make several new acquaintances in New Zealand and Australia, during our brief stay in these far away countries.

"I greatly appreciate the kindly expressions from you and the Grand Encampment Members. Courteously yours, Curtis B. Winn—"Fifield Manor, 5930 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles 28, California.

How Michigan Attracts Young People

March 27, 1957.

Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast, P. G. C. Dear Frater:

As Editor of the "Knight Templar," I believe that you can use the story of one of the projects of the Commandery of which I am a member.

Damascus Commandery No. 42, K. T., for several years has held an annual Military Ball. Interest began to lag until one of our members, now a Past Commander, conceived the idea of inviting members of the DeMolay, with their "dates" along with members of the Rain-

bow and Job's Daughters with their "dates." Admission was free on presentation of their dues cards in their particular organization.

The State Grand Officers and the State sponsors were invited. The party has grown to the point when the last party was held, March 9, 1957, in the Masonic Temple in Detroit, approximately 3,500 young people attended. Not only is the party attended by local young people, but bus loads come in from all over Michigan and many from Ohio.

Very little dancing is done by the members of the Commandery, as the young people occupy every square inch of floor space. Knights in uniform act as receptionists, and it takes a large number to handle the crowd.

The Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, Francis M. Dodge, who was present, spoke in glowing terms of the work Damascus Commandery is doing for Masonic youth.

Courteously and fraternally,

MURRAY D. WILSON,

Past Commander Damascus Commandery
Past Grand Commander Knights Templar
of Michigan.

New Mexico Historic Names

June 3, 1957

Chalmers Pancoast,

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

I wrote Sir Knight F. M. Kercheville, 1819 Roma Avenue NE, Albuquerque, and requested information on the meanings and derivation of names of some of our New Mexico Commanderies. I quote from his response:

"Commandery No. 1, Santa Fe—The Royal City of the Holy Faith, was probably named in honor of a small city of similar layout near Granada in Old Spain.

"Commandery No. 2, Las Vegas—The Meadows, named for the wide plains or meadows surrounding the place.

"Commandery No. 5, Aztec—Named in honor of the great Aztec Indian peoples of ancient Mexico.

"Commandery No. 6, Rio Hondo—The Deep River, due probably to deep dark

canyons.

"Commandery No. 11, Las Cruces—The place of the crosses, where crosses were placed on the occasion of the martyrdom of Spanish priests.

"Commandery No. 15, Shiprock—Interesting due to the startling rock formation shaped like a ship.

"Commandery No. 16, Sangre de Cristo—The Blood of Christ.

"Notes: Albuquerque—For the Duke of Albuquerque in Spain.

Raton—Pass of the Mouse.

Tucumcari—Said to be Indian for rock formation resembling a woman's breasts.

Los Alamos—Valley of the Cottonwood Trees."

I hope this is of help to you. In my estimation Sir Knight Kercheville is better qualified to furnish the information than anyone else in our Grand Commandery and he should have full credit for the above. I'm confident he would be happy to answer any other questions you might have along similar lines.

Courteously and fraternally,

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.

Virginia, Minn.,

July 3, 1957.

Dear Chalmers:

Your "Going Blind" piece is most praiseworthy as a writing to focus attention on the handicap of blindness.

You are doing a great work in promoting Templary. Do not weary in well doing. Keep it up. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for you and your talents.

Cordially yours,

BURT.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Sixty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the District of Columbia was convened in the Washington Hotel, May 11, 1957, with Right Eminent Grand Commander Archibald C. Stark, presiding.

Distinguished visitors included Sir Knight William T. Buckner, R. E. Department Commander, Central Atlantic Department of the Grand Encampment, and the personal representative of M. E. Grand Master, Walter Allen DeLamater; R. E. Grand Commanders John J. Bahn of New York, Richard P. Gregson of Connecticut, Richard R. Watson of New Jersey, John Kellner, Jr. of Maryland, and Charles H. Keesor of West Virginia; V. E. Deputy Grand Commander Etrebil A. Schaub of Maryland; Sir Knights Schuyler C. Blackburn, George S. Yost, Norman Strippy, and Conrad J. Raider, R. E. Past Grand Commanders of Maryland; E. Inspector General Charles N. J. Gwinn of Maryland; and E. P. C. Norman W. Gerhardt of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland.

Officers of local York Rite bodies in attendance included Sir Knight Arthur F. Zepp, M. E. Grand High Priest, and Sir Knight Glenn L. Johnson, M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council.

A membership of 2,289 was reported as of March 31, 1957, a loss of 94.

The Easter Sunrise Breakfast Committee reported the largest attendance ever at the Breakfast immediately following the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery. The Breakfast, sponsored by the Grand Commandery, is to be continued.

The visitations to the patients at Mt. Alto Veterans' Hospital, begun in 1952, are to be continued on the present bi-weekly basis.

Awards for the Templar year 1956-57 were presented as follows:

(1) The most outstanding Sir Knight: to Sir Knight Karl T. Weimar, Jr., Washington Commandery No. 1.

The most outstanding officer below the

Council: to Sir Knight C. Eugene Barnes, Columbia Commandery No. 2.

(3) The most outstanding and efficient Council officer: to Sir Knight William E. Barkman, Washington Commandery No. 1.

(4) Highest average rating and best showing in all Templar activities: to Washington Commandery No. 1.

The following officers were chosen for the Templar year 1957-58:

John Lewis Allen, Grand Commander, 6645 Georgia Ave., N. W., Washington 12, D. C.

Lloyd O. Miller, Deputy Grand Commander, 4801 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington 8, D. C.

John G. Mathes, Grand Generissimo, 4824 Chevy Chase Blvd., Chevy Chase 15, Md.

Joseph D. Yerkes, Grand Captain General, 1628 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

KENTUCKY

The 110th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Kentucky was held in the City of Louisville, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 19, 20 and 21.

Sunday, May 19th, was given over to general registration and at 1:30 the formation of the street parade with all units assembled on Gray Street in the following order of divisions: first, Ohio; second, Indiana; third, Illinois; and fourth, Kentucky. The parade moved promptly at 2 o'clock and at 4:30 the exhibition drills were held in the Crystal Ball Room of the Brown Hotel. Raper Commandery No. 1 of Indianapolis staged an exhibition drill in front of the grand stand. At 6:30 that evening, the traditional dinner for Grand Commandery officers, Past Grand Commanders, distinguished guests and ladies was held. At eight o'clock that evening, devotional services under the direction of Em. Grand Prelate, Sir Knight and Rev. Clifford Lynn White was held on the roof garden of the Brown Hotel.

The Grand Commandery convened promptly at 9 a. m. Monday morning with Sir Knight Clarence Wilder Denham, the R. E. Grand Commander presiding. Following the recess at 12 o'clock for luncheon, the Grand Commandery again reconvened at 1 o'clock. At 6:30 the same evening, the annual dinner of the Grand Commander of K. T. of the State of Kentucky was held in the Crystal Ball Room of the Brown Hotel and at 9 o'clock, a reception for Sir Knight Denham, the R. E. Grand Commander and Mrs. Denham was held in the South Room of the headquarters hotel. It was a most delightful affair. Sir Knight Charles B. Wolfertz (P. G. C. of Pa.), Chairman Committee on Progress and Special Activities, was the principal speaker at the banquet. The Grand Commandery again convened at 9 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, May 21, concluding with the election and installation of officers.

Some interesting sidelights of the Conclave was the fact that the Sir Knights of Illinois attended the Grand Conclave of Indiana, at Bloomington, arriving from Chicago on a special train over the Monon and then proceeding to Louisville to participate in the Kentucky parade. There were approximately 400 plumes in line from Chicago. It is estimated there were about 1500 Sir Knights in all in the parade at Louisville. It was reported there were 38 active Commanderies in the state with a total membership of 9154 members.

The Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater was present Monday evening and delivered a dynamic address.

Report received through courtesy of Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, P. G. C. of Ind., R. E. Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment.

KANSAS

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kan-

sas was held at Wichita, Kansas, May 14-15, 1957.

On Monday evening, May 13th, a dinner was held for all Sir Knights and Ladies, together with the local Masters Masons and their Ladies. At this dinner the visiting dignitaries were presented. The address of the evening was given by our Grand Master, Walter A. DeLamater.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the First Methodist Church, where Divine Service was held, with the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight N. Robert Gill, delivering the sermon. Following Divine Service was the Annual Street Parade. In the Competitive Drills three teams were entered in Class A-1 and six teams in Class B. The Grand Commandery Ball was held at Hotel Lassen Tuesday night. The Grand Commandery suffered a loss in membership.

Next year's Conclave is to be held at Salina, Kansas, May 13-14, 1958.

The Committee on Educational Loan Fund reported six loans made last year, but that a lot more progress was being made this year.

The Committee on Patriotic Activities reported small progress.

All of the Distinguished Visitors from out of the state were elected to Honorary Membership in this Grand Commandery.

The election resulted in Sir Knight Donald J. Rayburn, as Grand Commander, and Arthur H. Strickland, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander presented four Sir Knights with Certificates of Proficiency.

Courteously submitted,

ARTHUR H. STRICKLAND,

Grand Recorder.

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TEMPLARY IN COLORADO

On February 22nd the Denver Area Knights Templar Association held an all-inclusive Patriotic Conclave in the Asylum of Coronado Commandery No. 36. This was a fitting tribute to George Washington as soldier, statesman, patriot and Mason. All six Commanderies in and near Denver participated with over one hundred Knights in uniform and with their ladies. Seven Past Grand Commanders and members of the Grand Commander's staff were in attendance. After music by Sir Knight Gordon Miles and an exhibition drill by Denver Commandery No. 25, Brother Paul Forsythe, City Director of Civil Defense, spoke on "Denver, A Battlefield" and Sir Knight and Rev. Richard E. Halbert addressed us on "A Standard To Which The Wise and Honest Can Repair."

The second event occurred on Easter Sunday when the Knights Templar of the Denver area held their Thirty-third Annual Easter Sunrise Service in the Denver Municipal Auditorium Arena. More than two hundred Sir Knights in full Templar uniform were in line of march led by the Band, Drum and Bugle Corps and Patrol of El Jebel Shrine. The El Jebel Chanters assisted in the music. The guest speaker was Sir Knight and Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips of this Methodist District. "Easter Begins With You" was the theme heard by some seven thousand citizens of Denver in attendance. Sir Knight and Rev. O. Franklin Archer presided over the services which were broadcast over Radio Station KOA.

Lastly on May 3rd and 4th we held our first All Colorado York Rite Observance at El Jebel Shrine Mosque. Seventy-eight candidates received the caputular and cryptic degrees as well as the three Orders of Templary conferred by selected ritualists from most of the Chapters, Councils and Commanderies throughout the state. This was an outstanding event for the York Rite, in that it brought together more than three hundred fifty

Colorado Masons headed by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. H. Baird Whitaker, The Grand Master of the Grand Council M. E. Comp. Roy E. Rockwell, and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, R. E. Sir Elton R. Joy. The Grand Officers of all the Masonic bodies together with other distinguished guests were officially received during the Full Form Opening in which forty-eight Sir Knights, in addition to the acting officers, were in line. The program is enclosed.

It is expected that this York Rite Observance will become an annual affair. However the two-day mass initiation is not intended to take the place of the individual bodies conferring the degrees and Orders throughout the year in the normal manner.

We in Colorado feel that Templary has definitely progressed in strength and interest during the past few months. We are looking forward to excellent reports at our Grand Conclave at Glenwood Springs on September 13th and 14th.

Sincerely and Courteously,
JAMES R. HOFFMAN, P.G.C.
 Chairman, Colorado Division.

Committee on Progress and Special Activities.

Silver City, New Mexico History

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, a marked copy of the Silver City Enterprise has been received, with a news item under the heading—"50 Years Ago, June 28, 1907." Which reads, as follows: "D. C. McMillen will attend the Conclave of the Knights Templar, which meets in Saratoga, New York, July 7th-15th (1907). A. H. Harlee, of this city, will represent the New Mexico Commandery."

In connection with this news items of 50 years ago, Sir Knight Rice wrote:

After reading the marked news item I looked at the printed Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of New Mexico for 1907, and I notice that Daniel C. McMillen

is shown in that year's returns as Standard Bearer, and Arthur H. Harlee is shown as Prelate. The Malta Commandery No. 7, Silver City, only listed fifty-one members. They gave up their charter a few years ago, but really my thought is that that ought to be one of the best spots in New Mexico for a good Commandery. There is one at Deming, but that is about 75 miles away, and Silver City has close to it—Hurley, Tyrone, Pinos Altos, quite a little metropolitan area, the combined population being I suppose somewhere about 12,000 to 15,000 people.

Maybe some day they will get another Chapter and Commandery if the right group should happen along.

“Historiophile” of New Mexico

The Rev. George A. Stracke, Rector
May 25, 1957

Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast,
Right Eminent Sir:

Your name being familiar to me through the Knights Templar Magazine, and through other correspondence, it was natural when I was perusing the minutes of Chapman Lodge U. D. (which was a Military Lodge at Ft. Union, New Mexico) for the early years of its history, and encountered the same surname, I thought you might be interested.

Ft. Union was the defensive outpost of the Santa Fe Trail, and the Headquarters and Base for the operations of the military in bringing the Southwest under the control of the United States. Several Military Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, were formed among the troops, of which three survive as Constituent Lodges of our present Grand Lodge.

One of these was Chapman U. D. formed in 1862, which became Chapman No. 95 of Missouri, and then Chapman No. 2, of New Mexico. The minutes of the meeting of May 8, 1862 include the item that one George R. Pancoast was initiated En-

tered Apprentice. On June 5, 1862, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and not until March 21, 1863 was he raised to the degree of Master Mason. I do not have the other records of the Lodge immediately at hand, so I do not know what became of him. His name does not appear as a member of any of the New Mexico Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge in 1877.

I am not a scientific historian; you might call me an “histriophile.” I look into old records just for the enjoyment of finding unusual items. For example, the Lodge was dark for almost a year and a half in 1863-64; with no indication as to why—on the minutes that is. My thought is that the campaigning during that period, precluded holding any meetings.

If you are interested, and I find anything further about Bro. Pancoast, I will let you know.

With every personal and fraternal good wish, I am

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

GEORGE A. STRACKE,

Grand Prelate,

Grand Commandery of New Mexico.

Saint Paul's Memorial Church, Episcopal, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

At the 46th Triennial, August 20-26, 1955, a resolution was passed establishing the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 100% Charity on a National Basis for the treatment of needy sufferers from eye disease or injuries, which if untreated would result in blindness. This project is to treat all persons without regard to race, color, creed, age or sex or national origin, free of charge; the prerequisite for treatment will be the inability of the patient to pay for such treatment or hospitalization.

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LOUISIANA GAINS

From address of Sir Knight W. D. Billingsley, Rt. Em. Department Commander, South Central Department, and Personal Representative of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

Past Commanders must not be allowed to take their ease when a successor takes the Constituent Commandery helm. Templary has schooled and skilled its officers, present and past, for continuing roles. Indeed, the Past Commanders are in the position of being conservators of a sacred trust. Past Commanders should be encouraged to fill assisting roles, the roles which help maintain Templary morale at the grass roots and which, in concert with the duties and prerogatives of the regularly elected officers, contribute so mightily to asylum spirit and dedication.

Templary's conclaves at all levels should be well publicized. Organizations which are alive and functioning and which, as does this Order, appeal to the finest instincts in humanity, should emblazon their deeds and works in the public press of the land. We shall thrive only as we make ourselves known to our fellow-Americans.

All Conclaves should be planned so as to be interesting, informative and elevating. Programs which accent the great fundamentals of Christianity and of America should be arranged for specific Conclaves. The work in conferring the Orders should be perfectly presented and always under sublime auspices. Our great and special ministrations, the Educational Foundation and the Eye Foundation, would be revealed for what they are. God and country and a lift for making bulwark the theme of this Order.

So with flying colors, and with our shoulders to the wheel . . . "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS."

State of the Order

We also rejoice with our Grand Commander in his report that Templary is on the move. We note 287 Knighted, but

95 were suspended and our net gain was only 136 for the year. We call attention to this number of suspensions and ask you try to reclaim most of them.

We congratulate Ascension Commandery No. 6, K. T. of Shreveport, Louisiana, Monroe No. 7, K. T. and Bethlehem Commandery No. 20, K. T. of Winnfield, on the large classes they Knighted.

Grand Recorder

Our Grand Commander has learned, as have his predecessors that Lionel's title of Grand Recorder is just what that name implies and has expressed the sentiments of all Knights Templar generally.

THE TRAVELING BIBLE

(10th Presentation)

This beautiful Bible known as The Travelling Bible, was presented to the Grand Commandery by Sir Knights Henry O. Hartman, P. G. C., and Barney L. Mulhern, P. G. C., at that time Inspector General, for the purpose of Award each year to the Commandery scoring the highest rating for their Annual Inspection. The Bible was first presented at the Annual Conclave in Shreveport, April 13, 1948, and has been awarded each year as follows:

Trinity Commandery No. 8, K. T. of Alexandria, La., stood an outstanding Inspection in 1956 with a rating of 96.50%, the highest in the State, and the Traveling Bible was presented them for this accomplishment.

The presentation was made by Sir Knight Guy B. Gannaway, E. Inspector General and received by Sir Knight R. R. Culver, Captain General of Trinity Commandery No. 8, K. T., in behalf of the Commandery.

The Oklahoma York Rite News, has been termed "A very fine and versatile News disseminator." The editor, Sir Knight James A. Lathim, Grand Secretary-Recorder, covers adequately the news of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma. This publication was founded in 1934 and is issued from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

WEST VIRGINIA

May 25, 1957.

The Eighty-third Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of West Virginia, was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Wheeling, W. Va., May 16th, 17th and 18th, 1957.

6:00 P. M.—Sir Knight Charles H. Keesor and Mrs. Keesor were hosts to a dinner served in the Colonnade Room of the McClure Hotel to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, invited Dignitaries and their Ladies. Dr. Charles H. Keesor introduced each person present with pleasant and clever remarks.

8:00 P. M.—Divine services in the First Presbyterian Church; sermon by Sir Knight W. D. Lewis, D. D., with Sir Knight Oscar V. Bowling, Grand Prelate, presiding. The Chanters of Osiris Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. provided an excellent program of music. Following Divine Worship a social hour for all Sir Knights and Ladies was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral from 9:00 to 11:00 P. M.

Friday, May 17, 1957

9:15 A. M.—A School of Instruction was conducted by Sir Knight R. J. Gorman, Inspector General, and his Deputies. The school was well attended and much interest was manifested.

1:00 P. M.—The following distinguished guests were received:

Sir Knight John J. Bohn, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York. Escort Sir Knight Harry C. Hoffman.

Sir Knight Richard D. Watson, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey. Escort Sir Knight W. W. Powell.

Sir Knight Z. B. Johnson, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Escort Sir Knight Paul C. Thomas.

Sir Knight Chesterfield J. Holley, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Ohio, representing Clayton C. Cousino, Grand Commander of Ohio. Escort Sir Knight Arthur C. Stroehman.

Sir Knight Robert H. Bowlby, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia. Escort Sir Knight George V. Gorrell.

Sir Knight Ansel Alva Packard, R. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater. Escort Sir Knight R. J. Gorman.

Sir Knight Robert E. Coffman, Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Masons in West Virginia. Escort Sir Knight Henry Ahrens.

The remainder of the afternoon session consisted of reports and routine business.

5:30 P. M.—Banquet for all Sir Knights and their Ladies, followed by the parade at 7:00 P. M., which was a very excellent exhibition of Templary.

9:00 P. M.—Grand Commanders Ball in the ballroom of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, with the Earl Summers orchestra furnishing the music.

Officers of Grand Commandery of West Virginia 1957-1958: Calvin H. Kibler, Martinsburg, Grand Commander; Clarence A. Ogle, Charleston, Deputy Grand Commander; Samuel G. Williamson, Athens, Grand Generalissimo; Frank L. Zeller, Clarksburg, Grand Captain General.

The next Annual Conclave will convene in the Masonic Temple, Martinsburg, W. Va., May 16-17, 1958.

The ladies were entertained royally with Breakfasts, conducted tours of Imperial Glass Co., Wheeling, and Ogleby Parks, Luncheon at Monument Place and Dinners at the Scottish Rite Cathedral—with bridge and receptions sandwiched in when and where time permitted.

Courteously yours.

ROBERT H. BOWLBY,
Grand Recorder.

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CODY, WYOMING, HISTORY

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight F. O. Sanzenbacher, Eminent Commander, and Sir Knight J. L. Wiley, Recorder, Constantine Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, Cody, Wyoming, the editor is in receipt of a copy of the history of the Commandery and its By-Laws.

The following extracts reveal some of the interesting history of this Commandery that received its Charter April 1, 1914:

History of Constantine Commandery No. 9, Cody, Wyoming

All things must have a beginning, and so it was in connection with the thought of establishing a Commandery of Knights Templar in the growing town of Cody, Wyoming.

The first concerted movement, looking to this end, occurred on the evening of March 13, 1913, when a number of Sir Knights, members of already existing Commanderies, gathered at the office of Sir Knight Mark Chamberlin to discuss the matter and to take necessary preliminary steps. At this meeting there were in attendance Sir Knights: Mark Chamberlin, Fred C. Barnett, George Taylor, William L. Simpson, Harry B. Robertson, Louis Howe, Hudson W. Darrah, and Samuel C. Parks, Jr.

The deliberations of this group were conducted in an orderly manner by electing Wm. L. Simpson, chairman, and Samuel C. Parks, secretary. One of the first questions to be considered was the selection of a name to be adopted for the proposed Commandery. After exhaustive consideration and deliberation, the name Constantine was unanimously chosen by the Sir Knights present as a fitting name for the proposed Commandery.

It was also necessary to select the five elective officers who would serve for the first year or fractional part thereof.

This group thereupon chose the following to hold the office named:

Sir Knight Mark Chamberlin, Eminent Commander.

Sir Knight George Taylor, Generalissimo.

Sir Knight Hudson W. Darrah, Captain General.

Sir Knight Harry Wagner, Treasurer.

Sir Knight Harry B. Robertson, Recorder.

It is interesting to note that at this early period, a Paraphernalia Committee was appointed "for the purpose of selecting the suits and outfits for the Sir Knights of this Commandery, so there would be a standard adopted."

On the evening of May 22, 1913, Companion Fred Anson Dayton had conferred on him the Order of the Red Cross, thus becoming the first candidate to receive an order by the recently created Commandery U. D. At the same meeting Companion Charles Sidney Starrett was also created a Companion of the Red Cross.

A special meeting of Constantine Commandery was called for the afternoon of May 29, 1913. At this meeting Fred Anson Dayton, a Companion of the Red Cross, being in waiting, was dubbed a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar. Dayton thus became the first person to receive the Order of Knights Templar by the new Commandery, followed by Charles Sidney Starrett, who had followed him in receiving the Red Cross order.

In the evening of that same day (May 29, 1913), these two Sir Knights were introduced and each made a Knight Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta.

It is interesting to note that at this period in the history of Knights Templary the Orders were conferred in the sequence of "Order of the Red Cross," "Order of Knights Templar," and "Order of Malta." This order of conferring the orders was later changed.

Through the years from 1913 to the present, there have been years of considerable activity and again long periods of inactivity, but in spite of the vicissitudes of time Constantine Commandery No. 9 has continued to grow until with

the close of 1951 the Order of Knights Templar proudly claims a membership roster of approximately 150, with some 95 being residents within the immediate boundaries of its jurisdiction. There have been 34 Eminent Commanders during the history of the Order to date, of whom two have been Grand Officers.

A resurgence of Masonic interest is reflected in the present activity of Constantine Commandery No. 9, and the Order looks forward with faith and confidence to its future growth and unselfish service to the Christian religion, under whose banner it serves.

G. MAX FOWLER TO VISIT FAR EAST

On Friday, February 7, 1958, Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, of Frankfort, Indiana, and wife will sail from San Francisco on the new Matson liner, Matsonia, for Hawaii, where Sir Knight Fowler, as Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., will make his first official visitation to Honolulu Commandery No. 1.

Sir Knight and Mrs. Fowler will be accompanied on the trip by Sir Knight Adam S. Riggin and wife, of Muncie, Indiana, Sir Knight Riggin being the Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana. David J. Miller and wife, of Goshen, Indiana, will also be in the party, Sir Knight Miller being the Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

Following the official visitation in Honolulu, the party will fly to Manila, where they will visit Far East Commandery No. 1, thence to Hong Kong for a brief visit before landing on the Island of Okinawa for a visit with Okinawa Commandery. While there, the three Sir Knights will be the honored guests of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and preside at the installation ceremonies of the newly elected officers. In Manila,

the guests will attend special ceremonies being arranged by the Order of the Eastern Star.

From Okinawa, the trio and their wives will fly on to Tokyo, where they will again make an official visit with the Templars in Tokyo. Returning, they will stop at Wake Island and Guam and visiting with the Sir Knights in Guam. They will then return to Hawaii for another four days sight-seeing trip of the Islands before sailing back to the States via Los Angeles. The party will be gone 42 days in all.

A GOOD IDEA

Trinity Commandery, No. 68, Knights Templar, Flushing, N. Y., recently mailed to each member with its General Order an envelope with inside and flap printed as follows:

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Sir Knight C. Warner Roemer, P. C. wrote: "We feel this envelope was fairly successful in that it brought a number of "Knight Templar" subscriptions from Sir Knights who do not attend Conclaves, and from members far beyond "forty miles."

Send "KNIGHT TEMPLAR"
To a Master Mason

“Why Every Freemason Should Be a Knight Templar”

The above headline is the title of a very valuable pamphlet written by Sir Knight Arthur M. Marriott 2d, 33°, Eminent Commander, Heights Commandery, No. 76, Knights Templar, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

In a letter to the Editor he wrote: “I have just received the February issue of the ‘Knight Templar.’ I enjoy each issue and feel that it is doing a wonderful piece of work for Templary. . . . I was very interested in the article on Page 28 with the line (Send This to a Master Mason) and in regard to that please note the enclosed folder ‘Why Every Freemason Should Be A Knight Templar—A Message To My Masonic Friends.’ I mailed this folder to several thousand Master Masons, when I became the Commander of Heights Commandery. It has stirred up a lot of interest.”

(Excerpts from pamphlet follow:

WHY EVERY FREEMASON

SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

A Message to My Masonic Friends

When you set out to become a Freemason you discovered that the Word was something for which you were expected to search. You also discovered that according to the traditions of Freemasonry that word could not be given to any one who was unworthy and that those who possessed the word, were willing to lay down their lives to protect its purity.

As a consequence you must have been very much impressed with the value Freemasonry set upon the word. You also discovered that though you might search for that word, you would probably never find it, while you were building the temple of this life. But you were assured that the word would be disclosed in future ages.

When it occurred to you that many ages had passed since the tragedy on the summit of Mt. Morian, 3,000 years ago, and that during those ages Masonry had steadily developed, you very likely be-

lieved the word had been revealed, and that it could be found in some other Masonic Body.

Searching for it, you may have joined the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Council of Royal and Select Masters. In those places you were told many things about the Word of extreme interest.

If you are a Bible student, you are familiar with the statements of one of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, St. John, the Evangelist, who said in the first chapter of his gospel:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

This statement by one, who is believed to have been a Mason in the first century, is significant to us, because Masonry is not alone a search for the Word, but is also a search for the Light, which you sought in the first, second and third degrees.

From the above verses you will note that our Patron Saint refers to our Saviour, as the Light, and therefore, if we believe the Book on our Altar, we are never going to be satisfied in our search for the Word until that Word becomes a Living Presence. That is where Masonic Templary fulfills its mission.

Those, who have taken our Orders, have been given a key to connect the search for Truth in the ancient past with the revealed Truth, which is today's heritage of Christianity. Thus the teachings of the Lodge are unfolded in their entirety in the Commandery, which so portrays

the life and work of our Master, as to cause a presentation of that Life and work which cannot fail to hold you true to the most sublime teachings of our fraternity and especially to those teachings, which are referred to in the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Masonry can confer upon its membership no greater privilege than that of opening the door of Christian Knighthood to all those who are Master Masons.

I hope, that every one, who reads this message, will feel impelled to take this further step in Freemasonry, to discover the meaning of the Light of the first degree and the Presence now of the Living Word in the third degree.

Enclosed is a petition, sign it today, and mail it to

Arthur W. Marriott 2d
606 Fidelity Bldg.
Cleveland 14, Ohio

PENNSYLVANIA

We are grateful to James N. Deeter, P. G. C., Chairman of the Pennsylvania Knights Templar Educational Foundation, for an excellent resume of the accomplishments of the Foundation during the last few years.

This is one of the major projects of Christian Knighthood, and it is encouraging to note the progress being made.

James N. Deeter, P. G. C., Chairman, writes:

I have been asked and appreciate the opportunity to give a report of "The Crusader" of the Pennsylvania Knights Templar Educational Foundation, which is sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Knights Temp'ar of Pennsylvania and which is now nearing the end of its thirty-third year.

At this point I might say that we have enjoyed a good business for the college year of 1956-1957, having loaned out more money than for the previous year and, the outlook for business in our Foundation for the year of 1957-1958, looks very bright.

(Mary, March, 1957.)

To show that we are moving in the right direction, I indicate below the loans placed for the past three years:

Loans—year 1954-55.....	\$16,100.00
Loans—year 1955-56.....	20,425.00
Loans—year 1956-57.....	24,450.00

We are still granting loans for the second semester of the year 1956-57, so that the final figure for that year will be increased somewhat.

Our students who have graduated and are now repaying their loans, are doing very well, eighteen of them having repaid their loans in full during the calendar year of 1956.

As of March 1, 1957, we have in college 68 students who have loans with us. This number, together with 82 students who have graduated and are now paying back their loans, gives us a total of 150 students.

This program is very worthwhile, is already paying off in the way of new loans, and I am hoping for a record-breaking year of 1957-1958 in the granting of many new loans so that, perhaps, this time next year we will be able to report having 500 or 600 students instead of 150.

EACH AND EVERY SIR KNIGHT IN PENNSYLVANIA CAN BE OF REAL HELP to our Knights Temp'ar Educational Foundation by talking about it whenever possible and by sending to us deserving men and women who need our financial help to assist them in completing college educations.

If you could read as I do the many letters from grateful students for the assistance they have received from the Pennsylvania Knights Templar Educational Foundation, it would give you a feeling of pride to be a part of this great program, and you would feel that the efforts put forth in the past thirty-three years have not been in vain.

JAMES N. DEETER, P. G. C.,
Chairman.

(From "The Crusader," the friendly and helpful voice of Pennsylvania Tem-

California—1958

A two-color poster, size 11 x 17 inches, headed—"On to Sonora"—"A New Century for Templary"—Saturday and Sunday, January 4th-5th, 1958, has been distributed by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California.

This attractive announcement features a map of the State of California, with red arrows pointing to the City of Sonora.

The arrows call attention to a message which reads: "All Roads and Highways Lead to Sonora, and Whether You Come by Plane, Train, Cars, Horse Back, Mule Train, Camel, or What Have You—Be in Sonora on the Days—Saturday and Sunday, January 4th and 5th, 1958."

The above poster was received through the courtesy of Sir Knight Chester H. Newell, R. E. Grand Recorder, 25 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

(An excellent example of Templar Publicity.)

St. Luke's No. 34, Newark, Ohio

Sir Knight Thomas Raison, newly elected Eminent Commander of St. Luke's Commandery No. 34, Newark, Ohio, in his first message, gives some good advice. He said, in part: "The primary objective of your officers is the advancement of candidates. It is of vital importance to each Sir Knight that he attend the Conclaves of his Commandery. Not only for the moral support of the officers, but for your own benefit as well. The more Sir Knights who do attend, the more satisfactory will be the solution to all the problems that are to come before the Commandery, and the better understanding will prevail among all Sir Knights."

St. Luke's is fortunate in having one of the best drill teams in the state, under the direction of our Captain General Harold Grigsby. The interest and activities of it is high, but they are constantly in need of more Sir Knights. Should you be one of those who likes to participate

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SIR KNIGHT G. MAX FOWLER Officially Visits St. John's, Wilmington, Delaware

Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, of Frankfort, Indiana, Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., accompanied by Sir Knight Adam S. Riffin, of Muncie, Indiana, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, flew to Wilmington, Delaware, Wednesday, April 10th, where on April 11th Sir Knights Fowler and Riffin made an official visit to St. John's Commandery No. 1, stationed at Wilmington, Sir Knight Fowler representing the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater.

During the early evening hours, the above named Sir Knights were guests of the annual McAlister dinner, served in the spacious dining rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Following the repast, Sir Knights Fowler and Riffin were graciously received and introduced to the Sir Knights present by Sir Knight G. Lloyd Frederick, Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery. Both Sir Knights responded, Sir Knight Fowler bringing to the attention of the Sir Knights present those matters deemed of importance. During the course of the evening, the annual election of officers was held. Installation ceremonies will be held later.

Sir Knight Powell E. Craig, Past Commander and Acting Recorder, disclosed the following and interesting information relative to St. John's Commandery: Membership as of April 11, 1957, 456, and with an additional nine petitions for membership presented that evening. 63 Honorary members; 4 life members; Knighted during the year, 39; reinstated, 1; demits, 1; 3 suspended, and 15 deaths. Percentage of members living within the jurisdiction, 85 to 90%.



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St. Luke's No. 34, Newark, Ohio

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in the activities of the Commandery, but haven't been asked, please make your wishes known. It is practically impossible to contact each of you, so if you will just speak to one of the officers, or

any member of the drill team they will be glad to assist you.

With the cooperation of officers, the three degree teams and each Sir Knight, not only this year, but for years to come the success of St. Luke's Commandery will be assured. Why don't you come and be a part of it?—Tom Raison.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

By EDGAR A. GUEST

Three by three in line they come
 Courteous men of Templardom!
 Christian men who've bowed the knee
 At the cross of Calvary,
 Each with dedicated sword
 To the glory of the Lord
 Guarding still the faith they hold
 As was done in days of old.

Far their history trails away
 To the dark and bloody day
 When the Christians made their stand
 In the troubled Holy Land
 And the followers of the Christ
 Ruthlessly were sacrificed.
 There amid the inky gloom
 Shone the Templars spotless plume.

Now the need for strife has gone,
 Still the Templars follow on,
 Though their swords in silence sleep,
 Still the faith of old they keep,
 Still beneath their glittering arch
 Candidates for knighthood march
 And by taper and by sword
 Pledge allegiance to the Lord.

Templars, all, my hand I wave,
 Be you steadfast, be you brave!
 Old the order! Old the need
 For the valiant Christian's deed.
 Bigotry no more holds sway,
 But for valiant knights today
 And for Christian gentlemen,
 Still the need is now, and then.



*Detroit Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar Inaugural Parade
 Washington, D. C., January 21, 1957.*

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