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Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and Grand Marshal, will lead the parade on a beautiful Palomino.

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Join the Great Street Parade

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1958—7:00 P. M.

In the cool of the evening, one and one-half miles through and around the business district on brilliantly illuminated wide and smooth streets.

SIR KNIGHT WILBER M. BRUCKER

R. E. Grand Captain General

And Grand Marshal of the Parade

SIR KNIGHT C. BYRON LEAR

R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment

20 Beechwood Road, Hohokus, New Jersey

Will issue detailed Parade Orders through Division Marshals to all participating. A determined effort should be made by every Sir Knight to march in the parade to make it a mammoth demonstration of strength, interest and progress of our great Christian organization. Spectacular floats, colorful bands and precision drill teams will make an inspiring and impressive display for our friends and the public. Dress: Full Templar uniform, chapeau, sword and gloves. Transportation to and from the line of march will be furnished participants when necessary. Ladies will be given a reserved seat along the line of march when registering.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Templary Moving Steadily Ahead in 1958

Greetings to all who may read these pages. Templary is definitely on the march and moving steadily forward, and our main objective at the start of this Triennium was, as you all will recall, "A Revitalized and Greater Templary," and at this phase of our Triennium it is befitting that the Grand Master give, as it were, a short resume of the progress made to date. In general, the Grand Encampment as a whole has showed a gain in membership for the past two years of over 9,000, not withstanding losses in some of our jurisdictions. Our gain in membership would be far greater if a determined effort was made by every Commandery to greatly reduce the number of demits and suspensions, and they could be reduced by personal contact with the individual concerned.

Over \$80,000.00 was raised to furnish that monument to Templary, the Knights Templar beautiful Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Building at Alexandria, Va.; and after the last remaining bills are paid there will be some surplus.

The magazine "Knight Templar" is increasing in the number of subscriptions each month. Until now it has about 6,500 subscribers, as against 532 that we had previously for the Grand Encampment Review.

The new Department of Subordinate Commanderies has well proven the necessity of its existence. The enthusiastic interest that has been developed in the various Subordinate Commanderies is the result very largely through almost weekly correspondence with them by the Department Commander, Sir Kight G. Max Fowler, and the visits he contemplates to these far-flung Commanderies. Dispensations have been issued, as you have previously been advised, for Commanderies in Tokyo, Okinawa, Guam,



Most Eminent Grand Master Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater placing beautiful Cross of Lilies at Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Easter Sunrise Service, April 21, 1957.

three in Germany, two new ones in the Philippines, and about two more under way; one more in the Philippines and possibly another in Mexico. They have all taken a greater interest, obtaining uniforms and costumes and planning on conferring all of the Orders in Full Form.

Conference in Chicago

The conference of all Grand Encampment Officers, Department Commanders, and Chairman of Committees authorized under Section 114½ of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, was held in Chicago in November, 1956, and again in November, 1957. The consensus of opinion has been they were well worthwhile, interesting, informative and beneficial to all as every phase of Templary was reported on and frankly and openly discussed.

The Educational Loan Foundation has made a greater number of loans each year and in some jurisdictions outstanding results have been attained in granting a large number of loans. With determined effort more can be made.

By now, I assume that every Sir Knight knows that Templary and the Grand Encampment have been most fortunate in securing the services of Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, as the R. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, a great oak to replace a great oak fallen in the passing of Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard. Sir Knight Brucker's heart and soul is in Templary and he was with us in our conference in Chicago, November 9th and 10th. He is a former Governor of Michigan, a Past Grand Commander of Michigan, Past Commander of the famous Detroit Commandery No. 1, and General Counsel to the Department of Defense, and now for several years the Secretary of the Army. He brings great experience and great prestige to our organization.

Triennial Conclave

The Triennial Conclave to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., August 16-22, 1958, will, it is believed, be an outstanding one in many respects. They have a very efficient committee who have accomplished a great deal to date. We should have a great outpouring of Sir Knights in our parade on Saturday evening, August 16th. Remember, it is a demonstration of Soldiers of the Cross, let us make it the greatest and largest parade ever.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is making rapid progress. By the time this message is printed we will have processed over one hundred (100) cases, and the letters that have been received (extracts from a number of them) will be printed in a brochure and press releases now underway, have been heartwarming. I quote extracts from letters received (more, as stated above will be printed and distributed).

Case No. 8—Leadville, Colo.: "I feel

that I owe and am thanking you for a very successful job and operation you have performed on my eye. I am grateful for the wonderful people of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. I am Spanish, a Catholic and 78 years old, blind and feel that God sent you as a healer for my blindness. I can now do easy jobs about the house."

Case No. 11—Corpus Christi, Texas: "I was actually blind in one eye. Thanks to your organization that eye was operated on and sight has been restored." Son of a Past Master of an Illinois Lodge.

Case No. 14—Los Angeles, Calif.: "Only a few months ago I faced total blindness and could hardly make a living with only 10% left in my right eye, my future held not much hope. In this hopeless condition I heard about your great work, but with prayer and hope I wrote you and from there on it was just like a miracle. Night turned into day, despair into hope and trust, and what I had only heard about humanitarianism, love and brotherhood became a reality to me. All of the following combined efforts were a continuous chain of loving service to a despairing, helpless being facing physical and spiritual blindness.

"It is beyond me to express fully my appreciation and gratitude for the masterful and considerate services of devoted doctors, nurses and hospital staff—It is therefore that I, as a result of all of these combined efforts, can with great joy report to you as president of this great humanitarian work that I now have 20/20 vision and can face the future with hope and trust."

In conclusion he states, "Through this unbelievable selfless deed of true love not only my vision was miraculously restored, but it gave me a new lease on life, a new faith in God and man and kindled in me a new light that will shine forever." Born and raised in Pennsylvania in the Dunkard religion.

Case No. 39—Dallas, Texas: "I am taking this means of thanking the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

I was operated on in Baylor Hospital, and my left eye is better than it has been for sometime. I am able to do some types of work and Dr. Block tells me my right eye will be O. K. I have your organization, Dr. Block, Mr. Reynolds (Sir Knight of Dallas Commandery No. 6) to thank for the improvement. If your organization had not come to my aid I would be blind today. I cannot thank your organization enough. I shall always remember the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Dr. Block and Mr. Reynolds." A negro sixty-one years old.

These are only four cases. We could give you many more.

Knights Templar Eye Board of Trustees

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, together with most of our ophthalmologist-advisors, and they are among the outstanding eye surgeons in the United States, and the President of the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., the Executive Director of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness and our own Dr. Francis J. Scully, they recommended fifteen (15) different medical schools to which to allocate \$225,000.00. The Board of Trustees had recommended that amount was available to be used for research as per Section 18½ of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. The institutions to which the allocations of funds for research were made are as follows:

1—Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). This in addition to the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) allocated at our July meeting.

2—Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology Harvard Medical School, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). This in addition to the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) allocated at our July meeting.

3—National Society Prevention of Blindness, \$15,000.00.

4—Department of Ophthalmology and Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, \$15,000.00.

5—Department of Ophthalmology, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va., \$15,000.00.

6—Department of Ophthalmology, Wilmer Institute John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., \$15,000.00.

7—Department of Ophthalmology, Billings Institute University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., \$15,000.00.

8—Department of Ophthalmology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., \$15,000.00.

9—Department of Ophthalmology, University of Oregon, Portland, Ore., \$15,000.00.

10—Department of Ophthalmology, University of California, San Francisco, Calif., \$15,000.00.

11—Department of Ophthalmology, University of California (U. C. L. A.), Los Angeles, Calif., \$15,000.00.

12—Department of Ophthalmology, University of Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind., \$15,000.00.

13—Department of Ophthalmology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., \$15,000.00.

14—Department of Ophthalmology, University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., \$15,000.00.

15—Department of Ophthalmology, Baylor University, Houston, Texas, \$15,000.00.

How proud and happy every Knight Templar can be to have a part in this soul stirring, heartwarming humanitarian work, and they are only required to pay less than two cents (2c) a week or \$1.00 per year. Could anyone make a greater investment and at such a tremendously low cost? We are now carrying out in practice on a national scale what we vowed at the altar to do. Our cases are coming from practically all parts of these United States.

The Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant have adopted our Knights Templar Eye Foundation project as their project on a national basis for the year by their Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Walter Remele.

I could write many pages on the great work we have undertaken and what a great medium it is for building goodwill for Templary both within our own organization and the world at large.

In conclusion, your Grand Master extends to every Knight Templar and his family the Season's Greetings and every possible good wish for 1958. Let us redouble our efforts for Templary in 1958! As always,

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

Money and Time

Mr. Clarence H. Kelsey, valadictorian of the famous 1878 class at Yale and for years the president of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of New York, said in his will, "I believe that money set to work immediately is better used than if accumulated with the intention of doing great things with it afterwards. These plans are often forgotten or fail to be carried out, and I firmly believe that there is much greater satisfaction in giving money away than in keeping it and watching it grow in your own hands. Money never catches up with time, and good done with a little money now may be far greater than that done with a great deal more later on and is more sure to be done. I wish to commend, therefore, this plan of living and giving to my children and grandchildren. If they will live well within their incomes, if they will give regularly and carefully each year from their savings and, as their incomes grow larger, increase their giving, they will find great satisfaction from such a course and will be much happier than if they spend all they have on themselves, or hoard it."

Always keep in mind our great humanitarian project, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

This is giving that you may bring happiness to others and thereby find greater happiness for yourself.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1957

Washington, D. C., May 11, 1957.

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Public Relations is pleased to report on its activities, as follows:

An effort has been made to issue news releases to the local press for publicizing most of the Templar program during the year.

It is unfortunate that releases on some of the most important functions were apparently crowded out by urgent international news which is of interest to all readers of the daily press.

Your Committee, however, believes that our newspapers have cooperated satisfactorily.

Presiding officers of Constituent Commanderies and our Grand Commandery officers have assisted the Committee in a most admirable manner.

As in the past, it has been a genuine pleasure to each member to have had the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted.

J. HARRY PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

FRED C. HARLIN.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

In accordance with prior custom, the floral pieces at the Head Table were placed upon the graves of Sir Knights Richard E. Titlow and Eugene E. Thompson, each a Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, in commemoration of their valued services as General Chairmen of the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Committee.



INDIANAPOLIS BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Directors and Committeemen of Indiana, meeting in regular sessions each month and planning all activities for the 47th Triennial Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. to be held in the City of Indianapolis, August 16-22, 1958.

Reading from left to right: W. Henry Roberts, 33°, Deputy for Indiana representing the Scottish Rite; Edmund F. Ball, R. E. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.; Marvin M. Foulke, P. C., Secretary of the Indiana Knights Templar Triennial Assn.; Willard M. Avery, P. G. C., Legal Advisor; C. Wilbur Foster, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, General Chairman; Joseph R. Erb, P. C. and Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Indiana; Edwin M. Demlow, R. E. Grand Commander of K. T. of Indiana; G. Max Fowler, P. G. C. and Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. and Karl L. Frederichs, 33° and Recorder of Murat Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. (Oswald Tislow, P. C.) absent when photo was taken.

Program 47th Triennial Conclave Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

All events scheduled on Central Day-light Savings Time.

Saturday, August 16, 1958

9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon—Reception and Registration at Claypool and Sheraton-Lincoln Hotels for members of the Grand Encampment, Distinguished Guests and their Ladies.

1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Reception and Registration for visiting Sir Knights and Ladies at Antlers, Harrison, Warren, Washington, Severin and Marott Hotels and at the Columbia and Indianapolis Athletic Clubs. Sir Knights and Ladies may also register at the Masonic Temple,

Illinois and North Streets. Dressing Room facilities will be provided in the Temple for those requiring them.

12:00 noon to 4:30 p. m.—The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America reconvenes for its Forty-seventh Triennial Conclave in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel. The Grand Commandery K. T. of Indiana will open, and the Raper No. 1 K. T. Drill Team of Indianapolis will form the Lines for the Reception of The Most Eminent Grand Master, Walter A. DeLamater, his Staff and the Distinguished Guests. Dress: Full Templar uniform, chapeau, sword and gloves.

7:00 p. m.—Parade. (See special story.)

Sunday, August 17, 1958

9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon—Reception and Registration at Claypool and Sheraton-Lincoln Hotels for members of the Grand Encampment, Distinguished Guests and their Ladies.

1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.—Reception and Registration for visiting Sir Knights and Ladies at Antlers, Harrison, Warren, Washington, Severin and Marott Hotels and at the Columbia and Indianapolis Athletic Clubs.

3:00 p. m.—Exhibition Drill by 16 platoons of Detroit Commandery No. 1 K. T. of Michigan, in front of Grandstand at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1500 East 38th Street.

Dress: Full Templar uniform, chapeau, sword and gloves. Visiting Sir Knights and Ladies will be furnished transportation from hotels to Fairgrounds. The exhibition is open to the Public.

4:00 p. m.—Divine Service in the Fairgrounds Coliseum across the street from the Grandstand. The Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight and Reverend Doctor E. Robert Chable, will deliver the sermon. The Coliseum will accommodate twelve thousand and the public is invited to this impressive and inspiring service. Detroit Commandery No. 1 K. T., and the

other visiting Drill Teams will take part in the pageantry. Dress: Full Templar uniform, chapeau, sword and gloves. Transportation to the hotel after the Service will be furnished visiting Sir Knights and Ladies.

6:30 p. m.—Buffet Dinner tendered to the Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment Officers and Distinguished Guests by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana. Dress: Fatigue uniform without cap; Ladies, Informal.

8:30 p. m.—Band Concert at Obelisk Square, World War Memorial, Meridian and Michigan Streets, followed by Carillon Concert from the adjacent Scottish Rite Cathedral—a beautiful setting with multi-colored electric fountain for a backdrop. Dress: Informal.

Monday, August 18, 1958

9:00 a. m.—Drill Competition will be held all day in the Coliseum at the Fairgrounds. The Grand Encampment will reconvene—1:30 to 4:00 p. m.—for regular business of the Grand Encampment. Dress: Fatigue uniform, cap and gloves. Transportation between the hotels and the Fairgrounds will be furnished to competing Drill Teams and visiting Sir



American Legion National Headquarters



Aerial View of Downtown Indianapolis

Knights and Ladies. The Grille, Cafeteria and concession stands will be open in the Coliseum.

5:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.—Dinner for Mutual Guild—Hotel Claypool.

8:30 p. m.—Exemplification of the Order of Malta by a selected all-Indiana cast in the theatre of Murat Shrine Temple. This is an opportunity to see an impressive, dignified and proper rendition of the ritual. Plenty of good seats in comfortably cooled auditorium. Dress: Fatigue uniform, cap. Admission by dues card.

8:30 p. m.—Special theatre performance of the current "Starlight Musical" for all the Ladies at the Theatron at Butler University. Ladies must secure tickets at the time of registration. Transportation will be furnished to and from the Theatron. Buses will leave the hotels promptly at 7:45 p. m. Admission by ticket.

Tuesday, August 19, 1958

9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Grand Encampment reconvenes. The Grand Master's Allocation, reports and business properly brought before the Grand Encampment. Dress: Fatigue uniform and cap.

10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon—Industrial Tours for Sir Knights. Make your selection and secure tickets when registering. Wear your badge. Shopping time for Ladies.

12:30 p. m.—Luncheon in the Egyptian Room at Murat Shrine Temple for all participating Drill Teams and Templar Band and their Ladies. Presentation of prizes and awards by the Grand Master. Dress: Templar uniform, chapeau, without sword and gloves for Drill Teams. Admission by ticket.

2:00 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.—Style Show in the cool Theatre of Murat Shrine Temple for all Ladies. Transportation will be furnished to and from the Theatre. Admission by ticket.

2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Industrial Tours for Sir Knights. Make your selection and secure ticket when registering. Wear your badge.

4:30 p. m.—Special Speedway Program. Buses for visiting Sir Knights and Ladies will leave the hotel for the Track beginning at 4:30 p. m. Dress: Fatigue uniform and cap. Remember to secure tickets at the time of registering.

6:00 p. m.—Exhibition race on the world's most famous Motor Speedway by six of the best "500" drivers. There will be stops at the pits, tires will be changed and everything carried on to simulate the Memorial Day Classic that has made Indianapolis "The Capitol of Auto Racing." This is an opportunity to get a close-up of these wonderful cars and meet the drivers who pilot them. Admission by ticket.

7:00 p. m.—Delicious one-half fried chicken basket supper served in the Grandstand.

8:00 p. m.—Remarks by the Grand Master and Introduction of the Grand Encampment Officers and Distinguished Guests.

8:30 p. m.—Visit to the Wilbur Shaw Memorial Museum. See the cars that have won the races and the trophies and mementos of the famous drivers. Buses will begin to leave for downtown immediately at the conclusion of the program.

Wednesday, August 20, 1958

9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Grand Encampment reconvenes. Election of Officers to serve for the ensuing Triennial period, and regular business pertaining to the Grand Encampment.

Annual meeting and election of the Board of Trustees and reports of the Corporation of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Dress: Fatigue uniform and cap.

10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.—Ladies Tour of the City and Luncheon. Buses leave the Claypool Hotel promptly at 10:00 a. m. Ladies must secure tickets for the luncheon when registering.

10:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.—Industrial Tours for Sir Knights. Make your selection and secure ticket when registering. Wear your badge.

7:00 p. m.—Grand Encampment Officers, Distinguished Guests and their Ladies will assemble in the 33rd Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Members of the Grand Encampment, their Ladies and other guests will assemble in the Main Lounge of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Dress: Templar uniform, without chapeau and sword. Ladies: Informal. Transportation to and from the Scottish Rite Cathedral furnished.

7:30 p. m.—Banquet tendered to the Most Eminent Grand Master in the Banquet Hall of the world famous Scottish Rite Cathedral. Admission by invitation only. Each member of the Grand Encampment will receive one invitation and, if accompanied by his Lady, an additional one. Additional invitations may be secured for a Sir Knight or gentleman at \$5.00 each and for a lady at \$10.00 each. These additional invitations will be limited by the seating capacity of the Dining Hall. There will be desirable gifts for the Ladies and a delightful musical program. Remarks by the Grand Master and a short, interesting talk by a Distinguished Guest speaker will conclude the program in this magnificent Banquet Hall.

9:30 p. m. to 11:30 p. m.—Dancing for all Sir Knights and Ladies in the Grand Ball Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Dress: Templar uniform, without chapeau and sword. Ladies: Formal. Admission by ticket.

10:00 p. m.—Grand March led by the Grand Master, Grand Encampment Officers and Distinguished Guests and their Ladies. Dress: Templar uniform, chapeau and gloves—no sword.

Thursday, August 21, 1958

9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Grand Encampment reconvenes. Reports and such business as may be properly brought before the Grand Encampment for action. Dress: Fatigue uniform and cap.

2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Ladies Reception, Program, and Tea honoring Mrs. Walter A. DeLamater and Mrs. Louis H. Wieber, the wives of the outgoing and incoming Grand Masters, in the Wm. H. Block Company Auditorium, Market and Illinois Streets. Admission by ticket.

8:30 p. m. to 11:00 p. m.—Grand Entertainment Finale for all Knights and Ladies. All professional musical and variety show in the Theatre of Murat Shrine Temple. Dress: Fatigue uniform and cap. Ladies: Informal. Transportation furnished to and from Murat Theatre. Admission by ticket.

Friday, August 22, 1958

9:30 a. m.—Grand Encampment reconvenes for the conclusion of all business and followed immediately by the Installation of Officers for the ensuing Triennial period. Dress: Full Templar uniform, chapeau, sword and gloves for Officers participating in the ceremonies; Fatigue uniform and cap for others.

Breakfasts

Several Grand Jurisdictions have indicated a desire to be hosts at a Breakfast during the Conclave. Invitations to these breakfasts will be sent out by the Host Grand Commandery, designating the time and place.

The Red Cross of Constantine Stag Breakfast will also be included in the schedule.

Meetings

All official meetings of the Grand Encampment will be held in the Riley Room on the mezzanine floor of the Claypool Hotel. The Grand Recorder, Grand Captain General, Parade Marshal and the Grand Encampment Committees will also have their offices and headquarters in

rooms of the balcony on the mezzanine floor.

Housing Accommodations

Reservation must be made directly through Sir Knight Walton G. Cloud, P. C., Chairman, Housing Committee, 1201 Roosevelt Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. A deposit of \$5.00 per person using the accommodation must accompany the application. Requests for accommodations will be processed in the order they are received. Reservations will be accepted only for a minimum of four nights.

Registration

Registration is scheduled in the Hotel Lobbies and Masonic Temple at the time listed in the program.

Upon registering, each Sir Knight and Lady will receive complimentary, the following:

- Official Souvenir Program.
- Official Souvenir Badge (wear it!).
- Grandstand seat for Parade Saturday evening.
- Ticket for Style Show (Ladies only) Tuesday afternoon.
- Ticket for Dance, Scottish Rite, Wednesday evening.
- Ticket for Reception and Tea (Ladies only) Thursday afternoon.
- Ticket for Murat Theatre Party, Thursday evening.
- Round trip bus tickets for:
 1. Fairgrounds—Sunday afternoon.
 2. Fairgrounds—Monday, all morning business session; 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. in the Riley Room, Claypool Hotel.
 3. Murat Theatre—Monday evening (Knights only)
 4. Theatron—Monday evening (Ladies only).
 5. Murat Theatre—Tuesday afternoon.
 6. Speedway Track—Tuesday afternoon.
 7. Ladies Tour—Wednesday morning.
 8. Scottish Rite Cathedral—Wednesday evening.

9. Murat Theatre—Thursday evening.

In order to adequately provide accommodations and food, and to insure an accurate reservation count, your host committee asks that you make a small token payment of fifty cents (50c) on each ticket for the Theatron "Starlight Musical" Monday evening; Speedway Chicken Supper, Tuesday evening; Ladies Luncheon, Wednesday noon; and for each Industrial Tour you select.

Industrial Tours

The following industries welcome the visiting Sir Knights and will provide competent guides for tours through their

modern plants, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and afternoon:

Eli Lilly & Company—Manufacturers of Pharmaceuticals and Biologicals.

Western Electric Company—Modern dial phone equipment.

International Harvester Company—Motor Truck Engines.

Chrysler Corporation—Automatic Transmissions.

Ford Motor Company—Power Steering.

Bridgeport Brass Company—Strip Mill for Brass and Copper.

Allison Division—General Motors—"Powerama."



World War Memorial and Obelisk

Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

Washington, D. C.

The Committee on the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service is laying the foundation for the Twenty-eighth consecutive Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, which will be held in the stately Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, April 6, 1958.

The speaker on that occasion will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Chairman and Editor of the "Christian Herald Magazine." Dr. Poling preceded Dr. Norman Vincent Peale as minister of the Marble Collegiate Church, and has a wide reputation. Some may recall that his son was one of the four Army Chaplains who voluntarily gave up their lives when the ship *Dorchester* sank in 1943.

The service will conclude with the laying of the traditional Cross of Lilies at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, with

musical selections by the famous United States Marine Band.

This colorful service, national in scope, annually draws many visitors and it is the expectation of the Sunrise Committee that Knights Templar in uniform will be present from Commanderies both far and near. The Committee will be happy to make group reservations as far as possible for Sir Knights in uniform and their families if contacted.

One must really see this service to appreciate it and the Easter Sunrise Committee has two films that may be obtained free of charge.

See your Nation's Capital at Easter by attending the Twenty-eighth Annual Service on April 6, 1958.

RAYMOND A. BABCOCK, Chairman,
801 13th Street, N. W.,
Washington 5, D. C.

November 4, 1957.



The Most Eminent Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater delivers an inspiring address at the Arlington Easter Sunrise Services, April 21, 1957.



SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA—DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, 93RD ANNUAL CONCLAVE, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF IOWA, JUNE 23-28, 1957

Seated—E. Robert Chable, Rt. Em. Gr. Prelate, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A.; Albert C. Eckert, Rt. Em. Gr. Commander of Iowa; Edwin L. Lunde, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa; Burt D. Pearson, Rt. Em. P. G. C. Minnesota and Dept. Commander North Central Dept.

Standing—Ross J. Camblin, Gr. Recorder, General Grand Council, Royal Select Masters; Earl E. Dusenbery, Past General Grand High Priest, Gen. Grand Chapter R. A. M.; John L. Crofts, Past Grand Commander of Iowa and Past Dept. Commander N. Cent. Dept.; Clarence E. Buehler, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of South Dakota; David Graham, Em. Grand Prelate of South Dakota; Donald J. Rayburn, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of Kansas; Arthur A. Raymond, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of Missouri; Donald A. Keys, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of Nebraska; Elvin F. Strain, Em. Grand Recorder of South Dakota; Carl R. Greisen, Em. Grand Recorder of Nebraska; James Wampler, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of Minnesota; Rolf Hovde, Em. Grand Captain General of Minnesota; Walter R. Schwandt, Grand Master of Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Iowa; A. Guy Sparks, Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa.

Present but not shown in picture—G. Wilbur Bell, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Illinois; Alvin L. Crump, Em. Grand Sword Bearer of Illinois; Clifford D. Jory, Past Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, President George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; Earl B. Delzell, Rt. Em. P. G. C. K. T. of Iowa and Grand Secretary and Librarian A. F. and A. M. of Iowa.

IOWA

From address of Sir Knight E. Robert Chable, R. E. Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment, delivered at the 93rd annual Conclave, June, 1957:

You know, I am sure, of the splendid medium for communication and publicity which now exists in the "Knight Templar" magazine. This is a tremendous improvement over the former "Grand Encampment Review." Already there have been many thousands more subscriptions to the new publication than to the old one. We must remember, however, that an active Knight Templar is

an interested Knight Templar, and an interested Knight Templar is an informed Knight Templar. If we are to create or to sustain the interests of our fraters, we must make certain that they are well informed about the progress and programs of Templary in this country. There is no better way to inform them than to encourage every single frater to be a subscriber to this splendid publication. It will enlarge our members' horizons, broaden their perspectives, and deepen their interest. It is hoped that each Constituent Commandery will encourage all of its members to subscribe to this new organ of publication.

Colorado Report on Progress and Special Activities

Sir Knight James R. Hoffman, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Colorado, has submitted a copy of his report as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Progress and Special Activities in Colorado, which is an interesting document. This report follows:

September 14, 1957.

To the Grand Commandery of
Knights Templar of Colorado:

The Grand Encampment Committee on Progress and Special Activities is appointed for the Triennial period. Each state chairman is responsible to the Grand Master. However in view of the fact that Commandery Representatives for this committee are appointed and function in and for every constituent commandery, it is appropriate that a report be made to each annual conclave of the Grand Commandery. It is the duty of this committee and these representatives to work with the Eminent Commander and his officers in re-vitalizing Templary in their respective Commanderies.

Foremost, in activities has been the problem of membership. Petitions are our life blood. The Grand Encampment Committee assigned a quota of 981 to Colorado for the three year period. This was broken down into three parts and last year we accomplished 80% of the yearly quota. Now we have reached only 55% of the 1956-57 quota. This means that next year we must secure at least 429 petitions in Colorado to keep pace with the rest of the Grand Encampment.

I feel that with the impetus shown in the work of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter this year through re-vitalization of existing Chapters, re-activation of dead Chapters, and formation of new Chapters, we can build our Templar membership to the required number with just a little more effort on the part of each of us.

There are now five Commanderies in Colorado sponsoring DeMolay Chapters. We can easily double this number by next

year either through the sponsorship of existing Chapters or by organizing new ones.

Reports from our representatives show that there has been an increase in observances of Templar Festival Days and patriotic programs, in the organization of drill crops and other Commandery activities, and in the work by Sir Knights in the Chapters, Councils and Lodges. There appears to be more intervisitation and cooperation between various Commanderies. All of these are healthy signs which indicate that Colorado is a real Templar State.

Most of our Colorado "grass roots" Representatives are fine, conscientious workers with excellent ideas and initiative. If any Eminent Commander finds that his Representative is not functioning, he should replace him. We want and need on this committee only Sir Knights who are dedicated to the building of the spirit of Templary.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. HOFFMAN, P.G.C.

Colorado Chairman.

Committee on Progress and Special
Activities.

ALABAMA

We wish to express our appreciation to all the Commanderies and Sir Knights of Alabama who so generously contributed to the special window (Ascension Scene) of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Room in the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Their efforts made it possible for this special window in the Chapel to be donated by the Knights Templar of Alabama.

Courteously submitted,

J. COLLIER FOSTER, P. G. C.,

Chairman.

Illinois Rings Down Golden Curtain On the First 100 Years of Templary

The October number of the "Masonic Temple Topics" devoted more than a page to a story on the 101st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, held in the city of Springfield, September 13, 14, 15, 1957. The General Editor, Judson L. Parker, LL. B., 32, was most generous in granting space to a complete coverage of the Grand Conclave.

Sir Knight Howard Malcolm Snapp, Jr., was elected and installed R. E. Grand Commander for 1957-1958. His address is 1601 Taylor Street, Joliet, Illinois.

The retiring Grand Commander, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, in his message referred to the 101st Annual Conclave as the ringing down of the golden curtain on the first 100 years of Templar Masonry in Illinois. Excerpts from his address follow in part:

That the history of the Order is an honorable one will not be denied by any who have had the opportunity to scan the proceedings of the Grand Commandery and the various historical records of the Commanderies of this state. That the men, who organized the Grand Commandery, were men of great Masonic ability is attested by the fact that their names are, nearly all, found also on the list of active Masons of the Grand Lodge, Chapter and Council.

It would seem that these men took their Masonry seriously, and understood their responsibility well, not only so far as the fraternity was concerned but also as to their communities. If one reads the history of the Order along side of the history of the various communities, he will readily see that the Masonic leaders were also the leaders of the communities in which they lived.

The men who organized their lodges and Commanderies on the firm foundation of moral truth and Christian virtue were bound to be the builders of the

churches of their communities.

These men who accepted the search for truth as a Masonic and Christian characteristic would naturally be the ones interested in building the schools of the community.

Their regard for good order would naturally lead them into administrative branches of the state and local government. In short, the leaders of Masonry were leaders of their communities.

Personally, I am only interested in history as a means of analysing the failures of the past in order that we can avoid similar failures in the future and I believe that in reviewing the successes of the past we can find inspiration to strengthen us to greater achievement in the time to come.

Yes, the golden curtain has rung down on the first century of Templar activity. It is now rising on the second act or second hundred years of existence. Will it be as glorious as the past or will it lead us into decline or ultimate oblivion? We are the ones who have it in our power to set the pattern now for what could be the future destiny of our Order. I feel that we should look well to the past for counsel and inspiration and then choose our course with care, and having chosen it, pursue it with all the energy at our command.

Perhaps we can be sufficiently successful that some future generation will be able to look back over the second hundred years and speak glowingly of their heritage.

Courteously yours,
Howard M. Snapp, Jr.
Grand Commander.

Present for the occasion among the distinguished guests were Sir Knight E. Robert Chable, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, who represented Sir Knight Walter DeLamater,

Most Eminent Grand Master. Also present were Siguard B. Jensen and Burt D. Pearson, Department Commanders of the East Central and North Central Departments respectively. Many Grand Commanders from other states were in attendance; all of the surrounding states and others from as far south as the Gulf and as far east as the coast. In addition to these distinguished visitors, we were honored with the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Milton T. Sonntag and the Grand Officers of all the York and Scottish Rite Bodies.

On Saturday afternoon there were exhibition drills at the Armory under the able direction of Sir Knight Henry Winslow, Brigade Commander. Peoria No. 3 and the Englewood No. 59, both had full companies and performed in the traditionally impressive manner. Austin Commandery, No. 84, put on the field a Class B team in bright new costumes. Nice work Austin, keep it up. The surprise came when Joliet Commandery No. 4 came on with a brand new Class B precision team. White shirts, black trousers, white shoes, red sashes and "pillbox" caps made a sharp looking costume for the "Malta Men." The captain is Sir Knight Forrest McAllister and the fine spirit of the team, which was so evident, is a tribute to his able leadership. Their fine exhibition should inspire them to seek still higher honors.

The traditional banquet, in honor of the Grand Commander, was held on Saturday night. So great was the number who made reservations that tables had to be set up in an adjoining room. The banquet was sumptuous, the music during the meal very beautiful and the program which followed, very inspirational. There were two features which are worthy of mention, with emphasis. The first was the awarding of large, exquisitely engraved, certificates to all Commanderies which had contributed \$1000 or more in the last year to the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged and Infirm. The large number of Commanderies thus

honored shows the great interest the Sir Knights of Illinois have for this philanthropic project.

The other very outstanding feature of the program was the address given by Sir Knight E. Robert Chable, R. E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. The message dealt with the Creed of Masonry and was so eloquently delivered that the whole audience was held literally spell-bound. A message such as this, so impressively delivered, should make every Mason who heard it proud of his affiliation with this great Order.

Following the banquet, Joliet Commandery No. 4 entertained the Sir Knights and their ladies with a reception for the new Grand Commander, Sir Knight Howard M. Snapp, Jr., a member of that Commandery and his wife, Ruth.

Sunday was given over to religious services in the morning, when the Sir Knights and their ladies attended the churches of their choice. In the afternoon was the traditional Templar Parade. The weather man was very considerate and gave us cloudy but cool weather. The review and religious services were held in the Armory with the sermon by Sir Knight Joseph Hobbs of Damascus No. 42. It all added up to a very enjoyable and profitable 101st Conclave.

INDIANA

The annual one-week outing sponsored by the Hospitaller Committee was held at Camp Crosley on Lake Tippecanoe in August, 1956. It was supervised by the Muncie YMCA. More than 200 boys attended; they were sponsored by some forty-eight Commanderies, four of them sending ten or more boys.

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NEW MEXICO 152 NEW MEMBERS

Reproduced photo shows the 55 members of "Sir Knight Herbert L. Galles, Jr., Class"—which was named in honor of Sir Knight Galles, who was President of the Western Shrine Association at the time he took his work.

The photograph of this class was sent through the courtesy of Sir Knight Milburn K. Tharp, Past Commander of Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar of Albuquerque, New Mexico. In his letter, dated September 12, 1957, Sir Knight Tharp wrote: "The Western Shrine Association was held in Albuquerque on August 29, 30, 31 of 1957. This is the third class that we have Knighted this year, making a total of 152 members. We plan one more ceremonial this year and hope to exceed the total number of 180 members which were Knighted last year.

"We have just received the August-September 1957 edition of the "Knight Templar" Magazine, and we are very pleased with the publicity which Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar of Albuquerque received. We are so impressed with the information presented in this magazine that we would like to have additional copies to use in our future promotional work. We would like to send a copy to each of our members, together with a letter from our Commander, encouraging them to subscribe for this excellent magazine."

Templary in New Mexico

Michigan is not alone in Templar activity—it is well to note. Across the nation the Order of the Temple is being conferred on increasing numbers.

The Knight Templar of the Grand Encampment, in its August-September issue, carries a story of commendable activity in the state of New Mexico, where are some 2,800 Knights Templar in 12 Commanderies.

Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, has recently incorporated into its ritual some excellent tableau work of a quality comparable to that which Detroit Commandery presented at the Triennial at New York City two years ago.

As a result of this "uplifting" effort, Pilgrim Commandery knighted some 55 members in each of the years 1951 through 1955, and a massive 180 in the year 1956.

The story in Knight Templar is featured with three pictures of these tableaux. By the way, this official publication of the Grand Encampment ever contains much matter of interest. The subscription rate is \$1.00 for two years. Request for subscription should be addressed to: Knight Templar, 13-17 North State Street, Greenfield, Indiana.

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KENTUCKY BOARD OF INSTRUCTION

Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, Chief Instructor outlines program of following suggestions:

In the work of conferring the Orders and in the tactical work of a commandery, the ritualistic work should be given first place. The ritualistic work is the picture, the tactical work is the frame. The frame should not interfere with the picture. A picture can be complete without a frame, but a frame without a picture has very little value. While a frame is desirable, it is not essential. So let us concentrate on the picture, and when a fine picture has been finished, then we will work on the frame.

In conferring the Orders of Templary, each officer should remember that we are trying to impress the candidate. Therefore, in giving the ritual, remember that there is a great deal more to it than merely reciting the lines of the ritual. Each officer with a speaking part should endeavor to live and act the part he is portraying. Each officer is working on the candidate, not playing to the audience. Please remember this, and do your very best to portray the part as it should be portrayed.

Tactical Work

While the statement was just made that the tactical work was not essential, still it is desirable, and a good commandery will be able to stage a fine tactical display, in addition to good ritual.

Every Knight Templar should be proficient in the manual of the sword. This statement applies with even greater force to an officer. Skill in the graceful use of the sword may be acquired by practice. It is recommended that each commandery devote some time at each conclave to the manual of the sword.

As has been said in these columns many times, each commandery should have a floor team proficient in the work of the Prelate's Escort, the Triangle Guard, and the full form opening, with special emphasis on the first two items.

I have just returned from the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. The final day of the conclave was devoted to a street parade, concluding with the devotional service in the National Guard armory. The parade was a magnificent spectacle and was in keeping with the splendid tradition of Illinois Templary. With a membership twice that of Kentucky, there were about 3,500 Sir Knights in the parade, including six bands and four drum corps. If we had had the same ratio in our parade last May, we would have marched 1,750 Kentucky Templars, instead of 250 that marched in the Kentucky division of the parade.

Sir Knights of Kentucky, Templary is on the march across the land. At the beginning of another Templar year, let us pledge ourselves to do bigger and better things during the current season. Please remember that Templary is the last step in the York Rite of Freemasonry. It is the "ne plus ultra," there is nothing beyond.

This one sentence has caused more businesses to be swallowed by competition than any other: "We've always done it this way." Let this not be said about Templary in Kentucky.

Wylie B. Wendt—Chief Instructor, 2346 Emerson Avenue, Louisville 5, Ky.—(From Grand Commandery News Bulletin). Carl P. King, Grand Recorder, Kentucky.

No. 1 Visits Other Commanderies

Two years ago Detroit Commandery established a program of visitations to some 30 other Commanderies within reasonable driving distance from Detroit. The program, under the capable leadership of Sir Knight Charles Erdman, P. C., has been notably successful in generating a sense of goodfellowship and mutual cooperation among Knights Templar of a considerable area outside of the city of Detroit.

The program begins early in October and carries through to the end of the year. The schedule for this, the third year of this undertaking, is here shown. Sir Knight Erdman says:

"Those of us who have engaged in this pleasant work are confident that we are creating among the Commanderies of the state a most outstanding sense of unity of purpose. The program contemplates that each and every Sir Knight who will do so, may participate in these visitations. We earnestly urge each and every one of you to join us on any or all of the dates listed.

"Do not feel that you must be an Old Timer and that you must know all the details. That is not in the least bit necessary. As a matter of fact, every Representative has been instructed to encourage the newer members of Detroit Commandery to accompany them on their respective visits, and to undertake to have at least one of the newer members accompany them.

"Our own Sir Knight Edward S. Piggins, P. C., is now Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. All of his official visits this year are in the immediate vicinity of Detroit. Many of you no doubt will be interested in accompanying him on these visits. Check the list and make contact with the Representative.

"This visitation program is developing to be one of the most enjoyable activities of the Commandery. Develop your wanderlust—you will never regret it."

Sir Knight Erdman is Chairman of the

Committee. Sir Knight Russell A. Koller is Assistant Chairman.—The Beauseant.

MISSOURI

An interesting letter was received from Sir Knight George E. Bauer, Captain General of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, St. Louis, Missouri, under date of May 23, 1957.

In his letter, he said that this Conclave was a memorable event for Ivanhoe No. 8. He stated that the Grand Commandery of Missouri met in St. Louis on May 3rd and 4th for their 96th Annual Conclave. On Thursday evening, May 2nd, Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8 of St. Louis was host to all visiting Sir Knights at their Stated Conclave at Mt. Meriah Temple.

They were honored by a visit of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Other distinguished guests were Sir Knights Sigard R. Jensen, P. G. C. of Illinois, Department Commander of the East Central Department; Edwin R. Hobson, Grand Standard Bearer of Illinois.

Presiding Officer Sir Knight Adolph H. Roeper, Grand Commander of Missouri, was accompanied by his complete Staff of Officers of the Grand Commandery.

Also present were the following Eminent Commanders of Missouri Commanderies: Sir Knights Bert Casselman, Kansas City, No. 10; Charles Darnold, O'Sullivan No. 15; William Irvine, Ascalon No. 16; William F. Baker, Palestine No. 17; J. Sylvan Bowers, St. Aldamar, No. 18; Theo. Atwell, Mary No. 19; George Nelson, Richmond No. 47. There were also many Past Commanders and Sir Knights of other Commanderies throughout the State present at this Conclave.

Grand Master DeLamater gave an inspirational talk after he had been received. Following the close of the Commandery the ladies were invited to join the Sir Knights to view the moving pictures, taken at the Grand Encampment in New York, through the courtesy of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

NORTH CAROLINA

Excerpts from address of Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Past Grand Master, present Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, at the 78th Stated Conclave, Durham, N. C., May 6, 1957:

"The 47th Triennial Conclave is going to be held in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana. It is centrally located, a large city. I hope that all of these Commanderies in North Carolina will begin to make plans to come there. It is not a distant point, so it will not be an expensive thing. I think that you are going to find it a rather unusual place to have the Conclave. Indiana is a great Masonic State; they have a large membership; they have a very enthusiastic membership; Indianapolis is a lovely city; the facilities there are fine; the hotels are not as large as some of the others over the country, but they are up to date. They told us that there are all kinds of motels for those who want to drive and don't want to stay at hotels; streets are wide and the city has just lots of advantages. It is possible they will have a special speedway race for your benefit, and I think they are even counting on an ice show in August for the Sir Knights."

From report of Committee on Progress, etc., Sir Knight William L. Ramsey, P. G. C., chairman:

"The Easter Services, commemorating the resurrection of Christ, were held in many of the cities of North Carolina. Raleigh Commandery No. 4 had a pageant in the Little Theatre beginning at 6:00 a. m. Mount Airy held a service after which a breakfast was served at the hotel. Fayetteville, Palestine Commandery No. 20, in cooperation with the Ministerial Association of Cumberland county, held an Easter Sunrise Service at La-Fayette Memorial Park. There were some 55 Sir Knights in full Templar Uniform with an estimated 3,000 people assembled. Gastonia, Charlotte and other Commanderies had services that were well attended, showing that Templary is on the march in North Carolina."

FLORIDA

Condition of the Order

The Jesse Earl Ramsdell Trophy has done more to improve the condition of the craft than anything I know of, because we have more Constituent Commanderies participating in the full form opening than has been done in the last twenty years. You will see a revitalized Templary in many of our Constituent Commanderies this year that have been more or less dormant in the past few years. We still have some Commanderies that need help, but I make the following statement without any reservations:

"Within the next two years every Constituent Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction that deserves to exist, can stand inspection on the full form opening and the conferring of the Order of the Temple."

**Symbolic—Capitular—Cryptic—Chivalric
—The York Rite of Freemasonry**

UNITY—UNITY of the YORK RITE has been our theme this past year. Through the cooperation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Herman J. Wendland, and the M. I. Grand Master, Winston H. Ward, together with the M. W. Grand Master, Charles R. Lucas, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Marcus L. Donaldson, much has been done during the past year to promote harmony, as well as unity, among all York Rite Bodies of this Grand Jurisdiction. The good that has been accomplished by this united effort on the part of your Grand Officers will not be reflected by any statistics turned in for the year 1956, but in the years to come, for this united effort was timely and has served its purpose far better than the records will show at this time.

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GEORGIA

From report of the 96th annual Conclave, Valdosta, Ga., May 8-9, 1957.

Parade and Church Service

Under the direction of Sir Knight E. Alton Rogers, Eminent Grand Captain General, the Knights of Malta Commandery No. 16 and all visiting Sir Knights assembled in front of the Daniel Ashley Hotel in battalion formation, under the command of Adjutant F. R. Hargrove, Jr., Past Commander of Plantagenet Commandery No. 12, marched in parade headed by police escort and the splendid band of the Valdosta High School, to the First Baptist Church.

The parade was reviewed from the Court House lawn by Grand Commander Green and his staff, accompanied by Distinguished Sir Knights from other Grand Jurisdictions who were our guests on this occasion.

The church service was held under the direction of Reverend and Sir Knight William V. Dibble, Eminent Grand Prelate. Music was furnished by members of the choir of the First Baptist Church.

The orator for the occasion was Reverend and Sir Knight Douglas Swagerty, a retired Methodist minister of Atlanta, and a Past Commander of Couer de Lion Commandery No. 4. Sir Knight Swagerty delivered the following message:

Facing Life

Greetings:

Scriptural Text: Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who doeth the will of my Father in heaven."

The Textual Frame, Henry Van Dyke.

"Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:

To think without confusion, clearly,

To love his fellowman sincerely

To act from honest motives purely

To trust in God and heaven securely."

When we face life honestly, we deposit out yonder an ideal, an ideal self we hope to achieve, which we intend to become. None are so self-blinded or egoistical as to feel that we are all that we ought to be or all that we intend to become.

Dispensation for New Commandery

On April 4, I caused to be issued a dispensation to form a new Commandery in Decatur, to be known as DeKalb Commandery U.D., with Sir Knight J. C. Taylor as Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Claude E. Jameson as Generalissimo, and Sir Knight E. S. Radway as Captain General, and it is my information that this Commandery is applying for a charter at this Grand Conclave.

Report of Patriotic Activities Committee

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Georgia:

The Patriotic Activities Committee wish to make the following report.

On September 15, 1956, the Committee issued a General letter to all 37 Commanderies of the State, asking them to make their Patriotic Activities Committee appointments for the purpose of conducting an Essey Contest in their jurisdiction or other duties they may be called upon.

Twenty-four of the Commanderies reported such Committees had been appointed, but 13 of the Commanderies failed to acknowledge our letter or make any preparation toward complying therewith; these are Commandery Nos. 3, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, 35 and 36. We respectfully refer these Commanderies to General Order No. 6 issued by the Grand Encampment 1952 establishing Regulation for the appointment of Patriotic Activities Committees in Constituent Commanderies.

With the General letter we presented an Essay Contest, "DEMOCRACY, THE FOUNDATION OF LIBERTY, FREEDOM, AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY."

Eighteen Commanderies submitted winners from their jurisdiction to be entered in the state-wide contest. Your Committee had the papers judged by the English Department of one of our leading high schools of the State, that did not have a contestant in the contest, with the results as follows:

(1049) Miss Lina Helen Abernathy, McCaysville, Georgia, West Fannin High School, R. F. D. 1, Blue Ridge, Georgia. Blue Ridge Mountain Commandery No. 37. First prize, \$500.00 Scholarship.

(1043) Miss Claire Brightwell, Americus High School, Americus, Georgia. DeMolay Commandery No. 5. Second prize, \$250.00 Scholarship.

(1040) Miss Doris Garland, Sparta High School, Sparta, Georgia. Plantagenet Commandery No. 12, Milledgeville, Georgia. Third prize, \$150.00 Scholarship.

We recommend that the first prize winner's essay, together with her picture, be published in the proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

It is the desire of the Committee to continue this program for the next Templar year, with an entire new subject to be announced early this fall. We earnestly urge all Commanderies to participate.

We wish to thank the Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc., for their very cooperative support and for the contribution of scholarships that make it possible.

Respectfully submitted,
 WALTER H. HOUSCH,
 Chairman.
 S. MARTIN ALSUP,
 LAWRENCE C. PETRI.

Christian Knighthood in Reading, Pa., 100th Birthday

From Sir Knight Paul M. Bechtel, Eminent Past Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, of Reading, Pa., came an interesting letter stating, in part:

"The enclosed DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar 100th Anniversary Booklet and Commandery Notices, are all past history, but perhaps you may find something among the pages that might be of interest to your readers.

"I enjoy reading the articles in the 'Knight Templar' magazine, and look forward to the arrival of each issue.

"Yours in Christian Knighthood,
 PAUL M. BECHTEL,
 Past Commander."

In reply to this letter the Grand Encampment Committee on Templar History, Francis J. Scully (P. G. C. Ark.), chairman; John R. Moore, (P. G. C. Calif.) and Chalmers Pancoast (P. G. C. N. Y.) desires to express appreciation to Sir Knight Bechtel for this attractive booklet, which is a treasured historical document.

The entire contents of the booklet is well worth reading. It is "Affectionately Dedicated to the Memory of Sir Knight John G. Bachofer," for many years Recorder of DeMolay Commandery No. 9. This tribute to his memory follows: "This year of 1952-1953 was to be his year. He was to be Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, the highest office, the greatest honor which Pennsylvania Templary could bestow."

Many pages are devoted to the following subjects: Orders of Christian Knighthood, The Teutonic Knights, The Masonic Knights Templar, Organization of DeMolay Commandery No. 9, The First Fifty years; The Second Fifty Years; The List of DeMolay Sir Knights honored by election or appointment to serve the Grand Commandery of the State; The Ladies Auxiliary; Reading Chapter, Order of DeMolay, An Acknowledgment, to the Reverend and Sir Knight Thomas B. Smythe, Rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Birdsboro, Pa.

“THE ARMOR OF GOD”

By CHALMERS L. PANCOAST

The Order of Knights Templar prepares men for the Order of Good Will and High Faith and Eternal Happiness and Joyousness.

Templary is more than a perfect philosophy or a pleasant way of life. It is supreme faith in the blessed Emmanuel's way of life and salvation for all men.

Men who become deeply and sincerely interested in Templary are men who hunger and thirst for God's righteousness. Men who keep faith with God, will keep faith with themselves and other men and enjoy comfort and peace of mind.

A devoted Sir Knight once said to me that when he wears a full Templar uniform he feels as though he had put on the full armor of God for active Christian warfare against the evils of this world.

The Baldric bears the emblem of this faith of the Order of Knighthood—The Passion Cross, again the emblem of this supreme faith in the Great Captain, adorns the Chapeau; it is worn on the sleeve of the uniform, it embellishes the hilt of the sword—the symbol of our belief in the Immaculate Jesus and the practice of His teachings. The White Plume on the Chapeau represents innocence and purity, and waves triumphantly that all may see its glory.

When proudly arrayed in the resplendent Uniform of a Knight Templar the devoted and loyal Sir Knight has truly followed the words of St. Paul when he says: “Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God.”

The white plumed helmet is an emblem of determination and hope—the protection we need in the fight against evils and temptation. Again the words of Paul—“Take for your helmet the hope of Salvation.” The white plumed Chapeau is the headdress of this armor of God.

An important part of the uniform is the perfectly fitted belt. It is an added touch of completeness, and gives firm-

ness to the Sir Knights appearance. St. Paul again says, “Having your loins girt about with truth.” This girdle or belt of Truth is of great significance in the lessons of Templary. It symbolizes the divine virtues of the Order of Knighthood, which are its very foundation and assurance of growth of a happy spiritual life.

With these words “Having your loins girt about with truth,” we are admonished that we are called to exhibit something more than mere words—we must show action in carrying on the work which the uniform indicates, that we are men of action, zeal and determination as Soldiers of the Cross.

St. Paul mentions “The breast-plate of righteousness” as part of the armor of God. This breast-plate can be in the form of the baldric with its bright star, emblematic of hope in the Great Captain. Again it may be in the form of the jewels and badges of the Order, which represent honors won for service, devotion and loyalty.

These adornments of the Templar uniform cover the faithful heart and symbolizes the Christian virtues which the Sir Knight practices in his warfare. These badges and jewels reveal the Sir Knight who has shared his Templar wealth with others and who has served in helping others to find joyousness in this way of life. Straight, clean living alone can make a man take pride in wearing a Templar Uniform. By keeping faith with the teachings of Knighthood he can lift himself to a faith in the highest ideals we can ever find.

The Jewels of Templary may be likened to a shield of devotion and sincerity and love.

Still another important part of the Armor of God is the Templar in full dress uniform with sword and buckler. The buckler or shield is spiritually a protection against the darts of evil temptations and the vanities of the world. It represents active warfare for service under the Banner of the Cross.

The Templar's sword symbolizes those virtues that strengthen the soul for great deeds and courageous actions in God's service for good. The zealous spirit of a Sir Knight is shown when his sword spiritually is a part of the Armor of God. His is a sword to uphold the spirit of truth and the word of God. It is a weapon of peace and justice in the hands of a Christian Soldier. The Templar's sword reveals its glittering blade as proclamation that Christian Knighthood stands for the virtues taught by the gentle Jesus—the Great Captain of Our Salvation.

Onward Christian Soldiers with flashing swords stands for the spiritual wealth of Christian victory and peace to share with all mankind.

Wealth is bright courage, cheerfulness, serenity and all the real Christian virtues stored up in the heart and soul and practiced daily.

This is the kind of wealth that you can well afford to be most generous with at all times and in all places. This kind of wealth is a gift from Christ, which God expects you to accumulate in your heart, mind and soul and pass it on to others, that they too may enjoy such wealth.

Someone has said that "the gifts of courage, contentment, cheerfulness and charity are the kind of gifts that you can be more generous with, because you possess these gifts in greater abundance, only when you share them with others. When you have charity in your heart you are joyous. When you have courage you have strength. Joy and strength bring cheerfulness, which you can spread lavishly, because nothing is so contagious as cheerfulness. It requires more serenity of the soul, courage of the heart and cheerfulness of the mind to live zealously for a cause, than it does to die for one." . . . "Father, I thank Thee—Thank Thee for the comforts Thou dost lend—for Thy serenity of soul—And for every loving Friend."

Lodge, Chapter and Council

Every Templar who loves his Order should not neglect his Lodge nor his Chapter, for, after all, they make it possible for him to enjoy the rewards of Templary.

Every Masonic body is dependent upon the welfare of some other body. When you neglect your Lodge you are destroying the influence of Masonry. When you neglect your Chapter you are keeping men out of Templary.

Building in Templary means going back to foundation work. We cannot expect to bring more men into the Order of Knights Templar until more men are being made Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons.

Honorary membership in the various bodies seems to be the ambition of some men instead of service. They want honors without earning them, which, after all, are empty honors. The Order of Knights Templar needs workers whose ambition it is to make more new members. New blood—active Masons who will make good Templars—is the only practical building force which will guarantee a greater Order for the future.

Your Chapter has been the means of bringing many desirable members into the Order of Knights Templar. It has brought enthusiastic Masons into both Chapter and Commandery. Your Chapter, like many others, has an important part to play in making more Knights Templar for the future greatness of the Order.

We must give the Chapter the time, energy and enthusiasm it is deserving for the all-important part it plays in preparing men for the Order of Christian Knighthood. Without Chapter growth there can be no growth in the Commanderies.

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Importance of Public Relations in Templary

In the Order of Knights Templar the terms of "Publicity" and "Publicizing" are not the proper terms to use at any time, because they possess too much of a commercial meaning.

"Public Relations" is the correct term. And it means the establishing and increasing of the interest, esteem, respect and admiration of the public!

In this Order of Christian Knighthood the activity of "Public Relations" work should begin in every Constituent Commandery.

"Public Relations" means creating or discovering NEWS. There is plenty of GOOD NEWS in every Commandery, but it must be properly prepared as news (not merely an announcement), and presented to newspapers as "News Release." It has been erroneously claimed that local newspapers are not interested in Masonry and Templary. It is true they may not be interested in straight announcements (which should come under the head paid ads), but give them a real news story with plenty of local interest or local history background, and it will be given space in the news columns.

In every Commandery there are Sir Knights, or at least one, well qualified to prepare News Releases on important events in Templary. Such events as the Christmas Observance, Good Friday, Easter and Ascension Day programs with street parades of Templars in full uniform, are always opportunities for the Public Relations Committee.

Every Official Visitor or distinguished guest of a Commandery presents a news story in any city. His profession, business and Masonic accomplishments and history possess a very definite news value. Such news stories are not promoting the individual, but rather give importance and dignity to the Christian Order he represents.

There are so many Festive Days and Anniversaries for story material to feature the Order of Knights Templar and what it stands for in public affairs.

Too often, the activity and objective of getting the news of any Commandery into the local newspapers, is looked upon as personal boosting. This is entirely the wrong attitude to take, because after all the active individual must symbolize the Order or organization which he publicly represents. You cannot separate the Order of Knights Templar from its loyal workers and devoted officers and members.

All great national organizations, religious societies, churches and political and commercial groups, are promoted by well established Public Relations men or committees. It is a necessary part of their existence.

Templary cannot afford to neglect its Public Relations work. There is always good news and interesting news in an organization which stands for the highest ideals of Christianity, promotes love of liberty, creates a desire for equality and justice and stands for the best and noblest in humanity. The historical background and the spiritual wealth and importance of the Order of Knights Templar has tremendous news values.

It is the duty of every Templar to be interested in the proper presentation of this Templar news to the public in a dignified style which will enthuse the public to take a greater interest; and to develop the esteem and respect the Order deserves and is entitled to receive from the public.

In so many cities and states the inspiring story of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and its accomplishments can be made into good news stories for the newspapers, which will interest the students in obtaining necessary funds for completing their college educations.

There are so many fine opportunities for Templar News Releases. The Christmas Messages, and Easter, Ascension Day and York Rite Festivals, all present opportunities to place "Templary At Its Best" before the public. This kind of

news will help to make the public realize that Templar Masonry is a positive, spiritual force working for the good of the community and the State and Nation. A Christian Order contributing something very tangible and very definite and important to modern civilization.

EXCELLENT EDITORIAL

Friday, September 13, 1957.

Illinois State Register, Springfield, Ill.

Springfield Bids Welcome to Conclave of Knights Templar

This Shrine of Liberty takes pride in greeting the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, which meets here today and reaches its climatic splendor in a great parade set for 2:00 p. m. Sunday.

We extend a special accolade to G. Wilbur Bell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Illinois organization, the focal point of whose activities with all Masonic bodies is Springfield, and whose home is Chandlerville.

It is expected that more than 2,500 Sir Knights, with their dignified but handsome uniforms and their colorful plumage, will be in line. Bands will play and flags will fly. It will be, indeed, a gala day, not alone in terms of color and display, but in terms of the finest things in life—the fundamentals of the Knights Templar.

This great Masonic Order is founded upon the principles of the Christian religion. It is dedicated to the practice of Christian virtues and the fulfillment of Christian obligations. While adhering to certain fundamental doctrines taught in churches, it is not intended that the Order shall in any wise substitute for the church. Quite the contrary, it is purposed to encourage cooperation WITH the church—to inculcate Christian ideals into the minds of men, and to encourage the worship of God.

A magnificent philanthropy sponsored

by the Knights is their Educational Foundation Fund which makes liberal loans to ambitious students seeking higher education but who do not have adequate finances. The Grand Encampment recently entered into a new philanthropic field, providing eye treatment under specified conditions through its National Eye Fund. Thus, and in other service, the Knights make practical application of their fundamental principles.

Every lesson in the ritual is calculated to make men better sons, better husbands, better fathers and better citizens of their respective communities and of their beloved America. Every true Knight, loyal to the tenets of this Order, is a Christian gentleman and a loyal American who believes in the Constitution, in respect for law and in consistent and persistent promotion of justice, honor and truth.

Warm, indeed, is the welcome which Springfield extends to the Sir Knights. May their Conclave be the most colorful and successful in the history of the State and may the fundamentals herein briefly defined sink deeply into the hearts and be reflected joyfully into the lives of all who read these lines.

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In the past few years many slogans and inspired thought have been employed to stimulate greater interest in the Commanderies, but there is only one solution to the problem of growth, and that is to get more men into Masonry and more Masons into the Chapter, and from the Chapter will come the new blood, the enthusiastic workers for Templary. Here lies the source of life, the germ-growth and strength of the Order of Knighthood.

We need Candidates, and there are many men who will consider it an honor to become Templars. And Candidates need earnest ritualists who will make the Degrees and Orders impressive and important.

Calvin H. Kibler, G. C. of W. Va.

Campaign for the "Knight Templar"

August 31, 1957.

GENERAL ORDER No. 3

To the Grand Officers,
Past Grand Commanders and
Recorders of the Constituent
Commanderies of the Grand
Commandery of West Virginia.
Greetings:

The subject matter of this communication is so important that I have deemed it expedient to issue it in General Order form, so as to insure its being read at the head of the lines at the first Conclave following its receipt.

For a good many years I have considered that the Grand Encampment has been performing us a service, and we have not been taking advantage of it. Until now I have not been in a position to do anything about it in an official way, so that is my purpose in issuing this General Order No. 3.

I refer to the "Knight Templar," official magazine of the Grand Encampment. This magazine carries items of great interest to me, and I feel that copies of this magazine coming to West Virginia Sir Knights, or being placed in Lodge Rooms, reading rooms and Masonic Clubs can be the means of creating more interest in our Order, and a means of securing more petitions than we are now receiving. Also, many items of interest sent to the Editor, Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast, P. G. C., of New York, 305 West 45th Street, New York 36, New York, will be published. Here, then is a means, with a little effort, and small investment, to increase interest and truly build up our membership.

The magazine is published quarterly and the subscription rate is **only** \$1.00 for two years—this amounts to 12½ cents per copy, and where can one in these days of high costs, procure so much for so little.

Now, I come to what I propose I would like to do. And here it is—I would like

the Commanders or Recorders, or a Committee appointed by the Commanders to conduct a campaign to see just how many subscriptions to "Knight Templar" we can procure at \$1.00 for two years. A sheet could be made up with headings, such as "Name and Address, Period of Subscriptions, or Amount," and have the Sir Knights enter their name and pay for the subscriptions at the rate mentioned above. There is nothing to prevent a Commandery from purchasing subscriptions for its Officers.

Checks should be made to **Grand Encampment Knights Templar of U. S. A.**, not to an individual and the names and addresses printed or typed, so that mistakes will be avoided in mailing the magazine. These amounts could be run through the accounts of the Commandery, or through an individual's bank account and one check sent for the entire list of subscriptions for a Commandery.

These subscriptions should not be sent to us, as that will delay them, but they should be forwarded to "Knight Templar," 13-17 North State Street, Greenfield, Indiana. I would like each Commandery to conduct this campaign beginning at once and ending about the time of our Christmas Observances. This will carry through Inspections and I would like the Grand Officers to check on this and make a report under "remarks" on the Inspection Blank. On or about December 31, 1957, each Recorder will please send me the number of subscriptions secured and sent in for his Commandery.

Should any Commandery need a sample copy, I believe I can secure enough copies for this purpose, and distribute them without charge. The December 31st date is not final and does not mean that subscriptions should not be accepted and sent in after that date, it is merely a test.

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KENTUCKY

Grand Commandery Bulletin

This publication has grown to be an almost indispensable medium of communication between the Grand Commandery and its Constituent Commanderies. The monthly message of the Grand Commander saves much correspondence and enables him to bring timely topics to the attention of the Sir Knights throughout the State. It is regrettable that it cannot be mailed to every member of each Constituent Commandery. This, of course, is not practical for several reasons, one of which is the excessive cost of mailing it. The circulation could be greatly increased if those who receive it would, after reading it, pass it on to another Sir Knight.

Approximately 1,000 copies of the Bulletin are mailed each month, many of them going to Knights Templar of other Grand Jurisdictions. Recipients of the Bulletin could be of great assistance to the Grand Recorder if they would send in articles which are of sufficient interest for publication.

The Grand Recorder is to be commended for the excellence of its contents.

Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer

Our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Carl P. King, has been a tower of strength to me during the year. No stone has been left unturned by him to make the year a success. To him I shall always be grateful, remembering that his time was my time and that his work was always done cheerfully.

(From address by Sir Knight Clarence Wilder Denham, R. E. Grand Commander 1957.)

Excerpt from report of the Chief Instructor, Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt:

The program of instruction is important if Templar activity is to be maintained on a high level. As has been stated many times, it is not the purpose of the instruction program to embarrass any officer or member, but the purpose

is to create and maintain proficiency in the ritual and tactics of Templary.

Our ritual is the most beautiful and impressive of all the Masonic degrees and Orders with which I am familiar, and this includes a large list. Our ritual and tactics are not difficult, and if once mastered would remain with the Sir Knight forever. It should not be necessary to relearn any part or function every time the Commandery has a Conclave.

As the Chaif Instructor, I have sometimes felt that I was beating my brains out all for no purpose, and I sometimes wonder if it is worthwhile. By my love for Templary, its importance and its worth in the present day troubled world, keeps me eternally at the job. We must so impress our candidates that they will have the desire to participate with us in this work of creating Knights Templar.

NORTH DAKOTA—1957

Realizing an Ideal

Sir Knight John A. Stormon, chairman of the board of directors of the International Peace Garden, emphasized that this sacred ground—2,451.3 acres—is a lasting symbol of the sublime teachings of Templary, which are primarily veneration for God with peace and good will to all men. Dr. Henry J. Moore, of Islington, Ontario, first conceived (in 1928) the idea of locating the Peace Garden in the Turtle mountains. Every year the garden is made more beautiful and new buildings and other facilities provided.

In Sanctuary for Peace

The social climax of the Conclave was the banquet served at the International Peace Garden lodge by the Eastern Star of Dunseith. C. N. Nelson, president of the North Dakota School of Forestry, functioned masterly as toastmaster. He was invested with the past grand commander's jewel of former Governor Frank White and tendered the governor's sword by Albert G. Tverberg.

"This sword," said the Grand Recorder, "is the official scepter of North Dakota Templary. It reminds us how intimately this fraternity is entwined into the history of this great commonwealth. This Grand Commandery came into being by the official act of Arthur C. Mellette, the last territorial governor of the Dakotas. He moved at the last annual Conclave of Dakota Territory, that the Grand Commandery of North Dakota should be authorized and chartered."

OREGON—1957

I recommend the purchase of a suitable trophy to be presented to the Commandery with the highest score at inspection, this trophy to become a permanent possession of the Commandery winning it three years. Also that suitable ribbons be awarded to the Commanderies winning second and third place.

RAY E. ALLEN,
Grand Commander.

Report of Knights Templar Educational Committee—Division of Oregon

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon:

We, your Committee of Knights Templar Educational Foundation, submit the following report covering the calendar year of 1956:

In the thirty-one years the Foundation has been in operation, a total of 437 loans have been made, amounting to \$99,012.00, on which including some loans charged off, there has been repaid \$77,976.37, leaving a balance of \$21,035.63.

During the past year, repayments on loans amounted to \$3,982.87.

Fourteen new loans were made.

Grand Master Speaks

The Grand Commander called upon M. E. Grand Master, Walter A. DeLamater, who graciously thanked the Grand Commander and committee for the hospitality and courtesies extended to both

him and Mrs. DeLamater, and that their visit to Oregon had been pleasant and enjoyable.

The Grand Master, in his usual abundance of zeal, earnestness, warmth, and devotion to Templary, stated that Knights Templar was not just another Masonic body but something to be lived and practiced in one's everyday life, and that we should emulate the Life of Christ and follow His work; that Templary had not been advanced as much as it could, and should be; that too few are willing to put in the time and effort to revitalize and bring Templary to where it should be, for "IT CAN BE DONE."

That something should be done about the increasing number of demits and suspensions; that too many newly created Sir Knights are not encouraged to take part and become workers, interest lags and they are soon lost.

He also stated that the Grand Encampment Review had been given a new format and had been changed to the "Knight Templar," and that individual subscriptions are now nearly 6,500 and still increasing.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, adopted in New York in 1955, is now a working organization and has helped a number of whom, without this aid, would have become blind; that applications are increasing day by day, and that each Knight Templar should be proud and happy to contribute so small a sum of less than two cents a week to such a charitable organization; that in addition to individual contributions, bequests in wills are in excess of \$15,000.00.

There should be more Knights Templar in uniform, and cited the spectacle of Detroit Commandery No. 1 in the inaugural parade in the City of Washington at the inaugural of President Eisenhower last January.

That the 47th Triennial of the Grand Encampment would be held in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16th to 22nd, 1958, and urged the participation of all Grand Commanderies in the spectacu-

lar parade which, on that occasion, will be held on Saturday night so that many more local and nearby Knights can attend and not be inconvenienced during the week.

That a special Department had been created to visit and encourage the Subordinate Commanderies, and in which great results have obtained by having greater interest and larger classes of candidates.

He also encouraged greater participation and support of the ladies in the several auxiliaries and the Social Order of the Beauseant.

That the Educational Foundation, now in its thirty-fourth year, not be overlooked, as it has helped many thousands of deserving students, and that a new plan would be presented at the coming Triennial.

TENNESSEE

Certificates of Merit

In line with the established custom, we take pleasure in presenting certificates of merit to the representatives of the following Commanderies:

Nashville No. 1—For having the highest inspection score (98.96), the largest number knighted (53), and the largest net gain (45).

Coeur de Lion No. 9—For having the third highest inspection score (98.91), and the third largest number knighted (shared with No. 22), (36).

DePayens No. 11—For having the second largest percentage of net gain (9.4%).

St. Elmo No. 15—For having the second largest number knighted (50), the fourth highest inspection score (98.89), and the second largest net gain (shared with No. 2), (31).

Morristown No. 22—For having the third largest percentage of net gain (9.1%), the third largest number knighted (shared with No. 9), (36), and the second largest net gain (shared with No. 15), (31).

Union City No. 29—For having the second highest inspection score (98.93).

Kingsport No. 33—For being first to submit its returns and pay its per capita tax.

Carter No. 37—For having the largest percentage of net gain (9.5%).

York Rite Festivals

The reports on York Rite Festivals held during the year are encouraging. The Fall Festivals have become a most vital factor in our York Rite. It was my privilege to attend the Commandery Day of each of the Festivals.

Certainly we have been blessed far beyond our deserts by the presence and support of so many of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of all the York Rite Bodies who have attended and taken leading parts in these Festivals.

It has been very inspiring to witness the interest and efforts of these fine Masons.

(In address of Sir Knight Nicholas Anderson Bond, R. E. Grand Commander, during 93rd annual Conclave, held at Nashville, Tenn., September 4, 1957.)

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WEST VIRGINIA

Should I not hear from any of the twenty-nine Recorders shortly after January 1, 1958, you may be sure that I will contact you for a report.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia, this 31st day of August, 1957.

CALVIN H. KIBLER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

ROBERT H. BOWLBY,
Grand Recorder.



*500-Mile Race Starting Lap
Indianapolis*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1958

4:30 P. M.—Special Speedway Program. Buses for visiting Sir Knights and Ladies will leave the hotels for the Track beginning at 4:30 P. M. Dress: Fatigue uniform and cap. Remember to secure tickets at the time of registration.

6:00 P. M.—Exhibition race on the world's most famous Motor Speedway by six of the best "500" drivers. There will be stops at the pits, tires will be changed and everything carried on to simulate the Memorial Day Classic that has made Indianapolis "The Capitol of Auto Racing." This is an opportunity to get a close-up of these wonderful cars and meet the drivers who pilot them. Admission by ticket.

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