GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE—PAGE ONE

SIR KNIGHT LOUIS HENRY WIEBER
MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER
of the
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OUR CHRISTMAS

Again the world keeps Christmas,
Each home and heart alight:
The Faithful praise a Saviour,
Born one Holy Night.
And as you, too, keep Christmas,
May you feel His presence near:
May His tender care surround you
Through a Happy Day and Year.

GREETINGS
To all good friends and neighbors,
This glad season of the year,
Our wish for you is Happiness,
Good Health, Good Luck and Good Cheer.
GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

The first concern of one charged with the management or direction of a business is to know what is the condition of such business.

The same holds true where the business is a Constituent or Subordinate Commandery, a Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. To this fact the attention of your Grand Master was impressively directed by the "Report of the Committee on the Conditions of the Order," given at the Grand Encampment Conclave in Indianapolis August last.

A record of the loss in gains set out in that report gives your Grand Master cause for alarm, and he realizes something must be done NOW to change the downward trend to an upswing in Templar gains.

The Committee put its finger on the reasons for the present trend when in its report it said the following, quote:

"It will be noted in the last twelve years the decreasing gains by years. Does this presage a period in the near future when we will again sustain annual losses? We feel this should have the attention of every Grand Commandery in direct contact with their Constituent Commanderies. For many years there has been the feeling that the business administration of the affairs of Commanderies, as well as York Rite Bodies, have been poorly considered. Along with this, has been the lack of leadership, but unlike business organizations, to which we must compare ourselves when we discuss our business problems, no effort has been made to develop or lay down plans for the administration of our Commanderies."

The Grand Master and the Grand Encampment officers can operate efficiently only through and with the help of the Grand Commanderies and the Grand Commandery officers, who must in turn, again look to the Commanders and officers of the Constituent Commanderies to carry out those policies suggested to them.

One thing is certain. There is no substitute for local leadership and unless such leadership is good, it is no leadership at all, but a hindrance to Templar welfare. The Grand Commanderies must make some effort to correct this most prevalent weakness in our Templar structure. One inspection annually is not enough to revitalize a Commandery. Supervision must be constant and the officers of a Grand Commandery can be delegated to exercise such supervision.

As so properly pointed out by that Committee, apparently nothing is done to preserve the Templar membership we now have and, were it within my power to so order and decree, no Knight Templar could be expelled for non-payment of dues until an honest, conscientious committee, composed of at least two line officers, of which the Commander should be one, personally called upon the delinquent Sir Knight. He may be in financial distress, and his pride keeps him from answering duns for dues and pleading his financial difficulties for relief. Charity is a Templar virtue and should be extended without expecting the recipient to make a poverty affidavit before he receives it.

Commanderies should not hesitate to remit dues in all proper cases. Suspensions for non-payment of dues MUST BE CURTAILED. Demits must be discouraged.

Over losses caused by death we have no control but, to offset such loss, we can make a proper effort for new members. York Rite Reunions are recommended as a means to that end. Every line officer should be expected to procure at least one petition for membership each Templar year to justify his preference as an officer.
In the last analysis, therefore, Templar progresses or retrogresses in accordance with the tempo set by the individual Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies.

To the Grand Commander, therefore, do I look for action through which their respective Constituent Commanderies will be, by a special Order issued by them, directed to carry out the wishes of your Grand Master as regards suspensions and demits.

My predecessor has referred to the officers in Templary as being Members of a Team on which we must all work together, if we hope to gain our objectives.

So, let’s “Hold That Line” and prepare for the sustained offense that will carry us victoriously beyond any objective which we may have set for ourselves.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

Courteously and sincerely yours,

LOUIS H. WIEBER,
Grand Master.

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184 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM MISSISSIPPI

Sir Knight W. Carl Seab, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Mississippi, presented to the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. Delamater, at the Indianapolis Triennial, a check for $184.00 for 184 new subscriptions to the "Knight Templar" Magazine, each one for 2 years. These new subscriptions came from many Commanderies, among the largest subscriptions were: Greenwood, 24, McComb and Rosali of Greenville, 19, and many others. This work for the advancement of Templary is greatly appreciated. The Mississippi Class was named "The Walter A. Delamater Class" in honor of the Grand Master.

Grand Encampment Officers 1958-1961

Louis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master, 1253 Terminal Tower Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.
Paul Miller Moore, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, 112 Station St., Aliquippa, Pa.
Charles Vernon Eddy, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Box 58, Winchester, Virginia.
Rev. Phil Porter, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Gambier, Ohio.
Edmund Ferdenand Ball, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, Box 1271, Muncie, Indiana.

WANTED—47TH TRIENNAL PHOTOS

Sir Knight William Arthur Patat, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Georgia, has expressed a desire to get in touch with any Sir Knights who took movie pictures at the 47th Triennial Conclave, at Indianapolis, who would be interested in loaning them, or exchanging for the purpose of increasing interest in the Order of Knights Templar.

The address is: William Arthur Patat, Toccoa, Georgia.

Send News and Photos to the Editor, Chalmers L. Pancoast, Hotel Warden, Newark, Ohio.
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is well on its way to becoming one of the Great Philanthropies.

It has to date processed over 325 cases, it has awarded Grants to Departments of Ophthalmology in Medical Institutions, a total awarded to date for research into Ophthalmology of $375,000.00.

The interest in our Great Humanitarian Work is increasing throughout our land. The Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant contributed over $12,000.00 last year, and upon the occasion of their Annual Assembly held recently in Houston, Texas, unanimously voted to adopt the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., on a permanent basis as their project; we are more than grateful for the generous and enthusiastic support of the Social Order of the Beauceant.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of our Foundation, held in Indianapolis during the 47th Triennial Conclave, the newly elected Grand Master, Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, was elected president, and it was decided that hereafter each succeeding Grand Master would be elected president.

Past Grand Master and the first president, Walter A. DeLamater, was elected executive director, and the general management and direction of this Great Humanitarian Work, initiated, started, and organized by General DeLamater, will be continued under his leadership.

The work in these last two years has been steadily increasing, necessitating moving into larger quarters and employing more personnel. The most important matter now to be undertaken is for every Grand Commandery and every Constituent Commandery to have a Committee on the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, these committees to be composed of interested workers, not a window dressing or do nothing Committee (as many are), but a live Committee. When these committees have been appointed send in their names and addresses to our Administrative Office, P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York, and the Executive Director will send them information data, application forms and pamphlets.

The main object of these committees will be two-fold:

(1) To have forms, information, etc., readily available for those needing treatment, hospitalization, etc., of diseases or injuries of the eye, in an effort to prevent blindness.

(2) Let all Masonic brethren and the public know of our Foundation, to inquire if there are any persons in your community who are in need of eye surgery, and are unable to pay.

We are most anxious to help those more unfortunate than we may be. Many people have gone blind each year because they have lacked the means for surgery. To date we have treated men, women and children, from one year old to 89, Jew, Catholic, Negro, Protestant, Mason, etc.

Get the Committee appointed, send their names in, get to work, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will grow and grow.

WALTER A. DeLAMATER,
Past Grand Master.
Books on Templar Masonry

KNOWNTEMPLARN LITERATURE

This partial list is given in answer to a request for titles of books written about the Crusades and the Order of Knights Templar. Any additional names of books or pamphlets sent in, will be appreciated:


rary; by Henry Leonard Stillson, Editor-in-Chief (Fraternity Pub. Co., Bos- ton) . . . Knights Templar History; by Charles Greenstreet Addison (Maco-


One Hundred Years of History, Grand Commandery Knights Templar, State of New York 1814-1914; by John B. Mul- lan, Grand Recorder . . . The Vigil At The Cross; by Rev. Frank J. Good-

The Greatest of All Parades

The front page stories and pictures in Indianapolis newspapers are of great importance in expressing just what the Knights Templar parade on Saturday night, August 16, 1958, meant to the city and public.

A banner headline—"10,000 Knights Templar Stage Colorful 2-Hour Parade" illustrated with photos was the front page feature of "The Indianapolis Star" in the Sunday Edition. The first photo was of Sir Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, in his car—The Grand Captain General of The Grand Encampment, waving a greeting to the immense crowds in the stands.

Another photo was that of Sir Knights C. Byron Lear, Grand Marshal, and his Chief of Staff, Theodore F. Voelter, who rode their White and Palomino horses in the vanguard. Other photos were of the Color Guard and the "Murat Temple's Million Dollar Horse Patrol," riding their Palomino Horses, the riders all dressed as Medieval Crusaders. Details given by the Parade Comentators.

Loud Speakers Tell the Story of the Great Parade

Near the reviewing stand, the Commentators of the Parade, namely: Sir Knights Joseph Cameron Dun, P.G.C. of New York, and Clark MacKenzie, P.G.M. of Masons in Michigan, described in interesting detail the many highlights and Officers, Distinguished guests and Members of the Grand Encampment, taking part in the wonderful parade, or nearly 10,000 Sir Knights from all parts of the nations and many Subordinate Commanderies.

Seven Historic Floats

The first of these beautiful and artistically designed floats presenting the history and traditions of the thousands of marching Sir Knights, was "The Call for the First Crusade." It was built to show the picture in 1099 of the plea for Christians to redeem the Holy City from the infidels. The Order of Knights Templar sprang from that movement of Christianity at the 12th Century in Europe. It was in that period that Chivalry came forth in all its strength.

Float Number 2—"The Crusaders First View of the Holy Land." In June 1097, the Crusaders crossed the Bosphorous, under the Command of Godfrey de Bouillon, for their first view of the Holy City, but it was not until July 1099 that the city was taken. That night the Crusaders came to the Church of the Sepuchre, where they knelt in prayer.

Float Number 3—"Richard, The Lion-hearted Meets Saladin." Known as The Third Crusade; Richard Coeur de Lion, was one of the great leaders and helped to assemble the greatest armanent of the Medieval years. Richard, The Lion Heart was a glorious fighter and the whole crusade became a setting for his inimitable personal valor. The final treaty signed between Richard Coeur de Lion and Saladin, the leader of the Moselmis stands in history as one of the most important documents of the Crusades.

Float Number 4—"Grand Encampment Educational Foundation." This float was designed to show the non-sectarian character of the Loan Foundation. Without regard to race, color, creed or sex, the Foundation has assisted nearly 50,000 students to complete their education in college or vocational school. This is a chartered, non-profit organization supported entirely by contributions made by Knights Templar across the nation. In 1957 all Divisions of the Grand Encampment made a total of 1,630 loans amounting to $733,495. This most worthy movement in the educational field was initiated by the Grand Encampment in 1922, under the Grand Mastership of Sir Knight Joseph Kyle Orr.

Float No. 5—"Patriotic Float, Land of The Free." The Stars and Stripes so proudly displayed is the Emblem of Our Country. The United States of America has ever appeared in the Congress of Nations of the World, as the exponent of
Liberty, Freedom and Independence. Knights Templar, like all good citizens, have given of their substance, their Service; Yes, their very lives where necessary. Let each of us, regardless of race, color or national origin, continue our prayer that out of such devotion Christ’s Kingdom may come, and His Will Be on Earth As It Is In Heaven.

Float No. 6—“A Priory of Knights of Malta.” This float reveals the highlight of history. The Order of Knights of Malta was originally known as Knights Hospitallers or Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. About 1050 they erected a hospital near the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated it to St. John the Almoner. Here they cared for Christian Pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. . . . With the fall of Jerusalem in 1187, the Order of St. John lost the home which had sheltered it for over a century. Over the years they established homes in Cyprus, Rhodes, Candia and finally the Island of Malta, which gave the Order the name which it bears to this time.

Float No. 7—“Knights Templar Eye Foundation” — Motto— “From Darkness Unto Light.” A great humanitarian project sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Its objectives are for research, treatment of diseases or injuries of the eye in an effort to prevent blindness. . . . Begun in 1955, more than 300 indigent persons have already been treated and discharged as completely cured or helped, and all without cost to the patient. . . . 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 he can help prevent someone from going blind, and perhaps restore the sight of others. . . . “And God Said, Let There Be Light: And There was Light”—“Let Light Be Unto All People.”

Officers and Guests In Parade Cars Presented

The loudspeaker was employed by the Parade Commentators to introduce the officers and distinguished guests as their cars approached the reviewing stand. This was a service greatly appreciated by the public.

There were sixty custom-built white convertible Oldsmobiles carrying the offi-
cers and guests, following the escort division and the thirty-five prancing palominos. Then followed the many divisions of marching “Christian Soldiers” lines of uniformed Sir Knights led by many bands, which made a grand, spectacular display of Knights Templar pageantry on parade for the public to witness and enjoy and feel its thrilling demonstration of Christian Knighthood.

Car A—Sir Knight and Hon. Wilber E. Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, and Past Grand Commander of Michigan, former Governor of the State and presently Secretary of the Army of the United States of America.

Car 1—Sir Knight Walter A. DeLa- mater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who has provided dynamic leadership since he assumed office in 1955. Among his many accomplishments that will live long in the annals of Knights Templar history are: The beautiful Chapel at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Va., and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and the sponsoring of changes in the “Knight Templar” magazine, official publication of the Order. In his car was his aide, Sir Knight Chauncey C. Thayer, P. G. C. of N. Y.

Car 2—Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, of Cleveland, Ohio, the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Wieber was appointed to office at the 41st Triennial Conclave held at Cleveland in 1940. A prominent member of the legal profession, Sir Knight Wieber serves his city and state in many capacities, devoting much of his time to charitable, welfare and educational activities, accompanied by his aide Sir Knight Robert A. Burri, P. G. C. of Ohio and presently Superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield, Ohio.

Car 3—Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, P. G. C. of Pennsylvania, of which State he is a banker and well known industrialist. In the August-September issue of the “Knight Templar” magazine he was presented in an article: “Alliquippa’s “Man of the Year” for 1957.” He is popularly

Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo on white horse. Grand Marshal of Parade (Right) on Palomino, Sir Knight Theodore F. Voelter R. E. Department Commander Chief of Staff, leading Templar Parade, August 18, 1958.

(Courtesy Indianapolis Star) Ed. Lacey, Jr.
known for his charitable work. In his
car was his ide, Sir Knight Charles D.
Zimmerman, P. G. C. of Pennsylvania.

Car 4—Reserved for Sir Knight C. Ver-
non Eddy, Right Eminent Grand Senior
Warden, Winchester, Virginia. Sir
Knight Eddy a perfect example of all
that a courtly, Southern Gentleman
should be—A Cavalier—A Past Grand
Master of Masons in Virginia, who has
spent a near lifetime in the service of
Freemasonry. His aid was Sir Knight
and Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, Right Eminent
Grand Commander of Virginia. (Note—
Sir Knight Eddy was elected and in-
stalled R. E. Grand Captain General of
the Grand Encampment, Friday, August
22, 1958).

Car 5—Sir Knight John Temple Rice,
Past Grand Commander of Texas, and
Most Eminent Grand Master of the
Grand Encampment 1946 to 1952—now
the R. E. Grand Recorder of the Grand
Recorder of the Grand Encampment. Sir
Knight Rice, a native Virginian, who
arrived at the Grand Recorder’s Office in
Chicago, by way of North Carolina and
Texas. His aide, Sir Knight E. Blake
Baker, E. P. C.

Car 6—Sir Knight William Catron
Gordon, Past M. E. Grand Master, serv-
ing 1952-1955 from Marshal, Missouri;
R. E. Grand Commander of that State in
1932. An educator and banker. His aide,
Sir Knight George C. Marquis, P. G. C.
of Missouri, and active in Masonic Li-
brary of the State.

The above are excerpts from the typed
pages used by the Parade Commentators.
They also introduced and gave the titles
of all the many Department Command-
ers, Chairmen of Committees, Past Grand
Commanders, Triennial Conclave Com-
mittees, and all the notables in Masonry
and Templary, as they left their cars at
the Reviewing Stand. It would require
pages and pages to present all the names
and records of service, and space does
not permit in this issue of the magazine.
However, the public was made acquaint-
ed with the many Sir Knights and their
years of service in the Order by the fine-
voiced commentators of the parade.

FLOAT No. 1
“The Call For The First Crusade,” year 1099 plea for Christians to Redeem
The Holy City from the Infidels.

(Courtesy Indianapolis Star) Ed. Lacey, Jr.
CROWDS CHEER KNIGHTS IN PARADE OF PLUMES

Indianapolis Star.

Sir Knights of old marched last night through a dazzling pageant of plumes and Indianapolis reared off its heels and cheered.

It was the parade of the biggest Knights Templar Grand Encampment in Masonic history, and it took place before thousands of spectators.

The Knights, flocked in black coats and trousers and white-plumed helmets, tramped mistily, through a tiring 90-minute march.

But they put on a show that would have earned them plaudits from their distinguished predecessor—King Richard the Lion Hearted.

More than 7000 Knights from the 48 states participated, and hot-playing bands and high-stepping color guards loaned their talents to the festivity.

There were chrome-helmeted color guardsmen, dozens of solid cream Oldsmobiles, and Crusaders in silver, bullet-shaped helmets.

Spaced between the purple, green, red and gray-clad bands were scores of tanned majorettes.

Twenty-two drill teams, 20 bands, and seven floats were included in the winding procession.

The famed Murat Shrine color guard, dressed like crusaders, pranced their famed palomino horses through the line of march.

The first crusade, Saladin’s Surrender to Richard the Lion Hearted and the Knights of Malta illustrated religious motifs on parade floats.

At one point an olive drab U. S. mail truck crept obtrusively into the procession, but with the help of a gentle policeman the truck soon turned off on to a side street.

Marching down Pennsylvania the spunky red-clad Brazil High School Band broke out with marching theme from “Bridge on The River Kwai,” and the crowd roared its approval.

WHO AND WHAT ARE THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR


The “Knights in white plumes” have invaded Indianapolis for a week of spectacular parades and prayers.

They are members of Knights Templar, a uniformed and militant Christian order directly descended from the ancient Crusaders.

The organization is a part of Masonry and is steeped in religious rites.

Templar Masonry is not, however, considered a substitute for the church. By its symbolism the order attempts to cooperate with the church in the practice of Christian virtues and hopes to inspire “better and happier living.”

The Sir Knights are also active in charity work and have established an Eye Foundation and an Educational Foundation.

From all over the world, the Sir Knights have come to Indianapolis.

Most of them are respected civic leaders in their home communities. One of their distinguished members is Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army.

Head of the Knights Templar is Walter A. DeLamater, Rhinebeck, N. Y., who rose from private to general in the U. S. Army. His title is “Most Eminent Grand Master.”

He calls the Sir Knights “Soldiers of the Cross.”

The incoming Grand Master is Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, a lawyer of Cleveland, Ohio.

In charge of the convention is C. Wilbur Foster, Indianapolis, Grand Commander of Indiana.

President Eisenhower sent personal greetings to the convention. He wrote:

“With a splendid program of assistance to needy students, and in the prevention of blindness, your organization advances the welfare of the national community. These examples of charitable citizenship are in the highest tradition of your Order of Christian Knighthood.”

—The Indianapolis Times.
SIR KNIGHTS HONOR FAITH OF ALL MEN

By Rev. Herman R. (Kit) Carson, Muncie Minister.

The people of Indianapolis naturally are wondering about the plumed Knights as they appear on the streets of this city.

Questions will arise in the minds of many.

"Who are these strangely garbed men?" and "What organization do they represent?"

Our business sessions may seem tedious. The competitive drills may be interesting. The parade may be spectacular.

But the heart of Knight Templary will be in its religious aspects.

Knight Templary is distinguished by the fact that it is a Christian order.

It makes use of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Its Beaucenart carries a cross and the cross decorates the uniform and lies above the heart of every Sir Knight.

Its work begins with the rebuilding of the Second Temple. Its chivalric work continues in the first crusade with a pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre in which the candidate learns more of the shipwreck experience of St. Paul on the Isle of Malta.

And it finally climaxes in the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

Every Sir Knight has knelt before a cross and professed faith in Jesus Christ as the redeemer of suffering mankind.

Every Sir Knight has been given a consecrated sword and has sworn to wield it in the cause of a brother unjustly maligncd, in the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, and of the Christian religion.

So Knights Templary is the flower of York Rite Freemasonry. Under its Beaucenart march those gentle and courteous Sir Knights who accept Jesus Christ as their Great Commander and who are ready to live or to die in His cause.

From the band of the Orange

Irish Mayor Exhorts Knights to To Lead the World to Peace

The ex-mayor of Londonderry, North Ireland, in Indianapolis for the Knights Templar convention, urged English-speaking peoples "stick together and lead the world, telling the true facts to other races."

Col Sir Basil McFarland, Bt., added, "We will all be doing a lot for humanity and peace in the world." He quoted Abraham Lincoln:

"I have faith in the people; the danger is that they may be misled. Tell them the truth and the country is safe."

Sir Basil’s remarks were prompted by a convention speech by Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker, who warned of the threat presented by current, concentrated Soviet and Radio Cairo propaganda.

Sir Basil is here with his wife to represent Knights Templar of the Great Priory of Ireland, as he did at the conclave in New York in 1955.

"What struck me most about Americans and Knights Templar is their sincerity," he recalled. "They are numbers and wealth and keenness impress me."

Sir Basil represents one of the oldest of all Knights Templar groups, dating back to the days of the old Crusades.

And it was a regiment of soldiers from Ireland who conferred the first Knight Templar order in America upon a British soldier.

Four months later, the order also was conferred upon Paul Revere, the first American to become Sir Knight.

This year, the Grand Encampment’s guest from North Ireland also is Her Majesty’s lieutenant in Londonderry, second largest city in North Ireland.

Sir Basil first served as mayor in 1939 before he helped raise an artillery regiment to fight in the Sudan, Palestine, Salerno and Italy.
He was re-elected mayor and served for five years after he returned in 1944. Sir Basil also is chairman of the Londonderry Port & Harbor Commission. "American industry recently has shown interest in our part of the world," he remarked.

He said an American manufacturer of acrilan is setting up a big factory in County Derry and DuPont of Wilmington, Del., presently is building a synthetic rubber plant in Londonderry.

The Irish government is building a giant power station, and a British firm brings into Londonderry 1800 tons of limestone and 800 tons of coke weekly to manufacture carbide for DuPont, he said.

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**WINS CONTEST**

Albany, Georgia  

Editor "Knight Templar":

I wish you to know that our daughter, almost thirteen years of age, Nan Banister, won the State Oratorical Contest last June in Macon, Georgia (1957). The reading she selected was "I Am Patriotism"—which she found in your magazine. Now we are making a scrapbook and want a copy for it, and have been unable to find one. We believe it was in the "Knight Templar" the first part of 1957. (Printed in issue February-March, 1957—page 8).

Nan is on a National Committee of "The Children of the Confederacy" and may use it again if we can find it. Her father is Recorder of St. Paul's Commandery No. 24, and has been very faithful in all Masonic work since 1922. We will be most grateful for your help. Mrs. Thomas A. Murphy, 601 North Slappey Drive, Albany, Ga. (Copy of February-March, 1957, was mailed promptly.—Ed.)

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Send "Knight Templar" News to the Editor, Chalmers L. Pancoast, Hotel Warden, Newark, Ohio.

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**TENNESSEE—MANY THANKS**

Interesting letter from Sir Knight Hilton Usher, P. C., Chairman York Rite Coordination Committee, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee, and Chattanooga Area York Rite Festival Committee, dated July 10th, 1958, quoted in appreciation.

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

I think one of the greatest weaknesses of a Commandery is the inability of its average member to put across to a prospective member for the York Rite the real story and meaning of the York Rite. Often the prospect says, "Well, I don't know about the York Rite, for some advance a story for other bodies that seems to scare away the average prospective York Rite Member.

So, I am pleased to read those good selling points that you have scattered through the May-June, 1958, issue of the "Knight Templar" magazine. And I do hope you will continue them. We could all stand a good course of instructions in presenting the York Rite to our many prospective members.

Sometime ago you ran an article on newspaper public relations. That article helped us here in Chattanooga Area immeasurably. Since previous to that timely article we did not have the least conception as to how to go about getting the publicity we so sorely needed. Such an important event as the Annual Inspection went by without a news release. Once we knew how to go about it we found our two local papers most cooperative. Through the News Relations there must be a good way to present our story of the York Rite. The "Knight Templar" Magazine can get that Good Way to more Templars faster than any other means. The "Knight Templar" is a fine magazine which I am proud to pass on to a Master Mason or a Companion R.A.M.

Courteously yours,

HILTON USHER, P. C.,  
Chairman.
Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

Despite the hard rain, the Twenty-eighth annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, was held in the Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday morning, April 6, 1958, at 7:30 a.m. The steady rain prevented the usual march from the West Gate of the Cemetery into the Amphitheater to the usual strains of “Onward Christian Soldiers,” rendered by the famous United States Marine Band, which for 28 consecutive years has played the music for the occasion.

Some 1,500 to 2,000 persons crowded the concourse of the Amphitheater and some hardy souls even braved the downpour to sit in the open seats to hear the magnificent sermon given by Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald. As the public address system was attached to the podium it was necessary for those having speaking parts in the Service to stand in the rain with only the protection of an umbrella. Judge Homer Ferguson of the United States Military Court of Appeals, gave the opening prayer.

It was a wonderful demonstration of the intense interest displayed by so many in this annual Easter Sunrise Service.

At the conclusion the traditional “Cross of Lilies” was placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, assisted by Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Eminent Grand Captain General, who is also Secretary of the Army; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, and Sir Knight Raymond N. Babcock, Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Committee.

An Easter Sunrise Breakfast, sponsored by the Grand Commandery, K. T., of the District of Columbia, attended by 450 Sir Knights and their ladies, furnished a
very pleasant ending to an otherwise rather dismal morning.

The following Grand Encampment officers attended the Twenty-eighth Easter Sunrise Service:

Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Grand Master; Louis H. Welber, Deputy Grand Master; C. Byron Lear, Past Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Wilber M. Brucker, R. E. Grand Captain General; C. Vernon Eddy, R. E. Grand Senior Warden; Burt D. Pearson, Department Commander, North Central Department; Thomas N. Morrison, Department Commander, South Eastern Department; William T. Buckner, Department Commander, Central Atlantic Department; Theodore F. Voelker, Department Commander, North Atlantic Department.

Also present were chairman and members of several of the Grand Encampment Committees.

The following Grand Commanders attended the Services:

Dwight C. Page, Massachusetts & Rhode Island; George D. Barclay, New York; Zachariah Johnston, Virginia; Austin E. Dietrich, Vermont; Henry T. Spear, New Hampshire; Richard P. Gregson, Connecticut; Albert W. Hoffses, Maine; Walter S. Cassel, Pennsylvania; Harvey C. Wellnitz, representing Grand Commander of Wisconsin; Malcolm F. Van Dien, New Jersey; John Kellner, Jr., Maryland; Calvin H. Kibler, West Virginia; John L. Allen, District of Columbia; Hon. E. V. Berry, representing Grand Commander of South Dakota.

RAYMON N. BABCOCK,
Chairman.

COLORADO

An attractive program has been received from Sir Knight James R. Hoffman, P.G.C. of Colorado, which announced the Reception given by Colorado Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, honoring the new Sir Knights who had petitioned or affiliated with the Commandery during the past two years. The program was headed—"Reception Tendered Sir Knights and Ladies of 1957-1958. More than one hundred Sir Knights and Ladies participated in welcoming the twenty-five new Templars in the banquet hall of the Commandery in the Denver Masonic Temple.

The receiving line was headed by Sir Knight Harry W. Bundy, Eminent Commander, and Sir Knight John B. Blue, Generalissimo. Next in line were Sir Knights Cross Mathews, R. E. Grand Commander; James R. Hoffman, P.G.C.; John Schwarz, Grand Treasurer; John DeSpain, Grand Junior Warden; Waldo Von Holt and Grand Master of the Council Earl Slayton, together with most of the Past Commanders of Colorado No. 1. All were accompanied by their Ladies. Refreshments were served from the giant punch bowl, which was won by the Drill Corps of Colorado No. 1, at the Grand Encampment Triennial in 1901 at Churchill Downs, Louisville, Kentucky.

The entertainment consisted of a fancy drill by a Cadet Squad from South High School, R.O.T.C. Several members of the Squad were sons of Sir Knights. Brother Wilhelm Schwarzott, noted concert pianist of Oslo, Norway, and presently Professor of Music at Denver University rendered several piano selections. He holds Masonic membership in Norway. Mrs. Worth H. Skelton and Mrs. John B. Blue, officers of the local Chapter of the Social Order of the Beauceant, related the history and meaning of the Order. Several vocal solos were given by Mrs. Loraine Rucker, wife of Sir Knight Earl Rucker. A Trumpet Quintette composed of Sir Knights William Dutcher, Charles Fields, Ira Mosley, Gerald S. Dick and Marion Newman furnished several numbers concluding with "Onward Christian Soldiers." The program closed by Mrs. Rucker singing the "Lord's Prayer". Printed by courtesy of Sir Knight James R. Hoffman, P.G.C.
Sir Knights appearing in the above picture are (left to right): Homer Butterbaugh, Commander, Westchester No. 42; William A. Hoerig, Commander Yonkers No. 47; Robert D. Carlson, Past Commander, Bethlehem No. 53, Zone Officer; George D. Barclay, Grand Commander, State of New York; Rev. Roy Millard Farrell, Prelate Bethlehem No. 53, Pastor of the Church; Frederick H. Staal, Grand Standard Bearer, Zone Officer; William Wittke, Past Commander Trinity No. 68, Zone Officer; John A. DeBoer, Commander Manhattan No. 31; Charles S. Borger, Commander, Bethlehem No. 53.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR RE-DEDICATION SERVICE**

A special Re-dedication Church Service was held in the Eastchester Presbyterian Church, Fish Avenue and Gunhill Road, Bronx, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, April 27th, at 4:00 p.m. for the Knights Templar of the five Commanderies of Zone Three. Bethlehem Commandery of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., acted as host Commandery and Rev. Roy Millard Farrell, Pastor of the Church and Prelate of Bethlehem Commandery, conducted the service and preached the sermon. Dr. George Davis Barclay, Grand Commander of New York State Templars, read the Scriptures.

In addition to the Commanders and Sir Knights of Zone Three Commanderies, listed below, there were present, Frederick H. Staal, Grand Standard Bearer and Zone Officer, Robert D. Carlson, Zone Commander, Salvatore C. Mir, Grand Captain of the Guard and Dr. J. George Lang, Grand Captain General, of the Grand Commandery, State of New York.

The five Commanderies and their Commanders were: John A. DeBoer, Manhattan No. 31, Bronx, N. Y.; Homer Butterbaugh, Westchester No. 42, Ossining, N. Y.; William A. Hoerig, Yonkers No. 47, Yonkers, N. Y.; Charles S. Borger, Bethlehem No. 53, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Justus H. Schwaner, Crusader No. 56, White Plains, N. Y.

Officers, all grades and Sir Knights reported to the Captain General at 3:30 p.m. in the under-croft of the Church.
Left to right: Sir Knight John J. Bahn, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander; Sir Knight Lowell H. Bryce, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Knight James T. Avery, Past Grand Representative of Utah; Sir Knight Avery L. Bullen, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight J. Harry Cook, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

Sir Knight James T. Avery (center in the picture) is 90 years old, and attended the Malta Festival Conclave of the 5th Zone in New York State on May 10, 1958. He is a Past Commander of Holy Cross Commandery No. 51 in Gloversville, New York and maintains an active interest in the Knights Templar.

St. George’s Commandery No. 37 of Schenectady, N.Y., was host to visiting Sir Knights to the Zone 5 Malta Festival Conclave on May 10, 1958. The above photograph was taken at the finish of the parade and shows the review line up in front of the Masonic Temple just as the second division came into position. The reviewing officers were: Sir Knight John J. Bahn, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York; Sir Knight Avery L. Bullen, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight Lowell H. Bryce, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer.
History of 7th Division Knights Templar College

Grand Commandery of Ohio

For a number of years, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio have conducted Royal Arch Schools of Instruction with lectures on the symbolism and history of each of the four Capitular degrees, and such other subjects as the Philosophy of Masonry and the Biblical Background of Masonry, all designed to make more intelligent and enthusiastic Masons.

Eminent Sir Knight Warren H. Smith, 33° and the present Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, of Heights Commandery in Cleveland, and Eminent Sir Knight Charles J. Meek of Lorain Commandery in Lorain were graduated from the Royal Arch School in 1953. Tremendously interested and encouraged by the success of this school and by the enthusiasm of the students, these two Sir Knights recognized the need for such a school among the Sir Knights.

They called together a group, who were or had been instructors in the Royal Arch School, to plan a Templar College. The following Sir Knights were selected: Joseph Alexander, D.D.G.H.P., Dean of the Royal Arch School and presently Grand Master of the First Veil of the Grand Chapter of Ohio and R. Clyde Wheeler, P.C. and Past D.D.G.H.P., both of Coeur De Lion Commandery; Arthur W. Marriott 2d, D.D.G.H.P., 33° and K.Y.C.H. and George D. Reebel, D.D. G.H.P., both of Heights Commandery; Roy N. Trotter, K.Y.C.H. and presently D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Pressdee B. Morgan, 33° and K.Y.C.H. and Charles E. Juneman, all of Lorain Commandery.

The Committee was determined to develop an interesting and worthwhile program. After several meetings and much discussion, a workable plan was adopted. A class of twenty-seven Sir Knights each year, i.e., a maximum of three students from each of the nine constituent Commanderies of the Division, one of whom should be a line officer, was considered a size compatible with the classroom space and student control. It was decided that the school sessions would be held in the Masonic Temple at 3615 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning in September and concluding in April (except December) from the hours of 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. The rule was adopted that the student be required to attend a minimum of six of the seven sessions and to prepare a thesis of approximately a thousand words on an approved subject to qualify for graduation.

In the Spring of 1954, final details of administration were worked out. E.S.K. Warren Smith was elected Chairman and S.K. Joseph Alexander, Dean-Registrar. The other Sir Knights agreed to develop the following lectures:

History of Freemasonry—Arthur W. Marriott 2d.

The Crusades—Charles E. Juneman.

The Crisis—George D. Reebel.

Modern Templary and the Grand Encampment—Pressdee B. Morgan.

Regulations—R. Clyde Wheeler.

The Orders, Red Cross and Malta—Charles J. Meek.

The Order of the Temple—Roy N. Trotter.

At the August 1954 meeting of the 7th Division Council for Templar Advancement, Chairman Smith submitted the proposed curriculum outline with the suggestion that a school be created. The idea met with immediate and enthusiastic response. The committee, as outlined above, was officially appointed and designated as the “Educational Staff.”

As the first year progressed and enthusiasm flamed, it seemed desirable to present the students with a copy of the seven lectures upon their completion of the course. This posed a considerable problem at first, for each of the lectures required almost two hours to present. The
problem was finally solved through the cooperation of Sir Knight Dr. Orville E. Hill, Superintendent of Schools of Cleveland Heights. He furnished the labor free, and provided the stencils, paper and book covers at cost. Thus, an apparently insurmountable financial problem was eased. In addition to providing a sizable number of mimeographed books for future graduates, the Staff decided to give one to each of the Ohio Grand Commandery officers and Past Grand Commanders, the resident officer of the Grand Encampment, one to the Supreme Council N.M.J. of the Scottish Rite, the Cleveland Masonic Library, the current heads of the Ohio York Rite Grand Bodies, Quatuor Coronati Lodge of London and one or two others.

The 7th Division Council willingly bore the expense entailed with the printing of these books and for a beautifully designed diploma, both to be given to each student upon graduation. Plans were laid for a suitable graduation ceremony sponsored by the 7th Division Council at their September meeting, including a Commencement Address and other appropriate ceremonies.

To assist the students in preparing suitable theses on an approved subject, suggested topics were developed by the Staff to stimulate and encourage them in their research. The graduation theses are filed in the Cleveland Masonic Library for a permanent record, based on the following recommendations:

- Rise and fall of Medieval Templary.
- Orders and degrees founded upon the dissolution of the Ancient Order of the Temple.
- Influence of the Crusades upon Freemasonry.
- Commencement of Modern or Masonic Templary.
- History of the organization of the three Orders into the unified Chivalric Rite.
- The History of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Modern system of Templary in other countries.
Templar Jurisprudence.
Symbolism of the Chivalric Orders.
History and contribution of the 7th Division K.T. of Ohio.

The influence and relation of Templary with the Christian degrees of the Scottish Rite.

The History of the Knights of Malta (requires contribution other than that which is in the ritual.)

The Masonic significance of St. Paul and his relationship to the Chivalric Orders.

The place of the Order of the Temple in York Rite Masonry.

Note: The student is not limited to these topics, but may select one of his own choosing, subject to the approval of the Educational Staff.

In an effort to constantly improve the College, the Staff believed that a gradual change in the instructing personnel was desirable to develop new ideas, new presentations and new techniques. Our plan is to relieve our original lecturers from their duties, gradually, by enlarging the Staff, the earlier staff members to remain in an active and advisory capacity. In September of 1956, S. K. Charles J. Meek assumed the duties of Chairman, with S.K. Lucius E. Taylor, Past D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, P.C. of Oriental Commandery, and graduate of the school, as Dean-Registrar. Other Sir Knights currently added to the Staff are John E. Maenpa of Holyrood Commandery, Albert D. Nesbitt, P.C. of Coeur De Lion Commandery, and Edgar W. Kroehle, present Commander of Forest City Commandery, all graduates.

To encourage participation of the students, and to interest other Sir Knights of the Division, the best Theses are selected each year to be presented by their originators at various of the regular meetings of the 7th Division Council for Templar Advancement. Many of the students have accomplished outstanding research and have presented papers worthy of the finest comment.
It has been our hope that other Divisions would develop similar Colleges, but in spite of considerable effort on the part of the local Staff, there has been no tangible result in this direction. However, those of us who have worked with this program have been gratified with the response and interest of the students, and with the support of the various Commanderies in this experiment. We are now finishing our fourth year of successful operation and take justifiable pride in having graduated thirty-seven students in the first three complete terms. We feel this is a real step forward in a coordinated program toward advancement of Templarism. We believe we are helping to develop dedicated and intelligent Templars.

Seventh Division Knight Templar Educational Staff, Charles J. Meck, Chairman, 1201 Euclid Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.

Wisconsin Centennial Conclave Held

The Centennial Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin was convened in the Mary E. Sawyer Auditorium in the City of La Crosse on June 20th and 21st, 1958. The Representatives of 43 Constituent Commanderies were in attendance. Ladysmith No. 41 being the only one not represented. Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, Right Eminent Department Commander, North Central Department, represented our Most Eminent Grand Master, Walter A. Delamater and delivered a very inspiring message.

The Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Wisconsin was represented by Gilbert J. Schwartz, Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Grand Chapter R. A. M. was represented by George J. Schreiber, Grand High Priest. The Grand Council, R. & S. M. was represented by Lawrence F. Schneidewend, M. I. Grand Master. The Scottish Rite was represented by Oscar A. Richter, Active 33°. Both Wisconsin Temples of the A.A.O.N.M.S. were represented by their Illustrious Potentiates, W. J. Kahlenberg of Tripoli and Edward S. Dodge of Zor. Also present were representatives of the Grand Commanderies of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri.

An outstanding event at LaCrosse was the special conclave convened on the evening of Wednesday, June 18th, at which time R. E. Grand Commander Clinton L. Peterson and other officers and members of the Grand Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple upon Donald Edward Peterson, son of our then Grand Commander.

The Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wisconsin reported increased activity during the past year and that on May 31, 1958, there were 128 loans outstanding which totaled $63,265.28. The Knights Templar Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc., our own charitable organization reported increased activity and wishes to thank the many contributors to this worthy philanthropy.

First four officers for the 1958-1959 Templar year:

Walter Henry Bisling (39) R. E. Grand Commander, 101 First Street, Menasha.

Myron Mack West (31), V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, 912 Hudson Street, Antigo.

Robert Vandervoort Osborne (7), E. Grand Generalissimo, 423 10th Street, Racine.

Carl Frederick Harpke (42), E. Grand Captain General, 2946 North Prospect Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin.

The One Hundred and First Annual Conclave will be held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, June 18, 19 and 20, 1959.
Mr. Chalmers L. Pancost,
Dear Sir Knight Pancost:

May I express appreciation on behalf of all of the Sir Knights in California for the wonderful spread given us in the last issue of the Knights Templar Magazine.

Our Centennial year is progressing handsomely, and I am sure will be a tremendous success. By way of example between January 1st of this year and March 30th there have been 550 Sir Knights knighted in California, and as of March 30th there were 200 awaiting the orders. This is compared with a total of 1,320 knightings in 1957.

It occurs to me that you may be interested in the outstanding record last year or Oroville Commandery No. 5. Sir Knight Roy E. Parson was then Commander of this Commandery, and is presently its Ritual Instructor. (Should you see Walter you might tell him for me that Roy is an Instructor without Ritual.) At the beginning of last year Oroville Commandery had a total membership of 199. A York Rite Festival was held which included the Chapter, Council and Commandery work and there were a total of 53 knightings in this class, on top of which there were 12 affiliations, making a total of 65 new members for Oroville Commandery. This Commandery knighted 71 new members during the year 1957 for a membership increase in excess of 40%. This was coupled with a substantial number of affiliations.

On the chance that it may be of some interest in connection with the Knights Templar Magazine, I am enclosing here with a picture of the Festival Class, which included 53 new members. Also I am enclosing a copy of the formula of Roy Parson used in connection with interesting new members in our Order.

With kindest personal regards, I am Sincerely,
ROBERT B. GAYLORD, Jr.,
R. E. Grand Commander.

“It is better for the Mason to live while he lives, and enjoy life as it passes, to live richer and die poorer. It is best of all for him to banish from the mind that empty dream of future indolence and indulgence and to address himself to the business of life, the school of his earthly education. It is best for him to know that, in order to be a happy man, he must always be a laborer.”

The Order of Knights Templar proclaims to the world its faith in the Cross of Jesus. The world needs this public example of belief in and practice of the Christian Virtues.
Seated—(left to right): James C. Garlit, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Ft. Worth; Gus L. Meyer, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, San Antonio; Arch M. Dullnig, Grand Commander, Tyler; Harvey C. Byrd, Eminent Grand Captain General, Waco.


The 105th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas was held in Corpus Christi, April 13 through 16, 1958.

The Grand Conclave started on Sunday, April 13th, with a reception given by Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57, in honor of Sir Knight H. B. “Jake” Beard, Right Eminent Grand Commander and his staff. The reception was held in the Robert Driscoll Hotel, and was attended by over 400 persons.

The parade was held Sunday evening, with over 500 Sir Knights in full Templar uniform, participating in the parade. The parade was witnessed by several thousand spectators. Following the parade the Devotional and Memorial Service was held in Del Mar College Auditorium, under the direction of Sir Knight Reverend Ben H. Bohmfolk, Eminent Grand Prelate. The service was attended
by over 1,100 persons. The ushers for the service were the boys of the Corpus Christi DeMolay Chapter.

Field Drill and Ritualistic Competition Monday, April 14th, was devoted to Field Drill and Ritualistic Competition.

The Field Drill Competition was held Monday morning, in the Memorial Coliseum. Competition lasted all morning, and was very competitive between the six Class “A” and two Class “B” field drill teams.

Following the Drill Competition a Drill Team Luncheon was served in the Exhibition Hall, adjoining the Coliseum.

The Ritualistic Competition was held Monday afternoon, in the Asylum of Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57. The officers of seventeen commanderies from throughout the state competed. This was one of the largest groups ever to compete in state competition. The competition was held on the first four libations, and all officers were graded.

The Awards program was held Monday night, where the winners of the Field Drill and Ritualistic Competition were announced. Entertainment for the program was provided by the combined choirs of Corpus Christi’s high schools. The winners of District Inspections were announced first, and each was presented with their Fred M. Gilbough Banner for proficiency in conferring the Order of the Temple and with their A. E. Clarkston-J. C. Kidd Plaques for proficiency in the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

The first place winners in the field drill were presented with the Class “A” and “B” team banners, which this year went to:

Class “A” Field Drill Winner: Tancred Commandery No. 82—Dallas, Texas.

Class “B” Field Drill Winner: Worth Commandery No. 19—Ft. Worth, Texas.

The winners of the Ritualistic Competition were presented Blue, Red and White streamers to go on their Commandery Beaument. The winners were:

First Place: A. C. Garrett Commandery No. 103—Dallas, Texas.

Second Place: San Benito Commandery No. 62—San Benito, Texas.

Third Place: Ascension Commandery No. 25—Tyler, Texas.

The 105th Annual Conclave was officially opened Tuesday morning, April 15th, at 9:00 a.m. on the Deck of the White Plaza Hotel. Distinguished guests were recognized and received. The Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, was presented and made a short talk.

Tuesday noon, the Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals and Recorders of the 93 commanderies over the state were guests at a luncheon in the Nueces Hotel, given by the York Rite Advancement Committee. Emphasis was placed on increasing our membership in Texas, in order to become the largest Grand Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. Texas is now ranked second. Pennsylvania is in first place.

Grand Master DeLamater gave a brief talk on increasing membership, and wished all present good luck in their efforts to make Texas the largest Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commandery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. on the Deck of the White Plaza Hotel, and the following business was transacted:

1. The sum of $5,000.00 was donated to the Home for Aged Masons in Arlington, Texas, for use in connection with maintenance of the Knights Templar Hospital at the Home.

2. Committee was appointed to investigate the need for an addition to the Hospital at the Home for Aged Masons, such building to cost approximately $325,000.00.

3. Various Committee appointments were made and reports read.

4. Tyler, Texas, was selected at the city for the next Grand Conclave, which will be held April 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1959.

Wednesday, April 16th, was devoted to the Election and Installation of Grand Line Officers for the ensuing year.

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During a recent official visit to the Canal Zone, Eminent Sir Knight Wilber Brucker, Secretary of the Army, took time out from his official duties to have breakfast on Palm Sunday morning with the officers of Canal Zone Commandery No. 1 and their ladies.

Shown at the head table during Right Eminent Brucker’s address following the breakfast, from left to right: Mrs. Brucker, Eminent Past Commander John R. Hammond, Jr. (Special Representative of the Grand Encampment for the Canal Zone), Mrs. Hammond, Right Eminent Sir Knight Brucker, Mrs. Jack G. Lenneville, Jack G. Lenneville, Commander, and Eminent Past Commander John B. Fields.

The fact that Eminent Sir Knight Brucker would take time from a very busy schedule to meet with Canal Zone Commandery is evidence of his great interest in Templary, an interest that was further brought out during his excellent address following the breakfast.

Canal Zone Commandery No. 1 was proud to have him and his charming lady as their guests.

HOWARD G. GEE,
Recorder.
MASONS FETE JOHN "JACK" DerOuVILLE

Appearing in the above picture are (left to right): Commander Earl L. Ashworth, Generalissimo Kenneth A. Bardin, Sir Knight John DeRouville, Grand Commander John J. Bahn, Captain General Paul Scarborough.

John "Jack" DeRouville, 21 Ten Eyck Ave., a Baldic Knight of Albany (N. Y.) Temple Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, was honored for 50 years' service at a recent surprise party given by the Commandery at the Masonic Temple.

DeRouville, who hasn't missed a bi-monthly meeting of the group in the 50 years, is active in the Commandery opening squad, a marching unit. He is a Master Mason of Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, F. & A. M., and a member of Capital City Chapter No. 242, Royal Arch Masons; Cyprus Temple Shrine and its Patrol unit, and several other Masonic groups.

He was presented a special medal by Eminent Commander Earl L. Ashworth, at the event, which included a dinner prepared by the wives of members. The committee in charge included the Commander, Past Eminent Commander John Gilliland, Sir Knight Fred Quillin, and Sir Knight Walter Rapp.

MASONIC CRUISE STARTS JANUARY 6th

The Masonic Cruise and Get-Together of a Lifetime.—This is what the upcoming Empire State Mason Cruise to the Caribbean is going to be. Masons, their families and friends—a few from each State in the Union and the Provinces of Canada—will enjoy 13 fraternal and friendship-filled luxurious days together. Cunard Line's completely air-conditioned and all first-class S. S. Mauretania, guarantees all this for as little as $325 per person.

This Cruise, under the Masonic leadership of New York State's Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers, will leave New York City Tuesday, January 6, 1959, and make stops at Nassau, St. Thomas, Martinique, Trinidad, Curacao and Havana. This will be a great opportunity for closer Masonic friendships. Each day Masonic get-togethers will be held aboard ship. This is the first time such a fraternal group will have had the opportunity to get better acquainted. Capacity limited to 600. Reservations on basis of first come, first served.

Brochures and Deck Plans available from: R."W."M. M. Witherspoon, Empire State Mason Cruise Committee, 71 West 23rd Street, Room 1823, New York 10, N. Y., telephone number ORegon 5-3720.
OLD COLONY SUNDAY

Old Colony Sunday is a reminder of the first formal Christian Service held here in New Haven Colony, 1638.

The good ship Hector brought the Milford-New Haven settlers here late in the week. According to tradition, John Davenport preached at the morning service on the first Sunday. And in the afternoon Peter Prudden, who became the Pastor of the Church of Christ in Milford, preached at the second Service.

We in New Haven and in Center Church are honored in welcoming His Excellency, Governor Abraham Ribicoff, to our Pulpit for this Three Hundred and Twentieth Anniversary of the first service of Worship, 1638.

Governor Ribicoff is accompanied by Mrs. Ribicoff, General and Mrs. Reincke, Major Fleming of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard, and a large group of his officers and men.

New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, led by Stanley E. Conrad, its Commander, also attended the Service, and formed an Honor Guard for His Excellency the Governor.

In addition to the Governor, guests in the Pulpit were:

The Rev. Herbert H. Knight, Past Commander of New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar.

The Rev. Roy M. Houghton, Pastor Emeritus of the Church of Christ in Milford, who represented that Church and its first Pastor, Peter Prudden, who shared in the Services in 1638.

Courteously yours,

EDWARD L. DeALMO, Jr.,
Captain General,
New Haven Commandery No. 2.

Now—Renew your subscription to "Knight Templar."

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MARYLAND

Address of Sir Knight Carl William Binker on occasion of installation as Commander of Montgomery Commandery No. 13, Maryland.

Masonry is universal, embracing no sect or creed, and I am told that in the Far East there are opened upon the Altar the Bible, Alkoran and Talmud. The New Testament comprises about one-third of the Bible, and it is therefore appropriate that one Order of Masonry be devoted to the practice of the Christian Virtues. As the system of Masonic morality revolves around the Temple of Solomon and the Hiramic legend, Temp lary finds its inspiration in the Ancient Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta.

The Order of Malta, originally Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, was organized to care for the sick and other charitable work. Shortly after this, nine noblemen formed a society to guard and protect pilgrims visiting the Holy Sepulchre. These were encouraged by the Abbot of Jerusalem, who provided a place of retreat in the Christian Church of the Holy Temple—hence the name “Templar.” Their warlike spirit attracted outstanding knights of the time, and the Order grew rapidly. At the request of Stephen, Patriarch of Jerusalem, Pope Honorius II established rules for the Order and ordained the members be clothed in white, to which Pope Eugenius III added a red cross. In 1118, the Hospitallers also took up the profession of arms and the name of Knights Hospitaller.

After their defeat by the Turks, both Orders found refuge on the Island of Cyprus. The Hospitallers subsequently moved to Rhodes and thence to Malta, which names they assumed. Knights Templar, when it became apparent that new crusades would not be organized, dispersed to their commanderies in various parts of Europe, and the two Orders separated.

The ancient Order of the Temple was destroyed by the united efforts of Philip the Fair, King of France, and Pope Clement V on March 18, 1313. James de Molay, then Grand Master of Knights Templar, was by order of King Philip burned to death upon a charcoal fire on a little island in the Seine at a spot between the King’s garden and the convent of St. Augustine. His dying words are recorded as follows: “It is but just that in this terrible day and in the last moments of my life, I lay open the iniquity of falsehood and make truth to triumph.” Thus perished the last Grand Master of the Temple of the ancient series. With the age and occasion which gave them birth, their adventurous and warlike spirit passed away, but their moral and benevolent character remains the inspiration of modern Templary.

The first Grand Encampment in the United States was held in New York City in June, 1816; the fifth in Baltimore in November, 1832. In 1902, the Grand Commandery of Maryland instituted Montgomery Commandery No. 13, since which time it has played an important part in the activities of that Grand Jurisdiction. To this tradition, your Commander and officers are dedicated.

TEXAS

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All Officers were advanced, and Sir Knight Elmer E. Watkins, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was elected Grand Captain of the Guard.

The newly elected Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arch M. Dullnig, of Tyler, presented Past Grand Commander H. B. “Jake” Beard with his Past Grand Commander’s Jewel, bringing to a close the 105th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas.
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, K. T., Eugene, Oregon

1030 North 7th Street.
Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancost,
R. E. P. G. C. of New York,

Dear Mr. Editor:

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, Eugene, Oregon, held a Special Conclave Monday, May 19, 1958, in the Masonic Temple, 990 Olive Street, Eugene, Oregon, for the purpose of celebrating the 75th anniversary of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2.

Eminent Commander, Hal E. Hill, was in charge of the program and Sir Knight Karl E. Gorg, in charge of the drill team for the occasion. The drill team was composed of the following Sir Knights: Ray Allen, Linn Buley, James E. Gunn, Wm. F. Guske, Alton E. Schroeder, Russell Roberts, John H. Whitson, Clark I. Richards, Robert F. Wagner and Roy M. Crawford.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2 was organized April 6, 1883, by Authority of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and was issued in San Francisco, California.

The charter members of Ivanhoe Commandery were as follows: Sir Knights James F. Robinson, J. C. Church, B. D. Paine, John Whitaker, A. P. Anderson, Enoch Houlit, S. A. Smith, F. B. Dunn, S. M. Yoran, H. M. Crain, John M. Sloan, David P. Mason, and W. P. Smith.

The first Eminent Commander was James F. Robinson, who was also very active in the formation and organizing the Grand Commandery of Oregon. He was also the first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, and he was also Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon in 1882 and 1883. He served as Grand Recorder of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons in Oregon from 1892 to 1924, and was Past Grand Master of Masons in Oregon.

Sir Knights J. C. Smith was first Generalissimo, and B. D. Paine was the first Captain General of Ivanhoe Commandery.

Ivanhoe Commandery has the honor of having seven Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, which are as follows: James F. Robinson, Silas M. Yoran, 1892; John Milton Hodson, 1893; Lord Hodson, 1893; Lord Nelson Roney, 1904; Edwin O. Potter, 1937, who was also a Circuit Judge. The above have passed on to their reward, as will all Sir Knights when the Supreme Master so decides. They have the pleasure of having two living Past Right Eminent Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, which are as follows: Sir Knights Lyman C. Palmer, 1951, who is also Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. He was also Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon, as well as several other titles in various Masonic organizations. The other Sir Knight, Ray E. Allen, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander in 1957.

Ivanhoe is proud of the fact that they have 21 living Past Eminent Commanders, which are as follows: 1920, Robert T. Burnett; 1922, Samuel R. Mosher; 1923, Alonzo E. Roberts; 1931, Kenneth L. Sumaker; 1937, Charles A. Swarts; 1938, Oswald M. Olson; 1940, Herbert T. Wiltshire; 1941, Gill Nordling; 1942, Lyman C. Palmer, who was Grand Commander in 1951 and 1952; 1943, Donald R. Husband; 1944, Wm. L. Hoadley; 1945, Ray E. Allen, who was also Grand Commander, 1956 and 1957; 1948, Ira C. Richards; 1950, Lawrence R. Harrington; 1951, Lynn E. Harris; 1952, Norlyn B. Stevens; 1953, Merle W. Frischie; 1954, Lawrence W. Biggerstaff; 1955, Vincent J. Farina; 1956, Linn Buley; 1957, Robert F. Wagner.

They are also proud of the fact they have three pioneer members who are past 50-year members, and have been very active in the Commandery work, which are as follows: Sir Knights Lawrence T. Harris, who was also Associate Justice of the Oregon State Supreme Court for a good many years. Sam R. Mosher, who was Eminent Commander in 1922, and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon, and the oldest living Past Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon; also a 33rd Scottish Rite Mason, and Dr. Robert T. Burnett, Eminent Commander, 1920. There is no doubt these old timers could tell some hair-raising tales of the early history of Ivanhoe Commandery, when they met in the old Masonic Temple, which was located at 8th and Willamette Street. In their time they had to carry lighted torches or lanterns or oil lamps, also lighted candles. They traveled on foot or by horseback or horse drawn carriages, and probably a lot of early history could be found in the rubbish of the Temple if a search was made.

An announcement in your Knight Templar magazine will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours, and thank you kindly,

MAX G. COGILL

I am attaching a picture of the Eminent Commander and three Grand Commandery Officers, which are as follows, from left to right:


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Eminent Commander

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, of Eugene Oregon, held a Special Conclave Monday, June 16, 1958, for the purpose of installing officers for the coming year, which are as follows:

Edward W. Morton, Eminent Commander; George D. Robinson, Generalissimo; Alton E. Schroeder, Captain General; Russell C. Roberts, Senior Warden; Karl E. Gorg, Junior Warden; Richard L. Cooper, Prelate; Max G. Cogill, Treasurer; Merle S. Moore, Recorder; William F. Guske, Standard Bearer; Richard S. Millhollen, Sword Bearer; James E. Gunn, Warder; Harleth H. Whitney, Sentinel.

Installing officers were: All Past Commanders of Ivanhoe Commandery, except Sir Knight Charles Willey, who is a Past Commander of Bruce Commandery, of Corvallis, Oregon.

Installing officer, Linn Buley; Marshall, Lynn Harris; Prelate, Merle W. Frisbie, who is also Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Oregon; Organist, Charles Willey, who is also Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Oregon.

The Lake York Rite Club cordially invited you to a Sirloin Roast Dinner, with all the trimmings, and an enjoyable evening at Fraternal Fellowship at the Citrus Tower Restaurant, Clermont, Florida.

Signed: Floyd Shaver, President. 
Frederick Pedrick, Vice-Pres. 
Victor Shaner, Vice-Pres. 
Kenneth Sears, Secretary.

When one thinks of Florida his mind immediately turns to the Fabulous Gold Coast, with its plush hotels, olive oil, and white sand beaches. There is a part of Florida that is far removed from this widely advertised scene. It is that portion of the state known as the ridge section, which extends from north to south through the central part of the state. In this area will be seen the undulating hills covered with countless thousands of citrus trees, interspersed with hundreds of sparkling lakes. Lake County is in the center of this delightful section. In order to focus attention on this area a shaft has been erected here which makes the spot the highest point in the state (543 feet). The friendship of the York Rite Masons dining on the ground floor of the tower is as deep as the tower is high.

When you consider the limited membership of Triangle Commandery of Eustis (50) and find that there are thirty
active Knights working with a dedicated purpose and zeal it makes Pikes Peak seem small, in comparison.

These Knights open Triangle Commandery in full form, and confer the Orders in most impressive manner. They do not only take pride in the above, but render valuable service to the Chapter and Council. For years they have conferred the Super Excellent Masters Degree, having been invited to do this work at the festival in North Carolina. One of its members is the immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida, M. I. Morris Savage.

Leesburg Commandery No. 33 is located in the flourishing city of Leesburg. This Commandery is now beginning to work its way into the front ranks of the leading Commanderies of the state. Watch them.

These Knights and Companions are really making a record for York Rite Masonry, and a lot of the enthusiasm has rubbed off on other Knights. Space will not permit a complete resume of their contribution to the craft. In Central Florida we are proud of them, and we share their record with you in the hope it will encourage and animate Temporal in all Commanderies.

LOUISIANA

The 95th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, held at Shreveport, April 14-15, 1958, membership 4,108 as of December 31, 1957.


Elected Sir Knight Hepburn, R. E. Grand Commander, Hammond, La.

Ascension Commandery, No. 6, K. T. Shreveport, host, with St. Paul Commandery No. 27, K. T., Hammond, La.

The Grand Commander with expressions of deep appreciation for the valuable services rendered to this Grand Commandery during the year 1957, presented the Meritorious Service Medals to sixteen Junior Past Commanders and eighteen Recorders were given Honorable Mention, as they had been previously awarded service medals.

The 5-Year Service Bar with Ruby to Qualifying Recorders—The following Recorders having received their Meritorious Service Medal five years ago, and have on each succeeding year received Honorable Mention for Meritorious Service, are now qualified and were awarded the "Recorder's Five Year Merit Bar with Ruby" to be made a part of his present Medal: Herbert Jennings, Ascension Commandery No. 6.

Plains Commandery No. 11, K. T. of Baton Rouge, La., stood an outstanding inspection in 1957 with a rating of 95.0%, the highest in the State, and the Traveling Bible was presented to them for this accomplishment and received by Sir Knight Charles B. Stewart, Past Commander of Plains No. 11.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR CARDS

September 6th, 1957. Eight twenty-five year cards were issued to members of Plains Commandery No. 11, K. T., Baton Rouge, La.

October 11th, 1957. Eight twenty-five year cards were issued to members of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, K. T., New Orleans, La.

The Ninety-sixth (96th) Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana will be held in the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, starting on Sunday, April 12th, 1959 thru Tuesday, April 14th, 1959.

Memorial and Religious Services will be held on Sunday preceding the Business Sessions and Social Program incident thereto on Monday and Tuesday.

Note—The Grand Encampment Review is no longer available in pamphlet form to be included with our Annual Proceedings. A Review for each State, as their Proceedings reach the Official Reviewer will appear in the Grand Encampment Quarterly Booklet known as the "Knight Templar."
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