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The Glory of Easter

Glory is the shining, the radiance, the golden light that glows from Divine Love; from sacrificial goodness. It is the beauty of Holiness. The great prophet or hero, who at the cost of his own life shares life with us is often not aware that his face shines. But those who are witness are aware of the exaltation. They know that divinity has shown through.

The victory of Christ on Easter Day was glorious. This one person alone, among all our human kind had put all to the test for righteousness sake. There had been shame, pain and death. Now there was glorious life. The Good Friday Cross on which the victim seemed so helpless is rather that Great Person's most effective work. The words there come down to us over the years—"Father forgive them" . . . "Today with me in Paradise" . . . My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me" . . . "In Thy Hands."

The incorruptibility, the invincible courage, the unconquerable love—all the goodness and the beauty and the glory are there.

Calvary was splashed with blood, and stained with pain, and the dark hate confronted goodness. But on the Third Day that which belongs to the darkness is wiped away, and one shining figure arises before us. We see the goodness with the power to be forever and forever.

From Christ's glorious victory springs our Christian hope. In Christ's warm

presence we may "Be young again with our friends"—and with the companions of our hearts and lives we shall—

Still ride on, we two,
With life forever old yet new.
Changed not in kind but in degree
The instant made eternity.
And heaven just prove that I and She
Ride, ride together, forever ride."

In God's Eternity there is a deathless life to be had, if when we launch forth from this life, we are free enough from earth's drags to find an orbit in God's celestial way. Our own soul and its fate, except that it belong to God, to our friends and to the strangers who need us is not our first concern.

A thoughtful contemporary of ours has said that we need to believe in heaven even if we do not count our making it ourselves. The power at the heart of the universe is good. That is the great fact. We do not always understand His grand strategy and His tactics. It may help us to remember that it was good for the one thief to be crucified at Christ's side. It is good to dwell under God's providence. He has an eternity to draw us to Himself. Why not yield now to His invincible Love—to His Almighty Power.

(Received and offered through the courtesy of the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, the Rev. Phil M. Porter, D. D., Professor Emeritus Pastoral Theology, Bexley Theological School, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.)

IN MEMORIAM

January 10, 1959

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM CATRON GORDON

Most Eminent Grand Master

September 26, 1952 to August 26, 1955

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

In the passing of Sir Knight Gordon the Order of Knights Templar has lost a devoted, loyal and heart-warming Sir Knight. Bill Gordon with his world-wide friendships has left a wealth of precious memories.

His many accomplishments for the advancement of Templar Masonry, in fact all bodies of the Craft, will live long and grow in strength. Bill Gordon's foundations were permanent, and his thoughts were always for the welfare of the Sir Knights and Templary the world over.



WILLIAM CATRON GORDON

**M. E. Past Grand Master of the
Knights Templar of the U. S. A.**

Sir Knight William Catron Gordon had a distinguished Masonic career, with many honors and rewards. We believe the finest tribute that can be paid to his memory, at this time, is to present his thoughts as Grand Master at the Easter Sunrise Service, Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C., Sunday, April 5, 1953. He said, in part: "We are met here to commemorate a marvelous miracle, a major mystery, the proven answer to an age old question, which inevitably invades the thinking of every human being: 'If a man die, shall he live again?' A basic principle of our Christian Order is a firm belief in Immortality. While now we see as through a glass darkly, yet we have an unshaken faith in Christ's triumph over the grave. At this season of the year, we see all about us in Nature tangible evidence of a Resurrection—I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me Shall Never Die'."

And again, Grand Master William Catron Gordon, in his Welcome Remarks at the Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 18, 1954, Virginia Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C., said in part: "Easter is a Holy Day, which should be characterized by paeans of praise, by triumphant chants of a fundamental faith, full and firm, by anthems of Alleluias to Him who gave sure answer to hearts hungering always for knowledge of the plan of ultimate destiny and the meaning of Eternity. . . . Our Saviour, the Master of Men, overcame the last dread enemy, and rose triumphantly from the grave to Newness of Life. . . . He arose and Lives Again. With unshaken faith in this proven supremely comforting fact, we know that some time, some where, some how, we too shall live. **THIS WE DO BELIEVE.**"

What greater Grand Master's Message could Bill Gordon have left to us.

Easter Sunrise Service—1959

Plans are underway for the Twenty-ninth annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service to be sponsored by the Grand Encampment, K. T., of the United States of America, at the Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery, on Sunday, March 29, 1959. The Sir Knights, as usual, will assemble at the West Gate of the Cemetery and march into the beautiful Amphitheater, preceded by the famous United States Marine Band.

Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of Templars of the United States, will head the list of officers of the Grand Encampment and other prominent Templars.

The sermon will be delivered on this occasion by the Rev. Phil Porter, D.D., the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. Many requests for reservations have been received from various parts of the country, and the Easter Sunrise Committee will endeavor to arrange the accommodations for those who attend in uniform, as well as their ladies. The traditional "Cross of Lilies" will be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will again sponsor a breakfast on this occasion, which is always a most appropriate conclusion to this outstanding service.

Attendance at this Easter Sunrise Service also provides an opportunity to visit the inspiring Knights Templar Chapel erected by the Grand Encampment at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

This service has been growing in popularity as more and more Grand and individual Commanderies arrange for a Knights Templar Pilgrimage to your Nation's Capital.

RAYMOND N. BABCOCK,
Chairman.

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Roland M. Brown, P. G. C. (D. C.), treasurer.



Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Amphitheater, Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Alexandria, Va.

“MOORE HALL” DEDICATION

Honoring Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, R. E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The Muskingum College Bulletin, the Alumni Edition, October, 1958, featured an illustrated story on “Moore Hall to be Dedicated—October 31, 1958, Honoring Paul M. Moore—Trustee—Friend—Benefactor.”

The cover design, in two colors, presented a photo of “Moore Hall” which houses freshmen men, and an insert of Paul M. Moore, for whom the building is named. This special Alumni Edition is practically a Paul Moore Edition, and we are happy to present this re-write of the lead article for the “Knight Templar” magazine, with the two pictures of Paul, and particularly the fine picture of him as a college student.

Many complimentary letters have been received. One stated: “I note the February-March issue of the magazine will be dedicated to Deputy Grand Master Paul Moore, and I am sure that you could not have a more worthy Grand Officer for this purpose.”

Another writer stated: “I think you should be liberal in the space that you give Paul Moore with this article, because in the Grand Encampment Paul is held in high regard and esteem.”

Page three of the Muskingum College Bulletin is illustrated with another photo—showing “Southeast exposure of Moore Hall and Memorial Hall; each unit houses over 100 men.”

Excerpts from the published article follow:

Honoring one of Muskingum's best-known and most-loved sons, the new dormitory for freshman men is being named Moore Hall, honoring Dr. Paul M. Moore '99, of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. The formal dedication and naming will take place Homecoming week-end. Dr. Moore will be present to acknowledge the honor.

The naming of this new building was done at a meeting of the College Board

of Trustees, which was held on the campus May 8, 1958. The announcement was received with enthusiasm by alumni and other friends of Dr. Moore throughout the world.

Paul M. Moore was reared on a farm east of New Concord. In his youth, he knew the rigors of farm work and responsibility, and together with his brother Jim (James Russell '00) and sister, Ivy Pearl '97 (Mrs. O. H. Milligan, deceased), performed many chores before and after school hours. It was not unusual for Paul to milk several jerseys, go to the back of the south pasture to bring the team for the day's work and throw the swine a few ears of corn before breakfast; and then off to school.

Early in their married lives, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, decided that their children should have the advantage of a college education. Living near Muskingum, education was conveniently available.

In Muskingum, Paul participated in many activities, but especially liked athletics and played on the football team. As a result of his athletic interests, he established the “Old-Timer Athletes Group,” which meets for a dinner reunion each Homecoming eve as guests of Dr. Moore. Provision has been made for this annual Homecoming feature to be continued throughout the years to come.

Dr. Moore has served faithfully on the Board for more than a quarter century. He has served the Board as president and is presently on the finance committee, which is especially important to the college in these days of development. He has always demonstrated a keen interest in the Alumni Association, especially in the Pittsburgh area, where he served as president from 1929 to 1932. He was honored by his Alma Mater in 1948 by being awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities.

While Dr. Moore has given unselfishly of his time, thought, and money to Muskingum, he has found time for many

other community, state, and national activities. One dearest to his heart is his work with Masonic bodies. Just this year, he was highly honored by being advanced from Grand Generalissimo to Deputy Grand Master and, in this capacity, will be one of the presiders at the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A. This honor was conferred upon Deputy Grand Master Moore at the Conclave of the Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A., held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in August of this year.

Last year, 1957, Dr. Moore received special honors from his home town, being selected as Aliquippa's "Man of the Year." The panel which selected Mr. Moore for this honor had this to say: "After very careful and deliberate consideration of all the facts concerning Mr. Moore's contributions to the civic progress of this community for over a period of 50 years, we feel that this award can well be given to a man whose qualifications and accomplishments in civic activities are an open record.

"Mr. Moore always has been available for the countless jobs and tasks thrust upon him. We feel that he has fulfilled completely his obligation in 'service above self.' It is our belief that he is an exemplary citizen.

"Since his arrival here in 1906 . . . he has contributed much towards the well-being of his fellowmen and, therefore, is well qualified to be named, in his 52nd year in the community, as the 'Man of the Year.'"

Mr. Moore went to Aliquippa from Pittsburgh in 1906 as an official of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation to, in his words, "prepare the ground" for the site of the mill. He left the steel firm in 1912 to found the builders' supply company that bears his name. He retired from business in 1950, but still serves as a member of the company's board of directors.

He has been instrumental in founding a number of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, institutions, civic organizations and service groups. He was one of the

organizers in 1910 of the former Woodlawn Bank & Trust Company, now Mellon Bank of Aliquippa, and served as its president for thirty-two years. He helped organize the Beaver County Branch of the Pennsylvania Economy League and was chairman of the branch for twelve years. He helped in establishing the Boy Scout organization in Beaver County, the Aliquippa Golf and Rotary Clubs, and the Community Chest. In his early years as a Jones and Laughlin official, he formed the borough's first concert band, in 1907 and 1910, and managed J & L's first baseball team.

Previous honors accorded Aliquippa's "Man of the Year" included a "Man of the Community" award given in 1955 by Aliquippa Rotary Club, a "Good Deed Award" presented in 1939 by the Exchange Club and the Scouting's Silver Beaver Award, highest award presented in scouting at the local level.

He now resides in South Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Woodlawn Presbyterian Church, where he was board of trustees' president for twenty-five years.

Now a senior in Muskingum is Mr. Moore's niece, Ruth Ann, daughter of Harvey '29 and Bernice Warren Moore '29. Harvey is associated with his uncle in the P. M. Moore Builders' Supply Company. Nephews William Milligan '27, of Birmingham, Michigan, and the late Paul Moore '32, of Aliquippa, followed their uncle, as well as their parents, to Muskingum.

Dedication of Moore Hall Honoring Paul M. Moore (From "The Crusader," Pennsylvania.)

Pennsylvania Knights Templar in particular and throughout Grand Encampment in general—where he is well-known, respected and loved—will be interested in learning of the "Dedication of Moore Hall" on the campus of Muskingum College honoring our most distinguished Templar in Pennsylvania, Paul Miller Moore, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

He is a graduate of Muskingum College, has been a trustee of the school for a number of years and has served his alma mater so well in many ways, justly meriting the splendid tribute that he should be singled out for this distinct honor.

The cover of the dedication program pictures Moore Hall and an unusually fine photograph of "Paul" smiling happily. Ground was broken for the building in 1957 and completed in August of 1958, being occupied in September of the same year.

The ceremonies took place on October 31st in the Memorial Dormitory Dining Room of Moore Hall.

Among the participants in the program were several well-known Pennsylvania Templars—the address for the occasion by Raymond F. Hoffman, P.G.C. and Grand Treasurer, "Life and Times of Paul M. Moore" remarks by J. Harvey Moore, Division Commander of Division No. 8, "Speaking for the Moore family"; and the Response by Paul M. Moore.

Other features included a resume of "Building facts and messages from friends," "Speaking for the Oldtimers," the "Act of Dedication" followed by the "Dedicatory Prayer."

The Act of Dedication reads: Unto Almighty God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we dedicate this dormitory. We do this in the belief and hope:

That this place of residence shall be a homelike shelter and comfort where work, study, recreation and strong friendships shall bless those who live in it;

That it may remain in the years to come and for many yet unborn a symbol of beauty that shall be nobly and generously remembered by all whom it has touched;

And that from this hall may go forth generations of men who have acquired the means to rewarding work and rewarding leisure in a life good in itself and good in its service to God and mankind.

Our prayer is that those who reside in it may always set a good example in

speech and conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

An entire page of the program is devoted to the accomplishments of Paul Miller Moore in the business world, of his receiving the "Man of the Community Award" in 1955, the "Man of the Year" award in 1957, noting the fact that he is the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and listing him as being Business Man, Scouter, Rotarian, Banker, Community leader, Mason, Knight Templar, Trustee of Muskingum College, Presbyterian.

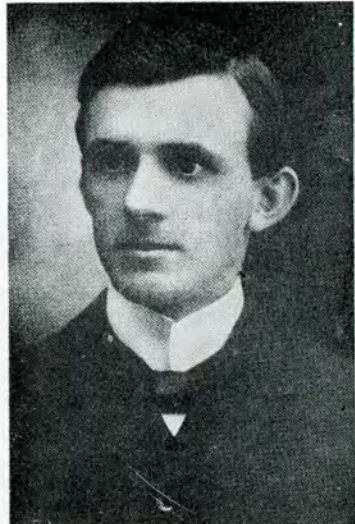
The cornerstone of Moore Hall is inscribed:

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"Happy is the man who finds
wisdom and the man who gets
understanding."

Proverbs 3:13

Surely this was a happy day for our most distinguished frater and Pennsylvania Templar join hands in felicitating "Paul" on receiving this fine tribute.



P. M. Moore, the college student



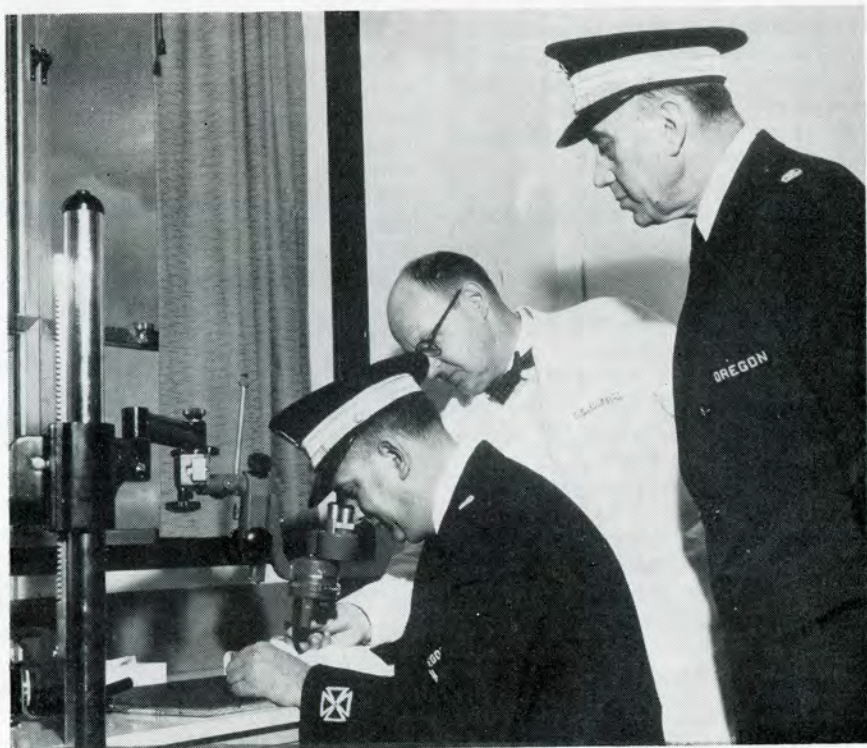
Sir Knight Fred E. Rankin, Jr., Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery K. T. of California, Sir Knight John S. Lanier, P. C. of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 and Publicity Chairman, Grand Commandery of California, presenting a check to Dr. S. Rodman Irvine, head of the Department of Ophthalmology (U. C. L. A.), University of California, in the amount of \$10,000.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, it is rapidly developing into a great Humanitarian Project and has afforded the nearly 400,000 Sir Knights within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America—established in every State of the Continental United States—five of our possessions and five foreign countries—a glorious opportunity to put into practice the vows and obligations they assumed in the teachings and objectives of our great Order, and to exemplify the Christian virtues, practice universal benevolence, and to bind up the wounds of the afflicted, thus relieving the distress of human suffering.

Objectives: For research, treatment and/or hospitalization of diseases or injuries of the eye in an effort to prevent blindness. This service available to anyone, regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin, and that the treatment of patients for this purpose shall be free and limited to persons unable to pay.

How the Foundation Is Financed: By an annual fixed contribution of \$1.00 from each of our approximately 400,000 members, as well as voluntary contributions, and bequests from persons and organizations sympathetic with our work. We have been advised that many wills have been drawn naming the Foundation as one of the beneficiaries.



Sir Knight John H. Saul, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Oregon, Sir Knight Richard Tasant, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery Oregon, presenting check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Dr. Kenneth C. Swan, University of Oregon Medical School for Research.

Tax Exempt?: The Foundation has been classified by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue as a fully tax-exempt Corporation. All gifts are tax-exempt in accordance with the approval of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department. The next Directory of Tax Exempt Corporations to be issued by the Internal Revenue Bureau will so list our Foundation.

Procedure When Cases are Reported: All applicants for treatment are required to fill out a set of forms, including one from their attending ophthalmologist. These forms are obtainable upon request to the Foundation's office at P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York.

When the completed forms are received at the office of the Foundation, they are immediately referred to the Committee on Approval of Applications

for their consideration and decision. The applicant is advised promptly of their decision. If the application is approved a Form of Authorization is then issued, signed by an Officer of the Foundation and bearing the official seal.

From then on, the Foundation assumes the bills for hospitalization and surgery. The forms are extremely simple—and, if followed carefully, will insure prompt attention.

If not completely filled out in every detail they will be returned for completion. Delay will result, which slows up the organizational procedure and increases the distress of those in need of attention. The race, creed, color, etc., are not inquired until after surgery and hospitalization, and then only for record purposes.

The Foundation will not be responsible for any expenses incurred until, and unless, the applicant has received official approval and authorization on form 6, signed by an Officer of the Foundation and bearing the official seal.

GRANTS of \$25,000.00 have been made to Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and 14 other such grants.

For additional information inquire of the Recorder of any Grand or Subordinate Commandery, or write directly to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at its Administration Office: P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York.

The Grand Encampment, at the 47th Triennial Conclave, amended Section 18½ of the Constitution and Statutes (1955) as regards the assessment for the Eye Foundation, so as to exempt from the payment of said assessment "members whose dues have been remitted because of their inability to pay the same."

Columbia Commandery No. 2

Sir Knight Raymond N. Babcock, R. E. P. G. C., was given a rousing welcome in his home (Columbia) Commandery upon his return from Indianapolis, Ind., where at the Forty-seventh Triennial Conclave he was appointed by the Grand Master of Templars to the station of Right Eminent Department Commander, Central Atlantic Department of the Grand Encampment.

More than 50 Sir Knights in full Templar uniform formed the receiving lines, with six Past Commanders as the official escort. Right Eminent Grand Commander Lloyd O. Miller, accompanied by every member of the Grand Commandery line, together with several Fraters from near-by Maryland and Virginia, and many distinguished guests and active leaders of other Grand Bodies were present.

Sir Knight George S. Stevens, Jr., is the Eminent Commander of Columbia No. 2, K. T., Washington, D. C.

A Crusade for Members

What is a crusade? A dictionary definition is "any enterprise undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm." Sir Knights, we urgently need a crusade—a **Crusade for Members!** Year after year our Grand Commandery has barely escaped a net loss in membership. Year after year 60% or more of our Commanderies fail to make their petition quotas. Continuance of such a record inevitably must bring misfortune. Our quotas are based fairly on present membership and are intended to provide for replacement of uncontrollable losses and for a slight gain in membership. We **must** go forward! A loss in membership is a warning that you should be vigilant to sustain your Commandery and zealous in seeking new members.

Let's start a crusade—a real Crusade for Members! Let's build our Commanderies—in doing so we shall build our Grand Commandery and Templary itself. The battle to **build** is on! As a Sir Knight you are enlisted in this crusade.

Extend the Crusade for Members in your Commandery, enlist every Sir Knight in it, resolve that **your** Commandery, this year, will exceed its quota of petitions—that **your** Commandery will be a leader in this vitally important Crusade for Members!

J. LEROY JONES, Director
Membership Progress and Publicity.
Mass. and R. I.

Tennessee

The 10-Year Service Bar with (2) Rubies to Qualifying Recorders—The following Recorders having received their Meritorious Service Medal, and on each succeeding year received Honorable Mention for Meritorious Service, are now qualified and were awarded the "Recorder's Ten Year Merit Bar With Two (2) Rubies" to be part of their present Medal:

M. L. Christensen, Malta Commandery No. 12; G. M. Armstrong, Payen Commandery No. 16; Wm. J. Hugo, St. Paul Commandery No. 27.

“Fabulous and Fantastic”

Sir Knight G. Max Fowler's excellent new book carries the very well selected title—"Fabulous and Fantastic"—a printer's art creation, sixty-eight pages, six by nine, printed and distributed as an historic contribution to the literature of the Knights Templar advancement.

This fascinating book by Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, publisher of the Frankfort Morning Times, Frankfort, Indiana, is a well-written narrative of the visitations in 1958, by Sir Knight Fowler, P. G. C. of Indiana and (1955-1958) Right Eminent Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to those Commanderies located in the Far East. It was prepared especially for friends interested in this journey.

The inside cover page presents the "Far East Itinerary Details"—(mileage, destinations, transportation and hotels, listed with this note of explanation): "The following table has been prepared to enable readers of "Fabulous and Fantastic" to trace the entire tour of over 21,693 miles, which began in Frankfort, Ind., on February 4, 1958, and was completed March 15, 1958."

Page one of the book offers this author's note: "Any attempt on my part to adequately and completely chronicle all of the marvelous experiences, the unforgettable splendor, the joy of friendly fellowship, the international flavor and the countless hundreds of courteous, considerate gestures of hospitality we have so recently encountered on our 21,693 miles of travel to the Far East and return would be a literal presumption on my part. It is my sincere wish, however, that in some degree I can share with you a few of the instances in our six weeks of touring that will become of interest to you.

"The trip was planned for one explicit purpose. It was the honored privilege of the writer to be the official emissary of the Most Eminent Grand Master of

the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. In the expediting of the duties of my office as Department Commander, it seemed apparent to me that the Subordinate Commanderies should be visited that a report of their activities and progress be made to our Most Eminent Grand Master before my tenure of office expired at the Trinennial Conclave in August of 1958."

It is regretted that more details of the preface cannot be given here. The book is a valued historic document for the Templar history. On page four is detailed the visit to San Francisco, February 4th. Page seven offers a chapter on—"Land of 'Aloha'—the Hawaiian Islands—Paradise of the Pacific." The story is carried through to page thirteen, where will be found the narrative of the "Flight to Tokyo," from Honolulu, via Jap Air Line, and Wake Island.

In the chapter "We Visit Tokyo"—a land of Oriental splendor—is to be enjoyed a word-picture of the Kokusan Theater, seating 5,000 patrons; Japan's largest. On page twenty-one is a chronicled report of a visit to the Japan Times, printed in English. Pages and pages are devoted to the sights of Japan, and on to Okinawa, chief United States Military Air Base.

An official visit was made to Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, the first time in their history that a "line" officer of the Grand Encampment had visited them.

The chapter on page 34 describes the flight on the Gen. Chenault Airline to Taipei, Formosa. The visit to Hong Kong is interestingly described on pages thirty-seven to forty-five. At the airport in Manila they were met by an official welcoming party, a distinguished group of Sir Knights and their ladies. There are so many excellent chapters for reading, that a brief description here does not do justice to the "Fabulous and Fantastic"

book—a treasure book of real delights and a history-making edition to the Grand Encampment library of Knights Templar literature.

Editor's Note: Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, P. G. C. of Indiana, has been re-appointed to succeed himself, as the Right Eminent Department Commander of Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U. S. A., of which there are now 23 Subordinate Commanderies under his supervision as the Official Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master Louis H. Wieber.

Outline for Publicity Plans For a Grand Conclave

1. List cities and towns in State where Commanderies are stationed.

2. Make list of daily and weekly newspaper editors to contact.

3. The first "Press Release" to be far enough in advance of Conclave to add names of officers and members of local Commandery.

4. First "Press Release" should describe program, parade and entertainment for Sir Knights and ladies and families.

5. Prepare newspaper cuts (halftone 65 screen, 2 in. by 2 in.) of Grand Officers, especially in their home towns. Have mats made with Masonic history, and Templar honors where officers live.

6. "Press Release" should be imitation typewriter, double space, one sheet with (300) words, name and address of Chairman of Committee.

7. Leave space at bottom of page to add names of local Commandery officers, and prominent members of Commandery.

8. Send second "Press Release" at least 10 days later. To be followed by other "Press Releases," giving more details of the Conclave program.

This brief publicity outline was followed by Sir Knight Robert S. Schoedinger, P. C., General Chairman of the

Knights Templar Grand Conclave, held in Columbus, Ohio, October 11, 12, 13, 1958. Later he wrote: "In the 'Press Release' I gave the local Commander's name and the number of members in his particular Commandery. This personal angle, especially in the smaller towns, was important in getting press recognition. I had a list of newspapers in the towns where the various Commanderies were located, and made a mailing to them of three 'Press Releases.' In Columbus the results were good. The Dispatch carried a picture of the new officers, and the Columbus Citizen carried a news story, giving the results of the election. Publicity is good for the Order."

Thanks to Apollo No. 15, Troy, New York

An excellent report from Sir Knight Henry B. Clayton, Recorder of Apollo Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, Troy, New York. And with this report was received nineteen (19) new subscriptions for the "Knight Templar" magazine, accompanied by a welcomed check. Thanks.

Sir Knight Clayton wrote that a canvass of all their Sir Knights was made and brought this fine result. A special mailing card was sent with each letter to the membership. The headline of this 3½ x 5 inch card was: "Subscribe for the Knight Templar Magazine—\$1.00 (One Dollar) for Two Year Subscription—Issued Quarterly." Then there was a space for the name and address to be printed. Signed by Henry B. Clayton, Recorder Apollo Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, Troy, N. Y. With this P. S.—"Include a Subscription for some Friend." This is a splendid plan for other Commanderies to follow to get a copy of the magazine in the hands of its members.

Thanks, Sir Knight Clayton, for this fine work for Templar.



CORPUS CHRISTI, No. 57, COMMENDABLE WORK

On Saturday, November 1, 1958, Sir Knight Gilbert M. Clark, Commander of Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57, K. T., with his Corps of Officers and a large delegation of Sir Knights journeyed to Beeville, Texas, some 60 miles from its Asylum and conferred the Order of the Temple on 29 Knights of Malta in the lodge room of Beeville Lodge No. 261, A. F. & A. M. beginning at 1:00 P. M.

Sir Knight Arch M. Dullnig, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, together with Sir Knights Gus L. Meyer, E. Grand Generalissimo, H. Jack Hefner, E. Grand Senior Warden, George S. Adams, E. Grand Treasurer, Harry B. Tuer, E. Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander, H. B. Beard, Past Grand Commander, and Hal Burnett, E. Grand Sword Bearer, conferred the Order assisted by the Officers and visiting Sir Knights.

Sir Knight W. H. (Bill) Fizer, a member of Corpus Christi Commandery, residing in Beeville, and very active in the Lodge, Chapter and Council, secured the petitions comprising the class and it was Designated "*The Bill Fizer Class*" in recognition of the fine work done by Sir Knight Fizer. The amount of time, and hard work contributed by Sir Knight Fizer, in promoting Templary in and near Beeville, certainly is most commendable.

A delicious dinner was served at 6:00 p. m. with a social hour with the Grand Commander and his Grand Officers present.

Helser to Head Ohio Knights

Sir Knight Homer C. Helser, Lancaster hardware merchant, was elected and installed as Grand Commander of Ohio's 28,000 Templar Masons Monday.

Two Columbus men also were elected to offices as the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio, ended its 116th annual Conclave here.

They are Robert S. Schoedinger, 2866 Margate Road, Sword Bearer, and Robert W. Taylor, 2119 Inchcliff Drive, Treasurer. Taylor is a Past Grand Commander.

Elected as Deputy Grand Commander

Virgil F. Kent, of Defiance. Other officers are:

Sydney C. Partridge, Canton, Generalissimo; Howard R. Malone, Dayton, Captain General; Cecil J. Pierce, Hamilton, Senior Warden; Warren H. Smith, Cleveland, Junior Warden; the Rev. Eugene H. Buxton, Wooster, Prelate.

Robert J. Hackett, Akron, Grand Recorder; John W. Rutschow, Toledo, Standard Bearer; Herbert Rogler, Canton, Warder, and Cecil H. Blair, Chillicothe, Captain of the Guard.—(The Columbus Dispatch.)

A Good Plan to Follow

(From Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, organized 1805, and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

By Alfred C. Blake, Grand Commander.

November 1, 1958.

To the Division Commanders and the Commanders and Recorders of the Commanderies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Suspensions and Demits

Dear and Eminent Sirs:

The large number of demits and suspensions granted each year by the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction has been a matter of serious concern for some time.

Various attempts have been made over the years to improve this condition, but all have met with comparatively little success.

In the hope that this condition can be substantially improved the following suggestions are made:

Demits

There are, of course, some cases where a request for a demit must be granted and where nothing can be done to avoid it. For example, if a member of your Commandery were to move to Chicago it is his prerogative to request a demit to enable him to join a Commandery there. With such requests we are not concerned, but rather with those members who, for one reason or another, have apparently lost interest, and have therefore requested a demit. We feel that much can and should be done with these members, and a demit issued only when it has been conclusively established that there is no other alternative.

When a member of your Commandery requests a demit he should be personally interviewed, and at once, by the Commander or the Recorder. In some cases it may be that some close personal friend may be better able to achieve some re-

sults, but generally speaking it should be the duty of the Commander to see him. In any event the reasons for the request should be explored. If the request is based on inability to pay dues the suggestion which is made subsequently under "Suspensions" may be adopted.

If, however, it develops that the reason is "lack of interest" perhaps it may be either that the meetings of your Commandery may have been uninteresting, or that he may not have attended any meeting for a long time, or both. It is entirely possible in many cases for you to revive his interest sufficiently to persuade him to attend one more meeting. If he does attend be sure to welcome him and see that as many others do so as possible. Quite possibly you can thereafter give him something to do. If you can "put him to work," either as a guard or otherwise, you can undoubtedly retain him as a member. Incidentally, you should always try to give a new member something to do, too. If you do so the chances are excellent that he will be an active member for many years to come.

Suspensions

Altogether too many suspensions are granted with little or no investigation being made to find out why a man has become several years in arrears. It is most regrettable, but it is nonetheless a fact, that in a great many cases elderly or impoverished members have been suspended who were simply financially unable to pay their dues. And to many, some of whom had been faithful members for a great many years, their suspension came as a crushing blow.

Before you suspend **any member** you should find out just why he is in arrears. While he may be reluctant to admit that illness or adversity is the reason he will probably be willing to admit it to his Commander. Furthermore, if you call at his home you can probably form your own conclusions as to his ability to pay.

Now if you find that he is obviously financially unable to pay dues your Commandery can vote to remit them and to take his dues out of its charity fund. Some Commanderies have done this for years and all should do so.

It is my feeling that Commanderies generally use their charity funds very little, if at all, but leave them inactive and dormant. This does not seem to me to be right, nor the purpose for which the fund was established. While it is commendable for a Commandery to raise a large charity fund, and to increase it from year to year, it seems to me that it is much more important for the fund to be **actually used**, with discretion, of course, for charitable purposes. And I know of no better use which can be made of charity funds than to pay the dues of the elderly, infirm, and impecunious members of the Commandery.

Courteously and cordially yours,
ALFRED C. BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

DeWitt Clinton No. 14, Brooklyn, New York

From Sir Knight Charles Gaissert has been received an interesting account of the activities of the Baldric Club of DeWitt Clinton Commandery, No. 14, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He has reported that the third annual Knights Templar Church Service of DeWitt Clinton Commandery, sponsored by the very active Baldric Club, was held on Sunday evening, November 9, 1958, at the Old First Dutch Reformed Church, 7th avenue and Carroll street, Brooklyn, at 8:00 p. m. As in former Divine Services, the Commandery Banners were presented at the altar for dedication during the service.

Concerning other activities, the Baldric Club did excellent work in conferring the Templar Orders for Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater at Palestine Commandery No. 18, on February 12, 1958. DeWitt Clinton Commandery also has a Malta Team, which has become popular

by giving exhibition drills in the various Masonic Bodies, thus promoting the Order of Knights Templar.

Our sincere thanks to Sir Knight Charles Gaissert for sending this news to the editor. The reason that mention has not been made in the magazine before, is because the news was not received until Sir Knight Gaissert wrote a letter. An invitation to the Church Service was received from Sir Knight William Warren, president. Members of the DeWitt Clinton Baldric Club are: Sir Knights W. P. Kohler, William Warren, H. Ludden, A. Skipper, T. Liaros, A. Thonnesen, O. F. Maehr, and Charles Gaissert. Congratulations to this Club for its contribution to the Forward Movement of Templar Masonry.

ARIZONA NEWS

A Resolution was introduced and passed making the "Ohio Regulation" dress coat optional in this jurisdiction.

Arizona Commandery No. 1, of Tucson, was awarded the Past Grand Commanders' Trophy.

The Annual Returns of the Constituent Commanderies show a net gain of 72 for the year ending December 31, 1957, making the total membership as of that date, 1,283.

Casa Grande Valley U. D., was granted a Charter as Casa Grande Valley Commandery No. 11, making ten Commanderies in the jurisdiction, all active.

Presiding officers: J. Earl Smith, Grand Commander, Glendale, Arizona; Henry P. Johnson, P. G. C., Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 724, Bisbee, Arizona.

The 65th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Arizona, convened in the Masonic Temple in Coolidge at 9:00 a. m. Monday, October 27, 1958.

Devotional service was held in the Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p. m. Sunday, October 26, 1958, under the direction

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INDIANAPOLIS

Nearly 10,000 Knights Templar, families and friends of the nation, attend Divine Worship

PORTRAIT OF A CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

(Sermon delivered by the R. E. Grand Prelate, E. Robert Chabie, Ph. D., in Indianapolis Coliseum at Triumphant Conclave.)

I. Introduction

When the world is brought to light on Eastern morn, on a tomb in Arlington National Cemetery, a wreath is placed by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. By the dawn's early light one reads the epitaph, "Here lies in honored glory a soldier known only to God." That hallowed ground enshrines the mortal remains of America's Unknown Soldiers. Because we know not whom they are, of these valiant men one can say little, except they are symbols of countless others who gave "that last full measure of de-

vation" to a land whose flag is dyed in a richer hue by the precious blood of this nation's youth has shed.

If there be so little one may say about the Unknown Soldiers of yesteryear, can anything more be said of the Christian Soldiers of today? Do we know whom they are—or are they also unknown? Trumpets sound the fanfare, vibrant tones are wafted on the breeze, thousands of knights march to a rallying cry from countless throats, "Onward, Christian Soldiers!" Are we the Christian Soldiers of whom we sing? What is it we do when we identify ourselves as such? Do we have any right to be so designated? In Christianity, the unique factor is the cross of Jesus Christ, a symbol absolutely central to the faith. To be a Christian Soldier implies that we are therefore soldiers of the cross. But again we must ask ourselves, what does it mean to be a soldier of the cross?



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in the Coliseum of the State Fair Grounds, Indianapolis, Sunday afternoon, August 17, 1931.

II. The Pilgrim

It means that the soldier of the cross is, first of all, a pilgrim. His pilgrimage is the pilgrimage of life itself. History tells of those whose pilgrimages were searches for elixirs of life, for fountains of youth, for buried treasures, for pomp and place and power. The pilgrim of the cross, however, seeks none of these, for he knows them as only transitory things which moth and rust corrupt. Our ancient knights sought the Holy Grail, the chalice of sacred legend, but we search for no relic, however cherished it may be. Our is a pilgrimage leading toward the future, and not back to the limbo of the past. The goal of the pilgrim of the cross is nothing less than the consummation of all human history, transcending even history itself. The pilgrim of the cross envisions at the end of the trail the eternal City of God, the beloved community in which all men shall live as

brothers and be at peace forever.

The pilgrim of the cross makes no attempt to define or to explain or to classify Jesus. Instead he does the only thing he was ever asked to do—to take up his own cross and follow him. Garbed in rough habit, if need be, sustained by coarse diet, he makes his way onward midst all the cares and vicissitudes of life, with the Eternal Saviour of the World as his guide. The first duty, then, of the soldier of the cross is to be a pilgrim, ever following One who to him is the Way, the Truth, and the Life—

'Til sons of men have learned His love
And follow where His feet have trod;
'Til glorious from the Heav'n above
Shall come the city of our God.

The true pilgrim of the cross will not be dissuaded from his course, though some will surely tempt him to sell his birthright for a mess of pottage; others

will lure him with opportunities to become rich in things and poor in soul; more will suggest to him he do what is expedient and popular than to do what is right and good. Though these and other temptations assail him as thorns in his flesh, the Christian pilgrim, like St. Paul before him, also presses "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To wear the crown of life in glory everlasting, to keep his rendezvous with those who have gone before, to see face to face what he now sees only in a glass but darkly,—this is the pilgrim's highest good, his noblest hope, his fondest desire. To know even as he is known is the goal of all his long strivings from darkness to light, until he shall see beyond the sunset the dawn of the day that shall never end—the bright morning in that blessed asylum where he may rest from his labors, that "house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

III. The Warrior

Thus, a Christian Soldier is first of all a pilgrim, but he is more—much more—than that. To be only a pilgrim is not enough. However understandable may be the desire for a crown of life, it involves the subtle danger that one will become so enamored with the possibility of "pie in the sky bye and bye" that he will fail to do what he ought here and now. Though he wants salvation for himself, and quite rightly, he knows he cannot purchase it at the price of failing to be his brother's keeper. While his hope is to reach the eternal City of God, he must also build the Kingdom of God in the here and now, as indeed he prays, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Thus, in his role as a builder of the kingdom, the Christian Soldier also become a warrior, and his warfare is against all the lying deceptions and vanities of the world. While he hopes for the crown, he cannot escape the cross. To defend the right and oppose the wrong, to support the good and banish the bad, to champion righteousness and counteract evil, to aid each cause which needs assistance and combat those which demand resistance—these are the battle in which it is necessary for him always to be engaged. He wants no privileged sanctuary to which he can withdraw from the world. He knows full well his journey will not be on some primrose path of idyllic bliss. Indeed, his way is fraught with dangers, and pitfalls ap-

pear at every turn. As a warrior the Christian Soldier will be like Browning's "Dauntless Disciple"—

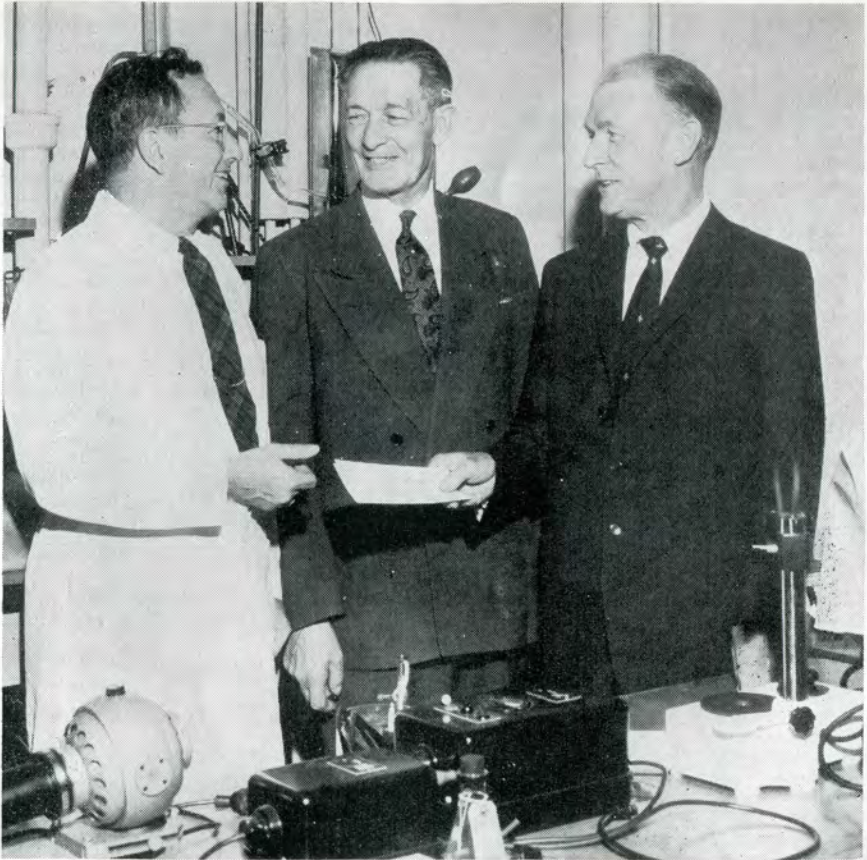
One who never turned his back,
but marched breast-forward; never
doubted clouds would break; never
dreamed though right were worsted
wrong would triumph; held, we fall
to rise, are baffled to fight better,
sleep to wake.

He will remember the great truth which says that "all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." He knows that if he fails to stand for something he will fall for anything. Thus, he finds himself enlisted in the ranks of those defending truth against falsehood, faith against doubt, justice against irresponsible power, freedom against tyranny, plenty against want, light against darkness, hope against despair, compassion against uninhibited hate. Though he fights in the world, he is not of the world, for he keeps his honor unsullied, his fortitude unshaken, his mercy unrestrained. The cry of the widow and the orphan sounds in his ears, and to it his ears must never be closed. Though his sword is ready to redress their wrongs, his purse is open to relieve their wants, and his hands are there to guide them, just as he himself is supported by the everlasting arms of the One whose he is and whom he serves.

When the powers of darkness threaten, when the going gets tough, when evil seems to prosper and truth is on the scaffold, then the Christian Soldier feels the full weight of the cross upon him. Determined that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of the Christ, he confronts his own Golgotha knowing that God is in the shadows keeping watch above his own. As a warrior, the Christian Soldier valiantly risks his own life for humanity, that like his crucified Lord he too may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory. When the battles are o'er and the victories won, when he has run the course and fought the good fight, he hopes it may be said of him as those other warriors remembered in the Canadian War Memorial Chamber in the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa—

My marks and scars I take with me
to be a witness for me that I have
fought His battles who now will be
my rewarder. So he passed over, and
all the trumpets sounded for him on
the other side.

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Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Sir Knight George A. Weeks, P. G. C., Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery Massachusetts and Rhode Island presenting check to Dr. David G. Cogan, Howe Laboratories, which is part of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

KENTUCKY NEWS BULLETIN

(November 1, 1958)

Grand Commander's Message . . . Sir Knight Leslie C. Bruse, R. E. Grand Commander, says:

Constituent Commanderies should be making plans to properly observe Christmas with an appropriate ceremony. This is a most important event in the lives of all Christians and especially is this true as to Knights Templar.

A report of your Christmas activity should be made by each Recorder to the Grand Recorder, advising him of the time, and place and the number in at-

tendance.

After due consideration, and after having inspected facilities at several different places, your Grand Commander has selected Cumberland Falls Lodge at Cumberland Falls Park for the next place of meeting.

The entire lodge will be turned over to us for this event and we are looking forward to a most enjoyable Conclave.

Room reservations should be made direct with the Lodge management.

Courteously yours,

LESLIE C. BRUSE,
Grand Commander.

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IV. The Penitent

But have we said all when we say that the Christian Soldier is both pilgrim and warrior? No, for one thing yet remains. Inscribed on a temple on the Acropolis of ancient Athens was the wise injunction, "Know thyself." Just as his pilgrimage leads him toward a better and finer day in that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," and just as he defends as a warrior all that is good and true and holy, so also when he seeks to know himself he becomes a penitent. As he learns to know himself, he comes into possession of a deep humility. He recognizes the universal truth in the words of St. Paul—"all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Convicted by his own conscience of sins of commission and omission, he knows he dare not indulge in vainglorying and willful pride. He becomes penitent, doing penance because he finds himself to be more of a sinner and less of a saint. As he contemplates the Infinite he becomes more aware of his own finiteness. He seeks, he craves forgiveness, because he knows he needs it. He remembers when he sought the glory of men instead of the glory of God. He recalls when, like the Scribes and Pharisees before him, he too sought the chief seats that he might be seen of men. He forgets that when he does his alms he is not to sound a trumpet before him, but rather one hand should not be allowed to know what the other doeth. He is ashamed that so often he is more concerned with petty distinctions of official position than with the chance merely to serve and thus be doubly blessed. He realizes full well that instead of being only a little lower than the angels he acts so often as if he were but little higher than the apes. He has learned how to master the forces of nature, though he cannot control himself or in his relations with others circumscribe his passions and keep them within due bounds. Too much he confesses one thing with his lips, and lives another with his life. He finds that he judges others when he himself stands in need of judgment. There are times he has loved others too little, and loved himself too much. Thus he replies to the question of Cain with a resounding affirmative that he is indeed his brother's keeper, and at the same time may fail

to practice that universal benevolence which his own answer inculcates. Occasionally he is so busy with his own pursuits that he neither feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, nor binds up the wounds of the afflicted. He knows he must be penitent because there exists such a gap between what he so eloquently professes and what he actually does. Thus his mouth speaks the words of old, "All we like sheep have gone astray." Because sometimes he lives as if he were an orphan in an alien world without a Father in Heaven, he confesses his sins and implores the mercy of a loving and gracious God. Whenever he seeks to atone for his hidden faults and his secret sins, he does penance and becomes a penitent indeed. He begs to be washed that he may be whiter than snow. Thus, when the shadows lengthen at eventide and the work of the day is done, the Christian Soldier falls on his knees and quietly prays—

Lowly at Thy feet, O Saviour, I am kneeling,

Breathing a prayer of penitence to Thee;
Whither can I go? Thou art my only refuge;

Lord, I have sinned, but Thou hast died for me.

Lowly at Thy feet, O Saviour, I am kneeling,

Helpless I come, for Thou hast said I may;

'Tis Thy promised word my broken heart is pleading;

Thou wilt not turn the penitent away.

Lowly at Thy feet, O Saviour, I am kneeling,

Thy precious blood will cleanse from every sin;

Open Thou mine eyes that I may see the fountain;

Wash me, O Lord, and make me pure within.

Lowly at Thy feet, O Saviour, I am kneeling,

Thy voice alone can bid my spirit live;
Take me as I am, my faith to Thee is clinging;

Now, blessed Lord, the penitent forgive.

V.—Conclusion

And now, in conclusion, we return to our original question, "What may we say of the Christian Soldier of today?" We have said that because he seeks the eternal City of God, he is, first of all, a pilgrim passing through the great pilgrimage of life itself. Second, be-

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N. Y. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, IN FULL DRESS, ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES



In full dress regalia, members of the Knights Templar, Masonic Order, proceed into Christ Episcopal Church, Hudson, Sunday afternoon, November 23, 1958. Members of Commanderies in Zone 5 were guests of LaFayette Commandery, Hudson, at the annual Go-To-Church services. Knights from the Albany, Troy, Schenectady and Gloversville commanderies and members of the Robert Livingston DeMolay Chapter attended.

(Rowles Studio)

Masonic Go-To-Church Services In Episcopal Church in N. Y.

A Masonic Go-to-Church Service was held in the Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, November 23, 1958, at 4 o'clock.

Lafayette Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar of Hudson, N. Y., was host to the Commanderies of Zone 5 which consists of Temple No. 2 of Albany; Apollo No. 15 of Troy; St. Georges No. 37 of Schenectady and Holly Cross No. 51 of Gloversville.

The Sir Knights and Robert E. Livingston Chapter DeMolay met at St. John's Hall at 3 p. m. for the purpose of proceeding in a body to the Church Service.

Avery L. Bullen, Eminent Grand Commander of the State of New York attended.

The committee was composed of Harold Schultz of Gloversville, Lowell Bryce of Troy, Leslie Pacanda, Harris Roberts and Aloysius H. Curran, Stanley Seigler, August Bub and Stanton Allen.

All members of the Masonic fraternity and affiliated bodies and friends were invited.

Arizona News

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of Sir Knight and Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, D.D., E. Grand Prelate, assisted by Rev. Lewis L. Conrad, minister of the church. Splendid music was furnished by the choir of the church, under the direction of Mrs. George E. Wood, organist and director.

A reception was held in the Masonic Temple after the service, when a splendid musical program was given and refreshments served.

Monday, October 27, 1958

A drill team from Phoenix Commandery No. 3, exemplified the "10 Men Opening" as adopted by the Grand Commandery of Iowa. This form of full form opening was later adopted as an optional full form opening in this jurisdiction.

The 66th annual Conclave will be held in Phonex on Monday, October 26, 1959, A. O. 841. Devotional Service Sunday evening, October 25, 1959, at 8:00 p. m.

Courteously submitted,

HENRY P. JOHNSON,
Grand Recorder.

"Hall of Fame"—Oklahoma

Honors Dr. Oliver S. Willham, P. G. C.

A letter, dated November 18, 1958, from Sir Knight William E. Crowe, P. G. C., and Chairman of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, Grand Encampment, brought this interesting news. He wrote:

"Our Dr. Oliver S. Willham, President of Oklahoma State University, has been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame by the Oklahoma Memorial Association. The ceremony occurred on the evening of November 17th. I enclose an item covering the event by the Daily Oklahoman.

"As you know, Dr. Willham is a Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma, and is presently the Department Commander for the West Central Department."

(News story from "The Daily Oklahoman" Tuesday, November 11, 1958):

Two industrial leaders, two women and three heads of major educational institutions are to be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame next Monday, by the Oklahoma Memorial Association.

The honorees include Dean A. McGee, president of Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc.; K. S. "Boots" Adams, Bartlesville, board chairman of Phillips Petroleum Co.; Mrs. Charles Page, Sand Springs philanthropist; Alice L. Marriott, author, curator and anthropologist.

And Dr. John W. Baley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, dean of collegiate presidents from point of service; Dr. Oliver S. Willham, president of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and Dr. W. Max Chambers, president of Central State College, Edmond. Digests of their accomplishments follow:

Dr. Willham, born in Cotton county, has spent almost half his lifetime to this point, on the OSU campus. He started

teaching animal husbandry at Panhandle A. & M. College, Goodwell, in 1923, after getting a degree at OSU. A geneticist, he returned to OSU to teach in 1935, advanced to administration in 1950, president in 1953.

Dr. Willham is a member of many national educational bodies and state boards, foundations and organizations, in most of which he holds official positions. He has been Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Oklahoma as well. His interests cover a broad field.



Sir Knight Roscoe C. Wadsworth, E. Past Commander, Trinity Commandery No. 68, Flushing, N. Y. Forming lines for Parade at Cathedral of St. John the Divine in early days.

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cause he strives to build the Kingdom of God in the here and now he combats all who would remove even the smallest stone from its citadels, he is indeed a knightly warrior. Lastly, because he knows himself for what he really is and does and thinks, his humility makes him a penitent before the God who made him and the Saviour who loved him enough to die for him. **Pilgrim, Warrior, Penitent**—these comprise indeed the Portrait of a Christian Soldier!

47th TRIENNIAL NEWS NOTES

(Excerpts from "The Beauseant"):

Greetings of the Grand Commander

In his welcoming address to the Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave at Indianapolis, Theodore John Jena, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F and A. M., of Indiana, makes several interesting points.

For the first time in 142 years since the forming of the Grand Encampment, the Triennial Conclave is held at Indianapolis—46 Triennial Conclaves have been held elsewhere.

Hence, for the 185,000 Masons of Indiana, the Grand Master extends cordial fraternal greetings. Said he: "It is our sincere hope that your stay will be pleasant and enjoyable, and that you may carry home happy memories of your sojourn here in our great Hoosier State; also, that your deliberations, decisions, and actions here made, not only will further the interests of Symbolic and Templar Masonry, but, more important, that mankind in general will derive lasting benefits—you are meeting here to consider the welfare of your fellow men, as well as the progress of Chivalric Masonry

—your record of past achievements is indeed exciting, and it speaks impressively for your magnanimous Order."

Films of Indianapolis

The moving pictures of the Drill Corps activity at the Triennial Conclave at Indianapolis, to be shown at the Dinner gathering in Detroit on September 26th, are the product of the hard-working Camera Crew of the Commandery, which labored mightily at the Conclave.

The Crew consists of Sir Knights John J. Gilbert, Edward J. McKenzie, Charles V. Duncan, and Harry R. Allen, Jr.

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, reports that men in Templar Uniform at Indianapolis numbered 7,619. These, with nearly 1,200 bandmen, bring the total for the Saturday night Street Parade to some 9,000.

Newspaper coverage of the Triennial was exceedingly good. The Indianapolis Times, and The Indianapolis Star, gave front-page and editorial space to the occasion.

Raper Commandery No. 1 of Indianapolis, as will be recalled, won this com-



California at Triennial, Indianapolis, 1958

petition at New York in 1955, and at New Orleans in 1952. In the 1958 competition, Raper Commandery lost a strong bid for a third consecutive title by seven-tenths of a point, to the Drill Team from Fort Worth, Texas—96.4 points to 95.7 points. Raper has two highly-drilled platoons in the competition.

During the Triennium

Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master of the 1955-1958 Triennium, reviews the accomplishments of those years, in an article in the August-September issue of the Knight Templar.

He points out that the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, fully furnished, was dedicated on April 20, 1957, with the Vice-President of the United States as principal speaker. The \$80,000 raised for this undertaking sufficed for the work, and a surplus remains for any necessary repairs or replacements.

The magazine Knight Templar, "a new departure both as to format and content from the former Grand Encampment Review," is so well received that there now are some 8,000 subscriptions, as against the 530 of the former magazine.

Knights Templary has been extended in foreign lands under the Department of Subordinate Commanderies authorized at the 1955 Triennial Conclave. The result is the issuance of Dispensations to new Subordinate Commanderies: One each in Tokyo, Okinawa, Guam, three additional in The Philippines, and three in West Germany.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is doing exceedingly well. It is foreseen that it will come to be as widely and favorably known as any other existing philanthropy. Nearly 200 applications have been received, all of which are reviewed by the Committee. In addition, grants of \$225,000 each have been made to some 15 Departments of Ophthalmology.



Grand Commandery of California at Indianapolis, August 1958

WASHINGTON

Seventy-first annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Washington, Tacoma, May 18-19-20, 1958. Sir Knight Frank M. Wilson, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding.

Presentation of a Union Jack and Staff

Right Eminent Sir Knight Ben Wood requested and received permission from the Grand Commander to address the Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Wood then instructed a Standard Guard, composed of Canadian Knights, to retire and escort into the Asylum the Union Jack. This being accomplished Sir Knight Wood addressed the Grand Commandery as follows:

"Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights. This beautiful Flag, the emblem of the Civil and Religious liberties of our Brothers and Sir Knights from north of the border is a gift to this Grand Body from Sir Knight Harold Nickelson, Past Grand Provincial Prior, Province of Saskatchewan, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and his lovely wife, Dorothy, it is the national emblem of their Country and symbolizes their friendship, faith and trust in and for this Grand Body. It is their wish that you accept this gift, and all it signifies, as a symbol of the continued friendship between this great Country and ours and their personal high regard for this Grand Body.

"The staff on which it is attached is the gift from our own Sir Knight Ralph W. McKerracher, our Grand Standard Bearer, and symbolizes his loyalty and affection for his own Grand Family and his fraternal fellowship, affection and high regard for our friends and neighbors from the north. It is my pleasure, privilege and honor to present these gifts of love, loyalty and affection to this Grand Body in their names."

Grand Commander: "Sir Knights, deposit the Union Jack, in the East, on the left of the United States Colors. Sir Knights, Present Swords; Carry, Swords; Return, Swords."

Grand Commander: "Sir Knight Mc-

Kerracher, and Right Eminent Knight Nickelson, please present yourselves here." (At the head of the lines.) "Sir Knights, these are the donor of the Flag and the Staff. This is one of the finest exemplifications of friendship we have ever seen. On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Washington, and of all the Sir Knights thereof, we accept this Union Jack and the Staff with the greatest of thanks, from this Right Eminent Knight from Canada and from this Sir Knight of Washington. Let us give them a standing vote of thanks. Sir Knights be seated. I am not going to ask for a response, but if I get one, I know we will all listen."

Right Eminent Knight Nickelson: "Right Eminent Sir, and Sir Knights all. It is indeed a privilege for me to present this Flag to you. It is done for two reasons, first of all, on our visit to Pasco you did not have one, I asked permission from your then incoming Grand Commander to do so, and he granted me that permission, and it gave me personal pride."

From Grand Commander Wilson's address:

Condition of the Order

The Order in Washington, in my opinion, is in excellent condition. Both the Inspector General and myself have discovered, as we traveled together over the state, that the interest in Templary is definitely increasing; with more and more Master Masons joining the ranks of York Rite Masonry. And coupled with the swelling of our ranks, more newly created Sir Knights are purchasing uniforms, and taking part in the ceremonies of our beautiful Orders.

The past year has experienced a net gain of 34 members. Not very many, that is true, but after facing a loss of over a hundred in 1956, we have very definite proof that our numbers are increasing satisfactorily. Increases in membership are shown in a majority of the Constituent Commanderies over the state, proving that there is truly a revival of the spirit of real Templary in all sections.

Co-ordinating and Fraternal Committee

Commencing early in my term of office was the formation of a Committee now known as the Washington Constitution Committee; the result of Amended Resolution 8 as Adapted at our last Annual Conclave in Pasco in 1957. Sir Knight Albert Jensen, Junior Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, was elected Chairman of this combined Committee of York and Scottish Rite Masons, and has worked tirelessly and diligently toward a workable program upon which to base our future efforts to protect our American heritage. Sir Knight Cyrus Ablertson, Eminent Grand Prelate, deserves special mention for his untiring labors on behalf of this program.

Greetings to Newly Created Knights

Up to the time of making this report, 139 Knightings were reported, and cards of greeting, signed by the Grand Commander, were mailed to each of the new Sir Knights, extending congratulations.

WASHINGTON

Review of Templar Proceedings

(By Sir Knight James Clark, Reviewer)

In reviewing Templary for the year 1957, we find the Grand Encampment as a whole has shown a modest gain in membership.

Regardless of how optimistic we may be, we should never fail to face the real facts. In the United States today there are over four and a half million Master Masons, but only slightly over 17½% of them are Royal Arch Masons, and about 52% of the Royal Arch Masons are Knights Templar.

In addition to having the most beautiful and impressive ritual in all the Degrees and Orders of Masonry, we have a large field of operation, as the above figures will show.

An informed Sir Knight is an interested Sir Knight. The Knight Templar issued by the Grand Encampment, replacing the Grand Encampment Review, is a magazine of great interest. It contains not only news of Templary, but items of various Masonic events and activities. The circulation of this fine magazine is increasing by leaps and bounds, a subscription to it is highly recommended.

It is gratifying to find so many of our Commanderies sponsoring Chapters of the Order of DeMolay. These fine young men (the citizens of tomorrow) need our encouragement and assistance. Statistics show that over 65% of DeMolays become Masons, and many of them eventually become leaders of the Craft.

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS

Sir Knight Lester H. Gillikin, R. E. Grand Commander, 1957-58 writes:

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

From reports received very few of our Commanderies held the Christmas Observance. Those that did are to be commended. This is an important event in many Commanderies and they are well attended. It is hoped that in the future more of our Commanderies will hold this observance.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

It was my pleasure to attend the Easter Sunrise Service in Fayetteville, N. C., sponsored by Palestine Commandery No. 20 K. T. and the Cumberland County Ministerial Association. Approximately 2500 persons assembled in the beautiful cemetery facing the Veterans' Hospital, but just as the service was to begin the rain came. The congregation was requested to repair to the First Baptist Church, and many did so. The church was filled to capacity and the service which was most impressive was carried through. Most Worshipful and Sir Knight Charles A. Harris brought greetings of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina. M. E. Clifton L. Taylor represented the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of North Carolina; M. L. Harrison Kauffman represented the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of North Carolina; Illustrious Noble Otis M. Banks represented Sudan Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Brother Garrell Moser, Worthy Grand Patron, represented the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of N. C. Your Grand Commander brought greetings of the Grand Commandery of K. T. of North Carolina.

The Sir Knights of Fayetteville are to be commended for their fine work preparing this service. The Easter Sunrise Service in Fayetteville has grown to be one of the outstanding services in the State and Chivalric Masonry has profited by reason of it.

I sincerely believe that York Rite Masonry is again on an upward trend.

We had a gain in membership again last year. I refer to the upward trend in interest, activity and the desire to go forward. It is gratifying to note the improvement in several common desires in their activity and especially in the quality of the work in conferring the Orders. There is still room for improvement in many Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery of North Carolina has successfully carried out "The Knights Templar Merit Award sponsored by the Grand Commandery" for meritorious service to Freemasonry and the York Rite, established in 1953.

From report of Grand Reviewer Sir Knight Wilbur L. McIver, Box 3068, Raleigh, N. C. An excellent report.

To be permitted to read through and hurriedly digest the most important items contained in the Proceedings of from one to three days deliberations of various Grand Conclaves of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, Canada and other parts of the world is a great task that in itself is very rewarding. It is very refreshing to observe the reactions of some of the greatest Masonic minds to the great problems of the day. It can be considered an education within itself.

When we consider and believe that the Order of the Temple will have a profound message for America in the years ahead of us, and can participate in some of its great philanthropy, we should be proud to be a member. We need to be impressed with the fact and to be convinced that this Order of ours is really something of importance—to rebuild its strength, to place essentials first and omit bickerings about nonessentials.

We can well go back into history and learn of the past. We should daily thank God for the past. When we are low in inspiration we can find from the past a great source of inspiration; when we lack plans for life, we can learn of the past much that is associated with sane planning.

Committees on Patriotic Activities are

appointed in all the Grand Jurisdictions. Some of them got busy and promoted bloodbanks, work among the young people, Civil Defense, Red Cross, and patriotic speaking.

We should be much impressed by the Christian sentiments expressed by Commanders and Reviewers. The Educational Loan Fund is becoming more active, with great interest manifested in the Eye Foundation and with a healthy condition everywhere; if we still remain true to the faith of our fathers, we can fulfill the place that destiny has for us.

"Masonry is the most distinguished Order in the world today, it is to be found in every country and every nation in the world; that is, it was found in every country until Europe began to experiment with new governmental ideas which oppose personal liberty, and oppose organizations that foster personal liberty. It is the purpose of Masonry to encourage the building of human life so that beauty of character will shine forth and life itself will become more than just a battle for existence without the fighters knowing why they are in the struggle or what they hope to gain if victory is won.

TO MASTER MASONS

An Invitation to Join the Order of Knights Templar

You can make the Commandery of Knights Templar a most important step in the advancement of your Masonic Career by placing your application for membership in the Commandery in your city or community.

The Commandery of Knights Templar will afford you a better understanding of the York Rite of Freemasonry. Joining the Commandery will give you additional Masonic contacts, extend your pleasant friendships, and present to you an explanation of that great symbolism upon which the Masonic fraternity has built a glorious super-structure.

LOUISIANA

THE TRAVELLING BIBLE

(11th Presentation)

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

- 1948—To Monroe Commandery No. 7 for 1947 Inspection.
- 1949—To Monroe Commandery No. 7 for 1948 Inspection.
- 1950—To Monroe Commandery No. 7 for 1949 Inspection.
- 1951—To Monroe Commandery No. 7 for 1950 Inspection.
- 1952—To Indivisible Friends No. 1 for 1951 Inspection.
- 1952—To Jacques deMolay No. 2 for 1951 Inspection.
- 1952—To Ivanhoe No. 19—Jointly for 1951 Inspection.
- 1953—To Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19 for 1952 Inspection.
- 1954—To Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19 for 1953 Inspection.
- 1955—To Ascension Commandery No. 6 for 1954 Inspection.
- 1956—To Ascension Commandery No. 6 for 1955 Inspection.
- 1957—To Trinity Commandery No. 8 for 1956 Inspection.
- 1958—To Plains Commandery No. 11 for 1957 Inspection.

NORTH DAKOTA

(From Masonic Grand Lodge Bulletin.)

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR 69th ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Devils Lake, North Dakota

May 18-19, 1958

Defying blinding dust storms and heavy winds Sir Knights and their ladies journeyed to Devils Lake, North Dakota, to participate in the activities of the 69th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

It was evident from the start that the Sir Knights of Cyrene Commandery No. 7, as host, had made careful and elaborate preparations for the comfort and entertainment of their guests. Nothing was left undone.

Sunday afternoon we were privileged to witness exhibition drills by the Sir Knights of Commanderies from Bottineau and Jamestown, which proved to be highly entertaining.

The Past Commanders Association meeting followed the exhibition drills and a large group were in attendance. Several items of importance relating to the betterment of the work were discussed and the decision reached that the proposed legislation be presented to the Conclave the following day.

Some 160 Sir Knights and their ladies were present for the Past Commanders' dinner. Most of the Sir Knights were in uniform. Immediate Past Commander of Cyrene Commandery, Sir Knight Glen Engebretson, presided as toastmaster in a very dignified and efficient manner. R. E. Sir Knight Albert G. Tverberg, Grand Recorder, presented the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight A. Miles Wold with the Past Commanders' jewel of former Governor and Past Grand Commander Frank White, and also tendered

him the governor's sword which is the official scepter of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota. Most Worshipful Brother John A. Barner, Grand Master of Masons of North Dakota, was the guest speaker, and he emphasized the need of more unity among our several Masonic bodies for a more healthful and effective fraternity.

Immediately following the dinner the lines were formed by E. Sir Knight E. R. Nyman, Grand Junior Warden, and the Sir Knights marched in a body to the Methodist Church for their traditional religious service. Brother Harold G. Nienas, pastor of the church, gave the invocation and closing prayer. A Triple Trio, composed of members from the local Order of Rainbow Girls, sang two hymns following the invocation. The young gentlemen who presided as ushers were members of the local Order of DeMolay. It is inspiring, indeed, to have these young folks taking part in our service. E. Sir Knight Leslie R. Burgum, Grand Prelate and Attorney General for North Dakota, preached a most inspiring sermon, taking for his text, that well known Bible verse, John 3:16.

A memorial service honoring our departed fraters, with several Sir Knights taking part, closed the Divine worship. As the Sir Knights and their ladies were leaving the church, the triple trio sang softly, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Returning to the Temple the Sir Knights and their ladies were given another unexpected drill by the Rainbow Girls, all dressed in flowing formal gowns and performing their task with the dignity of queens. This drill was greatly enjoyed, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that each young lady should be voted the honorary title of "Queen for a Day."

Officers for 1958-59: Sir Knight Severt B. Gullickson, R. E. Grand Commander; Albert G. Tverberg, E. Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN NEWS OF YORK RITE FESTIVAL

(Letter from Sir Knight Harold D. Williams, Recorder, Kenosha Commandery No. 30, Knights Templar.)

Kenosha, Wisconsin
November 15, 1958

Editor "Knight Templar"
Eminent Sir:

Kenosha Commandery No. 30 instigated a York Rite Festival this month. This was also done one year ago. The Festival was held on November 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. Two Chapter degrees were given on each evening of the 4th and 5th, the two degrees of the Council were given on the evening of the 6th, and the orders of Red Cross and Malta were given in full form on the evening of the 7th. The Order of the Temple was given on Saturday afternoon by Tripoli Shrine "Crusaders is made up of Past Commanders of Milwaukee County. I enclose a copy of the notices which we sent out and a copy of the program.

We had ten candidates that took the work of all three bodies. The Chapter and the Council each had an extra candidate, and one candidate who already had the work in these two bodies took the Commandery, which made eleven Candidates, the limit allowed in Wisconsin, knighted on Saturday.

Racine Commandery No. 7 had one candidate for the Order of the Red Cross, which they placed in our class. They also had three candidates ready for the Order of Malta, which they also brought along, so they had four candidates in the group taking this Order. Waukesha Commandery No. 23 also had a candidate ready for the Order of Malta, which they placed in our class for this Order. Only the Kenosha candidates received the Order of the Temple.

A dinner was served by the Eastern Star ladies after the conferring of the Order of the Temple on Saturday. This dinner was open to all Masons and their wives. After the dinner Sir Knight Alwin T. Hansen led some community sing-

ing, accompanied at the piano by Past Commander Fred Clitheroe. A young girl and boy then entertained with some accordian selections. Following the music portion of the evening Sir Knight Rev. Lee D. Smith, of the First Methodist Church, gave a wonderful talk on Masonry.

The one hundred and fifty diners had a wonderful time, and enjoyed a delightful roast beef dinner.

I thought that you might like to know about this affair as it is a very rare event in Wisconsin.

Fraternally yours,
HAROLD D. WILLIAMS,
Recorder.

LETTERS

Interesting letter received from Monsignor Harry S. Connelly, pastor Saint Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, Ohio, following the Grand Conclave, October 11-13, 1958. (Excerpts follow):

Under date of October 14, 1958, addressed to Robert Schoedinger, Chairman of the Conclave: "Dear Mr. Schoedinger—As you are the Chairman, I am writing to you in regard to the Blue Lodge and Knights Templar parade last Saturday. I have seen many parades go past the Cathedral, and I can just about judge, by now, how many of the bands will be playing as they pass us. Very quickly it was noticeable that NO bands were playing at that time; that is too striking a change to be a coincidence; so by 3:15, I had mentioned to the other priests that the silent bands and the subdued clowns were doubtless under instructions to show deference to our deceased Holy Father. The courtesy and the reverence shown are not surprising from such a group of gentlemen. In the midst of all the plans for those busy days somebody thought of this very fine touch. I wish to express my appreciation to him, to the committee and to all the gentlemen who marched. Bishop Issenmann has asked me to include his appreciation to you, your staff, and the marchers.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR GREATNESS

(By CHALMERS L. PANCOAST, R. E. Past Commander of New York)

- The greatest Order in the world is the sacred Order of our Knights Templarhood.
- The greatest Recognition is for leadership in our Order of Christian Knighthood.
- The greatest Duty is for the welfare of the members of your Commandery and humanity in need.
- The greatest Exemplars of Templar Masonry reveal its teachings in the lives they live daily.
- The greatest Real privilege is to do something to give the youth of our land a right start in life.
- The greatest Opinion in the world is the high esteem of all good men for the ideals of Templary.
- The greatest Fortune is the privilege and honor of being a Knight Templar.
- The greatest Courage is in the man who can face life's difficulties with a winning smile.
- The greatest Honor comes to the Sir Knight determined to perpetuate the inspiration of Templary.
- The greatest Ritualist is the sincere man who makes his message enter deeply into the souls of men.
- The greatest Impression is in living before the world according to the teachings of the Master.
- The greatest Standard for mankind is to be found in the emblems of the Cross and The Colors.
- The greatest Templar lessons are those lived daily by devoted and unselfish Sir Knights.
- The greatest Ideals are in those divine words which fill a man with inspiration and hope.
- The greatest Acclaim is the applause and good opinion of right thinking men of the Brotherhood.
- The greatest Natural force for good is in the spiritual uplift for all mankind—spiritual comfort.
- The greatest Kindness is in being tolerant and charitable for the weakness and folly of others.
- The greatest Necessity is for devotion which will mean a steady, continuous growth for Templary.
- The greatest Influence is in the united effort of Templar Masons for universal good in the world.
- The greatest Gift that can be given to mankind is liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness.
- The greatest Happiness springs into the human heart from the effort of making others happy.
- The greatest Treasure in life is in the lasting friendship and the high opinion of many men.
- The greatest Honor and reward that awaits the valiant Templar is in serving others.
- The greatest Offer to mankind is the promise of eternal life by the Great Captain of Our Salvation.
- The greatest Organization benefit is the loyalty and devotion of all who wear the emblem of the Cross.
- The greatest Durable beauty is in the colors—Red—White—and Blue of our American Flag—Old Glory.
- The greatest Brand a man can carry throughout life is the brand of being a Christian Gentleman.
- The greatest Youth movement in our land is based on love of God, parents, home and devotion to country.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR GREATNESS

- The greatest **Consecration** is to devote our lives to the up-building of character for the future of Templary.
- The greatest **Hopes** for the perpetuation of Christian Knighthood is in the zeal and enthusiasm of all Knights.
- The greatest **Army** of marching men is the enlistment for life of men with the Cross of Jesus on their parade banners.
- The greatest **Leaders** are those sincere and devoted Sir Knights who lead Templary onward through their loyalty.
- The greatest **Membership** in Templary is in the dedicated hearts and not merely in the number of swords on display.
- The greatest **Esteem** is that shown for veteran Templars with a long and honorable service record.
- The greatest **Reward** is in the satisfaction that comes from giving the very best you have for the benefit of others.
- The greatest **Service** is service to God, to country and to humanity for days on days without end.
- The greatest **Labor** is in the willingness to support our Country in all its patriotic and Christian endeavors.
- The greatest **Personal peace** cannot be purchased for a million dollars—it comes from living right with all men.
- The greatest **Ambition** of a true Templar is to be steadfast in teaching Christian Knighthood to other men.
- The greatest **Need** is for more and more men to join the ranks of our marching men for the Glory of Templary.
- The greatest **Charity** is observed in those Commanderies that bring happiness and comfort to the hopeless and destitute.
- The greatest **Opportunity** is before you now—to spread the real message of Templary to all Christian men.
- The greatest **Activity** for Templary lies in the ambition for true leadership in this great Order of Cross-Bearers.
- The greatest **Satisfaction** in the world is in the heart of a noble Christian, who has given the best he had to give.
- The greatest **Templar Charity** is The Knights Templar Eye Foundation to save eyes.

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