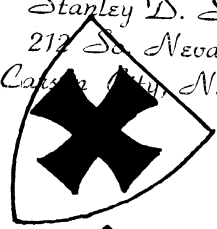


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Message from Wilber M. Brucker, R. E. Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Dear Sir Knights:

As Knights Templar we find constant inspiration in the spiritual heritage bequeathed to us by those Stalwart Christian warriors who nobly wore the Cross in the Great Crusades of long ago. The finest flower of that inspiration is our forthright acceptance of the challenge to a new crusade in the defense of Christian principles and human freedom which is implicit in the present critical world situation.

Freedom and the moral values upon which freedom is founded are always under attack. Today the attack is being pushed forward more vigorously and on a broader front than at any previous time in history. The menace of aggression by the powerful and ruthless communist enemy, whose ideology dishonors God and debases man, looms as a major peril to our Nation and everything for which it stands. It threatens every one of our cherished institutions,—the home the church, the school. It threatens the life and liberty of each individual American, and the future of our children for generations to come.

Moral and Spiritual Defenses

The spiritual strength of America has

never been put to a greater test than it is undergoing in this critical period. The great edifice of our civilization which has been so many centuries in the building could be utterly destroyed in a comparatively few moments if we should become heedless of our responsibility to maintain its moral and spiritual defenses with unremitting zeal.

The fundamental devotion to God and the Nation, and the patriotic acceptance of the obligations of Christian citizenship which are characteristic of our Order have been the strength and glory of the American people ever since this Republic was consecrated under the protection of Devine Providence. The moral force of men and women who lived and worked for what they believed to be right,—who were willing to sacrifice, to suffer, and if need be to die for the truth as they saw it,—made America great. In this momentous hour these same qualities are more than ever the chief guaranties of everything we hold dear.

In this fast moving age Templar Masonry needs to put first things first. Founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, every activity of Templary must be judged by its relationship to our great central concept. The closer we adhere to this fundamental objective, the greater will be our success. Whatever others may do in these changing times, Tem-

plary will prosper if we remain steadfast and place the emphasis upon our allegiance to the Christian Cause.

Emblem of the Cross

In pursuit of this central purpose, Templary has universally supported its beautiful Easter Sunrise Service, as well as its significant Christmas and Ascension Day Observances. In keeping with our Christian lineage, the majestic Order of the Temple significantly portrays the life, the crucifixion and the resurrection of our Risen Lord. Upon our chapeau and elsewhere upon our tunic of knighthood, we wear the emblem of the cross. We carry the sword, symbolic of putting on the whole armor of God. Our Drill Corps activities are preparatory to public parades where we proudly march in step with our battle song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

In carrying out the Christian injunction we embrace the call of charitable benevolence as an integral part of Templary. To this end we established our Knights Templar Educational Foundation, which has provided the means of obtaining higher education by thousands of worthy young people throughout the length and breadth of our land. Recently, we have established the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to provide adequate research in the field of eyesight so as to prevent blindness, and also to provide the funds to rescue thousands of deserving persons from the dread loss of their precious eyesight and restore them to lives of usefulness.

However, the best institutions in the world constantly require the "flesh and blood" of manpower. Templar Masonry is no exception to this rule. Good men in great numbers are continually needed to man the ramparts of our Christian Cause. Masonry has such men, and we need the constant surge of new men enlisting in our ranks with that high purpose. We want Master Masons who are not looking for "easy honors" but who

are willing to enlist as Christian warriors in this difficult but important Templar Crusade. In our Commanderies all over the country we are ready to accept stout-hearted Masons who indicate their willingness to join us in the battle. We are ready to confer the orders of knighthood upon Masons who stand four-square for these Christian principles in a world that desperately needs our services.

Dedicated Sir Knights

Templary particularly needs to give immediate thought to strengthening our ranks. This job is one requiring urgent action at the local Commandery level. While there should be no public membership campaign as such, Templary should, with all propriety, organize and proceed at once with maximum effort to bring into our fold thousands of dedicated Master Masons in every local community throughout the land. Each Sir Knight should quietly and constantly keep his eyes open for top quality Masons to be invited to take this important forward step. The process should be highly selective and the invitation should be exclusively personal.

Templar Masonry has an impressive role in modern society that can be discharged only by having great numbers of dedicated Sir Knights in our ranks. We cannot afford to accept the status quo. We are expected to wage the kind of a crusade that requires devotion to duty by great hosts of top level men. To accomplish this, we must arouse every last Templar to his sense of personal responsibility to the Christian Cause. Only by exerting ourselves and attracting large numbers of good men to our Cause can we build more strongly the structure of Templary and be worthy of the day in which we live. In every aspect of our lives we must again raise high the standard of the Cross. In this sign we shall conquer.

Couterously and sincerely,

WILBER M. BRUCKER,
Grand Generalissimo.

THE DIVINITY OF GOD

Sermon by the Rev. Phil Porter, D.D., at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service in Arlington National Cemetery, March 29, 1959

Acts 10:39-40—Whom they slew and hanged on a tree, Him God raised up on the third day.

In the century before Christianity two eminent and high minded old Romans were talking about a number of things. Just as our John Adams and Thomas Jefferson might have done in their old age. One of these men asked the other, "If you had the complete favor of the Gods, what gift would you ask of them?" And the answer came quickly, "I would ask to be young again with my friends." The reply is not an exact metaphore of our Christian hope. It has undertones of nostalgia

—home sickness for old times, old places, old conditions, and a longing for old friends. It is the dream of fellowship with old friends that makes Cicero's longing revelant to our Easter hope. There can be no solitary heaven, no peaceful and blessed abode for the dead, without reunion; Reunion with those "That we have loved long since and lost awhile."

This idea of reunion is among our first thoughts on Easter morning. Jesus Christ lives! It follows that we ourselves and our friends may live also. But with Mary in the garden, with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus and with the ten



"CROSS OF LILIES"

Placed each year by the Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Services, Arlington, Virginia.

disciples in the Upper Room that night, there were no calculations about self. The note that the Easter people sounded, when they first recognized the living Christ, was one of sheer joy and thanksgiving. They did not say, "He's back and He'll take care of us." It was enough for them that He was alive again. The feeling that possessed them was intensely personal and from the heart. And yet it was perfectly unselfish. They greeted Him in His glory with the love He had taught them.

The joy of reunion is very great. But the deeper meaning of the resurrection now began to unfold. It was so right, so just, and so exactly as it ought to be that this Jesus should be risen from the dead. It is very good to see the triumph of righteousness in particular instances. And beyond that and even more important it is good to be assured that things are right at the heart of the universe. As Arthur Hugh Clough told us more than a century ago

It fortifies my soul to know
That, though I perish, Truth is so:
That, howso'er I stray and range,
Whate're I do, Thou dost not change.
I steadier step when I recall
That, if I slip, Thou, doest not fall.

Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, our fears, and our faults cannot cause God to stumble.

As they thought further on the Resurrection the friends of Jesus realized that it revealed the Nature of God and the very order of things at the heart of God's Eternal Creation. Soon Peter was preaching—"whom they slew and hanged on a tree *Him God* raised up on the third day and shewed Him openly."

William Temple, wartime archbishop of Canterbury, declared forty-six years ago, that Good Friday and Easter Day, taken together reveal the nature and Divinity of God. On Good Friday we see perfect goodness and all that it costs. On Easter Day we see Almighty Power. Without perfect goodness and Almighty

Power God is not God. A God without love is a devil. A God without power is incapable. It is a modern aphorism that every man carries a God-shaped blank in his heart. Only a God whose grand characteristics are love and power can find that place in our hearts. This complete revelation of the Christian God on Good Friday and Easter brings us compelling moral guidance and great comfort. God is love and power and he can take care of us. We Christians live and die knowing that God is doing better things for us than we can desire or pray for. When he leads us up our steep and terrible Calvaries he is giving us our greatest opportunities. This faith gives us the freedom to trust our souls and fortunes to God. As individuals, as companies, and as nations we can put our minds on the things that we are called to bear and to do no matter what the price. As we follow Christ we are marching with Him into Glory.

All Christian men are soldiers. The good soldier believes that there are things worth dying for. Here in Arlington Cemetery we stand on ground dedicated to this truth. This is indeed a Holy place.

We are inspired by our President and Secretary of State. They have risked their material lives to serve this country and the free world. In the light of Easter morning, who would not be proud to share their Calvary of pain and self-sacrifice.

But there are whispers of a different disposition among us. "Since atomic war threatens to annihilate the race," it is said, "and since fall-out may change the course of human evolution, perhaps Patrick Henry's alternatives of liberty and death no longer apply. It might be safer and wiser," it is suggested, "just to yield now to the Communists." The danger of annihilation is probably an exaggeration and also the peril from fall-out. But Christians from the first have been

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taught to face the end of the world and modern astronomers agree with them. A celestial accident could happen any time with or without bombs. As to the threat from fall-out, it must be said that it is not so certain as brain washing should the Communists take over.

The all out effort in our time to increase our material well being and the successful effort to extend our natural life span is good. But "these things" must not lead us to substitute for our Christian principles that smooth and sub Christian felacy

A man must live!

But is it so?

In what religion were you told

A man must live?

There are times when a man must die.

Imagine, for a battle-cry

From soldiers, with a sword to hold—

From soldiers, with the flag unrolled—
That coward's whine, this liar's lie—
"A man must live."

Our Good Friday-Easter Day story is a great and blessed revelation of the way things are with God.

He is perfect in power and in love.

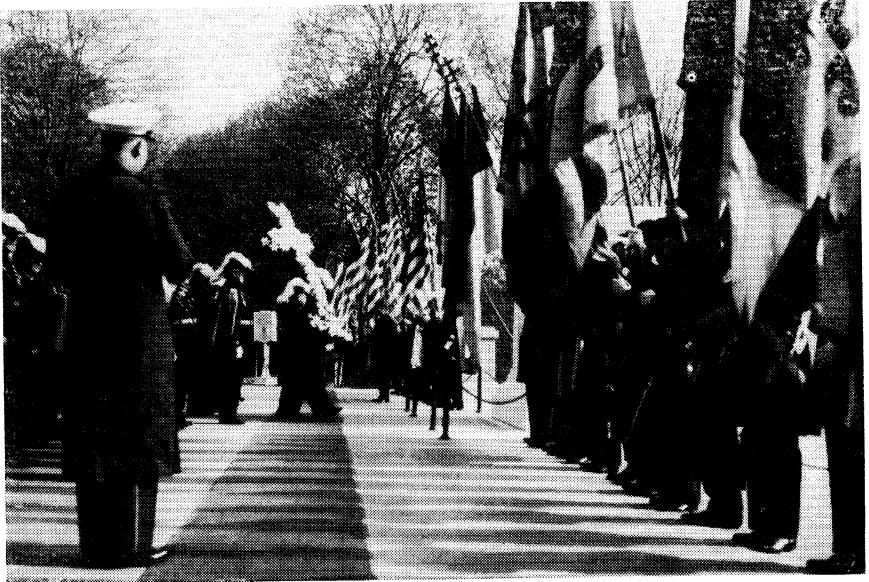
He offers us eternal reunion with our friends.

But there is also the austere and absolute word "Take up your cross and follow me: "There is no spiritual gain possible except at the hazard of our material life."

It belongs to us to

"Ride, ride together, forever ride"

with Jesus Christ our most high commander.



Grand Master placing "Cross of Lilies."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BENEFITS

The question has been asked many times who are the Knights Templar, and what is their object and what benefits are derived from membership in such an organization?

The Knights Templar date back to the 9th Century when the world was in a state of chaos, not knowing what was coming next. The birth of the Knights Templar at this period did more to save Europe from the destruction of civilization than any other agency at that period.

The principles for which they fought are still the principles for which the Order stands today; to protect the weak and downtrodden; relieve the distressed, and by the lives of its members to be an example to the world as the defenders of the Christian Religion, taking as their pattern the teachings of the Lowly Nazarene—Jesus Christ.

This proves that our Order is not something new but an organization which has stood the test of centuries despite the attempt of the corrupt leaders of the then acknowledged Christian Church, to disband it by putting its leaders to death.

Templars of the present day are men who by their loyalty and devotion are making Templary the splendid Christian Order which has the respect and admiration of the public at large, and good fellowship and loyal friendships have made the Order stand for something of supreme value in life. Those who have labored for Templary find in it something friendly, comforting and satisfying. It is not entirely ritualistic; rather is it laid in the hearts of men who are working for the good of the Order. It is a high responsibility to be the successors in this modern world of an Order so ancient, so noble and so glorious.

In addition to the above, it is charitable, benevolent, educational and religious. It is charitable in that it is not organized for a profit and none of its income is used for the benefit of any individual. Its largest charity consists

of a fund which is used to assist worthy boys and girls to complete their college education. Thousands of these boys and girls have been the recipients of the benefits of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation for years.

Another great project has been reared in the broad plan to make Templary more useful, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 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.

It is educational in that it teaches throughout its ceremonials, morality and brotherhood based on the Christian Religion.

It is religious in that it teaches a belief in the immortality of the soul and reverence for God through the birth, life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ.

It also has its social side in which not only its members participate, but their families can also enjoy. In this way it is possible for the other members of the family to become acquainted with the associates of a Knight Templar and friendships are made which last a lifetime.

Royal Arch Masons are eligible to petition a Commandery of Knights Templar for the Orders of Knighthood, the Orders conferred are the most sacred and impressive ceremonial work which is given by any organization, based as stated before, upon the Christian Religion. The dignity, solemnity and impressive ceremonies of the Public Installation of Officers of Commanderies give an idea of the work.

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Chairman.

Committee on Public Relations, Grand Encampment.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CRUSADER DEGREE UNIT

(IRVING L. HELLER, P.G.C., Director)

The Tripoli Crusaders were organized as the Knight Templar Degree Unit, which later became inactive until reactivated during 1948 when Noble John A. Gebhardt was the Illustrious Potentate. During his administration, a committee was appointed, consisting of Nobles who were Past Commanders, to reorganize the Unit.

The purpose of the Knight Templar Unit is to confer the Order of the Temple, together with the Full Form Opening, in a Knights Templar Asylum, upon receiving an invitation to do so, from an Eminent Commander of a Constituent Commandery, within the jurisdiction of Tripoli Temple.

The Unit is composed of members of Tripoli Temple, all of whom have served their respective Commanderies, as Eminent Commanders, with distinction. They are all excellent ritualists and also well qualified in military tactics relating to Templar work. Most of the members are able to take five and six different stations, knowing the ritualistic and military work to perfection, which makes for a fine and flexible team, when called upon to perform.

For many years the Unit was under the able direction of our Noble and Sir Knight Hal Bulger. Since his passing, the Unit has been under the Chairmanship of Noble and Sir Knight Irving L. Heller, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin. He is ably assisted as Director by Nobles and Sir



TRIPOLI COMMANDERIES KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Degree Unit of Tripoli Shrine Temple. Composed of Milwaukee County Eminent Past Commanders. All "Nobles" of Tripoli.

Knights William C. Kirsten and Harold H. Mercer, Assistant Directors; Niles W. D. Allen, Secretary; Erwin H. Brandt, representative on the Council of Units, and Erwin G. Kurtz, representative on the Red Fez Executive Board.

All of the members of the Unit are interested in the welfare of Tripoli Tem-

ple and are devoted Templars in the interest of Templary.

Rehearsals are held periodically, and social affairs are held during the year for the members. To become a member, a Noble who is a Past Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar should apply to the Chairman.



SIR KNIGHTS SHOWN WITH THEIR WIVES AT THE BANQUET FOLLOWING OUR FESTIVAL

The front row from left to right are: Past Grand Commander Lloyd A. Landgren who was Commander of Kenosha Commandery No. 30 in 1939, Grand Commander of the State of Wisconsin in 1948, Department Commander of the Grand Encampment in 1950-1951 and 1952, at present is chairman of the General Committee of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin, and is Sentinel in the Grand Imperial Council of the Order of Red Cross of Constantine; Mrs. Landgren; Sir Knight Gilbert J. Schwartz who is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, belongs to Kenosha Commandery No. 30, is a member of Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin, and is Hospitaler of the Wisconsin Consistory. In the back row from left to right are: Mrs. Heller; Past Grand Commander Irving L. Heller of Henry L. Palmer Commandery No. 42 in Milwaukee, is a member of the Grand Commandery Committee on Doings of Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, is also a member of the Grand Commandery Committee on Codifying and Revision, and is director of the Tripoli Shrine "Crusaders"; Mrs. Thompson; and Paul T. Thompson, Eminent Commander of Kenosha Commandery.

The picture of the "Crusaders" shows the Past Commanders of Milwaukee County Commanderies who make up the Knight Templar Degree Unit. The single man on the right is Past Grand Commander Irving L. Heller, the director of the group.

COLORADO NEWS

(By courtesy of Sir Knight James R. Hoffman, P. G. C., former Department Commander.)

The Denver Area Knights Templar Association, composed of the officers of the six Metropolitan Commanderies, has inaugurated a somewhat novel activity for our Templars. It had been noted that it became increasingly difficult for each individual Commandery to turn out a respectable number of Sir Knights in full uniform for a Templar escort at funerals.

Under the leadership of Sir Knight Milton E. Lewis, of Colorado Commandery No. 1, the Denver Knights Templar Escort Service was formed. All Sir Knights of the six Constituent Commanderies, living in the Denver Area, are automatically eligible to be members of the Escort Service. They may be called upon for the sad duty of assisting at the funeral of a deceased Frater. Whenever Sir Knight Lewis is notified of a need for the Escort at a funeral, he canvasses his list of available Sir Knights, and he has been able to supply twenty, thirty or forty Sir Knights in full Templar uniform to attend the burial.

The fact that so many Templars appear in uniform has been of considerable satisfaction to the bereaved relatives of the deceased, and at the same time has deeply impressed the public with the activity and interest and sympathy shown by the members of the Order of Knights Templar members.

The Denver Area Association also furnished an Escort and Color Guard in full Templar uniform at the January Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Twenty-seven Sir Knights escorted the Flag of the United States into the hall and placed it "In The East" during the Opening of Grand Lodge. The Flag Ceremony was accomplished with dispatch, and in a most impressive manner.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Watertown, August 3, 4, 5, 1958

Excerpts from Report of Sir Knight Myrton R. Whittemore, R. E. Grand Commander.

York Rite Festivals

I was happy to attend part of the First Rosebud York Rite Festival at Winner, South Dakota, on November 17th, 1957. I was accompanied by our E. Grand Senior Warden Sir Knight John G. West of Rapid City.

On Thursday, May 1st, I traveled to Pierre with a group of Sir Knights from Watertown Commandery No. 7 to be present at part of the York Rite Festival in that city. V. E. Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight Albert M. Parker and a group of Sir Knights from Madison also attended. The Capitol City Commandery No. 21 of Pierre put on the Orders of the Commandery on Governor Joe Foss and a nice class of candidates.

On September 27th, I went to Aberdeen accompanied by Sir Knight Lawrence Peterson of Watertown to attend the eleventh annual York Rite Festival of the Aberdeen York Rite Bodies.

Report—Proposal for "York Rite Coordination" and York Activity

With reference to a "Proposal for York Rite Coordination" and "York Rite Activity" the three principal officers, to wit:

Carl E. Voigt, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

Arthur E. Slocum, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

Myrton R. Whittemore, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

The plan of activity adopted by the Committee was as follows:

1. The Grand Officers of the three Grand Bodies residing in each District to be the driving force behind the program by cooperating with the Officers of each Constituent body in the District.

2. Hold at least one "Royal Arch Day" in one City in each District, one "Council of Royal and Select Masters Day" in another city, in each District, and a "Commandery Day" in still another city in each District each year.

3. Beginning this year, 1958, the Committee recommended that the timing for these three York Rite events be scheduled as follows:

- a. Month of March—"Royal Arch Day."
- b. Month of April—"Commandery Day."
- c. Month of May—"Council of Royal and Select Masters Day."

4. The plans for these meetings to be made by a Committee in each district consisting of Past Grand Officers, Grand Officers and the Officers of each constituent body.

For example: (If Commandery Day)

One Past Grand Officer.

One Grand Officer.

One Eminent Commander of each Commandery in the District.

Burt D. Pearson on Templary

From address of Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, R. E. Department Commander, North Central Department, Grand Encampment.

Templary has achieved place and praise because of its remarkable contributions to learning through medium of its Knights Templar Education Foundation. It stands. Nothing can dim the lustre of its accomplishment. It is genuinely to be hoped that your Grand Jurisdiction will use it to the full in making loans to worthy students, all the while recognizing the sacredness of the fund as a trust.

Now, another great project has been reared is the broad plan to make Templary more useful, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. It is in the news frequently as an eleemosynary venture of singular merit. It is the capstone in the Templary edifice.

Hundreds of cases have been processed for attention, or are in a state of being processed. Thousands of dollars have been channeled into research, and other thousands have been earmarked as grants to approved institutions seeking ways to

ameliorate or cure the various diseases which afflict the eyes of so many of the people. There is but one qualification— inability to pay.

I do not know how many cases have developed in South Dakota. My attention has been called to one, a boy by the name of Brian Lowe, Volin, South Dakota. His was a tragic situation—one eye already bereft of sight and removed before being helped by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I am given to understand that he has regained sight in the remaining eye—and is thankful to Templary.

This would recall the words of the Master when He said: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

I trust that in this Grand Jurisdiction, The Knights Templar Magazine, is given the support to which it is entitled. It is a fine publication and with your help can be even finer as a spokesman for the Order. Every Sir Knight should be a subscriber. The cost is slight. Officers of Grand Commanderies and of Constituent Commanderies should make it their business to push the magazine, and I here and now charge you to accept this responsibility.

This Grand Jurisdiction reflects the ordered condition of the state's affairs. It is indicated in the stature of your Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders. They are Sir Knights of competence and zeal, and they continue to make significant contributions to the welfare of Templary. In whatever measure I can, I would encourage them to continue steadfast and active. They are well situated to give help and inspiration to the present Grand Commandery officers.

I am pleased to note that effective liaison has been established between and among the York Rite Bodies in South Dakota. This is a good omen of all of the constituent parts of the Rite. Unless eligible Masons are invited to join Royal Arch Chapters, and likewise Councils of Royal and Select Masters, Templary will languish.

Educational Foundation—2,328 Loans for 1958

By Sir Knight James M. Caviness, P. G. C., Texas, Chairman

I feel that the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment will be delighted to learn that in the year 1958 2,328 loans, aggregating \$1,115,334.00, were made by the various Educational Foundation Committees of the Grand Encampment. This is 698 more loans than were made in 1957 and, while I do not have all of the records, I have been informed that it is the largest number of loans made in any one year since the beginning of this educational work. You probably have the information that:

1,311 loans of \$517,994 were made in 1955

1,397 loans of 567,828 were made in 1956

1,630 loans of 733,499 were made in 1957

and while all of us probably feel more loans could have been made, it is my

humble opinion that this increase for the last few years will be an inspiration for

all of our Committees that have not been too active for some time to become inter-

ested again in making these funds available to the worthy students throughout

our nation. The Divisions showing the greatest activity in 1958, are as follows:

Division	Number of Loans Made	Amount
Pennsylvania	325	\$120,014.00
Texas	199	79,900.00
New York	149	59,575.00
Ohio	139	78,630.00
Missouri	137	24,015.00
Illinois	126	79,178.00
Maine	115	50,200.00

It has become general knowledge that today, more than ever before, educations are of the utmost importance, and several organizations, together with our government, have begun to offer some needed help to those who would not be able to attain a college education without some outside aid. It is our Committee's belief that when all of our Divisions become active in making this a REVOLVING LOAN FUND, as it was originally intended to be, that with our aid, together with that

being given by other interested organizations, our students can be taken care of without any outside assistance from the federal government. We also feel that the American freedoms for which our forefathers fought furnish the only satisfying foundation for life and government. It is also our Committee's belief that most of the increase shown during the past few years has been due to the large number of our constituent commanderies appointing an Educational Committee of three or more of their members to make personal investigations and recommendations for or against applicants from their particular area. Another strong point in favor of this fine cause is that many of those who have been aided now stand high in their various professions, and many have become members of our great Order.

When this work was inaugurated by our Grand Encampment in 1922, our beloved Order was a pioneer, if not THE pioneer, in this needed field of endeavor, and we cannot help but believe that with our membership taking a concerted active and personal interest in this great cause, would enable us in a minor way to pay a worthy tribute to our founding father and beloved Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Joseph Kyle Orr and the other loyal Sir Knights who aided him in this noble undertaking.

The inclosed list gives the number of loans and the amount made by each Division for the years 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958, together with the cash and securities held by each Division, as of December 31, 1958, that you will notice amounts in all to \$2,525,507.00 and would of course render financial assistance to a great many more students. The reports for 1958 are all in and complete, except for one or two, which will not change the over-all picture much.

Paris, Texas
 March 23, 1959

Mr. Chalmers L. Pancoast,
 Executive Director
 The Committee on Public Relations
 Hotel Warden
 Newark, Ohio

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

Referring to my letter to you of March 14, in re-checking our statements, we find that we made some errors that we would appreciate your correcting on our letter and the list sent you on the following Divisions:

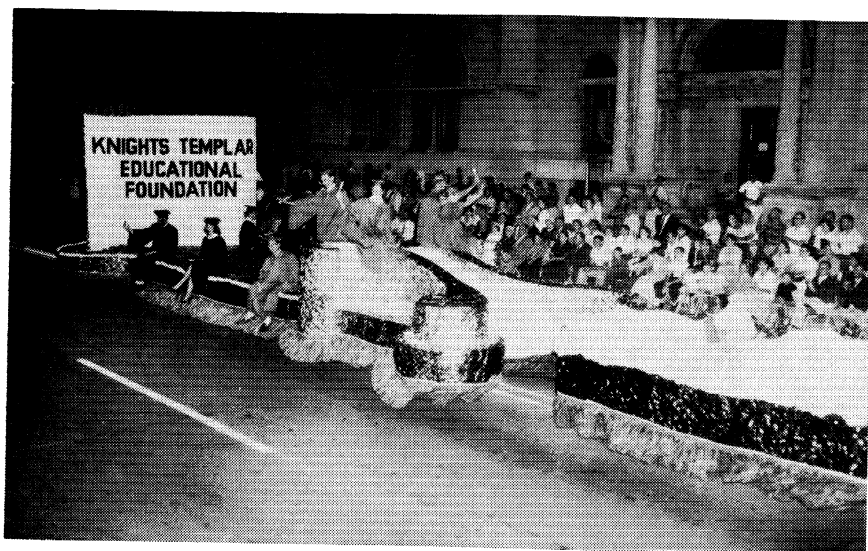
Iowa—Short on total \$100.00.
 Should be\$36,200.00
 Mississippi—Short on Total \$.91.
 Should be 14,239.91

Missouri—Over on total \$1,000.00.
 Should be 23,015.43
 Texas—Short on total \$5.00.
 Should be 79,905.00
 West Virginia—Short on total \$.50.
 Should be 30,900.50

We also feel it would be interesting in your article, if you could show that the total loans made to males during 1958 amounted to \$907,212.58 and the total amount loaned to females amounted to \$207,227.49, making a total for the year of \$1,114,440.07.

Thanking you in advance for making these corrections for us, I am

Courteously yours,
 JAMES M. CAVINESS, P. G. C.,
Chairman.



“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 \$733,499.00. 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 Indianapolis Parade, August, 1958).

Mass. & R. I. Have a Good Knights Templar Eye Foundation for Others to Follow

On January 30, 1959, Sir Knight Frank H. Wilson, P. G. C. (1945-46), mailed the following letter to all Eminent Commanders of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

To the Eminent Commanders.
Sir Knights:

At the request of the Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of U. S. A., the following Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee has been appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander for the

Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Kt. Frank H. Wilson, R.E.P.G.C.,
Chairman.

Sir Kt. William Turner, E.P.C., St.
Andrew No. 49.

Sir Kt. George H. Morse, Jr., E.P.C.,
Bethlehem No. 43.

Sir Kt. Alfred E. Grant, E.P.C., Thomas
Smith Webb No. 51.

Sir Kt. George S. Kenison, E.P.C.,
Beauseant No. 41.

The Grand Commandery Committee will act as a co-ordinating and supervising Committee. They will have the responsibility of seeing that two Commit-



"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." (Parade Float, Indianapolis, August, 1958).

tees, as hereinafter mentioned, are appointed in each Constituent Commandery and that they function and carry out the duties and objectives defined for each of these two Committees of the Constituent Commanderies.

As the Commander of your Commandery will you please appoint two Committees as follows:

- (1) A Committee of three to be known as a "Committee on Applications and Publicity."
- (2) A Committee of three to be known as a "Committee on Wills and Bequests."

Please exercise great care in the selection of the personnel to comprise these Committees, appoint those who are interested in this work, thereby enabling the K. T. Eye Foundation to greatly expand its activities and services.

The main objective is to acquaint as many people as possible with the work Knights Templar are doing with the view of expanding our work so that more persons needing eye surgery, and unable to pay, may be helped by us. Remember, this service for surgery and hospitalization is available to anyone, regardless of race, creed, color, sex or national origin, if they cannot afford to pay.

The "Committee on Wills and Bequests" should concentrate on contacting and advising those desiring to designate the K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc., as a beneficiary in their wills. We make no appeal to the public for funds although many contributions have been given in lieu of flowers.

These Committee-men in your Commandery Jurisdiction can help a great deal in furthering this great K. T. humanitarian work!

Please send in to the Grand Commandery Office the names and addresses of the personnel comprising these two Committees just as soon as you can.

Courteously yours,

FRANK H. WILSON,
Chairman.

Approved

ALFRED C. BLAKE

Grand Commander

Extracts from recipients of Grants:

From The Howe Laboratory for Research in Glaucoma with the Harvard Medical College and Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, Dr. David Cogan, Director:

"I can certainly promise that the money will be spent wisely and conscientiously for the good of eye research. Those of us in this field feel that there is no better investment for the good of mankind, and we are happy to have the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., with us in this great effort. The Howe Laboratory is doing some outstanding research into Glaucoma."

From Dr. Edward Dunphy, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School and Chief of Ophthalmology, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary:

"I would like to really congratulate your organization for its forward-looking attitude. This is the first time, to my knowledge, where a philanthropic agency has given money outright to institutions who have proved their worth and put no strings on how the money should be spent. . . ."

From Dr. Paul A. Chandler, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School and Consulting Surgeon, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary:

". . . It is a wonderful thing for your organization to make such generous contributions to the cause of research in Ophthalmology. I am sure you could not possibly have made a better investment. We look to these great research laboratories for the solving of some of our serious ophthalmological problems. They have solved many of them in the past and I am sure will solve many more in the future. Your generous support will give these laboratories a great boost. . . ."

The Great Priory of Ireland Installation Ceremony

Colonel Sir Basil Alexander Talbot McFarland, Baronet, C.B.E., H.M.L., A.D.C., Knight of Grand Cross was installed as Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of The Great Priory of Ireland, Saturday, 24th January, 1959. The Installation Dinner was held in Freemason' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

Many Sir Knights in this country will recall with pleasure, meeting Sir Knight McFarland when he has visited the Grand Encampment for the past two Triennials in the United States, 1955, and 1958. He made a most compelling impression on our membership. On these visits he was the Representative of the Grand Master of The Great Priory of Ireland.

A most attractive booklet of the Rubric and Ritual Ceremony of the installation as Grand Master of The United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, was received by Sir Knight John Temple Rice, P.G.M., and Grand Recorder. The Editor is appreciative of the opportunity to review this exceptionally beautiful booklet, in which the Ceremony of Installation was presented in detail, with names and titles of distinguished Templars.

Excerpts from the program: "Prelates and Marshal conduct Grand Master to foot of Throne . . . Escort Follows . . . Gr. Seneschal, proclaims, 'Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, I place you on the Throne and Install you thereon . . . I invest you with the Steel Chain of the Order, to which is attached the Cross of Salem, the Insignia of your Office. Receive the Sword, the emblem of Imperium or Military Power, Temper Justice with Mercy . . . Receive the Baton, the emblem of Potestas or Civil Authority. Be just and fear not . . . Finally, I deliver to you the Book of Statutes, Laws, Order and Duty . . . I declare you to be duly installed and

invested as Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of The Great Prior of Ireland'."

FROM KENTUCKY

Annual Conclave

The 112th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky will be held in the beautiful Lodge at Cumberland Falls Park on May 17, 18, 19, 1958.

It is not too early to make your reservation for this event, but, on the contrary, it is advisable that you do so at once. Room reservations should be made direct with the Park. Address your request to: DuPont Lodge, Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, Kentucky.

York Rite Bodies Plan "John Reinhard Class"

Looking forward to May, when Sir Knight John Reinhard, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, will become its Grand Commander, the various York Rite Bodies in Louisville and Jefferson County are planning a class of 100 candidates to be named the "John Reinhard Class."

It is planned for Sir Knight Reinhard to take part in the work in all degrees in the Chapter and Council and in the Orders of Knighthood.

The York Rite Mason

That fine Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Elvin F. Strain of South Dakota, has just mailed to me a copy of The York Rite Mason (No. 3), published by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of South Dakota. It is a fine work, full of interesting news, and evidence of the great surge of interest in York Rite Masonry in that state. Congratulations to the Editor, to the Committee of devoted York Rite members, for a job well done, and thanks, Elvin, for the copy.

Wisconsin Grand Recorder Publishes Bulletin

Sir Knight Earl B. Bauer, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin has recently started publication of a News Bulletin which is titled "Grand Recorder's Service Bulletin." We have just received the 3rd number of Volume 1, and find it "chuck-full" of information and most valuable to the membership. Sir Knight Bauer is to be congratulated upon such a splendid publication.

The following statement appears on page 1 of the above issue:

"Your Grand Recorder would like to thank the Grand Recorder of Kentucky for the idea of the Service Bulletin and the help of getting it under way. With this No. 3 issue go my sincere thanks, Sir Knight Carl P. King."

A favorite expression of the late Uncle Joe Ewalt was, "The duck likes to have the water poured over its back." Thanks Earl and much success in your new undertaking.

It is things like this that speaks well for the Mutual-Guild and the visits to and from other Grand Jurisdictions.

(From Kentucky Grand Commandery News Bulletin, January 1, 1959.)

ARIZONA

Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave, 1958

Devotional Service at The Presbyterian Church, Coolidge, 8:00 o'clock, Sunday Evening, October 26, 1958.

In accordance with the custom of the Grand Commandery, the Sir Knights assembled in the Masonic Temple in full uniform, and under the direction of the Grand Captain General, proceeded to the Presbyterian Church where a splendid service was conducted by Rev. and Sir Knight Charles Franklin Parker, D.D., Grand Prelate, assisted by Rev. Lewis L. Conrad, Minister.

The splendid choir was under the direction of Mrs. George E. Wood, Organist.

A Statement of Faith:

"We heartily accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, and solemnly consecrate ourselves as His disciples, to the service of the Almighty Father whom He reveals. Trusting in God's Spirit to confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, we will strive to do His holy will, to walk with our fellow-man everywhere in the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Greetings of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dwight Elmore Shannon.

The Greetings of the Right Eminent Department Commander, Sir Knight Robert E. Kimberlin.

An Anthem—"Jesus We Look to Thee," Edmiston.

The Scripture Lesson—Matthew 16:28-32; Acts 1:15-26.

The Evening Prayer—The Rev. Lewis L. Conrad.

The Prayer Response.

A Hymn—"He Leadeth Me."

The Sermon by the Eminent Grand Prelate—"The Betrayer and the Elected."

Sir Knight Dwight Elmore Shannon, R. E. Grand Commander, 1957-1958, stated:

Condition of the Order

In visiting the various Commanderies throughout the State, I find the condition of the Order to be good. There is a fine spirit of friendliness prevailing among the Sir Knights.

At the close of the year 1957 our membership stands at 1283, a net gain of 72 over the preceeding year. I would be remiss if I did not call to your attention that we had a total gain of 149 for the same period, of this amount 109 were knightings. This is an indication that you Sir Knights are working for a bigger and better Knights Templary in Arizona. I also note by the returns that honorable dismissals are down by 39 per cent which is very commendable. Suspension for non-payment of dues remains about the same. I am sure that when the returns are in for this year that we will show even a larger gain than last year.

Constituting Yuma Commandery No. 10

On Saturday, December 14, 1957, I convened the Grand Commandery of Arizona in Special Conclave in the Masonic Temple in Yuma for the purpose of Constituting Yuma Commandery No. 10.

We welcome this New Commandery into our ranks. We feel sure that in time that they will no doubt make the progress that we are expecting of them. To Sir Knight Edward P. Schmitt, Commander of Yuma Commandery and all the Sir Knights of the area our thanks for all the preliminary work in the forming of this Commandery.

Appreciation

I wish it were possible for me to adequately express to the Sir Knights my appreciation for all the courtesies shown me during my visitations throughout the State. Words of praise and thanks are due our Grand Recorder, Henry P. Johnson. In spite of the distance between our offices, he was always ready and willing at my beck and call to help me out. His

knowledge of Templary, his cooperation and companionship, were not only an aid to me in the discharge of my duties, but also afforded many hours of pleasure and good fellowship. To all Past Grand Commanders and all the line officers, my heartfelt thanks for your cooperation and untiring efforts you have afforded me during the past year. To Sir Knight Carey B. Wilson, personal appreciation for my original line appointment, and to each of our Sir Knights for their confidence in electing me during the years.

It is indeed an honor and privilege to belong to such an Order of True Christian Soldiers whose battle cry is "Onward Christian Soldiers."

As a token of my gratitude to each and everyone of you, and to my successor, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander J. Earl Smith, I now pledge my continued help and support to this Grand Commandery in your undertakings.

Respectfully,

D. E. SHANNON,
Grand Commander.



"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 knealt in prayer. Indianapolis Parade, Aug. 16, 1958.

EUGENE OREGON ACTIVITY

Springfield, Oregon.

February 7, 1959.

Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast

Eugene Assembly No. 198, Social Order of the Beauceant, held their installation of Officers for 1959, on December 15, 1958, in the Masonic Temple, Eugene, Oregon at 7:30 P. M. This was their second installation since the Assembly was organized. The First Worthy President was Mrs. Robert F. Wagner. They honored the following Sir Knights: Ray E. Allen, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oregon; Merle W. Frisbie, Grand Senior Warden, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon; Charles Willey, Grand Warder, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon; Eminent Commander, Edward W. Norton, of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene; Eminent Commander, Ray Nelson, Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24, Cottage Grove; Eminent Commander, Elmer Dorr, DeMolay Commandery No. 5, Salem, Oregon; Eminent Past Commander, J. P. Mehlig, Bruce Commandery No. 17, Corvallis, Oregon; Harry A. Watson, Past Master, Albert Pike, Blue Lodge No. 162, Portland, Oregon; George A. Williams, Past Master, Corvallis Blue Lodge No. 14, Past High Priest, Ferguson Chapter No. 20, Royal Arch Masons, Corvallis, Oregon; Past Illustrious Master, Oregon Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters, Corvallis, Oregon; and Generalissimo, Bruce Commandery, No. 17, Knights Templar, Corvallis, Oregon.

Eminent Past Commanders, of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, as follows: Hal E. Hill, and Robert F. Wagner, also Hal E. Hill, Master of the Seventh Arch, Royal and Select Masters of Oregon and Max G. Cogill, Illustrious Master, Hiram Council No. 7, Royal and Select Masters, of Eugene, Oregon. Sir Knight Robert Loomis Royal Patron, and Mrs. Robert F. Loomis, acting Royal Matron, Willamette Court, Order of Amaranth, Eugene, Oregon, on account their Royal Patron, Mrs. Florence Jacobs, is ill and in the hospital.

Mrs. George Williams, Worthy President, Corvallis Assembly, S. O. B. No. 201, Corvallis, Oregon and Mrs. Richard Meyers, Worthy President, Portland Assembly No. 41, S. O. B., Portland, Oregon.

The installing Officer was Mrs. Frank D. Talbot, Past Worthy President, of Portland, Oregon, along with the other installing officers, who were all Past Worthy Presidents, of Portland Assembly No. 41, Portland, Oregon.

Installing Marshall, Mrs. Frank Meyers, Assistant Marshall, Mrs. Jack Roberts; Chaplain, Mrs. Charles L. Updegraff; Director of Music, Mrs. Earl Fishel; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Alfred Jannesen; Color Bearer, Mrs. Harry Watson.

The 1959 Officers are as follows: Worthy President, Mrs. E. Alton Schroeder; Oracle, Mrs. Robert F. Wagner; First Vice President, Mrs. Merle W. Frisbie; Second Vice President, Mrs. Ray Nelson; Preceptress, Mrs. William F. Guske, and Recorder, Mrs. Harlan Carter.

Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Hunt; Marshall, Mrs. Herle O. Hanson; Assistant Marshall, Mrs. George C. Robinson; Chaplain, Mrs. Edward W. Norton; Director of Music, Mrs. Hal E. Hill; Standard Bearer, Mrs. George Witters; Color Bearer, Mrs. Ernest A. Stacks; Mistress of the Wardrobe, Mrs. Rex Menegat; Daughter of the Household, Mrs. Ray E. Allen; Inner Guard, Mrs. Edwin H. Mertens; Outer Guard, Mrs. Merle Moore.

After the installation, Mrs. Frank D. Talbot, gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Social Order of the Beauceant, and how it came about to be organized.

During the planning for a Knights Templar Conclave in Denver in 1889, the Sir Knights of Denver Commandery, found themselves in need of help to entertain the wives and widows of Sir Knights, so they called on the wives of the Sir Knights to assist them during the large assembly.

In 1890 the wives and widows of Denver Colorado organized Denver Assembly No. 1, Social Order of the Beauceant,

they are the Auxiliary of the Knights Templar. They have grown to over 200 Auxiliaries in the United States and Hawaii.

The name Beauceant, came from the Banner of the Knights Templar. She said that they were not a charitable organization, although, we do charitable work. They are very interested in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and have contributed over \$14,000 dollars to the fund through the various assemblies, in the United States and Hawaii.

Eugene Assembly feels that Mrs. Talbot, is a part of their assembly, for she was instrumental in the organizing of the Eugene Assembly.

Assistant Marshall, Mrs. George D. Robinson, asked permission to approach the East and made the presentation of the Past Worthy President's Ring to their first Past Worthy President, Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, and she made a lovely presentation, which touched the first Past Worthy President very deeply.

Sir Knight Alton E. Schroeder, as permission to approach the East and presented his wife the New Worthy President with a new gavel in a nicely wrapped package. August 27th is the official birthday of Eugene Assembly No. 198.

A nice turn out for the affair with Sir Knights and the Ladies of which refreshments were served.

Fraternally yours,

MAX G. COGILL

Member Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, Eugene, Oregon.

Springfield, Oregon.

January 10, 1959.

Sir Knight, Chalmers L. Pancoast

At a stated Conclave of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, of Eugene, Oregon, which was held January 5, 1959, they had the pleasure and Honor of the Official Visitation, of the Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, Right Eminent Sir Knight John H. Saul, of Pendleton, Oregon. He was accompanied by S. K. Lyman C. Palmer, Past Grand Commander, who is also

Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Oregon, S. K. Ray E. Allen, Past Grand Commander, S. K. Joe Throop, Past Eminent Commander, of Cerro Gordo Commandery, Cottage Grove, Oregon and District Supervisor, District No. 3, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, S. K. Merle W. Frisbie, Grand Senior Warden, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, S. K. Charles Willey, Grand Warden, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon.

After the introduction and reception of the Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon and the members of his official family by Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Edward W. Norton, of Ivanhoe Commandery, the Grand Commander, recognized other York Rite officers and Sir Knights which were, S. K. Ray Nelson, Eminent Commander of Cerro Gordo, Commandery of Cottage Grove, Oregon, S. K. Robert F. Wagner, Past Eminent Commander, of Ivanhoe and District Deputy Grand High Priest, of the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Oregon, S. K. Hal E. Hill, Past Eminent Commander, of Ivanhoe Commander, Past Illustrious Master, of Hiram Council No. 7, Royal and Select Masters, Past Excellent High Priest, of Eugene Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, and Master of the Seventh Arch, of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon, Sir Knight Max G. Cogill, Illustrious Master, of Hiram Council No. 7, Eugene, Oregon, and Sir Knight Harry H. Hobbs, 33°, Scottish Rite Mason.

It was a cold night with freezing weather and snow of which is unusual for the Willamette Valley.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight John H. Saul came down from the East and introduced Sir Knight Lyman C. Palmer, Past Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, as the one Sir Knight that he wanted to publicly thank for starting him out in the Commandery and said that Lyman knighted him in that same room several years ago.

The Grand Commander's message was very enlightening and very interesting as he gave a preview of York Rite Masonry and a history of where York Rite Masonry started. York Rite Masonry was started by the First King Athelstan, the first King of all England, prior to 1600, had a Cathedral built and in the Crypts of the Cathedral basement they find that the Order of the Temple was conferred by operative Masons, and they took in Knights, Earls, Dukes. The 15 articles and 15 points are the principal points of Masonry. The Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of Masonry were organized prior to 1600. All York Rite Masons belong to one of the oldest Fraternal Organizations in the World. He said it was time that Masons should rededicate themselves to the principals of Freemasonry. He spoke of the grass roots of Masonry in the preview of York Rite Masonry. He said the Fraternal part of Masonry is the greatest part of Masonry. If all masons would rededicate themselves to the fraternal part of Masonry as taught in the Entered Apprentice Degree, they would be better Masons. He gave the history of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, which was composed of 3 subordinate Commanderies which were Oregon Commandery No. 1 of Oregon City, Oregon, later transferred to Portland, Oregon, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2 of Eugene, Oregon and Temple Commandery No. 3 of Albany, Oregon. The Grand Commandery of Oregon was organized April 13, 1887.

An announcement in your magazine will be greatly appreciated.

SIR KNIGHT MAX G. COGILL

Member Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2,
Eugene, Oregon.

Springfield, Oregon.

January 10, 1959.

Sir Knight, Chalmers L. Pancoast
Editor "Knight Templar" Magazine

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights
Templar of Eugene, Oregon, and Cerro
Gordo Commandery No. 24, Cottage
Grove, Oregon, held a joint Christmas
Observance, in the Masonic Temple, in
Eugene, Oregon Sunday, December 14.

There were about 150 persons present for the candle lighted ceremony and service.

A group of Sir Knights in Uniform with Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Sir Knight Edward W. Norton, were seated in the formation of a white Cross with lighted candles.

Prior to the entry into the Commandery Asylum the Sir Knights who were ushers, lighted the candles as Sir Knight Charles Willey, Grand Warder, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon played the Organ Prelude, after the candles were lighted, the Sir Knights entered the asylum and were seated at the Cross. The Grand Commandery representatives, made their entrance prior to the Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, Sir Knight Edward W. Norton, and Eminent Commander Sir Knight Ray Nelson, of Cerro Gordo Commandery, which was followed by the Sir Knights in the Cross, composed of Sir Knights of both Commanderies.

Eminent Commander's Greeting by Sir Knight Edward W. Norton; Devotion by Excellent Prelate, S. K. Richard Cooper; Solo by S. K. Murnard England; The Prophecy by S. K. Merle Frisbie, Grand Senior Warden, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. The Christmas Message by S. K. Lyman Palmer, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. His message was well received and very appropriate and enlightening for the Christmas season, and well delivered and enjoyed by all. The Sentiment by S. K. Charles Welley, Grand Warder, The Toast by Eminent Commander Edward W. Norton and Sir Knights at the lighted Cross. The Grand Master's response by S. K. Vincent J. Farina, Eminent Past Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery. The Grand Commander's response by S. K. Ray E. Allen, Past Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. Roll Call Ceremony for Departed Sir Knights, by S. K. Robert Wagner, Past Commander, of Ivanhoe and Sir Knights seated at the Cross.

SIR KNIGHT MAX G. COGILL

Member of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2,
Eugene, Oregon.

Order of Knights Templar an Important Step in Masonic Enlightenment

Members of the Order of Knights Templar of the present day are Master Masons, who by their loyalty, zeal and devotion, are making Templary the inspiring Christian Order, which has the respect, esteem and admiration of the general public; and the good fellowship and loyal friendships have made the Order stand for something of supreme value in modern life and society and the community.

In York Rite Masonry the Order of the Temple is an important step in Masonic advancement and enlightenment. The Order of the Temple has been termed one of the grandest and most impressive Orders in all Freemasonry, the final Order which completes the beautiful York Rite ceremonies.

The Order of the Temple, takes its name and receives much of its inspiration from a Chivalric and Military organization of the Ninth Century, when the world was in a state of chaos, not knowing what was coming next in the world. The candidate for the Order represents a Knight of the period that succeeded the Crusades, who has made a vow to visit the Holy Sepulchre, and is an aspirant to become a Knight Templar, the better to fulfill that vow. As a trial of his worthiness there is enjoined upon him seven years of preparation, beginning with an unarmed pilgrimage in the direction of the Holy Shrine. Beautiful lessons are inculcated and the candidate is at last received into full fellowship in the most solemn manner. The ritual and scene in connection with the Order of Temple, with the final obligation, is probably the most impressive ceremony (and the one most likely to be remembered) in all Freemasonry.

The York Rite of Freemasonry, Blue Lodge, Symbolic Degrees, of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason.

. . . Chapter, Capitular Degrees, of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason . . . Council, Cryptic Degrees, of Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master. . . . The Order of Knights Templar, Chivalric Orders (also known as The Commandery), Order of Red Cross, The Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta, and the final Order of The Temple. (The cross adorned Uniform, with Baldrick, Sword and Chapeau).

The work in each Degree and Order as progressively taken sheds light upon the prior Degrees and Orders, and the Mason who is an earnest seeker after Masonic truth and enlightenment will be deeply impressed and benefited with all of them.

Those master Masons, Council and Chapter Masons, who have labored for Templar Masonry find in it something friendly, comforting and satisfying. It is a high privilege and deep responsibility to be a Knight Templar, and a member of an Order who are successors in this modern world of an Order so ancient, so noble and so glorious.

(Credit for excerpts from the York Rite Bodies of Pennsylvania in pamphlet published for the benefit of The Craft in General). Write for free sample copy of the "Knight Templar" Magazine, Greenfield, Indiana. Chalmers Pancoast, P. G. C. of N. Y. Editor.

(Masonic Publications kindly copy).

The York, or Capitular, Rite has a particular place in every community whether the locality be small or sizeable. Blue Lodges struggling to maintain their Temple edifices achieve solvency when the overhead is shared by active Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, functioning Councils of Royal and Select Masters and militant Commanderies of Knights Templar.

The Autumn Days of a Sir Knight

*Men Never Become Too Old To Serve
in the Ranks of Templary.*

(By Chalmers Pancoast)

Many Sir Knights in the autumn of life reveal in heart and soul qualities the same as the gold and glorious brilliancy of autumn leaves.

A noted forester has explained that "Time" and not the frost is responsible for the rich, golden coloring of leaves in the fall of the year.

How like leaves are the lives of men. In the bright springtime of life in peaceful greens, gaily adding beauty to the landscape, protecting man and beast from torturing suns, rains and storms of all kinds.

And of men—lives of usefulness, during the joyous springtime, happy and dignified in the summertime. They even may live peacefully, work and dream through pleasant active years, enjoying happy home lives.

Then comes the Autumn, and each tree, ripe in the experience of seasons receives a new dress of yellow and scarlet flame, reflecting the life of nature in all its radiant brilliancy and colorful existence.

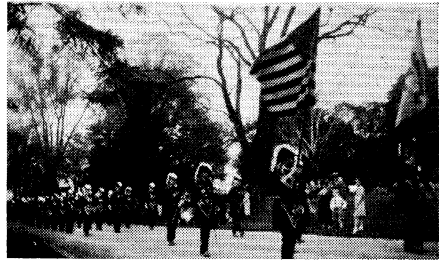
And just so does the Great Architect of the Universe happily clothe the Sir Knight in his Autumn of his life. He is revealed in the blazing garment of a pleasant personality, a flaming torch of soul quality, rich in treasured friendships, and rich in the joys of years coming to a close. Many vivid hues of experiences enter into the useful lives of Templars, and inspire others with their years of devotion, loyalty and desire to bring happiness into the lives of many other men.

At one time I entered a Commandery Asylum and found a venerable Prelate of more than forty years service, kneeling at the altar. He was offering up his prayer in a soft, mellowed voice, rich in tones of comfort and peace. As I lis-

tened to his prayer of sincere human sympathy, his prayer filled with the wisdom that comes with the passing of the years, I thought of a bit of verse about the Autumn tree which I had read at some time.

"How kind of God to give each tree
These days of radiant brilliancy!
A week or so of golden flame,
He lets them enjoy a brief fame.
He makes of them a blazing ray,
Before he ends their little day.
A little while, please God, lend me
Their vivid hues, I ask of Thee;
Ah, let me be, before I die
A flaming torch against the sky."

In the Autumn of Life we meet many men who have lived nobly, deeply and devotedly, and who are like flaming torches against the sky of life. They light the way and give hope and inspiration to those in the springtime of life, who have not as yet felt the touches of frosts and time.



NEW FLAG TO BE FLOWN FIRST
TIME AT FT. McHENRY

Baltimore—The nation's new 49-star flag will get its official inauguration at Ft. McHenry here where the "Star Spangled Banner" was born.

President Eisenhower has requested that the Stars and Stripes with Alaska's star on it be hoisted over the fort at 12:01 a. m. on July 4th.

Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the National Anthem while being held on a British man-of-war which took part in the September 12, 1814 bombardment of Ft. McHenry.

The Knights Templar of Today Directly Descended from Ancient Army of Crusaders

Some historians trace the present day Order of Knights Templar directly to the Order of the Temple, that was founded soon after the capital of the Holy Land was captured centuries ago.

Important events do prove that the modern Order of Knights Templar has descended through devious paths from these ancient warriors—The Crusaders.

In 1118, nineteen years after the conquest of Jerusalem by the Crusaders, Hugh de Payens was installed Grand Master and Baldwin II King of Jerusalem granted them quarters in the sacred inclosure of the Temple of Solomon. They became known as "The Knight-

hood of The Temple of Solomon."—"Knights Templar" or "Knights of the Temple." Thus the name is a direct inheritance.

In 1146 the Templars unfolded the Red Cross Banner on the field of Battle. They wore the Red Cross upon their garments which distinguished them from The Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who wore the White Cross. Today the Red Cross is an important insignia in the Order.

On April 6th, 1199, King Richard I (Coeur de Lion) The Lion Heart, died. Many Commanderies of the United States bear the name honoring this Ancient



"RICHARD—THE LIONHEARTED MEETS SALADIN"

Known as The Third Crusade, Richard Coeur de Lion, was one of the great leaders and helped to assemble the greatest armament 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 Moslems stands in history as one of the most important documents of the Crusades. (Indianapolis, 1958).

Crusader. Among them are Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 23, New York City; Coeur de Lion No. 17, Scranton, Pa.; there is No. 64 in Cleveland, Ohio and others in various states.

After the fall of Jerusalem in 1187, the Order withdrew to Acre and to Cyprus in 1291.

Commanderies in every State bear the names of Jerusalem, Cyprus, Palestine, Crusader and others important in the history of the Crusades.

March 18th, 1313, Jacques de Molay, the Grand Master, with four other distinguished brethren were burnt at the stake, on the Isle de la Citi, Paris, near the spot where now stands the equestrian statue of Henry IV—Thus perished the last Grand Master of the original Order of the Temple.

The memory of the ancient Templars is commemorated by the modern Templars through emblems, names, historical episodes and the highest ideals of Knighthood.

After the overthrow (not destruction) of the Order of Knights Templar throughout Europe, through many sources the existence of the Order was protected from complete annihilation.

There are several channels deemed to be feasible and authentic, from which the Order may claim rightful succession. This statement is justified by the following facts:

Four years after the death of Jacques de Molay, Dennis, King of Portugal, in 1317, re-established the Order of The Temple in his dominions.

In France, Johannes Larmenius was elected successor to Jacques de Molay, from which came the French Templars. The Charter is preserved in Paris. It was from this line that the Duke of Sussex (1824) then Grand Master of Masons of England, received authority to establish a Grand Conclave in England.

Other historians recognize Pierre d'Aumont as the successor of de Molay, from whom came the German Templars of Strict Observance.

Upon the death of Jacques de Molay the Grand Master of the Templars, Pierre d'Aumont, the Provincial Grand Master of Auvergne, with two Commanders and five Knights, went to Scotland where they continued the Order.

On St. John's Day 1313, d'Aumont was made Grand Master. These Knights became Freemasons. In 1361, the Grand Master removed his headquarters to Old Aberdeen, and from that time, the Order, as a Masonic body, spread rapidly through France, Germany, Spain and to other countries.

Laurie in his "History of Freemasonry in Scotland" assures us that "The Knights of the Temple were introduced into Scotland before 1153, by King David I. During the persecutions of the Order in the fourteenth century the Knights took refuge with Robert Bruce, who founded the Masonic "Order of Heredom" or "Royal Order of Scotland," after the battle of Bannockburn 1314, and became Grand Master.

In the reign of James IV (1488) a union was affected between the Knights of The Temple and of St. John.

Then there are those historians who claim authority from Prince Charles Edward and his adherents the Templars of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Also there were The English Templars, with authority in a body called "Baldwyn Encampment," that formed with encampments from London, Bath, York and Salisbury, supposed to have united with the Masonic fraternity.

We may assume that the Order of Knights Templar was transmitted to the United States, by a few Sir Knights who having received the Order in England, Scotland or Ireland, emigrated or were sent as Soldiers to this country.

It is a known historical fact that Templar Masonry was introduced into New England through British Soldiers. October 1st, 1768, several regiments of British Soldiers arrived in Boston. The Army Lodges with these regiments brought a

knowledge of The Order of the Temple. They affiliated with the Lodge of St. Andrew of Boston, with its Charter from Scotland, and worked under the same "Ancient" system as the British Army Lodges.

On August 28th, 1769, William Davis, a Past-Master and member of British Army Lodge No. 58, was made the first Knight Templar on American soil.

Through a Royal Arch Lodge formed by British Soldiers and members of The Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston, The Order of The Temple was conferred on not less than fifty candidates from August 28th, 1769 to December 1799.

Paul Revere was made a Knight Templar December 11th, 1769; General Joseph Warren, May 4th, 1770, and other famous patriots became Templars. From that time on there is a true chronology of Templar History. Each state having its own encampments and own authority.

As early as 1785 Knights Templar organizations were active in New York City. In the celebration of St. John's Day, December 27th, 1785, and June 24th, 1789 and 1795, they marched in street processions.

June 18th, 1814, the Grand Commandery of New York was organized; now with 40,000 members. June 22nd, 1816, The Grand Encampment of the United States was organized; with today a membership close to half a million.

ALL MASONIC CRUISE

All Masonic cruise to St. John, St. Thomas, San Juan, and Nassau; a ten day cruise departing New York November 6, and returning November 16, 1959.

Sir Knight Eben Thayer Fogg of the Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, K. T. has arranged a charter of the M. S.

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Akron, Ohio, Easter Service

The Twenty-eighth Annual Easter Sunrise Service was held at The Palace Theatre, Akron, Ohio, Sunday, March 29, 1959 at six o'clock. Sir Knight Harry H. Ferrall, who mailed in the report, wrote: "There were more than a hundred Uniformed Sir Knights. The attendance was large. The theater was filled with 2,500 worshippers. And the Service was most impressive."

The Easter Message was by Rev. Reuben J. Schroer, D.D., Pastor, First Evangelical & Reformed Church, Aldon, Ohio, whose subject was "Then Were The Disciples Glad." . . . The Invocation and The Benediction were by The Rev. and Sir Knight Arnold W. Meckstroth, D. D.

Akron Commandery No. 25, Bethany Commandery No. 72, and Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83, Knights Templar, wish to thank the Quartet; Dorothy Deininger, the Organist; The Akron Masonic Band; Temple Chapter Order of DeMolay; Radio Station WADC; The Billow Co.; Keith Albee Theatre; Grotto Safety Patrol; and the O'Neil Company. These fine organizations have been a great inspiration to all by the contribution they have made to our Easter Sunrise Service.

LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD

At the time of the Crucifixion, the dogwood attained the size of the oak and other forest trees. So strong and firm was the wood that it was chosen as the timber for the Cross.

To be used for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this.

In His gentle pity for all sorrow, He said to it: "Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, I make you this promise: Never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a Cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and shall be bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross.

"And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints. And in the center of the flower, brown and rust and stained with blood, will be a crown of thorns—so that all who see it will remember it was upon a dogwood tree that I was Crucified. And this tree shall not be mutilated nor destroyed, but cherished and protected as a reminder of My agony and death upon the Cross."

Fred England Appointed Civilian Aide to Brucker

Washington, Dec. 6—It was learned here Saturday that Fred England, Jr., of Lansing, president of England-Cook company, has been appointed by Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker as civilian aide to the secretary of the army for the state of Michigan. The appointment, which carries no pay, is for a two-year term, effective December 1, 1958.

The primary function of the civilian aide is to provide a close liaison between the army and the public. In addition, the civilian aides act as civilian representatives of the secretary of the army in the field, interpreting army policies which have an impact on the life of the civilian population.

England will be briefed on current objectives of the army and related matters by Lt. Gen. William H. Arnold, Fifth Army commander.

Last spring Mr. England was one of 73 business, professional and industrial leaders of the nation invited to visit the Eglin, Fla. air force base for an orientation conference on the workings of the nation's system of defense.

He also has been active in Lansing civic and fraternal affairs.

In 1957 Fred England was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan.

From The State Journal, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1958, Lansing, Mich.

Mass Formation Parade

Many people who have never witnessed a Knights Templar Parade leave before the second part and miss the greatest spectacle of the parade—the Mass Formation.

It has been many years since some cities have had the privilege of seeing Sir Knights in parade formation, and this is an event every citizen should witness, and in which all Sir Knights should join.

The American Flag, emblem of our Nation's greatness, is an important part in every Knights Templar parade. It is carried at the head of the parade, as well as by the Color Guard of every Commandery and Division.

All Grand Commanderies and constituent Commanderies cherish their Banners, which have distinguished those Commanderies since the year they were Chartered. Down through the years they have been carried at the head of these Commanderies in Street Parades and at Divine Services. These beautiful Banners honor the memory of the Ancient Crusaders, who had headquarters in the Temple of Solomon, and thus became known as Knights Templar.

Templar Masonry is an institution which honors its symbols. The Grand Standard of the Order is one symbol which has a very sacred meaning to every Sir Knight. The Standard or Banner of an organization is one of the oldest symbols known to man—the Cross. Since the days of the Crusades certain Standards, Pennons, or Guidons have been used to designate certain bodies or groups of men. In this way each Grand and Constituent Commandery in the United States, since the day it was Chartered, carried a Banner which distinguished it from other Commanderies.

Modern Knights Templar have adopted a Grand Standard which is regulation for all Commanderies of Knights Templar throughout the United States. In the

center of this Grand Standard is a Red-blood Passion Cross, over which is the motto of the Order "In hoc signo vinces," and other phrases of significance to the Order. On the top of the staff is a gilded globe or ball, surmounted by the Cross of Salem, the Cross in crimson edged with gold. Along side the Grand Standard is carried the Beauseant, the war banner of the ancient Templars.

The honor position is given to the Flag of the United States of America. General George Washington said: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our Mother Country, separating it by white stripes, and these stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

THE ODE

THE HEAD

Behold this ruin! 'Twas a skull
Once of ethereal spirit full;
This narrow cell life's retreat,
This space was thought's mysterious
seat.

What beauteous visions filled this spot
With dreams of pleasure long forgot
Nor hope, nor love, nor hate, nor fear
Has left one trace on record here.

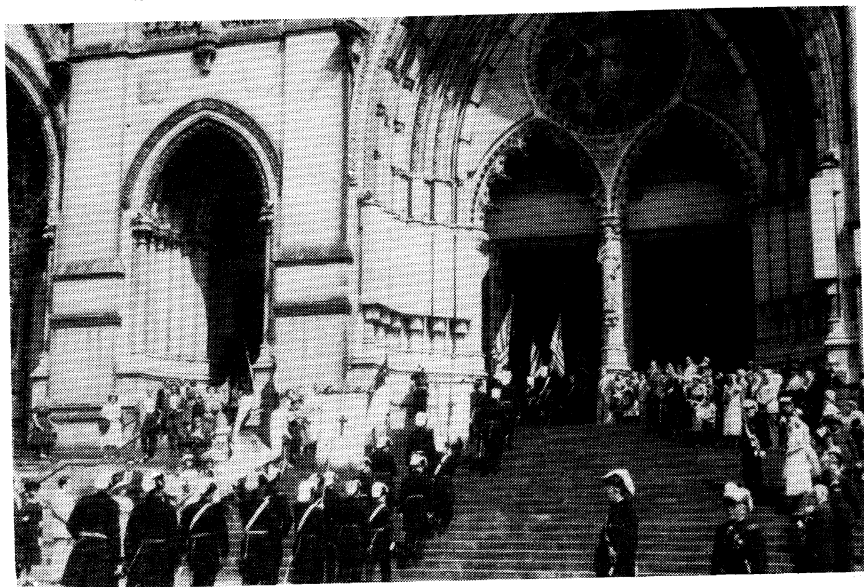
THE HANDS

Say, did those fingers delve the mine,
Or with the envied ruby shine?
To hew the rocks, to wear the gem,
Can little now avail to them?
But if the page of truth they sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,
These hands a richer meed can claim
Than all that wait on wealth or fame.

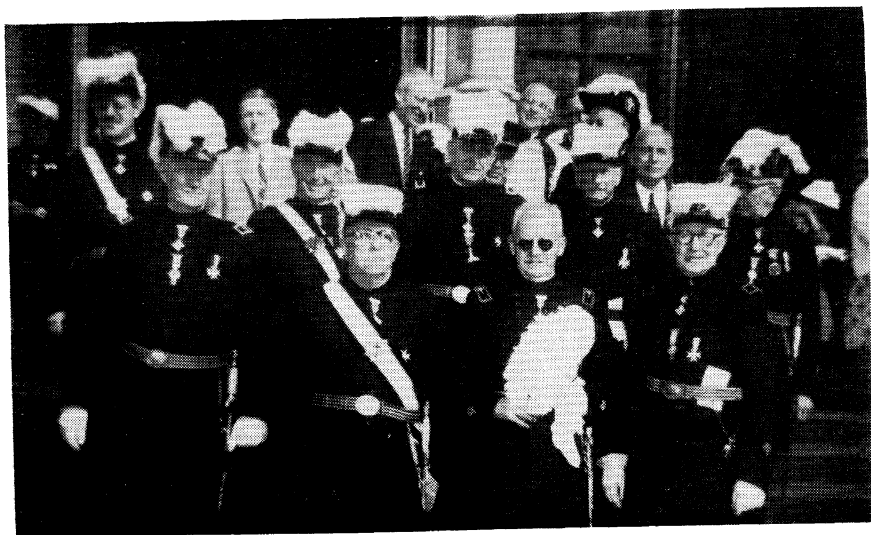
THE FEET

Avails it whether bare or shod
These feet the paths of duty trod?
If from the bowers of ease they fled
To seek affliction's humble shed;
If grandeur's guilty bribe they spurned,
And home to virtue's cot returned—
These feet with angel's wings shall vie,
And tread the palace of the sky.

SERVICE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE



Members Coeur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, New York City on steps of Cathedral of St. John the Divine.



Front Row: George B. Johnson, John Clary, Marshall D. Rice and Harry Katz.
Back Row: Kurt F. Heumann, Robert Barlow Hall, Karl H. Kohlhepp, Audley K. Leon, Fordyce B. Tuell and Price B. Hall.

Southern California Grand Commandery Centennial Celebration

On Saturday, March 7, 1959 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, Santa Monica, California, Departments Five, Six and Seven of the Grand Commandery combined forces to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon 365 Royal Arch Masons, the largest number of candidates ever to receive the Christian Orders in California at one time.

The State Champion Full Form Opening Team of Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 61 opened the Conclave at 12:30 P. M.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross followed, being conferred in amplified form by San Diego Commandery No. 25 and Harmony Commandery No. 71.

The Greater Order of Malta was conferred by the great Cast of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, supplemented by Golden West Commandery No. 43, also in full amplified form.

The combined Bands of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 and Golden West Commandery No. 43 under the Direction of Sir Knight Hugh McNutt played during the intermissions and scene changes. The Gay Nineties Band of Centennial Commandery, U. D. entertained during the dinner hour.

After the Chamber of Reflection and the first four Libations, dinner was served to the 1100 Sir Knights (and Candidates) present.

Following the Reception of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Robert M. Kewick and his suite, the Order of the Temple was conferred by a composite Cast selected from the Commanderies in Southern California by the Director of Ritual, Sir Knight William D. Tucker.

Five different groups of Officers were used and the Knighting was performed by the Right Eminent Commander.

All the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery were present with the exception of the Grand Prelate.

Sir Knights William C. Leeson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California; Harry R. Sones, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest; Allan S. Mason, R. E. Grand Scribe; Chester H. Newell, Grand Secretary; James F. Dougan, Grand Lecturer and Wilbur Carson, E. Grand Royal Arch Captain were present and received by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Also received were Sir Knights Emmett H. Ernst, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of California; Robert L. Karnes, R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Irvin B. Beckam, R. I. Grand Captain of the Guard and Charles W. Redlin, R. I. Grand Steward.

Sir Knight Angus L. Cavanagh, Past Grand Master General of the Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour of North America.

A most pleasant and harmonious day and a beautiful climax to end Southern California's contribution to a great Centennial Year.

FREDERICK M. JACOBS,
General Chairman.

Southern California Grand Commandery Centennial Celebration.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Knights Templar, headed by R.E.G.C. Robert W. Michael, were prominently represented for the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery when approximately 175 Sir Knights and ladies—chiefly from the Central, Southeastern and Northeastern sections of the Grand Commandery—converged on Washington for a weekend of holiday activities. An imposing delegation from Mary Commandery No. 36, Philadelphia, was on hand for the ceremony on the chilly but bright Easter morning, and more than 75 Sir Knights and Ladies from Division No. 16 and surrounding Commanderies made group arrangements for their visit under the chairmanship of Sir Knight Richard S. Cole, Gethsemane No. 75, York.

Suggest To Master Masons To Keep Up Their Masonic Education

Say to your friends, the Blue Lodge and Chapter Masons; just as you have constantly increased your general education step by step, since the first day you entered school make sure your Masonic education is never neglected. There are several important steps in Masonry you should consider, and take the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite Masonry at the earliest possible moment.

We know from a personal experience the pleasure and gratification you must have felt in having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. You have every right to take pride in the fact that you are now numbered among the thousands upon thousands of good men throughout the world that stand for the continual advancement of Masonic Ideals.

Don't let your Masonic Education stop here. Keep going forward.

Masonry does not reveal her secrets to the thoughtless, nor all in one Degree or Order. Each one differs from another in beauty, wisdom and truth. The York Rite of Freemasonry consists of the Symbolic Degrees (Blue Lodge)—Capitular Degrees (Chapter) — Cryptic Degrees (Council) and the Chivalric Orders (Knights Templar, also known as Commandery).

In the Commandery the advancement is the Order of Red Cross, The Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta, and The Order of The Temple. The completion of the York Rite is the Order of the Temple. Considered one of the grandest, most sublime and deeply impressive of Freemasonry.

The Order of the Temple, takes its name and receives its inspiration from a chivalric and military organization of the 9th Century. The candidate for the Orders represents a Knight of the period that succeeded the Crusades. Knights Templar of the present day wear Uniforms, Chapeaus and Swords adorned with the Cross. And they are known as—

“The Soldiers of the Cross”—These Sir Knights are men who have now dedicated their lives to the service of one of the greatest and most important institutions on earth.

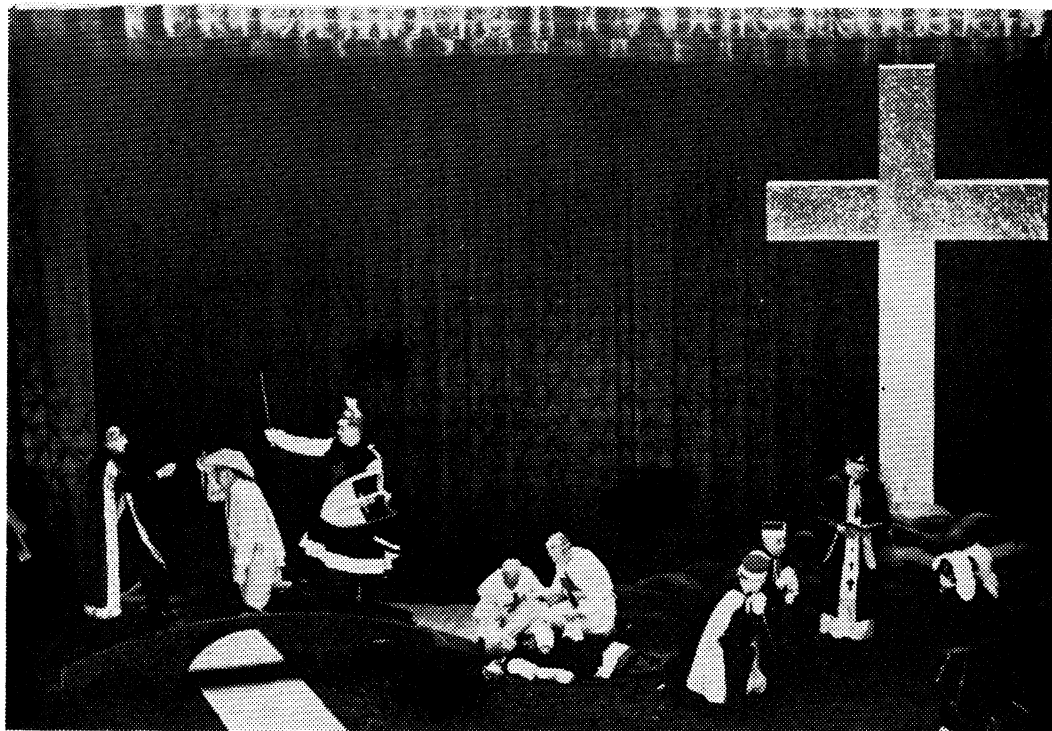
Members of the Commandery are “Marching Men”—Masons who by their loyalty and devotion are making the Order of Knights Templar the splendid Christian Order, which has the respect and admiration of the public at large. And among Masons everywhere the good fellowship and many fine friendships has made the Order—Templar Masonry—stand for something of supreme value in life. Templary is spiritual wealth that is something friendly, comforting and satisfying. It is a Uniform Order, with beautiful and inspiring ritual, which deeply places its teachings in the hearts and minds of men who are devoting their lives for the good of the Order and its future advancement.

New York State R. E. Grand Commander is Sir Knight Avery L. Bullen, Glens Falls, N. Y. The 146th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, State of New York, will be held at Glens Falls, N. Y., June 26, 27, 28, 1959. The 48th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 12th, 1961.

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NEWARK, OHIO, ST. LUKE'S COMMANDERY No. 34 OBSERVES 34th EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Photo shows "Opening Scene and Meditation," an impressive Pageant designed by Sir Knight George W. Kinney, Eminent Commander. (Left to right across stage)—Sir Knights protecting Pilgrim on his way to the Holy Land. (Center) Knight Hospitalar binding up wounded. (Right) Sir Knights following the empty Cross and the Risen Lord and Master.

Over 1,000 Easter morning worshippers attended the Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, March 29, 1959.

Order of Service—Organ Prelude by Sir Knight J. Frank Baker; Call to Worship, by Sir Knight George W. Kinney, Eminent Commander; Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," by Sir Knights and Congregation; Scripture Reading: John 20: 11-29, by Sir Knight Frank L. Cline; Anthem: "We Walk With God," by Order of Rainbow Choir.

Sermon: "My Lord and My God," by Rev. E. Hoyt Kerr, Jr., D.D., Pastor of First Presbyterian Church; Choir Director, Melane Smith; Choir Advisors, Mrs. U. E. Fluharty and Mrs. Leon Randaxhe; Pianist, Sharon Thompson; Professional Organist, J. Frank Baker.

Sir Knights in Opening Scene: Mason Foust, Samuel Hitchcock, Clifford Roberts, Bryan Redd, Joseph Homer, Hugh Conn, Morris Sales, Henry McCloskey, Kenneth Mason, William Sanor, and Clyde Turner.

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