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Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master, Placing "Cross of Lilies" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, Easter Sunday, March 29, 1959.





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## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

In the November-December, 1958 issue of the KNIGHT TEMPLAR was published my first Message to Templary as its Grand Master.

In the last few months, returns of the several Grand Commanderies have been coming to me. I have examined them with mixed feelings of hope and despair as related to Templary's future in the United States. Not all of the Grand Commanders cooperated with the Grand Master in his effort to cut down the growing list of demits and suspensions. Many Commanders of Commanderies failed to support their Grand Commanders in the effort to carry out the Grand Master's program. Some Commanders measured up to the leadership expected of them, and many Knights Templar were saved from suspension. To those Grand Commanders of the Constituent Commanderies who made a bona fide effort to "hold the line," I express my deepest gratitude.

A new set of Grand Commanders and Commanders will soon, or have shortly, come into office. To them I now direct the challenge I gave their predecessors, with the hope that they will equal the records of those who saw their duty and performed it and far surpass the records of those who followed the course of least resistance, resulting in many cases in a

loss of membership where a little Christian effort could have resulted in a gain.

One of the main objectives of York Rite cooperation should be the preservation of York Rite membership. In my travels through the States I found Grand Chapter, Council and Grand Commandery Conclaves held in succeeding days in the same City of several States. The presiding officers, if present, were distinguished guests in the several York Rite Bodies but, beyond the courtesies so extended, nothing ever developed which could be actually pin-pointed as York Rite cooperation. Such cooperation, in order to be of any resulting good, must be practiced at the local level where local Blue Lodges, Councils and Chapters help each other in preserving the membership in each of the Bodies, and to that end a joint committee, comprised of representatives of all of the local Bodies, should be created which will accept the responsibility of contacting delinquent members, examine into their ability to pay their Masonic dues, encourage them in having themselves reinstated in the Bodies in which they may be delinquent and if the committee finds the delinquent member worthy of having his dues remitted, to so recommend to Bodies in which the delinquency is found.



We have our vaunted Masonic charities where we pride ourselves on giving help to persons, regardless of race, color or creed. I, like every Knight Templar must be, am proud of our Knights Templar Educational Loan Foundation and of our latest charity, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Yet, whenever we can, we clamor and seek publicity for our acts of charity. Only in Masonic Homes to which Masons and their widows alone, as a rule, are admitted do we extend Masonic charity to the members of the Craft, to our own people. It seems to me that the time is at hand when a little more charity should be practiced at home and that we should consider more seriously our promise "to go the distance of forty miles" to help a worthy and distressed Sir Knight. So I again challenge each subordinate and constituent Commandery to see its duty and to perform it.

New members are a must if we expect to prosper. The time-worn excuse of economic conditions is resorted to because of lack of petitions for the Orders of Knighthood in various sectors of the country. That excuse I cannot accept in the face of the last reports received from the Grand Commandery of Texas and California. Texas last year showed 1721 Knightings with a net gain of 965. California showed a net gain of 1237 members.

The same economic conditions prevail in those two Grand Jurisdictions as elsewhere in the United States, but someone is working for Templary in those two States. Someone is showing excellent leadership which, coupled with whole-hearted cooperation from the constituent Commanderies, has made possible the result of a tremendous net gain in membership.

What Texas and California have done can be done proportionately by every Grand Commandery with the help of its Constituent Commanderies if able leadership is available and exercised.

This article is not written for the purpose of criticizing or scolding any Ma-

sonic Body, but for the purpose of rousing those, who have accepted posts of leadership and responsibility, to the doing of something constructive about Masonic membership.

If, as Emerson said, "America is God's last chance to make a world," then who shall say that America may not be the last high rampart of Templary, the last refuge of fraternalism, and if it is, may we highly resolve to meet the greatest responsibility in the solemn spirit of its challenge.

Templary expects each Knight Templar to see his duty and to discharge it. As Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, I expect every Grand Officer and Commandery Officer to justify his official position by meeting this challenge head on.

Courteously and sincerely yours,  
 LOUIS H. WIEBER,  
 Grand Master.

### **Class Dedicated in Memory of William Catron Gordon**

Following the knighting of thirteen Pilgrims in Trinity Commandery at Sarasota, Florida, the entire class and others present joined in a toast to the memory of WILLIAM CATRON GORDON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. And by official action of the Commandery, the thirteen new Knights were designated and recorded as the William Catron Gordon Class.

Present and taking part in the toast were Sir Knight John L. Crofts, P. G. C. and formerly North Central Department Commander, acting Commander, Sir Knight E. Robert Chable, Past Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment, acting Prelate, Sir Knight John B. Phelps, P. G. C., Grand Recorder and General Grand Master of the General Grand Council R. & S. M., Sir Knight Thomas N. Morrison, P. G. C. and formerly South Eastern Department Commander, acting Senior Warden, and Sir Knight Boyd L. Hudgins, Deputy Grand Commander of Florida.



## Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

This great humanitarian project is expanding rapidly both in the service that is being rendered as well as in popularity and enthusiasm.

Committees are being appointed in the Grand Commanderies and in Constituent Commanderies. In some jurisdictions two Committees have been appointed in every Constituent Commandery, one for the handling of Applications and Publicity and the other on Wills and Bequests. Wherever these committees have been appointed progress is being made and we are receiving more applications for surgery and hospitalization and greater publicity is being given our work.

At the Triennial Conclave held in Indianapolis our report as of July 1st showed that 250 cases had been processed. A Pamphlet issued under date of December 9 showed 366 cases had been processed. Today that figure has reached 640 cases and applications are being received every day.

It is heart-warming and soul-stirring and makes one proud of being a Knight Templar when we receive letters similar to those attached, both from the applicant and the Knight Templar who had a part in helping fill out the forms. Reports are also being received now from the various institutions that grants were awarded to for research into the little known causes of diseases of the eye which take such a heavy toll of blindness each year and those reports indicate that great progress has been made in the matter of research through the medium of the funds supplied by our Foundation.

Extracts of letters just recently received:

"I do want to say, although I know you are well aware of it, that I have not been connected with anything that has given me more satisfaction at seeing a job well done. It does my heart good to see that light of appreciation in the eyes of those we are benefitting in this great work. Certainly this is a splendid ex-

ample of the practice of Christian Virtues. I have always been proud of my affiliation with the Knights Templar and Masonry as a whole but the experiences I have had in working with this Eye Foundation have made me feel a pride that is tempered with gratitude and humility. I am sure if each Knight Templar could be closely associated with some of these cases it would do more for Templary than anything we could imagine."

"It is my opinion that within a short time the foundation will be doing a job comparable to that of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children."

"I am so happy now that I can see again, at times I could scream. With all my heart, I repeat again and again Thank You to you and the good people you represent."

"Then came the wonderful aid of Knights Templars Eye Foundation. We really thank God, for such a wonderful Foundation. It has helped turn my darkness into light. I have had a total of seven operations on both eyes. No one will ever know unless they are in total darkness like I was what the Knights Templar Eye Foundation really means. My wife leading me, praying for me and wondering if I would ever be able to see again. We know that God will always pour out blessings on such a wonderful foundation and we will forever be grateful to you for what you have done for us."

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## Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service

The twenty-ninth Easter Sunrise Service of the Grand Encampment, K. T., of the United States of America, was held Sunday, March 29, 1959, at 7:30 a. m., in the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery, which was filled to capacity. The Knights Templar, headed by Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Grand Master of Templars, and lead by the famous United States Marine Band, marched from the West Gate of the Cemetery to the Amphitheater where the service was broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company.

The opening prayer was given by the Hon. Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Phil Porter, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, and at the conclusion of the service Most Eminent Grand Master Wieber placed the traditional "Cross of Lilies" at the tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, with the assembled Sir Knights at "Present Swords" and appropriate music by the Marine Band.

The following Grand Encampment officers were present:

Sir Knights Louis H. Wieber, M. E. G. M.; Paul M. Moore, D. G. M.; Wilber M. Brucker, G. G.; Walter A. DeLamater, P. M. E. G. M.; Phil Porter, Grand Prelate.

Also Department Commanders: Edward Holloway, North Atlantic Department; Howard T. Joslyn, Northeast Department; Raymond N. Babcock, Central Atlantic Department.

Grand Commanders from the following states, many accompanied by their Grand Line officers were in attendance:

Alfred C. Blake, Massachusetts; Avery L. Bullen, New York; J. Lewis Gibbs, Virginia; Francis P. Woodcock, Vermont; Ralph C. Locke, New Hampshire; Leslie C. Bruce, Kentucky; Robert W. Michael, Pennsylvania; C. S. McIntyre, Michigan; Francis E. Devine, New Jer-

sey; Etrebil A. Schaub, Maryland; C. A. Ogle, West Virginia; Arthur S. Stewart, Florida; Lloyd O. Miller, District of Columbia.

Delegations of Knights Templar from New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland made a pilgrimage to the District of Columbia to participate.

At the conclusion of the Sunrise service in Arlington the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia sponsored a breakfast at the Willard Hotel, attended by over 500 Sir Knights and their ladies. R. E. Sir Knight Lloyd O. Miller, Grand Commander, presided. It was a fitting climax to a wonderful Easter Sunrise Service.

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### Havana Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar

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H. L. CHEMIDLIN, P. C.  
Recorder

By Order  
JOHN R. WHEELDON  
Commander

#### Recorder's Message

Sir Knight, for the mere pittance of \$7.00 which has now become due and payable, a beautifully engraved dues card will be issued to you by the Recorder.

#### Knights Knots

We are again losing a couple of our old timers, both of whom are retiring from business and going to Florida to live. Em. Sir Harry Krummel, a very efficient member of the degree teams, and Sir Jacques Kloeti, who was Treasurer for 10, these many years. And our Prelate Emeritus, Em. Sir Jimmy Fenton, has also retired and is preparing to go live in Palm Beach, Florida. Jimmy's health is quite improved.



## GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF KANSAS 90th Annual Conclave, Topeka, Kansas, May 12 and 13, 1959

The parade down Kansas Avenue, featured a spectacular street scene below.



The photograph taken by the Topeka State Journal showed a huge Living Cross as the parade swung down the Avenue. It was preceded by the massed colors of all Commanderies, and the Santa Fe marching band.

The weather was ideal for the drills.

R. E. Myron H. Cushman, Grand Commander handled all details of the Conclave in a most commendable manner and his home Commandery, Topeka No. 5 went "all out" in making it a most notable occasion.

### KANSAS

Brief review of the 90th annual Conclave, held in Topeka, Kansas, May 12 and 13, 1959.

1960 (91st) annual Conclave will be held in Hutchinson, May 10 and 11, 1960.

Outstanding events: Easily the No. 1 event of the 90th Conclave was the Divine Service and the inspirational sermon by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight John Luke Gehman, D. D., "United Under God."

Many social events were enjoyed, and the parade through the principal business section of the Capitol City was witnessed by thousands. Many said the parade was outstanding.

A note of sadness prevailed over the Conclave because of the absence of two valiant Sir Knights, one, that of E. Urban C. Brown, caused by death on March 14th, and the other, V. E. Walter H. Schrimpf, due to continuing ill-

ness which caused Sir Knight Schrimpf to withdraw. He was made an honorary Past Grand Commander.

#### Results of Competitive Drill

Class A-1—Mt. Olive No. 12, Wichita, first place; St. Bernard No. 10, Independence, second place.

Class A—Topeka No. 5, Topeka, first place.

Class B—Montjoie No. 29, Pittsburg, first place; Leavenworth No. 1, Leavenworth, second place; Cour de Leon No. 17, Parsons, third place; Lochinvar No. 52, Coffeyville, fourth place; Dodge City No. 35, Dodge City, fifth place.

Reception for Grand Commander Frank M. Yeoman at Kingman, June 13th.

Officers elected and appointed for 1959-1960: Frank M. Yeoman, Kingman No. 231, Kingman, Grand Commander; J. Laverne Dickey, Liberal No. 55, Res. R. R. 2, Satanta, Deputy Grand Commander; Carroll C. Arnett, Concordia No. 42,



Res. Belleville, Grand Generalissimo; James G. Duff, Montjoie No. 29, 606 N. Catalpa, Pittsburg, Grand Captain General; Emanuel Krug, St. Omer No. 14, Box 781, Great Bend, Grand Senior Warden; Archie Schoonover, Columbia No. 38, 1402 Broadway, Goodland, Grand Junior Warden; Everett W. Freeman, D.D., Reno No. 26, 37 East 27th St., Grand Prelate; Floyd A. Palmer, St. Bernard No. 10, Independence, Grand Treasurer; Charles S. McGinness, St. Bernard No. 10, 320 West 8th, Topeka, Grand Recorder; Ason V. Grable, Ivanhoe No. 21, 3148 Greeley, Kansas City, Grand Standard Bearer; Ralph B. Mitchell, Emporia No. 8, 913 Chestnut, Emporia, Grand Sword Bearer; Robert F. Zimmerman, Winfield, No. 15, Box 177, Douglass, Grand Warden; Carrol R. Dean, Salina No. 6, 626 South Phillips, Salina, Grand Captain of the Guard.

#### Distinguished Guests Present

R. E. Oliver S. Willham, Department Commander of the West Central Department of the Grand Encampment, and personal representative of the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

R. E. Roy Wilford Riegle, Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee of the Grand Encampment.

R. E. Edward F. Wehrbien, Grand Commander of Nebraska.

R. E. J. C. Garlitz, Grand Commander of Texas.

R. E. H. B. Willard, Grand Commander of Iowa.

R. E. George Shutz, Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma.

R. E. Emil J. Biasi, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of Iowa.

M. E. Ralph M. Burlin, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas.

M. W. Addison C. Kirby, Grand Master of Masons in Kansas.

## OREGON YORK RITE NIGHT

On April 11th, there was held at Cottage Grove, Oregon, the first of a proposed series of York Rite nights. Under the auspices of Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24 and with the able assistance of committees from A. F. & A. M. No. 51 and R. A. M. No. 41 and O. E. S. No. 4; under Ray Nelson Em. C. the chairman. An entire evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed.

A pot-luck supper was held at 6:30 followed at 8 o'clock by an hour's program consisting of music by a DeMolay group, a drill by Oakland Star Chapter, and a movie of Indianapolis races. The movies were continued in the form of comedies for the smaller children; while the older folk returned downstairs and spent the rest of the evening in dancing and cards. Light refreshments were served all evening.

All Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, and their families, were invited. Over 150 attended the pot-luck dinner; while more than 200 enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

All were of the opinion that more of these parties should be held, and everyone spoke of the good fellowship and Masonic brotherliness exhibited.

Cottage Grove Lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M.  
Cottage Grove Chapter No. 41, R. A. M.  
Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24, K. T.

RAY E. NELSON, E. C.

Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

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### LOUISVILLE-DeMOLAY

Sir Knight E. Morton Taylor, president of Louisville-DeMolay Drill Corps, on the right, presents a volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica, Jr., to Leo S. Yarutis, left, Superintendent of the Kentucky Children's Reception Center, Lyndon, in the above photo. Looking on are Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, Senior Warden, and Assistant Superintendent of the Reception Center, behind Yarutis, and Brother M. J. Clarke, center, Director of the Division of Children's Institutions.

In the background are the following members of the Drill Corps, who were present for the ceremony: Sir Knights John Reinhard, KYCH, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky; Louis W. Weissgerber, Captain General; Sam O. McReynolds, Sword Bearer; William B. Jenkins, Morton Roper, Harold D. Webb, Francis Holroyd, secretary of the Corps, Russell Petty, and Harry R. Sims.

The 12-volume set of encyclopedia, with a 2-volume dictionary, was a gift of the John Howard Association to the Reception Center, a state Welfare Department institution for delinquent children, and was sponsored by the Drill Corps of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, of Louisville, Ky. The presentation was made at the Reception Center on Sunday afternoon, November 23, 1958. Sir Knight Weissgerber is also Drill Master of the Corps.

### VIRGINIA

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION LOANS:** Too few people outside of our Organization know about the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Program. In fact, many of our own members are not properly informed about this program, particularly the new Sir Knights who had no part in contributing to the original FUND about 1921 and 1932. Therefore, there are two things that need to be done to give this program the PUBLICITY it needs. First—a program within our membership to appraise our newly created members of what we are doing in this field of SERVICE and what steps are necessary for a Student to avail him or herself of its benefits. Secondly—To make every Knight Templar a member of a Committee to give Publicity to the program and its benefits, in order that those outside of the Order will know how to secure assistance and can inform others about it. College students may be able to obtain LOANS up to \$1,400 to help finance their Education through the Fund. The money is loaned to help finance the Junior or Senior years, and advanced or postgraduate work, including vocational or professional training. Interest rates are minimal and the repayment is not required until after graduation. Students seeking application Forms or additional Information may contact the nearest Commandery of Knights Templar.



**MARYLAND****Partial List**

Schuyler C. Blackburn, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Baltimore 1, Md.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Maryland was held at the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Maryland, on Wednesday, May 13, 1959.

The Conclave was convened at 10:15 a. m. with Right Eminent Grand Commander Etrebil A. Schaub presiding.

Distinguished guests were received with appropriate honors, as follows:

Sir Knights Alfred C. Blake, R.E.G.C., Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Avery L. Bullen, R.E.G.C., New York; Ralph C. Locke, R.E.G.C., New Hampshire; Guy I. Robb, R.E.G.C., Connecticut; Carroll A. Campbell, R.E.P.G.C., Connecticut; Francis E. Devine, R.E.G.C., New Jersey; Theodore F. Voelter, R.E.P.G.C., New Jersey.

W. Johnson Bonner, representing the M.E.G.H.P. Grand Chapter of A.A.M. of Maryland.

P. B. Morehouse, M.I.G.M. Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Maryland.

George F. Flentje, Jr., representing the S.G.I.G. in Maryland, A. & A. S. R.

Edward Holloway, R.E.P.G.C. & R.E. D.C. North Atlantic Department, representing the Most Eminent Grand Master.

Harry O. Schroeder, R.E.P.G.C., representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland.

Sir Knight Charles H. Welden, who had served the Grand Commandery as Eminent Grand Recorder since 1938, announced that he was not a candidate for reelection. He was then elected Grand Recorder Emeritus and presented with appropriate shoulder straps to designate his new rank.

The recommendation of the Committee on Time and Place that the Ninetieth Annual Conclave be held at Baltimore, Maryland on Wednesday, May 11, 1960, was adopted.

The following officers for 1959-1960 were elected and appointed:

Gerald M. Pine, R.E. Grand Commander; Edward Thatcher, Jr., V.E. Deputy Grand Commander; William H. Gerlach, Jr., E. Grand Generalissimo; William E. King, Grand Captain General.

**Annual Awards Presented**

The Most Outstanding Sir Knight: to Sir Knight Howard G. Hill, Washington Commandery No. 1.

The Most Outstanding Officer below Council: to Sir Knight William A. Habicht, Columbia Commandery No. 2. Honorable Mention to Sir Knight Frederick L. Freeman, DeMolay Commandery No. 4.

The Most Outstanding and Efficient Council Officer: to Sir Knight Edward O. Stillie, DeMolay Commandery No. 4. Honorable Mention to Sir Knight Harold A. Sentman, Washington Commandery No. 1.

Highest Combined Rating: to Columbia Commandery No. 2.

**Officers, 1959-1960**

John G. Mathes, 4824 Chevy Chase Blvd., Chevy Chase 15, Md., Grand Commander; Joseph D. Yerkes, Deputy Grand Commander; Roland Richards, Grand Generalissimo; Harry L. Beach, Grand Chaptain General.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave will be held in Washington, D. C., Saturday, May 14, 1960.

RODGER R. KAUFFMAN,  
Grand Recorder.

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## CENTENNIAL COMMANDERY U. D.



Officers of Centennial Commandery U. D., Montecello, Calif., instituted January 5, 1959, are as follows: (left to right)  
 Front row: George W. Brooks, Junior Warden; Floyd S. Vandergrift, General-issimo; Neil T. Rogers, Eminent Commander; Robert L. Karnes, Captain General; James B. Turner, Senior Warden.  
 Second row: Clarence H. Porter, Treasurer; Thomas J. Pert, K.Y.C.H., Prelate; Alonzo B. Johnson, Sentinel; Roy Tompkins, Recorder.  
 Back row: Roby Dammerell, Swordbearer; James P. Littler, Warder; Don A. Rumbaugh, Standard Bearer.

## California Begins Second Century in Templary

The Grand Commandery of California, is starting a new century in Templary. During the period of January 1, 1958 through April 1959, they have concentrated on a comprehensive all around program of ways and means of re-vitalizing Knights Templar, particularly with reference to the century ahead, and have directed their attention to York Rite coordination and cooperation.

During the Centennial Celebration they gave out over 200,000 Centennial Stickers, used by Commanderies and Sir Knights, on bulletins, letters, York Rite petitions and mail. They gave out over 5,000 sets of cuff links awarded to newly created Knights and their sponsors. They had Centennial dues receipts and holders.

Starting with the kick-off celebration on January 4th and 5th, 1958 at Sonora, home of Pacific Commandery No. 3, one of the original three Commanderies that founded the Grand Commandery of California on April 10, 1858. They had a parade and special conclave in Columbia and Sonora. One of the highlights of their Centennial Celebration was held in Santa Monica in March of 1959, where they Knighted a class of 375, and served over 1,100 chicken dinners to the Sir Knights that day. The beautiful orders of Templary were conferred in amplified form. From January 1, 1958, up to and including the last week of April, there were created over 2,750 brothers and companions, in the Commanderies through-



out California. During this period many Commanders held 2 or 3 Centennial classes, others took part in Festivals, centennial celebrations, and exemplified the beautiful orders of Templary in their own asylums. Thirty-six of the 71 Commanderies in California showed a gross gain in membership of 10% or more. To each of these commanderies the Centennial Committee presented a beautiful ball point pen set. The gross gain in membership for the 15 month period, giving credit for Knightings, affiliations and restorations was about 3,050.

On Thursday evening April 30th the Centennial Committee of Grand Commandery, provided a program in the new Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco, featuring David Røse and his Holiday for Music orchestra, and Dorothy Warenskgold, lyric soprano, star of

Radio and T.V. This was open to all Knights Templar, Masons and their ladies. On Friday evening May 1st, the Sir Knights of California were privileged to hear the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, who gave the key note address at the Victory Banquet. The message that the Secretary of the Army brought to the Sir Knights of California was one of the finest, and one of the most inspiring that they will have the privilege of hearing, and is the type that will urge the Sir Knights to continue the cooperation and interest in York Rite Masonry, that was begun in the first century, and we trust will continue through the second century of Templary.

ROBERT A. MILLER,

## 100 Years of Templary

### Excerpts from address of Sir Knight Eary Hopper, Recorder, Alhambra (Calif.) Commandery No. 48, K. T.

The History of the Crusades presents a glowing picture of the exploits of valor of the Ancient Knights. Modern Templary takes great pride in their accomplishments and their devoted service to Christianity. It is indeed gratifying to know that our good Lord chose the Knights to preserve Christianity in this trying time. The glorious traditions and ideals of the old Order have become the priceless heritage of the modern Order. Modern Templars and the valiant Knights of Old vowed to stand by and support the banner of Him who came to save mankind for all eternity.

After the martyrdom of Jaques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the old Order, the rising tide of Freemasonry became united with that of Templary. With the revival of the Order in England, we find them bound together in bonds, which have never been broken to this day.

From the time of Christ, the City of Jerusalem has been known as the Holy City and the mecca of Christian pilgrim-

age and of pious devoted men of all nations. A pilgrimage to those Holy places and especially the Sepulchre of Jesus was the greatest desire and highest reward for the faithful. Even after Mohammed-Arabs took the City in 637 it was still not too difficult.

The Ottoman Turks took Jerusalem in 1076 and then began a period of lawless oppression for 25 years. Peter the Hermit, started a crusade in 1094. He preached all over Europe urging a holy war to drive out the Turks. Pope Urban 2nd, declared "It is the will of God. It is Christ himself who issues from His tomb and presents His Cross. It will be a sign raised among the nations. Wear it upon your shoulder and your breast. Christ died for you and you must die for him. The Cross has become the sign of the Knights of the crusades and the banner around which all medieval Knights rallied and it is now the Insignia so proudly worn by the Knight Templar.



There were 8 crusades from 1096 to 1272. Out of this grew 3 great organizations. Knight Templars, Knight Hospitallers and Teutonic Knights, each of which rendered valuable assistance to the Knights of Jerusalem.

The Knights Templar, to protect pilgrims against the moorish robbers and bandits who plundered, tortured and even murdered the pilgrims. The Knight Hospitallers established a hospital in Jerusalem for the poor and sick christian pilgrims. The Teutonic Knights established St. Mary's hospital to care for the German speaking pilgrims who came to the Holy Land and to fight the Sarazens.

Grand Commanderies were established in America in this order. Mass. & R. I. 1805, New York 1814, Virginia 1823, Vermont 1824, New Hampshire 1826, Connecticut 1827, Ohio 1843, Kentucky 1847, Maine 1852, Penn. and Indiana in 1854, Texas 1855, Miss., Michigan and Illinois 1857 and California in 1858. San Francisco No. 1 chartered Sept. '53, Sacramento No. 2 Sept. 53, Pacific at Columbia Sept. 56. The Grand Commandery of California was organized Aug. 10, 1858 by these three Commanderies with Sir Knight Isaac Davis as Grand Com. and Sir Knight Alex G. Abell as Grand Recorder. At that time there were 130 Sir Knights in all. Jan. 1st, '58—71 Com. and 20,119 Knights.

L. A. Commandery No. 9 chartered in 1870 is now the largest with 2674 Sir Knights, L. A. No. 43 with 1611, San Diego with 742, Long Beach 674, Cal No. 1 584, Hollywood 568, Pasadena 525 and Oakland with 150 are all the Commanderies with over 500 members.

The Educational fund was founded in 1922. Three plans—a revolving fund available to boys and girls 15 to 22 years of age, seeking higher education to better fit them for citizenship and usefulness.

2nd. Change beneficiaries to those desiring to fit themselves for the protestant ministry or Christian Missionary work at home or abroad.

3rd. To build and endow a University for sons of Knights Templar. They set aside \$100,000 and assessed each Sir Knight \$1 a year to maintain the fund. They loaned from \$50 to \$200 to each student adopting the first plan. Through the years they have helped 35,162 students to the tune of \$7,873,761.04 and the students have repaid \$7,241,538.01, those paying numbering 32,477. Service clubs, churches and schools have donated so many scholarships that not many loans are made at the present time.

Lately the Grand Encampment adopted the Eye Foundation whereby they help anyone not able to help themselves recover and improve their eye sight in any large creditable hospital. To this fund every Sir Knight in America gives \$1 per year.

They also have set up, just in California, a Christian Minister fund for which each Sir Knight in California gives \$1 per year and now they have helped five Christian Colleges in California by donating large sums to endow the Religious chairs and are sending 20 young men through these colleges to become Protestant Ministers.

Alhambra Commandery was chartered in 1909 so will be 50 years old next year. Three of the charter members are Sir Knights Rowland Hudson, James Stuart and Earl Reighart. We now have 252 members.

It is indeed a privilege to belong to such a fine Christian organization with such high cardinal principles. Also to be united with a group of fine men with high ideals.

The 100th anniversary only comes to us once in a life time. We should work hard and endeavor to secure a 10% increase. If you have not secured a petition, get real busy, it will make you feel better and be well worth your time and effort. We only lack a few candidates.

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## TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA CLASS



Left to right, first row: Commander, Harry F. Starner. Candidates D. C. Kraft, O. M. Larson, Orlin J. Bernard, Frank Sparks, John O. Somerall, Truman C. Green, Jr.

Second row: Dr. Waldo Palmer, 3rd Guard; Dr. Edward Walker, Warden; J. T. Williams, Treasurer; William Hofheinz, Jr. Warden; Nathaniel Harrison, Senior Warden; Victor L. Brandriff, Generalissimo; William Ketcham, Robert Daniel.

Third row: Charlie Ferguson; Clinton Karsner; Clyde B. Coleman, Past Commander; J. W. Oder, Past Commander; Henry M. Folds, Past Commander; John Blomquist; William C. Hoffman, Recorder.

## TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA CLASS

Editor, Knight Templar:

We here in the Tallahassee Commandery No. 12 held a meeting several years ago, and there were not enough members present to open our meeting. After several calls on the phone, we were able to open and when we did it was to start a council of war and find out why we were not getting the attendance that we should get. Here we had something wonderful to offer all the members and yet only a few more taking advantage of the benefits that we were offering.

After much talk we decided that we were not proficient in our degree work, we did not have the first uniform for this work, and the membership had not been properly notified when the work would be done and the attendance had been, therefore, poor to say the least. To remedy our poor attendance, it looked as if we would have to take steps to arouse the interest of the members. We started that night to measure our officers for uniforms, and Sir Knight Charlie Kovaleski, within a month, had our order on the way. We have each year since ordered one uniform for the new

incoming officer so that we always have a complete staff of officers in uniform. We are now not perfect, but at least able to put on an impressive degree without the help of outside Commanderies. Our present Eminent Commander has just completed his year by conferring the Knight Templar degree upon 6 new members. Each new member also receives a subscription to the Knight Templar Magazine for 2 years. We hope that these new Sir Knights will be active in our Commandery. They have already expressed an interest and a desire to do this.

We have a Christmas service each year, and we had the largest attendance this year that we have ever had.

I am enclosing a picture of the members of our degree team and the six new members of our commandery. I wish that we could have had all the Sir Knights in the picture but it just wasn't possible.

Fraternally yours,

CLYDE B. COLEMAN,

District Deputy Grand Commander.





(Left to right) Sir Knights Harold C. Barkley, Eminent Commander; Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Commander, and Murray D. Wilson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan.

## Michigan Honors Grand Master

**Damascus Commandery No. 42, K. T., Red Cross Class Dinner  
Monday, February 23, 1959**

Damascus Commandery, having planned on a Class of Candidates, named in honor of Sir Knight Murray D. Wilson, P.G.C., held a dinner to honor him and the Class, in the Crystal Ballroom, Masonic Temple on Monday, February 23, 1959 at 7:00 P. M.

The Commandery was also honored by having as its Distinguished Guest, Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U. S. A., who was also the principal speaker.

The class consisted of eighteen candidates for the Orders of Knighthood and they with their Ladies were guests of the Commandery at this dinner.

Invitations had been sent to all the officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, Past Grand Commanders and to Commanderies within easy distance of Detroit to attend and also to honor the M. E. Grand Master.

Following the invocation by Rev. John King Mitchell, D.D., of First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, a delicious dinner was served to a total of 281 Sir Knights, their Ladies and friends.

The program was opened by Sir Knight Warren L. Anderson, P. C., who as general Chairman, introduced the Toastmaster, Sir Kt. Walter W. Fuller of Damascus, Fraternal Editor of the Detroit News, who in turn, introduced



Sir Kt. Harold C. Barkley, Eminent Commander who welcomed the assemblage and also introduced the Damascus officers, Past Commanders and visiting Commanderies.

A half hour of entertainment was provided by the Scottish Rite Choir, of which our Sir Knight Homer C. Shaffmaster is manager. Their program was delightful and well received.

Sir Knight Fuller then introduced Sir Knight Charles S. McIntyre, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Michigan who spoke briefly and then introduced the Grand Commandery officers who were present. They were Sir Knights Maurice B. Allen, V. E. Deputy Gd. Cmdr.; Edward S. Piggins, Eminent Grand Captain General; Stanley G. Wilson, E. Gd. Senior Warden; John H. Loree, E. Gd. Junior Warden; Fred England, Jr., Gd. Treasurer; Abner C. Sager, E. Gd. Standard Bearer.

He then introduced Past Grand Commander Murray D. Wilson who spoke to the candidates referring to the short space of time, compared to world time, in the 1960 years which have passed since Christ was born. That the few years that He spent in teaching His Gospel left such a deep imprint upon the minds of the people that today, over most of the world, His teachings are the rule and guide to our faith in God and our way of life. No other person in the world history has left so much for so many.

The P. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight McIntyre was then called upon to present the Grand Commandery of Michigan 50 year Membership Certificate to S. K. William Emil Ohne and he stressed the service which one would give to merit the same.

S. K. Fuller then introduced Sir Knight Fred England, Jr., P.G.C., Department Commander, East Central Department, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U. S. A., who with brief remarks, introduced the Grand Master, Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber.

Sir Knight Wieber commented that Sir Knight Wilson had stolen some of his talk because one could not talk about Templary without taking the teachings of Christ into consideration.

He pointed out that the Order of the Red Cross was based on the Old Testament and therefore prior to the Christian Era and that the Orders of Malta and the Temple were based on the New Testament and the teachings of our Savior. That the spread of His teachings grew to the extent that His followers began to make the pilgrimages to Jerusalem to worship at His shrine and due to the difficulties these pilgrims faced in making these journeys, the various Orders of Knighthood were formed for their protection.

From this beginning the present Order of Knights Templar was formed and now is that branch of the Masonic Fraternity which represents the Christian Era and the teachings of Christ, so that we should proudly bear our banners before the world and by our actions endeavor to let our Order stand for Christianity.

Damascus Commandery is deeply indebted to Sir Knight Wieber for his inspiring talk and for taking time from his busy schedule to honor us on this memorable occasion, which is the high light of our present day history.

WARREN L. ANDERSON, P. C.,  
Recorder.

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Sir Knight Eugene Robert Chable, Ph.D., who served the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America as Right Eminent Grand Prelate during the past Triennium, accepted a position with an institution in Florida, and left his post as Dean of Rio Grande College in Ohio at the end of the first semester in February. The invitation to come to Florida came to Sir Knight Chable in December of last year. Dr. and Mrs. Chable are residing at 104 Alba Avenue West, Venice, Florida.

DR. E. ROBERT CHABLE, 33°  
Grand Prelate, 1955-1958.



## TEXAS

**World's Largest Commandery**

Worth Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, of Fort Worth, Texas, claims this unique distinction and honor, largest in the world.

This Commandery has provided the Grand Commandery of Texas with its new Right Eminent Grand Commander. Officers elected, appointed and installed, April 14-15, 1959 were:

James Carlisle Garlitz, R. E. Grand Commander, Fort Worth.

Gus L. Meyer, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, San Antonio.

Harvey C. Byrd, E. Grand Generalissimo, Waco.

H. Jack Hefner, E. G. Captain General, Dallas.

Kaplan H. Andrew, E. G. Senior Warden, Houston.

Litt S. Perry, E. G. Junior Warden, Abilene.

Rev. Gaston Foote, E. G. Prelate, Fort Worth.

George S. Adams, E. G. Treasurer, Fort Worth.

Harry B. Tuer, E. G. Recorder, Dallas.

Hal Burnett, E. G. Standard Bearer, Alpine.

J. T. Sanders, E. G. Sword Bearer, Galveston.

Elmer E. Watkins, E. G. Warder, Wichita Falls.

A. G. Coots, E. G. Captain of the Guard, Romero.

The 107th Annual Conclave will convene in Fort Worth, Texas on May 3rd, 1960.

From Report of Harry B. Tuer, Grand Recorder.

The 106th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas convened in Tyler, Texas, April 14-15, 1959.

From Report of Harry B. Tuer,  
Grand Recorder

On the Sunday prior to the Conclave over 1700 Sir Knights and ladies attended the Church and Memorial Services in the First Baptist Church under the direc-

tion of the Grand Prelate.

On Monday, April 13, six class A drill teams and two class B drill teams competed in the field drills. That afternoon sixteen Commanderies were represented in the Asylum Ceremonies Competition.

The Grand Commandery donated Five Thousand Dollars to the Home for Aged Masons for the maintenance of the Knight Templar Hospital at the Home.

The total membership as of December 31, 1958 was 28,648, a gain of 965 for the year.

We were especially honored to have as the representative of the Grand Master, Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and Senior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas.

**Commander's Message**

Sir Knight E. A. Alexander, Eminent Commander of Worth No. 19, wrote in part:

The 106th Grand Commandery Conclave at Tyler, Texas, April 12-15, is now past history, but the accomplishments of Worth Commandery No. 19 at this session was in keeping with your Commandery's reputation. Our national championship "A" Drill Team won the State Championship and our State Championship "B" Drill Team was again the winner for the third successive year. The Officers placed third in the ritualistic competition against 15 other Commanderies and we are proud of that accomplishment.

The high-light of the Conclave was the elevation of our own Sir Knight, Past Commander J. C. Garlitz to the station of Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, and his announcement that the 107th Grand Commandery Conclave will be held in Fort Worth, May 1-4, 1960.

Sir Knight Garlitz has held each station in the Grand Commandery line with dignity and effectiveness and has pursued the advancement of Templary in such a manner as to increase our feeling of esteem and friendly affection for him.



His zeal in the quest of his objective caused him to devote many long hours during the past years in helping to make the Grand Commandery of Texas the largest in the nation, not only in numerical strength, but the finest in all the land.

Right Eminent Sir, we are indeed proud of you and pledge our continued support to you and the Grand Commandery Officers for a most successful year, for this Great Christian Order.

Sincerely and fraternally,

E. A. ALEXANDER,  
Commander.

We doubt if these "proceedings" at the Grand Commandery Conclave will ever be recorded in the official book, but notation should be made here.

John Temple Rice and John Kemmerer made two of the nicest talks we have heard at Commandery meetings. We never cease to be amazed at the way John Temple Rice goes on and on through the years in top form wherever he appears. We think he must be the most dedicated Templar produced by the modern Order.

### THAT BOY—WHEN NEGLECTED

This is the story of a country boy who once came to town to live. On the farm he had from early days been subjected to the fervor of camp meeting, religious revivals, and his early desire was to become a preacher. As a little tot he amused his kin-folks by preaching from a soap box.

When he came to town he went to three Sunday Schools—He liked the boys he met there. In the 1880's Sunday schools were popular. And all boys were compelled by strict parents to attend. Many of the teachers had large classes of boys and girls. Young peoples' meetings in the evenings were an important part of the early training in the right way to go.

Then one night when this country boy, went to a protracted meeting, or revival, he was stirred deeply—just a teen-ager

wanting help. All around people were urging elders to go to the "Mourners Bench."

But no one came near this boy, who just wanted a little word of encouragement. Just a word that he, too, was wanted. He sat there alone, neglected and forsaken. He looked down at his ragged (patched) trousers, and just newly-blacked boots. Still no one came to him when he wanted to be recognized. Finally he slipped away quietly unnoticed and no one seemed concerned. That night of neglect, when his mind was ready to be sent forward into a new world—he went out into darkness, convinced that no one cared what happened to him. From that moment he lost interest and started running wild with the town boys.

And it was years later when he met the girl who was a great influence for good in his life, that he again became interested in church going. Boys at a certain teen-age are at the crossroads, and have minds that can be turned the right way. Boys' organizations today are a great influence in shaping the lives of youths eager to think right and act right with just a bit of encouragement.

### Richmond (Va.) Templar Bulletin

Our JUNE Conclave will be held Wednesday, JUNE 17th, in observance of the "Battle of Bunker Hill." Please mark your calendar and be present.

The 138th ANNUAL CONCLAVE of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia will be held May 14-16th, 1959, at Staunton, Va. A report will probably be made by our Representative at this MAY Conclave. The Rotating Trophies for Templar Year of 1958-59, won as follows: WOODING TROPHY, won by Lynn Commandery No. 9, K. T. of Marion, Va., with record of 47.24 points. Richmond Commandery had 35.01 an improvement. PAMPLIN TROPHY won by Johnson Commandery No. 14, K. T. of Bristol, Va., with a percentage of 11.26. (Richmond No. 2).



## Western New York Templars Parade



Through the courtesy of "Matthews," Buffalo Evening News, this excellent photo was gratefully received.

Sunday, April 19, 1959, was the event of this 15th annual Divine Service, street parade and Masonic breakfast, in the Hotel Statler-Hilton.

In command and leading the Knights Templar section of the parade, the photo shows Sir Knight Frederick R. MacLaughlin, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of

New York State.

The Knights Templar section of the parade (only a small part shown in the photo) was made up of Commanderies in Zone Twelve, as follows: Genesee No. 10, Lake Erie No. 20, Hugh de Payens No. 30, Batavia No. 34, Niagara No. 64, Tonawanda No. 78, and Tancred No. 80. Zone Thirteen Commanderies, Dunkirk No. 40, St. Johns No. 24 (Olean) Jamestown No. 61, and Salamanca No. 62, also had Sir Knights in the parade.



The Buffalo newspapers, The Evening News and Courier, devoted front page space in covering the event and presenting pictures of the Masonic dignitaries who attended this 15th Masonic Divine Service and breakfast and street parade.

Excerpts from The Buffalo Evening News story:

### 2,100 Attend Services

Justice Hill was introduced by Past Grand Master Ward B. Arbury. The invocation was given by Dr. Charles D. Broughton, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge and rector emeritus of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, and the benediction by Dr. Joseph L. Fink, rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth Zion.

Prior to the breakfast an estimated 2,100 Masons attended services in two churches and a Jewish temple, and then marched in brilliant sunshine in a colorful parade in Delaware Ave. from North St. to the hotel.

Led by the Masonic War Veterans, the Ismailia Temple of the Shrine Band and a Police Department Band, the parade attracted the attention of substantial groups.

### Dates Back to Solomon

On the reviewing stand near West Mohawk St. were H. Lloyd Jones, New York City, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York; Carl W. Peterson, Herkimer, Deputy Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, and Judge Charles W. Froessel, of the State Court of Appeals, also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

In addressing the Masonic group in Temple Beth Zion, Dr. Fink noted:

"This services dates back to the times of Solomon. Man has witnessed many changes in the universe, but we worship now as we worshipped thousands of years ago."

### "Rededicate Yourselves"

In the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Dr. Broughton stressed the necessity of a design for living.

"Christ asked, 'Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?'" he said. "Christ asked that question early in His life in order that, at the close of His life He could say, 'I have finished the work Thou hast given me to do.'"

Dr. Ralph W. Loew, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, said:

"Worship services today have meaning because they are part of the habitual concern of men for reverent worship and imaginative service. You are gathered, not to praise an institution but to rededicate yourselves to the discipline demanded of free people."

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands.

These were the high goals to which Masons were asked to aspire as more than 2,400 members of Erie county lodges assembled Sunday in the Statler-Hilton for the 15th annual Masonic breakfast.

Issuing a powerful challenge for the combining of forceful thinking and understanding in the basic problems of this age, Chief Justice Matthew W. Hill, of the State Supreme Court of Washington, declared:

"The evidence of intellectual indolence among those who are supposedly educated is of major concern. If persisted in we are destined to become mental midgets. The times demand strong minds. With this we need, not only the grateful heart, but the understanding heart.

### Attend Services First

"You have a choice—you are a part of the problem or you are a part of the answer."

Justice Hill, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Washington, said:

"One of our greatest perils is weak-mindedness—that is, the inability to think for ourselves. Many of us do not use our minds outside of the narrowly circumscribed area in which we specialize. Someone else does our thinking.



"There are those sometimes referred to as 'strong-minded.' The individual who maintains his original position in spite of changing times and conditions does not demonstrate a strong mind, merely a stubborn mind.

"We need the 'moving strength of mind,' the ability to take a train of thought and go some place with it."

### "God is the Ruler"

Citing the necessity of a true faith, he said:

"We would not be here if we had not professed a belief in God. Sometimes, though, we need a reminder that, 'Though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet.'"

In an assurance that the "willing hands" will be available, the jurist declared.

"We give much thought to the possibility of attack. Actually, within 25 years an army will take over our country and our Government. That army is the youth of today. That is the army with which we must be concerned today."

## WEST VIRGINIA

Brief review of the Eighty-fifth annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia.

The Eighty-fifth annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia was convened in the Capitol City of Charleston on Friday, May 15, 1959, A. O. 841, at 1:00 P. M.

The Grand Commander's banquet opened the festivities on Thursday evening in the Daniel Boone Hotel at 6:00 P. M. Some 80 guests were invited to this gala affair.

Divine Services were held in St. Mark's Methodist Church, with Sir Knight Alfred E. Bennett, the minister, delivering the sermon. The church choir added very much to the service with their fine

voices. A reception was enjoyed by all in the social of the church. The ladies of the church are to be complimented very highly for this very enjoyable affair.

Our Inspector General, Sir Knight R. J. Gorman, held an instruction meeting in the Asylum of Kanawha Commandery, Friday morning. This meeting was followed by members of Bluefield Commandery No. 19 conferring the Order of the Temple.

The following distinguished guests were received by the Grand Commander, Sir Knight C. A. Ogle:

Sir Knight J. George Lang, Deputy Grand Commander and the Personal Representative of the Grand Commander of the State of New York.

Sir Knight George G. Crewson, Past Grand Commander of New York.

Sir Knight Malcolm Van Dien, Past Grand Commander and the Personal Representative of the Grand Commander of New Jersey.

Sir Knight Etrobil A. Schaub, Past Grand Commander of Maryland.

Sir Knight William Workman, E. Commander of Monumental Commandery of Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir Knight Clinton L. Peterson, Grand Commander of Wisconsin.

Sir Knight William L. Ramsey, Past Grand Commander of North Carolina.

Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Personal Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.

A summary of the Annual Returns showed knightings of 233, with a net gain of 27. Membership as of March 31, 1959, 6,307.

Most of the session was confined to routine business.

The next annual Conclave will be held in Bluefield, as guest of Bluefield Commandery No. 19, May 20-21, 1960.

The following officers were elected, appointed and installed: Samuel G. Williamson, Athens, Grand Commander;



Frank L. Zeller, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander; Frank W. Ridge, Grand Generalissimo; R. Gale Kirby, Grand Captain General; William J. J. Fleming, Grand Senior Warden; Edward J. Laas, Grand Junior Warden; Oscar V. Bowling, Grand Prelate; Charles H. Troxell, Grand Treasurer; Robert H. Bowlby, P. O. Box 637, Morgantown, W. Va., Grand Recorder; Paul W. Dowell, Grand Standard Bearer; J. Iverson Carver, Grand Sword Bearer; Howard W. Ball, Grand Warder; Dudley E. Cruise, Bluefield, Grand Captain of the Guard.

The above officers were installed at a public installation ceremony, by Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, assisted by Sir Knight Calvin H. Kibler as Grand Marshal.

Attendance, 193 Sir Knights and 102 ladies.

Courteously yours,

ROBERT H. BOWLBY,  
Grand Recorder.

## OUTDOOR TEMPLAR ACTIVITY

Division No. 16, in the Central Section of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, held its second successful outdoor Templar activity in a month when it staged on Sunday, June 7, the first in what is expected to be a series of annual Division No. 16 family picnics. The scene was a small rustic grove five miles from the city of York. Almost 300 Sir Knights, ladies and children attended, headed by the newly elected Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Harry F. Hostetler, and Mrs. Hostetler. Other Grand Officers attending included Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Senior Warden, and Sir Knight F. Parson Kepler, Grand Junior Warden. Division Commander for Division No. 16 is Sir Knight William R. Swisher, Gettysburg. A Vesper Service following the picnic supper was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Dunkleberger, former Grand Prelate, and presently Assistant to the President of Gettys-

burg College. Chairman for the picnic was Sir Knight Meyrick O. Mills, Eminent Commander, Gethsemane Commandery No. 75, York.

Earlier, on Sunday, May 3, Division No. 16 had held its annual Ascension and Memorial Service at Gettysburg Battlefield. The speaker for that occasion was the 1958-59 Grand Prelate, the Rev. Alfred L. Crayton, Kingston. The late Sir Knight Robert W. Michael, 1958-59 Right Eminent Grand Commander, made his last public appearance on that occasion, participating in the parade of uniformed Sir Knights and speaking to the assembly during the battlefield service. Grand Commandery officers present on May 3 were: Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander (now Right Eminent Grand Commander) Harry F. Hostetler; Eminent Grand Senior Warden (now Grand Captain-General) John B. Cottrell, Jr.; Grand Junior\* (now Senior) Warden Paul C. Rodenhauser, appointive officers and Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders Dallas F. Bullock and Walter S. Cassel.

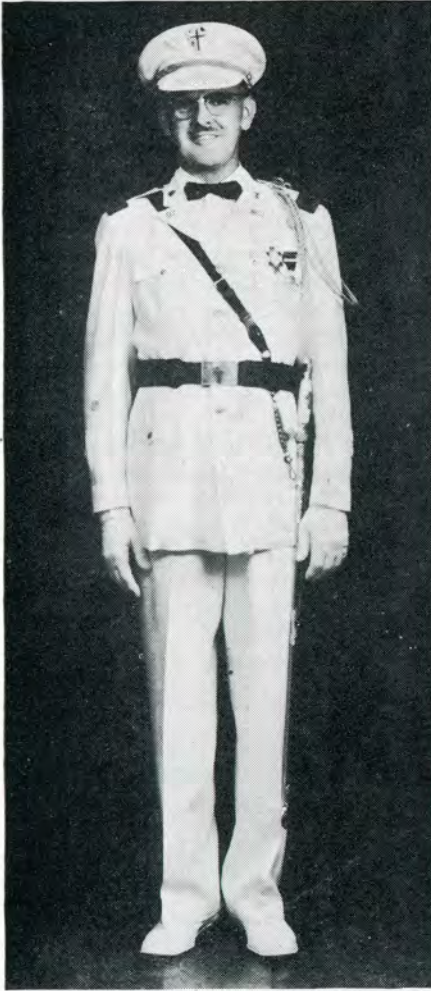


(Colorado State University photo)

That's a \$250 smile that Leei Chang, center, is wearing. He has just accepted a scholarship check in that amount from Dr. Frank P. Goeder, left, secretary of the Colorado committee of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation. At right is Dr. Lawrence Hadley, professor of physics at Colorado State University. Chang, a graduate student in physics at CSU, won the Knights Templar scholarship award in competition with four other candidates.



## CANAL ZONE



SUBERT TURBYFILL

Subert Turbyfill, Past Commander of Canal Zone subordinate Commandery, No. 1, was the recipient of the ELOY ALFARO citation for humanities for 1958, it was announced in Panama City in March.

EPC Turby is that white-uniformed Knight Templar who has become somewhat a fixture at Tiennial Conclaves during the last decade, since he attended the San Francisco Conclave on his own as Commander from the Panama Canal.

He has been regularly chosen as a proxy since that time.

The *Fundacion Internacional Eloy Alfaro* was established many years ago in honor of the martyred president of Ecuador and was named in his honor. That foundation selects citizens from all countries, principally of the western hemisphere, for the citation and award. In the cultural pattern of Latin America, that citation for humanities corresponds to the awarding of an honorary doctorate in the United States, although the citation is much less common.

Emminent Sir Knight Turbyfill is director of speech and drama at the Canal Zone College, where he is also acting dean on occasion. When the *Universidad de Panama* was established, he was loaned for work as a professor in that institution. He has conducted classes for the medical doctors of the staff of Gorgas Hospital, for the delegates to the Central Labor Union, for the United States Army Education Service, and for adult federal government employee groups in the Canal Zone.

When the International Fair and Exposition was held in Panama, the long-time Past Commander was director and producer of the show for "United States Night." He has on several occasions been connected with the Institute for the native teachers in the Latin American schools for the children of the Spanish-speaking Panamanian citizen employees at the Panama Canal.

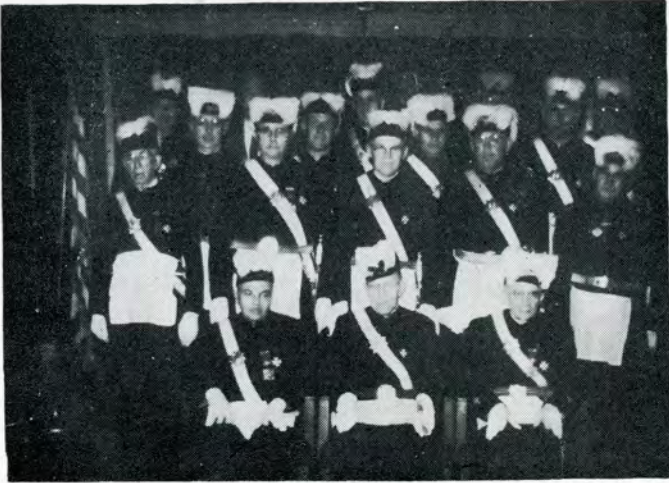
Turbyfill is listed in "Who's Who in American Education" and in "Who's Who in Regional Theatre." He has been a special lecturer at state colleges and universities in the U. S., and his writings have appeared in various magazines and periodicals, as well as in volumes of "The National Anthology of Poetry." He is also the author of a book about his theatre adventures at the Panama Canal.



The Masonic record of Sir Knight Turbyfill, pictured in the official white uniform worn at the Panama Canal, is long and complete. He is a Past Master, a past officer of the York Rite bodies, a member of all Scottish Rite bodies, a

past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, and a Past district Grand Master of Masons. At the present time he is the Potentate of Abou Saad Temple of the Shrine.

### MONROE COMMANDERY



May 9, 1959

(Continued from page 10.)

Chalmers L. Pancoast  
Hotel Warden  
Newark, Ohio:  
Dear Right Eminent Sir:

We of Monroe appreciate your interest in our degree team and their work.

(Left to right) First row: Lathan Lampel, Leonard Donke, Charles Cushing.

Second row: Frank Macgrady, Ward Turner, William Goddard, Herbert De Gray, Rev. William T. Plews.

Third row: George R. Cone, Com., Richard Martin, Elroy Post, Frank Gordnier.

Fourth row: William Golding, Leigh Fitch, P. C., Raymond Woelagle, Arthur Hyde (Master Fairport Lodge), Nelson Lee, Leslie Oliver.

The following were also present though they are not in the picture: Norman Webber, P. C., Fred Radcliff, Sotorius Ritzenopolis, and Albert Weber.

Fraternally and sincerely,  
GEORGE R. CONE.

We wish to thank each of you for coming out and helping us celebrate our centennial birthday and we trust you will help us maintain and hold high the standards we have vowed to support.

EARL HOPPER,  
Recorder.

This article was gathered from History of Grand Encampment of U. S., by Francis J. Scully, M.D., published 1952.

August 12th, '58

Dear Editor:

I have prepared a short speech on Templary to be given at our Centennial birthday dinner, August 14th in our Commandery. I am sending you a copy. I thought you might like to publish a part of it in the near future.

Fraternally,  
EARL HOPPER,

Recorder.

I send you subscriptions from time to time and always enjoy reading the "Knight Templar," passing it along.



## History of Thomas Smith Webb Medal (Mass.)

The Thomas Smith Webb Medal was established by Grand Commandery on May 9, 1934, by Sir Knight William S. Hamilton, Right Eminent Grand Commander, to be given to those members who had held continuous membership in a Commandery for 40 years or more.

The design selected shows the head of Thomas Smith Webb, our first Grand Commander, superimposed upon the Cross. Templary was first brought to this country by the British troops (28th Regiment of Foot now the 1st Bn. of the Worcestershire Regiment) who were then stationed in Boston. Glittering Star Lodge No. 322, a traveling Masonic Army Lodge and Army Lodge No. 58, both under Charter of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, had received some degrees that the Lodges under English and Scottish Charters had not received.

The records show that on August 28, 1769 nearly a year after their arrival, a Royal Arch Lodge was formed (this Lodge is now St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter of Boston) and 10 Brothers were present, 6 soldiers and 4 members of the Lodge of Saint Andrews (under Scottish Charter). The records show that on that night the following orders were conferred upon William Davis, a Past Master of Army Lodge No. 58 and an officer of the Regiment: viz: Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar.

We next find that the Orders were conferred upon Paul Revere on December 11, 1769, and on May 14, 1770 upon General Joseph Warren (later upon Robert Newman who hung the lantern in the Old North Church).

After the close of the Revolutionary War, the Orders began to be worked by regular and duly constituted Encampments. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mass. and Rhode Island was organized May 6, 1805. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

of the United States of America was organized June 22, 1816.

Thomas Smith Webb was born in Boston in 1771. He was made a Mason in Keene, N. H. 1792, a Royal Arch Mason in Harmony Chapter, Philadelphia, Penna. 1796. Soon after this he moved to Albany, N. Y., and was active in Masonic work. He came to Rhode Island in 1799 and became prominent in Lodge and Chapter. Just where and when he received his Templar degrees is uncertain. But in 1802 he, with five other Sir Knights, formed St. John's Commandery in Providence and became its first Commander; in 1815 he again moved to Boston.

He died very suddenly while making a visit in Cleveland, Ohio, July 6, 1819. His remains were brought back to Providence and at a later period a movement was started to erect a monument to his memory. In 1862 his remains were removed to a lot in the North Burying Ground, and a monument of white marble was erected thereon. On the West face appears the following:

Founder of  
St. John Encampment of Knights Templars  
Providence 1802  
Commander until 1814  
Grand Master  
of the  
Grand Encampment of Mass. and R. I.  
From 1805 to 1817  
Deputy Grand Master  
of the  
General Grand Encampment of the U. S.  
from 1816 until his death.

GEORGE A. WEEKS,  
Grand Recorder.

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### CYPRUS COMMANDERY

Shown in photo of "Cyprus Commandery—1,000th Conclave" Banner—(Left to right) Sir Knight Raymond C. DuVall, Junior Past Commander; (center) Sir Knight Avery L. Bullen, Right Eminent Grand Commander of New York; and (right) Sir Knight Floyd S. DuVall, Eminent Commander of Cyprus No. 67, Middletown, New York.

The Middletown Times-Herald featured this event with several photos showing the ceremony, where there was an unusual scene of one brother following another as Eminent Comamnder.

Excerpts from the local newspaper follow:

For the first time in the 55-year history of Cyprus Commandery, Knights Templar, two brothers have served as Commanders of the Masonic organiza-

tion. Floyd S. DuVall was installed as Commander of the unit to succeed his brother, Raymond C. DuVall, during public induction ceremonies last night at the Masonic Temple. Cyprus Commandery was organized in 1903, chartered in October 1904 and instituted November 10, 1904. Charles R. Smith served as the first Commander.

Floyd DuVall was installed as the 7th Commander of the unit. Last night's meeting marked the 1,000th session of the commandery since its formation 55 years ago. A three-man installing team conducted the ceremonies. They were Raymond A. Henry, Installing Commander; William R. MacVean, Grand Marshall and Waller F. Blampied, acting grand Captain General. Mr. Henry, Mr. Blampied and Mr. MacVean are Past Commanders.



## Success Story of Glenwood (Colo.) York Rite Bodies

May 14, 1959

To the Eminent Commander and Recorder of the Constituent Commanderies of Colorado.

Dear Sir Knights:

All of us in our youth were inspired with the success stories as told by Horatio Alger. The hero was always snatched from the jaws of disaster and thereafter would progress upward and onward to ultimate victory.

We have such a success story among the Commanderies of Colorado. At the risk of causing a bit of embarrassment to some of the fine Sir Knights of this Commandery, I am going to tell this story, so that other Commanderies may be inspired to assist in the revitalization of Templary in Colorado.

Several years ago Glenwood Chapter No. 22 and Glenwood Springs Commandery No. 20 were about as dead as any groups could be in this jurisdiction. As a matter of fact at a Conclave of this Commandery some seven years ago where there were barely enough Sir Knights present to open the Commandery, a spirited discussion took place wherein some members proposed that the Charter be surrendered. The work had fallen off until all had forgotten the various parts of the ritual. For the one or two candidates received that year much of the ritualistic work was read. The following year not a single petition was received by either the Chapter or the Commandery.

However, such stalwarts as Sir Knight Ian Bell, George Wilson and others decided to "put their shoulders to the wheel" to try to bring these two bodies from the brink of the grave and to breathe the breath of life into them. Certain members were contacted to "brush up" on the ritual and a couple of petitions were procured. The work was done in a creditable manner. It can now be said that as a result of this small revival, this Chapter and Commandery

presently do ritualistic work second to none in the State of Colorado. The Order of Malta is now conferred in Full Form, thanks to Sir Knight Buster Brown for his efforts and money expended for paraphernalia to get the work done.

In the early fall after the summer vacation, a joint dinner for members of the Chapter and Commandery was organized to which several Blue Lodge Masons were invited. A speaker gave a talk on York Rite Masonry and before the evening was completed, more petitions were signed. The dinner became an annual event. Telephone calls to every resident member reminded them of the affair and insured greater attendance. No one was in a hurry to leave for home after the dinner and as a result more and more candidates have been signed up for the Degrees and the Orders. The Blue Lodge Masons are made to feel that they are wanted and needed as a part of York Rite Masonry.

As the years have gone by petitions for the Chapter and Commandery are being received in larger numbers. Last year this small Chapter and this small Commandery initiated fifteen new members. At the last Conclave of the Commandery thirty out of a possible fifty resident Sir Knights were in attendance!

This is the success story of the Glenwood York Rite bodies. Your Grand Commander urges: "Go thou and do likewise."

Sincerely and Courteously,  
 JAMES R. HOFFMAN, P.G.C.  
 Chairman  
 Templar Promotion Committee.

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NEWS AND PHOTOS

To the Editor





## 1,000th Conclave, Middletown, N. Y.

On February 12, 1959, Sir Knights of Cyprus Commandery No. 67, Knights Templar, Middletown, New York State, celebrated their 1,000th Stated Conclave. Group photo presents officers and guests at the installation and celebration.

The 1959 officers and guests (left to right), front row: Sir Knights Lewis Kelder, Grand Sword Bearer and organist; Lowell H. Bryce, Grand Senior Warden, Troy; J. George Lang, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, N.Y.C.; Floyd S. DuVall (installed), Eminent Commander; Avery L. Bullen, R. E. Grand Commander, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Raymond DuVall (Junior), Eminent Commander; George D. Barclay, Past Grand Commander, Jackson Heights, N. Y.; and Lloyd Backus, Zone Four Commander, Port Jervis.

Second row: Sir Knights Philip Wern, Treasurer; Earl Thomas, Prelate; Richard Gregory, Sword Bearer; Albert Bancroft, Standard Bearer; Charles Livingston, Captain General; Herbert Cornell,

Senior Warden; William MacVean, Installing Officer.

Third row: The Rev. Herbert Barrall, Assisting Chaplain; Robert Taylor, Junior Warden; Milton Conkling, Recorder; Elwood Worden, Floyd Howell, Fred Deppe; Charles Tomrop and Thomas Cunningham, Lieutenant guards; and Archie Ostrander, Past Commander, Apollo No. 15, Troy.

Rear row: Douglas Norman, Warder; Harry Billings, Captain of Guards; Edward Neiger, Sentinel; James Basso, Armorer; and Rev. (Lt. Col.) Willis Lewis, Base Chaplain, Stewart Air Force Base, Principal Speaker.—(Photo Richard Milburn, Middletown, N. Y.)

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## Great Crusades of Long Ago

(By Chalmers Lowell Pancoast, Editor of "Knight Templar" Magazine)

The inspiration of the Great Crusades of Ancient Times is to be found today in the activities of the Order of Christian Knighthood.

This is in evidence through the growing interest in the many programs and charitable activities in the membership of the Order of Knights Templar, The Commandery, The Uniformed Sir Knights in action.

York Rite Festivals and Reunions have been increasing in interest, in numbers and larger attendance and larger classes of candidates.

Many classes of new members for the York Rite Degrees and Templar Orders are named in honor of distinguished Masons or Templars.

Public Relation Committees are well organized for spreading the news of events, Divine Services and street parades of Sir Knights in full Templar uniform, with their historic banners and Emblems of the Cross.

Today, as in far away days, great hearts and minds are needed now to carry on to greater accomplishments. Thinking men—forceful thinking and understanding are required in solving today's problems to guarantee a future of happiness and growth into a greater Nation.

Here are excerpts from a national Message of Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and Secretary of the Army. A Past Grand Commander of Michigan.

"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 challenger to

a new crusade in the defense of Christian principles and human freedoms which is implicit in the present critical world situation.

"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 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 be built 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."

Remember the aims of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is to prevent blindness.

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FOR A FRIEND



## IN MEMORIAM

June, 1959

IN THE HANDS OF GOD

(Dedicated to Sir Avery Bullen, Grand  
Commander, State of New York.)

There's a chill in the air at the airport,  
Nobody lives nearby:

They come and they go in motorcades  
But always they leave some one behind  
Who is destined to fly to a far away spot,  
And once off the earth, like it or not,

Gliding past clouds, high in the heaven,  
He must not return to earth again  
But go on and on to a destiny given.

I brought my friend to this airport,  
His flight number chalked on the board;  
We said our farewells as they opened the  
gate

For him to go out on the field and wait.  
He bore a ticket with his name inscribed  
And the place written in where we hope  
he'll arrive.

I watched till the plane was out of sight  
And then I returned to the motorcade  
Which brought me back to the world I  
had made.

Now it's my turn at God's airport,  
My plane going west has come in;  
A powerful drone of propellers  
Is drowning all voices of earth,  
My Pilot waves from His cockpit,  
At last, with all the seats filled,  
We mount toward the boundless sky;  
The earth is a map of the roads I once  
trod,

I am off on adventure beyond the dark  
cloud,  
My soul in the Hands of God.

(Written by his Grand Prelate, Rev.  
John Brett Langstaff, in the summer of  
1959 and sent to Sir Avery shortly before  
his death at Glens Falls, N. Y., June,  
1959.)

Letter from Sir Knight and Rev. J.  
Brett Langstaff, Grand High Prelate,  
1958-1959, the United Grand Imperial  
Council of Knights of the Red Cross of  
Constantine and Appendant Orders for  
the United States of America, Mexico,  
and the Philippines, June 8, 1959.

My dear Chalmers:

You would have been gratified to see  
how well the Templars adjusted the  
Grand Conclave to meet the tragic emer-  
gency caused by Avery Bullen's unex-  
pected death. It was dignity without de-  
pression and gave evidence of a true  
faith in "the resurrection of the body."

In connection with my report as Chair-  
man of the Committee on Necrology, I  
had written a poem and sent it to our  
Grand Commander not long before his  
death. At the funeral in the Presbyterian  
Church following our business sessions  
I was asked to read this poem, which I  
had dedicated to Avery Bullen. So many  
requests keep coming in asking for copies  
of it that I felt you might like to have it  
for publication in your valuable maga-  
zine.

I have enjoyed reading your recent  
book and keep it treasured in my library.

I should add we missed you at the  
Grand Assembly of the Red Cross.

I am as ever,

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## SUBLIME ORDERS OF TEMPLARY

### Knights Templar— The Commandery

(By Chalmers Lowell Pancoast, P.G.C. of New York, Editor "Knight Templar" Magazine and Ohio Historian.)

The Order of Knights Templar has so much good to offer the Master Mason and uninitiated. But—I want and need to tell our great story with all the enthusiasm I possess.

Certainly, no ritual exceeds, and few approach the impressiveness and the beauty of the Orders of Templary.

Wherever you may be, no other group excels and few equal the fine fellowship to be found among the Sir Knights.

Frequently, we hear newly created Sir Knights extol the very magnificance of the Orders of Templary. At the same time, they wonder why they were not asked years ago to become a member of the Commandery.

In Public Relations work for the Order, we do not speak of promoting Templary as selling something very good and worthwhile. But actually, that is exactly what we are doing when we invite our many Masonic associates in the Blue Lodges, Chapters and Councils to share with us the many benefits of Christian Knighthood. Surely, the very promotion and selling of something beautiful and worthwhile is an honorable calling. The Order of Knights Templar has something of real and lasting value to offer, but as we have said, "You Must Tell Them."

Templary is an outgrowth of the First Crusade, inspired in the latter part of the Eleventh Century by the fiery preaching of Peter the Hermit. The Christian peoples of Europe were roused and joined together in a determined campaign to liberate Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre from the Moslem. In the year 1099, after a long march and series of hard-fought battles beginning in 1096, Jerusalem was finally freed of the infidels.

The success of the Crusaders forms one of the brightest pages in human history. But it was not achieved without great sacrifice, the loss of many valuable and precious lives. This success had a most stimulating effect upon the future of the Christian Religion.

The Swords of Chivalry once helped save Christianity.

As Modern Knights Templar we now pledge ourselves to the pursuit of warfare for the Christian Religion, which requires no swords for battle, demands no shedding of blood of infidels. But displays the Beauseant as a symbol to save the Cross of Him who went about doing good for mankind.

The Sword of Knighthood is no longer drawn save as a Symbol to defend the Christian Religion and to do good. However, the great principles which moved and inspired the Chivalric Soldier, yet live on and find expression in the lives of modern Templars. Remember, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is a great charity to save eyesight, and the "Knight Templar" Magazine is designed to present the very best there is in Templary Masonry.



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GENERAL ORDER No. 3

*To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and Holding Allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Greeting:*

It is deemed expedient that the statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sections 235, 236 and 237 inclusive, should be brought to the attention of all Officers and members of the Grand Encampment and of Grand Commanderies and Commanderies at this time.

For your convenience these Statutes are quoted herewith.

RETENTION OF RANK

Section 235. One who has filled by installation and term of service, the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General in the Grand Encampment; Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General in a Grand Commandery; or Commander in a Commandery; shall retain the title of the highest office attained by him in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery and Commandery, with the word, "Past" immediately preceding and qualifying the official title. Past rank is limited to the offices named in this section.

Section 236. A member resigning from any of the offices enumerated in the preceding section shall retain the title of the highest office attained by him in which he has served a full term, and shall not retain the title of the office occupied by him at the time of his resignation.

Section 237. The Commander of a Commandery under Dispensation does not become a Past Commander when such Commandery is chartered.

This General Order is necessitated by the use of the title "Past" provided for in Sections 235, 236 and 237, being applied to other Officers of the Grand Encampment and in Grand Commanderies and in Commanderies. In the Grand Encampment only those officers who have served a full term are entitled to the rank and title of "Past." These officers are Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General. Those who have served in other offices of the Grand Encampment, unless by specific action of the Grand Encampment, such as Grand Treasurer, Emeritus, Grand Recorder, Emeritus, etc. will use only their title of Past Grand Commander of their respective Grand Commanderies.

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Officers and members of Grand Commanderies will likewise be governed by the plain language of Section 235 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Officers and members of the Grand Encampment, Officers and members of the Grand Commanderies and Officers and members of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies and writers of news articles, Reviewers of Proceedings and all Sir Knights in speaking of Officers who have served in appointive offices of the Grand Encampment, of Grand Commanderies, and Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies will be very careful and guarded as to the proper usage and application of the rank of "Past."

Commanders, either Constituent or Subordinate, will be reminded of Section 237 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

For your convenience I have arranged the following tables for the use of all Sir Knights showing those entitled to rank of "Past":

| <i>In</i><br><i>Grand Encampment</i> | <i>In</i><br><i>Grand Commandery</i> | <i>In</i><br><i>Commandery</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Grand Master                         | Grand Commander                      | Commander                      |
| Deputy Grand Master                  | Deputy Grand Commander               |                                |
| Grand Generalissimo                  | Grand Generalissimo                  |                                |
| Grand Captain General                | Grand Captain General                |                                |
| are entitled to rank of "Past."      | are entitled to rank of "Past."      |                                |



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Cleveland, Ohio, this 14th day of May, A. D. 1959, A. O. 841.

Courteously,

*Louis H. Wieber*  
Grand Master.

Attest:

*John Temple Rice*  
Grand Recorder.

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