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The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, congratulating Sir Knight J. George Lang, on his election as Right Eminent Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, at the close of the 146th Grand Conclave, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar held at Glens Falls, N. Y., June 27-28, 1959.

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THE CHRISTMAS PEOPLE

Sermon broadcast by

THE REV. PHIL PORTER, D. D.

Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton, Ohio, on "The Church by the Side of the Road," over WLW, on December 11, 1949.

It will help us to prepare for Christmas to consider the first CHRISTMAS PEOPLE. This beautiful Holy Day cannot bring us its real message unless we remember who the Christ Child was and the people who gathered about Him so long ago in Bethlehem.

We have then the Holy Family itself, with the Child of Promise in the midst. He is the Divine Child, the Word of God, who was in the beginning with God and was God. He has come for a human lifetime to experience and suffer our limitations. He has laid aside His prescience or knowledge of all things in time and eternity. He has laid aside His ubiquity or the ability to be in all places at the same instant. He has laid aside His almighty power to create worlds and destroy them. **But He has retained the divine love,** and chief and most important characteristic of God. And with this one divine resource He will provide a way of salvation for all who choose to love with Him. Love is also within our human capacity in some measure, and Christ has come to tell us that it must be the common ground between heaven

and earth, between person and persons, between God and man.

But on that first Christmas morning, the mighty person who created Christmas lay in a Manger, a helpless baby. Like every new-born child, He was utterly dependent upon His mother. That gracious lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, quite properly in this case, adored and worshipped her Holy Child. He was also dependent upon the stalwart and mature Joseph, the reverent, the kind, the righteous man, His guardian and protector, who like the best of human fathers, gave his strength to provide for and defend his wife and this child.

Let us understand that while far from rich, the Holy Family were not rude and ignorant people. They had attended the church or synagogue schools of their time. They could read and write. They were steeped in the history of their people and informed in their religion. Mary's kinfolk, Elizabeth and Zacharias, the parents of John the Baptist, were people of dignity and modest substance. Zacharias was a lay priest or elder in the church and one week in each year he officiated

at the great temple in Jerusalem. In the best sense of the word, these were gentle folk. For as Dante would say,—it is the gentle heart that makes the gentleman.

We know how Mary and Joseph had come on the previous evening, after a three or four-day journey, to Bethlehem, and that there was no room for them at the inn. No doubt the lucky guests who had rooms felt quite virtuous about it. **They** had made **reservations** or had arrived **early**. Why should they make a place for these strangers, who, after all, seemed not too important? The people at the inn, both the guests, and the keeper, remain nameless. But some of them, had they been kind, might have found a place and a memorial in sacred scripture like Simon of Cyrene who bore his master's cross.

We are told that the first people who were made aware of the Messianic Child were shepherds watching over their flocks that night in fields not far away. These shepherds were God's little people, poor, and of small influence in the great world. But they were men who performed their tasks with fidelity and fortitude. Theirs was a necessary task, essential to the well being of the community. The Lord Christ Himself, when He came into His ministry, likened Himself to a Good Shepherd who stood ready to lay down His life for His sheep.

We may well believe that the shepherds near Bethlehem that night were counted worthy of God for the vision that came to them. They heard the herald angel announce the birth of the Christ Child. They were made aware of heaven's great joy, because salvation had come to God's people.

There are people today, I suppose, and always there have been people, who do not believe in angels. They think that in all the great reaches of infinity, that in all the heavens, and the island universes, there are no living creatures who can love and reason save their fellow creatures here on earth whom they can see and touch with their hands. It is a presumptuous thing for any of us

to say that in all God's creation there are no thinking beings save ourselves.

It is a logical thing to believe that there are creatures of power and charm and purity who live closer to God than we do. Why not call them angels and think of them with bodies not perishable as ours are? Or if you please, without bodies in the human sense of the word, but as minds or centers of consciousness and feeling. Dr. C. S. Lewis, the great British scholar, reminds us that all through modern times, men have scoffed at the medieval and ancient idea of angels. Even in colleges we have been taught that it was ridiculous for the learned men of the middle ages to ask how many angels could dance on the point of a needle. That was not a silly question, but pertinent to the study of theology and a stimulating exercise in clear thinking. God, they were taught, is a being whose center is everywhere and circumference nowhere. God could be, and is, everywhere at once. But angels, our medieval fathers thought, were limited. Though they were spirits, they could be in but one place at a time.

Since they were spirits without bodies like ours, and since they did not take up any space at all, a million or ten million or two angels might dance on the point of a needle. I have in my hand, my pencil with the rubber end on the table, here before the microphone, the point is upward and for the instant my thoughts and your thoughts, no matter how many of you may be listening, are centered on the point of a pencil. The point of the question is, that when we think of angels, we do not have to consider space.

But the important thing about angels was and is, that they have watched God and know his mind, that they loved the right things with God and are glad with God for the things that are good. The shepherds that night were aware of the angels and learned from them where they might find the Christ Child and worship Him.

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ARLINGTON EASTER SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Committee on the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment, commenced immediately after the close of the Twentieth Service to prepare for the Thirtieth Consecutive Service to be held on April 17, 1960.

Already a number of jurisdictions have assured the Committee of their intention to again make the pilgrimage to Washington to attend the event. From present indications it is anticipated that the largest number of Sir Knights in uniform ever to attend will be present, for plans are under way to make this 1960 Service a most outstanding event. More detailed announcement will be carried in the February-March 1960 issue of this magazine.

This Templar event, led by the Most Eminent Grand Master, together with the Grand Encampment Officers, places Templary before the world in a most impressive manner, and it is urged that those who have never been privileged to attend mark the date in your calendar. You will find it most inspiring.

RAYMOND N. BABCOCK,
Chairman.

For the Year 1960

Good Friday—April 15, 1960.

Easter Sunday—April 17, 1960.

Ascension Day—May 26, 1960.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, Inc.

It is a great pleasure to report that the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is increasing at a very much greater rate than heretofore, and where States have appointed Committees in Grand and Constituent Commanderies, and where those Committees are enthusiastically working, much progress is being made.

The following is a good illustration of how our Great Humanitarian Work is expanding.

July 15th, 1957 we reported we had processed 46 cases.

July 15th, 1958 we reported we had processed 250 cases.

July 15th, 1959 we reported we had processed 678 cases.

September 9th we have now processed 794 cases.

The letters that we have received from those whom we have assisted and from the Sir Knights who have sponsored a case, and followed it up, are heartwarming and soul stirring.

Following is a list of the States and the number of cases received to date from each as of September 8th, 1959.

Alaska	2	Montana	13
Alabama	10	Nebraska	1
Arkansas	5	Nevada	3
Arizona	3	New Hampshire ..	4
California	32	New Jersey	5
Colorado	5	New Mexico	5
Connecticut	3	New York	65
Delaware	0	North Carolina ..	3
Dist. of Columbia ..	1	North Dakota	0
Florida	19	Ohio	40
Georgia	17	Oklahoma	6
Idaho	17	Oregon	23
Illinois	11	Pennsylvania	22
Indiana	28	South Carolina ..	8
Iowa	9	South Dakota	3
Kansas	8	Tennessee	47
Kentucky	18	Texas	163
Louisiana	8	Utah	5
Maine	2	Vermont	1
Maryland	3	Virginia	18
Mass. & R. I.	12	Washington	10
Michigan	55	West Virginia	26
Minnesota	22	Wisconsin	6
Mississippi	12	Wyoming	5
Missouri	10		
		Total	794

There are large numbers of men, women and children, in every State that have greatly impaired vision, and who are unable to pay for the surgery and hospitalization required, if the Sir Knights will be

interested and active in our Great Humanitarian Work, and ferret out those needy cases, they will very rapidly increase the number of cases in their States.

The Sir Knights comprising the membership in each Grand Commandery are paying \$1.00 per year, and it would be nice if at least the bulk of the total sum they contributed could be expanded on cases within that State.

Texas knowing that "The Eyes of Texas are upon us," are going all out apparently to be sure that the Eyes of every Texan are good. Well, more power to them for their great interest in our Great Humanitarian Work, 163 cases out of Texas to date.

We have awarded grants for Research in Ophthalmology to 19 different Medical Institutions throughout the United States amounting to \$450,000.00 as follows:

- The Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., New York.
- Howe Laboratory, Harvard Medical School, Mass.
- National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, New York.
- Medical College of Georgia.
- Medical College of Virginia
- Wilmer Institute of The John Hopkins Hospital, Maryland.
- Billings Institute, University of Chicago, Illinois.
- University of Michigan.
- University of Oregon.
- University of California, San Francisco.
- University of U. C. L. A., Los Angeles.
- University of Indiana.
- University of Pennsylvania.
- University of Louisville.
- Western Reserve University, Ohio.
- Baylor University, Texas.
- Columbia Presbyterian, Institute of Ophthalmology, New York.

Sir Knights it will do your heart good to have a part in this great work, get into it with interest and enthusiasm and see for yourself how satisfying and rewarding this work is.

Get your friends, banks, attorneys, interested in Wills and Bequests to our Foundation to anticipate and take care of the future growth and expansion of what is definitely destined to be one of the Worlds Great Philanthropies.

WALTER A. DELAMATER,
Executive Director.

UTAH No. 1 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

It is never too early to begin making plans for the observance of Knights Templar Easter Services, by all Commanderies and Grand Commanderies across the nation. Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960.

In the mail was recently received a full page from the Salt Lake Tribune, of Monday, March 30th, 1959, giving a fine report of the Solemn Easter Rites; accompanied by a splendid program printed in color.

The traditional Sunrise Services at the Masonic Temple, conducted by Utah Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, drew a good sized crowd of worshippers. . . . Sir Knight Jed. F. Woolley, Jr., Eminent Commander of No. 1, spoke of the colorful Easter Rites. His was the theme of rejoicing in triumph of eternal life over death. "Let us therefore rejoice that Jesus Christ passed this way for us."—he said to his audience.

"Easter is a time of rejoicing. It celebrates a triumph of eternal life over mortal death. . . . It celebrates the first great event, not only the first in point of time, but also in point of importance of the Christian Church, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the proof of life after death. . . . During the 40-day period between His resurrection and His ascension from the Mount of Olives, Jesus appeared to His disciples several times, during which He gave them council, broke bread with them and was worshipped by them.

"Let us, therefore rejoice on this beautiful Easter morning. Let our spirits rise and ascend in ecstasy with the triumphant chords of inspiring Easter Music. . . . Let us rejoice that Jesus passed this way for us."

This Annual Utah Easter Sunrise Service was presented through an attractive printed program in two colors. The service was Radiocast over Station KSL—Musical arrangement—Sir Knight Har-

old Nicholson, Director; Sir Knight Clarence C. Bruner, production manager; Sir Knight T. Guy Wadsworth, Asst. production manager; Sir Knight Joseph C. Rich, asst. production manager; Leta C. Burt, organist; Evelyn Wilson, pianist.

Program follows:

Utah Commander No. 1, Knights Templar EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE Sunday, March 29, 1959

Organ Prelude—Leta C. Burt.

Templar Marching Song, "Onward Christian Soldier"—Sullivan.

Tableau, "Old Rugged Cross"—Bernard.

Invocation—Sir Knight Harold G. Price, P.G.C.

Choir, "God So Loved The World"—Stainer.

Address of Welcome, Sir Knight C. Leander Frisk, R.E.G.C.

Choir, "Diadem"—Ellor.

Choir, "The King of Glory"—Holbeck.
Solo, "Hosanna"—Granier Dole, Norman Bruner.

Easter Message, Sir Knight Jed. F. Woolley, Jr., Eminent Commander, Utah Commandery No. 1, K. T.

Choir, "The King Comes Forth"—Holbeck.

Offertory, "Gloria In Excelsis"—Mozart.

Choir, "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"—Wesley Davidica.

Benediction—Sir Knight Clyde W. Picht, P.E.C., Prelate.

—General Committee—

Jed. F. Woolley, Jr., E. C., Bert Atwater, P. E. C., G. R.

—Stage and Lighting—

Ethelbert H. Bingham, P. G. C., William C. Ware.

—Publicity—

David W. Saunders, S. W., Richard W. Gano, J. W.

—Ushers—

Ben F. Waterfield, DeMolays and Sir Knights.

G. MAX FOWLER DAY

On Saturday, May 16, 1959, Jeffersonville Commandery, under the Grand Commandery of Indiana, will confer all three Orders on a class of candidates beginning in the afternoon.

This Conclave will be designated "Max Fowler Day," in honor of Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, Frankfort, Indiana, Department Commander for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Certainly they could not honor one who is more dedicated to the principles of Templary than Max Fowler. Over many years he has contributed many hours of devoted service and a vast amount of his material wealth to the cause of Christian Knighthood.

As Departmental Commander, he has traveled more than 21,000 miles to all parts of the Far East in his efforts to lend encouragement to the Templaries in those distant places, all this at his own expense.

Recently he has published a book, narrating these visits, to which he has given the title, "Fabulous and Fantastic."

Every Knights Templar will enjoy reading the account of his experiences on this never forgotten journey.

We would be remiss in our duty if we did not give due credit to Sir Knight Fowler's wonderful wife, Pauline, who throughout his years of service, including his trip to the Far East, has constantly traveled with him and contributed her share in the advancement of Christianity and its principles among those who she has come in contact.

Following the ceremonies at Jeffersonville Commandery, Sir Knight and Mrs. Fowler will journey to Cumberland Falls State Park, where they will be distinguished guests of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky during its Annual Conclave, May 17, 18, 19, 1959.—(Kentucky Grand Commandery News Bulletin, April 1, 1959.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Missouri

Sir Knight Leo J. Heinz, 357 Lookout Drive, St. Louis, 37, Mo., writes frankly: "I enjoy very much our Knight Templar magazine. It is very interesting. . . . But, most of all news deals with the past things that have been. It would be interesting, indeed, to read of things to come, like State Grand Conclaves, etc. I am sure many of us enjoy 'Fraternal Visitations' to State Conclaves. Sincerely and Fraternaly."

(Ed.—A good suggestion Sir Knight, we shall endeavor to follow out.)

Maryland

Sir Knight Wm. E. King, 929 Dewey Ave., Hagerstown, Md., writes: "If you have any pamphlets or books on the History of The Commandery and York Rite Masonry, please send me a list and the prices of the books, Thanking you for the above information, Very truly yours—"

New York

From the desk of Earle D. Armstrong, 29 Payne St., Hamilton, N. Y., came this request: "The accompanying Companions listed herewith, are not Sir Knights. I have hopes, however, of soon having their petitions. Possibly a note from you, with a 'Why A Knight Templar' might turn the tables. Among these names are a Worshipful Master, a High Priest, a Grand Chaplain and an ardent worker. They are good Templar prospects. Won't you help? Norwich Commandery No. 46, Norwich, N. Y." (Ed.—Copies of the Magazine were mailed. For several years The Empire State Mason, has been publishing articles on the Order of Knights Templar.)

Pennsylvania

From Warren R. Sheaffer, Lewistown, Pa. (Lewistown Commandery No. 26, Knights Templar) a letter as follows: "Kindly send me 36 copies of the 'Knight Templar' magazine, Feb-March 1959 issue, which I wish to distribute among our new members, taken in this Templar year. Kindly bill me for same. Also enclosed is a small news item. With Knightly Greetings." (Ed.—The thirty-six copies were mailed as requested.)

California

Letter from Sir Knight E. G. Rutherford, P. C., Sacramento Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, as follows: "Enclosed is my check for \$11.00 to cover subscriptions to 'Our' excellent publication. Will continue to encourage our Fraters to increase the circulation. We want to make our Second Century more outstanding." (Ed. Thanks—names were entered.)

"Presume you have received word about the Southern California Festival, held in Santa Monica. It was most inspiring and impressive, with well over 300 receiving the Red Cross, Malta and Temple Orders, amplified form, as Hollywood-Southern California are experts in doing." Fraternaly yours, E. G. Rutherford, P. C. Recorder, 3559 N. Street, Sacramento 16, California. (Ed.—Letters like this are appreciated.)

A new publication—"The Crusader" of Montor Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, Stationed at Rochester, N. Y. The Eminent Commander Harley C. Smith wrote, "A word about Our New Crusader. This, our first issue, has been rather hurriedly put together. However, we hope that in future issues we can have items of interest to all of our Sir Knights. There will be a calendar of future events, word about our coming

conclaves and other things that will interest you. Perhaps, through this medium, we can revive your interest in Commandery, and that you will honor us with your presence at our future conclaves.

This publication is made possible through the cooperation of our advertisers. The money received from the ads defray the expenses of printing and mailing. Therefore, won't you please make every effort to patronize our advertisers as often as you can? Most of them are Sir Knights and all are interested in Masonry, and by underwriting this paper, they have certainly earned the gratitude of Monroe Commandery.

If you have any items of interest, any suggestions, any prospective advertisers or any aid of any kind, please forward them to the Publication Committee. We will welcome them. This is your publication. Let us all cooperate in making it a good one.

Second Degree Team—Two years ago, when Eminent Sir R. Bruce Dayton was Commander, a team was formed in Monroe Commandery for the purpose of exemplifying the Second Degree for the various Blue Lodges in this area. The main objective was and still is to spread the word and work of Templary in Blue Lodge Masonry. . . . The good work that this team has accomplished is evidenced in active members which have been gained. Many Blue Lodges have requested our services and we have served Lodges in Brockport, Fairport, Avon, Charlotte, Livonia, and both Fame and Kakan Lodges in Irondequoit. . . . So many good Sir Knights have taken an active part in the work, and have contributed to its success, that it would be impossible to name any one as the prime factor. We thank each and every one who has had a part in the work. However, if we are to continue the good work we have started, we need more help. Won't you help us by coming out.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA YORK RITE MASON

Received recently at the Editor's desk is a very striking and newsy Spring Edition 1959 of "The York Rite Mason," Sir Knight and Rev. David Graham, Editor, Box 177, Hudson, South Dakota. It is published by Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. The Committee is made up of Sir Knights Clarence E. Buehler, P.G.H.P.—Marsden F. Bancroft, P.I.M., and N. Peter Wenge, P.G.C.

There are many illustrations in this excellent issue. The first photo shown is that of Sir Knight Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary-Recorder of all York Rite Bodies, 33 degree A. & A. S. R.

In submitting this publication, Sir Knight John Temple Rice, R. E. Grand Recorder wrote: The York Rite Mason of South Dakota should be the basis of an attractive article about the beauty of the Black Hills and the interesting Passion Play at Spearfish in the summer, associated with the Knights Templar activities of the various sections, the pheasant hunting, and the fine Angus cattle ranches out there in South Dakota. . . . There are so many intensely interesting things about South Dakota, the country and the people, and their Templary is superb. . . . They have a large and capable leadership among their templars." (Thanks, John, for the idea).

In this Spring Edition of the publication there was a dozen or more photos of various York Rite Classes with names of candidates. A photo of the new members of Dakota Commandery No. 1, Lead, S. D., and a photo of the Officers conferring the Order of Red Cross at Lead.

This very enlightening news item appeared: "Madison Commandery No. 20 held its annual inspection on the night of February 26th. Each Sir Knight was accompanied by his lady at a banquet, and entertainment was provided for the ladies after the Sir Knights withdrew to

the privacy of their Conclave. Klaus Nordmark of Brookings was the Inspector. This Commandery has a fine male choir to take care of the musical requirements of the ritual. The issue was filled with lively news stories.

—News Items—

A class of seven was recently exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch in Rabboni Chapter No. 23 at its February meeting. Candidates Gene Shay, Byron Stianson, Floyd Knight and Paul Hedge. E. H. P. Reuben Grue, Candidates Harold Hubsch, Leonard Rusche and Roy Johnson and Immediate Past E. H. P. Emil Kost.

Officers conferring Order of Red Cross at Lead: Sir Knights C. I. Johnson, G. F. Wendt, A. E. Eklund, D. H. Crary, E. A. Raetz, A. J. Nelson, J. W. Sweaney, N. F. Welker, P. A. Taylor, A. R. Campbell and G. L. Bennett.

New members for Dakota Commandery No. 1, Lead, S. D.: Robert Woods, Sturgis; William Uren, Vale; Claud A. Bauer, White Owl; Robert Strong, Sturgis; Floyd Strong, Union Center; Joseph A. McKenna, Sturgis and Leslie Shaw, White Owl.

Temple Commandery No. 29 is at work. The Sir Knights of Sisseton have seven candidates started before this goes to press. Darby Pettersen is enthusiastic about this resurgence up there and who can blame a Recorder for being in that state of mind after a period of inactivity.

Brookings Commandery reports nine candidates on their way through the Orders of that excellent Masonic body.

The Commander of Black Hills Commandery No. 23 had special Christmas cards made, and the Sir Knights were pleased to see the picture of their Eminent Commander dressed as a Templar should be dressed—in uniform with chapeau and sword to complete it.

Your Editor is delighted with the large number of pictures received for this issue, and is sorry that a number of Installations reported had to be left out on account of the pictures.

ARKANSAS

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight John C. Milum, of Batesville, Arkansas, the Editor has received a copy of "The Batesville Record," featuring a front-page story of a unique Masonic Ceremony.

The headline under a three-column photo read: "Team Up For Historic Ceremony." The eight Carpenter brothers pictured in the photo above, teamed up recently to administer a Masonic Degree to a son and nephew, Charles Joe Carpenter, seated in the center of the picture. Left to right were shown the team members, who were: A. C., J. A., P. D., H. C., W. E. Bryan (father of Charles Joe), E. L., and N. U. Carpenter.

The story written by Wilson Powell, read: "A ceremony unique in the annals of Freemasonry took place recently at Suria Lodge No. 144, Cave City, when Charles Joe Carpenter received the Entered Apprentice Degree. The eight-man Degree Team assembled for the occasion were all brothers, all Masons of long standing, all residents of this immediate area, and included Charles Joe's father and seven uncles.

"Approximately 241 years of membership and service in Masonic Lodges was represented by the Carpenter brothers." Then followed a record of their Masonic history, qualifying them for this historic ceremony. Many highlights were given, which marked the Masonic careers of the brothers.

TEXAS

A most attractive 1959 book, with a hard-cover binding, has been published to present a historic volume of the transactions of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Texas.

This becomes a library treasure, giving the details of the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Conclave held at Tyler Texas, April 12 to 15, 1959. Many photo illustrations appeared, the first honoring Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Most Emi-

nent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., and the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Chicago. The second photo was of Sir Knight Archibald Morrison Dullnig, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, of Tyler. And a third photo was of Sir Knight James Carlisle Garlitz, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, who was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander, April 15, 1959.

The list of new officers was printed in the "Knight Templar" magazine, issue of August-September, 1959, page 14. These Grand Commandery officers were presented in a full page photo, with a photo showing the Presentation of Plaques, 1959. These photographs added much to the value of the book. Sir Knight Harvey Byrd, for the Committee on York Rite Advancement, presented a report pertaining to the "Sir Knights Qualifying for Emblem Awards." Seventy-six Sir Knights have earned the Emblem Award during the year 1958. Forty-six the first-year award, sixteen the second-year award, ten the third-year award, one the fourth-year award, one the fifth-year award, and two the sixth-year award.

In the presentation of Awards to Commanders and Recorders, Grand Commander Dullnig complimented the group, saying: "Sir Knights I know each of you are proud to represent your Commandery on this occasion and to receive the Award it has earned. This certificate is not the result of one person's effort on behalf of his Commandery, nor the work of the officers alone. This Certificate is the tangible evidence of the effort and cooperation put forth by the officers and members of the Commandery. It certifies that your Commandery made progress in the cause of Templary."

Sir Knight Alvin E. Morris, Chairman of the Committee of Publicity made an excellent report, in part, as follows: "During the past year we feel that we have been very instrumental in publicizing the Knights Templar activities

throughout the State of Texas. . . . We have furnished information to nearly all Constituent Commanderies in the State for various meetings and particularly on Grand Officers' visitations for Annual Inspection. Picture mats and information sheets were furnished to nearly all Recorders, and we feel good results were obtained. . . . In addition, we sent out inquiries to Commanderies about a publication for their York Rite Bodies and their Commandery in particular. . . . Good results were obtained and we were instrumental in helping start three new publications in the State this year. . . . We feel that this Committee has had a very successful year due to the very splendid cooperation of the many Sir Knights of the Great State of Texas." . . . Committee on Publicity: Alvin E. Morris, Chairman; A. G. Coots and Eddy Johnson.

On page 65 of the book of "Transactions" was listed the names of fifteen Sir Knights, who had been presented with Fifty-Year Certificates. Also published on this page were the names of Two Sir Knights, who had been honored with the title of "Honorary Past Commander" who having rendered long, outstanding and distinguished service in the cause of Templary. . . . Seven Sir Knights received "Life Memberships." (Article 277).

On page 224 of Transactions, was listed "Grand Heralds and Grand Sentinels of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, since its organization. (Office of Grand Heralds done away with after 1876). (Office of Grand Sentinels done away with after 1876).

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Texas, will be held in the City of Fort Worth, Texas, May 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1960. Sir Knights John B. Hines, Chairman and Sir Knight W. H. Lowry.

CALIFORNIA

This is a grateful expression of appreciation for the copy of the attractive, art-leather bound copy of the "Centennial Edition," 1859-1959 Proceedings. On the cover appears a gold and green Knights Templar emblem, with a Passion Cross in red in the center. This beautiful and valuable historical souvenir is the colorful story of a great and eventful year in California Templar and Masonic history.

It is an excellent commemoration of the One Hundred and First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of California, held in the New California Masonic Memorial Temple, April 30-May 1st, 1959. One hundred years of Templar growth has been presented in most interesting and historical detail. This is a real and lasting contribution to the Order of Knights Templar.

Many illustrations adorn the pages of this book. The first is a photo of Sir Knight Robert M. Rewick, R. E. Grand Commander. There is a photo of the beautiful and magnificent New California Masonic Memorial Temple. Then on page 21 a group photo of Past Grand Commanders, as follows: Sir Knights James F. Dougan, Charles Malcom, Andrew J. Copp, Jr., C. Stanley Chapman, Fred P. Roullard, George L. Edmondson, Nels P. Carlsen, Jr., Arthur M. Loomis, William E. Waste, Eggert Rohwer, George R. Milford and Robert B. Gaylord, Jr.

On page 41 there is a scene of the Asylum where the Grand Commandery Conclave is meeting on April 30, 1959. On page 43 there is a photo of the "Presentation of Knights Templar Eye Foundation check to Dr. Frederick C. Cordes of the University of California by Sir Knights Waste and Cartwright. Page 49 is a full size photo of Sir Knights C. Byron Lear, Robert M. Rewick and Wilber M. Brucker. And on Page 55, is shown the 1959 Leaders of California York Rite: Sir Knights Willard G. Cartwright, Grand Commander; Emmett H.

Ernst, Grand Master and Harry R. Sones, Grand High Priest. Another photo on Page 69, presents Sir Knights Willard G. Cartwright, Robert M. Rewick, Phil N. Myers and C. Byron Lear.

On page 87 is presented the Grand Commandery Officers 1959-1960. Sir Knights Chester H. Newell, Marion E. Pedlar, William U. Remensperger, Willard G. Cartwright, Fred E. Rankine, Jr., Robert A. Miller, George L. Edmondson, Ralph H. Slocum, George W. Kertell, Noel W. Roser, J. Richard Sneed, William D. Tucker, and Fred E. Havrilla. Another interesting photo appears on Page 90, if a scene at the Centennial Victory Banquet, Fairmont Hotel, May 1, 1959. Sir Knights shown seated at the head table were: C. Byron Lear, George L. Edmondson, Wilber M. Brucker, Willard G. Cartwright, William U. Remensperger, Marion E. Pedlar and Fred E. Rankine, Jr.

Throughout this "Centennial Edition" are pages presenting such news stories as, York Rite Coordination, Centennial Festivals, Objectives such as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, showing how and why the Order of Knights Templar is a stronghold in the life of our Country.

Other pages present stories of New Commanderies; Recommendations and Visitations and the Many Activities of the Grand Commander 1958-59. The story of the Good of the Order appears on page 25, and words of praise for Sir Knight Chester H. Newell, Eminent Grand Recorder.

The opening of the Address by Sir Knight Robert M. Rewick, Grand Commander, follows, in part:

I welcome you to this One Hundred and First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California, with mixed feelings: one of great pleasure, one of deep satisfaction, another of humble simplicity. The one of

great pleasure is spirited with the knowledge that we are meeting in a city of magnitude tradition, with its great wealth of beauty, its natural and its creative developments of masterly ingenuity—known and acclaimed the world over; and lastly, in a sacred spirit of humility as I stand here realizing the honorable position which has been my treasured privilege to have for these past twelve months. Truly, Sir Knights, I have felt this deep-seeded reverence for our beloved Order ever since my "Day of Knighting," and if I have left even a small reflection of that spirit along the way this past year, I shall be eternally grateful. In this same spirit of happy contemplation I welcome each and every one of you. One of the most gratifying privileges that we have is the presence of our honored and distinguished guest, Sir Knight Wilbur M. Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and our own Secretary of the United States Army. Another is to have the opportunity to greet and welcome our esteemed friend and Brother-Mason, the Most Worshipful Phil Myers, Grand Master of Masons in California. The very beauty and magnificence of this New California Masonic Memorial Temple will be an inspiration to us throughout our entire week of celebration. We feel very privileged to conclude our one hundred years of Templar growth in California within the walls of this magnificent Temple, and may the deliberations of this conclave have the approbation of the One and Only True Grand Commander, so that the memories of these hours spent together will be of lasting interest and beauty.

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TENNESSEE

By G. Max Fowler,
Department Commander

The Ninety-eighth Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Tennessee was held Wednesday morning, August 26th, in the Masonic Temple in Nashville and with representatives of all 27 Constituent Commanderies present.

Preceding the convening of the Conclave, the traditional dinner was held and honoring all Past Grand Commanders of Tennessee. It was a noteworthy event, being attended by every living Past Grand Commander, nineteen in number. Honored guests were Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, Department Commander of the Subordinate Commanderies and Sir Knight Wilbur M. Brucker, R. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Sir Knight Paul Reams Jarrett, Department Commander of the South Central Department was also present.

In the late afternoon hours on Tuesday, Sir Knight Brucker, representing the Most Eminent Grand Master arrived by army plane, accompanied by Mrs. Brucker, and his military aides. As Secretary of the Army, Sir Knight Brucker was met at the airport by a committee of Sir Knights composed of Sir Knights Jarrett, Fowler, T. E. Doss, David L. Griffith, Grand Commander, Guy Frizzell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tennessee.

Representing the army was Maj. Gen. Hilton Butler, State Adjutant General and Maj. Gen. W. E. Westmoreland, commander of the 101st Airborn Division of Ft. Campbell. Troops were drawn up at attention and the army band from Ft. Campbell played some stirring marches as the plane drew to a stop, ending the journey for Secretary Brucker who had flown in from Minneapolis where he had attended the National American Legion Convention and was the principal speaker.

At the conclusion of the Conclave, the Shrine Club of Nashville entertained the visiting dignitaries of the Templars at a dinner party. Among those present were Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State and Governor Buford Ellington as well as other high state officials. Mrs. Jarrett delightfully entertained Mrs. Brucker, Mrs. Fowler and the wives of other dignitaries while the Conclave was in session.

During the Conclave, Secretary Brucker addressed the assemblage of Sir Knights. The report of the Grand Recorder disclosed an increase of 99 new Sir Knights for the Templar year. Tennessee has 27 constituent commanderies and much interest prevailed during the sessions. The annual election of officers was held with Sir Knight Brucker and Sir Knight Jarrett serving as installing officers.

GEORGIA

The 99th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be held in Rome, Ga., on May 11 and 12, 1960, as guests of Rome Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar. Sir Knight William Arthur Patat, Toccoa, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

"Choose You This Day Whom You Will Serve" was the timely subject of a stirring sermon by Sir Knight and Rev. Joseph T. Walker, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church of Marietta, and Prelate of Constantine Commandery No. 26, delivered at the 98th Annual Conclave, held in Waycross, Ga., May 13 and 14, 1959. This powerful sermon was printed in full in the Proceedings, on Pages 6 to 11. In his conclusion he said: "In all true Masonic affiliations, there is a demand for confession—we call it obligation. There is a death and a resurrection—we call it initiation. There is a new birth into and knowledge of Light. The Greater Light teaches of the 'True Light that cometh into the world' and as Knights Templar we know Him to be

the Immaculate Jesus. He has given us eternal light—eternal life—here and now so we must set our affections on that which God desires, not on what we will, or desire.”

The Service was held at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Sir Knight and Rev. William V. Dibble, Grand Prelate.

In his address at the Conclave, the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Emmett Alton Rogers, made this statement: “Engraven forever on the tablet of my memory is a short quotation, or prayer—the author to me is unknown—that has been a guide for me during this year as your Grand Commander: ‘God grant me the serenity to accept things that I cannot change; the courage to change the things that I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.’”

One Hundredth Anniversary

Sir Knight James C. Newton called the Sir Knights attention to the fact that our Grand Commandery was organized in Augusta, Georgia, on April 25, 1860, and that next year would be our 100th Anniversary, but that there was a difference in the number of annual Conclaves held on account of the fact that no Conclaves were held in 1864 and 1865 and suggested that some method of celebrated this 100th Birthday be established.

KENTUCKY

From the printed Proceedings of the 112th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Kentucky, held at DePont Lodge, Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, Ky., on page 94 was found a report of value in the promotion of the Order; reprinted, in part:

During the Templar Year satisfactory progress has been made towards placing the Grand Commandery of Kentucky before the public and increasing the scope of understanding among Blue Lodge and Chapter Masons. Having two great humanitarian programs, future publicity will be easier to obtain through the

media of press, radio and television. Press releases were prepared and released to the major news services and to the Recorders of Constituent Commanderies for release to press and radio in their respective areas. The releases covered the Educational Fund, Eye Foundation and the activities of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies. This is much broader coverage than we have obtained in prior years, with prospects much brighter for the coming years.

In years past we were able to use only the limited services of the State's daily and weekly papers, the Masonic Home Journal, Grand Commandery News Bulletin and Constituent Commandery publications.

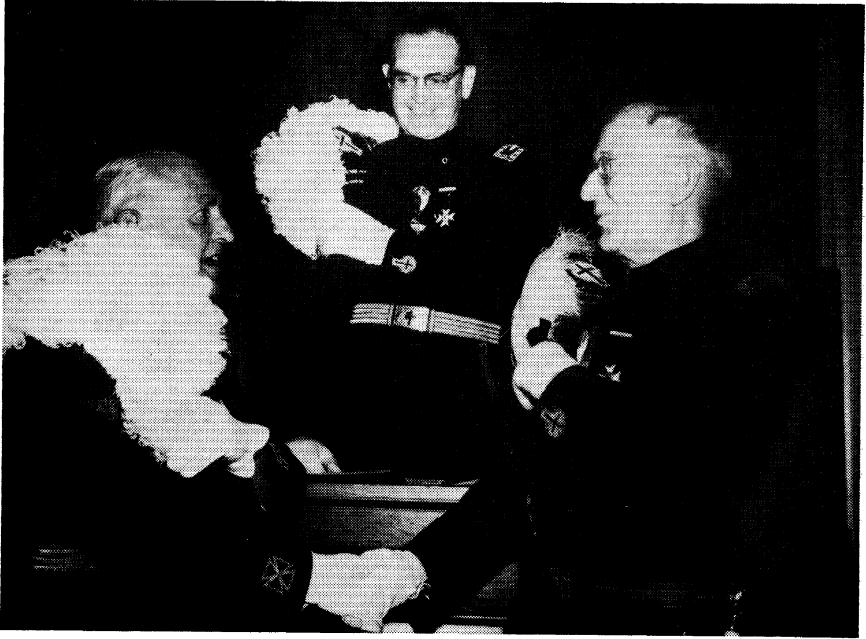
Broader coverage has been made possible by your committee on publicity in securing working relations with members of the Kentucky Press association and the Kentucky Association of Broadcasters. From the results being obtained to date, our publicity program will evolve into a strong program that can do many things to bring Templary before the people of Kentucky.

Recalling the concern expressed in the last year's report about the lack of recognition and knowledge possessed by Blue Lodge and Chapter Masons about Templary, your Committee is indeed glad to report a very definite change in this area.

Through the use of printed tracts, appearances of Templar bodies, talks to Capitular and Cryptic assemblies, information about Templary has been disseminated. We are definitely moving in the right direction and Templars should never lose a chance to enlighten the lesser informed Master Mason or Chapter Mason.

Press releases prepared and disseminated by your committee were published in 43 daily and weekly newspapers, and 7 radio stations throughout Kentucky. Each news release with the responses are in the files of the committee.

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EL DORADO (CALIF.) 100th BIRTHDAY

Sir Knight Willard G. Cartwright, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of California (left) congratulates Sir Knight Joseph F. McKee, E. Past Commander of El Dorado Commandery No. 4, and its oldest member, at the Centennial Celebration. (Right) In the center Sir Knight Charles E. Matson, Eminent Commander of El Dorado Commandery No. 4.

El Dorado Knights Templar Mark 100th Birthday Anniversary With Dinner, Rites

More than 100 Masonic Lodge affiliates and guests turned out last Saturday evening to share in the festivities of the 100th birthday anniversary of the El Dorado Commandery of Knights Templar, at which Sir Knight Joseph F. McKee was given special honor as the commandery's oldest living member. Sir Knight Charles E. Matson, eminent commander of the El Dorado commandery, presided at the evening's events.

McKee, now 85 years of age, was knighted into the Commandery on March 16, 1897, and has been an active Knights Templar for 62 years. He served as commander in 1912. His father, George McKee, also was a Knights Templar, was knighted on Aug. 2, 1883 and served as Comamnder in 1889.

During dinner, which was prepared by a Knights Templar, Sir Knight Bill Reddin and his wife, and served by members of the local DeMolay chapter, a Templar-sponsored group, McKee briefly told the history of three old pictures on display. One was of an early-day Grand Commander, Sir Knight Fredrick F. Barss, the second of Sir Knight Charles C. Pierce, Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery and founder of the local Episcopal church, and the third, of a group of the commandery officers at an early date.

Table decorations, prepared by Mrs. Matson and Mrs. Clyde Blackburn, depicted the objectives of the Knights Templar order. Small churches, schools, and foundations with pairs of eyeglasses

trimmed each table. The churches signify Education Foundation for the Christian ministry, a California project of the organization; the school houses signify the Knights Templar Educational foundation, and the eyeglasses and foundations represented the Knights Templar Eyeglass Foundation.

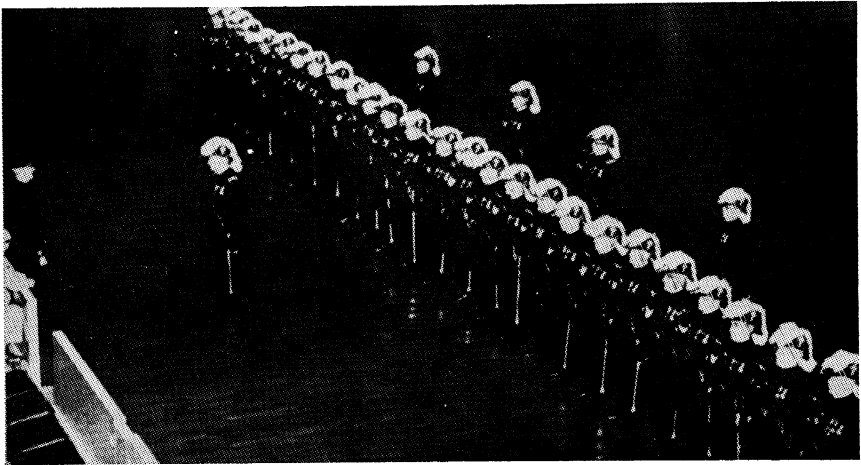
Guest of honor and head of the team of grand officers present for the occasion was Sir Knight Willard G. Cartwright of Palo Alto, right eminent grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the state of California. Other grand officers were Sir Knight Marion E. Pedlar of Sacramento, eminent grand generalissimo, Sir Knight Fred E. Havrilla of Fresno, eminent grand warder and department commander; Sir Knight Egbert Rohrer of Dixon, and Sir Knight Robert B. Gaylord, Jr., of San Francisco,

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders.

Principal speaker was Sir Knight Albert E. Sheets of Sacramento, a past commander of the Sacramento Commandery. He recited the history of the York Rite Masonry in California.

Armstrong Dawson rendered self-accompanied vocal selections, appropriate to the occasion.

All three of the commanderies that precede the El Dorado's date in history were represented at the occasion, including California Commandery No. 1, Sacramento Commandery No. 2, and Pacific Commandery No. 3, at Sonora. Oroville, Nevada City, Auburn, Palo Alto and Fresno commanderies were also represented at this memorable occasion. All were introduced to the crowd. (From Mountain Democrat, Placerville, Calif., June 25, 1959).



WORLD CHAMPION DRILL TEAM FROM LONG BEACH
COMMANDERY No. 40

California Officers and Sir Knights. In front at left: Sir Knight Robert M. Rewick, Right Eminent Grand Commander with Acting Grand Captain General. In line immediately behind the Grand Commander (left to right) Sir Knights Arthur M. Loomis, P. G. C.; Marion E. Pedlar, Fred E. Rankins, Jr.; George Edmondson, Robert A. Miller, Ralph H. Slocum, Noel W. Roser, William E. J. Erichsen.



Attached photo shows Right Eminent Grand Commander Willard G. Cartwright of the Grand Commandery of California congratulating Dr. Boquet, Professor at the San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo, on the wonderful outstanding contribution the Presbyterian Seminary is making in training students for the Christian Ministry. Front row, right to left: Grand Eminent Commander W. C. Cartwright, Dr. Boquet, Waldo E. Gedosch, and Gene W. Burris. Back row: Otis Kendrick, Commander of Marin Commandery No. 73, George Edmondson, Eminent Grand Treasurer, State of California Commandery, W. Daniel Klenger, Dieter T. Hessel and Michael D. Anderson.

Visitation of Right Eminent Grand Commander Willard G. Cartwright to Marin Commandery No. 73

Marin Commandery had the pleasure of receiving Right Eminent Commander Willard G. Cartwright, Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of California. Also present at the evening ceremony were Divinity Students W. Daniel Klenger, Dieter T. Hessel, Gene W. Burris, Waldo E. Gedosch, Michael D. Anderson. Dr. Boquet represented the San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo and introduced the above Divinity Students. Each of the students gave a short talk and thanked the Commanderies of the State of California for their contribution to the "Christian Ministry Program" which endowment program has assisted them financially in their study for the Christian Ministry.

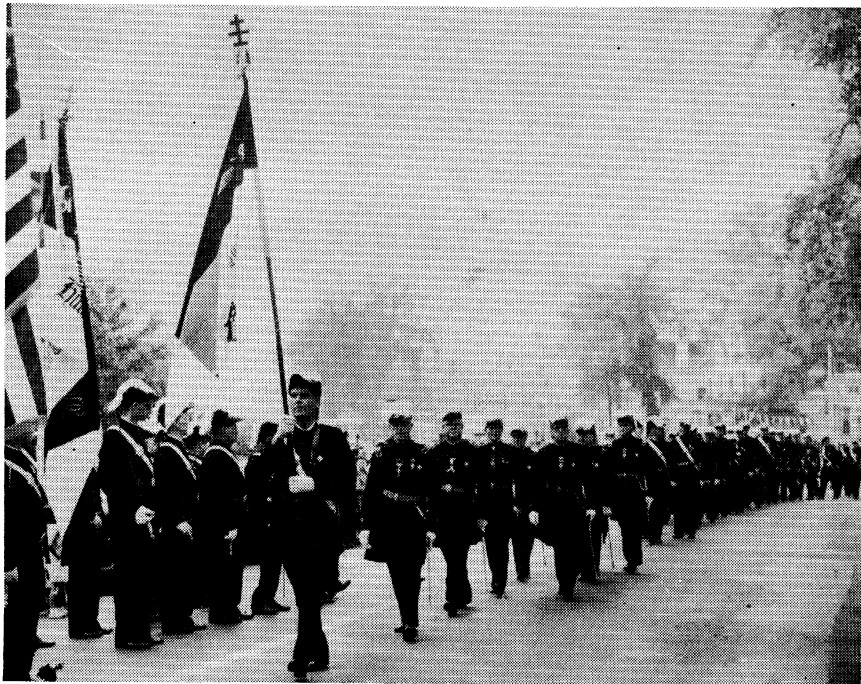
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The Committee again re-states its position set forth in the May, 1958 report that there is still a great need for closer liaison between the Committees on York Rite, Membership and Publicity. We strongly feel that a joint effort can produce greater results in obtaining our common objective—that of increased membership.

Recommendations:

1. That the publicity program be perpetuated from year to year.
2. That the Committee on Publicity be advised of all noteworthy events and news items.
3. That all Eminent Commanders and Recorders of Constituent Commanderies, upon receipt of a prepared news release, immediately make same available to local press and radio.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.—Isa. 26:3.



Apollo Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, Troy, N. Y., Sir Knight Evan La Rue, Eminent Commander, passing in review before the Colors of Calvary Commandery of Hudson Falls, N. Y., in front of the First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls, N. Y., where Divine Services were held on the afternoon of June 28, 1959, at the conclusion of the 146th Grand Conclave.

(Photo by courtesy of Sir Knight Ed H. Kanzelmyer, St. George's Commandery No. 37, Knights Templar, Schenectady, N. Y.)

NEW YORK GRAND CONCLAVE JUNE 27-28, 1959

The Glens Falls (N. Y.) Times published editorials and many columns of news relative to the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar 146th Annual Conclave, held in Glens Falls. The newspaper headline read—"Grand Conclave Saddened by Death of Sir Knight Avery Bullen, Right Eminent Grand Commander, on the eve of his Conclave."

The local newspaper report was as follows, in part:

Several program changes brought about by the death of Mr. Bullen were announced by Dr. J. George Lang of New

York City, former Deputy Grand Commander, who automatically advanced to the post of Commander when Mr. Bullen died. Dr. Lang had already been scheduled for election as Grand Commander at tomorrow's business session.

Dr. Lang said the Grand Commander's dinner scheduled for this evening at 7 with Mr. Bullen as host will be held as planned. It would have been Mr. Bullen's wish, and it was his family's that the dinner go on, the new Commander said. He added that as the new presiding officer of the conclave he was attempting to carry out all of Mr. Bullen's desires, and that in every respect the conclave was to be considered as Mr. Bullen's.

Invitation Affair

The dinner will be an invitation affair, limited to grand line officers and a group of invited guests, including a number of Grand Commanders from other states.

The only business activity on today's program was a conference this morning for Grand Commandery officers and past grand commanders, at which reports were made and plans discussed for furthering the Knights Templar order.

Tomorrow's program has been readjusted to permit all attending the conclave to attend funeral services for Mr. Bullen in a body in the First Presbyterian Church at 3 p. m. The Grand Commandery will convene at 8:45 a. m., and remain in session until 1:15 p. m. instead of recessing for lunch at 12:30 p. m., as scheduled. At this session Mayor J. Ward Russell will give an address of welcome, with a response by Dr. Ward L. Ekas of Rochester, Grand Generalissimo. Distinguished guests will be introduced and business transacted.

Following Mr. Bullen's funeral, the business session will reconvene at 3:45 p. m., for the election of officers. Public installation of the new officers will take place at a ceremony in the hotel lobby immediately after the session, expected to be about 6 p. m., two hours later than planned. The annual banquet, scheduled for 7 p. m., will be deferred until 8, followed by a ball.

Speaker for Banquet

Principal speaker at the banquet will be Lewis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, of Cleveland, Ohio. More than 700 are expected to attend the gathering.

Sunday's program will be as scheduled, with a grand officers' conference at 9:30 a. m., a conference of the grand captain general with staff officers, division commanders, division adjutants and division aides at 10:30, a street procession from City Park through Maple, Ridge and Glen Sts. to the First Presbyterian Church at 1:30, and a service in the

church at 2.

During tomorrow's business session, wives of the knights attending the conclave will be guests on a cruise on Lake George aboard the motor vessel Ticonderoga. Luncheon will be served aboard.

The Knights Templar conclave is the first of two major Masonic conventions in Glens Falls over the week-end.

Avery L. Bullen

It was a strange twist of fate that Avery L. Bullen should have died on the eve of an event into which he had poured his very heart and soul for many months.

As Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York, Mr. Bullen was to have presided over the sessions of the 146th annual conclave of the organization which opened in Glens Falls today. He did not live to see the accomplishment of that for which he had worked so hard, and residents of the community join with members of the Knights Templar in mourning his passing.

Aside from his family, nothing much took precedence over Masonry, in its various forms and facets, with Avery Bullen. He belonged to many branches of the order, and to each of them he gave his all. He had held at one time or another virtually all of the offices of the numerous units to which he belonged, and he was a 33rd degree Mason. Since his election a year ago as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York gave him an opportunity to bring the organization's 1959 conclave to Glens Falls, he had worked hard to make sure that not only the Grand Commandery but also his home town would reap the enjoyment of this gathering. As his efforts were about to reach their climax, he was struck down.

Few men have risen as high in Masonry as did Avery Bullen. He will be long remembered for his many contributions in time, money and effort to the growth and development of the order.—(Glens Falls Times, June 26, 1959.)

NEBRASKA

The 1960 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska, will be held in Falls City, April 21 and 22. Sir Knight Edward F. Wehrbein, R. E. Grand Commander, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Sir Knight William Uglehart Hansen, the 87th Grand Commander, presided at the 87th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in Hastings, April 16 and 17, 1959.

Praeludium

The Twenty-third Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders Association of Knights Templar of Nebraska was held in the Dining Room of the Masonic Temple at Hastings, as a prelude to the formal opening of the Eighty-seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. Our host was Mount Nebo Commandery No. 11 and every possible arrangement for the comfort and welfare of the guests had been made by the various committees under the direction of E. and Mrs. Dwig P. Richard and E. and Mrs. Fred G. Saathoff. About 170 Sir Knights and their Ladies assembled at 6:30 p. m., April 15, 1959, around the tastefully-decorated tables to partake of a very delicious dinner and to enjoy the fine program which had been arranged.

Following the invocation by E. Frank E. Pfoutz, Grand Prelate, we were entertained by Mrs. Marcella Krieger singing "Hold Thou My Hand" and "Let Me This Day" and by a Boys Quartet from the Hastings Senior High School with a group of numbers. The dinner music was furnished most capably by Miss Betty Krovance.

After the benediction by the Grand Prelate, the Sir Knights and Ladies were taken to the Chapel of Hastings College for the Divine Service of the Grand Commandery. Assisted by the College Choir, directed by Allen Lehl, and the Organist, Miss Gretchen Timmer, the Grand Prelate, E. Frank E. Pfoutz, conducted an hour of worship, the theme of his sermon being "God Was In Christ." After the

close of the Divine Service, everyone returned to the Masonic Temple for the Grand Commander's reception.

At 2:00 p. m., Thursday, a public Memorial Service was held in the Asylum of Mt. Nebo Commandery arranged by the Grand Prelate. With Mrs. Milo M. Fink at the piano, Mrs. Marcella Krieger sang "Faith Unlocks the Door" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." After the report of the Committee on Deceased Templars by E. Earl B. Brooks, the Memorial Address was given by the Grand Prelate, followed by a beautiful ceremony of lighting the tapers on the Triangle. The service closed with a prayer by the Grand Prelate and "Taps" by the bugler, Donald L. Knapp. The Memorial was beautifully conceived and faultlessly executed.

The Grand Commandery Banquet was held at 7:00 o'clock Thursday evening with about 200 Sir Knights, Ladies and many distinguished guests gathered about the bountiful tables. The speaker of the evening was R. E. Oliver S. William, Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma, Commander of the West Central Department, and Personal Representative of M. E. Louis Henry Wieber, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Excerpts from the address of Sir Knight William Uglehart Hanses, R. E. Grand Commander, of his activities during the year.

Special Meeting of Presiding Officers of York Rite Bodies

August 30, 1958, I attended a meeting at Central City to discuss the problems of the York Rite and a plan to publish a pamphlet to be known as the "Nebraska York Rite Mason." Those in attendance at the meeting were M. E. Louis V. Sylvester, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M.; M. I. Companions Wilfred C. Boldt, Grand Master; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Recorder and Grand Secretary; R. I. Charles F. Adams, Deputy Grand Master; M. I. Companions Walter R. Raecke and Fred Fouts, Past Grand Masters, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska.

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VISITING KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AT CONNECTICUT CONCLAVE

Distinguished Knights Templar who attended the banquet of the 132nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut, Sunday night, at Old Well Temple are shown with Sir Knight Fred R. Humphrey, R. E. Grand Commander: From left to right seated are: Sir Knights Francis P. Woodcock, Vermont; Lloyd O. Miller, Washington, D. C.; Fred R. Humphrey, Connecticut; Francis E. Devine, New Jersey and Etrebil A. Schaub, Maryland. Standing: Sir Knights J. Lewis Gibbs, Virginia; Albert Hoffses, Maine; (late) Avery L. Bullen, New York; Ralph C. Locke, New Hampshire, and C. Byron Lear, New Jersey.

(Hour photo, Bramac)

CONNECTICUT GRAND CONCLAVE GIVEN GOOD NEWSPAPER SPACE

The local newspaper, the "Norwalk Hour," devoted front page space and several columns each day preceding and during the 132nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, held Monday, April 27, 1959.

Sir Knight Fred R. Humphrey, R. E. Grand Commander, of Norwalk, presided. During the election Sir Knight Guy I. Robb, of 7 Winthrop Place, Danbury, was elected and installed R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Knight James Robertson, of Bridgeport, was elected V. E. Deputy Grand Commander. The 1960 Annual Conclave will be held in Danbury, Conn.

The Conclave started on Sunday afternoon, April 26th, with religious services at the Norwalk Methodist Church, and a banquet meeting was held in the evening at Old Wells Temple. Headquarters for the Conclave was at the Treadway Inn.

Visiting Sir Knights were: Francis P. Woodcock, Vermont; Lloyd O. Miller, Washington, D. C.; Francis E. Devine, New Jersey; Etrebil A. Schaub, Maryland; J. Lewis Gibbs, Virginia; Albert Hoffses, Maine; Avery L. Bullen, New York; Ralph C. Locke, New Hampshire, and C. Byron Lear, New Jersey.

The "Norwalk Hour" front page headline was: "Knights Templar Conclave Featured by Service and Dinner. Many from Out of State Gather for Convention Meeting in Norwalk. Presentation to Local Resident." Followed by this news coverage:

Sing Hymn

On Sunday afternoon at the church, after the Templars had entered and had taken their places, the Senior Choir of the church entered the sanctuary singing the Templar hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Sir Knight Philip J. Jones, Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, delivered the invocation, followed by the reading of the Scripture by Sir Knight Fred R. Humphrey, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The sermon was delivered by the pastor of the church, Rev. Barton Bovee, Past Associate Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who took for his subject, "In God We Trust."

The choir, under the direction of Clarence Cable, organist, sang two anthems, "Now Let the Fulltone Chorus" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." The offering taken was for a contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A.



Sir Knight Horace M. N. Sigman

After the services, the Knights met at the Berkeley street Masonic Temple, and then at the Treadway Inn for a social hour, prior to the banquet at Old Well Temple.

Annual Banquet

At 7 o'clock the Templars and their ladies assembled at Old Well Temple for the annual banquet, tendered to the R. E. Grand Commander Humphrey, and the members of the Grand Commandery, by Clinton Commandery. The banquet was served by the ladies of Ophir Chapter, O. E. S., Mrs. Betty Peterson, chairman.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Bovee. Toastmaster, Sir Knight Henry H. Favor, Eminent Commander of Clinton Commandery, extended greetings to those present in behalf of the Commandery. Sir Knight Fred R. Humphrey, Right Eminent Grand Commander, introduced the distinguished guests, from Connecticut and out of state.

The address of the evening was given by Sir Knight Howard T. Joslyn, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, and the present Department Commander of the North Eastern Department of the Grand Encampment. The benediction was pronounced by the Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Philip J. Jones.

Prior to adjournment, Past Grand Commander Horace M. N. Sigman presented the retiring Grand Commander Humphrey with his Past Grand Commander's jewel in behalf of the Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Humphrey was also presented with a Past Grand Commander's belt and shoulder straps.

Horace W. N. Sigman History of Connecticut

Sir Knight Horace M. N. Sigman, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, has written an interesting letter about the publicity given the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut by the "Norwalk Hour."

This local newspaper featured the Connecticut Commandery History as being a valuable contribution. The front page headline, "Sigman Recalls Many Features of Past Years," was illustrated, and followed by two full columns of the history details and interesting facts, which are herewith reproduced in part:

Significant Month

The month of May seems to be the month in which the several branches of Freemasonry were born in Norwalk. St. John's Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., was instituted May 23, 1765; Washington Chapter No. 24, Royal Arch Masons, was chartered on May 10, 1827, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, although instituted in Washington, Conn., February 9, 1827, began operating in Norwalk on May 5, 1847.

The history of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut is very vague relative to the beginning of Clinton Commandery, but there are few established facts. A warrant was issued by DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment, in Albany, N. Y., on the 9th day of February, 1827, to 11 Sir Knights, nine of whom were members of New Haven Commandery. So Clinton Commandery is an offspring of New Haven Commandery. This warrant was issued for the Commandery to be located in Washington, Conn. During the years of 1827 and 1828 they added 18 to their number, and then ceased to function.

From Clinton

With the institution of Clinton Commandery, there were now three Commanderies in the State of Connecticut. The representatives of these three Commanderies, Washington No. 1, Colchester (moved to Hartford in 1844), New Haven Commandery No. 2, and Clinton No. 3, met in New Haven on September 13, 1827, and organized the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Connecticut. Two members of Clinton Commandery were listed among the officers of the Grand Commandery, Daniel Brinsmade as the

Grand Generalissimo, and John Barney as Grand Senior Warden. The Grand Commandery did not seem to thrive any better than Clinton Commandery, as there seems to be no records of the Grand Commandery between 1830 and 1840, and no Grand Commanders listed between 1829 and 1841, although the records of New Haven Commandery state that Leban Smith, a member of that Commandery, served as Grand Commander from 1835 to 1840.

Special Conclave

In the 1840's Templary seemed to revive. Washington Commandery No. 1 moved from Colchester to Hartford in 1844, and on May 4 and 5, 1847, the Grand Commandery met in Norwalk in Special Conclave for the purpose of conferring degrees, that Clinton Commandery might be revived. This was the beginning of Clinton Commandery in Norwalk. Progress was slow, so that again in 1851, the Grand Commandery officers came to Norwalk to confer degrees. This time it was upon a number of Companions from Bridgeport. In 1855, these same Knights petitioned the Grand Commandery for a Commandery in Bridgeport, to be known as Hamilton Commandery No. 5. Hamilton Commandery was instituted May 23, 1855, taking with them about one-half the membership of Clinton Commandery.

The time of the meetings was irregular, as was the place of meeting. In one year they met five times in March, once in April and once in May, and then skipped for several months. Not only did they meet in Norwalk, but at times in Stamford and Danbury, and in Bridgeport before the institution of Hamilton Commandery. Their financial situation in those days was not very strong, the treasury being depleted and at one time at the end of the year showed a deficit. The records show that assessments were frequent, and they spent much of their income for refreshments. In one year they compromised with St. John's Lodge, that they would pay \$1.50 a night for the use of the lodge room.

Early Years

During the early years of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander was a member of either Washington Commandery No. 1, or New Haven Commandery No. 2. But in 1858, John A. McLean, a member of Clinton Commandery, was elected Grand Commander, and the following year George F. Daskam, another member of Clinton Commandery.

At the Annual Grand Conclave in 1864, it was voted that the Grand Commandery should meet semi-annually.

The first was held in Norwalk, November 3, 1864. In 1865, the officers of the Grand Commandery were present at the 100th anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 6, in their temple, which was the top floor of the Benjamin Isaac Building, now the Merchants Bank and Trust Co., at Isaac and Wall streets.

On May 13, 1870, 21 members of Clinton Commandery, residing in Danbury, were granted a dispensation to form Crusader Commandery No. 10. William W. Storey, Grand Commander, a member of Clinton Commandery, instituted Crusader Commandery on January 9, 1871. This was the second offspring of Clinton Commandery.

An interesting item in the history of the Grand Commandery states that Henry Woodward, Grand Commander, from Middletown, installed the officers of Clinton Commandery on December 27, 1876, and that the Commander installed was Edwin Hoyt, who had been knighted in September, 1825, two years prior to the institution of Clinton Commandery and the Grand Commandery. The name of Edwin Hoyt appears second on the list of affiliates when reorganized in Norwalk. He certainly waited a long time before becoming Commander, 51 years, but made up for it by serving two years.

The Grand Commandery met in Norwalk on March 20, 1877, and was presided over by Henry Woodward, of Middletown. Augustus Golding, of Clinton Commandery, presided over the Grand Com-

mandery in Bridgeport on May 20, 1883. The Grand Commandery next met in Norwalk on May 15, 1887, when Frederick H. Waldron presided. From that time on when the Grand Commandery met in Norwalk it was presided over by a member of Clinton Commandery. Christian Swartz presided on March 21, 1893. Far-ron S. Betts on March 16, 1907, and Arthur C. Wheeler on March 18, 1918. The 1918 Conclave was held during World War I, plans were not elaborate, and expenditures cut to the bone. What was termed a "Hooverized Banquet" was served in the Town Hall in Wall street.

Certain foods were eliminated from the menu; they ate rolls and bread made from a combination of wheat flour, oatmeal and rice flour, instead of straight wheat flour. During that year the Grand Master made an appeal for a War Emergency Fund. The Commanderies of Connecticut contributed almost \$5,000.

On October 7, 1922, Clinton Commandery gave birth to its third offspring. Stamford Commandery No. 12, Thomas W. Morgan, Grand Commander, constituted Stamford Commandery, taking 99 members from Clinton Commandery as charter members of that Commandery.

On May 5, 1935, was held the next Grand Commandery Conclave in Norwalk, with Horace M. N. Sigman, Grand Commander. This was held at St. John's Lodge Temple in Berkeley street. Representatives from all the Grand Commanderies from Maine to the District of Columbia were present, as well as officers from the 12 Commanderies of Connecticut.

Leslie W. Gorham presided over the meeting of the Grand Commandery on May 6, 1947. In addition to representatives from various Grand Commanderies, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut were present.



Baton Rouge, La.
June 20, 1959

The Knights Templar
14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1733
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir Knight Rice:

I am sending in eight subscriptions to The Knights Templar and also a Photo of the Picnic and Barbeque held June 6, 1959 at Jackson Park by the two Commanderies here in Baton Rouge Plains No. 11 and Istrouma No. 28, Knights Templar. Our invited guests were the children from the Catholic and Protest-

LOUISIANA

The Ninety-seventh (97th) Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana will be held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, starting on Sunday, April 10th, 1960 through Tuesday, April 12th, 1960.

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

From the address of Sir Knight Hepburn Byrd, R. E. Grand Commander, at the 96th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana, held at Alexandria, La., April 13-14, 1959:

My year has passed so quickly we are reminded of the passing of those days when we paused daily to give thanks

ant Orphans' Homes here in Baton Rouge.

If you have the space in our Knights Templar Magazine we would appreciate you using this photo.

Sir Knight John you and your staff have made a Top Rate Magazine out of the Knight Templar. I would like for you to know this while you remain on the active list.

With kind personal regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN W. FELPS,
Grand Commander.

for the many blessings we received from the Great Captain of our Salvation.

Today with grateful thanks to God for His watchful care and His guiding hand, we are permitted to assemble at this 96th Annual Conclave. We are proud of the honor and privilege to welcome all Knights Templar of Louisiana, and to assure our distinguished visitors and guests they are welcome.

To Sir Knight Louis F. Heger, P. G. C., who is here to represent our Most Eminent Grand Master, we extend a special welcome and assure you we are most happy to have you as our guest of honor.

I especially want to thank Trinity Commandery No. 8, K. T., Alexandria, for their kindness in inviting the Grand Commandery to hold their Annual Conclave in Alexandria.

State of the Order

It is with pleasure that I report to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Louisiana that we are continuing to show an increase in membership, however, our annual increase is beginning to decline.

During 1958 we Knighted 220, Affiliated 19, Reinstated 32. A gain of 273. Losses were extremely heavy. Demissions 40, Suspensions 132 and Deaths 77. A loss of 252. The net gain was 21.

Of our 16 Constituent Commanderies, 9 recorded an increase in membership and 7 showed a loss.

The heavy loss in membership due to Suspensions for Non-payment of dues is of grave concern. It is my suggestion that each Commandery have a year around active Committee that would acquaint themselves with these members who might be suspended, and assist them before the time for action on their suspension arrives.

Report of the Inspector General
Franklinton, La.

January 10, 1959.

Sir Knights:

I enclose report of Inspections of Commanderies for the year 1958.

It is gratifying to me to be able to report to you that the work of all Commanderies Inspected was impressive and commendable, and exemplified the Spirit of Templary.

Fourteen Commanderies held Inspections. Most of them opened in Full Form, and I want to commend them highly for the work they did. With few exceptions all Rituals were turned in for Inspection.

Throughout the State, I find a deep appreciation for and a deep steadfast interest in Templary, and I am sure that this appreciation and interest will be maintained. From my own observation, I think that the cause of Templary would be greatly served if there were more uniforms in the Commanderies of the State. I think that attendance would be greater if more of the Sir Knights had uniforms. I hope that each Commandery

in the State will give emphasis upon attendance and that all Sir Knights be urged and encouraged to buy uniforms.

Courteously submitted,

H. P. MAGEE,
Inspector General.

Excerpts from State of the Order

Our Grand Commander reported that a majority of the Commanderies are continuing to show increase in membership, however our annual increase is beginning to decline. We note that all Commanderies did not Knight Candidates—our net gain was 21. Our Grand Commander has been very active during the year and made many visitations. We feel that we can truthfully report that there is a fine spirit of devotion to Templary in all of our Constituent Commanderies and that the affairs of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana are in excellent condition.

Conclusion

The hand on the dial of time has made its revolution. We can not close this report without commending our Grand Commander for a year of memories that will never fade but will live on and on withstanding the ravages of time because they are the seed of Courage, Faith and Prayer, which you have planted along our pathway.

Courteously submitted,
JOHN W. FELPS, P.G.C., Ch.
J. L. STEPHAN, P.C.
J. S. COCKEY, P.C.

Read and adopted.

The Traveling Bible (12th Presentation)

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

I WILL WIELD MY SWORD

By John L. Crofts, P. G. C. of Iowa

Sir Knights, I am convinced that our most pressing problem of the moment is the indifference of some of our members to the programs of our Commanderies. This indifference is demonstrated not only by lack of regular attendance at our conclaves but by lack of other means of positive identification with the Order. It is the reason behind demits and suspensions. Such indifference has no interest in new members. Blame it for any other lack or failure and it is likely that you are right. True, this indifference exists in varying degrees from place to place, but I know of no place where it is not serious, where it does not deserve to be recognized and attacked. To make such attack is the purpose of these remarks.

I am reminded, and I think it is well that every Knight Templar be reminded, of a certain Declaration. Perhaps one answer to the problem of indifference is in our being reminded now and frequently of the most powerful positive declaration in our mutual experience, "*I will wield my sword. . . .*"

Our Public Declaration once repeated binds all of us; it is not a bit of advice offered to a pilgrim, but his own statement of dedication and purpose. Perhaps in some instances it is not given proper emphasis, but it seems impossible that any Christian Mason could fail to understand its importance. Such a dedication sets a worldly goal for every Knight Templar, and as we are organized as we are, it likewise sets a goal for every Commandery. Such a dedication demands an *active* program reaching out into our communities and planned for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

The Commandery program should provide an avenue of service for its members; otherwise, it might be said that the Commandery program is indifferent to the needs of the members. Ritualistic



SIR KNIGHT JOHN L. CROFTS
P. G. C. Iowa

performance in reasonable proficiency is essential, *but no Commandery can satisfy its members by this activity alone.* We must give outlets of sufficient scope and variety to require the support of every man who has said "*I will wield my sword. . . .*" Certainly every Commandery should be interested and active locally in support of the four programs promoted throughout Grand Encampment; namely, Religious Observances, the Educational Foundation, Patriotic Activities, and the Eye Foundation.

Every Commandery should plan assemblies on at least the three principle Christian days, and no Sir Knight should be absent except for reasons given as excuses in his Vow. What an inspiration to all, within and without our membership, if we could express in such a way

our declaration, "*I will wield my sword. . .*" Many outstanding area observances have been developed, the greatest of these the Easter Service held in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia. It is noted with joy that Michigan will take at least five hundred uniformed Knights to Arlington next Easter. What an inspiration they will give, and receive!

Our Educational Foundation has served more than thirty-five years in assisting students to receive higher education. The demands on these funds are again great, the purpose basically as sound as ever, and it would seem desirable for every Commandery to have an interested and informed committee to assist this program.

In 1952 the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave officially recognized Patriotic Activities as a program. Certainly this is worth our support, though the opportunities have not been recognized generally. Perhaps too often we have thought of Patriotic Activities as an opportunity to hold a special conclave designed to convince ourselves that we are Patriotic, ignoring the word "Activities." Can we wield our swords in this way? Of course not. Let's start with the expressed purpose printed in every folder sent out from the Grand Encampment committee, ". . . for the purpose of promoting the civic responsibility of Templary as an organization, and collectively demonstrating the patriotic principles of Templary. . . ." Support of youth activities of the right sort, and of good government for the perpetuation of our democratic way of life become immediate objectives. If we support DeMolay actively we are on the right way, and there is no limit to our usefulness.

The Eye Foundation, established in 1955 as a purely charitable activity, is rapidly gaining recognition both inside and outside our Commanderies. The objective of activating this program at the commandery level is being pressed at

this time by the Grand Master, and by the Executive Director of the Foundation, Past Grand Master Walter Allen DeLamater. What a wholly satisfying program to one who would wield his sword!

In any community many needs exist, and *every need is an opportunity, if we are reminded of our Declaration*. Perhaps there should be a change in our laws to provide a streamer for every Beauseant, so that with every movement of that symbolic standard the words would be revealed again and again, "*I will wield my sword. . .*" At the very least, every Templar should associate these words intimately with the image of the Cross that is always in his mind, for the fulfillment of this pledge is surely the Christian Way.

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York Rite Co-operation

A number of York Rite Festivals were held this year. The united efforts of the Grand Council, Chapter and Commandery were instrumental in publishing the new "Nebraska York Rite Mason," this past year. This publication can only result in bringing us all closer together.

Presentation of Fifty-Year Badge

To Sir Knight Lewis E. Smith, R. E. Past Grand Commander and member of Bethel Commandery No. 28.

The Grand Commander instructed the Grand Generalissimo to escort Sir Knight Lewis E. Smith to the East whereupon the Grand Commander presented to this most distinguished frater a fifty-year badge. This presentation came as a complete surprise to Sir Knight Smith who responded briefly, thanking the Grand Commander and the Sir Knights for the many courtesies extended to him during the many years he served in the Grand Commandery as Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

THE GENESIS OF MASONIC TEMPLARY IN NORTH AMERICA

By LEE H. SALISBURY

P. C. Englewood Commandery No. 59

One or two Knights Templar parades must be mentioned,—certainly the one in 1799, when that grand old Mason, George Washington, answered the summons of the Grand Architect of the Universe to the Lodge on High. Knights Templar took a conspicuous part in the funeral ceremonies held in honor of the Father of our Country.

And from the Connecticut Gazette for July 2, 1800, we learn that Knights Templar marched in the procession for the dedication of Freemasons' Hall at New London.—So much for Templar parades in the primitive period.

We deduce from these records that Templary as an institution must, therefore, have existed prior to the earliest of these dates, 1785. Templary flourished at Albany, New York at an early but undetermined date. And Stillwater Encampment is glimpsed dimly through the gray dawn. Rising Sun Encampment thrived as early as 1797, but died in 1817. St. Peter's was a thriving organization in 1799, and—how much earlier?—The last four Encampments mentioned are all in the State of New York. Now let us turn to New England.

Records indicate the existence of Templar Encampments in Newburyport, Massachusetts in 1795 and in Boston, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island, in 1802. Mention has been made earlier in this article of three Knights forming an Encampment at Colchester, Connecticut in July, 1796. Clear records have been brought to light of their creating other Knights after this date, and of a charter being granted them in June, 1801.

The first Masonic Lodge in the British Colonies of North America, and probably the earliest Masonic Lodge in all America, was established in the old Tun Tavern in Philadelphia in the year 1730.

Pennsylvania figures prominently in conferring the symbolic degrees of Masonry which were introduced from Britain. In these Masonic Lodges in the Colony of William Penn, or in Chapters of Royal Arch Masons working under a Lodge warrant, there is clear evidence that the Royal Arch Degree was conferred as early as 1758. The Order of the Temple in the Keystone State is first mentioned in 1794. But there must have been earlier knightings of which there is no record . . . For in 1797 the first attempt at State organization in the United States was made in Pennsylvania, when four local organizations, at that time known as Encampments, met in Philadelphia. Creigh, in his "History of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania," informs us that the first Encampment in America was formed in Philadelphia February 14, 1794, and that this Encampment, with three others: one in Philadelphia established in 1755, one in Harrisburg dating from 1795, and one from Carlisle organized a year later, formed the first Grand Encampment in the United States on the 12th day of May, 1797. But this organization was short lived. No one knows the date of its death. But it did not exist in 1812.

After the dissolution of this first Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, another effort was made to fuse the Encampments of the State,—and such others as might volunteer to join,—into a greater body. So, on February 15, 1814, was born another Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania. There were two Pennsylvania Encampments,—one from Philadelphia and one from Pittsburg. These two were joined by three others from the State: the Rising Sun Encampment from New York, one Encampment from Delaware, and one from Maryland. But the advent of the General Grand Encampment of the United States in 1816 eclipsed and dwarfed the Pennsylvania venture. Its importance dwindled and waned. In 1824 it was dissolved.

NORTH DAKOTA

Sir Knight Albert G. Tverbery, Grand Recorder (Grafton, N. D.) of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of North Dakota, has given some facts in his report, worth reading and giving some thought.

On page 37 of the Proceedings of the 70th Annual Conclave, held May 17-18, 1959, at Jamestown, he writes under a heading, "Greatest Appeal." He writes: "Does the Order of the Temple retain its potency and irresistible appeal? The companions Knighted in 1958 answered this query in 'My Knight Templar Data' questionnaire, asserting:

" . . . very colorful, impressive and educational . . . the work was wonderful . . . an occasion long to remember . . . it is one degree I will never forget. . . . I enjoy Templar ritual and teachings very much . . . a challenger to bring into daily living the most profound precepts of Christian teaching. . . . I am singularly impressed by the breadth and depth of the background of Templary . . . the most beautiful and impressive degree taken so far . . . very impressive and brought out many of the secrets of Masonry . . . much inspired by the beautiful work . . . the Biblical teachings will always be remembered as a result . . . most colorful and valuable Christian experience I have ever encountered. . . ."

Such reaction is a challenger to every officer to present this Christian Order with all the solemnity and sincerity that incompatible with its profound philosophy.

Knightly Zeal Essential

It is imperative that the fraternal apathy of our membership be transformed into knightly zeal. The fraters must be made to feel that Templary is vital in their lives. If they are "born again" as the Great Captain of Our Salvation told the skeptic Nicodemus, Templars will again march onward with renewed

vigor and add lustre and prestige to the entire Masonic fraternity. After years of retrogression, the conditions today are most promising for continuous progress, if the beauty and merit of the York Rite are intelligently exploited.

At this Seventieth Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Win-a-Ha Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, at Jamestown, May 17-18, 1959, Sir Knight Gailen H. Frosaker, R. E. Grand Commander, of Minot, presided. Sir Knight Joseph A. Jameson, Fargo, was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander. The 71st Annual Conclave will be held at Fargo, April 24, 26, 1960. This is an earlier date for the Annual Conclave.

On page 59 of the 1959, Proceedings of the 70th Annual Conclave appears a photograph of the "Knight of Malta Team of Tancred, Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Mandan, N. D., followed by this interesting historical sketch:

Although Templary in North Dakota originated as Tancred Commandery in Bismarck during territorial days, the zeal the the pioneers abated compelling this venerable commandery to be absorbed by Coeur de Lion No. 15, Mandan, April 27, 1951, but in deference to historical significance the name of Tancred Commandery No. 1 was retained.

In recent years, Templar enthusiasm has again flared in Bismarck-Mandan enabling Tancred Commandery to knight eleven companions in 1958 as well as to render major ritualistic assistance to Temple Commandery No. 12 at Dickinson.

During the incumbency of Sir Knight James F. Ulmer as eminent commander in 1957-58, a degree team for the full form presentation of the Knight of Malta was organized. The robes and banners were all hand made by Mrs. Ulmer and the wives of the other fraters.

The Order of the Knight of Malta was exemplified in full form April 11, 1959.

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The Knights Templar and Masons of Pennsylvania denied the right or the ability of the Order of the Temple to maintain a separate and independent organization of its own. So they found themselves quite out of harmony with the General Grand Encampment of the United States. This attitude kept them in a condition of isolation until as late as 1854. History had by that time fully proved the wisdom of the founders of the General Grand Encampment. Therefore, recognizing their mistake in remaining aloof, Pennsylvania Encampment No. 1 belatedly joined with Commanderies which had meanwhile been established in Pennsylvania by the General Grand Encampment, to form the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania as it exists today. This third organization of Templary within the Keystone State proved to be permanent.

Now in spite of the fact that Templary had an early beginning in the land of the Quakers, and notwithstanding its long career and noteworthy achievements, yet it was elsewhere the actual, enduring foundation of the all-inclusive structure of the modern Order of the Temple was to be laid.—(From Masonic Temple Topics, August, 1959.)

SIR KNIGHT CHARLES A. KEITH AUTHOR OF TWO NEW BOOKS

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

We have just been informed that Sir Knight Charles A. Keith, Chairman of the Educational Foundation Committee in Kentucky, is the author of two new books, one of which is to be on the market this month.

His book, "Designs, Dreams and Deeds," is a collection of 26 of his storehouse of speeches, which have been delivered, during the past 40 years, to audiences all over the country and in some foreign lands. They cover a variety of subjects, as Sir Knight Keith puts it, "from the Hallucinations of Hookworms to a eulogy at his own funeral."

His other new book, which is due for publication in the fall, is unnamed thus far. He said he may call it "Baseball on College Campuses," with a sub-title, "The Story of Charles A. Keith." The autobiography carries him "from the crabgrass of Arkansas to the Blue Grass of Kentucky," by way of the ball fields of the United States and the cricket and rugby fields of England.

Sir Knight Keith, former major league baseball player and Rhodes scholar, retired as head of the History Department at Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond Kentucky, in 1953. In addition to his accomplishments in baseball and writing, he is a story-teller, lecturer, teacher, historian, and leader in Masonry. A dormitory for men, built in 1955, has been named in his honor at Eastern.

Since his retirement in 1953, Sir Knight Keith has written several books, ranging from a history of Kentucky through several small books and an autobiography.

Sir Knight Keith is Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., and Chapter High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R. A. M.

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The degree team was directed by Sir Knight James F. Ulmer, eminent commander, and the cast included Herman E. Fowler, prior; John C. Gould, Lt. commander; George Toman, captain general; James Stark, captain outpost; Rev. John Holton, prelate; J. G. Fogle, marshal; Norman Rolfson, Knight of St. John; Wayne Clark, Knight of Malta; Joe Kle-salek, Enoch Schultz, Charles Cohick, Robert Olgieron, C. A. Gullickson, banner guards; Chas. Rice, Geroge Wilson, Thomas Crouse, Fred Port, Chas. Woods, Marvin Solberg, Ted Welk, Lynn Nicola, Knights of the West; Vern Wann, Ray McAlpin, music; Marion Songer, guard.

The candidates were Rev. Frank A. Rumer, J. Stanton Bailie, Robert W. Ackerman and Curtis M. Parrott.

THE CHRISTMAS PEOPLE

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While word of the Christ Child came to the shepherds, to God's little people, by the message of an angel, knowledge of the Messianic prince came to the Magi, to God's great people, by the light of a star and the lore of many books and profound study and learning. The Wise-men were no more important in God's sight than his little people, but they were men of many talents and much was expected of them. Thousands and scores of thousands depended upon their wisdom. Men prospered by their advise and came closer to the Kingdom of God. Even modern astronomy and all our knowledge of the physical universe had its beginning in the wise men of the East who studied the stars and had though profoundly upon the great architect of the universe who had placed the stars in the heavens and set them in their courses.

In New Testament times, the Magi were a fellowship of learned men and the guardians and the teachers of the not inconsiderable science of that day. They had read deeply in the religious literature of their own and olden times. They knew of the Buddha and Zoroaster and Moses and Isaiah. They knew of the child to be born among the Jews who would bless all mankind. Therefore when a new star appeared they thought—perchance this is the sign of Him and we will follow it. We can see them in our mind's eye following the star, coming over the desert to Jordan from Babylon. Quite rationally when they came to Jerusalem they visited the court of King Herod the Great, and asked about the

new-born prince whom ancient prophecy had foretold. They were directed to Bethlehem by Jewish sages. And so they found the Christ Child and worshipped Him, and left their gifts and turned back again to the business which was theirs.

Of these Christmas people, the angels belong to a different order than ours. Men do not and cannot see angels with their physical eyes, but with the eyes of the heart. Such vision belongs to the pure in heart and especially to little children and the humble and the meek. Only the wicked angels break through to the hearts of the proud. When Abraham Lincoln spoke of the better angels of our nature, his thoughts perhaps were connected with the angels of Christmas morning. I am very sure that there are good angels who are ever trying to make us aware of their presence and joy and to persuade us to love with God.

Angels and guiding stars are all figures or instruments of the divine influence that seeks constantly to bless us and to induce us to trust the power of love and the might of good will.

And blessed indeed are all those
Who are led to the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Christ Child grew and waxed strong
Both in body and mind.

He completely fulfilled His promise.

By His great words and mighty deeds
He revealed Himself as the God Man.

His throne finally was a cross.

But from that cross He reigns
For ever and for ever.

And all who learn of His Way,
Either give Him their obedience
Or know that they ought so to do.

Sir Knights form Arch of Steel over
the Holy Child!