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May Easter Bring to You Peace and Happiness

The Order of Knights Templar—Christian Knighthood—is indeed in great power at this inspiring festival of Eastertide. And Knights Templar is this great power for many reasons. This universal power of real spiritual uplift and joyousness of many souls. All nature vibrates with the beauty of renewed life, and human hearts thrill at the retelling of the beautiful and never-old story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Knights Templar celebrate the blessed event of Easter because of the glorious promise of the immortality of the soul. These words of hope—"He that doeth the will of God abideth forever"—are the basis of the real spirit of Easter.

Easter is a time of unflinching faith, unlimited courage and everlasting hope; a time when we meet on common ground to confirm our belief, and to declare to the world that "To be spiritually minded is life eternal, and brings that peace beyond our understanding.

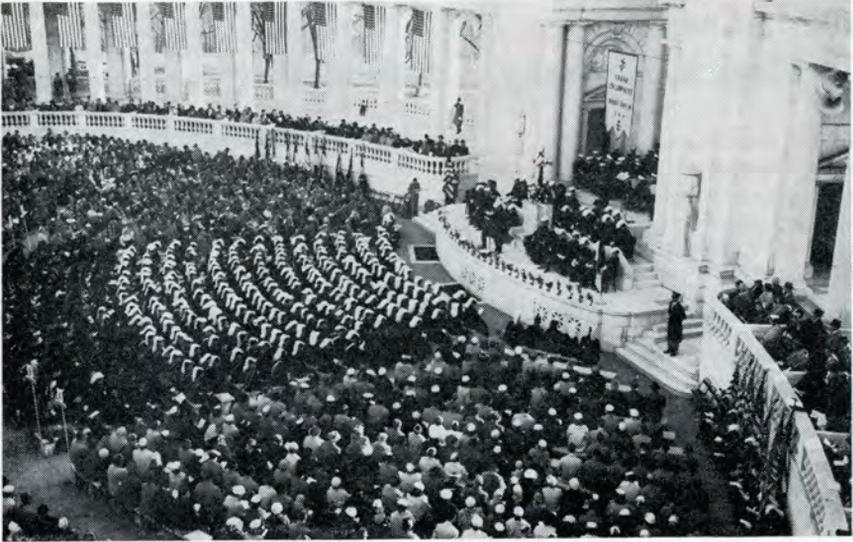
To Knights Templar everywhere will

come this renewal of faith and hope which Easter never fails to inspire. True Knights of the Cross will always find solace in the great Festival of Easter, which marks a rebirth of courageous spirit in mankind. Even as Christmas is the season of good-will, Easter turns the thoughts of a troubled world from strife and disaster to thoughts of peace and joy and the knowledge of truth.

Knights Templar are thankful that there comes Easter Morn, with the dawn brightening the world; with the spirit of mankind reborn and radiant; with its sublime message that Life is Eternal; with words which comfort and strengthen the heart for days and years to come.

May the Spirit of Templary ever remain courageous and unquenchable.

(An Easter message written by Chalmers Lowell Pancoast, as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, in 1938.)



FOR 30 YEARS
 Thirtieth Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service
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Plans for the Thirtieth Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment, bids fair to be one of the most outstanding of previous services in the way of attendance of Sir Knights in uniform. The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan is planning a very large pilgrimage to attend the service, including the Drill Team of Detroit Commandery No. 1, which will give an exhibition drill at the Monument Grounds in the rear of the White House on Saturday afternoon, April 16, 1960.

The Committee has no doubt that the jurisdictions which annually make the pilgrimage to Washington in goodly numbers will again be present to make this coming Easter Sunrise Service one of

which Templary may well be proud.

All of the preliminary arrangements have been made, and the Committee hopes that many Sir Knights who have never attended will make an effort to be with us this year. Nothing can be more inspiring than to see the Sir Knights march from the West Gate of Arlington National Cemetery, headed by the famous United States Marine Band, the Amphitheater filled to overflowing with hundreds of plumed Knights sitting in a solid formation, and then to attend the laying of the traditional "Cross of Lilies" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers by the Most Eminent Grand Master of Templars.

As Easter comes late this year the weather should be ideal for a pilgrimage to Washington to attend the Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service.

RAYMOND N. BABCOCK,
 Chairman.

Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar Munich, Germany, Constituted by G. M. Wieber

A most notable event in Templary history occurred when Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A., constituted Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, on October 10, 1959. A Conclave of Bavaria Commandery No. 3, U. D., was opened in full form. Grand Master Wieber announced that the purpose of his visit was to constitute the Commandery, to hold an election, and install the new officers.

The following Sir Knights were appointed to assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies: Sir Knights Charles Snow, Deputy Grand Master; August E. Kertnar, Grand Prelate; Harold G. Towne, Grand Marshal; Wayne E. Morgan, Grand Recorder; Andrew B. Brown, Grand Senior Warden; Maurice F. Hiatt, Grand Junior Warden. When Grand Master Wieber and his appointed officers took charge and proceeded with the constituting ceremonies, there were 28 members of Bavaria Commandery present. After Bavaria Commandery was pro-

claimed duly constituted, the following Sir Knights were elected and installed into office: Sir Knight Joseph R. Gingras, Eminent Commander; William H. Langston, Generalissimo; Chester W. Arnold, Captain General; Ammie C. Counts, Recorder, and William H. Bohanan, Treasurer.

The Eminent Commander Gingras announced the following appointments to complete the slate of officers: Sir Knights Douglas A. W. Griggs, Senior Warden; Fletcher M. Huff, Junior Warden; August E. Kertnar, Prelate; Roy R. Hill, Standard Bearer; Farrand W. McLain, Sword Bearer; Gennaro F. Cochuizzo, Warder, and Homer G. Downs, Sentinel.

Sir Knight Joseph R. Gingras, Eminent Commander, in a letter to Sir Knight John Temple Rice, wrote, in part: I would like to tell you that we really enjoyed our Grand Master's visit, Grand Master and Mrs. Wieber, and they were warmly received by our Sir Knights and ladies."



Munich Banquet, October 10, 1959, (left to right): Mrs. Louis H. Wieber; Joseph R. Gingras, Commander; Louis H. Wieber, Grand Master; and Mrs. Joseph R. Gingras.



(Left to right)—Sir Knights, Most Eminent Louis H. Wieber and Eminent Commander Joseph R. Gingras of Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Munich, Germany. October 10, 1959.

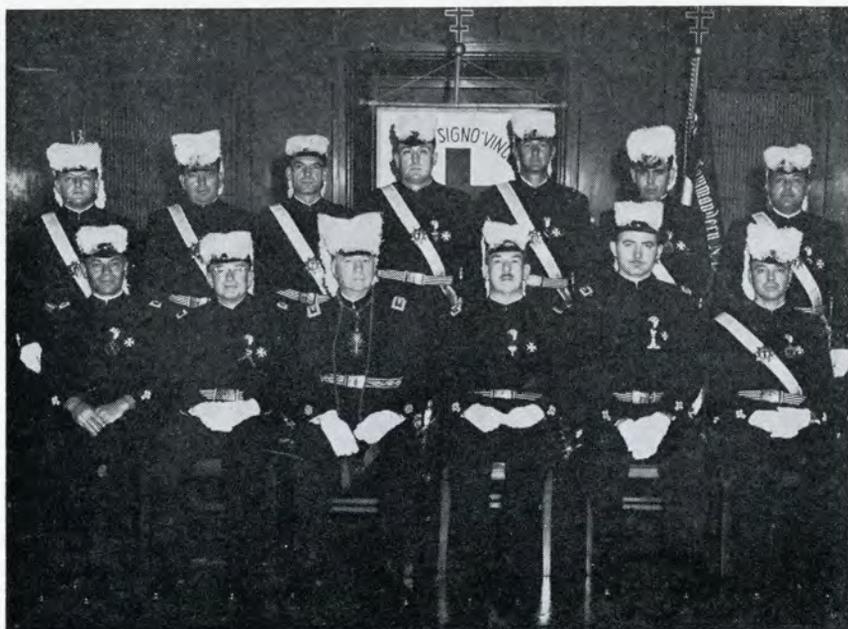
Knights Templar

For more than thirty years the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States has maintained a large trust fund as an Educational Foundation, to enable young men and women to defray the costs of a college education, by borrowing on exceedingly liberal terms a part of their college expenses. More than a thousand young people are helped annually; they are using approximately a half million dollars each year. The

Grand Encampment has also set up a foundation which supports research and treatment of diseases and injury to the human eye, in an effort to prevent blindness. The treatment is provided for individuals who are in need, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or national origin.

That Freemasonry detracts from all organized religions is not true.

Most of the Masons in the United States, through their Grand Lodges, contribute to the support of the Masonic Service Association.



Munich, Germany—Newly installed officers of Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, with the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Front row (left to right): Sir Knights August Kertnar, Prelate; William Lanston, Generalissimo; Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master; Joseph R. Gingras, Eminent Commander; Chester Arnold, Captain General; Douglas Griggs, Senior Warden.

Back row—(left to right): Farrand McClain, Sword Bearer; Homer Downs, Sentinel; Fletcher Ruff, Junior Warden; Roy Hill, Standard Bearer; Ammie Counts, Recorder; G. F. Cochuizzo, Warden, and William Bohannan, Treasurer.

World Today Needs Masonry—and Templar Masonry

The world needs Templar Masonry, and all branches of Freemasonry today and tomorrow, because Masonry is a great spiritual and moral force—a sound, directing power for the good of the world at all times, and in all places. This phrase—"The World Needs the Power of Masonry Today"—has been used by convincing speakers, and has appeared in Masonic publications.

It is a stirring phrase of challenge which might well have been headlined in bold face type wherever it has appeared. Its universal need is timely, vital,

dynamic and most encouraging to the forward movement of the Order of Knights Templar, the uniformed branch of Freemasonry.

This phrase has been put into action by the Knights Templar in their great humanitarian project—The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., headquarters, Rhinebeck, N. Y. It offers eye treatment, to prevent blindness, regardless of race, color, creed, age or nationality to all those unable to pay. Another active project is the "Knight Templar" magazine. Write direct to "Knight Templar," Greenfield, Indiana, for sample copy.



Munich—Participants in Constituting Ceremony of Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, Munich, Germany. Front row (left to right): Sir Knights Richard Mueller-Boerner, Commander; Herman von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt, U.D.; Joseph R. Gingras, Commander Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Munich; Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master; Dr. Theodor Vogel, Junior Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Germany; Charles Snow, Commander Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, U.D. Heidelberg; Back row (left to right): August Kertnar, Acting Prelate; Wayne Morgan, Acting Recorder, Grand Encampment; Harold Towne, Acting Marshal, Grand Encampment.

“KNIGHTS TEMPLAR”

(By the late Sir Knight Edgar A. Guest—one of his beautiful poems.)

Three by three in line they come,
Christian men who've bowed the knee,
Courteous men of Templardom.
At the Cross of Calvary with dedicated
sword,

To the glory of the Lord,
Guarding still the faith they hold
As in the days of old.

For their history trails away
To the dark and bloody day,
When the Christians made their stand
In the troubled Holy Land.

And the followers of the Christ
Ruthlessly were sacrificed,

There amid the inky gloom,
Shone the Templar's spotless plume.

Now the need for strife has gone,
Still the Templars follow on,
Though their swords in silence sleep,
Still the faith of old they keep.

Still beneath their glittering arch,
Candidates for Knighthood march,
And by taper and by sword,
Pledge allegiance to the Lord.

Templars all, my hand I wave,
Be you steadfast, be you brave;
Old the Order, old the need,
For the valiant Christian's deed.

Bigotry no more holds sway,
But the valiant Knights today,
And for Christian gentlemen,
Still the need is now, as then.



C. VERNON EDDY, P.G.C.,
Grand Recorder Emeritus, Virginia

R. E. Grand Captain General, Grand
Encampment.

The introduction of the Proceedings of the 137th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia, held at Staunton, May 14-16, 1959, featured a most deserving tribute to a Grand Sir Knight. This tribute was signed by Sir Knights Daniel P. Sigourney, P.G.C., Carl Frank Wood, P.G.C., and John Lewis Gibbs, P.G.C.

The page was headlined: An Appreciation of Charles Vernon Eddy, P.G.C., and presently R. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. The wording of the tribute follows: "The years from May 16, 1925 to May 16, 1959, are memorable in the life of Grand Commandery of Virginia. They gave to us the love and untiring labor of Charles Vernon Eddy. He was elected Grand Commander in 1925 and Grand Recorder in 1929, and in 1952 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of Grand Encampment and was

advanced to Grand Captain General in 1958. As present Grand Recorder Smeritus of Virginia he is still serving. When we review the thirty years which have passed since then, we know that God guided us in our choice of C. Vernon Eddy to fill the office. . . . We shall always remember Vernon best as Grand Recorder. He conducted the business of his office with great efficiency, but we shall remember him more for his courtesy and patience, and for these we thank him with grateful hearts for the long years of work well done. Every Knight Templar in Virginia will remember him with love and affection. We pray that God will bless and keep him through the years to come, since he has retired from the exacting duties of office.

A thought from the address of M. W. Samuel Dexter Forbes, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia: "The Commandery is Masonry. It is a branch of Masonry that I have always admired, and in the years past have taken an active part in the work. I have served as Commander, and as District Commander for the Grand Commandery. I am deeply interested in our Masonic Home. You probably contribute to Mission Homes, Children's Homes. They are doing great work. They are taking care of children. We must help children."

Excerpts from the address of Sir Knight John Lewis Gibbs, retiring R. E. Grand Commander, who presided at the 137th Annual Conclave. He said, "It is with great satisfaction and a sense of gratitude to God, and to you my fellow Sir Knights that I have been permitted to make the transition from nearly 50 years of active ministry as a clergyman in the Episcopal Church to full retirement by serving as the head of this great Christian Order of Knighthood. You have given me the opportunity to extend my ministry far beyond the confines of a single parish and I thank you.

For most of you this is your Grand Commandery and you really need no words of welcome from me. Members of

our host Commandery, Stevenson No. 8, have served hard and faithfully on the several committees preparing for this Grand Conclave and have, by their actions, shown how glad they are to have you in their midst. In their name I greet you and express the hope that your stay here may be as pleasant for you as it is for us to have you.

We are especially honored in having with us Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, Rt. Em. Deputy Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, as the official representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master. While we regret that it was impossible for Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, the Grand Master, to be with us in person, we are gratified that he was able to send his deputy to represent him and we hope that Sir Knight Moore will convey to the Grand Master our courteous greetings and best wishes.

We are also highly honored in having with us the Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Most Worshipful Brother S. Dexter Forbes, and regret that the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Virginia, Most Excellent C. C. Helms could not be with us. It is our happy privilege to welcome a number of Grand Commanders or their representatives from other grand jurisdictions and we extend to them and through them to their respective Commanderies our Knightly greetings.

From "Obiter Scripta"

Divine Services were held Friday afternoon, May 15th, 1959 at 5:00 p. m. in Emmanuel Church, Staunton, of which our Grand Commander Dr. Gibbs had been Rector for 39 years prior to his retirement.

The Sermon was delivered by Sir Knight and Rev. Walter M. McCracken, a member of Porto Rico Commandery No. 1. Rt. Em. Sir Knight and the Rev. Dr. Gibbs participated and the Lesson was read by Em. Sir Knight and the Rev. W.

Hugh Carter, Grand Prelate.

Emmanuel Church was organized in 1893. A church edifice was erected in 1894 but, proving too small to accommodate the congregation and students of Virginia Female Institute, now Stuart Hall, it was remodeled a few years later.

Memorial Hall, the parish building, was completed in 1930 and houses the Rector's office and study, an adequate auditorium, a guild room and nine attractive, well lighted class rooms.

LEADERSHIP

A New York State Sir Knight H. Randall Kreger, who was honored by being elected Grand High Priest, in 1958, presented a timely address at the 161st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter on "Leadership."

In discussing this important subject he said, in part:

The need for leadership in all walks of life is greater today than ever before. Every aspect of living demands guiding hands; government; business, the profession of fine arts, the mechanical arts, religious, social and fraternal organizations.

Leadership does not mean domination. The leader seeks effective activity with a beneficent purpose. In every significant event there has been a bold leader, an objective or purpose and an adversary. Durant makes one of his characters say in "The Mansions of Philosophy":

The masses do not accomplish much—they follow the lead of exceptional men. A healthy society is one in which opportunities are given for leaders to emerge from all ranks in the population.

How do men get out in front and stay there? They raise the standard by which they judge themselves—and by which they are willing to be judged. They raise their aim, both for themselves and for the group they lead. They develop with energy their own knowledge and skill so as to reach the standards they have set.

Tennessee York Rite Festival

(Courteously submitted by Sir Knight Hilton Usher, York Rite Coordination Committee, Chattanooga, Tenn., November 19, 1959.)

The Ninth Annual York Rite Festival, concluded November 7th, 1959, at Ridge-dale Masonic Center, was the most successful ever held in this area. Outstanding ritualistic teams of the area conferred the degrees and Orders on a large class of candidates with a total of 287 York Rite Masons in attendance. . . . Many Grand Officers were present, including Lawrence J. Sharp, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Clay H. Duke, M. E. Grand Master, Grand Council of Tennessee; and Clifford H.

Strah, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee . . . Bruce Blair, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter of Tennessee, served as Chairman for Chapter Day (now 4th); Earl Cook, Jr., Chairman of Council Day (now 5th); and Hilton Usher, Chairman of the Commandery Day (now 11th).

The Chattanooga Area York Rite Association (one of six in Tennessee) is composed of seven Chapters, five Councils and four Commanderies. High Priests of the Chapters are: James D. Finley, Cleveland No. 39; George M. Collins, John Bailey Nickline No. 49; T. P. Poindexter, McMinn No. 74; U. A. Bailey, Keystone No. 208; Joseph P. McCaffery, Hill City, No. 220 Carl Sharp,



Seated (left to right): Robert Romey, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar; Hilton Usher, Chairman, York Rite Coordination Committee, Grand Commandery; Clifford H. Stroh, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar; Millard Teal, E. Commander, Chattanooga Commandery, No. 32.

Standing (left to right): Herbert Keedy, President Chattanooga Area York Rite Association; Carl Cook, Jr., Recorder, Chattanooga Area York Rite Association; Russell Tandy, P. G. C., and Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Grand Chapter; Phelan Douglas, E. Grand Instructor-Inspector, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar; James A. Buford, Past Most Illustrious Master, Grand Council; William Strome, Past Most Illustrious Master, Grand Council; Rufus Obrecht, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Montana; John Rowlings, E. Commander Lookout Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 14.

Copper Basin No. 222; Dwight Layne, Sequatchie Valley No. 229; . . . Illustrious Masters of Councils are: Joe H. Godsey, Mount Moriah No. 95; Eugene H. Markwood, Hiram No. 118; Carl Smith, Sequatchie Valley No. 123; Frank K. Harle, Cleveland No. 124, . . . Eminent Commanders of Commanderies, Knights Templar, are: John J. Rawlings, Lookout No. 14; William L. Ross, Sr., Cleveland No. 23; Millard Real, Chattanooga No. 32; and J. P. Quisenberry, Athens No. 34.

Sir Knight Thomas Earl Doss, Eminent Grand Recorder, in his fine report stated: "I deeply appreciate the wholehearted support and co-operation given me by the Grand officers and other Sir Knights throughout the State.

"Every Commandery conferred the Orders, and for the 18th consecutive year we have a net gain in membership. Fifteen Commanderies had a net gain of 192; twelve had a net loss of 93; resulting in a net gain of 99 for the year.

The R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight James Edward Isley, closed his report with these words: "I shall ever be indebted to the members of this Grand Commandery, and my own Commandery, Kingsport No. 33, for your loyalty and fine support. The fine friends and pleasant memories of the past year will be a light unto my pathway, and I shall ever cherish our associations."

The Grand Encampment was represented by the Hon. Wilber M. Brucker, former Governor of Michigan, and present Secretary of the Army. He is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and at present the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of Grand Master Louis H. Wieber, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Other distinguished guests included Department Commanders, G. Max Fowler, P. G. C., of Frankfort, Ind., and Paul R. Jarratt, P. G. C., of Nashville, and Grand Commander Nicor, of Virginia.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Paris, Texas, September 8, 1959.

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

Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

Since September 1, 1959, we have learned that our 52 Divisions made 964 loans, amounting to \$459,730.96, from January 1 to June 30, 1959, that is 41% of the notes taken in the entire year of 1958. I certainly hope you will find space available to give your loyal subscribers this information in your next issue. A copy of each Division's activity for this six months period is enclosed for your information. The Divisions showing the greatest activity for half of the year 1959 are, as follows:

Division	Number of Loans	Amount
Pennsylvania	234	\$91,254.00
Ohio	83	41,756.50
Texas	80	32,050.00
Illinois	53	35,104.25
New York	47	21,250.00
Mass. & R. I.	44	18,345.50
Oklahoma	43	18,160.00
Indiana	37	20,850.00
Georgia	34	14,608.71
California	27	14,450.00
Minnesota	26	17,982.00
Colorado	22	10,400.00
Missouri	22	11,500.00
Michigan	21	13,325.00
Iowa	19	12,750.00
Wisconsin	18	11,100.00
West Virginia	16	7,500.00
North Carolina	13	4,380.00
Idaho	12	5,250.00
Maine	10	4,050.00

Trusting you are feeling fine and hoping you will call on me at any time you feel we can be of any assistance in your fine labor, I am,

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

KANSAS GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight Charles S. McGinness, P.C. and P.G.M., presently Grand Secretary-Recorder of Topeka, Kansas, has been received an interesting Bulletin of excellent news value to the Craft.

This publication by the Committee on Masonic Education, Scott E. Kelsey, chairman, carries a mast-head "The M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Kansas. Issue of September 1, 1959, presented a front page cover, illustrated with a photo of Roy Camerson, Superintendent of Schools and Master of Perry Lodge No. 415, Perry; Owen E. Hodgson, Principal of Salina High School and P. M. Salina Lodge No. 60; Ralph E. Wilson, Director of Elementary Education, Leavenworth Public Schools, Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 10; former State Senator and P. G. M. Richard L. Becker, Chairman, Cofferville, and Charles E. McGinness, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Topeka.

. . . One of the principal activities of this committee is the "Essay Contest in High Schools." This program provides for \$1,500.00 in scholarship prizes being offered. The final results of this contest should make a splendid story.

"This little magazine impresses me very much," writes Sir Knight John Temple Rice, M.E.P.G.M. and Grand Recorder. He says, "It appeals to me as a 'folksy' publication, and in this day and time of cold indifferent attitudes of cities, this is what Templary and Masonry both must have if they are going to flourish and grow as we feel they should."

On page 8, is found this statement in connection with the dedication of the new Post Office in Valley Center: "An unusual situation developed when Sir Knight Earl S. Brown, a Past Commander of Knights Templar served as Grand Architect for the Grand Lodge. He was actually the contractor who built the new Post Office. Many interesting

headlines appear, such as, The 1959 Area Meetings, Planning a Lodge Program, Point of Historic Interest to Masons, New Lodge Halls, Important People Praise Freemasonry, Planning For The Future, Masonic Charity, The Case of Dual Membership, Masonry At Work, St. John's Day In June, 104th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, etc.

Newark, Ohio—September 8, 1959.

Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Grand Recorder.

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of September 4, and the Kansas Grand Lodge Bulletin. Your letter gives it a proper name, as being "folksy." That describes its contents. I have had some correspondence with Sir Knight McGinness, ever since you sent me that letter some time ago about Kansas. The result was an article on page 4 of the August-September issue, in which I used the photo.

John, I am most grateful for your suggestions and ideas. I get so very few helpful comments, that yours are always tops.—(Editor.)

From New York

Sir Knight Floyd S. DuVall, Eminent Commander of Cyprus Commandery No. 67, Knights Templar, Middletown, N. Y., September 17, 1959, writes: Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast, P. G. C., Editor "Knight Templar" Magazine, P. O. Box 706, Newark, Ohio. Dear Right Eminent Sir: Received the August-September issue of your magazine and thank you very much for giving Cyprus Commandery such a fine write-up and pictures. Hope to have the pleasure of meeting you at some of the Commandery Conclaves or Services. Courteously yours, Floyd S. DuVall, Eminent Commander.

"History is on our side. I am confident we can believe that evil tends to destroy itself, and that right will eventually triumph over the wrong. As Knights Templar our obligation to humanity is clear."

From California

Sir Knight Chester H. Newell, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of California, August 19, 1959, writes: Dear Sir Knight Pancoast: I want to thank you for the copy of the article regarding the California Proceedings for the Knight Templar Magazine. I have checked the names and the spelling and you have my blessings to print the article. Thanks for your cooperation. Courteously yours, Chester Newell, Grand Recorder.

(Editor—Letters are appreciated and make the work of an editor worth all the hours of selecting and finding material to print).

From Cleveland, Ohio

Letter from Grace Goulder, special writer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Dear Mr. Pancoast. Thank you very much for your inspiring book—'Wealth You Can Enjoy Always.' It is good of you to share your work with me and I appreciate it very much. I am sure the volume will mean a great deal and be helpful to many persons." . . . This book was written for Knights Templar and all Masons; and for all thinking men and women to read, feel its inspiring purpose, and to use as gifts.

Interested Templars and Masons may now obtain this book in many libraries across the country. A few of the libraries having copies may be mentioned: Harvard College Library, Old Sturbridge Village (Mass.); Cleveland, Ohio, Public Library; The Greensboro Public Library (N. C.); The Lima, Ohio, Public Library; The Sullivan Memorial Library, Temple University, Philadelphia; the Lancaster (Pa.) Free Public Library; the Roanoke (Va.) Public Library; Liberal (Kansas) Memorial Library; Utica (N. Y.) Public Library; Rutgers (N. J.); the State University Library; the Free Library of Philadelphia; Free Public Library of Paterson, N. J. The Librarian Erika Schnurmann, wrote—"We think 'Wealth'

will be an inspirational addition to our Library."

Many grateful letters were received. If any Sir Knight would like to place a copy of "Wealth You Can Enjoy Always" in his local library, just write to the author, Chalmers Lowell Pancoast, P. O. Box 706, Newark, Ohio. (Only a few copies remain out of the entire edition.) Write to the Editor of "Knight Templar" Magazine, should you be interested in this rare book.

From Oklahoma City, Okla.

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 14, 1959. Dear Mr. Lathim: Since this is our final payment on our educational loan from Knights Templar, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you. You don't know, or possibly you do the difficulty married students with children have in securing a loan from regular sources. You just don't have much for securing a loan when you marry and enter school without acquiring any worldly possessions. They don't recognize endeavor, ambition, integrity and a longing for knowledge in your chosen field as collateral. Thank God there is an organization such as yours that does. Without it we could not have finished school and received a Masters Degree in addition to a Bachelors. I like especially your plan of repayment. It doesn't work a hardship during the first trying month or so after graduation.

Again sir, our sincere and deep felt Thank you. Yours Truly, Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Hawk.

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THE POWER OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PARADE

Many people seeing a Knights Templar street parade, often wonder about what manner of men so proudly march and sing their marching hymn.

What do all these uniformed men in white plumes stand for and hope for? What great cause inspires them to lift up their parade banners with pride?

Many men watching have admired these Templar marchers, and have then decided of joining the ranks of the Knights Templar themselves.

The men who wear these resplendent uniforms in black and gold are the active soldiers of the Cross, devoted and loyal for Christ's way of life.

The Cross of Jesus is emblazoned on these Templar uniforms. This emblem of Faith adorns the white plumed cha-peaux and their badges and medals.

This symbol of Christianity ornaments the hilt of the sword. It also gleams from the baldric and breast where Templar jewels are proudly worn.

These marching Templars follow the Red, White and Blue of our Flag. They lift high the historic and colorful banners of Christian Knighthood.

Here are banners in lace, silver and gold—Standards of a Great Order. And the ancient beuceants marking the early Templars as Cross-Bearers.

This marching army with the Cross of Jesus on uniforms and banners, is active in the service to God, to Country and to all Humanity.

“Onward, Christian Soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on Before.”

Soldiers of the Cross thrill with this happy marching music and song.

IOWA

Excerpts from the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa, at the 95th Annual Conclave at Spirit Lake, June 19-23, 1959.

Sermon—"Science, Religion and Man."

Meditation by Sir Knight the Reverend Clyde J. Miller, Eminent Grand Prelate. Text—13th chapter of the Epistle to the Romans: "There is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained by God." "We have to accept things by faith . . . But that faith is built within us—that immortal part of us—not that mortal part that is going to die—but that immortal part that is going to live on and on hereafter, so that we have something to look forward to. We have a life hereafter if we have Faith . . . It is our lives to have faith, patience, courage. We need it working through us to bring order, justice and unity to the world." (An inspiring sermon printed in full.)

Recommendations by the Grand Commander, Sir Knight H. B. Willard:

(3) That the "Merit System" as used by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, and the Grand Commandery of Michigan be studied with the intent of establishing similar Merit System in Iowa.

(4) That the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa will co-operate with the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Iowa in their program to reward incentive and service for securing five or more petitions to the order by an award certificate known as "unsung heroes," by affixing the seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa to said certificate providing that member has secured five or more petitions for the Commandery, during the ensuing year.

That a similar certificate be awarded any Knights Templar who secures five or more petitions for a Commandery.

That this become effective on all petitions secured during the Templar year of 1958 and thereafter.

The span of life is short at best. The integral parts are even shorter. A year

has quickly passed. When you selected me your Grand Commander, I accepted this high office with humility and a desire to give a portion of my life in service to this great Christian Order of Templary.

It is with a full heart that I express my abiding appreciation for the honor you conferred upon me.

To those dear friends, the Knights and their ladies of Nazareth Commandery No. 33, we owe a debt of deep gratitude for their sincere loyalty. It was they who Knighted me and elected me their Eminent Commander, starting me on my Templar journey.

Some Misconceptions About Freemasonry

(Excerpts from the Masonic Service Association of the United States, Washington, D. C.)

"Freemasonry is a Secret Society"

The statement is not true. Freemasonry is a society which keeps certain matters secret, but the organization, its membership, its officers, its purpose are not secret.

Freemasonry meets in Temples. Many of these are beautiful, prominent buildings in the cities and towns in which they are erected. Men enter and leave these Temples openly, not secretly. A number of Grand Lodges publish the names of the members of the Order in their "Proceedings." Many lodges issue directories of their membership. Men wear the square and compasses on their lapels. "Who's Who" lists Masonic membership in many of its biographies. Masons appear as such in public at cornerstone layings and at funerals. These are not the characteristics of a "secret" society.

The vast majority of Masons are proud of being such. They boast of it, knowing that the general public conceives of Freemasonry as an honor; that not every one can be a Mason; that it is a character building organization of good men.

OREGON

Springfield, Oregon, October 10, 1959.

Dear Right Eminent Sir Chalmers L. Pancoast:

Hiram Council No. 7, Royal and Select Masters of Eugene, Oregon, made a special trip to Cottage Grove, Oregon, on September 30, 1959, for the purpose of conferring the Cryptic degrees of Masonry on a special group on candidates,

composed of twelve candidates consisting of the Eminent Commander of Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24, E. C. Dale Harris, Al McKenzie, Captain General of Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24, and Scribe of Cottage Grove Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch, as well as Blue Lodge and Officers of Cottage Grove Blue Lodge No. 51 and Master of Creswell Blue Lodge No. 112.



First row (left to right): Max G. Cogill, Illustrious Master, Hiram Council; Frank Schram, Cottage Grove Demolay; Al McKenzie, Captain General, Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24, K. T. Cottage Grove, Oregon; Bob Githens, Past Master, Cottage Grove Blue Lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M.; A. B. Copeland, Don Sidney, Pat Graham, Past Master, Cottage Grove Blue Lodge No. 51 Past High Priest, Cottage Grove Chapter No. 41 Royal Arch; Charley Willey, Past Illustrious Master, Oregon Council No. 2, Corvallis, Oregon, Past Eminent Commandery, Bruce Commandery, of Corvallis, Oregon, Grand Warder, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon.

Second row (left to right): Comp. Gene White, Steward of Hiram Council, Past Master, Cottage Grove Lodge No. 51, Past High Priest, Cottage Grove, Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons, and line Officer Cerro Gordo Commandery No. 24, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Walley Robertson, Senior Warden, Cottage Grove, Blue Lodge . . o. 51; R. B. Anderson, Chairman Education Committee, Cottage Grove Demolay; Al Stanley, Monty Johnson, Worshipful Master, Creswell, Oregon, Blue Lodge No. 112; Dale Harris, Eminent Commander, Cerro Gordo, Commandery No. 24, Cottage Grove, Oregon; P. S. Bukowski, Past Eminent Commander, Cerro Gordo, Commandery No. 24, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Taylor Young, Scribe, Cottage Grove, Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch; Edward W. Norton, Past Illustrious Master, Hiram Council, Past Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon and Grand Sentinel, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon; Tom Macready, Junior Warden, Cottage Grove Blue Lodge No. 51, Cottage Grove, Oregn.

Third row (left to right): Past Illustrious Master Hiram Council, Lynn Harris, also Past Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon, Hal E. Hill, Past Illustrious Master, Hiram Council, and Past E. High Priest Eugene Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch, Past Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon, Ray E. Allen, Past Illustrious Master, Hiram Council, Past E. High Priest, Eugene Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, Eugene, and Past Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery

of Oregon, George D. Robinson, Eminent Commander, of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, Eugene, Oregon, Floyd F. Angelo, Edward Gunn, Lynan C. Polmer, only head showing, Past Master McKenzie River Lodge 195, Eugene, Past E. High Priest, Eugene Chapter No. 10 Royal Arch Masons, Eugene, Past Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon, Past G.H.P. Grand Chapter, R.A. Masons of Oregon, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Oregon, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, and present Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Oregon, Merle S. Moore, Recorder, Hiram Council No. 7, and secretary of the Eugene Chapter No. 10, R. A. Mason, and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, K. T. Eugene, Claire Finlayson, Tom Mcready, Junior Warden Cottage Grove Blue Lodge No. 51, Cottage Grove, Oregon, Lynn Buley, P. C. Work, Hiram Council No. 7, Past Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Merle Frisbie, Past Illustrious Master, Hiram Council, Past E. H. Priest, Eugene Chapter No. 10 Royal Arch, Past Master McKenzie River Blue Lodge 195, A. F. & A. M., and Past Eminent Commander, of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, K. T. Eugene, Oregon, now Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, Roland B. Rose, Deputy Master, Hiram Council No. 7, Eugene, Marian Jackson, of Colorado.

After the Ceremony of conferring the Royal and Select Masters Degrees, which were conferred by Illustrious Sir Hal E. Hill, Royal Master, with the assistance of Companions Rose, Jackson, Norton, Willey, and White, with the Master lining up the candidates, and the Select Masters Degree with Harris assisted by Hill, Norton, Frisbie, Willey. Companions Joe Throop, District Supervisor of the Grand Commandery and Past Eminent Commander, of Cerro Gordo, Commandery No. 24 Cottage Grove, Oregon attended the dinner and the conferring of the degrees, but had to leave before the picture was taken, also Comp. Ray Denham, and Pat Richard served as special refreshment committee, after the ceremony and done a wonderful job. Several others left before the pictures were taken.

An announcement in the Kight Templar Magazine will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you kindly. Max G. Cogill, Illustrious Master, Hiram Council, Warden Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, K. T.

"A Distinguished Badge of Honor" The Uniform of a Sir Knight

This forceful statement was made in an address by the late Sir Knight William Gordon, M. E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. The complete sentence was: "The full dress Uniform of the Order of Knights Templar must

be regarded as a distinguished badge of honor, and an inspiration in the cause of right living and Christian Knighthood."

He stated: "It is important to remember that the Order of Knights Templar is a Uniformed body, and throughout all of our teachings we honor the symbols and emblems and badges of the Sir Knight. He is armored as a Christian Soldier. We give him a sword as a symbol and tell him to fight valiantly with it. The sword appears in the order of the Red Cross, and in the Order of Malta, and certainly in conferring the sublime Order of the Temple the sword plays a significant and important part.

"The candidates is explained the meaning of the sword—that is the emblem and sign of a Christian Soldier. As Templars, we are admonished as active Christians to put on the Whole Armor of God; to see that we are girded with Truth; and that we are prepared to teach the gospel of Peace; that we are to put on the breast plate of Righteousness; that we are to put on the shield of Faith, and the helmet of Salvation, and wear the Sword of the Spirit of the Master. This armor represents the Modern Soldier—the Christian Soldier—the Soldiers of the Cross.

"That is not the only reference by Paul to the Soldier, and that is not the only reference by Paul to the militant character of the Christian."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, Inc.

It is a great pleasure to report that the Knights 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 15, 1957, we reported we had processed 46 cases.

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

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

September 9, 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 heart-warming and soul-stirring.

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

Alaska	2
Alabama	10
Arkansas	5
Arizona	3
California	32
Colorado	5
Connecticut	3
Delaware	0
District of Columbia	1
Florida	19
Georgia	17
Idaho	17
Illinois	11
Indiana	28
Iowa	9
Kansas	8
Kentucky	18
Louisiana	8
Maine	2
Maryland	3
Mass. & R. I.	12
Michigan	55
Minnesota	22
Mississippi	12

Missouri	10
Montana	13
Nebraska	1
Nevada	3
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	5
New Mexico	5
New York	65
North Carolina	3
North Dakota	0
Ohio	40
Oklahoma	6
Oregon	23
Pennsylvania	22
South Carolina	8
South Dakota	3
Tennessee	47
Texas	163
Utah	5
Vermont	1
Virginia	18
Washington	10
West Virginia	26
Wisconsin	6
Wyoming	5

Total794

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 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 expended 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, Massachusetts.

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 California, 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.

Much progress and enthusiastic interest in our research program is being manifested by the Ophthalmology Departments to whom grants were awarded, and satisfactory results are being reported.

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 World's Great Philanthropies.

WALTER A. DeLAMATER,
Executive Director.

Witcher Road, Belle, West Virginia, November 6, 1959. Mr. W. Bernard Rocke, West Virginia State Chairman, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Mount Hope, West Virginia. Dear Mr. Rocke:

It brings joy and happiness to my life in writing you this letter because just a few short months ago I was unable to see at all and was faced with blindness the remaining days of my life. But somehow in the scheme of things or plan of life, great sunshine with all of its beauty brought forth an inner tranquility of mind and soul when the Knights Templar Eye Foundation graciously provided me with an eye operation which has successfully returned my vision letting me see once again the beauty around me.

I never really knew that such a Christian organization such as yours existed, but it is with great humility and thankfulness that I take this opportunity in thanking you and all of the members of your great fraternal organization for helping me to see again when I could not help myself.

May God continue to richly bless and keep you and your brothers of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation together in unity, harmony, and brotherly love. May He also give each of you more knowledge, wisdom, and understanding in helping make our world a better place in which to live.

In closing, I am reminded of a beautiful verse which reads:

"There is a destiny that makes us
brothers

None goes his way alone
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."

Very truly yours, Mrs. Jesse M.
Thomas.

From Colorado

October 14, 1959. Mr. Chalmers L. Pancoast, Editor, "Knight Templar." Dear Chalmers. On September 25th, 1959, The Grand Commandery of Colorado held its eighty-fourth annual conclave in Denver. Distinguished guests included Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Sir Knight Oliver S. Willham, Right Eminent Department Commander for the West Central Department. The Grand Commanders of Arizona, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming were present as well as several of their officers and representatives from Florida, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. All but three of our Past Grand Commanders were in attendance.

The Grand Master departed from his prepared speech and talked informally and directly to the delegates present. He emphasized the importance of each commandery officer performing his duties to the utmost. Among these duties is the obligation of securing petitions for the Orders. Another duty is that of thoroughly checking all suspensions and dimitts and making personal visits with every Sir Knight about to be suspended or who requests a dimit. "Let us re-light the extinguished taper and do the job we were elected or appointed to do." A strong Eminent Commander will bring about a strong commandery and Templary will be benefitted thereby.

During the past year if each officer in each commandery in Colorado had secured just one petition, the net gain in membership would have been 228 instead of a loss of eight. Five constituent commanderies were honored for their membership activities: Gunnison No. 8, first place in percentage of increase and second place in total number of knightings; Glenwood Springs No. 20, second place in percentage of increase and fourth in number of petitions; Coronal No. 36, third place in percentage of increase and

first place in number of knightings; Ivanhoe No. 11, fourth place in percentage of increase; and Highlands No. 30, third place in number of knightings.

The report of the Educational Loan Fund Committee was warmly applauded and commended. All bonds had to be sold this year to provide money for new loan applications. Thirty-seven loans totalling \$17,450 were made to deserving Juniors and Seniors in our colleges and universities.

The conclave was concluded with the annual meetings and banquet of the Colorado Past Commanders Association at the Denver Athletic Club. Over two hundred Sir Knights and their ladies were in attendance. Sincerely and courteously, James R. Hoffman, P.G.C.

Gratitude

Springfield, Oregon, 1030 North 7th Street, July 11, 1959. Right Eminent Sir Knight C. R. Treon, Past Commander of Valley Commandery No. 80, Miamisburg, Ohio, 932 East Dixie Drive, West Carrollton 49, Ohio. Dear Sir Knight Treon:

I received your letter today as it was found at the Masonic Temple in Eugene, Oregon, and delivered to my wife today while I was uptown shopping. The Social Order of the Beauceant is the auxiliary for the Knights Templar and is organized for the purpose of assisting the Sir Knights in entertaining the wives of the Sir Knights and assist at social functions, and they have and are doing a wonderful job.

In your letter you state that you read the article in the Knight Templar magazine and that again proves that our Knight Templar Magazine is also doing a wonderful job and the editor and his staff, as well as all the officers of the Grand Encampment, are doing a wonderful job in the work of the order.

I will suggest that you write or have your wife and some of the wives of your Commandery write to the Supreme

Worthy President, Mrs. Millie May Callis, 9515 Overlake Drive, Dallas 2, Texas, also the Supreme First Vice-President, Mrs. Earl Gutwein, 2480 Los Lunas Ave., Pasadena, California. Write to both as they are very busy making arrangements for the Supreme Assembly which will be held September 22, 1959, in Denver, Colorado. I am sure they will furnish you with all the necessary information.

Please advise your success, and I know that you will also be proud of an Assembly of the Order of Beauceant in connection with your Commandery. Fraternal-yours, Max G. Cogill.

Springfield, Oregon, 1030 North 7th Street, July 11, 1959. Right Eminent Sir Chalmers L. Pancoast, P.G.C. of New York. Dear Sir Pancoast: I am attaching a copy of answer for your information from Right Eminent Sir Knight C. R. Treon, Past Eminent Commander, of Valley Commandery No. 80, Miamisburg, Ohio.

He read an article of mine in the May-June 1959 issue of the Social Order of the Beauceant No. 198, Eugene, Oregon, and was interested in organizing an Assembly in connection with the Commandery, so it proves that the Knight Templar magazine reaches the membership of the Knights Templar also the Ladies of the Social Order, of the Beauceant are doing a wonderful job and the more interest in their organization from the wives of Knights Templar the better. I am sending this with a copy to the two ladies who are the Supreme top Officers of the Supreme Assembly for their information. If you see fit to give them some publicity to assist in organization of more assemblies in connections with the various Commanderies throughout our great Nation. Fraternal-yours, Max G. Gogill.

MARYLAND

A constructive and interesting comment has been found in the Report of the Committee on Correspondence" read

at the 89th Annual Conclave of Maryland, held at Baltimore, May 13, 1959. Sir Knight A. Brown Caldwell, G.P., Chairman stated: "There is one area of activity which has not commanded the specific attention of this Committee in the last number of years. . . . This object might be called 'Chronicle or Commentary' and relates to what might be termed the literature of Knights Templar advancement. . . . We are not aware of any Grand Commanderies, or Subordinate or Consistent Commanderies having Historians or Chroniclers; nor are we aware of any Knights Templar bodies that seek to prepare any kind of specific historical record. . . . But we have noted the publishing of a book within the year, whose title is spectacularly—'Fabulous and Fantastic' being the recitation of a Sir Knight of another Grand Jurisdiction, who also holds office in the Grand Encampment, of his travels in the Far East." . . . It reminds us of the many historical references to the Order of Knights Templar, and prompts us to urge the consideration by this Grand Body of the wisdom or advisability of seeking some record of the deeds of Knights Templar of this age and generation." (Reviewed in February-March 1959 Knight Templar.)

From the address of Sir Knight Etrebil A. Schaub, R. E. Grand Commander, who presided at the 89th Annual Conclave. He stated: "Whatever accomplishments or progress has been made this year might well be credited to all Valiant and Faithful Sir Knights of our Grand Jurisdiction. . . ."

Under recommendations, was offered: "That a Committee be set up to find ways and means to dispense news of this Grand Commandery, and its Constituent Commanderies . . . On page 38 of the printed Proceedings, appeared: "Our benevolent program, known as The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is one of the noblest enterprises in America today." To but mention this Great Foundation is to commend it in every way."

Grand Commandery Knights Templar Hold 156th Annual Conclave

(From Sir Knight GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.)

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Inc., Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Alfred C. Blake, held its 156th Annual Conclave October 10th.

The Conclave was preceded by the Grand Commander's dinner, tendered to his past and present officers, the twelve presiding Grand Commanders of the Eastern Seaboard representatives of the York and Scottish Rite bodies, and the Right Worshipful Henry Faxon Smith, acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. The table arrangement was in the form of the Passion Cross, which is the emblem of the Order.

The principal speaker was Right Eminent and Reverend Phil Porter, of Gambier, Ohio, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and personal representative of Most Eminent Louis H. Wieber, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. He called attention to the great work being done by the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, which loans money to junior and seniors in college, irrespective of race, creed or color, and to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., a fully charitable organization sponsored for the research and treatment of blindness. This Foundation was established in 1956, since which time more than \$400,000 has been distributed for research purposes. Of this amount \$32,500 has been donated to the Howe Laboratory of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. This, again, is available to persons irrespective of race, color, creed or national origin.

During the Conclave, the following officers were elected and installed: Elliott

N. Holley, of Belmont, Grand Commander; Clarence E. Booth, of Leominster, Deputy Grand Commander; Raymond D. Douglass, of Belmont, Grand Generalissimo; William F. West, of Edgewood, R. I., Grand Captain General; Louis A. Beaudoin, of New Boston, Grand Senior Warden; Gilbert G. Machon, of Cranston, R. I., Grand Junior Warden; Reverend and Eminent Sir Frank B. Crandall, of Salem, Grand Prelate; Right Eminent Sir A. Kenneth Martin, of South Weymouth, Grand Treasurer; Right Eminent Sir George A. Weeks, of Melrose, Grand Recorder; Eminent Sir Russell R. Long, of Saugus, Grand Standard Bearer; Eminent Sir G. Burton Long, of Reading, Grand Sword Bearer; Eminent Sir John J. Mick, of Belmont, Grand Warden; Eminent Sir Herman C. McStay, of Swampscott, Grand Captain of the Guard; Eminent Sir Clarence R. Davis, of Medford, Grand Sentinel; Eminent Sir George C. Patton, Jr., of Stoneham, Division Commander of the 6th District; Eminent Sir Gordon C. Player, of Newburyport, Division Commander of the 7th Division; and Eminent Sir Thomas C. Brown, of Cranston, R. I., Inspector-Instructor.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of California, August 19, 1959. Sir Knight Chalmers Pancoast, P. O. Box 706, Newark, Ohio. Dear Sir Knight Pancoast:

I want to thank you for the copy of the article regarding the California Proceedings for the Knights Templar Magazine.

I have checked the names and the spelling and you have my blessing to print the article. Thanks for your cooperation. Courteously yours, Chester H. Newell, Grand Recorder.



Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's Club

The Department of the Army and the Military District of Washington take pleasure in honoring the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's Club for its contribution towards the care and well being of the Servicemen in the Washington Area.

Since 1872 this splendid organization has provided a "home away from home" for enlisted men of all branches of the Armed Forces. Veterans of the Spanish American War, The Mexican Skirmishes, World Wars I and II and the Korean Conflict have enjoyed its comfortable and homelike facilities. During 1958, 17,000 men were lodged at the club and more than 13,000 partook of meals served without profit.

To the more than 6,000 members of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's Club, the United States Army is proud to express its appreciation in recognition of the outstanding service rendered. Its visualization of the spiritual and temporal needs of the serviceman away from home forms an important part in the moral outlook and general well being of all American Servicemen.

MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON CEREMONY

Captain James H. LeVan, of Chevy Chase, Md., courteously submitted the following announcement.

Special Ceremony, Fort Myer, Virginia,
July 2, 1959, 4:00 p. m.

Today the Department of the Army and the Military District of Washington honor the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's Club of Washington, D. C.

Representing the club on the reviewing stand will be Mrs. Dudley D. Hale, President. Co-hosts will be the HONORABLE WILBER M. BRUCKER, *Secretary of the Army*, and Major General John G. Van Houten, Commanding General, Military District of Washington. Major General George E. Martin will represent the Chief of Staff, United States Army. During the ceremony Secretary Brucker will present Mrs. Hale with a 49 star American Flag. The flag will be flown at the club on the 4th of July.

Commander of Troops for the ceremony will be Colonel Christopher W. Chaney, Commanding Officer, 1st Battle Group, 3d Infantry (The Old Guard). Music for the review will be provided by the United States Army Band, conducted by Chief Warrant Officer Fred C. Rose.

TEMPLAR KNIGHTS

(By John Brett Langstaff)

Eminent Grand Prelate of New York
State.

Elijah's mantle which on Elisha's shoulders fell, had for years concealed the person of God's foremost man. Was it the uniform worn by rulers of this world setting them apart as symbols of security and power? It bore no sign of chevroned rank to mark Elijah captain of a host. Rough, unstitched, woven to shape the man it shielded from earthly elements of flattery and scorn; it made for him a world within, a secret sanctuary, a chamber of reflection, securely tiled 'gainst all who might distract the business of the soul. Elijah's mantle will again enfold today all those desirous of asylum to commune with God and mingle with the friendly spirits of their fellow men.

This hiding and proclaiming mantle which marks most men who labour on behalf of God, we Templar Knights display symbolically, a uniform not of our own designing, but something handed down the long tradition of christian soldiers marching on before. These ostentatious plumes are not mere feathers in a cap; but, plucked from birds who vainly try to fly, remind us of the uselessness of ostentatious wings to raise a body overburdened with material things. The jewels we wear are made in sacrificial form, stigmata on our breasts, marking a courage to receive such wounds as others have endured for Jesus' sake, and though they may appear mere outward show of conquest for, the Christ, they signify to us a sacramental grace borne inwardly in deep humility.

We are crusading Knights who once rode forth in shining armour to free a land made holy by God's prophets and His Christ. By lance and spear, by battle axe and sword, by every earthly force our ranks could muster, we forced aside the unbelieving horde and placed our

banners on the templed hills of ancient Palestine. For one brief moment it seemed our arms had won; nations united to uphold a kingdom here on earth where God would rule as in the heavens above. Then came the crumbling of our Babel's tower; Cyprus, Rhodes and Malta marked the long retreat until our fellow Knights were scattered into hiding, leaving us the lesson of defeat.

From that defeat a victory eventually emerged. For we, who had been bankers for the West, for Church and State, our Templar Masters ranked with kings, forerunners of the renaissance, exempt from Papal Bulls, trusted by all the merchant world,—were suddenly deprived of all our earthly wealth, and many of our lives. A few escaped to Portugal, a few found refuge in North Britain's caves where Bruce, a fellow outlaw, stayed the avenging sword. Nought seemed left to us except Elijah's mantle bearing the symbol of the christian sacrifice; and yet beneath its folds we still could feel the liberating heart which once had been the drum beat for crusading bands. Deprived of all our temporalities we had been freed to seek a spirit-conquest for mankind.

From these bleak caves of Scotland issued forth a new crusade touching the hearts of masons who had worked with us in temple building, turning their implements of square and compass, their trowels and other tools, to instruments for building character, for banding men in brotherhood, joined together by the hidden bond of God no man can put asunder; for we had seen foundations fall apart,—as in Salisbury's marshy plain where all the superstructure so fitly planned and plumbed threatened to topple from its architectural base the holy Cross itself. The Church's firm foundation, requires the hands of men clasped in common confidence, held constant, not by mutual consent, but by the power of God, an everlasting power outside themselves, which gives assurance of security and peace.

Why should we Knights now unfurl our colours to the unfriendly sun and march around this high-walled city sounding out trumpets as did Joshua of old. Are we not Christian Warriors enlisted in a holy war? Salvation's army pledged to die for peace? Thus when we draw our swords within this sacred shrine, we dare to hold the hilted cross before our eyes; for, as we declare our triune creed in unison, we thereby show the world our faith hangs on the Cross where one who fought for us once died to win the victory.

It was to raise the Cross we Templars built cathedrals such as this, that hard pressed legions might behold the conquering symbol in the sky. The founder-bishop of this stately pile upon whose tomb we've laid a soldier's wreath, himself served with us as prelate in our Templar ranks, and we with him in temple building. But what we here construct today in witness of our faith is not a temple made with human hands; but somewhat as a kingdom builds within, we Christian Masons strive to smooth rough ashlar of our nature to fit beside our brothers, sharing the weight of structure until the arch rising above our heads is keyed by that more perfect Stone which builders, who have not the Further Light vouchsafed to us, unknowingly reject.

To reach this goal of unity within ourselves, within our brotherhood whose amiable banners float o'er distant lands, we discipline our minds with courtly drill and that Masonic ritual the deep significance of which no outward eye may quite perceive. The sacrificial altar in our midst whereon we lay our codes of spirit law, unite us as Masons in the very heart of things which have eternal value in a temporal world. Here on an elevated level rest the testaments of Jew and Christian bound in one. From Singapore, Judge Frossel recently returned to tell of four such bibles, and, in deepest

India, nine; side by side upon this sacred shelf. Confucian wisdom, Buddha's poetry or storied script of Allah's strange Koran, whatever lamp or candle tokens, the Light which lighteth all the world, it finds a place to burn upon the altar of our brotherhood.

We do not seek to rouse the wills of men with ardent words, as did the Baptist in the wilderness or Hermit Peter in the First Crusade, nor even as Graham the Evangelist who has begun to stir this city from its lethargy. Ours is the method of Elijah's schools of prophesy, preparing for the coming of our Christ, the pattern set by Jesus' first disciples meeting in a room where all the doors were shut. As with them, verities revealed to us are merely ours to share, with other men, the medicine which heals society is not restricted by a patent for our personal gain. And yet our Templary is not less militant than of old, our shield of faith, the spirit sword we wield in its defense, our white plumed helmet of salvation. These are the armoured light with which we now advance the Cross against the darkness of this world. We answer those who challenge us and bid them give their reason for distrust. Because the oil which feeds the flaming wick is tightly sealed within a reservoir, is it to be suspected, as hiding superstitious power and secret harm?

Both Templary and Masonry are more a private than a secret clan; our only secret is the Diety, who in secret sees and openly rewards. Early in the Nineteenth Century when secret bands were banned in Ireland, Masons and their brother Knights were not included in the list; theirs was then the only gathering place where all on Erin's Isle could join in brotherhood. The record of that day shows Roman Catholics outnumbering Protestants in membership; men of fiercely differing opinions meeting on a brother's level, as do Moslems and Hindus in Masonic halls of India and Paki-

stan today. To those who wish to understand, this should seem reasonable; that men who disagree in principle or politics should hesitate to publicly unite, except on common platforms where compromise might aid the causes which they serve. Yet in privacy these men can clasp their brothers' hands in true sincerity, acknowledging all as parts essential in a plan designed by the Creator of the universe.

The summary of Templar faith is what the ancient councils of the Church decreed, the Apostles Creed, the centre of our sacred rites, the triangle of Trinity within the endless circle of our unity. The prayer on which our prayers are built is but the *pater noster* which the Master taught, and what we preach is from the blessed sermon on the grassy mount by Galilee. If we must boast, it is that we excel all but the Church itself in purely Christian charity; for in Christ's name we've long maintained a fund for scholarship, an educational foundation freely dispensed to help the student of any race or creed requiring money to complete his college course. Our latest charity has been to raise a fund for those with eyes that cannot see, for aiding them financially and for research in the optic field. Remembering the Rabbi who taught the people by the lake and healed the blind men on the road, we take our stand where Jesus stood, who came to heal the body with the soul.

What is the vision most that guides our marching ranks and gives us strength to carry on? A fiery column leading Israel's hosts to promised lands? A star that wise men follow? No, we behold the Lord ascending into heaven and in that vision strive to conquer all. He who in glistening garments held high converse with Elijah mounts before our eyes leading us upward in every step we take. We rise with him, not waiting for a resurrection day, but now our hearts and minds are lifted up in offering unto God above. And as Elijah's faithful fol-

lower bent to raise the mantle which from the flaming chariot fell, so now we humbly kneel at Jesus' cross to lift the seamless robe cleansed by His blood, and fain would gird ourselves with this protecting garb of consecrated life. Unworthy though we be, the ascending Spirit bears us up beyond our natural power, marching to the victory of the Blessed Trinity.

A TEMPLAR HYMN

Forward, Christian Templars,
 Soldiers of the Cross,
 Unto God the glory,
 Unto us the loss.
In hoc Signo vinces
 Written in the skies;
 Jesus, our Commander,
 All our strength supplies.
 Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the Cross of Jesus
 Going on before!
 Swords which once protected
 Pilgrims from afar,
 Now we draw in symbol
 Of a holy war
 Fought against aggression
 By the powers of greed;
 Boldly still defending
 The Apostles' Creed.
 Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the Cross of Jesus
 Going on before!
 Free, accepted Masons
 Joined in brotherhood,
 Building Christian Churches
 Where the Temple stood,
 For our Lord and Master
 Seated on the throne,
 Master of all Masters,
 Christ the Cornerstone.
 Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the Cross of Jesus
 Going on before!
 Music: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871.
 Stanzas: John Brett Langstaff, 1950.
 Refrain: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1864.

**Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of Pennsylvania
1959 AMENDMENTS**

The following amendments to the Constitution and Laws, edition of 1939, were adopted by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania at its 106th Annual Conclave, held at Scranton, Pa., on May 26 and 27, 1959.

**The Knights Templar Educational
Foundation**

ARTICLE VIII now reads:

"Section 1. The Educational Foundation constitutes a permanent fund for the purposes for which it was created and no others.

"Section 2. The Educational Foundation shall be designated as the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and shall be administered by a committee of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Commander for five (5) years following the expiration of the terms of the present members. All vacancies among the members arising through death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. No Grand Commander shall have power to remove any member who shall have been appointed by a preceding Grand Commander, except for cause.

"Section 3. The Committee shall annually designate a Chairman, a Treasurer (who shall both be members of the Committee), a Secretary, and such other officers and employees as the Committee may deem necessary for the successful administration of the funds. The duties of such employees may be consolidated or interchanged.

"Section 4. Members and employees of the Committee responsible for or handling any of the Foundation funds shall be bonded by an accredited surety company in an adequate amount recommended by the Committee and approved by the Grand Commander. All such surety bonds shall cover the Educational Foundation Committee of the Division of

the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and shall issue in favor of said Grand Commandery as Agent for the Trustee. All surety bonds shall be deposited with the Grand Commander for safekeeping.

"Section 5. The Committee shall administer the Division of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, for the purposes for which it was erected and no others, under such rules and regulations as it shall from time to time adopt with the approval of the Grand Commandery and not inconsistent with the Regulations and Standard Practice of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

"Section 6. All moneys of the Foundation which shall come into the hands of the Committee or the officers thereof shall be deposited in the name of the Division of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, in such depository or depositories as shall be designed and approved by the Committee, and disbursed only on checks signed by the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, or any two of them if so authorized by action of the Committee.

"Section 7. The Committee shall have power to invest so much of the money coming into its hands as in its opinion shall not be necessary for the immediate purposes of the Foundation; collect the income and interest thereon and deposit such income in a properly designated depository; and, when deemed expedient by the Committee, to sell, convey or dispose of any securities or investments held by them. No investment shall be made by the Committee except in such securities as are or may be designated by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the investment of trust funds; nor shall an investment be made in any security owned by any members of the Committee or in which any member of the Committee has an interest.

THE MASONIC ORDER OF MALTA

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Just when or why the Order of Malta became a part of the Masonic System is not at the present known. The first reference to the Order of Malta in connection with a Masonic Lodge is contained in the minutes of Stirling Chapter for February 14, 1745. The entry reads in part as follows: "and Knights of Malta five shillings stirling." Whether this "Knights of Malta" is the same as that used in the Templar groups of today cannot be said. Neither a copy of the ritual nor further information is available at the present time.

During the eighteenth century references to the Masonic Order of Malta are rather scant. We do find some however. The Knight Templar of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Masons of Charleston, South Carolina issued a diploma to "Sir Henry Beaumont" on the "first day of August, 5,783 and of Malta, 3,517." This diploma stated that "Sir Henry Beaumont, hath passed the Chair, been raised to the sublime degrees of an Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch Mason, Knight of the Red Cross, and a Knight of the Most Holy, Invincible, and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, Knights Hospitaller, Knights of Rhodes, and of Malta."

The Camp of Baldwin which holds forth in the City of Bristol, England lists as its earliest document the "Charter of Compact" which is dated December 20, 1780. This document consists of a set of rules made for the "order of Knights Templars of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitallers, and Knights of Malta, etc." Brother Cecil Powell in his booklet "The Camp of Baldwin" states that the contents of the Charter of Compact clearly indicates an older existence.

The Order of Malta was conferred in 1794 in connection with the Templar Order in Boston by Benjamin Hurd and his Association of Red Cross Knights, which group was the forerunner of Boston Commandery.

The Templar group operating Newburyport, Massachusetts issued a diploma to Hamilton Moore in February 1796 which enumerated the degrees of "Knight of Malta, Knight of Patmos, Knight Templar and Knight of the Red Cross."

On March 15, 1795 Edward Day wrote to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey from Cincinnati requesting a warrant for a Lodge in Cincinnati and in part he said as follows:

"This essential ceremony was well known to myself, who have been initiated into the sublime degrees of Masonry as far as that of Kt. of Malta, and have been, since the year 1780, duly received in the different degrees and offices, and have been specially appointed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, J. W. of No. 35, Joppa, in Marglay."

Too bad he does not state where he received the sublime degrees of Masonry, especially that of "Kt. of Malta."

The records of St. John's Commandery of Providence, Rhode Island for August 23, 1802 shows that:

"The Knights of the most noble and magnanimous Order of the Red Cross and of Malta, and of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, residing in the town of Providence, having, at a previous assembly, determined that it is proper and expedient, for the preservation and promotion of the honor and dignity of the Order of Knighthood, that an Encampment should be formed and established in the said town, assembled at Masons' Hall, for that purpose, at seven o'clock, P. M."

No mention is made of when the previous assembly had been held or where those present had received the Order of Malta.

The Knights Templar Order or Degree as it was called in the early days began to be mentioned in the literature and minute books of Lodges in the British Isles from about 1770-75. The Order of Malta seems to have been closely associ-

ated with the Templar Ceremony and in Scotland, at least in Aberdeen the ritual used did not discriminate between the two Orders.

In England the Templar and Malta Orders were conferred in Lodges until about the end of the eighteenth century and beginning of the nineteenth when a governing body was established. This group continued and grew in size and influence and today is the Great Priory of England and Wales and confers the Order of the Temple and the Order of Malta. The latter is conferred only upon Knights Templar.

In Ireland, the Templar and Malta Orders were under the control of the Craft Lodges until about midway into the nineteenth century when the present Great Priory of Ireland was formed. As in England this group confers the Order of Malta after the Temple.

In Canada the Templar and Malta Orders owe their present strength to the formative work of that great Masonic Student and Organizer, Colonel McLeod Moore who after serving with the British Army in Malta arrived in Canada with many Masonic degrees and proceeded to organize numerous groups. However, his greatest triumph was the work which he did in the Templar Bodies. He was instrumental in the formation of the present Great Priory of Canada and the adoption of their rituals which include those of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knight of Malta and Knight of the Temple.

In the United States as we have indicated the Order of Malta was conferred in different sections of the country by groups operating under Craft Lodge warrants. The first Templar governing body formed in the United States is claimed by Pennsylvania. Sometime between 1794 and 1797 there is claimed to have been formed in Pennsylvania a Grand Encampment for the State. This Grand Encampment was composed of four Encampments or as they are now termed

Commanderies and was organized under the authority of a charter of a Craft Lodge. In fact the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania maintained authority over the Knight Templar Order until 1857.

In 1805 the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was formed in Boston under the leadership of Thomas Smith Webb. This body is still in existence and has had such an existence ever since it was founded. One of the Orders controlled by this body was that of Knight of Malta.

When the convention met in 1816 to form the Grand Encampment of the United States the Order of Malta was considered a part of the Templar system and was incorporated in the first constitution of that body. The Constitution adopted at the formation of the Grand Encampment provided in Section 2 of Article III that, "The rule of succession in conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows: viz: Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta." This sequence was continued in all editions of the Constitution until that adopted in 1856 when the Order of Malta was dropped. Section 2 of Article IV read in part as follows: "The rule of succession, in conferring the Orders of Knighthood, shall be as follows: 1. Knight of the Red Cross, 2. Knight Templar." The printed Proceedings of the Grand Encampment for the triennial conclave held in 1856 gives no explanation for the dropping of the Order of Malta although these proceedings record some discussion on various sections of the Constitution adopted at that time.

However, in an appendix to the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave for the year 1859, there is an address which the M. E. Grand Master William B. Hubbard gave at a special communication of Grand Commandery of Ohio on December 9, 1857 in which he made the following statement, which explains the omission of the Malta from the 1856 Constitution.

"The Order of Knights of Malta has never, been, even here, a prerequisite or intercalary degree or order, to that of Templar. That Order, it is believed, upon sufficient authority, was not like the Templars based upon Ancient Craft Masonry. At all events, abundant history and legends show that these "two orders had nothing in common." Nay more, that they not only 'never sympathized with each other,' but that Templars had no Knightly confidence in that Order and held themselves far above a Knight of Malta, in courage, devotion to the Christian duty, and unspotted and unsullied honor. The Templars had, however, possessed themselves of the secrets of the Knights of Malta, and were careful to communicate them to every new-made member of their Order. Hence, the Order of Malta is not honored with a name in our revised Constitution; but it was explained and understood at Hartford, while the revision of the present Constitution was under consideration, that each candidate for our Order, on being dubbed and created a Knight of the Most valiant and magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, should be instructed in the secrets of a Knight of Malta. That each Templar was entitled to them, and that they would be communicated the same as heretofore. Thus most appropriately conforming to our "Ancient Knights Templar."

At the triennial conclave held in September 1865, the Grand Master, M. E. Benjamin B. French in his address reported that a committee had met in June and would make a recommendation to the Grand Encampment that the constitution be amended to make the succession of the Orders: Knight of the Red Cross, Knight of Malta and Knight Templar. The Grand Master recommended the adoption of the report. A special committee was appointed to study the matter. This committee reported in part as follows:

"That they desire, if possible, to restore the Order of Malta to its original position, as appendant to the Order of

the Temple, which it had always held prior to 1856. Prior to that time, the Order was always recognized in the Constitution, and was conferred, in some form, on Sir Knights who had received the Order of the Temple."

This committee further recommended that the Knight of Malta be restored and conferred after the Knight Templar. The Constitution was amended to read as follows:

"2. The rule of succession in conferring the orders of Knighthood shall be as follows:

1. Knight of the Red Cross; 2. Knight Templar and Knight of Malta."

Between the years 1868 and 1871 the Grand Master made the following decision regarding the Order of Malta:

"The Order of Malta is now required to be conferred as one of the Orders appendant to that of the Temple, and a Ritual was prepared by Grand Master French, of Washington, which was printed and circulated. I do not know where a copy can be had."

The Committee on Digest of Templar Law reported that the Order of Malta should be conferred as a separate Order. The Grand Master in 1875 commented that if this be so, "the constitution should be changed, making it a third Order, and in that event the real work of the Order of Malta should be obtained and adopted. The true work of the Order of Malta is really sublime, and accords well with the ceremonies of that of Knight Templar, while the one established by the edict of 1862 is but a following of the first section of the degrees of Freemasonry, with some of the words, signs, etc., pertaining to the preceeding Order, given as certain perambulations are made. The explanations which follow are the same which are given when the Order is communicated, and the whole ritual is really puerile, and detracts from the dignity and sublimity of the ceremonies of the preceeding Order." These remarks and recommendations of the Grand Master were referred to a special

committee for consideration. This committee asked that the matter be carried over for study until the next triennial conclave in 1877, which request was granted.

The special committee reported at both the triennial conclaves held in 1877 and 1880 and at both conclaves the matter of the Order of Malta was indefinitely postponed.

At the triennial conclave held in 1883 the special committee on the Malta Order submitted a report which included a ritual for the Order. This report was adopted and the ritual recommended was also adopted and made the work of the Grand Encampment.

The action of the Grand Encampment at the 1883 Triennial Conclave apparently closed the subject of the Order of Malta as it has been regularly conferred in all commanderies in the United States since that date and in accordance with the ritual prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

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greatly increase our facilities and further add to the efficiency in overall operation of the home.

"Our sincere thanks and warm appreciation to Sir Knight Elmore Fisher Whitman, Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery officers for their fine spirit of co-operation and support, to the Ladies Auxiliaries, who have contributed so much to the home, the Past Presidents' Club, Medinah Temple and the many outside organizations and other Masonic bodies who have so kindly and generously contributed in the past year, and our special thanks to the Hospitaler's Committee of the Grand Commandery for their fine help.

We pledge anew, that with the continued confidence and support of our membership that we shall continue to carry on, always striving for the very best service to humanity and with honor to our fraternity."

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Great Moments in Knights Templar Activities

By Chalmers Lowell Pancoast, P. G. C. of New York State, Editor "Knight Templar" Magazine and Executive Director Public Relations Committee

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There are many great moments in the Order of Knights Templar when deeds of charity, inspiring words and everlasting truths are revealed in the teachings of the sublime Templar ritual, bring rewards and activities for the benefit and happiness of others, the less fortunate of humanity.

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