

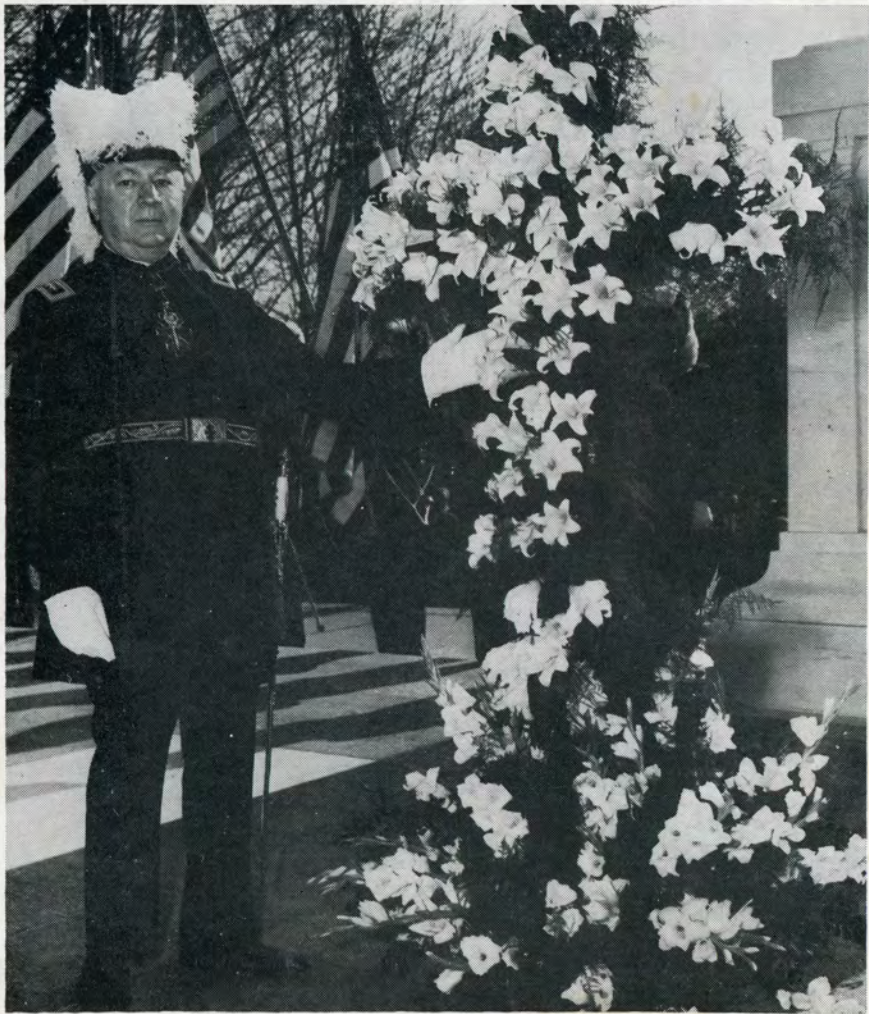


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Forty-eighth Triennial Conclave; Plan Now for This Great Templar Event

The 48th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will convene August 12-17 inclusive at Cleveland, Ohio, in the Ball-room of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

Office of Triennial Conclave Committee at Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

Reconvening Saturday, August 12, 1961, 12:30 P. M. at Hotel ball-room.

Conclave in session until 4:30 P. M.

Full Templar Uniform and Sword to be worn.

Street parade Saturday evening, August 12, 7:00 P. M. On downtown streets of Cleveland. Routes 1 and ½ miles. Reviewing stand in Cleveland Stadium.

Grand Marshal, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Ohio, Sir Knight Robert A. Burri. Watch for his detailed parade orders.

Chief of Staff, Sir Knight Arthur J. Althans, Eminent Past Commander. Full Templar Uniform with Sword to be worn by all participating.

Sunday—August 13th. Divine Service in Cleveland Auditorium, 4:00 P. M.

Monday—August 14th. Drill Competition, Cleveland Public Auditorium, at 8:00 or 9.00, to continue throughout the day. Grand Encampment reconvenes at 1:30 p. m. until 4:30 p. m. at ballroom. 8:00 p. m. Exhibition drill

by Direct Commandery No. 1 at Cleveland Public Auditorium. Followed by entertainment and dancing. Dress: formal. Full Templar Uniform without sword. Sightseeing trips and Industrial Tours each day. Detailed program will follow.

Tuesday—August 15th, 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Grand Encampment reconvenes at ballroom. Lunch (or dinner) for Drill Corps and Bands. Awarding of prizes 8:00 p. m. Symphony concert at Music Hall of Cleveland Public Auditorium.

Wednesday—August 16th. 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Grand Encampment reconvenes. First order of business, election of officers to serve for next ensuing Triennial Period. Annual meeting and election of the Board of Trustees, and reports of the Corporation of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Thursday—August 17th. 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Grand Encampment reconvenes. Installation of officers for the ensuing Triennial period.

Note—This is a brief outline of the Outstanding Events as described in detail in Grand Encampment General Order No. 5, and printed on pages 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the August-September issue of the "Knight Templar" magazine.

30th Annual Easter Sunrise Service—April 17, 1960

The 30th annual Easter Sunrise Service was held on Sunday, April 17, 1960, on a most beautiful Easter Sunday morning, with more Sir Knights in uniform than on any previous Easter. This was due in part to a special Pilgrimage of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Michigan, which was accompanied by Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Team, which gave an exhibition drill on the Monument Grounds on Saturday afternoon, April 16, at 3:00 o'clock. There were also large delegations from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, as well as Sir Knights from many other jurisdictions.

The following Grand Encampment of officers and members were present: Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master; Paul H. Moore, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Walter A. DeLamater, Past Most Eminent Grand Master; C. Byron Lear, Past Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Fred England, Jr., Department Commander, East Central Department; Edward Holloway, Department Commander North Atlantic Department; Paul R. Jarratt, Department Commander South Central Department; Raymond N. Babcock, Department Commander Central Atlantic Department; Burt D. Pearson, Chairman, Committee on Religious Observance; Louis F. Heger, Chairman, Committee on Ritualistic Matters; Harry O. Schroeder, Chairman, Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

The following Grand Commanders were in attendance, many of whom were accompanied by their staff: New York, J. George Lang; Virginia, John W. Nicar; Vermont, George C. Cummings; Connecticut, Guy I. Robb; Pennsylvania, Harry F. Hostettler; Michigan, Maurice

B. Allen; New Jersey, Stanley P. Matthews; Georgia, W. Arthur Patat; Maryland, Gerald M. Pine; West Virginia, Samuel G. Williamson; District of Columbia, John G. Mathes.

The march from the West Gate was headed by Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master, and his staff, led by the famous United States Marine Band, and then followed the over 1,000 Sir Knights. It was a most magnificent and impressive sight, and was so timed that all the Sir Knights were seated in the Amphitheater when the service went on the air promptly at 7:30 a. m. A most inspiring sermon was delivered by Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and besides the beautiful music by the United States Marine Band, the United States Army Chorus gave two selections.

At the conclusion of the service in the Amphitheater the assembled Sir Knights were expeditiously marched in procession to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, where, after appropriate music by the Marine Band, the traditional "Cross of Lilies" was laid at the Tomb by Most Eminent Grand Master Wieber, and after sounding of "Taps" the assembled Sir Knights were dismissed.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia sponsored a breakfast at the Willard Hotel, presided over by Right Eminent Sir Knight John G. Mathes, Grand Commander, attended by over 600 Sir Knights and their ladies. This was indeed a fitting climax to one of the most successful of the thirty Easter Sunrise Services sponsored by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, at the magnificent Amphitheater in the Arlington National Cemetery.

(Photo Front Page)

Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar

June 2, 1960, from Office of The Commander, Sir Knight Ralph J. Schuetz, NAF. Colcnel U. S. A. Ret. Japan Locker Fund, APO 503, c/o San Francisco California.

Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast, P. G. C., Editor "Knight Templar" Magazine, P. O. Box 706, Newark, Ohio.
Right Eminent Sir:

Tokyo Comandery No. 1, considers the "Knight Templar" magazine a most important medium to spread the news of Templar and Masonic events. Tokyo Commandery is therefore subscribing initially for a two year subscription for each member, and then subsequently for an initial 2 year subscription for each new Sir Knight.

Attached is a list of 175 members for which please enter a 2 year subscription to "Knight Templar." Those that already are subscribers, please extend their subscriptions 2 years.

Attached is my personal check No. 1468 for \$175.00 in payment for the subscriptions. As changes of address become known, we shall forward monthly to you the changes of address.

Tokyo Commandery No. 1 is looking forward to the best year in its history. We have knighted eleven (11) early in the spring; eleven (11) will be knighted on 10 and 11 June, and another eleven (11) in July. It is expected that this year we shall knight from 60 to 75 new members, which will be a most handsome gain in membership.

We now have the equipment and the interested personnel to present the Order of Red Cross and the Order of the Temple in full ceremonial. We are working toward the goal of presenting the Order of Malta in full ceremonial this fall. (1960).

A tremendous interest has been generated in the York Rite Bodies in Japan, and now with a functioning "York Rite Coordinating Committee," the York Rite Bodies in Japan should show ex-

cellent continued progress.

Yours for a Greater Templary, Ralph J. Schuetz, Past Commander, Tokyo Commandery No. 1.

(Enclosed list 175 members, Check No. 1468, \$175.00. Mailed to Darold T. Fleming, Mitchell-Fleming Printing, Inc., Mitchell Building, Greenfield Indiana June 7 1960.)

June 7, 1960

Sir Knight Ralph J. Schuetz, E. Past Commander,
Tokyo Commandery No. 1,
Japan Locker Fund,
APO 503, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir Knight Schuetz:

Thank you so very much for your encouraging letter, and the enclosure of a list of 175 members of Tokyo Commandery No. 1, and check No. 1468, for \$175.00. A fine achievement for Templary.

This has been forwarded to Mr. Darold T. Fleming, of the Mitchell-Fleming Printing, Inc., Greenfield, Indiana, who has charge of all subscriptions.

A copy of your splendid letter was also mailed to the Most Eminent Grand Master Louis H. Wieber, 1253 Terminal Tower Bldg., Cleveland 13, Ohio.

Your letter will be published in a coming issue of the "Knight Templar" Magazine. I shall appreciate any Templar news stories you will send about activity in Tokyo Commandery No. 1, or York Rite in Japan.

Again thank you for your interest and fine letter.

Sincerely,
Chalmers L. Pancoast,
Editor.

WANTED BY THE EDITOR

Copies of booklets or brochures on the subject of "York Rite Masonry or the Order of Knights Templar, issued by any Grand Commandery or other Grand Body of Masonry. Mail to the Editor of the "Knight Templar," Chalmers L. Pancoast, Box 706, Newark, Ohio.

93rd Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington Held May 15-16



Front row (left to right)—Hugh B. Shaw, Gr. Generalissimo; Dr. Ralph E. West, V. E. Dep. Gr. Commander; Glenn M. Bailey, Sr., R. E. Gr. Commander; Ralph W. McKerracher, Gr. Captain-General.

Middle row—Dr. Cyrus E. Albertson, Excellent Gr. Prelate; Charles R. Dobler, Gr. Treasurer; Cecil M. Ward, Gr. Jr. Warden; Dr. Paul W. Sweet, Gr. Standard Bearer; Clifford L. Evans, Gr. Recorder; Robert P. Monroe, Gr. Sr. Warden.

Back row—W. K. Gawley, Gr. Inspector-General; Walter Gronley, Gr. Captain of the Guard; W. Lloyd Lyons, Gr. Sword Bearer; James V. Short, Gr. Warder.

Sir Knight Glenn M. Bailey, Sr., R. E. Grand Commander, has courteously submitted the photo and brief report of the 93rd Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington, held in the City of Bremerton, May 15, 16, and 17, 1960. He stated: "We were honored by the presence of Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Minnesota, as personal representative of the Most Eminent

Grand Master, Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber. Sir Knight Pearson witnessed a public installation of the Grand Officers of the State of Washington. . . . Sir Knight Albest Jensen, P. G. C. was the installing Grand Officer, assisted by Dr. and Sir Knight Cyrus E. Albertson, Grand Prelate, and Sir Knights Renzo Caia, Grand Marshal; and Willis Talbott and Harry Stees, as Aides, all Past Grand Commanders.



OHIO DRILL COMPETITION

Some 250 Knight Templars and their ladies, from over the State of Ohio, attended the second annual TriCommandery drill competition, held in the Bethany Masonic Temple in Akron, on Saturday, May 7th.

A first place tie resulted with Bethany Commandery of Akron, the defending champion, tying with Forest City Commandery of Cleveland. Second place went to Holyrood Commandery No. 32, of Cuyhoga County, being just eight-tenths of a point away from the tying teams.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Virgil F. Kent, of Defiance, Ohio, was on hand and made the presentation of awards, which was sponsored by Walter W. Forchner and Edgar W. Kroehle, for the purpose of encouraging drill team activity in Ohio.

Judges for the affair were Sir Knights from Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, and headed by Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio.

The trophy was presented to Drill Captain, Sir Knight Ray Zornow, of Forest City, by Grand Commander Kent. After the completion of the first six months, the trophy will be returned to Bethany for the remainder of the year. It will be presented to the team, with Drill Captain, Sir Knight Wilson Reed, accepting same.

This competition, together with the competition and exhibition held in Delphos (which drew more than 1,000 Templars), Ohio, last January 23rd, will go down in Knights Templar of Ohio history, as two important factors in stimulating and promoting such activity within our great Order.

SIR KNIGHT VIRGIL F. KENT,
Grand Commander, Defiance, Ohio.

KANSAS

From The M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Kansas, Office of the Grand Secretary, 320 W. 8th St., Topeka, Kansas, August 8, 1960.

Information Bulletin

Kansas' oldest Mason, Bro. William C. Hallowell, who is now past 102 and who is in his 75th year of Masonic affiliation, fell recently and severely injured his hip. He is in Weld County Memorial Hospital Greeley, Colo., located about 35 miles from his home near Estes Park.

A telephone call to his daughter, Mrs. Corwin Blue, Monday, August 8th, assured us that he is "doing fine." His general condition is marvelous and he takes nourishment regularly according to Mrs. Blue. Most folks of such advanced years have difficulty in making recovery, but Bro. Bill is determined to get this misfortune behind him. He still keeps his radio at his bedside and keeps up on all political happenings.

How it happened, could happen to you. He intended to sit on the edge of the bed—and it wasn't there. His advice to you is to be sure you know where you are going to sit! Good advice, too!

Cards or letters to him would be greatly appreciated. Send them to William C. Hallowell, Weld County Hospital, Greeley, Colo.

NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Comandery Knights Templar of North Dakota, General Order No. 1 (Dresser).

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of Knights Templar of North Dakota:

As the Ascension of Jesus Christ consummates his earthly pilgrimage, the observance of this divine and glorious event is a sacred and joyous Christmas.

As Knights Templar, it is our solemn duty to observe Ascension Day because

thereby we testify to our Christian faith;

It is therefore ordered, that the observance of Ascension Day be held on Thursday, May 26, 1960 by a suitable and proper religious service and by the tian holy day;

decorating of the graves of the Fraters buried within the jurisdiction of each constituent commandery;

Be it further ordered, that in the event that it is not feasible or possible to hold this observance on Thursday, May 26, 1960, that a more convenient time be arranged, either by attending church in a body on a Sunday in May, or by a suitable program in the asylum when the ascension of Jesus Christ and the memory of departed Fraters are commemorated;

Dated at Jamestown, North Dakota, May 11, 1960.

C. E. Dresser,

(Attest & seal) Grand Comander.

Albert G. Tverberg,

Grand Reuorder.

OHIO

From Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Sir Knight Edwin A. Kenney, Recorder of Coeur DeLion Commandery No. 64, Knights Templar, Cleveland, a most interesting letter was received, May 31st, 1960. As editor of "The Northeast Ohio Mason," published for the Masons of the Western Reserve, he has written in part: "Frequently, I find articles in your fine publication, the "Knight Templar," which I would like to reproduce in "The Northeast Ohio Mason," and wonder if I may have your permission to do so."

Permission was granted to Editor Kennedy, who submitted two issues of his publication, which was started in November 1959. It is an excellent 16 page, well illustrated and filled with important news from all the Masonic bodies in that area. Sir Knight Edwin A. Kennedy, deserved credit for creating such a valuable paper for the Craft.

Good Publicity for West Virginia

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight Dudley E. Cruise, Grand Warder, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of West Virginia, has been received a number of photos and clippings from Bluefield newspapers, "The Daily Telegraph" and "Sunset News-Observer" of May 20-21, 1960. This excellent news represented the press coverage and fine publicity for the 86th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

The front pages of these papers carried many pictures and news of the outstanding events of the Conclave. In a letter from Sir Knight Dudley E. Cruise, to Sir Knight John Temple Rice, P.G.M. and Grand Recorder he wrote, in part: "I'm sure that I can speak for all the Grand Line Officers of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia in expressing

our appreciation of having you, as a representative of our Grand Master, pay us a visit during our Grand Conclave. The fine manner in which you conduct the installation of our Grand Line Officers, and your remarks will always remain in my memory. . . . We sincerely hope that you will pay West Virginia another visit as soon as possible, as I know everyone would welcome you."

In addition to the photos and news presented herewith, other photos were: "Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, along with past officers, pictured as they attended the Grand Commander's Ball at the Bluefield Auditorium.

The Officers and Sir Knights are to be complimented on planning such excellent News coverage of the activities of this Annual Conclave.



Sir Knights on the March—Some 200 Sir Knights, representing the several hundred in Bluefield for the annual grand conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of West Virginia, entertained onlookers Friday with a precision parade in downtown Bluefield. With marching music by the efficient Princeton Junior High School band, the Masonic group formed at the Duhring Street parking lot, marched west to Mercer, north to Princeton, east to Bland Street, south to the Federal Building, and then north again down Federal to the Masonic Temple. The picture at the right shows one group of marchers, who represented all sections of West Virginia, lining up for inspection prior to the parade. In another photo, Oscar Bowling, grand prelate of Greenbrier, shouts some instructions as other marchers don their swords and other uniformed trappings for the parade. The picture at the right shows the Masons in their precision march which so much pleased the spectators.—Staff Photo by Vernon Felds).



West Virginia Templars (Newspaper Report)

Mayor Will Welcome Knights Templar Today

State officers for the coming year will be elected this afternoon as members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia swing full speed into their annual conclave in Bluefield.

The three-day conclave will officially open at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Temple with Mayor T. Courtney Tanner delivering an address of welcome. Between 600 and 700 "Sir Knights" are expected.

The conclave will wind up Saturday morning, following installation of the newly-elected officers at 11:45 at the Masonic Temple.

The installation program will be open to the public. Masonic leaders said.

Actually, the convention got underway Thursday as registration opened at the temple. The "Grand Command-

ery Dinner" was conducted at the West Virginian Hotel last night, and the annual "Divine Service" took place at the Bland Street Methodist Church.

Both events always go before the "official opening" of the conclave.

Knights Will Install Officers Today

A public installation of new state officers at 11:15 a.m. today at the Masonic Temple will start the final closing procedure for the grand conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of West Virginia which has been conducted in Bluefield the past three days.

The farewell luncheon will follow in the West Virginian Hotel and the near-600 Sir Knights will disband thereafter and start homeward treks to all parts of West Virginia.

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NEW YORK ZONE 5 PARADE

By Sir Knight E. H. Kanzelmyer—Photographer St. George's
Commandery No. 37, Schenectady, N. Y.

On April 30, 1960, at Albany, N. Y., Temple Commandery No. 2 K. T., was host to commanderies composing Zone 5 of the Grand Commandery of New York, for the Malta Festival. This was held under the direction of Sir Knight Lowell H. Bryce, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York and Zone 5 Commander with Zone Officers Sir Knight Stanley Siegler of Schenectady and Sir Knight Harold Schultes of Gloversville.

At 3:30 P. M. the lines formed for a parade that ended at the Masonic Temple. A dinner was served to the visiting Sir Knights and their ladies by the ladies of Temple Commandery Sir Knights.

In the evening the Order of Malta was conferred on a class of candidates in Full form by a cast composed of members from St. George's Commandery No. 37 from Schenectady under the direction of Past Commanders Sir Knight Lewis H. DeLong.



Leading the Sir Knights in the parade at the Zone 5 Malta Festival in Albany, N. Y. on April 30, 1960 the Sir Knights of Temple Commandery No. 2 of Albany preceded by the color guard and present commanders of officers of the various commanderies visiting. Immediately following the host commandery was the special platoon marching in Cross Formation.



Another view of the Malta Festival parade in Albany on April 30, 1960, led by the standards of St. Georges No. 37 from Schenectady, N. Y. and Apollo No. 15 from Troy, N. Y. In charge of the special Platoon forming the marching cross (not yet formed) was Sir Knight Warren H. Deek, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York.



The Zone Malta Festival parade in Albany, N. Y., led by (left) Sir Knight Stanley Siegler, Zone officer Zone 5, (center) Sir Knight Lowell H. Byrce, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery, State of New York and Zone Commander, and (right) Sir Knight Harold Schultze, Zone Officer, Zone 5. In the automobile following the colors were the Grand Commandery officers and then the Band from Cypress Shrine of Albany, N. Y. leading the marching Sir Knights.

PENNSYLVANIA

Sir Knight Charles B. Wolfertz, P.G.C. of Pennsylvania and Editor of "The Crusader," "The Friendly and Helpful Voice of Pennsylvania Templary" has written, May 31, 1960 as follows:

Sir Knight Chalmes L. Pancoast, P.G.C., Executive Director Public Relations, Grand Encampment, Newark, Ohio.

Dear Chalmers:

It was so kind of you to give to Pennsylvania Templary such nice space in the May-June 1960 Knight Templar.

Our folks greatly appreciated your efforts and all want you to know that we sincerely appreciate it.

You have really made a fine publication out of the Knight Templar and one of which we as Templars may well be proud.

Congratulations to you, Chalmers, and every good wish for your continued success in building our Order through the Knight Templar. Kindest regards.

Courteously and cordially,

Charles B. Wolfertz.

CALIFORNIA

Demits and Suspensions

Much has been written and spoken of the tremendous losses that all bodies of Masonry have suffered through haphazard and lackadaisical handling of these matters. No method of control of these two items yet devised can be as effective as that of personal contact.

I therefore call your particular attention to the addition last April to paragraph 1 of Section 348 of our Laws and suggest that the program be put into effect before the end of this year. A conscientious effort as outlined should save some members, who with the addition of 1961 dues could be more difficult to keep on our rolls later.

Your Grand Officers join with me in extending our thanks for your fine

support and co-operation and know that we can rely on your continued observance of our laws and your help in lifting Templary in California to even greater heights.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call upon me.

Courteously,

William U. Remensperger,

Grand Comander.

(From General Communication No. 1 Grand Comandery, Knights Templar of the State of California.)

Your thoughts and plans are undoubtedly by now being directed to the close of this Commandery year and the start of a new one.

We hope these past six months have been successful and fruitful and that the final period for 1960 will bring even greater success and afford a "running start" on the promising dawn of 1961.

KANSAS

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

More and more of our Commanderies are taking an active interest in this activity of the Grand Encampment. The list of successful operations, and other services in the treatment of eye diseases, has grown to large proportions in many of our jurisdictions. It is growing in Kansas, but not as fast as it should.

Every Commander should appoint an Eye Foundation Committee in his Commandery and put them to work. There is a wealth of material available to them by simply writing the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Walter A. Delamater, Executive Director, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

The part one has in restoring sight, or assisting some unfortunate in any way, is a most satisfying service in the best tradition of true Christian Knighthood. Let's do more of it.—(From August 8, 1960 Bulletin published by The M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., Topeka, Kansas.)



The Sir Knights pictured in the back row of the photograph are officers of Waco Commandery No. 10.

The center row is composed of Past Grand Commanders and are, from left to right: R. E. Henderson, 1954; Arch M. Dullig, 1958; Burke Thomason, 1947; Harry B. Tuer, 1944; H. B. Beard, 1957; Simon M. Bunn, 1946; Tom J. Melton, 1948; Dan N. Cushing, 1939; Hale C. Salter, 1940; Thomas M. Bethell, 1950.

The above including Vance K. Miller pictured in the front row represent a total of 137 years service as Past Grand Commander.

The front row, with the exception of Vance K. Miller, P. G. C., Grand Commander in 1947 (in Prelate's Robe), is composed of Grand Commandery Officers and are from left to right: J. Carlisle Garlitz, Grand Commander; Gus L. Meyer, Deputy Grand Commander; Harvey C. Byrd, Grand Generalissimo; H. Jack Hefner, Grand Captain General; Vance K. Miller, Past Grand Commander; Arthur G. Coots, Grand Captain of the Guard; George S. Adams, Grand Treasurer; Hal Burnett, Grand Standard Bearer; Elmer E. Watkins, Grand Warden; Litt S. Perry, Grand Junior Warden.

News From Waco Texas

An interesting letter from Sir Knight Arch M. Dullig, R. E. Past Grand Commander, Tyler, Texas, regarding an outstanding Templar event in which the Past Grand Commanders of Texas conferred the Order of the Temple in Waco on March 26, 1960.

Excerpts from his letter, in which he stated: "At the Conclave the statement was repeatedly made, that this was the first time (so far as the speaker knew) that the Order of the Temple has been conferred with Past Grand Commanders filling all of the stations.

He wrote: "Those in attendance numbered eleven Past Grand Commanders, nine Grand Officers and more than a hundred additional Sir Knights. All appeared unanimous in their opinion that the Conclave was an outstanding success. . . . Actually (and I feel qualified as an expert on this subject) the Order of the Temple was conferred with all of the sincerity, impressiveness and enthusiasm possible.

"The stations were filled by the following Past Grand Commanders: Commander H. B. Beard; Generalissimo Tom J. Melton; Captain General Dan N. Cushing; Senior Warden Burke Thoma-

son; Junior Warden R. E. Henderson; Prelate Vance K. Miller; Recorder Hale C. Salter; Standard Bearer Simon M. Bunn; Sword Bearer Harry B. Tuer; Warder Arch M. Dullnig; 1st Hermit—1st Guard Tom J. Melton; 2nd Hermit—2nd Guard Hale C. Salter; 3rd Hermit—3rd Guard Thomas M. Bethell. The Prelate's Escort and Triangle Guard were staffed by Officers of the Grand Comandery.

Photograph of the Sir Knights participating accompanies the letter.

Plans are being made to visit another Commandery soon to confer the Order of the Temple by the Past Grand Commanders of Texas.

TEXAS

Corner Stone Leveling York Rite Masonic Temple

Sir Knight John T. Bean, M. W. Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M., presided at the laying of the corner stone for the Corpus Christi York Rite Masonic Temple, July 30, 1960. The temple is jointly owned by Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57, Knights Templar; Perham Chapter No. 91, Royal Arch Masons and Perham Council No. 55, Royal and Select Masters of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Those assisting M. W. Grand Master Bean, in the laying of the corner stone were Sir Knights, Gus L. Meyer, Grand Commander, as Deputy Grand Master, H. Jack Hefner, Grand Generalissimo, as Grand Senior Warden, R. W. W. J. (Bill) Burris, as Grand Junior Warden, Calvin R. Park, Charter member of C. C. Commandery No. 57, as Grand Treasurer, R. W. Harvey C. Byrd, Deputy Grand Commander, as Grand Secretary, Everett Y. Seale, Grand Prelate, as Grand Chaplain, Elza Childers, as Grand Orator, Jackson C. Jordan, as Grand Marshal, Kaplan H. Andrew, Grand Captain General, as Grand Senior Deacon, Litt S. Perry, Grand Senior Warden, as Grand Junior Warden, J. T. Sanders, Grand Standard Bearer, as Grand Sen-

ior Steward, Claude A. Alphin, as Grand Junior Steward, George E. Poulter, Grand Scribe Grand Chapter, as Grand Pursuivant, J. B. Wood, as Grand Tiler, and Thomas Carter Blasingame, D.D. Grand Master 37th Masonic District. Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57, escorted the representation of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas to the building site for the usual corner stone laying.

Prior to the corner stone laying ceremony, Corpus Christi Commandery No. 57, conferred the Order of the Temple on a fine class at the Asylum by Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, assisted by all the Grand Commandery Grand Officers. A very large and attentive group of Sir Knights were present to enjoy the occasion.

The York Rite Masonic Temple when it is completed and furnished, will represent an investment by the three York Rite Bodies in excess of \$100,000.00 It is believed to be the only York Rite Temple in Texas owned and controlled exclusively by the York Rite Bodies. The building committee of the York Rite Masonic Temple was composed of the three principal officers of the three York Rite Bodies of Corpus Christi. The building will be ready for occupancy on or about November 1st, 1960.

Submitted through courtesy of Sir Knight H. B. Beard, P.G.C., Corpus Christi, Texas.

EYE FOUNDATION MONTH

To the Officers and Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of the Commonwealth of Virginia :

Dear Sir Knights:

In order to stress the importance and the better to promote interest of the Sir Knights in our great philanthropy, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the month of October is hereby proclaimed as "Eye Foundation Month." At its regular conclave in October, the Commander of each Constituent Commandery

will have someone explain to the membership, the purpose of the Foundation and the method of its operation in detail.

During the month of October, each Commandery will pass on to other proper organizations in their area and to the general public, the information thus learned.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, affixed hereto and attested by the Grand Recorder, at Marion, Virginia, this the 9th day of July, 1960, A. O. 842.

Courteously yours,
R. H. HARRINGTON,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

Carl Frank Wood, Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA

Knight Templar

Dear Frater:

Herewith the renewal of my subscription to the Knight Templar magazine.

As an item which I think may be of news interest in a future issue: At the 24th Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders Association held April 20th in connection with the 88th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Falls City, Nebraska, there were present three brothers who presided over three separate Commanderies nearly twenty years ago almost simultaneously:

Walter Kiechel, Mount Horeb Commandery No. 10, Tecumseh, Nebr., 1941.

Raymond Kiechel, Mount Carmel Commandery No. 3, Auburn, Nebr., 1942.

Doane F. Kiechel, Palmyra Commandery No. 27, Superior, Nebr., 1942.

This may not constitute a record but I think it infrequent enough to be of interest outside of our immediate circle. I therefore send it to you for any use you may care to make of it.

Courteously yours,

HAROLD H. THOM,
Secretary-Treasurer, Past Commanders Association of Nebraska.

FLORIDA

On the evening of April 18th, the York Rite Bodies of Orlando presented a very unique program.

Through the courtesy of our friends of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company of Orlando, Florida, and under the direction of Mr. Bruce Abernathy of the Commercial Department of the Telephone Company and Sir Knight Frank Ramsdell, Capt. General of Olivet Commandery No. 4, also of the Commercial Department, a very interesting program was presented.

A portion of the program was devoted to portraying the progress telephone communication has contributed to the progress of America, and also demonstrations were shown depicting improvement yet to come.

Through the efforts of these gentlemen using the medium of the telephone we were able to listen to the outstanding personalities of the York Rite.

8:00 P. M.—J. Luther Jordan, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the World was introduced by The Grand High Priest J. Robert Moore. Companion Jordan spoke from Mansfield, Louisiana.

8:20 P. M.—The Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America was introduced by Blenus Williams, Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the State of Florida. Sir Knight Brucker spoke from Washington, D. C.

8:40 P. M.—Tom Q. Ellis, Past Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was introduced by Winston H. Ward, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida. Companion Ellis spoke from Jackson, Mississippi.

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Retiring Grand Commander Guy I. Robb, leads procession of Knights Templar from the Masonic Temple to attend divine services at the Methodist church. Procession was one of the outstanding activities during yesterday's opening session of the 133rd annual conclave of the Grand Commandery.—(Danbury News-Times, Monday, April 25, 1960.)

Good Publicity in Connecticut

The following front-page news story was received through the courtesy of Sir Knight Horace M. N. Sigman, P.G.C. of Connecticut. The news article which appeared in the Danbury News-Times, April 25, 1960, was prepared by Sir Knight James R. Case, Historian for the York Rite Bodies in that State. This newspaper story, illustrated with photos was the very best kind of publicity for Connecticut York Rite and Templary.

The interesting, well-prepared story in the Danbury News-Times, follows, in part:

James Robertson of Hamilton Commandery, Bridgeport, was elected and installed as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Connecticut, at the closing session of the 133rd annual conclave this morning at the Masonic temple.

He succeeds Guy I. Robb of Danbury.

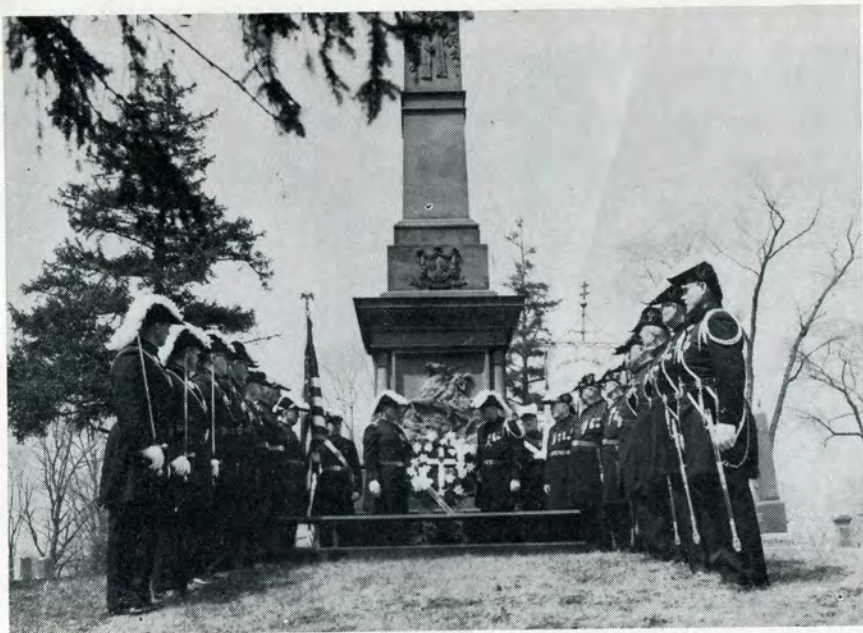
Installed as grand marshal was William C. VanDeWater of Whitney Road, Bethel, a past commander of Crusader Commandery, Danbury.

According to the usual procedure, Mr. VanDeWater will advance to the position of grand commander in a few years.

Today's activities brought to a close the two-day conclave that began yesterday with a parade, divine services at the Methodist church, and the Grand Commandery dinner in the banquet hall of the Masonic temple.

100 in Procession

Approximately 100 uniformed Knights, distinguished by their brilliant white-plumed chapeaus, marched in solemn procession from the Temple to the church for divine services conducted by the Rev. E. Leslie Wood.



Wreath-laying ceremonies at the Wooster Monument in Wooster cemetery, are conducted by Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. The traditional ceremony is held annually to mark the anniversary of the death of the Revolutionary War hero in the Battle of Danbury.

Following the service the Knights and their ladies were guests of Crusader Comandery, the host commandery, for a social hour at the Concordia hall followed by the Commandery Banquet featuring Dr. Neal Bowman of the National Association of Manufacturers as principal speaker.

More than 250 Knights and Ladies attended the banquet.

Earlier in the day, Washington Commandery of Hartford, participated in wreath-laying ceremonies at the Wooster Monument in Wooster cemetery. The traditional ceremony is held annually to mark the death of the Revolutionary War general who died on the defense of Danbury.

Native of Scotland

Mr. Robertson, a native of Fifeshire, Scotland, came to this country in 1920 and settled in Bridgeport.

In 1921 he became affiliated with David H. MacKenzie, general painting contractor, and since the incorporation of the firm has served as vice president.

He is a member of St. John's lodge, A. F. and A. M.; Jerusalem chapter, R.A.M.; Jerusalem council, R. and S.M.; Lafayette Consistory, Pyramid Shrine; Apostles Tabernacle and the Connecticut York Rite college.

Mr. Robertson is also a member of the First Presbyterian church of Bridgeport and a member of the board of trustees.

EL DORADO COMMANDERY No. 4, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

The Sir Knights of El Dorado Commandery No. 4, Placerville, Calif., attended Easter services this year in the historical Serbian Church of Jackson. This church, in the Mother Lode country of California, is the oldest church in North America. The church still contains the furnishings of 100 years ago. The Sir Knights, led by their Eminent Commander, Clyde Blackburn, will long remember the very impressive and colorful services conducted by the Very Reverend George Popovich and the fellowship displayed by the members of the parish.



Historical Serbian Church of Jackson.



The M. E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A., Sir Knight Walter DeLamater congratulates Sir Knight Ward L. Ekas, M.D., on his election to the post of Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York.

EYE FOUNDATION

Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83, Knights Templar (which is the youngest Comandery in the state of Ohio) has become the most active group hereabouts working for the prevention of blindness through The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

This great humanitarian project has as its objectives: for research, treatment, and/or hospitalization of diseases or injuries of the eye in an effort to prevent blindness. This service is available to anyone regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin. Age is no factor.

Sir Knight Henry Fritsch, Past Eminent Commander of Cuyahoga Falls Commandery, is heading the Eye Foundation in this territory and has processed grants totaling over \$12,000 with several more anticipated within the next few weeks.

Sir Knight Fritsch stated The Knights

Templar Eye Foundation has a three-fold purpose: It provides treatment, both medical and surgical, for needy persons to prevent blindness and to alleviate eye pain. The applicant does not have to be a pauper to avail himself of this service. His or her income must be fixed and limited. The applicant is under no binding obligation to the Eye Foundation.

There has been very little delay in processing applicants for the assistance, and in many cases approval has been received in less than one week's time. In cases of emergency Fritsch has called headquarters in Rhinebeck, N. Y. and received approval within 24 hours. Forms for the applicant have been simplified. The ophthalmologist (eye surgeon), the Sir Knight sponsoring the applicant or even the applicant can contact Sir Knight Fritsch and within a short time receive word whether his application has been approved.



Sir Knights Henry F. Fritsch (left) and Rudy Beyer of Knights Templar meet Dale Vincent and his mother, Mrs. Nedra Vincent.

Fritsch pointed out that The Eye Foundation works entirely different than most organizations, as the patient is allowed to pick out his own ophthalmologist and his own hospital. Specifications are strictly that an ophthalmologist must do the surgery on the applicants eyes.

Many persons who are afflicted by some eye disease come from surrounding counties and can be processed through Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83, Knights Templar in case they do not have contact with a Sir Knight in their vicinity.

When an applicant receives his grant and approval this allows the ophthalmologist to proceed by entering the applicant to the hospital. The grant takes care of the surgical fees and the hospital bill. There is not any expense to the applicant.

There are approximately 450,000 Knights Templar in the United States of America. Each Sir Knight is assessed an annual fixed amount for the support of the Eye Foundation. In addition to this money, the Foundation receives contributions and bequests from individuals and organizations interested in their program. The Eye Foundation does not allow or permit any public appeal for funds.

Recently Clyde E. Ross, Ohio Council of the Blind, Inc., president, and which is a member of the National Federation of the Blind, Inc., thought so well of the program he had Fritsch address the executive board so that all affiliates in Ohio could take advantage of this opportunity to help and be helped. Ross said, "Several referrals have already been made by the Summit County Society for the Blind, which the Knights Templar have processed to the great satisfaction of all concerned, especially the patients.

Persons wishing to get in contact with the Eye Foundation may write: Henry Fritsch, 708 N. Main St., Akron, Ohio, Telephone FRanklin 6-5822; Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83,

Knights Templar, 2307 Sackett Ave., Cuyahoga Falls or to Clyde E. Ross, 858 Orlando Ave., Akron 20, Ohio.

York Rite Fayetteville, N. C.

Sir Knight William L. Ramsey, P. G. C., General Chairman of the Fayetteville (N. C.) York Rite Masonic Bodies, has written a most interesting letter of the activities of York Rite in North Carolina, and submitted a brochure of the Easter Sunrise Service by the Knights Templar April 17, 1960. This included the general invitation issued, the program the address of Sir Knight Gilbert M. Honeycutt, P. C., District Deputy Grand Master, representing the Grand Master W. Eli Hand. Also the Easter Message delivered by Sir Knight Cabell B. Jones, R. E. Grand Commander. Copy of the sermon by the Rev. Walter C. Feltman, Pastor of the Person Street Methodist Church.

In his letter Sir Knight Ramsey stated:

"Attention is called to the Editorial of the Fayetteville Observer, the oldest Newspaper in North Carolina, which has supported the Annual Easter Sunrise Knights Templar Services, and has given us much space throughout their pages.

"This was the Fourteenth Annual Easter Sunrise Service and was well attended, there being some 3500 interested people at the Lafayette Memorial Park. The Service starting at 6:00 A. M. with a Sacred Concert by the 440th U. S. Army Band of Fort Bragg, N. C., under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Walter F. Pawl.

"I wish to compliment you on the fine work that you are doing as the Executive Director Public Relations of the Grand Encampment, and look forward to receiving The Knights Templar Magazine, and, to reading the many fine articles contained therein.

I am

Sincerely and courteously,
William L. Ramsey, P.G.C.
General Chairman.

Officers of Rondout Commandery No. 52 Knights Templar Installed at Kingston, N. Y.



The Grand Commander of the State of New York, R. E. J. George Lang was the installing officer at installation of officers of Rondout Commandery, No. 52, Knights Templar at Kingston, N. Y. He was assisted by Em. Sir William Mac Vean as the Acting Marshall and Em. Sir Arthur J. Jansen as Acting Captain General. The installation was held on January 23, 1960 at a special conclave, due to it being public, and our asylum was filled—wall to wall.

Those in the photo are: Front row (left to right)—Sir Knights Arthur J. Jansen, Grand Representative to the State of Oregon; William Mac Vean, Grand Representative to the State of West Virginia; Raymond DuVall, Grand Sword Bearer; Frederick H. Staal, Grand Senior Warden; Sidney E. Friar, Commander; J. George Lang, Grand Commander; Bert Truesdel, Zone Commander, Zone 4; Earl Thomas, Zone Commander, Zone 4; George Radcliffe, Past Commander.

Back row (left to right)—Sir Knights Irving Wilcox, Junior Warden; Walter Kidd, Organist; Allan Dumas, Captain General; Edgar Schepmoes, Sentinel; Fred Van Duesen, Recorder; Ralph Hayner, Senior Warden; Helmuth Muscal, Warder; Lewis Eschenbecker, Prelate; Norman Swibold, Sword Bearer; Robert F. Short, Generalissimo.

1960 TEMPLAR FESTIVAL

(The Robert P. Sherman Festival)

The Seventeenth Annual State-Wide Festival for 1960, honoring Sir Knight Robert P. Sherman, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander and a member of Jersey Commandery No. 19, was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Trenton, New Jersey, on Saturday, October 15, 1960.

This year the Festival was "Streamlined." All candidates were at the Scottish Rite Cathedral no later than 11:00 A. M. and preferably at 10:30 A. M.

The sponsor and the Commander of each candidate was present at the same time to expedite the necessary preliminaries prior to the Order of Red Cross which was exemplified at 11:45 A. M.

A buffet luncheon was served promptly at 1.00 P. M.

Promptly at 2:45 P. M., the visitors, honored guests and the Grand Commander were received, with the Order of Malta following at 3:45 P. M.

The benediction and adjournment at 5:00 P. M. permitting those in attendance to return to their homes at an early hour.

The Order of Red Cross was portrayed by Crusade Commandery No. 23 of Haddonfield, New Jersey, and the Order of Malta by St. John's Commandery No. 9 of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Both teams are noted for their very fine work.

(Excerpt from New Jersey Templar News, Sept. 1960—Advance Notice.)

We have been advised of 89 prospective candidates for the 1960 Annual Templar Festival, of which Hugh De Payens No. 1 expects to furnish 12. Next in expectations is Bethlehem No. 27 with 9, while St. John's No. 9 and Melita No. 13 expect to sponsor 7 each. Plans, formulated by your Grand Commandery Membership Committee in two meetings this year, give us grounds for optimistically forecasting the doubling of this figure and providing a fitting tribute to our Sir Knight Robert P. Sherman, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander. Each constituent commandery is represented on this committee and details of such plans should have been published for your benefit by this time.

When our Right Eminent Grand Commander established his goal, he asked each constituent commandery line officer to sponsor at least three new members as his contribution to the membership drive. He had in mind that this would help all officers avoid the common pitfall of "saving" candidates for his year as Commander. It makes good sense, Sir Knight Officers, to begin your recruiting now—this year—thereby building a corps of active fraters, most of whom will recruit others and compound the membership increase in your final year as Commander. Any other planning, could result in lack of officer material, from which you will have to fill appointive offices and will deprive your own friends of years of belonging to our Valiant and Magnanimous Order.

Herbert G. Merrick, Jr., E.G.J.W.

Chairman, Membership Committee.

EYE GIFT BRIGHTENS HOPES FOR A GIRL, 11

An 11-year-old Milwaukee girl has a chance of normal vision because a young Milwaukee attorney who died of a heart attack wanted his eyes donated to the Milwaukee Eye bank.

The girl, Ann Berchtold, of 3736 North 57th street, suffered a severe systematic disease, bullous lupus erythematosus, that caused scarring of the mucus membranes of the mouth, throat and eyelids, and cloudiness of the cornea, the transparent covering of the eyes.

Attorney Died Sunday

Eye surgeons at Milwaukee Children's Hospital planned to remove the cloudy corneas and graft clear ones from a donor after death.

Attorney David F. Meagher, of 216 East Chateau Place, Whitefish Bay, died early last Sunday at Mount Sinai, after suffering a heart attack May 1.

Meagher and his wife, Kay, had decided several months ago on the death of her father, who had a serious eye ailment, that they would give their eyes to the eye bank. Mrs. Meagher approved the arrangement when her husband died.

Transplant Done Same Day

The corneal transplant was done the same day. The Berchtold girl went home from the hospital Friday. Doctors do not know yet how good her vision will be, but a successful result is anticipated. A corneal transplant for the other eye is planned later.

The other beneficiary of the eye donor was a man, age 55, with a scarred cornea. His corneal transplant was made at Mount Sinai Hospital last Sunday, also.

The eye bank is operated by the Milwaukee Blood Center, 763 North 18th street.

(Special Note: This is the most recent contribution in Wisconsin by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for necessary surgical and hospital services to the extent of \$650.00.)

Advocater Writes Her First Book

An Advocate staff member has fulfilled a long-term ambition. She has written her first book.

Kathleen Brown, Advocate church editor and columnist, has written a biography of a well-known Newark historian and newspaperman—"Saga of a Roving Reporter—Chalmers L. Pancoast."

Said to be the epitome of "small town boy makes good in big city," the story gives intimate glimpses into the life of a man who began his writing career as a cub reporter on the old American Tribune in Newark, at six dollars a week, and later became a high salaried advertising executive in New York City.

Pancoast, who marked his 80th birthday last March, has worked on some of the country's leading newspapers from coast to coast, written 14 books, plus hundreds of magazine stories and feature articles as a free lancer.

The book contains glimpses into his life as he traveled over the country, but perhaps the most interesting are the "Huck Finn" episodes in his childhood, which earned many a paddling for the fun-loving, adventurous Chal, plus his hair-raising experiences in the wild and woolly West as a reporter on papers in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and California.

Many of Pancoast's experiences were jotted down by his wife, the late Hazel Thomas Pancoast, daughter of the late Maj. David Thomas and Mary (Franklin) Thomas. It was Mrs. Pancoast's wish to write the story of her husband's experiences, and after her death he wanted the book written as a tribute to her.

Pancoast returned to Newark to make his home following the sudden death of his wife in New York City in the spring of 1958. He took up residence in the Hotel Warden, a spot he loves as one of the historic points in Newark.

In spite of a great deal of ribbing

from friends and acquaintances for remaining in the Warden after its formal closing more than a year ago, Pancoast is delighted that he has been able to stay.

"Since city hall has moved into the Warden, I am now literally in the heart of the city," he says.

Pancoast is editor of the national Masonic publication, "Knight Templar," which he founded in 1934 in Cleveland as the Grand Encampment Review.

As author of Pancoast's book, Kathleen Brown says, "Everyone wants to write a book sometime but they seldom get around to doing it. I was lucky. Mr. Pancoast commissioned me to write the book."

In October 1958 Pancoast had just completed his "Hometown Memories, Volume 1," a collection of pictures similar to the "Yesterday-Today" series he had written for The Advocate for many years.

When he read of Mrs. Brown's first place award in a writing contest sponsored by the Ohio Newspapers Women's Association, he popped into the Advocate Editorial office bright and early on a Monday morning and requested her to write a review of his latest book.

A week later he saw a copy of the "History of First Presbyterian Church, Sesquicentennial Edition," written by Mrs. Brown and immediately commissioned her to his "Saga."

Mrs. Brown is a member of the Ohio Newspaper Women's Association, Blue Pencil Club, a charter member of Moundbuilders Chapter of The National Secretaries Association (International) and a member of First United Presbyterian Church. The past three years she has written the weekly Advocate column, "In the Church Sphere."

The books are expected to be shipped from the publisher within a few days and will be put on sale in Newark book stores.—Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, The Newark Advocate.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Russell Davis, Chairman, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights Templar

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is, in the opinion of many, destined to become one of the world's truly great philanthropies. This wonderful service to humanity was sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in August of 1955 and began handling cases in 1957. Our own Louis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment is presently serving as President of the Foundation.

The Foundation is incorporated under the laws of the state of Maryland and has been classified by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue as a fully tax exempt Corporation. All gifts are tax exempt in accordance with the approval of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department.

The Foundation is financed by an annual fixed assessment from each of our members. In addition, voluntary contributions and bequests from individuals and organizations add greatly to our income.

Gifts have been received from Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, Grand Commanderies (in addition to their fixed assessments), the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant which has adopted our project on a permanent basis, Ladies Auxiliaries, the Order of Amaranth, Eastern Star, Order of DeMolay, Shrine Clubs, Lodges, Church organizations and other interested friends. We have been advised that many wills have been drawn, naming the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as one of the beneficiaries.

To date, twenty Medical Colleges, Institutions and Ophthalmologists have received grants totaling close to one half million dollars in an effort to solve the

problems incident to the diseases of the eye which are taking such a heavy toll of blindness each year.

In each Commandery of Knights Templar, Committees have been or will be formed to seek out those, less fortunate who may need the help of our Foundation. Regardless of Race, Color or Creed, the Foundation stands ready and eager to help. Inability to pay is the determining factor.

When an application is approved by our Administrative Office, all bills are paid by the Foundation. Over thirteen hundred cases have been processed to date and applications are coming in each day in increasing number. Little ones less than one year of age and "oldsters" up to ninety have received help from the Foundation. Ohio will close the Templar year with approximately eighty cases. That this is not double the figure is caused by the lack of organization within the local Commanderies. This condition is being corrected and we look forward to the time when each of our eighty-three Commanderies will have a group of dedicated men actively engaged in carrying on the work of the Foundation in their communities.

One has but to experience the results of bringing light to one who has walked in darkness. We feel sure that the heartwarming experience will quicken his soul—make him a better Mason—a better Knight Templar.

If you who read this know of anyone who may need help, won't you please contact the Recorder or any officer of any Commandery? If the case you refer is approved (and they usually are) follow it personally and catch some of the good that comes from doing a real Christian service for others.—The Northeast Ohio Mason.

SMALLEST KNIGHT

By Chalmers L. Pancoast

General "Tom Thumb" Knights Templar Uniform Was On Display at The Waldorf-Astoria



July 30th, 1960 marked the 97th anniversary of the Knighting of General "Tom Thumb" as a Templar Mason by Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, Bridgeport, Conn., on this same date in 1863.

This anniversary was observed during "Knights Templar Week" in New York City, August 20-26, 1955. During this Nation-wide Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., the "Tom Thumb" Templar Uniform was displayed in the lobby of The Waldorf-Astoria, Headquarters for the Conclave.

A specially made case contained the full Knights Templar Uniform of the smallest Templar Mason the world has ever known. This historic uniform insured at \$50,000, consists of a long coat, black trousers, white plumed Chapeau, star-decorated baldric, gauntlet gloves, belt and silver sword. Also on exhibit were many personal possessions of Sir Knight Charles S. Stratton (General "Tom Thumb"), such as his watch charm, ring and photos of the General as he frequently appeared in his Knight Templar Uniform.

General "Tom Thumb," the world's smallest Master Mason and Knight Templar was made famous by Phineas T. Barnum when exhibited in Barnum's American Museum in New York City, in 1842. At that time Charles Stratton was four years old and was less than two feet tall, weighing 16 pounds.

The publicity given to General "Tom Thumb" was Barnum's first big step to success as the world's greatest showman. It is said that the name came from the old English ballad "In Arthur's Court Tom Thumb Did Live." Guided by Barnum, Stratton rose from the weekly \$3.00 salary until he had accumulated a fortune and he became world famous as General "Tom Thumb."

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Mass. & R. I. Suspensions

By ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY,

R. E. Grand Commander, Mass. & R. I.

The large number of suspensions granted each year by the Commanderies of this jurisdiction has been a matter of serious concern for some time. Various attempts have been made over the years to improve this condition but all have met with comparatively little success.

In a recent letter received from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment every constituent commandery is urged to review its list of suspended members during the last several years and to give serious consideration to ways and means of restoring those suspended members into active service in the commandery. The Grand Master also suggests that each constituent commandery carefully review its list of those members who are presently in arrears and who under normal circumstances would be suspended during the present fiscal year.

The Grand Commander, Sir Kt. Holley, urges each constituent commandery in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to give serious consideration to this request of the Grand Master and urges each Eminent Commander to call his officers together for the express purpose of considering the subject of suspensions.

During the past seven years losses from suspensions have been heavy. This poses a serious problem and one that can only be properly coped with on the constituent commandery level. As a rule these Sir Knights who permit themselves to be suspended do so because of lack of interest in the commandery work. In a majority of cases, this is due to a failure on the part of the constituent commandery and its leadership to present a program calculated to hold the interest of its members.

With two great humanitarian projects sponsored by our organization, namely, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, there is no excuse for a commandery to fail to interest its members if the commandery actively participates in these programs.

The fact that a majority of those who are suspended are comparatively new members is indicative that our new members are not being properly instructed in those principles for which our Order stands.

Excerpts from a message issued November, 1958, by Rt. Em. Alfred C. Blake:

"Altogether too many suspensions are granted with little or no investigation being made to find out why a man has become several years in arrears. It is most regrettable, but it is nonetheless a fact, that in a great many cases elderly or impoverished members have been suspended who were simply financially unable to pay their dues. And to many, some of whom had been faithful members for a great many years, their suspension came as a crushing blow. Before you suspend **any member** you should find out just why he is in arrears. While he may be reluctant to admit that illness or adversity is the reason he will probably be willing to admit it to his Commander. Furthermore, if you call at his home you can probably form your own conclusions as to his ability to pay. Now if you find he is obviously financially unable to pay dues your Commandery can vote to remit them and to take his dues out of its charity fund. Some commanderies have done this for years and **all should do so**. I know of no better use which can be made of charity funds than to pay the dues of the elderly, infirm, and impecunious members of the Commandery."—(From "The Templar"; George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder)

KENTUCKY

Patriotic Activities Committee

As of this date (December 23, 1959) thirteen of our thirty-seven constituent commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky have sent in a list of the members of their Patriotic Activities Committees. This listing includes 35.1% of our commanderies, or slightly more than one-third. As soon as you see these figures we believe that those commanderies which have not already reported will want to do something about it. We regret to state that, among those which have not responded, there are three commanderies which now have line officers in the Grand Commandery.

By the time this issue of the News Bulletin reaches you, the holiday season will be over and the New Year, 1960, will be ushered in and on its way. It is the privilege and duty of your Grand Commandery Committee to call to your attention the request of the Grand Encampment Committee that your Commandery hold at least one patriotic meeting during the year, preferably before our Grand Commandery convenes in May. We trust that the local committees will not fail us and we hope that all of them will respond, as requested, to make this one great united effort to BOOST THE MORALE not only of their own commanderies but also of the communities in which they live! WILL YOU DO THIS FOR THE SAKE OF TEMPLAR? (Perhaps we shall find out by your response just how many of you are reading the News Bulletin.)

The Chairman of each of the Patriotic Activities Committees are urged to begin preparations, at once, for complying with the request of the Grand Encampment Committee. Will you be kind enough to report to your Grand Commandery Committee, the results of your efforts and give us a copy of your program?

Next month when we announce the names of commanderies which have appointed local committees to support the work of Patriotic Activities, we sincerely hope that your commandery will be listed as having complied with this request.

Patriotic Activities Committee
C. W. Denham, Chairman
(Kentucky News-Bulletin,
Jan. 1, 1960, Sir Knight
Carl P. King, Grand Recorder)

IN MEMORIAM

July - August - September, 1960

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — Joseph
Hercus Milans, G. C., 1930—July
12, 1960.

MARYLAND — Edward Rhode, G. C.,
1941—September 5, 1960.

MISSOURI — Ray Vaugh Denslow —
Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery,
Knights Templar, Missouri—
September 10, 1960.

Robert Wesley Hedrick, G. C., 1948
—September 13, 1960.

Merrill Bower Williams, G. C., 1959
—July 4, 1960.

WISCONSIN—Otto Carl Kapke, G. C.,
1946—August 13, 1960.

Frank Meredith Weinhold, G. C.,
1928, Grand Treasurer Emeritus,
Grand Encampment of Knights
Templar of U. S. A. Born March
15, 1868, Freeport, Ill.—Septem-
ber 26, 1960 at Lakewood, Wis-
consin.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Easter Observance Message, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Dakota, General Order No. 3 (Jameson).

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Commanderies of Knights Templar of North Dakota:

The Templars whether as Crusaders or Masonic Knights wield their swords for the same sublime principle—unqualified faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Their victories over the infidels, regardless of the historical era, are glorious celebrations of Easter—the eternal and joyous commemoration of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus Christ walked and wrought among the simple folks of ancient Palestine, a Roman dictator ruled the world. Religious worship was enmeshed in elaborate ceremonies and exacting formalism, permeated with materialism and a greed for power; lacking brotherhood and a sincere faith in God Almighty.

From the tragic heights of Golgotha, the message of salvation and brotherhood has encircled the world, although obstructed by the satanic forces of evil.

As Knights Templar, we unfurl the banner of the ascended and risen Jesus as we battle for the universal acceptance and compliance with his divine message.

We worship in the radiant glory of Easter—the springtime of another year—God's assurance that now ultimate victory awaits men of Christian faith.

It is now ordered that all Knights Templar participate in the observance of Easter, preferably by the attendance of an Easter church service, in a body and in full uniform. If that is not feasible, then an Easter conclave should

be held at the Masonic Temple at the most convenient time, but no constituent commandery can legally ignore this order and compliance must be in the best manner possible according to conditions existing in each commandery. Immediately after the Easter Observance, a complete report should be made to Rev. Leslie R. Burgum, Grand Prelate, Attorney General's office, Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, February 15, 1960.

Joseph A. Jameson
Grand Commander
Knights Templar of N. Dakota

Attest:

Albert G. Tverberg
Grand Recorder

To Stimulate Your Templar Thinking

To all Knights Templar of North Dakota:

As only three-fourths of a day is devoted to Templar business affairs at the annual conclave, constructive legislation is possible only if the Fraters have previously discussed and carefully considered Templar problems with the Sir Knights of their own commanderies. The program of the Past Commanders Association allows an hour discussion Sunday afternoon. New legislation will be officially considered at 3:00 o'clock p. m. Monday (April 25, 1960) when discussion is limited to ten minutes to each subject. Section 14 of the statutes of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota provides: ". . . amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Commandery in annual conclave and be referred to the Committee of Templar Jurisprudence . . ." The items here listed are merely suggestive and you are urged to present better ideas:

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DALLAS TEMPLAR

January and February 1960, "Dallas Templar," official publication of Dallas Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. From the Commander's message, who writes "Let us continue to proclaim to the world at large—that—every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar."

He states: We're Off!!!—Our goal of two thousand members in 1960 can and will be attained if every member of Dallas Commandery will do his share by soliciting his friends and acquaintances who are Christian Masons to take the Christian Orders of Knighthood. What a beautiful piece of merchandise we have to sell. Certainly no ritual exceeds, and very few approach, the beautiful Orders of the Commandery, and above all we, as Knights Templar, can offer our fellow Christian Masons a product which will make them better citizens, better family men, better Masons and better Christians. Sir Knight Lawrence DeHay, Commander.

First among the many opportunities to serve your Commandery is the privilege to become a member of the Drill Team. This is the body within the Commandery that remains the link between the ancient order, so well known for its activities during the Crusades and of whom it has been said, were the first into battle and the last to leave, pushing the infidel from Holy Christian Shrines, sacred and revered by all followers of Jesus the Christ.

Today the modern Knight of the Drill Team serves in the ceremonies, performing the uniform functions, parade before the public in his most impressive uniform and plumed chapeau, so that all may see that this order of Christian Knights still stands guard against those who would trespass Holy Christian Principles.

In return for their effort, the reward is great. A fellowship is created that remains for life. Knights with their ladies

meet to enjoy each others company, with suppers, picnics and other pleasant get-togethers. Each year these Drill Teams attend the state conclaves where, in friendly competition they try to surpass each other for the coveted drill proficiency banner to be displayed in the asyllum of their Commandery. Triannually they give color and atmosphere at the Grand Encampment, held in some large city of the United States. At home they drill and enjoy each others company in a Christian fellowship found nowhere else.

The opportunity to become a member of this body is always open and we will be very happy to see Knights of Dallas No. 6 take part in Drill Team activities. Captain Stone will welcome you most heartily. See him, or call Sir Knight Jordan Reynolds for information. Any member of the team and all the officers of the Commandery will help you, so without delay, take your place in this vital work. Sir Knight Benno E. Meyer, P. C.

HELP WANTED COLUMN

Neat appearing young men, age 21 to 100 . . . interesting, challenging Position in the Orders of The Commandery . . . Year round work guaranteed. Applicants must be able to sing First Tenor, Second Tenor, Baritone or Bass. Accepted applicants will become official members of the Dallas Commandery Men's Chorus.

Please apply by calling Elmo Giles, FR 1-3682.

We are real serious about the above "Help Wanted" ad. As you will remember there are several places in the Orders where recorded music is used. In line with our aims of continually improving the impressiveness of the Commandery Orders we feel that a real "live" Quartet or Chorus instead of the recorded music would make these parts more effective. Do your commandery a great service if you are blessed with a singing voice, and volunteer. Or better still, work up a complete Quartet. Your Services will be required only once a month.

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The convention got underway Thursday afternoon with registration and a dinner meeting.

It "officially" opened at 1 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Temple, convention headquarters, with a welcoming speech by Mayor T. Courtney Tanner and business sessions.

Other highlights Friday included the "Grand Commandery Parade" throughout Bluefield, and the annual banquet and dance last night at Bluefield Auditorium.

About 200 participants took part in the parade Friday afternoon, with Bluefielder Harry Vest serving as parade marshal.

The parade formed at the During Street Parking Lot and marched through downtown Bluefield, headed by the parade marshal and followed by the color guard, Grand Commandery officers in convertible automobiles, the Princeton Junior High School band, the shrine patrol, the precision marching Sir Knights and other Masonic dignitaries in automobiles.

Members of the color guard included Paul Dowell of Grafton, Dudley Cruise of Bluefield, Iverson Carver of Martinsburg, Howard Ball of Charleston and Oscar Bowling of White Sulphur Springs.

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1—Returning to the old regulation of electing officers in December and that their official tenure is for the following calendar year.

2—Suspension for non-payment of dues is undermining Templar membership. The Grand Master has requested that the suspension for non-payment of dues cease. Experience shows that when a frater becomes more than two years in arrears, he seldom pays, regardless of his financial standing. Present laws declare that annual dues are payable January 1st and delinquent October 1st. Records are obligated to submit list of unpaid dues to commandery and unless otherwise ordered,

all delinquent fraters to be notified by registered or certified mail advising that they will be suspended for NPJ at a meeting stated unless the dues are paid or extension granted. What shall the Grand Commandery do to facilitate and enforce this regulation?

3—That proper compensation be provided for faithful escort duty.

4—That the degrees of the Cryptic Rite (Royal & Select Masters) be made prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

5—The purpose of the Patriotic Activities Committee is to promote the civic responsibility of Templary as an organization and collectively demonstrate the patriotic and Christian principles of Templary. What is most practical in North Dakota?

6—Give more publicity to Knights Templar Educational Foundation and the work of the Eye Foundation.

7—Divide North Dakota into two inspection districts. Authorize and direct visitations of Grand Officers in addition to Grand Commander and Inspection Officers.

Bring your ideas to the annual conclave.

1959 membership 2073, a net gain of 28. Commanderies showing gain: Jamestown 17; Wahpeton 7; New Rockford 6; Grand Forks 4; Devils Lake, Lisbon, Dickinson, Bottineau, 2 each; Losses: Mandan 3; Fargo 7; Grafton 4. 1958 showed gain of 31; while the years of 1954 to 1957 inclusive registered 54 losses.

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As a consequence of this program the York Rite branch of Free Masonry was graphically portrayed to an interested group of Blue Lodge Masons, Companions and Sir Knights who were assembled at the Masonic Temple in Orlando, Florida. A substantial number of petitions were received immediately following the program. Credit for arranging the program goes to Past M. E. Charles W. Arnold.

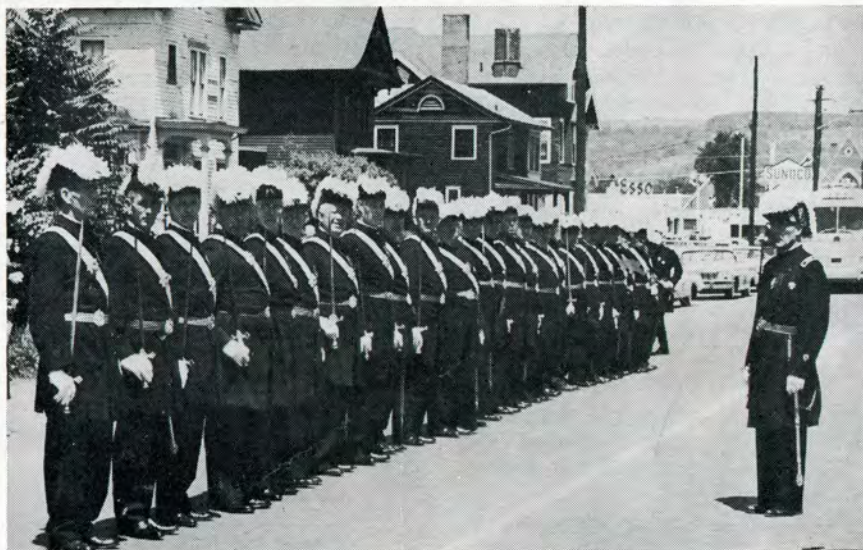
A Templar's Christmas Message

By the Editor, Chalmers Lowell Pancoast
WHEN OUR PATHS CROSS IN MEMORY

At this Christmas season, the season of generous thoughts and charitable deeds, you and I, whose paths have crossed earlier in life's journey, should allow them to meet again on "Memory's Happy Highway." To those whom we are meeting for the very first time, may we create pleasant memories for years to come. And at this memory crossing of our paths, let us pause long enough in the modern rush of worldly affairs, to smile and wish a "Merry Christmas" in memory of the pleasant days of our friendship.

On Christmas Day I am sending you a message of Good Cheer and Good Luck; and during all the days of the coming year I will send out to you some "Good Fellowship" thought, which I hope will lead our paths nearer together in this world of many happy recollections, and which will mean a greater friendship when we meet again out in the rush of a busy world.

My best gift to you is my sincere wish for the Merriest Christmas and days of happiness and prosperity on the road ahead of you in the New Year. All this in the name of The Great Captain of our Salvation, remembering that loyalty to Jesus Christ is life's most important business. Seek first His Kingdom and all these other things shall be added unto you.



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