



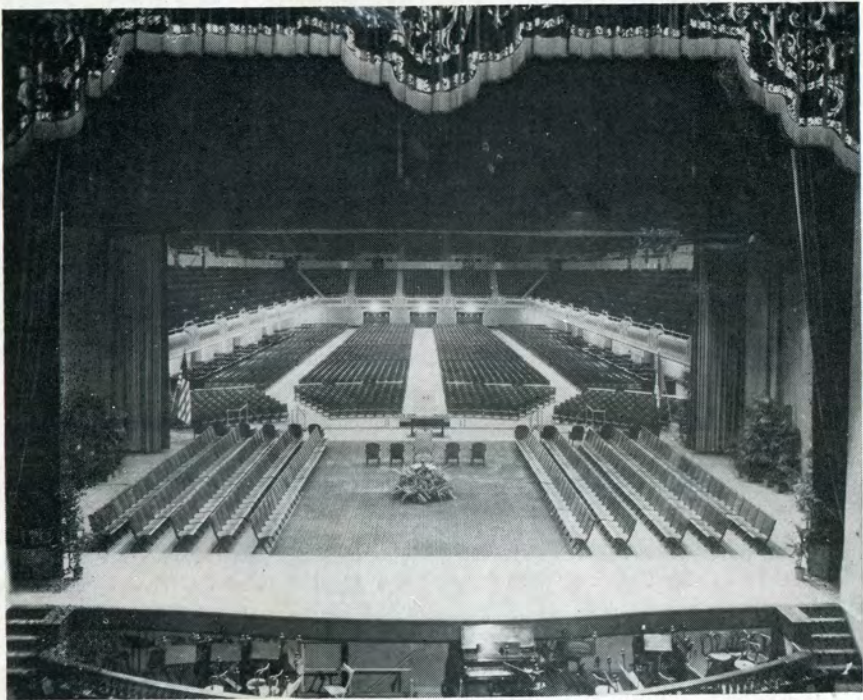
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48th Triennial Conclave INSIDE VIEW

Cleveland Public Auditorium (seating 10,000)

Sunday—August 13th, 1961, Divine Service will be held in the Cleveland Public Auditorium, at 4:00 P. M.

Sermon by E. Grand Prelate and Sir Knight and Reverend Phil Porter, D. D., Gambier, Ohio.

Monday—August 14th—8:00 P. M. Exhibition Drill by Detroit Commander No. 1, followed by entertainment and dancing.

Symphony Concert—Music Hall, Cleveland Public Auditorium.



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Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service, 1961

By Raymond N. Babcock, Chairman

Arrangement for the Thirty-first Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, are now underway. The Service will be held in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, April 2, 1961, at 7:30 a. m.

The speaker on this occasion will be the Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Rev. Phil Porter, D. D. For the thirty-first consecutive year the Sir Knights in uniform will march from the west gate of the Amphitheater, led by the famous Marine Band.

All Grand Commanderies have been invited by invitations extended through the Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders to have delegations make a pilgrimage to Washington for this most inspiring event.

Requests have already been made for rooms to accommodate the Sir Knights from those who have annually made this pilgrimage, and it is hoped that many jurisdictions will again be represented this year.

The service will conclude with the placing of the traditional "Cross of Lilies" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers by the Most Eminent Grand Master. In all Templary there is no more soul-inspiring sight than this occasion, accompanied by the sweet strains of music by the United States Marine Band.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor the usual breakfast at 9:00 a. m. at the Willard Hotel, which offers a fitting climax to the Easter Sunrise Service, for which tickets may be obtained through the Easter Sunrise Committee.

Further information may be obtained from the Chairman—

RAYMOND N. BABCOCK,
Masonic Temple, 801 13th Street, N. W.,
Washington 5, D. C.



48th Triennial Conclave, Cleveland, Ohio, August 12-17, 1961

DOWN TOWN VIEW

Showing Public Square in foreground, and Cleveland Stadium in background—where Parade will be reviewed. Parade will be held on Saturday evening, August 12th, 1961, at 7:00 P. M. over down town streets of Cleveland, culminating after it has passed the Reviewing Stand in Stadium.

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1958-1961**

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For the Year 1961

Good Friday—March 31, 1961.

Easter Sunday—April 2, 1961.

Ascension Day—May 11, 1961.

All Sir Knights should begin telling the story of Templar Masonry to every Blue Lodge Mason. Templary has many active and enthusiastic workers. Join the ranks of the great army now. Increase interest through the "Knight Templar" Magazine by mailing to other Masons.



Sir Knight and Mrs. W. B. Saunders,
Gillette, Wyoming.

CELEBRATE 60th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Saunders were honored on their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 4 in the Presbyterian Sunday school rooms. The Rev. Robert M. Phenix gave the opening prayer, followed by Mrs. Jack Doyle singing "Bless This House," accompanied by Mrs. V. L. Patterson on the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders cut the first piece of the beautiful anniversary cake, then greeted the many friends and relatives who were present to honor them.

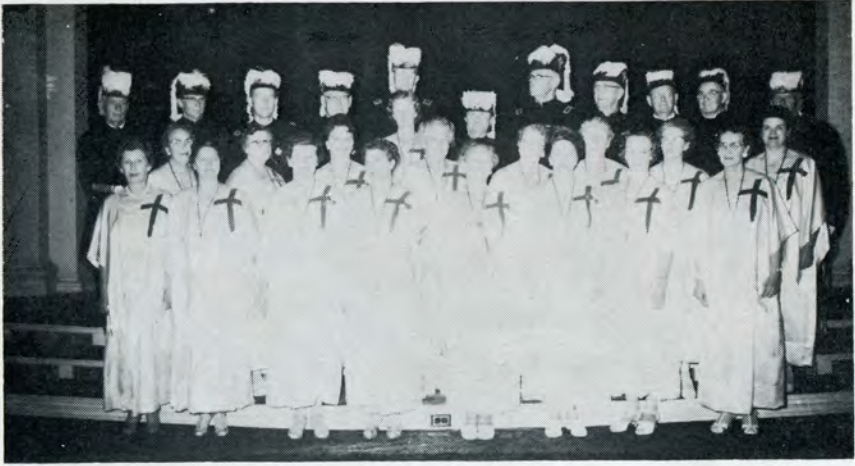
Background music during the afternoon was provided by Karen Mankin, Lexi Wagensen, Carlota Phenix, Bobby Phenix, Janet and Donna Parks, Mrs. Helen Fawcett, Mrs. Carole Bishoff of Gillette and by granddaughters and great granddaughters of the honored couple, Mrs. Harold (Frances) Ellis and Evajane and Nancy Ellis all of Cheyenne; Mrs. Ronald (Virginia) Lynde and Mrs. Wayne (Sally) Davis, and Carol Davis all of Gillette and Mrs. Lloyd Saunders of Hardin, Montana. During the afternoon, Miss Donna Parks sang "My Wild Irish Rose," accompanied by Miss Janet Parks, and at the close of the reception, Miss Virginia Beall Patterson sang "A Perfect Day," accompanied by Mrs. V. L. Patterson.

Mrs. W. P. Parks, Sr., Mrs. Margaret Carroll, Mrs. Howard Bundy,

Mrs. John T. Ryan, Mrs. John Throne and Mrs. Robert M. Phenix presided over the punch bowl and the coffee service. The anniversary cake was cut and served by Mrs. Charley Tyrrell, Mrs. William Norman and Mrs. Fred Vines. Mrs. Joe Butcher, Sr. and Mrs. George Morrow were in charge of the guest book.

The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were all present for the anniversary, as were most of the grandchildren and their families. The children included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saunders of Hardin, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Don Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Saunders of Gillette; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Saunders of Ogallala, Nebraska and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fieldgrove of Gillette.

Sir Knight W. B. Saunders, P.G.C. of Wyoming, served as Master of the Lodge in Red Cloud, Nebr., in 1912—From Red Cloud, Nebr., attended the Triennial Conclave, Denver, 1913. — High Priest of the Chapter, and Commander of the Commandery, 1925. (Wyo.) — Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter in 1935 — Wyoming — Grand Commander of Grand Commandery, Wyoming, 1940—He stated: "We have five sons and one daughter. Mrs. Saunders and daughter, Mildred, are active in the Eastern Star. The daughter being a Past Matron. The five sons are all Knights Templar. Three are Past Eminent Commanders; and one a Past Grand Commander; and is Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. Another one is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. A grandson is the present Eminent Commander of the local Commandery, Knights Templar. The family consists at present of six children — fourteen grandchildren, and twenty-eight great grandchildren" Signed—W. B. Saunders, P. G.C. Sir Knight Saunders is President of the Saunders Lumber Company, Gillette, Wyoming; Hardin, Montana; and Ogalla, Nebraska.



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

Dear Sir Knight, Pancoast:

I am enclosing a picture taken at a meeting of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar, Eugene, Ore., on September 19, 1960. Some of the Officers for both Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, and Eugene Assembly 198 of The Social Order of the Beauceant, were absent and their positions filled by other members.

In the back row Sir Knights: Merle Moore, Recorder, Ronald F. Gilstrap, Warder, Robert F. Wagner, sub for Richard S. Millhollen, on vacation, Floyd F. Angelo, Junior Warden, Merle Frisbie, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, Earl A. Schroeder, Eminent Commander, of Ivanhoe Commandery, William F. Guske, Captain General of Ivanhoe Commandery, Edwin A. Gunn, Sentinel, Ivanhoe Commandery, Claire L. Finlayson, Sword Bearer, Ivanhoe, Max G. Cogill, Standard Bearer, and Henry Halverson, Captain General, of Ascolon Commandery, Roseburg, Oregon. S. K. Russell Roberts, Generalissimo, absent on vacation. The front row is the Officers and subs for missing Officers of the Social Order of the Beauceant, No.

198 of Eugene, Oregon. Mrs. Hal Hill, Mrs. Ray Allen and Mrs. Russell Roberts, were absent. Left to right, front row: Mrs. Ronald Gilstrap, sub, Mrs. Merle Hansen, Mrs. Wm. F. Guske, Mrs. Leon Pond, Mrs. Harlan Carter, Mrs. George Robinson, sub, Mrs. Claire Finlayson. Second row: Mrs. Charles Hunt, Mrs. Lynn Buley, Mrs. Wm. Copeland, sub, Mrs. Merle Moore, Mrs. Merle Frisbie, President, Mrs. Edwards Mertins, Mrs. E. Alton Schroeder, and Mrs. Robert F. Wagner.

Fraternally yours,

MAX G. COGILL,
Standard Bearer, Ivanhoe Command-
ery No. 2, Springfield, Oregon.

The Bible

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

—Daniel Webster.



Entrance to Rostrum of S. K. Lloyd E. Wilson, California No. 1 and the Reverend Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet (Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 and Past Grand Prelate).

Dear Sir Knight Chalmers:

The joint Easter Services of California Commandery No. 1 and San Francisco Commandery No. 41 for 1960 were what we hope and plan will be an event in future years equal in attendance and beauty to those held in Arlington.

Holding the Services away from any specific Church, we hope to eliminate the slight feeling (and win attendance) which has existed to those of specific and definite allegiance in their Protestant belief, as well as making attendance more interesting to our Blue Lodge friends and the public in general.

The California Masonic Memorial Temple is a beautiful edifice, has a marvelous auditorium, with accoustics equalling its beauty, an organ that is second to none and, being located on the top of Nob Hill, a peak in the heart of our hotel and

financial districts, offers a setting unmatched.

The program, we believe, will speak for itself—tear sheets will give further information on our advertising of the event, paid and free, and the pictures could be titled as follows:

Attendance was a bit curtailed at this first event, as our Grand Bodies were beginning their meeting with Devotional and Easter Services in San Diego and many Sir Knights and York Rite members were on their way, or in, San Diego at the time.

Plans are underway, under the same Committee, and at the same location for Easter of 1961, and we anticipate a much larger attendance.

Courteously,
WM. U. REMENSPERGER,
Grand Commander.



A view from the rostrum of two sections on the main floor. California No. 1 on the right, Sir Knight Viri Bennehoff, Eminent Commander on the extreme right front; San Francisco No. 41 on the left, the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Ora Callahan, extreme left front.



Sir Knights entering the California Masonic Memorial Temple, opposite Grace Cathedral. California No. 1 in the lead, followed by San Francisco No. 41, and the guest Commandery, Golden Gate No. 16 out of the picture.

CALIFORNIA

Net Gain — 847 — in 1959.

The 102nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of California was held in San Diego, April 21-22, 1960. The 103rd Annual Conclave will be held in Sacramento, April 20-21, 1961.

Sir Knight William U. Remensperger, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, serving from April, 1960 to April, 1961.

Sir Knight William Gilleland Cartwright, R. E. Grand Commander, presided at the 102nd. Annual Conclave. From his report, important sections were: Committee Appointments — Condition of the Order — Membership Festivals — Public School Week — Past Commanders Diploma and Commandery Responsibilities. From this excellent report, is quoted, in part, as follows:

In 1956, a committee was formed under the chairmanship of Sir Knight William E. Waste, Past Grand Commander, to formulate the long range planning for the observance to be held during the period of January 1, 1958 and ending with our Grand Conclave of 1959. The results of this Centennial observance period is now a matter of history and it can truthfully be said that never before has anything provided the stimulus for progressive action and interest in our Order as did the planning and conduct of this one committee. Of particular interest is the fact that the forming committee, realizing that extraordinary finances would be required to underwrite the various activities and promotional ideas, based their estimated budget requirements at \$40,000, with such funds to be derived from an assessment of \$7.00 per candidate Knighted by each Commandery over the four year period. In round figures this meant that 6,400 new members would have to be added to our ranks during that time. A recapitulation from our Grand Record-

er's office shows that during this period 6,126 new members were created by the Commanderies of California; an income of \$44,053 was received from the approved assessment plan and that expenditures in the amount of \$41,761.44 were made against funds specifically budgeted for this program, leaving a surplus of \$2,291.56. At \$7.00 per candidate, this surplus represents an amount of less than one candidate per Commandery per year during the time involved. I for one am convinced of the astuteness of that original planning committee and particular credit is due to the final Centennial Committee operations under the chairmanship of Sir Knight Robert A. Miller, Grand Senior Warden, upon whose shoulders fell the responsibility of final planning, decision and accountability to Grand Commandery. We are indeed proud of the accomplishments of this Special Committee.

Membership

During the calendar year of 1959, our Commanderies experienced a gain in membership of 1,882 Sir Knights. This was accomplished by 1,649 Knightings, 195 Affiliations and 38 Restorations. Losses are computed by 296 Withdrawals, 100 Exclusions, 166 Suspensions for non-payment of dues and 473 Deaths, making a total of 1,035. This leaves a net gain of 847 which constitutes our fourth best year during the past decade, each year of which we have shown a net gain. Our membership as of December 31, 1959 stands at 22,203 Sir Knights.

In the various categories which have been enumerated there is only one over which we can exercise no control. That is the loss of membership by death. We should, however, recognize its ever present influence over our ranks and each year plan accordingly in advance for new members to offset such eventualities.

All other categories are definitely controlled by the manner in which the

Commandery is organized and administered. Candidates can be obtained through the properly directed effort on the part of committees. Restorations, which few Commanderies utilize as a medium for additional members, can be effectual. Why not attempt to get members back into the fold who for some reason or other in the past have lost their membership. Restorations alone could easily offset a large percentage of the mortality losses if reasonable efforts were made along these lines. Affiliations constitute another source for gains. Sir Knights living in California who hold membership in other jurisdictions are legion in number. They have moved their families, their home and their business to this state. Why not their Masonry?

Demits, Exclusions and Suspensions for non-payment of dues constitute our largest loss in membership each year. Exclusions require mandatory action on the part of the Commandery by reason of the member having been dropped from the role of one of the prerequisite Bodies and usually for non-payment of dues therein. However, from the emphasis which Grand Chapter and Grand Council have placed upon this subject during their sessions, it can be anticipated that losses in this category will be less in the future. This leaves the other two categories for our consideration.

Public Schools Week

The forty-first annual Public Schools Week, sponsored by California Free Masons since 1920, will be observed this week, April 25th to April 30th inclusive. This great program, now copied and emulated in nearly every state in the union, had its beginning in the interest and efforts of the Masons of California.

The York Rite Bodies in California welcome the opportunity and privilege to cooperate with our Grand Lodge in this great movement, the slogan of which this year is -- "Our Public Schools, — Know Them, Support

Them, Strengthen Them."

Sir Knights, you are earnestly solicited to actively support the observance of Public Schools Week by seeking out and attending functions and programs at schools in your respective communities.

Past Commander's Diploma

At our Grand Conclave in San Francisco in 1959, a resolution was adopted whereby a Past Commander's diploma, or certificate, was to be prepared by Grand Commandery and the same made available to the Constituent Commanderies through the office of the Grand Recorder at a cost plus handling charge. This was accomplished as directed and I am pleased to advise that as of this Conclave more than 1,000 diplomas have been issued at the request of our Constituent Commanderies.

Good Advance Publicity and Advertising

From San Francisco Saturday, April 16, 1960.

RELIGION

Knights Templar Meet on Nob Hill

The Easter observance of the Knights Templar will be held, for the first time, in the California Masonic Memorial Temple on Nob Hill at 4 p.m. with massed battalions of Sir Knights in uniform.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, resident bishop of the San Francisco area of the Methodist Church.

Choral selections will be by the Chancel Choir of Glide Memorial Methodist Church, directed by Richard Judd.

The observance is under the joint auspices of California Commandery No. 1 and San Francisco Commandery No. 41.

Knights Templar Easter Observance

A beautiful and impressive service under the joint auspices of California Commandery No. 1 and San Francisco Commandery No. 41, with massed bat-

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GEORGIA—100th ANNIVERSARY

Net gain 106 Sir Knights.

Sir Knight William Arthur Patat, R. E. Grand Commander, presided, at the 99th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia, (One Hundredth Anniversary) held in Rome Georgia, May 13-14, 1960. In his fine address Grand Commander Patat, said in part:

Sir Knights:

It is with a heart full of gratitude and love, that I am afforded the pleasure of welcoming you to the 99th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, meeting here in the valley between the beautiful hills of Rome. Our gracious host, Rome Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, joins me in extending to you a most hearty welcome to this beautiful city.

In such a short time, since May 14th, 1959, I have continually asked myself the question, proposed to you at the last conclave: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" Knowing full well my limitations, experience, my willingness, my habits, my faults, as well as qualifications for the high office to which you elected me, I could only answer the question with one word "Service." Through my prayers for Divine Guidance, a still small voice would answer: "Go Witness." Thus it is Sir Knights, that through your willingness to follow, and the benefits that the Lord has so graciously showered upon me was my dream realized, and the year's work accomplished. Whatever I may have accomplished for Templary, I render the acknowledgment and thankfulness to the Great Captain of my Salvation, Jesus Christ my Lord.

There are so many things that one would like to see accomplished, while filling this office. I felt constrained to lead the Knights of Georgia back to the humility of the Pilgrim Penitent, and I feel sure that God has blessed us as we sought to round out this Century of Templary for HIS GLORY. Therefore, I

am grateful for the patience, thoughtfulness, the prayers, the testimonies, the love and kindnesses that you have extended to me this year, as I have tried to carry out the obligations and responsibilities, of this exalted office as your Grand Commander.

Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Incorporated

As has been explained to you many times, we have an additional foundation that belongs to our Grand Commandery. We cannot too often remind you that this was made possible by the magnificent bequest of Mrs. Carrie E. Whiteside, widow of George B. Whiteside, Grand Commander in 1903.

This bequest, along with a number of smaller gifts—the Lucy Russell Educational Memorial, the W. C. Cantrell Fund, and the Thank Offering Fund, has been managed by the Trust Department of the First National Bank of Columbus, Georgia. Under the excellent supervision of this bank the book value of this bequest has increased to \$117,743.15. The income from these investments is over \$8,000.00. As we have no need for this amount for loans, it has been the custom of the Committee to make grants to worthy students. For a number of years we have made grants to two foreign students for them to study in Georgia schools and to theological students in the last half of their senior year.

The committee ruled this last year to confine our grants to theological students, so this year we increased the number to four students at each of four seminaries. The response to this gift is closely attuned to the objectives of Knights Templary as becomes evident as each of the Deans of the institutions and each of the students has written us beautiful letters of appreciation. The grants of \$250.00 each was not large, but to each student it was that necessary amount to bring joy and happiness to the young minister just as he is preparing to assume his part in extending and promoting spiritual values.

TEXAS EYE SURGERY

October 7, 1960

Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York.

Dear Sir Knight DeLamater:

I am enclosing herewith a letter that I received from the parents of a young son who recently had surgery for a bilateral retinal detachment, performed by Dr. L. J. Girard. This was not one of our cases.

Their interest in the Foundation comes from the fact that their son shared the hospital room with another young boy, who was one of our cases, who had the same condition and surgery. They were greatly impressed by the work of the Foundation and felt that they would like to express their appreciation to someone for the work being done.

I felt that this letter would be of interest to you, since it comes from grateful parents who received no grant for assistance in connection with their son's surgery, but are appreciative of the work being done by the Foundation in the field of research.

With kindest regards, I am

Courteously,

KAPLAN H. ANDREW,

Grand Captain General, 3841 Meadowlake Lane, Houston 27, Texas.

October 4, 1960

Mr. K. H. Andrew
3841 Meadow Lake
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Andrew:

Our young son had the unfortunate experience of suffering a bi-lateral retinal detachment earlier this year, but I'm happy to report to you both surgeries were successful and apparently he has lost little, if any vision.

We must give full credit to Dr. L. J. Girard and his associates who have performed nothing short of a miracle in this accomplishment. We must also recognize the fact that the thoughts and prayers of our many friends helped sustain us through this ordeal and helped assure

the good results obtained.

In talking with Dr. Girard, he mentioned that the technique they use in this operation was developed largely through research that was supported by the Knights Templar. Humanitarian efforts such as this too often go unrecognized, and we wish to thank your organization through you from the bottom of our hearts.

May God continue to bless you and your organization in your work.

Very truly yours,

MR. & MRS. ROBERT N. DOUGLAS,
1021 Vaky Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

OHIOIAN HONORED

Holy Grail Commandery presents Honorary Past Commander's jewel to Secretary Bruce L. Peter, 33°.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1960, Sir Knight Bruce L. Peter, 33° (Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Cleveland, in whose honor the Class of the 1960 Fall Reunion is named), Recorder of Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, K. T., was honored at an open meeting held at Lakewood Masonic Temple and presented with his Honorary Past Commander's Jewel.

Sir Knight John W. Barkley, 33°, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, and Active Member of the Supreme Council for the District of Ohio, read a biography and the Masonic career of Sir Knight Bruce, in his own inimitable manner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A host of Bruce's friends were in attendance to witness the conferring of this honor. Orchids were presented to his wife and his mother.

After the meeting, refreshments were served and Bruce received congratulations from his many friends.

Holy Grail Commandery is justly proud of their Honorary Past Commander who has served as its Recorder for thirty-two consecutive years. — ("Lake Erie Zephyrs" November, 1960).

Michigan Holds 104th Annual Conclave

Lansing, Michigan Commandery No. 25 hosted the 104th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan last June. (1960).

More than 4,000 members of Michigan Commanderies and their ladies came to Lansing to participate in one of the most successful state Conclaves in the 109-year history of the Michigan Grand Commandery. The three-day Conclave was climaxed by exhibition drills on Saturday, June 11 at the J. W. Sexton High School field, followed by one of the most spectacular parades in Michigan Knights Templar history. More than 2,000 Sir Knights participated in the parade which

included 12 high school bands from every section of Michigan. One of the features of the parade was a marching band from the Michigan School for the Blind, trained by Sir Knights Paul Ruth and Frank Cutler of Lansing Commandery No. 25. The Blind School Band gave an exhibition drill in front of the reviewing stand prior to the start of the parade and accented not only Knights Templar drill activities, but the Eye Foundation of the Grand Encampment. The three-day Conclave was spent by the Michigan Sir Knights working on the annual business of the organization and planning activities for the coming year.



Led by the massed colors of 55 Michigan Commanderies, some of the 2,000 Sir Knights who staged a dazzling 90 minute parade in Lansing, Michigan at the 104th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan are shown after they formed a series of dramatic passion crosses symbolizing the rich Christian heritage of Templar Masonry. The parade concluded the annual three-day Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan. An estimated throng of 20,000 people witnessed the climactic conclusion of the Conclave as Michigan's Sir Knights paraded proudly past the crowd.

At the annual banquet, Sir Knight Joseph Cameron Dunn of New York, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, gave the main address. Sir Knight Dunn challenged the Knights Templar to lead in telling the world that the United States "IS NO SECOND RATE POWER."

"It is time that Masons counter the tide and tell the world that we are a flaming, moving, vibrant force creating new opportunities for living and working in a free system."

Sir Knight Maurice B. Allen, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, introduced the visiting dignitaries which included Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy of Cleveland, Ohio, who represented the Most Eminent Grand Master, Louis H. Wieber. Other Knights Templar dignitaries included:

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, U. S. Secretary of the Army and Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sir Knight Louis F. Heger, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri and chairman of the committee on ritualistic matters, Grand Encampment of the United States; Sir Knight Charles T. Sherman of Detroit, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

Sir Knight Virgil Kent, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio; Sir Knight Marvin M. Foulke, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana; Sir Knight Robert V. Osborne, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Wisconsin.

Also Sir Knight Seth W. Flanders, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Illinois, personal representative of Sir Knight Jerry C. Angel, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Illinois; Sir Knight Ralph C. Locke, present

Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the state of New Hampshire; Sir Knight Edwin M. Demlow, present Grand Treasurer, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana; Sir Knight H. B. Willard, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Iowa.

Sir Knight Claude M. Gordon, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Idaho; Sir Knight Joseph W. Kane of Detroit, past Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines; Sir Knight and Dr. Charles S. Manby of Battle Creek, intend-ant general for Michigan of the Red Cross of Constantine.

The new Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan elected was Sir Knight Don C. Arner of Three Rivers, Michigan, who will lead Michigan's Knights Templar for the coming year.

CHARLES H. CHASKES,

Public Relations Aide to the Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan.

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Templar Masonry is on the March. In every State the Grand Commander is in the lead of a great army. The Commanders of Constituent Commanderies are the Captains of this great forward marching Army of Christian Soldiers.

NEW YORK

This message is quoted from the Address of the late Sir Knight Avery L. Bullen, R. E. Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of New York in 1959. The entire address of Sir Knight Bullen was not completed before his passing June 25th, 1959. He wrote, in part:

It is difficult to realize that the years since I have entered the Grand Line in 1951 have passed so rapidly and that now I am completing my tenure of office as the Grand Commander of this great Grand Commandery. Last year when inducted to that high office I had high hopes and a desire that it might be an outstanding year for Templary in our State. To me it has been an interesting and sometimes exciting year with the most pleasant associations enjoyed throughout the many visits I have made. It is an experience only a few are fortunate enough to enjoy and I am grateful for the chance to be of service and hope I may continue to serve. While this has been an outstanding year for me, I cannot claim it as such for the Grand Commandery, for certainly a year in which we have as great a loss as in that past one cannot be termed a success.

I am grateful to all who have worked so closely with me in harmony and am sure that the mistakes made will prove to be important lessons for the great task ahead.

Necrology

Again the "Angel of Death" has taken its dreaded toll and we are saddened by the absence of many who were valiant Knights and were with us such a short time ago.

As one by one, the Autumn leaves fade
in the forest deep;

So one by one to each of us must come
the touch of sleep;

As one by one the roses burst into the
morning light,

So one by one our souls shall wake be-
yond the night.

Report of Patriotic and Good Citizenship Activities (In Part)

(By Sir Knight John Bahn, P.G.C.)

The Committee on Patriotic Activities of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is the parent organization on all matters dealing with this phase of Templar activity. The Committee endeavors to supply the Constituent Commandery Committee with appropriate information to guide them as they plan programs in the interest of Patriotic Activities. To expedite matters, and to provide the opportunity to each Grand Commandery to enlarge upon the program to include subjects which may be of particular interest, each Grand Commandery is requested to appoint its own Committee to assist the Committee of the Grand Encampment in the extensive operation and performance of this vast program. The function of the Grand Commandery Committee is that of coordinator between the Constituent Commanderies of our State and the Grand Encampment.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1960

Written from the Official Proceedings of the 71st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, North Dakota, held at Fargo, April 24-25, 1960. Sir Knight James Alexander Jameson, R. E. Grand Commander. The next Annual Conclave will be held at Jamestown, N. D., April 23, 24, 1961. The newly elected Grand Commander, Sir Knight C. E. Dresser, Spiritwood, N. D. He was installed by Sir Knight R. Lowell Watkins, Department Commander, North Pacific Department, Grand Encampment.

On the back page of the printed proceedings has been presented the following (In Red Ink),—Our 10-Point Victory Program:

1. Greater increase in ritual and tactics.
2. Increased participation in competitive inspections.
3. Special attention to re-instatement of delinquent members.

4. Increased publicity of Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
5. Participation in all Templar Christian Holidays.
6. Active participation in all Blue Lodge activities.
7. Assist in membership drives of other York Rite Bodies.
8. Every Blue Lodge member is a potential candidate for Commandery.
9. Utilize facilities of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation—loans to deserving students.
10. Visitation of Grand Officers to Constituent Commanderies to give instructions and stimulate interest.

Be enthusiastic for Templar success.

C. E. Dresser, R. E. Grand Commander.

Reports showed a membership of 2,073, or an annual gain of 28; also 48 deaths and 93 Companions knighted.

Wi-Ha-Ha Commandery No. 4 Jamestown, won the Ertresvaag trophy for the second consecutive year.

At the banquet honoring Sir Knight James A. Jameson, Grand Commander, 1960, the guest speaker, bringing the greetings of Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, M. E. Grand Master, was Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, Virginia, Minn., P. G. C., of Minnesota, whose Message, in part, follows:

Masonry Fighting for Survival

"Masonry in all of its roots and branches is fighting for survival in many of the metropolitan areas of the United States. An America minus the fundamental principles of Masonry and the Christian church, the tenets which alone gave birth and substance to the national dream, would be unthinkable. It would foreshadow the decline of our vaunted progress and superior well-being. Yet, it could happen, if as citizens we be less than vigilant. We dare not fall away from those disciplines which derive from great moral and spiritual affirmations.

"Although we are convened as a Knights Templar body, and the business of the Order is an important part of the

agenda of the conclave, we dare not be oblivious to certain evils and machinations which are of the world. Within our own land is a sordid underworld in many a city a dominating force in municipal government. It pays a high price for the chance to prey on human society. And there is the fearful evil which stems out of Moscow, a philosophy with murder in its theme. Grave challenges face our rampart institutions, including the church, the schools and government and society generally.

When Templary Fails, Democracy Ends

"This nation's future is linked to the precepts of Templary and the Christian church. It is, therefore, of prime importance that Templary, too, shall grow and prosper. In essence, this means that the York Rite must be energized in all its parts. In many communities, this stimulation though adding more and more qualified members is absolutely necessary to the material and spiritual welfare of Masonry at its bottom rung, the symbolic Lodge. For them active Commanderies of Knights Templar become an anchor to economic windward, a warranty which assures solvency."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Public Relations

Washington, D.C., May 14, 1960
To the Grand Commandery:

The accomplishments of your Special Committee on Public Relations have been generally satisfactory to the committee.

Its efforts have been chiefly toward publicizing, through the local press, activities of the Grand Commandery and of the Constituent Commanderies, which were considered newsworthy.

A gratifying measure of success attended the committee's efforts to obtain publicity for the 30th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, in

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Arlington National Cemetery, sponsored by the Grand Encampment. Local newspapers aided materially in publicizing the service which this year was attended by 1,046 Sir Knights in full Templar uniform, the largest number to participate in the history of such events. A photograph, 3 columns wide and 8 inches in depth, of Knights seated in the amphitheater was reproduced in the Evening Star on the day following the service; this publicity was particularly pleasing to the members of this committee.

Also some success has been attained in getting articles printed in the Knight Templar, official publication of the Grand Encampment.

Although not all of the news releases gotten out have been published, it is the opinion of the committee that the newspapers have given space to our activities equal to that given to comparable organizations.

Christmas Libation Services

For the first time in the history of this wonderful service all of the Commanderies met in the main Masonic Temple, 801 13th Street, N. W. Potomac Commandery No. 3, DeMolay Commandery No. 4, and Brightwood Commandery No. 6 held a joint service to which they invited the ladies and friends. Washington Commandery No. 1 met in the banquet room and Columbia No. 2 met in the Commandery Asylum. This gave the Grand Commander the opportunity to bring greetings to all of the Commanderies, and I responded to the toast to the Grand Commandery in my own Commandery, Columbia No. 2.

All the services were well attended. Again, thanks to all the Sir Knights for their interest in this service.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

All of the Commanderies have supported this most worthy project. At the request of Sir Knight Walter A.

Delamater, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of Templars and Executive Director of the Foundation, a Grand Commandery Committee, consisting of Sir Knight John L. Allen, R.E.P.G.C., Chairman, Harry L. Beach, Garland L. Nowlan, C. Eugene Barnes, and Andres E. Moynelo, has been appointed, in order that this great humanitarian movement may be brought to the attention of more persons, and many more persons, and many more worthy cases receive its benefits. Quite some preliminary work has been done by this Committee.

Easter Sunrise Memorial Service and Breakfast

The Easter morning of 1960 will long be remembered. The weather was perfect; no one could have wished for anything different, even the temperature was just right. As to attendance it was the largest ever. There were 1,046 in uniform who marched into the Amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery under the auspices of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to hold Sunrise Memorial Services on Easter morning, April 17, 1960.

This was the 30th consecutive year for this wonderful service. Many pages could be written about this very eventful weekend. The great Drill Team of Detroit Commandery No. 1 came in large numbers—two train loads and one chartered plane with many private cars, together with a large number of other Sir Knights and their ladies from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and other Eastern Coast States.

On Saturday afternoon, April 16, 1960, Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Team of Detroit, Michigan put on an exhibition drill on the Washington Monument grounds which was very impressive and enjoyed by all. Many thanks for this wonderful addition to our Easter.

The parade to the Ampitheatre was again headed by the United States Marine Band who, together with the Army Chorus, furnished the music for the service. Taps were sounded at the Tomb of the Unknowns following the laying of the traditional cross of lilies by our Grand Master of Templars. At each of the previous Easter Sunrise services, during the past 30 years, the United States Marine Band has generously given of its time and talent.

Several Grand Encampment officers were present, headed by the Grand Master of Templars, Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, who made the welcoming address. The opening remarks and introduction were made by our P.G.C. and chairman of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee, Raymond N. Babcock. The sermon was delivered by Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, D.D., Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery, K.T. of Michigan.

As in past years the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia was host to the visiting dignitaries and Sir Knights at its annual Easter Sunrise Breakfast following the Arlington services. Another year found us assembled in the large ballroom of the Willard Hotel; 630 persons were present. This was the largest group ever assembled for our Easter breakfast and the largest number of Sir Knights in uniform.

York Rite Cooperation

The Joint Committee on York Rite Cooperation had another successful year considering the changes required in the last two years to find the time best suited to confer the degrees and Orders. The chairman of our committee, Sir Knight Garland L. Nowlan, has given us the details in his report of the results of the joint committee's work. I do wish to thank every one for all the effort and work they did to enable us to have a successful year.

All the orders were again conferred in one day followed by a fine banquet, which included the ladies in the evening. Seventeen candidates were knighted in the class, and 167 attended the banquet.

(From the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., 1960: Sir Knight John G. Mathes, R. E. Grand Commander.)

JULY, 1961

Will we consider the Fourth of July as just another holiday this year, or, will we give thought as Americans and as Masons, to what sacrifices were made by our forefathers to provide those freedoms we seem to consider so lightly today? Our Brother Masons of 185 years ago rallied against a great oppression, and for our philosophy of freedom.

The Declaration of Independence was signed by 50 Masons. All 20 of the Major Generals in the Revolution were Masons. Fifty of the 60 Brigadier Generals were Masons. Fifty of the 55 members of the Constitutional Convention were Masons. All thirteen governors of the original 13 states were Masons.

Now our generations face a Cold War. We seem to be accepting, passively, the steady infiltration of International Communism into our schools, books, the press, our movies, our unions and our government. Awaken Masonry! Awaken America! It's later than you think. Coexistence is not a part of the Marxist philosophy. — Golden Triangle, Trestle Board of Freemasonry, O. H. Cornwell, Recorder, 815 Ninth Ave., East Mount Dora, Florida.

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

From General Order No. 1, issued by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, 1960.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Our only Knights Templar Charity above the local level.

The objectives of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are two in number:

1. Research in the little known causes of disease of the eye.

2. Treatment and/or hospitalization of those suffering from diseases and injuries of the eye, which if not treated, may result in blindness, one of the most disastrous afflictions that may befall one.

This service is available to every one regardless of race, color, age, sex, or national origin. The only requirement being that the one applying for treatment must be unable to pay for such service; or the parents or guardian if a minor. Applications and information may be obtained by writing: Administrative Office, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A resolution was adopted at the 46th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, establishing the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. An Annual Assessment of \$1.00 (less than 2 cents per week) per member was levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, based upon membership therein beginning 1956, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment not later than July 1st, 1957, and each year following. This year same will be due in the office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of York, 30 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, New York, on or before February 5th, 1961. At the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, K. T. of the U. S. of A. held in Indianapolis, in 1958, it was voted that where a Commandery remitted the dues of a member who, due

to financial circumstances only, was unable to pay the \$1.00 assessment for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, it could be deducted when submitting the Annual Return and check to the Grand Commandery. Some Commanderies have taken care of this out of their own treasury.

May every Sir Knight follow the natural Christian impulse respecting charity by actively promoting and publicizing the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Every Commander shall have at least one Committee on Publicity Applications and Wills and Bequests.

Public Activities.

Each Commandery should invite the public to its Asylum for such special occasions as Installations of Officers, Masonic Co-operation Nights, Ladies Nights, and on every occasion in which Templary may benefit by such affair.

Each Commandery should take an active part in at least one Church Service during the year. Every opportunity to Participate in a Civic or Patriotic Activity should be accepted. No less than ten Sir Knights in uniform shall participate in such activities. Such public appearances should prove worthwhile.

All Jurisdictional Lines within the State of New York were eliminated by resolution in 1956, therefore no waivers are required between the Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York. Waivers, however, will still be required for one residing in another Grand Jurisdiction.

Officers and Committees are listed in Circular of Information dated July 15th, 1960.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross Jewel may be worn on the Uniform to the right of the Malta Jewel according to a ruling made at the 47th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. This is found in the proceedings—Decision No. 3, page 230.

PENNSYLVANIA

(From "The Crusader" Nov., 1960.)

100 Years of Templary in Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19

The main dining room of the Hotel Easton was the setting for the 100th Anniversary Banquet of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19, on Saturday evening, October 15th., 1960.

More than three hundred Sir Knights with their ladies, and distinguished guests gathered to commemorate one hundred years of service by this fine Commandery.

A huge birthday cake — 30 inches by 15 inches — presented by the hotel management, iced with "Congratulations to Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19 on their 100th Anniversary" was placed directly in front of the podium at the speakers table.

Among the distinguished guests were Sir Knights Stanley Matthews, R E Grand Commander of New Jersey; Horace M. N. Sigman and Fred R. Huntley, Past Grand Commanders of Connecticut; Roscoe Wadsworth, a loyal friend from New York; a large delegation from Trinity Commandery No. 68 stationed at Flushing, N.Y.; another group from St. Elmo Commandery No. 12 of Maryland; still more from DeMoley Commandery No. 6 of Washington, N.J.; and many others too numerous to mention individually in this brief account.

Representing the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania were Sir Knights John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Generalissimo; Past Grand Commanders Charles B. Wolfertz, Allan C Williams and Dallas F Bullock; and Edward B. Meinhardt, Division Commander of Division No. 9.

TENNESSEE

From proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Tennessee:

The 99th Annual Conclave was held at Nashville, August 25, 1960. Presiding, Sir Knight Clifford Hinds Stroh,

R. E. Grand Commander; Sir Knight Thomas Earl Doss, P.G.C., E. Grand Recorder; Elected, Sir Knight Coy Edward Zachry, R. E. Grand Commander, Livingston, Tenn.

In line with the action taken at our last Annual Conclave relative to our 100th Annual Conclave in 1961, we appointed a special committee consisting of Sir Knights Paul Reams Jarratt (1), P.G.C., Russell Ballou Tandy (7), P.G.C., and Thomas Mabra Coleman (1), Grand Sword Bearer, to work with Nashville Commandery No. 1. Much preliminary work has been done and the committee will have for you, later in this Conclave, their report and recommendations.

Certificates of Merit

In line with the established custom, we take pleasure in presenting Certificates of Merit to the representatives of the following Commanderies:

Nashville No. 1—For having had the second largest number Knighted (38) and the second largest net gain (30).

Coeur de Lion No. 9—For receiving the third highest inspection score — 96.63%.

Cyprus No. 23 — For receiving the highest inspection score — 96.98%.

Watauga No. 25 — For having had the third largest number Knighted (34).

Union City No. 29 — For receiving the second highest inspection score — 96.68%.

Kingsport No. 33 — For having had the largest number Knighted (65); the largest net gain (54) and the highest percentage net gain (12.7%).

Athens No. 34 — For being first to submit its return and pay its tax.

Carter No. 37 — For being third in net gain (20) and second in percentage of net gain (10.7%).

York Rite Festivals are well worthwhile, and have enabled many good brethren to complete their Masonic work at a considerable savings of both time and expense.

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News From Here and There

Excerpt from a letter written by Sir Knight Murray B. Allen, E. Recorder of Charlottesville (Va.) Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar: To Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Past Grand Master, Executive Director of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.—“The Grand Commander of Virginia has proclaimed the month of October (1960) as—Eye Foundation Month—and every Commandery at the October Stated will have someone to make a talk on the Foundation, so if you would mail me all information and pamphlets they would be appreciated.”

Sir Knight DeLamater said that is a most commendable, a move indicating the interest that is being manifested in the Eye Foundation throughout the country.

A statement from the “Information Bulletin” mailed out by Sir Knight Charles S. McGinnes, Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas. He stated—“Two Important Slogans—This Year to ‘Get Back In The Black’ and—‘Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar.’” Also—“Hats Off To Texas—Commanderies 92—membership 29,321—Knighthood 1,496—Net Gain 673—Grand Commandery ranks First in Nation.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg's First York Rite Festival
June 18-25, 1960

A dream became a reality when the First York Rite Festival in Pittsburgh was staged the latter part of June of this year.

Two Sir Knights, Roland R. Gutten-dorf, Junior Warden and Leon O. Ruet-ter, Warden, of Duquesne Commandery,

No. 72, also King and Scribe, respec-tively, of Homewood Chapter, No. 297, believed such a festival was both practical and desirable in Pittsburg. Not everyone had their faith, but persis-tency and hard work culminated in the working together of Zarubbabel, Duquesne, Shiloh, Pittsburgh, Belle-field and Homewood Chapters, Mt. Moriah and Liberty Councils, and Pitts-burgh Tancred, Ascalon and Duquesne Commanderies toward the common de-sire to advance York Rite Masonry.

What a success the Festival turned out to be! ! Much thought and plann-ing went into the idea. Meals were served in the Grand Banquet Hall of the Masonic Temple in Oakland, Pitts-burgh, by the Ladies Auxiliary of Du-quesne Commandery, No. 72, and they were all delicious meals.

Strip tickets with a \$9.00 value, for the Chapter Dinner, Council Din-ner, Commandery Dinner and Festival Party, were sold for \$6.00. Three dif-ferent issues of “The York Rite Festi-val News,” a pioneering endeavor to publicize the Festival were widely dis-tributed among the Allegheny County Masons.

Distinguished guests, galore, were present on different days of the Fes-tival. Grand Chapter was represented by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Grand Scribe and two Past Grand High Priests; the Most Puissant Grand Master of Grand Council got out of a sick bed to make this his first official visit. He was accom-panied by his Grand Principal Con-ductor of Work and two Past Grand Masters.

The 48th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, will be held August 12-17, 1961, at Cleveland, Ohio. Make reservations early.

LOS ANGELES COMMANDERY

No. 9, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

We quote with pleasure the following letter from Sir Knight James F. Raymond, Editor of the monthly bulletin of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9:

Sir Knight, John B. Hines
Recorder-Editor,
Worth Commandery No. 19,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

You may not be looking for a "pen-pal" to fill in your spare time, but the old adage must apply, in your case, "want a job done, get a busy man." Your June Bulletin prompted me to write and congratulate Commander Cross re-his pep-talk message to the membership and his recent appointment, Advertising Director (your article). If that message does not bring a real Texas "Round-Up" it will have a stimulating effect on No. 9. All you have to do is send a blue print of "get your man" plan; we suggested to the Eminent Commander that Lyndon Johnson, Texas choice, might need some help at the rigged convention, to send you out west to help and we would rig you for the plan.

Seriously, the Eminent Commander's message, "first line" is the true punch line, there is lot of time, **too little help**. Petitions in general on the Pacific Coast are down 50 per cent, even in recent Shrine Ceremonial, held jointly by San Diego and Los Angeles (450). Re—your quote on population, Los Angeles County $5\frac{1}{4}$ million, the City $2\frac{1}{4}$ million. **And 17 Commanderies** attempting to survive on a \$75.00 fee. We could use Eminent Commander Cross and his advertising ability . . . plus your plan. **AND** a couple of Texas oil wells to insure success, as you well know that it takes petitions to upkeep two drill corps and a band, a

properly equipped Asylum, of which there is **nothing like your Asylum** out west. You are envied and admired by Los Angeles. Your 25 petitions, plan for life membership good; we have talked and thought, without action.

We note, attention, Drill Teams, and judge you have to coax a little. We too. Some like to drill but no ritual work. Would you mind telling the reason why? On Life Membership program, are Drill Team members not allowed to participate?? Our compliments to Sir Knight Billingsley on streamlining results return, also to your fine corps and to you, Sir. Thanks in advance, if you have time between jobs, to answer. Enclosed our July-August Bulletin. Would like to be on your mailing list and will return the compliment. Our Knightly motive is to use your "pep" talks to inspire realization of No. 9 to fit that by-line, No. 9 Will Be the Largest Commandery in 1960.

Fraternally,
J. F. RAYMOND,
Bulletin Editor.

We wish to thank you Sir Knight Raymond on behalf of Commander Cross, also express to you sincere thanks from the Editor. Your kindness to us is greatly appreciated.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. Y. M., is the oldest lodge in New York state and was founded in 1757. In March 1784 this lodge surrendered its warrant to the Grand Lodge and given first rank of all lodges in the state, No. 1, and also was given permission to use the title "Ancient York Masons," a privilege not accorded to any other lodge. The Bible from its altar was used in inauguration of General Washington as first President of the United States, and later used in the inaugurations of Presidents Warren G. Harding in 1921 and Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953.

The Commandery In—"The York Rite Masonry"

By Chalmers Lowell Pancoast, Past Grand Commander of N. Y.
Editor "Knight Templar" Magazine

A Message to Master Masons—The York Rite Way in Masonry — The structure of each system of Masonry (Freemasonry) is completely different from each other. The York Rite Way, briefly. A Master Mason is eligible to petition a Royal Arch Chapter for membership. Each of the Chapters confers four degrees. . . A Royal Arch Mason is eligible to make application to a Council of Royal and Select Masters. (In some States the Council is not required in The York Rite to advance).

A Royal Arch Mason may also petition a Commandery of Knights Templar for membership, presided over by an Eminent Commander, elected annually. Each Commandery is a member of the Grand Commandery of the State, and of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. . . The Forty-eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 12-17, 1961.

The Commandery of Knights Templar is called "The Orders of Chivalry." While the Order of the Red Cross, the first step in a Commandery of Knights Templar, is a bridge between Symbolic Masonry and the Orders of Knighthood; the Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple, are from the Ancient Templars of the Middle Ages, formed to battle against evil, and those who attack the Christian Religion.

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Tell Master Masons What the Order of Knights Templar—The Commandery —offers, in addition to the news coverage of Templary over the world. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., conducts research into all difficult diseases of the eye, and provides free treatment and hospitalization for people—unable to pay for such highly specialized treatments and service, without any restrictions as to race, age, creed or color.

This great humanitarian service was authorized at the 46th Triennial Conclave in 1955 at New York. Every member of the Order of Knights Templar pays one dollar a year to maintain and develop this service. Forms, instructions and identification cards may be obtained by writing to The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York — Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director.

The Knights Templar Education Foundation is a revolving trust fund, authorized at the 35th Triennial Conclave, at New Orleans, in 1922, to help students to complete their education. For detailed information on applying for funds, apply to any local Commandery, or the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of any state.

The slogan "A Revitalized and Greater Templary" has been used far and wide. The battle cry of Templar Masonry is—"Onward, Christian Soldiers, Onward."

To December 30, 1960, The Knights Templar Eye Foundation had processed 2563 cases. A fine record for saving eyesight.

PENNSYLVANIA

Sir Knight Harrison C. Hartline, Grand Commander, writes:

Success Does Not Accompany a Defeatist Attitude

Summer is on the wane, children are getting restless and looking forward to starting back to school.

Commandery officers, especially the Eminent Commanders, are thinking of their September Conclave and hoping that the members have been working during the recess.

"What you are going to be, you are now becoming!" It makes no difference who "YOU" may be—an individual, a business, a church, a fraternal organization, or any of a thousand other things—it still applies.

May you, as an individual, become a better Christian, a greater American, a more enthusiastic Templar, among the desires you have for your life. As a Commandery, may it be the organization your most enthusiastic members knows it can be whenever a sincere effort is made.

Success does not accompany a defeatist attitude! Can you imagine the "Echo" becoming a reality if those in charge of that particular program had thought it couldn't be done.

A positive approach to any undertaking is a necessity if success is wanted.

May each Sir Knight think and believe that his Commandery is the best anywhere and work to keep it there. No one dare think about having another do the work to keep it the best. Joe, Tom and Bud may think that Dick, Paul or George will take care of the work, but Dick, Paul and George thought that Joe, Tom or Bud would do it—and nothing was done.

A letter from Sir Knight Eugene C. Graham, Division Commander of Division No. 10, states—

"It has become necessary for me to resign as Division Commander, effective as soon as you can appoint a successor. The company I'm with is moving its general office from here (Bradford) to Houston, Texas, in September and I have accepted their offer to move with them.

"It is with much regret that I find it impossible to continue as one of your Division Commanders this year. I have considered the appointment as an honor and have appreciated your confidence in me."

We do not like to lose a good worker like 'Gene, but we can only wish him the best of everything and say that our loss will be Texas' gain. 'Gene was also Recorder of Trinity Commandery, No. 58, stationed in Bradford.

Sir Knight George B. Beck, Past Commander of Knapp Commandery, No. 40, has been appointed Division Commander of Division No. 10. His address is 106 East Avenue, Ridgway.

In November we vote. Be prepared to vote intelligently by finding out as much as you can about those you will choose among the various candidates, and then, vote YOUR selection and not just those you are told will be good to have in office.

Intelligent voting is a "Service for Country."

Courteously,
Harrison C. Hartline,
Grand Commander.

The American Heritage

A splendid storehouse of integrity and freedom has been bequeathed to us by our forefathers. In this day of confusion, of peril to liberty, our high duty is to see that this storehouse is not robbed of its contents.

—Herbert Hoover

PENNSYLVANIA

York Rite Festival

Grand Commandery was represented by the Right Eminent Grand Commander with members of his staff including the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Treasurer and four Past Grand Commanders. The Illustrious King of the Council of Anointed Kings was also present.

The three degrees of Capitular Masonry were conferred on Saturday, June 18th, the six co-operating chapters of the 16th District, each having some part in the work.

Monday and Wednesday nights of the following week saw the Cryptic work performed by Councils Nos. 2 and 50.

On Friday evening Ascalon Commandery conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Duquesne Commandery, the Order of Malta.

Saturday completed the ritualistic work with Pittsburgh Commandery conferring the Order of the Temple.

For the large number of candidates that were a part of this great festival it was an experience never-to-be-forgotten with each of the degrees and Orders being conferred by picked personnel and delivered in a most impressive manner.

It is interesting to note that 63 candidates participated in the Capitular classes, 40 in the Cryptic and 56 in the Orders of Knighthood, a total of 159.

From the first issue of the York Rite Festival News we quote "The Purpose Of The Degrees" —

"The York Rite completes the Masonic story. Each degree in it adds something to the understanding of the Mason of the thing which he is seeking. In this process of elaboration of the circumstances surrounding the teaching of the lessons, the degrees of the Chapter, Council and Orders of Commandery all occupy positions of equal importance. No Mason can feel that he has everything to which he is entitled as an earnest seeker after truth

until he has received all of them."

Another good paragraph from the first issue is headed "York Rite Works For Humanity"—

"Together we do many things; maintain hospitals, give college scholarships, support homes for senior citizens, make student loans, maintain orphanages, correct eye deficiencies, sponsor boys' camps, support humanics foundations, donate eyeglasses, shoes and hearing aids to unfortunate children . . . in fact it is hard to mention a field in which York Rite Masonry is not active for the benefit of humanity in general and our less fortunate citizens in particular."

Hearty congratulations are in order to the candidates whose decisions encouraged this First York Rite Festival and to the many, many who helped in the planning, in the preparing and serving of the meals, in the conferring of the ritualistic work, and in every other way to make this festival such an outstanding success. As one of the distinguished guests mentioned in his remarks—"as for festivals, they should be continued!"

A beautiful floral centerpiece was presented to Hugh de Payens by the Eminent Commanders and Sir Knights of the seven other Commanderies comprising the 9th Division of which Hugh de Payens is a part.

Representing the right Eminent Grand Commander, Harrison C. Hartline, John B. Cottrell Jr., Eminent Grand Generalissimo, expressed the felicitations of the Grand Commander together with regrets that a previous commitment in the Northwestern end of the State made it impossible to be in Easton. Edward B Meinhardt, Division Commander, with well-chosen words extended the congratulations of the 9th Division and commended them on their good work through the years.

T. Stuart Drake, PC and a former Grand Herald of Grand Commandery, read portions of the 100-year history of No. 19. The history was well-prepared and the reading of it was well-received by those present.

Earl H. Smith, PC and Recorder of Hugh de Payens Commandery, presented the speaker for the occasion, Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Commander of New Jersey, and Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sir Knight Lear announced his title as "Contentment or Crusade" and opened with the words "Hats off to the past," — "Coats off to the future."

Paragraphs to be remembered from his inspiring message include —

"Today, our spirit of enjoyment seems to be greater than our spirit of sacrifice."

"We review the past but must live for the future."

"The work of winning the world is never done."

"Templary must awaken from depending on its glorious past."

"The greatest fifth column, the most fearful danger Christian Knighthood faces in 'Indifference'."

The speaker called attention to the efforts of our forefathers in freeing the Colonies from British control, and held before our eyes the pioneering spirit of men like Lincoln, Ford, Edison, Bell, as an example which all of us could follow in a great Crusade for Templary.

It was a fine message and one which will be long remembered by all present!

During the evening Sir Knight Allen M. Grey, Eminent Commander, presided as toastmaster with great credit to himself.

He announced that 17% of the men who had led the Commandery during its 100 years were present — 17 Past Commanders.

Former Division Commanders of the 9th Division — Wolfertz, Stang, Pritchard, Snyder, Goddard, Sandt and Wright were introduced.

The Eminent Commander stated that he was happy to have a number of the widows of Past Commanders of

No. 19 present, among which were Mrs. D. Frank Bain, wife of a former Recorder and also a former Grand Officer of Grand Commandery, and Mrs. John G. Bachofer of Reading, wife of a former Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander who passed to his eternal reward while filling that office.

Favors inscribed with the name of Hugh de Payens and the occasion, were presented to each lady and Sir Knight present.

A wonderful evening came to an end with entertainment by the All Girls Band of Easton (an aggregation of fifty young ladies) directed by Sir Knight Earl D. Held a member of Hugh de Payens No. 19.

Who's Who in Pennsylvania Templary

In a conversation with our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Harrison C. Hartline, he expressed the thought that the Sir Knights of Pennsylvania might be interested in learning more about the activities and lives of some of the Sir Knights who are serving Templary, especially those who are our leaders.

We liked the idea and he wondered whether The Crusader might not be a good medium for the dissemination of such information. Again we heartily agreed and herewith is the first, more or less, biographical sketch of such a Templar.

It is but right and proper that we initiate this series with the story of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Harrison C. Hartline.

He resides at 426 Lincoln Ave., Erie with "Corpy" as a nickname. (Wonder how he ever got such a name?)

His wife and helpmate is Enza. They are the proud parents of Betsy, their 12-year old daughter, and worship at Luther Memorial Church.

He is partner in the firm of J. Hartline & Sons, Sheet Metal and Roofing Contractors, also in Erie.

Masonically, his interests have been many. He is a Past Master of Tyrian Lodge No. 362; a Past High Priest of Temple Royal Arch Chapter No. 215; a past Thrice Illustrious Master of Jerusalem Council No. 33; Eminent Commander of Mount Olivet Commandery No. 30 in 1950; a Past Sovereign of St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; a Past Monarch of Erapa Grotto; a member of Erie Consistory, AASR; Keystone Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour and Zem Zem Shrine, AAONMS.

Serving the Order of DeMolay, he is a Past Master Councilor of Erie Chapter; Past State Senior Councilor of Associated Chapters of Penna; Past Dad Advisor, Erie Chapter; Past District Deputy, Northwest District; Representative DeMolay, 1929; Legion of Honor, 1930; DeMolay Cross of Honor; Past State Secretary of Associated Chapters DeMolay Alumni of Penna; Past Vice-President, International DeMolay Alumni.

He was Grand Marshal, 1951-1952, of the Grand Holy Royal Chapter of Penna, and Secretary of Temple R. A. Chapter, 1946-1956; Recorder of Mount Olivet Commandery, 1957-1959; Recorder, St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, 1950-1955; and Vice-President of the Division Commander's Association of Penna., 1954-1956.

Other affiliations include Knight Masons of Ireland and the Legion of Honor of Zem Zem Temple, AANMS.

During World War II he served as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy Seabees and is, at the present time a member of the Kiwanis Club of Erie.

After reading this long list of services rendered, we believe each of us will feel that we know our Right Eminent Grand Commander better and respect him all the more for it.

Picnics—Picnics—Picnics

July 10th—From Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Captain-General, and S. Guy Dreese, Grand Captain of the Guard, we have a fine account of the annual picnic of Mt. Herman Commandery, No. 85.

The lawn of the Kepler home at Milton was thronged by almost 400 Sir Knights and ladies for the 6th annual picnic of Mt. Herman, No. 85, Sunday afternoon and evening. The Eminent Grand Senior Warden, F. Parson Kepler, and Mrs. Kepler demonstrated hospitality at its best, a virtue equally well displayed by the officers and Sir Knights of Mt. Herman.

The group was swelled by members from some two dozen Commanderies from Division No. 14 and surrounding Divisions, including a busload from Division No. 16.

Past Grand Commanders in attendance were Sir Knights: George M. West, Levi B. Taylor, Allan C. Williams, Dallas F. Bullock and Harry F. Hostetler. In addition to Sir Knight Kepler, Grand Commandery officers present with their ladies were Sir Knights John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Generalissimo; Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Captain-General; S. Blair Sponyberger, Jr., Grand Junior Warden, John W. Laird, Grand Recorder and G. Calvin Dyson, Trustee of Grand Commandery.

Also on hand for picnic festivities were Division Commanders Edward B. Meinhardt No. 9, Jack G. Fisher No. 11, William D. Geesey No. 13 and Reuben H. Learn No. 14; appointed Grand Officers included Frank H. Shank, Grand Warden and S. Guy Dreese, Grand Captain of the Guard.

Other distinguished guests present were John R. Asher, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Penna; William R. Burchfield, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Elmer R. Beers, Most Puissant Past Grand Master of the

Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Penna., as well as John B. Golden, a member of Elmira Commandery, New York and Chief of Police in Milton.

Following the picnic dinner, an organ prelude invited the Sir Knights and ladies to an outdoor Evening Vesper Service, with an invocation by the Reverend Clarence T. Moyer, Scripture readings by Sir Knight and Rev. Raymond C. Shindler, an inspiring meditation by Sir Knight and Rev. Philip R. Jones, concluding by the singing of the Lord's Prayer by Sir Knight Richard S. Krebs.

July 30th—From Mrs. Albert W. Houser, wife of last year's Commander, we received a most enthusiastic account of what must have been a most enjoyable event.

Mrs. Houser writes that "Saturday, July 30th, was a gala day at Kishacoquillas Park, Lewistown when Past Grand Commander, Harry F. Hostetler and his charming wife, Helen, entertained the members of Lewistown Commandery No. 26 and other Templars and their ladies from many parts of the State.

More than three hundred men, women and children enjoyed the hospitality of the day, filled with entertainment from start to finish.

When the afternoon games were over, all enjoyed a bountiful meal — and then follows a list of the edibles, which reminds one of a delightful Penna. Dutch picnic lunch with nothing missing.

Mrs. Houser states that everyone ate so much and partook of coffee and lemonade to such an extent, that the only relief was to be found in a good old-fashioned cake-walk with seven lucky winners receiving as many delicious cakes.

C. Clark Julius, a Past Commander of York Commandery, No. 21, entertained with pictures of various Templar activities of the recent year, with

each trying to find themselves on the screen.

Sir Knight Hostetler, in his gracious manner, expressed his thanks to all who attended saying that this was the way in which he and his good wife were extending appreciation to their friends for their help and support during his term as Grand Commander 1959-1960.

Charles T. Snook, Commander of Lewistown Commandery No. 26, introduced the distinguished guests present including S. Blair Sponeybarger, Grand Junior Warden; Penrose H. Hagerty, Grand Sword Bearer; Alvin B. Crummy, Division Commander of Division No. 4; former appointed Grand Officers, Emory C. Gardner, Cloyd C. Smith and Reno A. Lepley; William A. Slippy, Commander of Lincoln Commandery No. 91; Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Penna., was represented by John S. Royer, Puissant District Deputy Grand Master and George B. Collier, Thrice Illustrious Master; Altoona Consistory officers in attendance included Harry F. Hostetler, Commander-in-Chief; Robert J. Ingram, Second Lieutenant Commander; and George E. Brehman, the first Commander-in-Chief.

Concluding her story, Mrs. Houser says that everyone who attended agreed that it was "grand" in every detail—grand food, grand fun, grand friends, all cemented together with grand planning under the sponsorship of "Harry and Helen."

A few years ago when the Frank S. Land was Imperial Potentate of the Shrine in this country, he made this statement in substance: "When and if the Knights Templar should disband and disintegrate, the same fate would soon overtake the Christian religion, at least protestantism."

OUR TEMPLAR HERITAGE

By George A. Weeks, P.G.C. (Mass. & R.I.), Chairman Committee on Public Relations

The year 1960 marks the 842nd Anniversary of the Knights Templar, the most powerful and spectacular of the three organizations which developed during the occupation of the Holy Land.

From the Masonic calendar for the Knights Templar, we have the date of the founding of the Order in 1118 A.D. From the Christian era take 1118; thus, 1118 from 1960 gives us the 842nd anniversary of this important historical event. The Holy Land groups were Latin Christians forming the Knights Templar, the Knights Hospitaller and the Teutonic Knights. In the year of 1118, the Order of Knights Templar was organized by eight Knights under the leadership of Hugh de Payens, a Burgundian Knight who was the first Grand Master of the Knights Templar . . . soon, the Order attracted the attention of Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, who sanctioned it and assigned it quarters in a building on the site once occupied by King Solomon's Temple; and they became known as Templars, or Knights of the Temple.

Their chapel was the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. These early Templars formed themselves into a society for the purpose of conducting Pilgrims on their perilous journeys to and from Jerusalem and the Holy City. Their last Grand Master was Jacques de Molay. This was only the beginning and a small part of a most fascinating historical story.

Templary in its deepest reality, concerns itself with the soul of man. Today, in the twentieth century, modern Templary pledges unwearied zeal in a brother's cause and the teachings and precepts of the Great Captain of our Salvation. The Cross is written in capital letters across every page of our history. June 17th marked the 185th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. In this battle, Major General Joseph Warren, at

that time he was acting Grand Master for the continent of America, was the first Knight Templar to yield up his life in our battle for freedom. His Masonic record is as follows: he was made a Master Mason in St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston on November 28, 1765; he was made a Templar in St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge of Boston (now St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter) on May 14, 1770; in December 1769, he received a commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, making him Grand Master of Masons in Boston and one hundred miles around; on March 7, 1772, he received another commission making him Grand Master of Masons for the continent of America; he died on the field of battle, June 17, 1775. Although General Warren was termed a Revolutionist, he was fighting for the Principles upon which our Order was founded: Freedom, Liberty, Justice and the Christian Religion.

Modern Templary

As we start a new year, let each of us join with our Grand Officers in their efforts to maintain leadership and show a net gain in membership. The admonition is "Knight every Candidate before closing for the summer." Your net gain or loss is determined by your official Returns. Your efforts have been characterized and real progress has been made in the number of Petitions presented. There has been an influx of new members in many of our Commanderies, but we must warn the officers of the Constituent Commanderies that our work is not yet completed. During the conferring of the Orders upon these Candidates, we feel certain that they were tremendously impressed with the beauty of our work dramatizing these Orders in a never-to-be-forgotten manner. To complete our work, it is necessary to con-

to continue our interest in these newly-created Sir Knights, enlist their services in the activities of our Commanderies and encourage them to attend the Conclaves. We must start now to instill into our new Sir Knights the enthusiasm, the loyalty and the devotion which has spurred you and me to give our utmost to build Templary.

Much interest has been noted among former members of our Commanderies—men who held demits or had to forfeit their memberships for some reason—financial or otherwise. A restored member is as good as a new one and does not need to be sold on Templary. He knows what it is all about. Invite him to return. We need him. We stand ready to make his return a simple matter. Contact that one-time member and get in touch with the Recorder—he will have the answer. Put a current membership card in his pocket.

The time is now—"IT MAY BE LATER THAN YOU THINK."

Now is the time for Templars to declare themselves. We have a great heritage and we are peering apprehensively, yet hopefully, to a glorious future. The present days challenge Templary as has no time in the history of this great Christian Order. Why do we stress Templary so much? We stress Templary because we desire peace in our time. Certainly the gravity of issues here and abroad are so earnest that only through the application of Christians and kindred influences can mankind arrive at an approximation of Justice in the world. Certainly in all countries there is ample testimony on every hand to indicate illegitimate reaching for power by certain groups which have dared to set themselves above Sovereign Governments and Democracy. This is not in the pattern of the American Constitution. Is this not a challenge to take more serious and more personal these obligations which are cardinal to our role as Templars and our American way of life. The records of our Order, both during medieval and

modern times, have made many pages of history. Every member must be proud of this accomplishment, of those things that count for the uplift of humanity, for the betterment of society, for the establishment of good government and the advancement of civilization.

Let us here and now reaffirm our faith in the Risen Emmanuel, the Great Captain of our Salvation, ever remembering "In-Hoc-Signo Vinces," is an expressive motto of our Order and consoling to the heart of every believer.

CALIFORNIA

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talions of Sir Knights in full uniform. The services will be conducted by The Reverend Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, S.T.D., L.L.D., D.D., L.H.D., resident bishop of the San Francisco Area of the Methodist Church. His sermon will be powerful and of deep interest to everyone. Choral selections will be given by the Chancel Choir of the Glide Memorial Methodist Church, Richard B. Judd, director and organist.

Easter Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m., in the magnificent concert hall auditorium of the California Masonic Memorial Temple, California and Taylor Streets.

This is the first Knights Templar Easter Observance in the Masonic Temple. The public is invited to join us in this historic observance and to witness Templary on parade.

From the beautiful program:

Appreciation

We express our appreciation to the Commanders, Officers, and Members, of the attending Commanderies for the fine and continued cooperation which is so necessary in making this service a success.

We extend our sincerest appreciation to the Rev. Bishop Donald H. Tippet, for his Message and all of the labor and cooperation given in preparing for this service.

Our thanks to Richard B. Judd at the Organ, the Quartet and Chancel Choir, of the Glide Memorial Methodist Church, for their fine musical contribution.

Also, a very sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have assisted, and to the audience, for their cooperation and attendance in making this a worthwhile service.

To serve the Christian religion is the election of all Knights Templar.

California Templary, in this cause, has established an Educational Foundation for Christian Ministry to assist young men enrolled in the five accredited divinity schools in California. During the six years thru 1960, \$100,000.00 will be given by the Foundation, and over one hundred dedicated young men have received scholarships.

The Knights Templar of California also support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, to which some four hundred thousand Sir Knights throughout the nation regularly contribute. The only requirement for any individual to receive assistance are the need, and inability to pay.

Committee: Chairman, Sir Knight A. Dale Kneip, San Francisco Commandery No. 41; Co-Chairman, Sir Knight Ernest Tsang, California Commandery No. 1.

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TENNESSEE Patriotic Activities

Sir Knight James Walker Kerr submitted the following report, which, on motion, was referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery, K. T. of Tennessee:

We, the members of your Patriotic Activities Committee, find it increasingly difficult to evaluate this activity of Templary. From our personal observations and in our discussions with various Sir Knights throughout the State, we know that as individuals

much is being done and that our members are taking leading parts in Civic and Community service, civil defense and public schools.

Some Commanderies have actively supported our young people by sponsoring DeMolay and Rainbow Chapters. But, here again, we have no written reports of accomplishments. It is indeed heartening to know that many of our Sir Knights are so engaged and it is hoped that others will follow this example to the end that other Commanderies will become sponsoring bodies. We know of no better way to combat juvenile delinquency.

Last year activities of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation were assigned to this Committee. Progress has been and is being made, especially in East Tennessee and within the past year in middle Tennessee. Our Inspector-Instructor has noted that Nashville Commandery No. 1 has made a contribution worthy of praise in obtaining operations at a cost less than the average shown in reports of the Grand Encampment Eye Foundation. This is also true in case histories in East Tennessee.

We are firmly convinced that the majority of surgical operations could be performed at smaller fees if the Surgeon-in-charge realized that the cost was being borne by a charitable organization. This humanitarian program is growing to such extent that conceivably its financial structure could suffer for lack of funds—thus depriving many worthy individuals of the right to see.

The 48th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held August 12-17, 1961, at Cleveland, Ohio. For general information address Earl T. Armesy, Chairman, 1102 Standard Bldg., Cleveland 13, Ohio. For Reservations—address Albert D. Nesbitt, Chairman—1630 Standard Bldg., Cleveland 13, Ohio. If interested make reservations early.

IN MEMORIAM

October - November - December, 1960

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Percy Wilkinson, G. C., 1951—November 24, 1960.

GEORGIA—Joseph Warner Neal, G. C., 1954—November 19, 1960.

IDAHO—Eugene Martin Gillette, G. C., 1909 (Washington, 1925)—October 9, 1960.

IOWA—George David Wybrant, G. C., 1921—October 26, 1960.

KANSAS—Charles Alton Loucks, G. C., 1920—December 28, 1960.

MASS. & R. I.—John Eugene Rines, G. C., 1940—November 29, 1960. Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

WASHINGTON—Ralph Wesley McKerracher, Grand Captain General, 1960—October 18, 1960.

The Number 40

The two perfect numbers, 4 and 10, being multiplied into each other, produce the number 40, which was sacred.

Thus the probation of our first parents in the Garden of Eden, as in generally supposed was 40 years.

The deluge was occasioned by a rain of 40 days and nights, of which even Noah had 7 days' notice, and the waters remained upon the face of the earth 40 days.

The days of embalming the dead were 40 and the mourning 70.

The concealment of Moses in the land of Midian was 40 years and he was on the Mount 40 days and nights.

Jesus fasted 40 days and nights in the wilderness, to prepare for his ministry and was tempted of the devil 40 days. The same term elapsed between His resurrection and ascension.

THE COMMANDER

To be a Commander is indeed an honor. The office, however, entails responsibilities. A Commander is the leader of his Commandery. He, more than any other member, is responsible for his Commandery's accomplishment during his term in office. One who accepts the responsibilities of his office lightly and is indifferent to his Commandery's welfare and progress is not worthy of the honor bestowed upon him.

A successful Commander does not work alone. He needs and must have the help of many other qualified members of his Commandery. Burdens and responsibilities become lighter as they are shared. A Commander must make plans—good plans—and establish the organization to help him make them effective. He should be a dedicated leader who will merit and obtain the support and loyal cooperation of able Sir Knights who share his interest in and desire for the welfare and progress of his Commandery. (Mass.—R.I. Templar)

J. Leroy Jones, Director
Membership, Progress and Publicity
Chronology, 1961

The following information regarding dates adopted by the various bodies of Masonry is of sufficient value to warrant its publication in these proceedings.

Dates carried out for this year of grace, 1961.

Knights Templar founded 1118.
Hence Anno Ordinis 843.

Second Temple began to be built by Zerubbabel, 530 B. C. Hence the Royal Arch, Anno Inventionis (Year of Discovery) 2491.

Royal and Select Masters refer to completion of Temple, 1000 B. C. Hence R. and S. Masters, Anno Depositionis (Year of Deposit) 2961.

Ancient Craft Masons use Anno Lucis (Year of Light) Creation 5961.

Scottish Rite Masons use Anno Mundi (Year of World)—Creation 5721.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 12-17, 1961.



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