48TH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
CLEVELAND, OHIO, AUGUST 12-17, 1961

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 R. 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 Commandery No. 1, followed by entertainment and dancing.
Symphony Concert—Music Hall, Cleveland Public Auditorium.

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Cleveland Municipal Stadium on Lake Front. Background View of Down Town, Public Square, and Hotels. Reviewing Stand in Stadium. 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.

Views of 37th Triennial, Detroit, July 11-19, 1937.
Program Forty-eighth Triennial Conclave, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A.

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(All Events Scheduled on Daylight Savings Time.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1961

9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Reception and registration at Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel for members of the Grand Encampment, distinguished guests and their ladies.

9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Reception and registration for visiting Sir Knights and ladies at the Hotels where their room reservations were assigned.

12 Noon to 4:30 p. m.—The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America reconvenes for its Forty-Eighth Triennial Conclave in the Main Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. The Grand Commandery, K. T. of Ohio will open and the Drill Team of Holyrood No. 32, K. T. will form the lines for the Reception of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Louis H. Wieber, his Staff and Distinguished Guests.

2:30 p. m.—Parade Conference for Grand Captain General’s Staff, Marshals of Divisions and their Staffs, Grand Encampment Color Guards. Robert A. Burri, P. G. C. of Ohio—Grand Marshal.

7:00 p. m.—Parade to be reviewed in Public Stadium. Plenty of seats for all. In the cool of the evening, a short march down Euclid Ave., and then down to the Stadium. A sincere effort should be made by every Sir Knight to march in the Parade to make it an impressive demonstration of the strength and interest of our great Christian organization. With the colorful bands and precision Drill Teams in line, it should make an impressive display for our friends and the public. Dress: Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau, Sword and Gloves.

10:00 p. m.—Reception tendered to the Most Eminent Grand Master by the

LOUIS H. WIEBER
Most Eminent Grand Master
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio.
We wish to make grateful acknowledgement of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors for cars graciously supplied for Officers of the Grand Encampment.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1961

9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.—Reception and Registration for members of the Grand Encampment, Distinguished guests and their ladies at Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland. Reception and registration of visiting guests at the Hotel assigned to them.

9:00 a. m.—Breakfast for members of the Red Cross of Constantine at Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

3:30 p. m.—Transporting of Grand Encampment Officers to Public Auditorium by auto.
4:00 p. m.—Divine Services in Cleveland Public Auditorium, the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Phil Porter will deliver the Sermon. The Public Hall will accommodate ten thousand and the Public is invited to this impressive and inspiring service. Dress: Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau, Sword and Gloves.

6:30 p. m.—Buffet Dinner is tendered to the Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment Officers and distinguished guests at Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, by the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Ohio. Dress: Fatigue Uniform without Cap. Ladies, informal.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1961

9:00 a. m.—Reception and registration at all hotels.

8:00 a. m.—Drill competition will be held all day at the Public Auditorium. Dress: Fatigue Uniform, cap and Gloves. Special busses from Hotels to the Auditorium.

3:30 p. m.—Sight-seeing for the ladies.

1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Sessions of Grand Encampment at Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, reports of Recorder, Treasurer, Trustees, and Committees and conferences. Dress: Fatigue Uniform and Cap.

4:30 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.—Conference and dinner for Mutual Guild at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

8:00 p. m.—Exhibition Drill by 16 Platoons of Detroit Commandery No. 1, K. T. of Michigan in Cleveland Public Auditorium.

8:30 p. m.—Vaudeville Revue.

9:30 p. m. to 12:00 p. m.—Dancing for all Sir Knights and their ladies. Light refreshments served.

10:00 p. m.—Grand March led by the Grand Master, Grand Encampment Officers and distinguished guests and their ladies.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1961

9:30 a. m. to 4:40 p. m.—Grand Encampment renews, the Grand Master’s allocation, reports and business properly brought before the Grand Encampment. Dress: Fatigue Uniform and Cap.

10:00 a. m. to Noon—Industrial Tours for Sir Knights and their ladies.

12:15 p. m.—Luncheon for all participating Drill Teams and Templar Bands and their ladies at Public Auditorium. Presentation of prizes and awards by the Grand Master. Dress: Templar Uniform, Chapeau without sword and Gloves for Drill Teams. Admission by ticket.

2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Industrial Tours for Sir Knights and their ladies.

8:00 p. m.—Concert at Music Hall (Cleveland Public Auditorium) by Lake Erie Symphony under the direction of Sir Knight F. Karl Grossman, Professor of Music at Western Reserve University, Conductor of Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra and Lake Erie Symphonic Band. Publisher of American Fantasy for Orchestras and many manuscripts for Strings, Voices and Orchestrations.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

Reservations must be made directly through Sir Knight Albert D. Nesbitt, P. C., Chairman, 1630 Standard Bldg., Cleveland 13, Ohio. Requests for accommodations on the regular forms will be processed in the order they are received.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1961

9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.—Grand Encampment reconvenes, election of Officers to serve the ensuing Triennial Period and regular business pertaining to the Grand Encampment. Annual Meeting and election of the Board of Trustees and reports of the Corporation of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Dress: Fatigue Uniform and Cap.

10:00 a. m.—Sight-seeing Trips, morning and afternoon.

10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.—Ladies Reception with lunch, entertainment, music and on board the S. S. Aquarama on Lake Erie honoring Mrs. Louis H. Wieber, the Wife of our outgoing Grand Master. Admission by ticket only.
12:15 p. m.—Luncheon by members of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests sponsored by our Savior Tabernacle honoring their member Louis H. Wieber, the Most Eminent Grand Master.

6:30 p. m.—Formal Banquet for Officers and members of the Grand Encampment, distinguished guests and their ladies. Tendered to the Most Eminent Grand Master in the Main Ballroom of Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. Admission by invitation only. Each member of the Grand Encampment will receive one invitation and if accompanied by his lady, an additional one, additional invitations may be secured for a Sir Knight or Gentleman at $5.00 each and for a lady at $10.00 each. These additional invitations will be limited by the seating capacity of the Dining Room. There will be desirable gifts for the ladies and a delightful musical program. Remarks by the Grand Master and a short interesting talk by a distinguished guest speaker will conclude the program.

8:30 p. m.—Theatre Party for visiting Sir Knights and their ladies. Admission by ticket only.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1961

9:30 p. m.—Final, Grand Encampment reconvenes for the conclusion of all business followed by the installation of Officers for the ensuing Triennial Period. Dress: Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau, Sword and Gloves for all Officers and other participating in the ceremonies. Fatigue Uniform and Cap for others. Final shopping period for all visiting Sir Knights and their ladies.

Thanks for coming to Cleveland and a safe journey home.

SPECIAL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHEONS

Several grand jurisdictions have indicated desire to be hosts at a Breakfast or Luncheon. During the Conclave invitations to these affairs will be sent out by the Host Grand Commandery, designating the time and place.

All members of the Red Cross of Constantine are expected at their breakfast on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

MEETINGS

All official Conclaves of the Grand Encampment will be held in the main ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

The Grand Recorder, Grand Captain General, Parade Marshal and the Grand Encampment Committees will also have their rooms on the Mezzanine Floor.

REGISTRATION

Registration is scheduled for all Hotel Lobbies. However, members of the Grand Encampment must register at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Upon registering, each Sir Knight and lady will receive complimentary, the following: Official Program; Official Souvenir Badge (Wear It); Grandstand seat for parade Saturday evening; Decide on tours you wish to take and secure tickets for same; Ticket for boat ride and luncheon on Wednesday; Ticket for Monday Exhibition Drill, entertainment and Grand March and Dance; Ticket for theatre, Monday evening; Tours—Industrial and sight-seeing. Inquire at the Registration Desk when you register and make known your choice.

"Build our sons, O Lord, that they will be strong enough to know when they are weak and brave enough to face themselves when they are afraid. Sons who will be proud and unbending in defeat, humble and gentle in victory." (Author unknown)

The first monument ever cast by the U. S. Government was in memory of a great Mason, Admiral David Farragut, and it was accepted by another beloved Mason, President James A. Garfield.
Officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

Louis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master, 1253 Terminal Tower Building, Cleveland 13, Ohio.

Paul Miller Moore, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, 112 Station Street, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Wilber Marion Brucker, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, 56 Vendome Road, Grosse Point 36, Michigan.

Charles Vernon Eddy, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, P. O. Box 58, Winchester, Virginia.

The Rev. Phil Porter, D. D., Right Eminent Grand Prelate, P. O. Box 140, Gambier, Ohio.

Edmund F. Ball, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, c/o Ball Brothers Company, Inc., Muncie, Indiana.


PAST GRAND MASTERS

Harry Gilmore Pollard, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, 144 Merrimack Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.


Walter Allen DeLamater, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, P. O. Box 175, Rhinebeck, New York.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO

Caleb Byron Lear, Right Eminent Past Grand Generalissimo, 20 Beechwood Rd., Hohokus, New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA

THE PAUL M. MOORE AWARD

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Harrison C. Hartline, at the annual conclave in Erie next May will inaugurate and present to those Commanderies fulfilling the necessary qualifications, a new membership award (in addition to the Certificates of Merit) to be known as "The Paul M. Moore Award," in honor of one of the outstanding Templars of the United States, Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and a Past Grand Commander of our own Grand Commandery.

To entitle a Commandery to receive this award, it must have had a net increase in membership for five or more consecutive years.

A Commandery must have had a net increase, as of May 1, 1961, of at least one member each year starting with the Templar year which began on or before May 1, 1956.

Here is an award which will be very highly honored by each Commandery qualifying and it will be most interesting to note that Commanderies which will earn this great reward to be presented for the first time in Erie this year.—(From "The Crusader," January, 1961—The Friendly and Helpful Voice of Pennsylvania Templary—Charles B. Wolfertz, P. G. C., Editor—Motto, "Service for God, for Country, for Templary.")

To hold the line we must have new members as well as reduction in losses. Every Christian Mason should be invited to be a Knight Templar. It is a privilege to be a Knight Templar, as Templary is the most exclusive of all participating orders. It is the only participating rite that required belief in the Trinitarian God. It is founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. It teaches veneration and adherence to ancient landmarks of Freemasonry and respect and adherence to the principals established by legal and constitutional government.

Christ's life is teaching His death exemplified perishable rights. Prayers for rights needs to be emphasized today.
GEORGIA

THE STORY OF "SILENT NIGHT"

The words of this beautiful carol were born, over a hundred years ago, in the village of Arnsdorf, Austria. It happened on the night before Christmas Eve. The parish priest, Father Josef Mohr, was troubled. The old organ in the little church was broken. He thought of the Christmas Eve service. If only there could be some special music!

Coming home from a visit to a parishioner, Father Mohr found himself on the heights overlooking the little village, where a few lights glimmered in the silent darkness. So it must have been in Bethlehem on that silent, holy night when Christ was born. Silent night, holy night! Words came to him. He hastened home and put them down. The next day he showed them to his organist, Franz Gruber. As he read the words, Franz Gruber felt the beauty of that first holy night. He began to sing, and those who listened knew the song would be immortal.

There was no organ music in the church on Christmas Eve. But, as Father Mohr sang, with Franz Gruber accompanying him on the guitar, the congregation listened in wonder to the first rendition of a song that was to be a Christmas gift to all the world—"Silent Night."

May the happiness of Christmas be yours.

W. Arthur Patat

(From the Christmas message of Sir Knight William Arthur Patat, R. E. Grand Commander, Georgia, 1960.)

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR "KNIGHT TEMPLAR"

VIRGINIA

FROM PROCEEDINGS OF 138TH ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF VIRGINIA (1960):

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAMPLIN TROPHY

The report was read by Sir Knight Joe R. Harris, Chairman of the Trophy and Awards Committee.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia:

Your Committee on the Pamplin Trophy reports on the basis of Returns from various commanderies to the Grand Recorder, that the Pamplin Trophy has been won for the Templar Year 1959-60, by Blacksburg Commandery No. 32, K. T. with a percentage of 5.61; Johnson Commandery No. 14, K. T., was second with percentage of 4.64; Olivet Commandery No. 18, K. T., was third with percentage of 4.62; Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, K. T., was fourth with percentage of 2.40.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Harris
Roland S. Carter
R. H. Davenport

The report was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

WINNERS OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Achievement Awards Certificates for net gain in membership the past year were won by the following Commanderies:

Olivet Commandery No. 18, Crewe, Gold Ribbon for having highest percentage of net gain, 9.615% over last report.
Blacksburg Commandery No. 32, Blacksburg, Silver Ribbon for having the second highest percentage, 9.357% over last report.

Grand Commandery issues three types of Achievement Award Certificates. Red Ribbon for a ten percent or more net gain over last report. Gold Ribbon for highest percentage of net gain and Silver Ribbon for second highest percentage of net gain.
"A Call to the Colors" in Mass. & R. I.

The new Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Rt. Em. Sir Clarence E. Booth, issued "A Call to the Colors" to every Knight Templar in the jurisdiction, stating: "This is a direct appeal to YOU, Sir Knight, to prove that the greatest Protestant Christian Fraternal Order on the face of the earth is still strong and vigorous, and loyal to all the principles of Christian Knighthood. Once again 'the hour has arrived' for each Knight Templar to stand and be counted."

On Sunday afternoon, October 23, 1960, together with 35 Sir Knights and band from Portland, Maine, 5 from Lafayette of Hudson, New York, and 6 from Temple of Albany, New York, uniformed Knights represented 37 constituent Commanderies formed on Arlington Street, Marlboro Street, and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, to be escorted by the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band and Patrol, the Meha Temple Shrine Band of Springfield, the Palestine Temple Shrine Band of Providence, the Gardner High School Band, Saugus De Molay Band, and the Blue Belles Highlander Band of Saugus. Over 1100 uniformed Sir Knights were in line.

Starting promptly at 2:30 p. m. as scheduled, with Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., as Marshal, and Em. Sir Frank B. Ells as Chief of Staff, the parade marched from Arlington Street, to Boylston Street, through Copley Square to Huntington Avenue—a total of one and three-tenths miles—to Symphony Hall.

Honorary members on the Staff of Rt. Em. Grand Commander Clarence E. Booth, together with Grand Commandery Officers not in command of divisions, were Rt. Em. and Rev. Howard T. Joslyn, Department Commander of the


Leading Procession—Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, R. E. Grand Commander of
the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Department Com-
mmander, Rev. and Sir Knight Howard T. Joslyn, prominent in the parade.
(Photos by Sir Knight George A. Weeks, P. G. C.)

North Eastern Department of the Grand Encampment, Rt. Em. Kenneth M. Rit-
chie, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, and Rt. Em.
James Robertson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

The program at Symphony Hall in-
cluded organ music by Sir Kt. Harry
Rodgers, musical selections by the Ne-
holden Choristers (40 voices) of Need-
ham under the direction of Sir Kt.
Henry Heald, greetings by the Rt. Em.
Grand Commander, an impressive me-
memorial ceremony by 12 Grand Com-
mandery officers at the lighted triangle, taps,
and an inspiring address by Brother
Daniel Marsh, Past President and pres-
ent Chancellor of Boston University. Rt.
Em. and Rev. Howard T. Joslyn deliv-
ered the benediction. Rt. Em. Sir R. G.
Wilson, Jr., served as Master of Cer-
emonies. The triangle facilities were
made possible through the courtesy of
Em. Sir Robert S. Andrews of Boston
Commandery No. 2.

Marking the first Grand Commandery
parade in New England since May 26,
1950, the parade and special Sabbath Ser-
vice in Symphony Hall reflected the
highest credit on Templary, and it is
hoped can be the prelude to a successful
Templar year in this jurisdiction.—
(From George A. Weeks, P. G. C., Chair-
man of the Committee on Public Rela-
tions of the Grand Encampment.)

WHAT IS TEMPLARY?
From “The Templar,” Massachusetts &
Rhode Island, December, 1960;

1. The Commandery offers you a
grand opportunity to improve in every
walk of life through the study and work
in the progressively expanding light of
pure Masonry.

2. It is the mightiest non-theological
Protestant Christian organization in the
world. It stands for the noblest prin-
ciples in individual life and the highest
standards of good government.

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3. It is founded and draws its inspiration from the Christian Religion and the faithful practice of the Christian virtues.

4. As a militant Christian command we are committed to the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian Religion.

5. It constantly reminds you to let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.

6. The ritual presents an advanced and liberal education to all members which brings forth their finest character and works to be shared without stint and with one another.

7. It gives you the richest of fraternal fellowship, peaceful freedom of mind and a deep understanding of character enabling you to live in harmony with God and with benefit to your Country.

8. It bases all it teachings upon the fundamental Truth, thereby adding greatly to your understanding of the symbolic significance of the first three degrees of Masonry.

9. In the exalted lessons of Templary you receive the most interesting the most serious and the most sublime impression which can come to anyone who is concerned with those impulses of life which make for better manhood, better citizenship and a better society.

10. Templary extends to you the privilege of sharing the priceless heritage from the past as defenders of the Faith and ennobles your life thru participation with Sir Knights in the work of this great Masonic Order.

When you get new members, make every effort to make and keep them active in Templary and endeavor to renew the enthusiasm of the old members whose interest may have waned.

It has often been said that "nothing succeeds like success." This holds true whether in Templary or elsewhere. We recommend that every effort be made to improve the work in both tactics and ritual, and are certain that it will assist in renewing enthusiasm in Templary and give the participants an inner satisfaction and that grand feeling which comes only from accomplishment.

The challenge and the opportunity are before us; which way will we go? Templary must take a positive approach. We have a big job ahead, and your help is solicited. Our future depends upon the solution of our problems today.

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Sir Knight N. Dewey Marker, Grand Commander, 3302 North 17th Dr., Phoenix, Arizona.

Sir Knight Dwight E. Shannon, P. G. C., Grand Recorder, P. O. Box 206, Winslow, Arizona.

From Office of the Grand Recorder, October 24, 1960:


Devotional Services were held in the First Methodist Church at 8:00 P. M., Sunday, October 23, under the direction of Sir Knight and Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, D. D., E. Grand Prelate, assisted by the Rev. John Y. Allan, Minister of the Church. Splendid music was furnished by the Choir of the Church under the direction of Russell Meeker, Director of Choir and Mrs. Ethel Lane-den, Organist.

A reception was held for the Grand Officers in the Masonic Temple following the Services.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1960

The Officers of Columbine Commandery No. 9 exemplified the “10 Man Opening” in a very superior manner and received the Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Officers then assumed their stations and after prayer by the E. Grand Prelate, the Grand Commander declared the 67th Annual Conclave convened.

The roll call showed all Grand Officers present and in their stations. Also all constituent Commanderies were found to be present. The roll call of Committees was taken and vacancies filled.

There was one change made in the Constitution this year which makes the Council of Royal & Select Masters a prerequisite to becoming a member of the Commandery.

The Annual returns of Constituent Commanderies show a net gain of 57 for the year ending December 31, 1959, making a total membership as of that date 1418.

We were pleased to have with us this year as the personal representative of our Most Eminent Grand Master Louis H. Wieber, Sir Knight Luther Hartsell, Sr., P. G. C. of North Carolina and a member of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Encampment, and several other distinguished Sir Knights.

Elective Officers installed:

Sir Knights N. Dewey Marker, R. E. Grand Commander, Phoenix; Floyd Irivan Manker, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Tucson; Louis Dudley Shotwell, E. Grand Generalissimo, Douglas; William Luther Harris, E. Grand Captain General, Winslow; Fred Phillip Misak, E. Grand Senior Warden, Safford; John Jubyrt Paddock, E. Grand Junior Warden, Phoenix; Gerald Irvine Craig, E. Grand Treasurer, Tucson; Dwight Elmore Shannon, E. Grand Recorder, Winslow; Charles Farnklin Parker, D. D., E. Grand Prelate, Prescott.

MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA


Thursday, February 16, at Mount Dora Lodge the York Rite Bodies of Eustis will present the play “A Rose upon the Altar.” All Master Masons are cordially invited.

York Rite Masonry in the Golden Triangle Area of Florida is continuing to make substantial growth. We are having, probably, as high an average attendance as any York Rite group in Florida. Invite your friends who are York Rite Masons in other jurisdictions to come and participate. Send us their names and addresses and we will put them on our mailing list for the Trestle Board.

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Having begun the beautiful story of Freemasonry in the Blue Lodge, it is but natural that the Master Mason should aspire to complete and perfect the story. That which was lost in the third degree is recovered in the Royal Arch. Each degree adds something to the understanding of the Mason of the thing which he is seeking. No candidate’s lectures are required beyond the third degree.

Stated Conclave, Triangle Commandery No. 38, Knights Templar, Thursday, December 22nd, at 7:30 P. M. Special Please Note. Annual Christmas Templar Observance, Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, at 2:00 P. M. This should be a must for all Sir Knights. Uniforms desired.

Are we falling down in our support of De Molay? These boys of Keystone Chapter meet at Eustis Temple on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30. All Master Masons are welcomed.
150th Anniversary Celebration

Columbian Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, N. Y.

Organized in 1810, Knights Templar, State of New York, the Number One Commandery, Columbian, Knights Templar, celebrated its 150th Anniversary, December, 1960, with outstanding and historical ceremonies.

Plans for the celebration were appropriately announced through the publication of a beautiful Souvenir Program of the Sesqui-centennial Events for December, 1960. First was the Dinner Dance, Saturday, December 3rd, at Hotel George Washington. The Church Service was held on Sunday, December 4th, at Trinity Church; and the Stated Conclave on Tuesday, December 20th, in the Masonic Hall, Grand Lodge Room, New York City. In the attractive Program the "Commander's Greeting" by Sir Knight Harold E. Haglund, Eminent Commander, was printed on page two. This will be a part of this article.

On page ten of the Program was presented an historical document, entitled "Our Warrant," this will also be reproduced, herewith. Other pages were devoted to the 150th Anniversary Committee; Officers of Columbian Commandery No. 1, for 1960, with names of Trustees. There was a page devoted to the Grand Commandery Officers, Trustees, and Living Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York. Page seven presented the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., the great humanitarian project of the Order. And the Knights Templar Educational Foundation was given page 19 for details.

Many pages were devoted to an interesting outline of Historical Events connected with Columbian Commandery No. 1. It is regretted that space is limited and will not make it possible to reprint these pages at this time. Perhaps in some future issue this may be accomplished.

At the Sesqui-Centennial Dinner Dance in the Hotel George Washington, Saturday, December 3rd, the program was opened by the Master of Ceremonies, Sir Knight J. George Lang, Junior Past Grand Commander. Invocation by Rev. and Sir Knight J. Brett Langstaff, P. C. Coeur de Lion, No. 23; Introduction of Distinguished Guests; remarks by Sir Knight Edward Holloway, Sr., R. E. Department Commander, North Atlantic Department, Grand Encampment; remarks by Sir Knight Ward L. Ekas, R. E. Grand Commander of New York.

For the Church Service, Sunday, December 4th, at Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall, Sir Knight Frederick H. Staal, Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, was Grand Marshal. First Lesson by Sir Knight Ward L. Ekas, R. E. Grand Commander; the Second Lesson by Sir Knight J. George Lang, R. E. Past Grand Commander; Sermon by the Reverend and Sir Knight Benjamin R. Priest, Associate Prelate of Columbian Commandery No. 1.

An interesting page of importance was a report of the 147th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in Elmira, June 17, 18, 19, 1960. An event highlighted and sponsored jointly between Columbian No. 1, and St. Omers Commandery No. 19, of Elmira, N. Y. This page was illustrated by a photograph of Sir Knight J. George Lang, R.E.P.G.C., and Sir Knight Sidney Montgomery, Past Grand Captain of the Guard of Grand Commandery. Complete Roster of Membership on pages 20, 21, 22, 23.

The historical document "Our Warrant" is herewith presented, followed by "Commander's Greeting," by Sir Knight Harold E. Haglund. The last two pages are reproductions of the Original Charter in 1810 and the first Knights Templar Banner of Columbian Commandery No. 1, organized in 1810, and a beautiful page—"In Memoriam."
OUR WARRANT

We, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders for the State of New York, in ample form assembled, according to the Constitution of the General Grand Encampment of the United States of America, viz.

Sir DeWitt Clinton, Most Eminent Grand Master
Sir Martin Hoffman, Most Eminent Deputy Grand Master
Sir John W. Mulligan, Illustrious Grand Generalissimo
Sir Ezra Ames, Illustrious Grand Captain General
Sir James B. Durand, Illustrious Senior Grand Warden
Sir Jonathan Schieffelin, Illustrious Junior Grand Warden
Sir Joseph Gouin, Illustrious Grand Treasurer

Do by these presents appoint, authorize and empower our worthy Sir Knights Thomas Lownds to be the first Illustrious Grand Master, Sir John Telfair to be the first Generalissimo, and Sir Garrit Morgan to be the first Captain General of an encampment of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, to be by virtue hereof formed, constituted and held at the City of New York in the said State of New York, which shall be distinguished by the name, style or title of Columbian Encampment, No. 5, and the said Illustrious Grand Master, Generalissimo and Captain General and their successors in office are hereby respectively authorized and directed by and with the assistance and consent of a majority of the Sir Knights comprising the said Encampment duly to be summoned and present upon such occasions to elect and install the officers of the said Encampment, as vacancies happen, in manner and form as it or may be prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

And further, the said Encampment is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions, to constitute Knights of the Red Cross, dub Knights Templar, create Knights of Malta, and to install Knights of the Christian Mark and Knights of the Holy Sepulchre; to admit members as also to do and perform all and every such acts and things appertaining to the said Orders of Knighthood as have been and ought to be done for the honor and advantage thereof, conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitutions of the General Grand Encampment for the United States of America, and the regulations of the Grand Encampment; otherwise this Warrant and the powers thereby granted to cease and be of no further effect.

Given under our hands and the seal of our Grand Encampment in the City of New York in North America, this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the year of our Illustrious Order six hundred ninety eight.

DeWitt Clinton, M. E. G. Master
Martin Hoffman, M. E. D. G. Master
John W. Mulligan, I. G. Generalissimo
Joseph Gouin, I. G. Generalissimo
Ezra Ames, I. G. Captain General
James B. Durand, I. Sen. G. Warden
Jonathan Scheffelin, I. Jun. G. Warden
John Telfair, I. G. Recorder

(Seal)

COMMANDER'S GREETING

Sir Knights and Friends:

On December 10, 1810 a purposeful group of men met to organize Columbian Encampment, dedicated to the Christian principles of the Order of Knights Templar. While there is evidence of Templar activity prior to that date, these were the founders of the organization now known as Columbian Comandery, No. 1, Knights Templar.

The history of our Commandery is briefly outlined in this booklet, and it seems composed of a consistent series of cycles. Perhaps this is a natural attach-

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ment to economic cycles, although at present most all of our Masonic organizations—as well as churches—have problems concerning attendance.

The year 1960 already has been highlighted for us by Columbian’s participation in the Grand Commandery’s session at Elmira where our own Sir Knight J. George Lang, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander presided at a highly successful Grand Conclave. While that Conclave was sponsored jointly with St. Omer’s Commandery, No. 19, K. T. of Elmira, the enthusiasm generated has continued to inspire our present membership. In view of this, I am therefore able to greet you on this occasion knowing that the way seems clear for new growth and for optimism for the future of our Commandery.

Courteously,

H. E. Haglund
Commander

104th ANNIVERSARY 1961

Historic “Charter Oak Jewel”
Worn by Grand Commander of New York

The Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Empire State, when installed into Office, wears an Official Jewel in the form of a Passion Cross, the reverse side of which contains two pieces of wood from the Historic “Charter Oak” of Connecticut.

The two pieces of the famous old tree were presented to the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of New York, on February 6, 1857, during the Forty-third Annual Conclave of New York State in Albany, New York. The official presentation was made by the Hon. Isaac W. Stuart of Hartford, Connecticut, whose name is connected with the “Charter Oak” and Connecticut history. Originally the pieces of the “Charter Oak” were constructed into a Patriarchal Cross to be worn by the “Most Eminent Grand Master,” as the Grand Commander of the State was then called. It was first worn in 1858 by Sir Knight Leroy Farnham, R. E. Grand Commander of New York, and has been worn by all Grand Commanders since that time.

In 1930, the Jewel in the form of the Patriarchal Cross, was changed to the present Passion Cross design, superimposed by the emblem of the Grand Commandery of New York, to conform with the regulation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.
The historic pieces of wood from the renowned old oak tree are edged with gold, forming a beautiful Passion Cross, supported by scarlet cords, in place of the gold chain, and small emblems which were attached to the former jewel. In the alteration the beauty of the Jewel was not only retained but greatly enhanced in the present design. This Grand Commander's Jewel of New York State, with its gold crown at the top, is unique among historic Templar Jewels, and in 1961, will celebrate its One Hundred and Fourth Anniversary as the Official Grand Commander's Jewel of New York State.

"I recommend that the Grand Council join with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery in establishing at Oxford Orphanage and at the Masonic Home in Greensboro a "York Rite Library Fund," and a sum of money equal to fifty cents per capita for each of the children at Oxford and one dollar per capita for each Guest at the Masonic Home, making an investment of approximately $250.00 per body."

This was the beginning of our Carson York Rite Library Fund that has brought so much enjoyment and happiness to the children at Oxford and the adults at Greensboro for the past thirty-five years.

Our seventy-five Guests again wish to express to each of you their heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

LEADERSHIP

As one comes to the end of his service as a Line Officer he realizes that the crying need is for first rate men as leaders. We must continue to encourage to our ranks young men and outstanding citizens. It is for us to make general conditions favorable, attractive and as welcome as possible. Commandery work, as well as any other work in Masonry, doesn't just happen. In order to carry on, we must have competent leaders. It is very important that our Commanderies know and properly portray the Ritual so as to interest and influence all candidates.

Men these days are thinking of things spiritual. They are seeking help with the things necessary to combat the evil influences of the present age.

We must strive for a membership that is active, that is truly Templar at heart. If our leaders are selected from those members who have the ability, and youth when possible, above all a desire to further the interest of Templary, then our Order will gain numerically and our spiritual influence will be proportionally increased.
VIRGINIA

By Galelma J. Butcher
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander

Tidewater Sir Knights on the march: More than 100 Sir Knights representing Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, Grice Commandery No. 16 and Hampton Commandery No. 17 (District No. 2—Hampton Roads Area) participating in the 14th Annual Oyster Bowl Game (Navy 26 vs. SMU 7), Norfolk, Virginia, sponsored by Khedive Temple, AAONMS, October 8, 1960. The marching Templars were followed enroute by the “Knight Templar Eye Foundation Float”—depicting the great humanitarian work now being done by the Foundation and Templar Masons in our country.

The float was Templar green, having the Templar Crosses and an inscription “From Dark To Light” underscored by “Knights Templar Eye Foundation” on each side. The “Old Rugged Cross” was elevated at the front of the float. The personnel on board represented a Research Technician working at a table; a blind person seated who was flanked on his left by a Nurse and to his right by an Ophthalmologist; followed by three Sir Knights in Full Templar uniform.

These photographs indicate clearly the results of the incessant rain which prevailed the entire day. Even though dreary and wet, the spirit and fervor of those participating was not marred. Their feeling of pride permeated into the line audiences. They were proud to display the Christian Flag and to carry the Banner of our country. Brother Ralph
Sloane (blind) said "it was one of the great moments of my life and to think I could have a part in the effort toward the prevention of blindness."

Sir Knight George A. Mattison, Jr., Imperial Potentate, paid tribute and honor to Tidewater's Templar contingent in the parade. He stressed the particular importance and meaning of the Organization which the float represented. He said that he was proud to be a Sir Knight and was happy to see them in the parade.

This enterprise was conceived by the Sir Knights of Grice Commandery, No. 16, who within thirty days from the game and with the help from the other Commanderies—it became a reality. The response and enthusiasm was so great—it is now concluded to have this as their annual project, tying two great Christian efforts together—the Oyster Bowl and the Eye Foundation. The Oyster Bowl netted over $80,000 from this game for crippled children.

Grice Commandery No. 16 is now keenly interested in the work of the Eye Foundation. The Eminent Commander, James T. Harris, appointed three Sir Knights to assist him in appearing before all the Masonic Bodies in the City of Norfolk for the purpose of telling them about this great institution and its accomplishments to date. The Masters and Wardens Association arranged for the visitations to the Blue Lodges. In addition, the four Royal Arch Chapters, all Eastern Star Chapters and the Scottish Rite Valley were visited. In every instance, the representatives were received graciously. The memberships were surprised—in general—to learn that there exists such a wonderful institution. The bodies are now referring to Grice Commandery the names of individuals whom they feel may be eligible for help.

Accordingly, Grice Commandery has received recently two approvals to have surgery financed for individuals. There are also three cases pending consideration and review by the Foundation. Grice Commandery has caught the vi-

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The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is one of the great blessings for mankind, and the means through which Templary Masonry can be revitalized. What better way to justify Templar existence today—than by helping others?

NEBRASKA—Gain 106

Excerpts from the address of Sir Knight Edward F. Wehrbein, R. E. Grand Commander, at the 88th Annual Conclave, Falls City, April 21, 22, 1960:

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

During the past calendar year, our Grand Commandery has shown a net gain of 106 members. This is especially pleasing to us, as it came over a period when our Grand Lodge of Nebraska showed a slight loss, as did some of our sister Jurisdictions. This increase speaks well for the work that is being done by the constituent Commanderies in Nebraska.

At the same time, we are reminded that we can no longer depend upon a fast expanding Lodge and Chapter to pass a certain percentage of their membership on to us with little effort on our part. We must assume the initiative and by building a strong and vigorous Templary, we can influence all the Fraternity.

YORK RITE COOPERATION

The York Rite Associations in our larger communities and the York Rite Festivals over the state have contributed much to the growth of our Order in the past few years.

The York Rite Mason publication has proved beneficial in maintaining a contact with the Knights and Companions who have become irregular in their attendance. I recommend our continued financial support of this magazine.

Each of us has the opportunity of contributing to York Rite cooperation in a simple and most effective way. I urge every Sir Knight to attend and support the activities of his Lodge, Chapter and Council on every occasion possible. By so doing he will not only strengthen the position of our Order but he will himself benefit by it.

KNIGHTINGS

Every Commandery with one exception had knightings. This Commandery had a net loss.

Our demits, deaths and suspensions were all less this year than last. We cannot do much about death but we can urge the Sir Knights not to demit or be suspended. We commend those responsible for this fine showing.

FIFTY-YEAR BADGES

Sir Knights Charles E. Olson, Charles H. Marley, Edwin S. Wood, 1; Frank S. Marnell, 2; Daniel S. Hinds, 3; Augustin Taborsky, 19, and George H. Young, 26, received the Fifty-year badge this year.

TEXAS

(From the Paris, Texas, News, December 21, 1960.)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OFFICERS NAMED

Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, served as Installing Officer for the public installation of Paris Commandery Number 9 of the Knights Templar here Monday evening.
Serving as Marshal was Sir Knight James M. Caviness, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas.

The following officers for the ensuing Templar year were installed:

Sir Knights Elbert L. Green as Commander, Luther K. Lilly as Generalissimo, Giles R. Rodgers as Captain General, Glenn L. Edwards as Senior Warden, Lee Roy Rieger as Junior Warden, D. R. Whitley as Prelate, James M. Caviness as Treasurer, William Bert Johnson as Recorder, Ernest S. Collins as Standard Bearer, Jesse B. Thomas as Sword Bearer, C. O. Whiteman as Warden, Oscar R. Dempsey as Sentinel.

The meal was served by the Ladies of the Knights prior to the Installation.

TEXAS CONCLAVE, NOVEMBER 12, 1960

Dated November 27, 1960, from Arch M. Dullnig; Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas, Tyler, Texas.

Report of Conclave to honor Past Commander Sir Knight Albert Ellis, Wichita Falls Commandery No. 59, K. T., November 12, 1960:

The Order of the Temple was conferred on a class of eighteen Knights of Malta by the Past Grand Commander’s Association, beginning at 1:30 P. M., the stations filled as follows:

Commander, Burke Thomason; Generalissimo, H. B. Bryan; Captain-General, Thomas M. Betbell; Senior Warden, Harry B. Tuer; Junior Warden, A. M. Dullnig; Prelate, Vance K. Miller; Standard Bearer, R. T. Porter, G. C. of the G.; Sward Bearer, E. E. Watkins, G. Sw. B.; Warder, R. E. Henderson; 1st Hermit—1st Guard, H. Jack Hefner, G. C.; 2nd Hermit—2nd Guard, R. T. Porter; 3rd Hermit—3rd Guard, E. E. Watkins; remaining Attributes, Banners and Flag Lecture, H. Jack Hefner; In charge of equipment and paraphernalia, A. G. Coots, G. W.

The Order was concluded at 6:30 P. M., whereupon the Sir Knights joined their ladies in the dining room and were served a delicious buffet dinner.

At 7:30 P. M. the Sir Knights reassembled with their ladies in the Asylum to hear an inspiring address and eloquent tribute delivered by Past Commander, Sir Knight Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, to Sir Knight Albert Ellis for his many years of outstanding service to all branches of Masonry.

The Past Grand Commanders present were individually recognized and thanked for their continued interest in and contribution to the advancement of Tempelary in Texas. Words of appreciation were given to the Grand Officers for their assistance.

After the Conclave, the P. G. C.s located each other and enjoyed several hours reminiscing and discussing plans for the future.

It was heard that another Commandery would soon extend an invitation to the Association to confer the Order of the Temple. It was also suggested that the Association confer the Order of the Temple in Houston, during the latter part of March, 1961, if invited.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. DULLNIG

Texas Slogan—“Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.”

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KNIGHT TEMPLAR
20 West South Street
Greenfield, Indiana
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

William A. Jameson, Jr.
Bramwell, West Virginia
September 1, 1960

Mr. Walter A. DeLamater
Executive Director
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
30 East Market Street (P. O. Box 248)
Rhinebeck, New York

Dear Mr. DeLamater:

Words are often completely inadequate to express one's real feelings and this is such a situation. I could not find the proper words to express adequately the appreciation I feel and the debt I owe to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In July I applied for aid covering operations for a cataract on my left eye and a retinal detachment on my right eye, which had previously been operated upon for a cataract. The application was approved with amazing speed and made possible operations that seemed all but impossible.

I went to the McKee Wilson Eye Hospital, in Johnson City, Tennessee, for the first operation on August 8. Originally Dr. McKee had planned to do the detachment, but he found that the cataract had advanced so rapidly that he decided to do it first, to insure one good eye, the other being the more dubious where success was concerned. The operation was a complete success, and I received my glasses last week, and am seeing, reading, etc., for the first time in several months. No words in the language can describe what that means. Only those who have experienced it can possibly know.

This week I return to Johnson City for the second operation, and I shall get in touch with you as to the result when it is over. The odds are not too good for a perfect result, but I feel that if anyone can get results at all Dr. McKee can, and I am going into it with optimism.

During the war I was on the staff of the Army's blind center at Old Farms Convalescent Hospital in Connecticut. I thought that I knew something about the problems of blindness, but I have found that no one knows them until they have experienced them. Had I known what I now know then, perhaps I could have been of more real help there.

May I add that it is not only the fact that your Foundation helps that is important, but to an even greater extent the way in which it is done. I had known nothing about the Foundation until Dr. McKee explained it to me. I hesitated for a time, for I felt that I could not possibly ask for help from anyone. When I was finally persuaded to contact Mr. Thomas in Bluefield it was perhaps a bit easier because he had known my father, but I had not dreamed that anyone could be as kind and as understanding. At his suggestion I called Mr. Bernard Rocke, the West Virginia Chairman for the Foundation. Mr. Rocke, a stranger, was even more understanding and interested, if that be possible, and as I hung up the telephone I had the very strange feeling that I had somehow done him a favor in calling. Your own speed in handling the request, and the business-like, but adequate application blank, that obtained the necessary information without leaving the applicant with the naked feeling that so often accompanied these applications that I have seen, was a further reassurance that the request was proper and should have been made.

It is my earnest hope that some day I shall be able to repay you the money advanced. When the next operation is concluded, if you have no objection, I should very much like to attempt to write an article for the Reader's Digest about the Foundation and its work so that people generally may know what a really wonderful thing it is.
As I said in the beginning, there just are no words to express the feeling of gratitude that I have, and to attempt them merely seems to make them seem less sincere. So I shall simply say a heart-felt "thank you."

Sincerely yours,

William A. Jameson, Jr.

Fort Wayne Commandery
No. 4, Knights Templar
Fort Wayne, Indiana
George F. Gable, Recorder
443 W. Wildwood Avenue
December 19, 1960

Mr. Edwin M. Demlow
5526 N. Illinois Street
Indianapolis 8, Indiana

Dear E. Sir Demlow:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $35.00 which is a contribution from Sir Knight Edward H. Ashton to the Eye Fund of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Ashton is in his late eighties and this is an accumulation of monies saved as taxi fees due to transportation being furnished by Brother Master Masons, to and from Masonic meetings.

Fraternally yours,

George F. Gable
Recorder

(The following is from the Kentucky Grand Commandery News Bulletin, October 1, 1960.)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Under the continued leadership of Sir Knight E. Creighton Wilcoxen, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, work in the Eye Foundation continues to be very active and the position of Kentucky Templar, as one of the leading states in the number of cases handled, continues to be maintained.

During the past week, five operations were performed under this program.

Much credit should be given to the outstanding work of Sir Knight Bruce L. Vice, Mayor of the City of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, has spent many hours of hard labor and considerable of his personal funds in the investigation of persons in need of assistance under this program.

If every community had a worker like Sir Knight Vice, Kentucky would lead the nation in Eye Foundation work.

Excerpt from letter of William B. Clark, M. D., a New Orleans ophthalmologist, to Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director:

You may also be interested in the fact that I am a Master Mason and completed my work through the Chapter several years ago, but since learning of the activities of the Knights Templar Foundation in vision restoration I have put in my application to complete the work in Knights Templar. When and if this is accomplished I will be very glad to serve you in any advisory or consultant capacity you desire. I think I am well known, certainly professionally and personally, by two of your present consultants, Dr. Paul Chandler of Boston, and Dr. A. E. Maumenee of Baltimore.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

William B. Clark, M. D.

ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

For the advancement of Templar Masonry it is recommended that an active committee be appointed, with a devoted Sir Knight as chairman, in every Commandery, to become active in every Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, to explain the Order of Knights Templar to all Masons.

It has been suggested that every Commandery should have a team in Templar uniform to assist in conferring degrees. This gives the Order an advantage, with an opportunity to answer questions regarding Templar.
Quincy (Mass.) Christmas Service

On December 18, 1960, Quincy Commandery No. 47, Knights Templar, conducted its Annual Christmas Service in the Quincy Masonic Temple. Sir Knight Howard T. Joslyn, R. E. Department Commander, North Eastern Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., brought the Message of Christmas to the Sir Knights, their Ladies and Friends.

The second highlight of this Service was the presentation and Dedication of a Holy Bible. This beautiful Bible was presented to Thompson Academy, Boston, Mass., in behalf of Quincy Commandery No. 47, and South Shore Commandery No. 31, by Sir Knights Arthur I. Senter, E. Commander No. 47, and Webster C. Blanchard, E. Commander No. 31.

Sir Knight Howard T. Joslyn, R. E. Department Commander, offered the Prayer of Dedication. James Thorpe, student representative, and Houghton Pearl, Headmaster of the Academy received the Bible in the name of Thompson Academy for use in their new Chapel.

FITCHBURG, MASS.
(From the Leominster (Mass.) Daily, December 30, 1960, courtesy George A. Weeks.)

Editor's Note: The candidate was the Grand Commander's son.

Order of the Temple Ceremony Held by Commandery

At a special meeting of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, held in Masonic Hall, Fitchburg, last evening, the Order of the Temple was exemplified on one candidate. The work was done
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by a degree-team of Grand Commandery officers—the first time in the history of the local organization that Grand Commandery officers have participated in this type of work, as a group.

The various stations were filled by the following men: Commander, Rt. Em. Sir Clarence E. Booth, of Leominster, present Grand Commandery, and Rt. Em. Sir Harold Crocker, of Brockton, Past Grand Commandery; Generalissimo, Rt. Em. Sir Alfred C. Blake, of Boston, Past Grand Commandery; Captain General, Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Boston, Past Grand Commandery; Senior Warden, Em. Sir Russell R. Long, of Sangus, Grand Senior Warden; Junior Warden, Em. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin, of New Boston, Grand Captain General; Recorder, Rt. Em. George Cummings, of Windsor, Vt., Past Grand Commandery of Vermont; Treasurer, Em. Sir William West, of Edgewood, R. I., Grand Generalissimo; Recorder, Rt. Em. Sir Kenneth H. Earle, of Providence, R. I., Past Grand Commandery; Prelate, Em. Sir William Raymond, of Pawtucket, R. I., Grand Commandery Marking Officer, and Em. Sir Ralph Noble of West Medford, Associate Grand Prelate; Standard Bearer, Em. Sir Gordon O. Player, of Ipswich, Grand Captain of the Guard; Sword Bearer, Em. Sir Herman C. McStay, of Swampscott, Grand Standard Bearer; Warden, Em. Sir Charles D. Harrington, Grand Warden; Captain of the Guard, Em. Sir George C. Patton, Jr., of Stoneham, Grand Sword Bearer.

The Triangle Guard was composed of Rt. Em. Sir Frederic Kennedy, of Wellesley, Past Grand Commandery; Rt. Em. Sir Dwight C. Page, of Shrewsbury, Past Grand Commandery; Rt. Em. Sir Elliott N. Holley, of Belmont, Past Grand Commandery; Em. Sir Gordon C. Player of Ipswich, Grand Captain of the Guard; Em. Sir Norman E. Staveley, of Chelmsford, Commander of the 6th Division; and Em. Sir Jack R. Baker, of Rumford, R. I., Commander of the 7th Division.

The members of the First Division included the following Deputy Grand Wardens, Em. Sir Alfred E. C. Carpenter, of Reading; Em. Sir James A. Jennings, of South Attleboro; Em. Sir William A. Odell, of Arlington Heights, Em. Sir Leonard H. Holt, of Melrose; Em. Sir Shepard L. Jewett, of Lynn, and Em. Sir Saunders W. Spooner, of Cowesett, R. I.

In the Second Division was Em. Sir G. Burton Long, of Reading, Grand Junior Warden, serving as National Color Bearer. Color Guards were Em. Sir John W. Mackey, of Leominster, and Em. Sir Raymond J. Arnold, of Lunenburg, Past Commanders of Jerusalem Commandery. The State Flag Bearer was Em. Sir William A. Weiss, of Dover, Deputy Grand Warden; and the Beausenant Bearer was Em. Sir James P. McCormick, of Ipswich, Deputy Grand Warden.

The Third Division was composed of the Presiding Commander and Past Commanders of Jerusalem Commandery: Em. Sir Loring T. Gardner, of Leominster; Em. Sir Malcolm G. Smith, of Newburyport; Em. Sir Harry W. Dole, of Lunenburg, and Em. Sirs Harvey H. Goodwin and Wilfred W. Cross, of Leominster.

Hermits were Sirs John R. Crosseett, of Leominster, Richard S. Irwin and Leon A. Packard, of Fitchburg, members of Jerusalem Commandery. Tent Guards were Em. Sir Elwood Bryant, Jr., of Somerville, Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery of Medford, Em. Sir Ralph O. Ballantine, of Melrose, Deputy Grand Warden; and Em. Sir Philip Woodman, Past Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, Gardner. Masters of Ceremonies were Em. Sir Everett A. Farr, of Whalom, Marking Officer, and Past Commander of Jerusalem Commandery, and Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown, of Cranston, R. I., Inspector Instructor. Em. Sir Loring T. Gardner, of Leominster, is the present Commander of the local Commandery.

Prior to the evening's work, a roast beef dinner was served in the banquet hall, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Gnanakes, assisted by members of Lady Emma Chapter, O. E. S.
COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON

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

Springfield, Oregon
November 19, 1960

Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancost
Executive Director, Public Relations
Grand Encampment
Newark, Ohio

Dear Sir Knight Pancost:

Cottage Grove Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons, Cottage Grove, Oregon, held a stated Convocation, on Wednesday, November 9, at 8 P. M., in the Masonic Temple, Cottage Grove, Oregon. This was a unique Convocation, because, never in the history of Royal Arch Masons, have three companions received their fifty year pins, who were exalted together and remained together in membership for a half century. They were also members of the Knights Templar. They also had the privilege of having one of Mason’s outstanding personalities present them their fifty year pins, Most Excellent Sprague H. Carter, General Grand Scribe, of the General Grand Chapter, of Royal Arch Masons, accompanied by Companion Julius M. Swanson, Grand Master, of Masons in Oregon, who is also a Knight Templar.


M. E. Companion Sprague Carter, and Most Worshipful Companion and Brother Julius Swanson were escorted in the Chapter by P. E. H. P. Gene White of Cottage Grove Chapter No. 41.

M. E. Companion Carter, who was accompanied by Grand Master Swanson and Excellent High Priest Lloyd Aldrich, presented twenty-five year pins to a group of twenty-one who answered the roll call, of which eight were Past High Priests.

Then the climax of the evening the presentation of fifty year pins by M. E. Companion Carter to Worth Harvey, Charles Adams and Lorenzo Sanford. They were exalted together in Eugene Chapter No. 10, on May 30, 1910, became charter members of Cottage Grove Chapter No. 41.

I could write a book about this outstanding program but in order to save space will say that Companion Carter did an outstanding job of making the presentations both to the twenty-five year companions and the three fifty-year companions. This was one Convocation that will probably never be duplicated. All present were also members of Knights Templar.
The accompanying picture (from left), G. M. Swanson, Charles Adams, Lorenzo Sanford, Worth Harvey, and M. E. Companion Carter; back of Sanford is E. H. P. Lloyd Aldrich of Cottage Grove Chapter No. 41.

Companion Waldeo Robertson, W. M. Cottage Grove Blue Lodge, presented Worth Harvey with a Life Membership in Cottage Grove Blue Lodge and made a wonderful presentation of how he served his Blue Lodge as W. M., and served the Grand Lodge of Masons in Oregon as its Grand Master. He came to pay tribute to the living instead of the dead. He was a living monument in Masonry. This was an outstanding Convocation to York Rite Masonry, well-planned and a wonderful turn-out to pay honor to three companions for outstanding service to the Masonic Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,
Max G. Cogill, Standard Bearer, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, Eugene Oregon

William Davis, a Past Master and a member of British Army Lodge, No. 58, was made the first Knight Templar on American soil on August 28th, 1769. Paul Revere was made a Knight Templar on December 11, 1769, and General Joseph Warren on May 4, 1770.

Sinai is a mountain of Arabia, between the horns of the Red Sea. It is the place where Moses received the Law from Jehovah.

In Louisiana there are three Lodges which work in a foreign language—one each in French, Italian and Spanish—all being regular Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

The first Grand Lodge of Masons in the United States was organized in Massachusetts, July 30, 1733.
THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS
WARD K. ST. CLAIR, P. C.
DeWitt Clinton No. 14, N. Y.

Up to the present time, only three references have been found regarding the Knight of the Red Cross in the United States of America, prior to 1800 and outside of Boston.

First mention is the diploma issued by a body in existence in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1783. This diploma bears the date of August 5, 1783, and states that one Henry Beaumont was created a Knight of the Red Cross. The story of this diploma is told in the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment for 1883.

The second reference to the degree is a diploma issued to a John North by a Military Lodge acting under a warrant of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1783. The Lodge was No. 18, attached to the 17th Regiment of Foot. The diploma was dated in May, 1783.

On the 29th of August, 1783 a body issued a diploma to a Jacob Bushkirk at an assembly held near New York City on Long Island. This body acted "under sanction of warrant No. 535 in the Prince of Wales, Am. Regmt of Foot, and on the Register of Ireland."

The most complete record of the Red Cross during the 18th century in the United States is found in the records of St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter and Boston Commandery both of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Red Cross degree was apparently brought to Boston from Europe by Benjamin Hurd, sometime prior to 1790. Whether he secured the degree in Ireland, Scotland, England, or on the Continent is not known. He was a prominent Freemason of the time and also a merchant who made frequent trips across the ocean to the British Isles. We know from available information that there existed in Boston from 1794 to 1805 a self-constituted organization known as "Benjamin Hurd's Association of Red Cross Knights." This Association was closely connected with the Royal Arch Lodge of Boston. This Lodge later became St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter. In the records of this Chapter for February 3, 1797, we find the following entry:

"Voted: That the Knights of the Red Cross by Brother Benjamin Hurd, jr. be and they hereby are permitted to make their records in the book of this Chapter."

There is a manuscript ritual of the Red Cross in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was probably the one used by the Hurd Association, since it is in the hand writing of one of the members of that Association. This ritual is practically the same as the one now used by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

In 1805, Benjamin Hurd's Association of Red Cross Knights was voluntarily disbanded and Boston Commandery of Knights Templar formed on the same evening by the same group of men. Boston Commandery assumed control of the Red Cross, The Knights of Malta and The Knights Templar.

The Red Cross degree was thus introduced into the Templar System of the United States by the New England Templars at the time of the formation of the Grand Encampment, because they insisted upon the new organization controlling the three degrees or Orders as they are now termed. In fact it was this insistence of the New England group for the inclusion of this degree which helped to precipitate the break between them and the Pennsylvania Templars at the first convention held in Philadelphia. The latter maintained the degree being a pagan one, had no place in a Christian body.

The Sir Knights of New England had their way. The first Constitution of the Grand Encampment adopted in 1816 contained several references to the Knight of the Red Cross. Section 2 of Article III contains the statement that:
"The rule of succession in conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows, viz.: Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta."

At the Triennial Conclave in 1871, Right Eminent James H. Hopkins of Pennsylvania made a report of his trip to Europe in which he referred to, "The mongrel anchonism what we call the Order of the Red Cross, is unknown in Europe." This started an argument in the Grand Encampment and also in many Grand Commanderies, on whether or not the Red Cross should be retained in the system. This argument was not settled until 1886, when a ritual was adopted. Since that date the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross has been accepted as a part of Templar Masonry in the United States.

The Red Cross is not recognized as a part of Templar Masonry in any other country except Canada. The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada accepted the Red Cross as a part of their Templar system sometime between 1878 and 1887. Their printed proceedings do not tell us when. In 1896 they adopted the ritual of the Grand Encampment.

In England there is a degree known as the Red Cross of Babylon, which is controlled by the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees. This degree is based upon the same legend as our Red Cross.

In Scotland the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter charters Councils of the Red Cross of Babylon. Again this degree is based upon the same legend.

In Ireland the counterpart of the degree is known as the Knight Masons and is under the control of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of Ireland. In Ireland the degree is conferred in three points, known as Knights of the Sword, Knight of the East and Knight of the East and West.

There is also a counterpart of the degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

"The Knight Priests of Our Savior Tabernacle, Number XXXIII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, of Akron, Ohio, of which our Most Eminent Grand Master Louis Henry Wieber is a member, extend a cordial invitation to all Knights Priests who may attend the 48th Triennial Conclave in Cleveland, Ohio, next August, to be with us at the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel for a luncheon at noon on Wednesday, August 16th. Details, including the cost, will be given in a later issue of the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE. Co-sponsors of this get-together are Prince of Peace Tabernacle Number X, of Findlay, Ohio, and Galilean Tabernacle Number XXIII, of Zanesville, Ohio. The VERY EMINENT PRECEPTOR of No. X is Walter Gray; of No. XXIII is Theodore A. Ehli; of No. XXXIII is Reginald E. Anderson."

Views of 37th Triennial Conclave, Detroit, July 11-19, 1937
The Temple—The public building at Temple Hill where Washington quelled an attempt at setting up a military government in 1783 and thus safeguarded democracy in the United States. This is an artist’s conception of how it appeared at the time.

HISTORIC TEMPLE HILL IN N. Y.

Through the courtesy of Sir Knight Edward B. Many, Eminent Past Commander of Hudson River Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar of Newburgh, N. Y., a number of newspaper clippings have been received, which are of historic value.

Temple Hill, Orange County, New York, dates back to the Revolution, and it was here that General George Washington bade farewell to many of his veterans. (Excerpt from Beacon News—June 7, 1960):

FREEDOM HERITAGE RECALLED BY BECKER AT TEMPLE HILL

“There is no more appropriate place than Temple Hill to pause again and to take note of our heritage and to remember those who made it possible.”

These were the words of Assemblyman Daniel Becker of Newburgh, who was guest speaker at ceremonies marking the opening of the summer “open hut” series at Temple Hill.

Addressing some 200 persons in front of the historic site, Mr. Becker said in part:
Here on March 15, 1783, the immortal George Washington delivered his stirring address which changed the entire course of American history after a military dictatorship was threatened by a meeting of his officers.

"Too many of us fail to comprehend the importance that this hallowed ground has in the events of American history.

"Let us review a bit of it.

"Many of the officers quartered nearby had played important roles in the Revolution. The Ellison House at Valls Gate was the headquarters of Gen. Henry Knox, Washington's favorite general. Hamilton for a time resided at Washington Headquarters at Newburgh and Lafayette lived on Forge Hill Road near the Brewster Forge.

"To the west of Temple Hill monument and near the Thruway, Van Cortland's New York regiment and the Maryland and Virginia troops were encamped. Nearer to the monument and to the south of it the New England troops were stationed.

"Here as many as 8,000 troops were encamped in some 500 huts.

"Life moves in peculiar fashions. In the years that followed, Temple Hill was all but forgotten and little remained of the camp site but the stone foundations of the huts and the unmarked graves of soldiers in the woods to the east. Not until 1891 was the fieldstone obelisk erected to mark the approximate site of the Temple. Today the monument is a New York State historical site. It deserves greater recognition.

"Certainly the deeds of those who lived and died here represent the highest type of service, a service greater than any we in our life time can hope to render.

"We have a bond in common with those who died in the service of our country.

"If the battlefields, saturated with the blood of our best men and women, hold any meaning for us—if, from their sacrifices we have learned no lesson, then we have engaged in the most horrible of wars in vain and those brave men and women have laid down their lives for naught.

"We honor men of every faith and color who have served that cause common to all Americans—the cause of freedom.

"What does the freedom for which they paid such a tremendous price mean to you as individuals?" "If it should mean one thing above all others, it means the tolerance of man toward man. It means a greater interest in the welfare and future of our country.

"If we are true to those who laid down their lives for our freedom, then we must awaken from our lethargy and honestly appraise the events of this hour.

"We cannot expect long to remain free men if our interest in the freedom of the world and in the true freedom of ourselves is just a passing casual observation."

Music for yesterday's event was supplied by the Continental Fife and Drum Corps of Newburgh, with Raymond Powles as manager.

Mr. Becker was introduced by Dr. C. E. Fallon of Newburgh. The Rev. James J. Bailey, pastor of Gardnertown Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Mrs. Delores Hazlett, general chairman of this year's open hut series and a vice president of the Temple Hill Assn., announced the site would be open to the public every Sunday between 2 and 5 p.m.

A host and hostess from the association will be on duty each Sunday to assist tourists and give information on Temple Hill, which was the last encampment of the American Revolution Army between 1782 and 1783.

The site will be open all week between July 5 and 12, Mrs. Hazlett reported.

Mrs. Beatrice W. Reese served refreshments, with assistance from Joseph Corredale, corresponding secretary of the association.
ALABAMA

Action at the Centennial Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, held in the city of Birmingham, April 19-20, 1960:

HONORARY MEMBERS

It was regularly moved, seconded and adopted that all of our out-of-state visitors, who were not already Honorary Members, be made Honorary Members of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Grand Commander George W. Sorrell presented Certificates of Honorary Life Membership to all out-of-state distinguished visitors who did not already have one.

Grand Commander Sorrell also presented Commissions as Colonel in the Confederate Air Corps to several of our distinguished visitors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend to the incoming Grand Commander that a committee be appointed to promote and coordinate the affairs of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation in Alabama. This is a great humanitarian project and should be promoted in our Grand Commandery.

CONCLUSION

I am most appreciative of the spirit of peace and harmony that has prevailed in the Commanderies of our State during my term of office and I wish to thank the Grand Officers, and Grand Commandery Committees for their cooperation and assistance and I wish to add a special expression of appreciation to the Centennial Committee for their diligent work which was a most vital factor in the success of this, our Centennial Conclave.

To our Grand Recorder, it is difficult to find words that are adequate to express my appreciation for the cooperation and guidance that he has given to me and without which I could not have fulfilled the duties of Grand Commander. We are most fortunate to have such a man as our Recorder and his abilities cannot be fully appreciated unless you have worked with him as I have during the past year. I can only say, "Thank you Charlie," for your counsel and assistance.

To our host, Cyrene Commandery No. 10, I cannot fully express to you in words, my appreciation for the efforts that the committees have put forth this year to make this meeting a success. I only hope that my future activities in Cyrene Commandery will reflect my appreciation for their efforts.

As we come to the close of this Templar year I again thank you for affording me the privilege and honor of serving as your Grand Commander and wish for my successor the success that he most richly deserves. May God's richest blessings abide with you and with our Great Christian Organization forever.

Courteously submitted,

George W. Sorrell
Grand Commander

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—1959-1960

Sir Knight Clifford H. Williams, P. G. C., submitted the following report which was adopted.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

The privilege of reviewing the Proceedings of our Sister Jurisdictions is the next best thing to a round-trip through the Templar world.

Some Grand Commanderies show gains in membership while others show a loss. In quite a number of Jurisdictions the number of suspensions exceeded the number of deaths. Therefore, the loss in membership cannot be entirely attributed to deaths. A study of suspensions for non-payment of dues reveals that only a very small percent of those suspended are ever restored to membership.
I do not have the answer for this, but I do know that it is something that needs careful study.

Most of the Grand Commanderies report improvement in ritualistic work. One Grand Commandery has an instructor assigned to each Constituent Commandery.

It is interesting to note that Mississippi reported a gain in membership for the twenty-fourth consecutive year.

York Rite Festivals are used extensively in a number of Jurisdictions with good results being reported.

We note that the attendance of Grand Representatives at the Grand Conclave is less than fifty percent.

The Eye Foundation is successfully functioning in most of the Grand Jurisdictions. Several have made donations to Colleges for research.

The Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington is attracting more and more each year.

Nebraska supplies scholarships to Masonic children, while Georgia supports two foreign students and Louisiana presents a travelling Bible to the Commandery having the best inspection. In Maine all Commanderies open in full form.

A number of Jurisdictions hold Divine Services on Sunday and open the Grand Commandery on Monday.

Connecticut mails out Christmas Notices and encloses a return envelope for a donation. This resulted in the collection showing an increase.

More activities noted in Educational Foundation loans and repayment of loans seems to be improving.

I have reviewed 36 Proceedings and my review of same is a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford H. Williams
(From Proceedings of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Alabama.)

FOR EYE-SAVING AID FRITSCH IS LAUDED BY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

The following is from the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal of Friday, December 30, 1960:

Cuyahoga Falls—Falls Commandery 83 of the Knights Templar has received several commendations from the Knights Grand Commander of Ohio, Virgil Kent of Defiance.

The chief commendation went to Henry Fritsch, past commander of the eight-year-old commandery, who serves currently as chairman of the unit's Eye Foundation Committee.

Fritsch's committee has arranged for more than 30 eye surgeries for persons of all races, colors and origins in Ohio, all made possible by the national Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Every Sir Knight in the U. S. contributes $1 annually to the foundation.

One of the best known cases was that of Dale Edward Vincent, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Vincent, 142 King Dr., who underwent successful surgery in June for congenital glaucoma.

The most recent case concerned Daniel Harvey, 11-month-old McDonald, Ohio, boy who underwent surgery recently at the Foundation's expense for the same condition. Fritsch was praised for receiving a "tip" and securing approval from the national group in a record three hours, saving the Trumbull County child from possible blindness and disfigurement.

The Commandery also received the Louis H. Wieber Award for its program activities, honors for exceeding its membership quota by 12.4 per cent and a commendation for Francis H. Cox, chairman of its publicity committee.—(Courtesy of Sir Knight Reginald E. Anderson, Secretary, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Commandery No. 83.)
IOWA—Gain 75

The 97th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa will be held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa, June 27, 28, 29, 30, 1961. Sir Knight Sumner C. Koch, R. E. Grand Commander; Sir Knight Emil J. Blasi, P. G. C., E. Grand Recorder.

Excerpts from the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery at its 96th Annual Conclave at Spirit Lake, June, 1960. Sir Knight Thomas Brobyn, R. E. Grand Commander presided:

Templar Park, the only summer resort owned and operated by a Knights Templar organization, had a fair year in 1959. All Masons of Iowa should be proud that there is such a place where Masons and their families may meet and enjoy each other's friendship. The park in general has shown some gains both in numbers attending and in the general change to a more modern type living. It takes time to modernize this large institution on a pay as you go basis. During the last ten years much has been done to bring our buildings to the standard desired by travelers. We need to continue this work for it will take another ten years to finish the work now started.

At present our Order is showing an increase in membership, but this increase was much less than in the year 1958. We had a general increase of 75 members, bringing our total membership to 11,077. During the year of 1959 we knighted 455, which was 56 less than 1958, 25 were admitted and 30 reinstated making a grand total of 510. Our decreases for 1959 were, deaths 237, demits 98 and suspensions 100, making a total of 435 for 1959. One can see from these totals that deaths are taking a great toll of our membership. Demits and suspensions were less and must continue to decrease throughout the years, for it is only the demits and suspensions that we can control.

Throughout the year there have been several York Rite Festivals and have proved quite an asset to Templary, for they have assisted in bringing new members into our Order and to see many old ones on the side lines. It is generally felt that we must continue these festivals and find the best way they can be held and how the work can best be performed.

Grand Commander Thomas E. Brobyn invited Sir Knight Louis F. Heger, Past Grand Commander of Missouri and Personal representative of Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of The Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A., to the east, he was introduced to the Sir Knights and responded with the following remarks, in part:

The suggestion has been made and I think will work in most Commanderies that a committee be formed to investigate before a demit is granted. Call on your members if they request a demit, find out why he wants a demit and the same will apply to your delinquents. Call on them before you take action. The same committee could call on those who have taken the demits and have been suspended and felt we could get them to reaffiliate or have them reinstated in the Commandery. In many cases the cause of demits or suspensions is the loss of interest. And this may be caused by inactivity in the Commandery. No one wants to belong to an organization that is not active. Every Commandery is composed of Sir Knights who are high minded morally and spiritually and are equipped to be leaders—if challenged. Select Knights for officers who are leaders and dedicated to the cause of Templary and will accept the responsibilities of office and not only the honor.

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