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Most Eminent Grand Master
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Knight Templar Will Be Published Monthly

Beginning with this issue the Knight Templar magazine will be published monthly. Grand Encampment officials unanimously agreed in conference held in Chicago recently that the Knight Templar magazine could best serve Templary by being issued each month.

The columns of the magazine will be used to convey official communications from the Grand Master and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.; to relate the accomplishments and activities of Grand Commanderies and Commanderies throughout the U. S. A. and in general to print news of interest to Masons.
MICHIGAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

This is the magnificent new auditorium sponsored by Michigan Knights Templar at Starr Commonwealth at Albion. The building was dedicated May 7 with Wayne "Woody" Hayes, football coach at Ohio State University, as the speaker.

Michigan Knights Templar effort in sponsoring the project is related in the following paragraphs, which appeared in the dedication program:

"One of Floyd Starr’s dreams for his boys was to have a physical education building of maximum use. It was Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker, wife of a former Governor of Michigan, who first suggested that the Knights Templar adopt this project.

"Mr. Brucker and Percy M. Williams and other Sir Knights gave early leadership to the campaign.

"Since 1956, a special Knights Templar committee for the Starr project has been headed by J. Clifford Smith of Albion.

"It is possibly the only gymnasium in the country with a fireplace. This is because the Commonwealth has traditions as every good home does. Among them is the annual reading of the Little Builder of Christmas Fires which points out that Christmas fires will not burn brightly unless the warmth of love is there. It is a delightful story written especially for Starr boys by Mrs. Fred Gage of Battle Creek. Uncle Floyd has reread it each year since 1916.

“But there were other Faithful in addition to the Knights Templar who jointly more than doubled the Knights’ $100,000. But, as always, when the need arose the Faithful HOVE TOO. The names of the faithful are legion and Starr Commonwealth is eternally grateful to each and every one.

"The physical education building was designed by Frank E. Dean of Albion."

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TOWANDA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Reception in honor of our Grand Commander, Staff and their Ladies will be held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Masonic Temple, 25 North Franklin St., November 4, 1961.

Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45 is host Commandery.

4:00 P. M.—Reception and Entertain ment for the Ladies—Informal—Poten tate’s Room, Irem Temple.

4:00 P. M.—Grand Officers Conference with elected officers of the Commanderies—Third Floor Lodge Room—Dress, Fatigue.

4:45 P. M.—Informal Conference of Grand Officers and Staff with all Sir Knights — Corinthian Lodge Room — Dress Fatigue.

Montgomery Lodge No. 195 at Rockville, Maryland, has dedicated a new Masonic Temple. This small but active Commandery was instituted in 1902.

Montgomery Lodge No. 195 A. F. & A. M., had been chartered previously, in 1893, and a Royal Arch Chapter and a Council of R. & S. Masters organized in the intervening years. These, together with a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Bethel of the International Order of Job’s Daughters had long been handicapped by having to work in a very small building near the center of the City of Rockville.

About a year ago, an attractive offer was received for the purchase of this property, and plans for the construction of the new quarters were immediately drawn. Following long negotiations with the City Authorities, permit was obtained to build upon a one acre lot near the City limits which meanwhile had been purchased.

Construction began promptly and on December 10, 1960, the new Temple was dedicated by M. W. Brother Martin H. Kinsinger, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, assisted by his Grand Officers.

This building is of fire-proof construction, forty feet front by one hundred and ten feet in depth. The ground floor contains a well-equipped kitchen, rest rooms, Secretary’s office and Instruction Room. A large lobby gives entrance through fire doors into a social hall fifty feet long. Supporting pillars make semi-private refreshment tables on one side and a library space with over-stuffed chairs and book-cases on the other. The middle portion is adaptable for entertainments or for extra meetings or rehearsals.

The Lodge Room and Asylum on the upper floor is about 80 feet long by 38 feet wide. Opera chairs furnish a raised dais extending the full length of the room on either side. The platform in the West is mounted on casters and can be removed to expose the alcove behind it, closed with portieres, and used for Prelate’s Apartment, Chamber for Jewish Council, and also for the Ninth Arch Council Degree. A window in the Chamber of Reflection permits a view of proceedings therein. All lights in Asylum and Alcove are under rheostadt control.

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Knights Templar from Youngstown round corner of Ontario Street and Lakeside Avenue on way to parade review at 48th Triennial in Cleveland, Ohio.

Parade Opens 48th Conclave in Cleveland, Ohio

Ostrich plumes rippled in the stiff breezes and scabbards of swords glinted gold in the slanting rays of sunset as almost 2,500 Knights Templar paraded through downtown Cleveland on Saturday evening, August 12th.

The march from East 13th Street and Chester Avenue N. E., to a reviewing stand in Cleveland Stadium marked the opening of the six-day 48th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A.

The parade took an hour and a half, moving solemnly.

The parade opened with more than 40 white convertibles carrying dignitaries.

Leading the parade was Cleveland's Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, with his personal aide, Virgil F. Kent. Wieber also headed the group on the reviewing stand.

By far the largest groups were from Michigan and Ohio, which each had a division to itself.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" was the song that started the parade at 7 p. m., just after two giant firecrackers were set off. It was repeated at intervals, most enthusiastically by a band donated by the Cleveland Federation of Musicians, and was the climax at the reviewing stand.

Remember Beginning With This Issue The Knight Templar is Published Monthly

Subscribe For The Knight Templar For A Friend $1.00 a Year
The Need for More Members in Templar Masonry

By Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master

The growth or decline of Membership is an accurate and revealing index of Templar Interest. Of course, we want quality—but quality alone will not furnish the dynamic impact which must be made if we would turn back the momentum of Masonic-membership-decline. We need recruits—just as the early Christians needed to swell their ranks. We need Blue Lodge Masons as recruits to put on the whole armor of God and join in the battle against the forces of darkness. What we need is not just another membership campaign—but a Crusade within a Crusade—to enlist soldiers of the Cross to join with us in giving Masonry the kind of Christian zeal that will redeem and revitalize the whole Masonic institution. To save Masonry from decline, we must give it the oxygen of new hope. At this critical juncture we need to stimulate new life in Masonry—with Christian Templary as the apex of our goal.

In order to do this, we must first do something to our own thinking. We must quicken our own deep personal interest and brush away any cobwebs of complacency. We need to look at ourselves not only with the objectivity of an outsider, but with the perspective of a devoted follower of the Templar cause. Those who wear the shoulder straps of Templary hold within their power the
destination of our Order. Old time shibboleth's about "moving through the chairs" must give way to modern concepts of duty, devotion and inspired leadership. It is not enough for an officer to be a "time-server." The officers of our Commanderies must be "on fire" in their zeal and loyalty to the Templar cause. Wherever we find a dying Commandery, we know that the cause can be traced back to those who have been faint-hearted or half-hearted. Some have accepted the honors but shunned the hard road of effort. It takes enthusiasm of a high order to "officer" a Commandery. It is no place for those who are apathetic, lukewarm, callous or indifferent.

Now is the time to decide the future of our Order for the decade ahead. We need Blue Lodge Masons who are animated by a desire to be identified with Masonry at its best.

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Impressive Ceremony Highlight of Triennial Conclave

To the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," sung by the Cleveland Heights High School, a color guard proceeded with military precision down an aisle at Cleveland's Public Hall at 4 p. m. August 13th, opening the divine service of the Grand Encampment of the Knights of the United States.

The color guard consisted of members of Couer de Lion Commandery of Cleveland, bearing national flags and banners of their order. Members of Holyrood Commandery of Cleveland lined the aisle, standing at stiff attention, their swords drawn in formal salute.

Moving solemnly to the front of the hall, the honor guard split into two groups, planting United States flags at the right of the stage and Templar flags on the opposite side of the platform. This done, the choir intoned "The Star Spangled Banner."

The service, attended by 1,000 Knights Templar and as many relatives and spectators, was the highlight of the second day of the order's triennial conclave.

The service was a colorful ceremony, clothed in serene dignity. The white-robed chair, led by Sir Knight George F. Strickling, was lined up at the rear of the stage. The background was a plain curtain with a huge white cross.

The lecturn, to the right rear of the stage, and the flags were the only visible objects on the platform.

On the auditorium's main floor, the white-plumed Knights were seated in the shape of six two-barred crosses. In the balconies were hundreds of relatives and friends, as well as Knights not participating in the ceremony.

Louis H. Wieber, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Knights Templar Grand Encampment of the United States, read the lesson—I Peter 5:5-14.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Phil Porter, a Knight Templar and rector of the Church of Epiphany, Euclid.

He told the Knights that "civility is the best way of walking with God," adding: "Christian love sometimes means the Cross, but it means 'please' and 'thank you' every day."

Kindness and good manners, he added, are "the invocation of the holy spirit of God."

 Others officiating at the service were the Rev. Eugene H. Buxton and E. Earl T. Armesy, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Knight Vincent H. Percy was the organist. He chose for the prelude an original composition, "Knights Templar Adoration on Lake Erie Shores," which he had inscribed to Grand Master.
Grand Commandery, 158 Years Old, Holds Conclave

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island held their 158th annual conclave in Boston, Tuesday, October 10, 1961. The inspecting officer was Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The annual conclave was preceded by the Grand Commanders' dinner on Monday evening, October 9th at the Hotel Touraine. The head table was in the form of a cross and, seated at the several arms of the cross were some of the invited guests with their ladies which consisted of Right Eminent Wilber M. Brucker, the guest of honor, the Grand Masters of Masons of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Illustrious Deputy of the Scottish Rite of Massachusetts, Right Eminent Guy I. Robb, Department Commander of the Northeastern Department, the Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Grand Masters of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the four Grand Council Officers of the Grand Commandery; also, as guests were the presiding Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies of the Eastern Seaboard, the presiding heads of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston, the Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., and all Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery.

Entertainment consisted of a 45-piece Symphonic Band from the School of Music of Boston University, with Miss Taeko Fujii, soprano soloist dressed in Japanese costume.

At the annual conclave, Right Eminent Brucker delivered a stirring address. The Council degrees was voted to be made obligatory. An award of merit was given to Judge and Eminent Sir Louis L. Green, who retired after serving 20 years as chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. Following the business session, the new officers were elected and installed.

231 Knight Templar Subscribers Is Work Of W. Carl Seab, of Greenwood, Mississippi

Sir Knight W. Carl Seab, P. G. M., of Greenwood, Mississippi, delivered 231 subscribers to the Knight Templar magazine at the closing session of the 48th Triennial in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir Knight Seab presented the list of subscribers, along with a check for $231.00, and asked that it be known as "The Weiber Class of Subscriptions."

This record is not unusual for Sir Knight Seab. Three years ago he delivered a cashiers check to Grand Master DeLamater at the 47th Triennial in Indianapolis for $222.00.

In 1958 Sir Knight Seab vowed that he would increase the number for the 48th Triennial. Now he says he hopes to accomplish the same or increase the number three years hence.

In addition to presenting the Knight Templar subscription list, Sir Knight Seab presented Grand Master Weiber with a beautiful large Masonic Bible with his name, address and "Presented by Greenwood Commandery No. 24 by W. Carl Seab, P. G. M." inscribed on the front cover.

Reading from left to right: Rt. Em. Deputy Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, Rt. Em. Grand Commander Clarence E. Booth and Rt. Em. Grand Recorder George H. Weeks.

Grand Commanders Dinner, Boston, Mass., October 9, 1961
Massachusetts and Rhode Island Commandery.
The Set of the Sails

An official communication from the Grand Master and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

One ship drives East, and one drives West,
By the selfsame wind that blows;
It's the set of the sails, and not the gales,
Which determines the way it goes.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

TO: THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS, CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF ALL COMMITTEES OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS OF ALL GRAND COMMANDERIES:

Knightly Greetings:

The Great Captain of Our Salvation, according to the Volume of the Sacred Law upon our altars, spent forty days in meditation between His baptism and the beginning of His ministry. Forty days after our installation into office, your Grand Master and his officers and committees came together to meditate deeply on the program of this administration in your Templar Order. We have determined "the set of the sail." We have charted the course. We are determined that this administration is dedicated to a vigorous promotion of activities within our Commanderies which will encourage not only their growth, but also their impact upon the communities in which they exist. This is our basic ministry, and we shall not give in to temptation to do anything less, any more than He gave in to the temptations which beset Him.

The matters discussed herein have been objects of our serious concern. We
ask that you also make them yours. We summon you not only to a critical consideration of them, but more than that—to your own active implementation of them beginning NOW.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORDER

It is clearly of basic and immediate importance that the "image" of our Order should be in focus, not only in the minds of all of our members, but even more importantly in the communities where our units operate. We dare not be so naive as to think on the one hand that this is always true, nor on the other hand that it is true in any particular place. The characteristic purpose and the motivating dynamic of a Knight Templar, and of this Order, is a vigorous defense (or support) of the Christian religion, and a concern for the needs of others. The first leads inescapably to the second. This is our heritage. There is neither reason nor desire for change of the fundamental principles. It is sufficient. More would be superfluous. But our concern is that this "image" of the Templar and of the Order is clear in the minds of all our own members first, and then clear also in the minds of all whom they encounter.

THE NEED TO COMMUNICATE

Our Order has sufficient leadership ability to attain all of our objectives, but the success of our programs will be more easily attained by an accelerated sharing of ideas. Such communications must be in two directions: first, from the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies to the Grand Commanderies and to the Grand Encampment; second, from the Grand Encampment through the proper channels to the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies. Four important tools in this communicative process are mentioned herein, and each of them is considered indispensable.

The Knight Templar magazine. Contacts must be more frequent and more effective. To achieve the first of these requirements, it has been decided to publish the magazine monthly. To accomplish the second, it is determined that it will contain only material informative and stimulating to the local Commandery and its members. YOUR active aid is solicited by: (1) contributing promptly and frequently items of news value, or of instructive or philosophical interest; and (2) increasing the circulation so that more members may be reached.

Committees. Evidence is plentiful to prove that interested and active committees will guarantee the careful planning and successful execution of programs. Committees generally should be small, with members carefully and thoughtfully selected for their ability and interest in the particular field instead of on the basis of rank, seniority, or friendship. We recommend a committee of three in every Grand Commandery and in every Constituent or Subordinate Commandery
to give attention to each of the following (or six committees in total) (1) Membership; (2) Religious activities; (3) Charitable activities; (4) Educational activities; (5) Patriotic activities; and (6) Public Relations. Grand Commandery committees in each of these six fields should maintain two-way communications with the local committees on the one hand, and the Grand Encampment committees on the other.

Conferences. There is a strong trend in the York Rite toward conference or workshop meetings, a device used successfully by all important fraternal organizations, because of a strong conviction that they are useful as well as pleasant. We are asking all Department Commanders to arrange ANNUAL CONFERENCES with the officers of their Grand Commanderies, on a voluntary basis. It is also strongly recommended that conferences of the officers of Constituent Commanderies be held within the districts or zones of the Grand Commanderies, under direction of the Grand Commandery officers. These face-to-face contacts can be extremely useful in the sharing of ideas, in educational instruction, and especially in providing continuity of programs.

Public Relations. We are reminded in Holy Writ that one does not light a candle and place it under a bushel. The flame of Templary burns in almost every community. Let it be placed on the stand of public information where it will give light to all. We are judged not nearly so much by what we say as by what we do. What we do that is of news interest to the community should be reported. In every Commandery there are those who know how. And remember to report it also to the Knight Templar magazine.

PROGRAMS TO BE EMPHASIZED

The four principle programs of Grand Encampment of an outreaching nature—religious, educational, charitable, and patriotic or civic—should also be programs of every Commandery for the benefit of the community in which it is an integral part. In these four areas it is suggested that the individual Commandery need not be limited to the specific guidance of the Grand Encampment Committee, or even its own Grand Commandery Committee, but rather should be alert constantly to the needs and opportunities which appear within its own community, and which can be met in total, or in part, by the Commandery itself within its own means and resources. In this field is the expression of our basic character both as individual Templars and as an Order.

MEMBERSHIP

The necessity of membership maintenance and recruitment is of immediate concern. At the recent Triennial Conclave, your Grand Encampment established a Standing Committee on membership. It is our desire that each Grand Commander
appoint a Membership Committee, if there is not such a committee at this time, and that the Chairman of the Membership Committee of Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Arch M. Dullnig, P. O. Box 840, Tyler, Texas, shall be advised at the earliest possible moment of the name and address of the Chairman of each Grand Commandery's committee. We also recommend that there be such a committee in each Constituent Commandery, which will work with the committee of the Grand Commandery, and which will supervise a carefully-planned and vigorous recruitment program. We recognize, of course, that there are factors of attrition, some of which cannot be controlled, but we dare not allow our numbers to become less. Thus recruitment is imperative, and experience proves that this can be done most efficiently and most successfully in an active local Committee.

THE POSITIVE APPROACH

Our Christian character dictates that we must be active, and in this activity, we will be most effective if we concentrate on the affirmative approach to every problem. We are more concerned with making gains than stopping losses. We intend to earn the good opinion of the community and not to ask for it. "With the cross of Jesus going on before" we shall move forward to the accomplishment of our objective, and we shall so conduct our affairs that they take on increased importance and become something worth doing increasingly well. In this frame of mind, the needs of our Commanderies and of our communities will appear clearly as opportunities.

Courteously yours,

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PAUL M. MOORE, Grand Master
WILBER M. BRUCKER, Deputy Grand Master
JOHN L. CROFTS, Sr., Grand Generalissimo
G. WILBUR BELL, Grand Captain General

IN APPRECIATION

To all Grand Officers, Department Commanders, Chairmen and members of Committees, and all who attended the Conference held in Chicago, Illinois, September 28 and 29, 1961, I want to extend my personal thanks for your cooperation and the work you did in helping to plan our program for the 49th Triennium and what we accomplished through your efforts. I know much good will result for Grand Encampment from your sacrifices in attending.

PAUL M. MOORE,
Grand Master
New Policy for the Knight Templar Magazine

Important changes of policy for our Knight Templar magazine were adopted at Chicago, in accordance with the unanimous opinion of the Grand Officers and Committee members present. These decisions followed the recommendations of the Chairman and members of the Advisory Committee on Public Relations, Sir Knight Calvin M. Keller (Missouri), Sir Knight Earl B. Bell (Iowa), Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson (Minnesota), and of Sir Knight Darold Fleming, Editor.

Beginning with the issue of November, 1961, the Knight Templar magazine will be published monthly, at a subscription rate of $1.00 per year. All present subscriptions will be continued in effect for the full term. The November issue will contain 32 pages; those following will have less pages, but will be published on a monthly basis, in order to contain more items of timely interest.

It is intended that the contents of the magazine will be selected for value and interest to all Knights Templar, and for its usefulness to the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies. The cooperation of every interested Knight Templar is earnestly solicited, so that this intention may become a fact. Please do keep in mind the two points set out below, and give us your help.

1. NEWS AND EDITORIAL MATERIAL

News. What we have done—somewhere—which is worthy of the interest of those who don’t know us personally. Something which has been done successfully,—some purpose accomplished. Why? When? Where? What? Who?

Editorial Matter. The development of an idea or a philosophical point of view, in essay form. We want contributions from someone in every Commandery or Grand Commandery where something has happened that is news—and we want it while it is news. And from any Knight Templar, we want essay material of general interest.

Your copy contributions should be sent to Knight Templar Publications Office, Box 207, Greenfield, Indiana. But, please, let’s be kind to the Editor, Sir Knight Darold T. Fleming. Let your material carry a title which covers the subject. Put it on white paper, letter size, typewritten, double spaced, with proper punctuation, and with those things marked which should be printed in capital letters, or in italics or bold face. In other words, ready to read, or ready to use.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CIRCULATIONS

To the individual and to the printer, the key word to success is subscription. You want the magazine, and he needs the revenue. To the men you have charged with the responsibility of the management of Grand Encampment, the key word to success is circulation. The information which will make a member an interested member must go to a sufficient number to create a concert of opinion and action. Either way—the magazine must go to the Templars.

We should think that all officers of every Commandery should receive the Knight Templar magazine. Some Commanderies, and some individual Sir Knights, subscribe on behalf of selected Blue Lodge Masons, either newly-raised or otherwise, where their interest is desired. Your own idea is no doubt the best—but do it now.
Department Commanders of Grand Encampment

Recognizing a need for more general and more specific understanding of the assigned duties and area of endeavor of the Department Commanders of Grand Encampment, in order that their service may be more efficient and more harmonious, an official definition was approved at the Chicago conference by Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master, by acceptance of a report of Sir Knight Glenne R. McArthur, Chairman of the Patriotic Activities Committee. The quotes below are from that report.

"Department Commanders, as stated in Section 29 (a) of the Constitution, are to assist the Grand Master in the administration of the department to which he is assigned, and perform such other duties as the Grand Master may direct." They are, then, in direct administrative liaison between the Grand Master and the Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commanderies, for the performance of the broad duties of the Grand Master (Section 23 (a) of Constitution) of "watchful supervision." It would be fairly accurate to compare the assignment of the Department Commander to that of the District Deputy Grand Master of a Grand Lodge, but, of course, in a broader area.

"The office of Department Commander is a very important agency through which to obtain better administrative direction, better understanding of problems, and a better program of activities for Templary. The office must never be regarded as honorary recognition for past services rendered. It is the call to an active and constructive leadership for a triennium."

"It must be remembered that all General Orders and Instructions originate with the Grand Master, or have been cleared with and approved by the Grand Master when sent out by a Grand Encampment committee. They are the same for all Grand Jurisdictions, even though the Departments are widely separated and do not necessarily have the same problems. It is the responsibility of the Department Commander to function as the personal representative of the Grand Master within his respective department, to translate General Orders into an Action Program within his respective department, to interpret instructions as issued from time to time and otherwise see to it that the programs of Templar activity promulgated by the Grand Master and his committees are carried out."

"It is the prerogative and responsibility of a Commander to search out the facts as to related situations within the several Grand Commanderies of his respective department; to bring these facts, relationships, and trends to the attention of the Grand Master on the one hand, and to the Grand Commanders of his department on the other hand; and to provide aggressive and persuasive leadership in developing methods, techniques, and programs aimed at solving the problems found to exist for the respective Grand Commanderies of his department."

"One can only conclude that Department Commanders, as Officers of the Grand Encampment, are the WORK HORSES of the Grand Master’s staff, responsible for the progress made or the results obtained by any given Triennium Administration."

Department Conferences

It is the expressed suggestion and wish of Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master, that a Department Conference should be sponsored annually by each Department Commander, for the benefit of the dais officers of his several
LANSONG COMMANDERY No. 25, K. T., LANSING, MICHIGAN

National Champion Drill Team in Class A—48th Triennial Conclave, Cleveland, Ohio, August 14, 1961.

First Row: Andrews, Captain Davidson and Crouse.
Third Row: Bos, Schuon, Storrs, Petroff, Wellman, Booth, Business Manager; Crisman, Baguley, Copp, Magee, Stoll, Chaskes, Bond, Osborne and Hutchison.
Grand Commanderies; that each Department Commander should take the initiative in making arrangements whereby in each succeeding year, the dais officers of all Grand Commanderies in his department may come together for a work-shop or discussion conference.

There is a trend in other general bodies of York Rite, and within Templary, toward sharing our experiences and ideas on a regional basis. Those Department Conferences which have been held have been most successful, in the opinions of those taking part, and in those places there is complete agreement in requesting additional conferences. Experience indicates that there—

a—is a demand for discussion conferences;
b—are problems that need attention;
c—are misinterpretations of General Orders that need correction;
d—is a lack of continuity in “action programs” within many Grand Commanderies due to the fact that all of the dais officers did not participate in the planning and development of such programs;
e—is a lack of true appreciation of the worth of Templary and the principles for which it stands in this 20th Century's “changing times.”

It is the function of the Department Commander to moderate the Conference, stimulate discussion, equitably distribute the time of the Conference to the subjects at hand, outline problems, suggest goals and objectives, and otherwise promote an exchange of ideas, methods, procedures and techniques relating to the administrative management of the several Grand Commanderies of his department. Each officer attending is to pay his own expenses. Such a work-shop conference may well include, but should not be limited to, the following subjects:

Membership. A study of statistics supplied by the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment and the Grand Recorders of the Grand Commanderies, with attention to known factors of attrition, plans and methods of recruitment and their effectiveness, the development of figures, facts, and formulas which may be presented in turn to the officers of the Constituent Commanderies.

Communications. The need for communications, the experience of each with media used, plans for more effective programs. Suggestions as to Grand Commandery communications, Knight Templar magazine, and local bulletins.

Educational Loan Fund. Discussions may cover committee organization, publicity methods, experience of the several divisions, new ways to get the story of the Foundation over to the Sir Knights in the Constituent Commanderies.

Eye Foundation. Discussion might follow lines similar to those on the Educational Loans. Special emphasis needs to be put on the selection of committees, and on an educational program to acquaint the membership as to the membership of committees, and rules and proper steps to be followed in handling applications.

Activities or Action Program. Discussion on projects of the Patriotic Activities committees, the need for social programs, the value of both competition and asylum drill teams, plus past experiences in promoting these things. York Rite festivals—Special activities to include the ladies—Inter-commandery visitations, etc.

District Organization. The value of and experience in district organization within the Grand Commanderies, under the Grand Officers, for closer contact with Commandery officers. The value of work-shop conferences for Commandery officers for the sharing of ideas and plans and a two-way communication with the Grand Officers, for training of up-coming Commandery officers and continuity of programs. There is an accelerating trend toward district conferences.

York Rite Cooperation and Coordination. Experience, means, and methods. There is general agreement that the objective is desirable.
Membership

It is the agreed intention of this administration of Grand Encampment affairs to approach the opportunity of membership in a positive way. To emphasize the negative matter of holding down suspensions and demits is hardly worth the product we have to offer. In the words of the popular song, therefore, we shall "accentuate the positive."

The Grand Encampment now has a Committee on Membership, and it is requested that every Grand Commander appoint a similar committee in his Grand Commandery, and that every Grand Commander likewise request the appointment of a Membership Committee in every Constituent Commandery. Subordinate Commanderies are requested to follow the same recommendation also.

The committee in each Constituent and Subordinate Commandery should first of all make a careful study of the membership statistics of its own unit. It should know how important it is in the local situation to lower the average age of its membership. It should then make a careful survey of qualified Masons to become candidates for the Orders, and then with the best salesmanship take the product to the customer, in a sustained and aggressive program.

Quite properly this is a selective program, operating on the principle of selective membership. Of course we are concerned with quantity, but we are even more concerned with the quality which selection implies. It may mean selecting qualified candidates from the Symbolic Lodge or other Masonic bodies, or it may mean selecting qualified candidates who are not yet members of the Craft at all and guiding their progress until they have met the prerequisites for Commandery membership. But it is the principle of careful selection which is important, because the one who is purposefully selected for membership may be more likely to be more devoted than one who is not so chosen. Thus, in this approach it becomes apparent that we are concerned not only with membership numbers but even more so with the devotion of our present and future members.

This is simply a "people to people" or "person to person" program of membership recruitment. We believe earnestly "that if we can tell prospects that we need them, and they need us, that the country is calling, the Christian church is calling, we have a place for them, and that by and large we are a happy family, that we shall get them. It's just so simple—people to people, and person to person, making someone you like conscious that we would like to have him with us, and it is accomplished." This system has been tried extensively in what is commonly known as a "depressed area" of our country, and it has worked magnificently.

No one is desirous of belonging to an organization which is merely trying to hold the line, to put off the inevitable. Let us emphasize getting young Masons into a winning organization, and getting them in on the ground floor, so to speak. The objectives of Templary are the same as they have always been, but the winds have changed. A different approach to membership is called for, and with this approach we again seek to set the sail for this triennium. "We've got what it takes if we take what we've got. We've got the blueprint of life that is certainly next to the principles of any church. The Order of the Temple is the most majestic in all of Masonry. This is a Christian organization. We've got what it takes if we'll take what we've got."

It is particularly desirable that the ministers of every Community in which there is a Commandery be invited into membership. Some Constituent Commanderies have invited clergymen to speak for their programs, and instead of giving them an honorarium have made a contribution toward the cost of the
clergyman’s petition. Others have used similar methodologies which they have found effective.

Some Commanderies have assisted in the financing of petitions on something of a time-payment plan basis. This adopts the methods used by some of the applicants in paying for their automobiles, homes, and major appliances. Other Commanderies have assisted petitioners by the creating of uniform funds of one type or another.

Many worthwhile membership ideas will come out of the appointment of the Grand Encampment Membership Committee, Grand Commandery Membership Committees, and the Membership Committees in Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, as well as in the communication which is to be established between these committees on various levels. They will be disseminated largely through the Knight Templar magazine, but let us all begin NOW to approach the opportunity of membership in a positive, constructive, selective way.

Ritual

Although the conferring of Orders through the exemplification of ritual is not a primary objective of the Order of Knights Templar, yet such endeavor is a distinct means to accomplish the basic objectives. It therefore needs to be performed in the most efficient and impressive manner possible. Only those should be selected for speaking parts who can deliver such parts from memory and with both proper dramatic emphasis and clarity of expression. This may involve the use of special casts for the various Orders. If so, let it be done, because it is of lesser consequence as to whether or not the actual officers of the Commandery do the work than that the ritual itself be done in the best possible manner.

This may represent to some a slight departure from what they have considered to be a reasonable and proper attitude toward ritual, but we are constantly reminded that “new occasions teach new duties.” We are concerned that the “old, old story” be told in form and content relative to our contemporary needs. You are asked to join us in ascertaining if we can do a good thing in a better way.

It therefore needs to be said that suggestions for revision will be welcomed by the Committee on Ritual of the Grand Encampment. Because our ritual involves a considerable use of the New Testament in particular and other parts of the Bible in general, we need to consider carefully the merits of relatively newer and more accurate translations of the Biblical text. To do so is to guard against perpetuating the more limited knowledge of an older time. We would do well to re-evaluate the ritual constantly, not only in terms of its content, but also in terms of the ease with which it may be exemplified in Commanderies of varying size and with differing physical facilities.

It must be recognized that the most beautiful and dramatic ritual is of little consequence unless it can be performed easily in terms of the manpower, equipment, and space resources a Commandery has at its disposal. This may well indicate a need for more optional rubrics.

These matters are mentioned in order that Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commanderies, and particularly the latter two where ritual exemplification takes place, may be encouraged to send suggestions to Sir Knight Louis F. Heger, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual of the Grand Encampment, at 921 North Broadway, St. Louis 2, Missouri. You may be certain that your comments will receive careful and critical consideration.
Public Relations

If the Grand Commander of every Grand Commandery, and if the Commander of every Constituent and Subordinate Commandery, will make certain that he has in his jurisdictional or local unit active, imaginative, energetic committees on educational activities, religious activities, charitable activities, patriotic activities, and membership, there will be more than ample amounts of material for public relations. The problem then becomes one of communicating this information promptly to the various news media for wider public knowledge and interest.

Newspapers, press syndicates, radio, television, and other media are not ordinarily going to come to us. We must take Templar news and work to them, making certain first of all that what we take to them is newsworthy, and secondly, that we take it to them while it is still news! Every Grand Commandery and every Constituent or Subordinate Commandery should have a Committee on Public Relations which will prepare news releases and submit such information promptly to the various area news media with which friendly contacts have already been made.

Let it be remembered that the only judgment that we have of ourselves is in the good work that we do, and the only judgment upon which the public will base its opinion of us is what we actually do, not what we say about ourselves, not what we say we stand for, but the facts as they prove themselves in action. What we do is the measure.

Every effort will be made by the Grand Encampment far in advance to assure adequate publicity for the next Triennial Conclave, and similar efforts should be made by every Grand Commandery with the news media in the locality of the Grand Commandery Conclave. If early and friendly contacts are carried on with the various news media, and if a real plan is provided which will channel news to them in terms of public interest, publicity is almost routine. "The mere fact that a large group of high-minded people are going to meet in a community seems to call for good publicity, and it can be had." We have a great deal of information to tell the people, because it is part of the mirror of America, and the news media are simply one side of the mirror.

The Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations will have many valuable suggestions to transmit to Grand Commanderies, and through them to Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies. Most of these suggestions will be transmitted through our Knight Templar Magazine. On the other hand, suggestions from public relations committees in Grand Commanderies as well as in Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies will be warmly welcomed by the Chairman and members of the Grand Encampment Committee.

Every effort will be made to improve constantly the communications (and thereby the relations) between the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commanderies, and the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, but these are essentially internal relations and not public relations. The overwhelming results of good public relations accrue from the work of the local Commandery in its own area, and as this is supplemented by the work of the Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment in terms of public relations.

We have the leadership, we have the resources, we have the "know-how," we have the program—educational, religious, charitable, patriotic. We have only to tell the story, and to keep telling it.

Relationships with other Masonic bodies are quasi-public relations. They are not as internal in nature as the relations between the various echelons of
Templary, nor as external as the relations between Masonic institutions and the public at large. Every effort will be made and every avenue of closer cooperation will be explored so far as the relationship between Templary and other Masonic bodies is concerned.

Only we can build our public relations. Only we can create in the public mind our Templar image. Only we can tell the story we have to tell. You are summoned to the great opportunity which awaits us.

Asylum Drill Teams

It was the consensus of opinion of the conference in Chicago that the idea of and the encouragement of the formation and use of Asylum Drill Team should be fostered and encouraged.

The Asylum Drill Team, by whatever name, whether Commandery Guard or Triangle Guard or other name, is considered to be a very useful adjunct of the Commandery, and is in fact considered essential by the Constitution, Section 62 (c) of Grand Encampment.

The Grand Master and the other elective officers of Grand Encampment support the formation and use of asylum drill teams, for their service to Commanderies as a triangle guard, for escorts, for honor guards at Templar funerals, and for other appearances which would require the appearance of a properly uniformed and trained unit. The Committee on Drill Regulations will be requested to expand its horizon of activities in that direction, to promote and stimulate such teams.

It is the thought of the Officers of Grand Encampment that the Asylum Drill Team can also be a useful training unit for the most recent recruits to the Order.

THOSE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—
IN RESPECT TO PROTOCOL

Department Commanders, as a group and as individuals, are considered to be the right arm of the Grand Master in his contacts with Grand Commanderies. We think that everyone will be more comfortable, and some possible misunderstandings will be avoided, if their position as to rank and assignment is generally understood.

The Department Commanders are officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., and as such, they are entitled to be accorded honors of rank which are superior to all officers of all Grand Commanderies; except where they are visitors at an official function of a Grand Commandery, where in the natural course of things, the Grand Commander will be in command, and will assume the duty of being host to the Department Commander.

If the Department Commander appears as the official representative of the Grand Master, he will be entitled, as is any official representative, to the honors usually accorded to the Grand Master himself, and will speak with his voice except in matters of decisions on Templar law or discipline. If he appears otherwise, anywhere, he will be entitled to his own rank, which is behind the Grand Master or his Personal Representative, and behind the other elective officers and the Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment.
Religious Activities

Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment provides for the appointment by the Grand Master of a Committee on Religious Observance. In addition to providing for the Christmas Day Toast to the Grand Master, and his response thereto, the Committee is also charged specifically as follows: "It shall also endeavor to stimulate and give leadership to Grand and Subordinate Commanderies in carrying out the religious responsibilities of Templary, as well as to inculcate proper observance of the fundamental religious precepts of our Christian Order." There has not always been proper emphasis on the functions of the Committee represented in this bold type, but it is precisely these particular functions which carry the work of the Committee beyond only observance and into the realm of religious activities. The word "observance" carries a more passive connotation than the activist emphasis to be found in participation in distinctly religious activities, and this aspect of the work is to be recognized and increasingly encouraged.

Templicy should everywhere engage in public recognition of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension Day, and other days prominent in the Christian calendar. It is to be remembered that at Christmas we see the divine babe in the manger; on Good Friday we see the crucified Lord; on Easter and Ascension Day we see the resurrected and ascended Saviour, BUT WE DARE NOT NEGLECT ALL OF HIS LIFE IN BETWEEN HIS BIRTH AND HIS DEATH! He calls us not so much to contemplation as to activity; not so much to definition as to mission; not so much to mere commemoration as to the proclamation of His message of redemptive love. And the more frequently we give public demonstration to our Christian witness the more clear in the popular mind does the image of our Christian Order become.

Every Knight Templar should plan to make a pilgrimage to the great Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery which has been sponsored continuously by the Grand Encampment. Each Grand Commandery should select a year when it will make as its special project the EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO ARLINGTON, there to join with thousands of worshippers in a great service which concludes with the placing of the cross of lilies on the Tomb of our Unknown Soldiers. And every Constituent Commandery, wheresoever located, should encourage its local radio station to carry the coast-to-coast network program.

Just as the Masonic Fraternity is in no sense a substitute for the Church but rather a supplement to the Church, so the Order of Knights Templar should be the very handmaiden to the Church. It is folly to assume that one can discharge the vow to defend and support the Christian Religion without becoming actively identified with and vigorously participating in the ongoing activities and mission of the Christian Church. Knights Templar should be the leading laymen in every Church, serving on its boards and committees, supporting its work liberally with their time, talent, and treasure, and witnessing always to the eternal truths of an unchanging Christ in a rapidly-changing world.

"There are many avenues in service that will not only convince the world but ourselves that we are Christians. At least we are passing as that, and we have grossly misrepresented ourselves if we are not." "It's fine to have an Easter parade, and see them marching down the street in uniform. But that's only once. It's what we do the other 364 days of the year that is going to count." "The thing about Templary that's different from anything else in the world is the fact that we have everything else that everybody else has in fraternal life, and plus that great plus, the Christian religion."

It is in the local Constituent Commandery or the Subordinate Commandery, except for the annual Arlington Easter Service, where a constant program of religious activities can be carried on at their highest and their best.
Charitable Activities

The performance of deeds of a charitable nature by a Knight Templar come from an historical heritage emanating from the Order of Knights Hospitaller. Charity and hospitality, we are reminded, are the grand characteristics of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple. The New Testament is replete with authorizations for such activity: "And if ye love only those who love you, what reward have ye? What do ye more than others?" "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, and the greatest of these is charity." "Be not weary in well-doing." "Whosoever thou dost unto these, even these least, thou dost unto me." And from our Judaic background the injunction to "Cast thy bread upon the waters." To be a Knight Templar is to participate in charitable activities. It is as simple as that.

Fortunately, many of our Grand Commanderies and some of the local Commanderies have numerous charitable projects of their own. It may be a Home for the Aged Infirn in Illinois, an orphange in North Carolina, and a host of similar worthy endeavors. It needs to be stated unequivocally that SUCH PROJECTS ARE NOT IN THE LEAST TO BE DISCOUNTED. THERE IS AND CAN BE NO VALID OBJECTION TO THEM by the Grand Encampment. On the contrary, such local interests assist Templary to make the proper impact in the communities where it exists. They should therefore be and are hereby heartily encouraged.

Because the Grand Encampment itself felt the need for a national project of universal benevolence, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Incorporated, was brought into being in 1955. In just five years 3,864 cases have been treated, and could you but read the letters which have poured in from people of all ages, races, geographical backgrounds, national origins, and religious persuasions to the office of the Executive Director of the Foundation, there could be no possible doubt that this program is the supreme expression of our Templar concern for those who are in desperate need of help.

Not only do we treat diseases of the eye which would lead to blindness if untreated, but we have also attacked the problem of eye diseases through the avenue of research. Thus far $487,500.00 has been distributed in research grants to outstanding educational institutions in all parts of the country.

Applications are increasing at such an accelerated rate that it is feared that in the relatively near future we may be compelled to establish a waiting list for treatment. To avoid this, especially for those for whom waiting may mean a loss of sight permanently, we are endeavoring to augment the income available for surgery and hospitalization by establishing a Life Sponsor Fund. Upon payment of a nominal fee of only thirty ($30.00) dollars in a lump sum, any Knight Templar may become a Life Sponsor of the Eye Foundation and his Grand Commandery as we'll as himself would be exempt from the payment of any further assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. It is our most earnest recommendation that every Department Commander, Grand Commander, Eminent Commander—in fact that every officer of Templary everywhere dispersed—enthusiastically and energetically promote this Life Sponsor Fund and make his own contribution thereto. We simply dare not allow the children of light to become the children of darkness!

The Eye Foundation has already received several bequests, and it is understood that many wills have been made naming the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. as a beneficiary. This is indispensable to the continuity of the program. We commend this aspect particularly to your prayerful consideration. To the extent we do so will future generations "rise up and call us 'blessed'"
The Educational Loan Foundation

During 1958-59-60 the Divisions of the Grand Encampment made a total of 6,622 loans aggregating $3,151,531.50. This was the largest amount ever loaned in any one triennium. Since this noble work was begun in 1923, and up to December 31, 1960, 51,301 loans have been made aggregating $14,719,956.64. These statistics are ones of which we may well be proud, and this information should be submitted by every Commandery to the newspapers in its area. Our recent Conference was given information that many of the recipients of loans from our various divisions are today outstanding citizens of our nation, and furthermore, that many young men who themselves have received this assistance are today members of our Order.

Many Division Committees have found it extremely helpful to have educational committees in each of their Constituent Commanderies. Such local Commandery committees not only aid Division Committees in getting a Masonic report on an applicant in the area of a Constituent Commandery, but even more importantly, these local Committees serve to let more worthy students know about our Foundation. In some cases a third advantage to these local educational committees has been found: it gave the Division Committee a local person to whom a request could be directed to make personal contact with any borrower who became delinquent in the repayment of his solemn obligation.

What more of us need to know, and in which we can take rightful pride, is that when the Grand Encampment inaugurated this program in 1922 in New Orleans, we were one of the very earliest, if indeed we were not the earliest, fraternal organizations to start a very needed educational loan service for the youth of our nation.

It is good to know that several of our Divisions have performed so capably in this work that now they are able to make loans only as their collections on outstanding loans are received. In fact, only a few Divisions still have sizable amounts of cash and securities on hand as of December 31, 1960, which the majority of our people believe could be and should be used in aiding other students.

There are several salient points to be remembered in terms of educational endeavors. First and foremost is that these funds were contributed and collected with the expressed intent THAT THEY WOULD BE USED. To the extent that funds are allowed to accumulate at interest the program fails of its purpose.

Secondly, our progressively increasing birth-rate has caused what educators commonly call "The Impending Tidal Wave of Students." Coupled with increasing population is the fact that a higher percentage of high school graduates are attending college than ever before. Thus with more students studying at the college level than at any previous time in history, our Educational Loan Foundation assumes even greater significance.

It is therefore our earnest recommendation that every Grand Commander encourage the appointment of an educational committee in every Constituent Commandery in his jurisdiction, and that such committees likewise be appointed by the Commander of every Subordinate Commandery.

Never has education been as indispensable as it is today. The race is not only to the strong; it is also to the wise. Other nations have embarked on educational programs which have caused an urgent re-evaluation of the educational process in our own country. We have the resources to make our own contribution to the total effort. WE MUST MEET THE CHALLENGE, for God still speaks: "Get wisdom, and with thy getting get understanding."
Patriotic Activities

The Patriotic Activities Committee of the Grand Encampment was brought into being by a Resolution passed in 1949. The resolution states that "the duty of which committee shall be to foster and supervise patriotic and good citizenship activities on the part of the Grand Encampment, the respective Grand Commanderies, and the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, whether in peace or in war, for the purpose of promoting the civic responsibility of Templary as an organization, and collectively demonstrating the patriotic principles of Templary . . . ."

At the Cleveland Conclave of 1961, the Patriotic Activities Committee was given status as a "standing Committee" of the Grand Encampment, thereby giving emphasis to the importance of the Patriotic Activities program as a part of the Grand Encampment program for Templary.

It is the responsibility of this Patriotic Activities committee to lead our Order into active civic interest and endeavor as an organization. With an interest in the Church, in Education, and in Charity, (all of these broadened and activated), both the organization and the community can be benefitted. The real goals and opportunities of the Order are to be found in this direction. Our statute points the way . . . "for the purpose of promoting the civic responsibility of Templary as an organization, and collectively demonstrating the patriotic principles of Templary: . . . ."

Each Grand Commander is requested to assist and further the program of the Grand Encampment by seeing to it that his Grand Commandery has an energetic, aggressive, imaginative committee on Patriotic Activities that will develop and promote for his Grand Commandery the civic responsibility of Templary as an organization, and collectively demonstrate the patriotic principles of Templary. Each Constituent Commander should appoint a similar committee to function within his Commandery for the same purposes.

The Department Commanders of the Encampment constitute the membership of the Committee charged with this responsibility for patriotic activities, and they understand quite clearly, as it is hoped all Knights Templar will similarly understand, that patriotic activities is one of the areas whereby we create in the public mind an image of that which is Templary. And if it is done properly, it will always be a Christian image which will be created. Thus we have an outreach, doing something for others and not just for ourselves.

It is suggested moral re-arming is the greatest task for the people of this country today, even more important than military rearmament. There appears to be a high degree of public apathy and indifference in our country which can well be more dangerous than space-age arms and bombs. There is a need to renew our faith in our heritage, and to put our dreams and words into action, just as our forefathers made their dreams a reality in casting off the yoke of oppression two hundred years ago.

The emphasis is on continuing civic responsibility. We are concerned with the active support of youth groups. We are concerned about observance of Armistice Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and other national holidays of similar import. We are concerned about support for drives, not only in terms of financial support but also in terms of active participation by Templars in the campaigns. In brief, we are concerned that every Constituent Commandery remember always that a responsible interest in civic matters and the governmental welfare in their communities is a matter of proper interest to them as an organization.
Importance of the Constituent Commandery

The Officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., and the members of its committees, understand clearly the overwhelming importance within our Order of the local Commandery; that its affairs should be in good order under active leadership, and that there should be evident in the opinion of the community where it is stationed, a definitely constructive force and effect. We are confident that all this is clearly understood in every Grand Commandery. But we are concerned that the same knowledge of the absolute necessity for purposeful direction and success, at the local level, is in the minds and hearts of all Templar members and officers.

Yes, Grand Encampment is indispensable too, and so are the Grand Commanderies, to provide through semi-military organizations, a unity of purpose and direction, and timely assistance when some of our units might falter. But no real success can be possible without local successes. We of this Grand Encampment administration see as a central objective a proper acceptance of local responsibilities by the local Templars. It would seem that this should follow, naturally, a clear and general understanding of the essential character of a Knight Templar, who is a Christian Mason dedicated and devoted to a vigorous defense of the Christian religion and sympathetically interested in the welfare of his fellow-man. With this dynamic purpose, it would seem to follow that our units everywhere would perform their necessary duties only in the proud manner, as something of value and worth, which deserves our best efforts.

This is our message: this is our mission. Christ is our Master, and we shall not fail,—anywhere.

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Those attending the Conference were Sir Knights:
Paul M. Moore, Grand Master (Pennsylvania)
Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master (Michigan)
John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Generalissimo (Iowa)
G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Captain General (Illinois)
Edmund F. Ball, Grand Treasurer (Indiana)
John T. Rice, Grand Recorder (Texas)
Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master (New York)
Lyman C. Palmer, Department Commander, North Pacific (Oregon)
F. Yale Williams, Department Commander, South Pacific (Nevada)
Armand H. Bishop, Department Commander, West Central (Kansas)
Robert V. Osborne, Department Commander, North Central (Wisconsin)
Willard M. Avery, Department Commander, East Central (Indiana)
Sam Ferrell, Department Commander, South Central (Kentucky)
John W. Alford, Sr., Department Commander, South Eastern (Mississippi)
Charles H. Pugh, Department Commander, Central Atlantic (North Carolina)
Guy Irving Robb, Department Commander, North Eastern (Connecticut)
Glenne R. McArthur, Chairman, Patriotic Activities Committee (South Dakota)
William E. Crowe, Chairman, Templar Jurisprudence Committee (Oklahoma)
Carroll C. Lockhart, Chairman, Finance Committee (South Dakota)
Burt D. Pearson, Chairman, Religious Observance Committee (Minnesota)
Lachlan M. MacDonald, Chairman, Triennial Conclave Committee (Ohio)
Louis F. Heger, Chairman, Ritualistic Committee (Missouri)
Arch M. Dullinger, Chairman, Membership Committee (Texas)
George A. Weeks, Chairman, Public Relations Committee (Massachusetts & Rhode Island)
Calvin M. Keller, Chairman, Public Relations Advisory Committee (Missouri)
Earl B. Delzell, Public Relations Advisory Committee (Iowa)
Darold T. Fleming, Editor, Knights Templar Magazine (Indiana)
James M. Caviness, Chairman, Educational Foundation Committee (Texas)
James N. Deeter, Secretary, Educational Foundation Committee (Pennsylvania)
Earl T. Armesy, Educational Foundation Committee (Ohio)
James B. Enochs, Educational Foundation Committee (Minnesota)

Warren Chapter No. 30, Monmouth, Illinois, is sponsoring an outdoor degree that has attracted national notice. We note that West Virginia is sending a busload of companions to the affair. Other states are being equally represented.

The degree is conferred over a 40-acre plot of ground on which they have constructed all the cities covered in the ritual, along with the deserts, valleys and other items described in the text. A tabernacle 60 by 100 feet has also been constructed along with a 100-foot swinging bridge. This chapter has built itself from a small dormant one to better than 400 members through this activity. It can be done if you make it mean what it should.

The lessons we have are so full of meaning that we should do everything in our power to exemplify them in the best possible manner. It is sad when a chapter merely goes through the motions without considering the effect on the candidate.
In Six Short Years Van Wert, Ohio Drill Team Climbs to Pinnacle

The feeling of being the Number One Class B drill team in the Nation is quite a thrill for the Van Wert Ivanhoe Commandery drill team and some of them say, "It's Still Hard to Believe."

When the group was organized just prior to the Triennial in New York in 1955, they set their goal high and aimed for that first spot, but in New York and again three years later in Indiana, they had to settle for the number three spot. This time they were more determined than ever to win, and they did.

Ivanhoe is a very close knit team and have often been called "One Large Happy Family," because of their closeness and their regular social activities which include the whole family of each member.

There are several men who are included in the team, who do not march even as alternates. These men are referred to as the "Moral Supporters" of the group, and they never miss a practice or a drill exhibition. They are always ready to assist in the many "off the floor" duties, such as preparing food for the men after practices, making sure that all team members have their necessary regalia, etc.

Wives of this team also play an important part in it, for if it were not for them making sure that nothing interferes with practice, the team could not and would not be the Number One B team in the nation.

Team members ages range from 37 to 61, and the tallest man is well over six foot and the shortest one is just five foot. They practice every week in Van Wert and come from within a 25 mile radius.

The team is headed by Ned E. Dull, who is presently serving as Eminent Grand Warder of the State of Ohio, with the following members: Wayne Compton, Merl Knittle, Gus Brown, Herb Baker, Dale Terry, Ed Kanney, Ted Phenger, Russel Mace, Dr. Robert Laing, Joe Thomas, Robert Cox, Ralph Worley, Richard Wilkinson and Gaylor Baker, all of Van Wert; Darrel Ralston, of Rockford; Fred Strohl, Jr., of Celina; Jack Phipps and Harold Woods, of Payne; Herbert Mosier, Leslie Basil and Lloyd Basil, of Haviland; Alfred Williams, Vernon Pond, Doyle Mohr and Max Lambright, of Scott; Glen Place and Harold Monfort, of Spencerville; Frank Stephenson, of Convoy, and Harold Harmon and Don Penn, of Delphos.

DEDICATE NEW TEMPLE
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Ample storage space for each occupying body is provided, and a ten foot wide entrance hall furnishes waiting space for candidates and visitors awaiting admission.

The over-all cost was slightly over $86,000, the major part of which was met by the cash purchase price received for the former location. The balance was supplied by donations from the several bodies and individual members. The building committee was thereby enabled to turn over building and grounds clear of debt. To say that we are all happy at this long hoped for result is one of those classics of under-statement.

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Twenty-five Drill Teams Compete at Cleveland

Twenty-five drill teams, nine in Class A and 16 in Class B, participated in drill competition in Cleveland's public auditorium at the Forty-eight Triennial Conclave held in August.

Lansing Drill Team No. 25, of Lansing, Michigan, won first place in Class A, and Ivanhoe No. 54, of Van Wert, Ohio, was first in Class B.

The official standing of the teams are as follows:

A Teams
Lansing No. 25, Lansing, Michigan...94.5
Knightstown No. 9, Knightstown, Indiana ..... 93.5
Worth No. 19, Fort Worth, Texas...91.4
Raper No. 1, Indianapolis, Indiana...90.3
Los Angeles No. 9, Los Angeles, California ..... 88.1
Mt. Olivet No. 12, Wichita, Kansas...87.1
Washington No. 1, Washington, D. C...86.3
Genesee Valley No. 15, Flint, Michigan ..... 83.9
Long Beach No. 40, Long Beach, California ..... 83.4

B Teams
Ivanhoe No. 54, Van Wert, Ohio...96.7
Golden West No. 43, Los Angeles, California ..... 96.2
Ascension No. 25, Tyler, Texas...96.1
Lawton No. 18, Lawton, Oklahoma...95.3
Worth No. 19, Fort Worth, Texas...95.0
Howell No. 28, Howell, Michigan...93.7
Holyrood No. 32, Cleveland, Ohio...93.6
Muncie No. 18, Muncie Indiana...92.8
Gethsemane No. 24, Okmulgee, Oklahoma...91.8
Fort Wayne No. 4, Fort Wayne, Indiana...91.4
Bethlehem No. 53, Mt. Vernon, New York...90.1
New Castle No. 44, New Castle, Indiana...88.2
Hanselmann No. 16, Cincinnati, Ohio...87.6
Holy Sepulchre No. 8, Pawtucket, Rhode Island ..... 87.5
Forest City No. 10, Cleve'and, Ohio...85.4
Eveleth No. 35, Eveleth, Minnesota...80.3

WILL CONFER DEGREE ON FIVE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

An unusual and unique Masonic service is being planned by Masons at the Madison (Wisconsin) Masonic Temple, Saturday, November 11th. The Order of the Temple Degree will be conferred on five Worshipful Masters of the five Madison lodges.

The degree will be conferred on: Companion Dale A. N. Wensberg, Madison Lodge No. 5; Companion LeRoy J. Lantz, Hiram Lodge No. 50; Companion Emery A. Butterfield, Commonwealth Lodge No. 325; Companion Ralph J. Melton, Ionic Lodge No. 352, and Companion Carl L. Payne, Doric Lodge (U. D.)

Invitations have been sent to all Grand Lodge Officers in Wisconsin as well as to Grand Officers in all York Rite Bodies in Wisconsin.

All Sir Knights are welcome. Dinner reservations should be sent to F. G. Alexander, Recorder, 4410 Hammersley Road, Madison 5, Wisconsin.

The meeting will start at 1 p. m.

APPRECIATION

The Knight Templar magazine is in receipt of two fine pictures and a news story of the 158th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island from George A. Weeks, of Boston. The Conclave was held Oct. 10th. The Knight Templar magazine is asking other Grand Recorders to send in similar pictures and news stories.

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LOS ANGELES COMMANDERY No. 1

Dear Sir Knights:

Time certainly moves rapidly, for as I look at the calendar I realize there are only two months left in my term of office as your Commander. I would like to devote the three remaining bulletins to our three great Orders and how impressive they are. The Great Order of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross is as true today as it was when founded. If you will recall when the Temple was to be built there was jealousy among the people, and they wrote letters to the King and pleaded that the work might continue. Certainly we find jealous and envious people today who deter our efforts. You may recall that the winning point was based on TRUTH, for great was truth and mighty above all things, and it was also the foundation of every virtue, and my fraters this is indeed so true today, for where we find a truthful person we indeed find a friend. The lessons as set forth by this wonderful Order are sometimes hard to live by in this modern day and age, but as I have read and re-read them as an Officer coming up through the line, I am aware that I must continually strive to perfect myself that I may be worthy of my membership in Templary. Have you seen an Order of the Red Cross lately, may I ask that you visit with us and witness this Order as put on by the stellar cast of Officers of your No. 9 Commandery.

I am indeed sad to report that we have had a very large number of our Fraters called to the Great Maker on high, and that on our Stated Conclave in October we will have a memorial service for them.

Many of the Sir Knights have accepted the challenge to replace themselves this year by securing one or two new members, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank these Fraters for a job well done. Have YOU experienced that thrill of saying, “That’s my candidate.”

May I leave this thought with you for the coming month: Meeting together is pleasure, sticking together is progress, and working together is success. Shall we see you each Thursday?

ROBERT E. ANDERSON,
Eminent Commander.

MUNICH, GERMANY

Dear Sir Knights:

The Bavaria Commandery No. 3, of Munich, Germany, wish to thank you and your staff for the article you published in your July and August Magazine on the Commandery in Germany. We are including a check for 24 copies of that issue and for 15 new subscriptions for our newly made Sir Knights. Please find list attached.

FINUS CLARK, JR., Recorder.

WORTH, TEXAS, COMMANDERY

Returning from the Triennial Conclave at Cleveland your officers and Drill Teams are applying their every attention to our duties and problems with renewed zeal. Our Drill Teams exhibited perhaps the finest performances ever seen on the field of Templary drill team competition. These fine Sir Knights need no apologies for the score accorded them by the judges.

One of our urgent problems, our need of new members, is being relieved by the work of our committee on new petitions. Please extend your appreciation to these Sir Knights, and let your Commandery have your unstinted assistance in this important work. Secure blank petitions from our Recorder and invite a friend to become a Knight Templar.

As important as anything said above, hear this, come out to our work nights which are usually the last Monday and Tuesday of each month and witness and/or assist in the conferring of the Orders. We shall be most happy to greet you.

MALVIN A. HANDY,
Commander.
Lansing, Michigan, Drill Team Repeats Victory Again on Cleveland, Ohio, Floor

Cleveland, Ohio, is a good Triennial competition city, members of the Lansing, Michigan, drill team believe.

Lansing Commandery No. 25 captured its second championship in Class A competition at the 48th Triennial held in Cleveland in August. Twenty-one years ago the Lansing team won its first National Championship in the very same city.

Lansing competed for the first time in Triennial competition in Philadelphia in 1919. From that date until 1931 the team did not compete again until the Minneapolis Triennial in 1931. Since 1931 the team has been competing. In the many years in which Lansing Commandery No. 25 has been competing in drill competition only once has the team failed to place.

Sir Knight Fred England, Jr., P. G. C., has captained seven of the teams. The present captain, Sir Knight Robert C. Davidson, P. C., has been in charge of the last three competitions.