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Your Grand Master covets for Knights Templar an epic role in the crucial combat between good and evil. Faraway skirmishes, guerrilla encounters, sporadic wars and frenzied exploratory thrusts into space, even to the very portals of Heaven, are but prelude to the decisive conflict.

My plea, my concern, is that Sir Knights and their households shall get right with God, thus making certain that they are oriented to the enduring principles of Templary. This magnanimous Order has but a single mission in the world—to so worthily represent Christ in public forum, in religion and at the ballot-box, that its constituency shall inherit the Crown. . . .

I am persuaded to believe—for it is my hope and prayer—that Knights Templar will respond in reverence and in unanimity to the Holy Season's prescript to observe Christmas, His Day, as a meaningful, sublime and rewarding anniversary. It is a bounden duty.

I entreat—indeed, adjure—Sir Knights and their households to give primacy to the Order's Christmas Day Asylum Rites. More, I also urge attendance at Church services. Together, the Asylum and the Church ceremonies are Christianity's attest to Christ as Saviour and Redeemer.



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Jack Malone's story in this issue of the Knight Templar magazine, under the heading "A profile," relates the life story of the Most Eminent Grand Master Paul Miller Moore.

Mr. Malone is a feature writer for the Beaver County Times at Aliquippa, Penna. He has known Grand Master Moore for many years. In his article he reveals many interesting aspects of the Grand Master's life not usually found in Masonic biographies.

This is the first of a series of articles which will appear in the Knight Templar magazine on officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. In succeeding issues will appear articles dealing with Deputy Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Generalissimo John L. Crofts, Captain General G. Wilbur Bell, other officers and the Grand Encampment, Department Commanders and Committee Chairmen.

To the Sir Knights throughout the country who have worked with and are acquainted with these officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America will come pleasure in reading these articles and in re-newing acquaintance with old friends. Sir Knights who have not had the fortune in personally knowing these men will find these articles enlightening, informative and revealing the character and personal life of these great Masonic leaders.

A PROFILE . . .

THE MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER, PAUL MILLER MOORE

By JACK MALONE

Feature Writer of the Beaver County Times, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

"This above all: to thine own self be true;

And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

So wrote the immortal William Shakespeare many centuries ago in his enduring "Hamlet." Today, those same words are thoroughly appropriate to the high character and Christian principles of a man who has become almost a legend in Freemasonry—Paul M. Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

It is impossible to adequately describe the man who heads the 400,000 members of the Knights Templar in the limited space of a magazine article. For one could write a Horatio Alger-type book about Sir Knight Moore. Even that would not do him full justice, because one must actually know him to fully appreciate the great depth of his feeling and concern for his fellow man.

An insight into his character is given by a public statement he issued following his election as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment at the 48th Triennial Conclave in Cleveland, Ohio, last August. Stressing the need for rededication to "seeking the better way of Christian life for fellow men and ourselves," he said:

"We are living at a time when emphasis is placed on material values rather than on spiritual values. . . . If ever there was a time in history that Christianity needed a new show of strength, then this is the time."

Fine Christian gentlemen in every



SIR KNIGHT PAUL M. MOORE

Most Eminent Grand Master

sense of the word . . . great humanitarian . . . devout churchman . . . devoted civic leader . . . champion of public education . . . generous philanthropist . . . kindly philosopher . . . active fraternalist. All of these can be truly applied to Paul Moore.

He would be the last to take credit for any of them, however. He's that kind of a man. His manner is gentle and kind, his smile is warm and friend-

ly, his voice is soft, and his eyes twinkle with good humor.

Perhaps the measure of a man is best found in what others who know him well say of him. Demonstrating that Sir Knight Moore is unlike the Prophets of Biblical times, not without honor in his own community, here is what his hometown newspaper, the Beaver County Times, said of him when he was elected "Man of the Year" of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, in 1957:

"They used to erect statues in bronze to men like P. M. Moore. Nowadays, they give 'Man of the Year' awards."

At the dedication of Moore Hall (named in his honor) at his Alma Mater, Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, in October, 1958, this tribute was paid to Mr. Moore by Louis Henry Wieber, former Most Eminent Grand Master.

"We, in the Templar Masonry, regard him as one of God's noblemen. . . . He is truly a Christian gentleman who has shared his worldly goods with those in need, as well as his beloved Muskingum College."

On the same occasion, Wilber M. Brucker, then Secretary of the Army of the United States, wrote:

". . . Paul M. Moore has earned an envious reputation in his various endeavors. His philosophy of living . . . has contributed immeasurably to his success . . . I can think of no finer way of perpetuating this outstanding citizen who has made such outstanding contributions to the community at large. . . . He will serve, indeed, as a fine example of a selfless and patriotic American to the future students whose privilege it will be to enter the building which so proudly bears his name."

Thus, by naming the \$370,000 dormitory for freshmen men Moore Hall, did Muskingum College honor one of its

most distinguished alumni—who worked his way through the college as a janitor! During vacation periods, he worked as a farmhand or did any other odd jobs he could get.

Sir Knight Moore was born on a farm near New Concord, Ohio, the son of William A. and Anna M. Moore. When Paul was only four years of age, his father, who had suffered three sunstrokes while working in the fields, became an invalid and remained incapacitated for 43 years until his death.

His parents, with young Paul, another son and a daughter, moved to New Concord, where Paul attended the elementary school and graduated from high school in 1895. He entered Muskingum College and was graduated in 1899.

Following his graduation, he intended to be a school-teacher. But a visit to Pittsburgh changed the course of his life. While there, he secured a job with the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation as a time clerk. But, as he says, he "wanted action." So he asked to be transferred to the labor gang.

From laborer, he worked up to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Transportation and Labor. In that position, he, literally, "got in on the ground floor" of one of the largest plants of the company that is now the world's fourth-ranking steel firm.

In 1906, the company purchased a large tract of land along the Ohio River in Beaver County, close by the borders of Ohio and West Virginia, on which to erect a new steel mill and develop a town for the employees. On November 4, 1906, Mr. Moore was sent to what was then known as Woodlawn to prepare the land for the building of the mill and the town. Construction of what is now the Aliquippa Works of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation was started in 1907.

The village of Woodlawn steadily

grew as the steel plant increased operations and in 1908 it was incorporated as a borough under the laws of Pennsylvania. Even at that early date Mr. Moore's qualities of leadership were recognized, for at the first election of municipal officers he was elected president of the Woodlawn Borough Council. A few years later the name of the town was changed to Aliquippa. Mr. Moore held that position until the Spring of 1912, when he resigned from the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation to launch his own company, the P. M. Moore Builders Supply, which later was incorporated under the name of the P. M. Moore Company. Although he has retired from active participation in the company which he headed for many years, Mr. Moore serves as a director of the firm. The firm is now headed by a nephew, J. Harvey Moore, also of Aliquippa, who incidentally, is following in his uncle's steps in Knights Templar activities and is at present Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

"P. M.," as he is affectionately known to his legion of warm friends, was one of the organizers of the Woodlawn Trust Company, founded in 1908 to serve the fast-growing town. He served as vice-president and later as president of the Board of Directors until the institution was merged with the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company on February 3, 1958. He is now a member of the Advisory Committee of the bank.

Sir Knight Moore was also one of the organizers of the Woodlawn Building and Loan Association, founded 51 years ago, and is a former director of the firm.

He was one of the founders of the Woodlawn Rotary Club, now the Aliquippa Rotary Club, formed in 1921. He served as President in 1922 and is still a member of the club. Mr. Moore attended over 1,500 consecutive Rotary meetings from 1921 to 1952.

Sir Knight Moore has been an active member of the Woodlawn Presbyterian Church since 1907 and for a number of years was President of the Board of Trustees.

He is a past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Muskingum College, of which he has been a member for thirty-three years. Since his graduation he has been an active member of the Muskingum Alumni Association and is a past president of that body. In recognition of his service to others, his Alma Mater awarded him the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 1948.

As Most Eminent Grand Master, Mr. Moore is president of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Loan Foundation. He is extremely proud of both and speaks glowingly of their good works.

He also is president of the P. M. Moore Foundation, a non-profit corporation founded to provide financial assistance for "religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes."

His many achievements in Freemasonry are well known, and to describe them would require hundreds of words. He has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, in addition to those bestowed upon him by an admiring Muskingum College and the grateful citizens of the town on which he has made a lasting imprint, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Besides being chosen as "Man of the Year" in 1957, he was presented the "Man of the Community" Award by the Aliquippa Rotary Club in 1955. In 1939, he was presented the "Golden Deeds" Award of the Aliquippa Exchange Club.

One of his most prized possessions is the Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America, highest award in scouting at the local level. The award was presented in recognition of his many years of service to Scouting. He

was one of the organizers of the Scouting movement in Beaver County and served as county chairman for many years.

Mr. Moore became a 33rd Degree Mason in 1918 and is one of the three oldest men in Pennsylvania in point of service to have earned that coveted honor. He was also honored in 1926 when he was listed in "Pennsylvania—A History" along with other distinguished citizens of the state.

Thousands of words have been written, in newspapers, magazines and other publications, concerning Mr. Moore's innumerable good deeds, achievements and activities, past and present. They are a story in themselves.

He was one of the original directors of the beautiful and modern Aliquippa Hospital, financed by public subscription. He also formerly served simultaneously as a director of Rochester General Hospital, in Rochester, Pennsylvania, and Providence Hospital in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, both in Beaver County.

Mr. Moore was one of the organizers of the Beaver County Branch of the Pennsylvania Economy League and served as president for 12 years.

During a depression in the steel industry in 1907, he organized Aliquippa's first concert band, "to give the idled men something to do to occupy their time." He played trombone in the band, which gave concerts in the town every Saturday night.

A one-time football player at Muskingum College, he managed the first Woodlawn baseball team in Beaver County League sponsored by Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation to the Beaver County championship in 1910. He also formed the "Old-Timers" athletic group at Muskingum College.

Mr. Moore served 34 years as a director of the Aliquippa Golf Club and was

honored at a testimonial dinner upon his retirement from the board. He had seen the club grow from his own three-hole course, with sand "greens," built in 1925, to its present 18 holes.

Back in the days when streets and highways were muddy and rutted, Mr. Moore was an active member of the Beaver County Good Roads Committee, which was instrumental in securing the first of the area's present network of paved highways, expressways and limited access roads.

During World War I, he was chairman of Beaver County Draft Board No. 3, with headquarters in Aliquippa. Also, he was a leader in Liberty Bond drives during the war. Among his many other activities, he was active in the former Aliquippa Community Chest, Red Cross drives and other fund-raising campaigns.

Like the storied chap who lived "in a house by the side of the road and was a friend to man"; Mr. Moore lives in a comfortable and pleasant frame farmhouse built in 1834. The house is surrounded by eight and a half acres of rolling land, all that he has retained from the original 480 acre farm on which it was located, and looks out over much of Mr. Moore's beloved Aliquippa.

Still going strong at 83, his vigor, keen intellect, drive and sincere interest in everybody and everything around him belies his four-score and three years.

Modest and self-effacing almost to the point of shyness he told the writer:

"Please don't write very much about me—I'm not that important. Write about my town and its people and the Knights Templar. They've all been very good to me."

That's so typical of Sir Knight Moore.

". . . whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The Grand Master's Message

In entering upon the duties and assuming the station of Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, I deeply appreciate the great honor that is mine, but I also know that with great honor there comes great responsibility.

As Templars we have a background of history of which we are justly proud in both ancient and modern times. As you know, the Ancient Templars or "Poor Knights of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon" founded their organization in the Twelfth Century and became known as Knights Templar because they lived in the portals or outskirts of the Temple, and history records many illustrious Knights with deeds of valor to their credit. In modern times we are also justly proud of the number of truly great Americans who have belonged to the Order of Knights Templar.

The story is told of a group of travelers who stood in silent meditation and viewed the spender that once was Greece when a white-haired member of the party facing the East took off his hat and reverently said "Glory of the past I salute thee," whereupon, a young man, an American, faced the West and removing his hat said, "Glory of the future I salute thee," and I wish to say to you Sir Knights that while our Grand Encampment glories in the bright names of history and in the magnificent accomplishments of the past, the hope of our Order and the glory of the future rests with the Officers and members of our own Grand Encampment in this day and age.

We are living in an over-organized social condition, at a time when emphasis is placed on material values rather than on human and spiritual values, in a machine age that does not acknowledge a soul. If ever there was a time in history when Christianity

needed a strong champion to come to its defense it is the age in which we live.

I have spoken of the fact that the Ancient Knights were known as Knights Templars because they lived in the Temple but when I note the small percentage of our members who have attended our Conclaves during the past years, I reluctantly come to the conclusion that there are many who are Knights Templar in name only. Before we can hope to attract others to our Order we must first have a revival of interest on the part of our own members. We must have more of the enthusiasm of the Ancient Christians, more of the militant spirit of the Ancient Templars. We must increase our social activities to meet modern conditions and changing times and, while we must always place the Order of Knights Templar on a plane of high idealism, we must at the same time give our members an opportunity to enjoy the social activities of our day.

In an age when the Christian Church is being attacked and even the Divinity of Christ is questioned, the Church indeed needs an Order like ours, and, with this thought in mind, I call on every Sir Knight in our Grand Jurisdictions to rededicate his sword to the defense of the Christian religion, remembering that the victories of peace are far greater than the victories of war, and that we can set no better example to our Masonic Brethren and fellow Christians nor render a truer service to Him under whose banner we are enlisted than to strive earnestly in our daily lives as busy men to practice the Christian virtues and, let it be known by our actions what we often declare with our lips, that we belong to an institution founded upon the Christian religion.

The Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection

and Ascension of Christ are not only well established historic facts but to the Knights Templar have a deep significance indelibly written in his memory. I therefore urge the members of each of our Constituent Commanderies to assemble in their respective Asylums on Christmas Day and take part in our annual Christmas Observance. I also approve of the growing custom of conferring the Order of the Temple at a Conclave on Good Friday, and of Commanderies attending Easter and Ascension Day Services.

Increase or loss in membership is a good indication of the health of a Commandery. When I hear of a Commandery that has fallen into a state of stagnation, one where the attendance is small and the loss from deaths exceeds the number of new members by initiation, I do not need to ask the cause. The members have lost their enthusiasm and forgotten how worthwhile is the great Order to which they belong. Wise leadership, a good program of social activities and a fine example of Christian living and good citizenship are the magnets that will attract our Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity, who are not now members of the Order.

Let us adopt as our slogan, "Every Christian Mason a defender of the Christian religion and a member of the Order of Knights Templar."

It should not be necessary to call upon the members of this great Order to support the Constitution of the United States nor to join with the forces of righteousness in the maintenance of law and order. We have already affirmed our allegiance to the Flag and to the Republic for which it stands and are ready to come to the defence of that Flag in the time of peace as well as in the time of war, and a Templar who professes to be a Christian must if he lives up to his profession, be a good citizen. We, who have enrolled under the banner of Knighthood should be proud that we belong to an Order in this day and age that not only openly acknowledges its belief in a Supreme Being but in a divine and risen Christ and proud too, that we belong to that great institution that has come down to us from time immemorial.

Sir Knights, let us face the future with courage and enthusiasm and go forward into a new Triennium remembering that God in his infinite wisdom uses us to do His will.



Divine Services—Cleveland, Ohio, August 13, 1961

Sir Knights Hear Rev. Phil Porter Christian Love and Civility

Rev. Phil Porter, D.D., of Gambier, Ohio, delivered a masterful sermon at the Divine Services held in Cleveland Public Auditorium Sunday afternoon, August 13.

Rev. Porter's sermon follows:

When I was a little child, I remember that my maternal grandmother often described a stranger who came to the door, or a neighbor or an acquaintance who just dropped in as a **civil person**. This I understood to be a complimentary remark. It meant that the person spoken of had carried himself with decorum and courtesy; that he had not been harsh or offensive. Now, the adjective "civil" does have that meaning. Civility is another name for good manners. Until recent years, I do not remember hearing or reading the word used in just this sense, but C. S. Lewis does so use it in his lectures on **PARADISE LOST** (published ten years ago). He prefers it to civilized because civilized is too much associated with smooth roads, smooth cars and the material gadgets of this present day.

About 200 or 400, or 600 or 800 years ago—and in fact 2,000 years ago—there were people who had good manners and those who had not. There were ways and forms and standards of conduct that made human life easier and more pleasant. Jesus was commonly gentle and courteous and so were the disciples and the New Testament saints. In the ancient pagan world, there had been men like Plato and Aristotle who had gentle manners, and within 100 years of Christ's time there were such gentlemen as Cicero and Seneca; 300 years later, leading the Christians were men like Ambrose and Augustine, notably gentle.

Do you remember from the New Testament the story of the considerate Centurion who said to Jesus "It will not

be necessary for you to come to my house, just say the word here and my servant will be made well". And how Jesus must have winced when Judas made the "rude remark" about Mary as she anointed Jesus' feet with the precious ointment — "It should have been sold", Judas said, "and the money given to the poor". It was the sort of remark that makes everybody uncomfortable. A lot Judas cared for the poor — just being difficult.

Our text is a stanza from St. Paul's hymn To Love. That great Christian gentleman makes it so clear that good manners are one of the modes of Christian Love. Christian Love sometimes means a cross. But every day it means Please and Thank You, patience and consideration. It is that best portion of a good man's life—"his little unremembered acts of kindness and of love" (Wordsworth). The Southerners have a phrase "a gentleman and a Christian". In the Divine Comedy, our own poet Longfellow translates one of Dante's lines "the gentle heart makes the gentleman". Our familiar compliment "a gentleman of the old school" is a cliché perhaps, but a fine one,—and "gracious lady", which means a lady full of grace, which she generally shows by her consideration and gentleness.

All these phrases and expressions suggest a close relation between Christian Love and Civility, or good manners. Sometimes the meaning of the idea is brought out by a brusque "keep a civil tongue in your head". And yet in our time, there is a marked revolt against good manners. A very revolution in manners seems a possibility. Although a majority are not partisan to this, most of us are affected.

The rudest people in the world today are the Russian rulers and their people are so trained. The purpose of the

Communists is to break down all civil conventions as a preparation for their Revolution. In fact, they believe that the Revolution can't come until manners and morals have been debased, corrupted and discredited. But rudeness and the revolt against good manners is not confined to the Marxism revolution. Many, free enterprisers, even people who call themselves Christians, either think that bad manners show strength, or that there is a weakness in good manners. Some consider courtesy as all deceit and pretense; put on for show, or "mere form". Modern skepticism and loss of confidence in all traditions and customs must be counted among the acids of modernity. To use Walter Lippman's phrase.

But consider how manners make the man. The good auto driver acquires certain habits that make for safety and no one is safe until these habits have become automatic reactions — until a driver does "without thinking", as it were, things that make for safety. Once they become a habit, they belong to our character and protect us and our fellows with whom we live and work. Among these good habits is constant courtesy.

Baron Von Hugel wrote in one of his later essays "I kiss my child because I love her, but I love my child because I kiss her, therefore I kiss in order to love". The polite conventions do tend to keep us true to our highest ideals. Our own great American philosopher William James wrote that "men sometimes run because they are afraid, but sometimes also they are afraid because they run". And if we persist in doing good things, our hearts grow warm with charity. High ceremonial dignity, pomp and good manners have been associated through the ages with the good heart and the good mind.

Two groups of people seem always to stand against Milton and his ideals. Of these the first are the inverted snobs who hold in contempt what they do not

have, and prefer to make a virtue of the rude, the crude and the unbuttoned. The second, a group of skeptics, feel that good manners are **just form** and unreal, something put on; a kind of deceit or hypocrisy. But the gentleman is the real man—man as he ought to be. The high man is the true man. Gilbert Chesterton once said "if you wish to dissuade a man from taking his tenth whiskey and soda, you slap him on the back and say **be a man**, but if you wish to dissuade a crocodile from eating his tenth explorer, you do not slap **him** on the back and say **be a crocodile**."

Civility then brings easement to many tense situations and gentleness, not rudeness is the way of love. To practice the knightly virtues is the everyday way of walking with God. At the beginning I gave you for a text a stanza from St. Paul's great hymn To Love. In this hymn Paul, the theologian and poet, has abstracted the conception of Love. Actually, Love is always a person loving. Love is not something which can be kept safely in a strong-box. It must be manifested and lived. So let us personalize the text and say—

John is patient, John is kind
And envies no one.
John is never boastful
Nor conceited, nor rude;
Nor selfish
Nor quick to take offense.
John keeps no score of wrongs;
Does not gloat over other peoples' sins
And delights in the Truth.

True life situations are not always simple and clear. There are occasions when no convention applies but I am confident, **that on these confused occasions**, what the Holy Spirit will show us will break through to our hearts more easily and be expressed in our actions more truly if, day by day, we have learned to exemplify the chivalrous code of good manners.

Patriotic Activities

By Sir Knight Glenne R. McArthur, P.G.C. (South Dakota)
Chairman Committee on Patriotic Activities

The Patriotic Activities Committee of the Grand Encampment was brought into being by a resolution passed in 1949. The resolution stated 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.

Moral Re-arming Needed

Moral re-arming, today, is the greatest task challenging the people of this country, even more important than military rearmament. A high degree of public apathy and indifference in our country can well be more dangerous than space-arms and bombs. There is 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.

Continuing Civic Responsibility

The emphasis is on **continuing civic responsibility**. Templary is concerned with the active support of youth groups. Knights Templar are concerned about the observance of Armistice Day, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and



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Formerly Department Commander, now
Chairman of Committee on Patriotic
Activities.

all other national holidays of similar import. They are concerned about support for drives, not just in terms of financial support but also in terms of active participation by Templars in such campaigns. In brief, they should be concerned that **every Constituent Commandery** remembers always that a responsible interest in civic matters and in the governmental welfare of its community is a matter of proper interest to them as an organization.

Christian Image

Patriotic Activities is one of the areas wherein Knights Templar create in the public mind an image of that which is Templary. If it is done properly, it will always be a Christian image. Thus, Templary can have an out-reach, doing something for others and not just for ourselves.

News from Grand and Constituent Commanderies



ILLINOIS GRAND OFFICERS

Front row: (left to right) Alvin Louis Crump, E. Grand Generalissimo; Edwin R. Hobson, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander; Seth W. Flanders, R.E. Grand Commander; Ragnar E. Broms, E. Grand Captain General; Alfred E. Koch, E. Grand Senior Warden; Haldane W. Bean, E. Grand Junior Warden.

Back row: (left to right) George Wilbur Bell, E. Grand Treasurer; Sylvester M. Schule, E. Grand Captain of the Guard; Lawrence R. Gilman, E. Grand Standard Bearer; Charles E. Bostick, E. Grand Sword Bearer; Edwin T. Grove, E. Grand Prelate; David E. Wennerstrand, E. Grand Warder; Maynard F. LaFollette, E. Grand Color Bearer; Russell V. Wright, E. Grand Recorder.

Annual Conclave of Illinois Highlighted By Address of Deputy Grand Master Brucker

The 105th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois at Decatur on September 29th, 30th and October 1st was highlighted by two splendid addresses by Sir Knight Wilbur M. Brucker, Right Emi-

nent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Officers, with visiting Grand Officers from sister Jurisdictions, heads of the State York Rite Bodies and distinguished guests assembled in pre-

liminary dinners on Friday, September 29th, for discussion of the future of Masonry.

Sir Knight Clarence C. DeWitt, R. E. Grand Commander, convened the official Conclave sharply at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. After handling of necessary preliminary business, the many distinguished guests were received. Sir Knight and Brother Paul R. Stephens, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, addressed the Conclave, paying tribute to the cooperation and the good feeling existing between the Lodge and the Commandery in the State of Illinois.

Sir Knight Brucker, having been slightly delayed by air transportation problems, arrived a few moments later and was officially received as the personal representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master. Sir Knight Brucker's address to the Conclave session was inspiring, and because of the interest, tape recordings are being prepared for use throughout Commanderies within the State of Illinois.

During noon recess the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm was held. This organization is a special activity of the Knights Templar of the State of Illinois and maintains a home for the Aged at Paxton, Illinois, where members of the Masonic Fraternity, and members of their families, can be cared for during the declining years of their lives. Admittance is predicated upon being aged and infirm or an incurable condition which does not permit admittance to other Nursing Homes maintained by the Fraternity. The Home is supported by voluntary contributions from the Sir Knights in Illinois.

During the afternoon, while the Conclave business was conducted, Exhibition Drills were held at a School in Decatur under the direction of the Brigade Commander and his staff.

The ladies were entertained at lunch and during the afternoon at the Decatur Club.

As the Conclave adjourned at 4:45 P. M., the newly elected Grand Officers were installed, headed by Sir Knight Seth Webster Flanders, of Aurora, Illinois, as Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's banquet, at which Sir Knight Clarence C. DeWitt presided, was held at the Masonic Temple and filled the large dining room to capacity. Sir Knight George Wilbur Bell, R. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment and a Past Grand Commander of Illinois, served as Master of Ceremonies, and handled the large group of introductions in his inimitable way. Entertainment during the dinner was furnished by orchestra, and the Chanters from Ansar Temple at Springfield.

Sir Knight Brucker, when introduced, delivered a moving impromptu address on the foreign affairs situation of the United States, assuring the group that while there was cause for concern they did not have cause for alarm or fear. He urged all to continue to have faith in, and reliance on, the basic principles of our Fraternity and our government. Sir Knight Rev. Joseph Hobbs concluded the banquet session with a prepared address.

Although the official Conclave session closed on Saturday, the Sir Knights of Illinois and visiting Sir Knights assembled on Sunday after church services for the Annual Conclave Parade, which after marching through the business sections of Decatur grouped in a mass formation at the Masonic Temple for brief devotional services.

The Annual 1962 Conclave will be held at Aurora, Illinois, on September 8th, 1962.

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Front Row: Charles Leon Willey, E. Grand Junior Warden; John R. Pond, E. Grand Senior Warden; Merle Wesley Frisbie, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander; Harry Stewart Norton, R. E. Grand Commander; Maurice Fuller Roberts, Grand Generalissimo; Harold William Given, Grand Captain General.

Back Row: John Robert Brownell, E. Grand Standard Bearer; John William Givens, E. Grand Warder; Ernest W. Peterson, E. Grand Treasurer; Richard Henry Tusant, E. Grand Recorder; John Robert Williams, E. Grand Sword Bearer; and Lloyd Kenneth McRae, E. Grand Captain of the Guard.

Rex Ward Davis, E. Grand Treasurer, Emeritus and Carroll C. Roberts, E. Grand Prelate, were absent.

Oregon Grand Conclave was held at Baker, Oregon, with members of the Conclave attending church services Sunday evening preceding opening of the Grand Commandery at 8:15 a. m. Monday by Pendleton Commandery No. 7, of Pendleton, Oregon. Sir Knights of several Commanderies assisted. The Conclave was under the leadership of R. E. Grand Commander James Pierre Kakebeeke.

At the Grand Commander's Dinner at the Grand York Rite session, Sir Knight Herman Oliver, of La Grande, was presented with a fifty year pin by Grand Commander H. Stewart Norton. In his distinguished career, Sir Knight Oliver has been a Blue Lodge Mason fifty-three years, a member of State Board of Higher Education twenty-three years, a member of Oregon State High-

way Commission three years; president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Ass'n ten years; president of Grant County Bank; director of the First National Bank of Oregon and Mayor of John Day—a wonderful record for a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

Sir Knight Fred Inman, R. E. Past Grand Commander, was also honored at the Grand Commander's Dinner in Baker by being presented with his fifty year pin in Templary by R. E. Grand Commander Norton. Baker Commandery No. 9 is his home Commandery. M. W. Brother and Sir Knight Julius M. Swanson, Grand Master of Masons in Oregon, presented him with his fifty year pin in the Blue Lodge. Baker Oregon Masons feel very proud of R. E. P. G. C. Inman.

Holy Grail Commandery at Hazel Park, Michigan, Knights Father, Four Sons



February 27, 1961, was the date of a unique occurrence at Holy Grail Commandery No. 58, believed to be the first of its kind in Templar history. A father and four sons were knighted on the same date. They are shown above, left to right, as follows: James, Jack, Fred, and William Blevins; and Eugene A. Blevins (the father). Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of Michigan, John H. Loree was among those present. Sir Knights from the following Commanderies, Pontiac No. 2, Genesee Valley No. 15, Highland Park No. 53, and Redford No. 55, also, witnessed the Knightings.

South Dakota Holds 78th Conclave at Rapid City

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota held its Seventy-eighth Annual Conclave at Rapid City, September 10, 11, and 12, 1961. The Conclave reconvened Monday morning at the Masonic Temple. The registration started Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Past Commanders had their annual meeting Sunday at 4:30, with a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The religious service was held at the First Methodist Church at 8 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Robert H. Wagner, Pastor. The sermon was given by Rev. Arthur W. Westwood of Spearfish. The Grand Prelate, Rev. David Graham, was unable to be present. There were 70 Sir Knights in uniform and about the same number of ladies present. Following the service a reception was held at the Masonic Temple by Schrader Commandery No. 9.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

John G. West, Grand Commander; Harold R. Kaiser, Deputy Grand Commander; Marshall I. Stenson, Grand Generalissimo; William M. Griffith, Grand Captain General; Viron F. Schumaker, Grand Senior Warden; C. Merrill Allen, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. David Graham, Grand Prelate; Carl E. Voigh, Grand Treasurer; Elvin F. Strain, Grand Recorder; Leonard W. Clark, Grand Standard Bearer; Nelson F. Welker, Grand Sword Bearer; Stewart L. Kirkpatrick, Grand Warden; J. Gerald Ross, Grand Capt. of the Guard.

Distinguished guests were present from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana.

Memorial Services were held Monday afternoon with Rev. David Graham, Grand Prelate, presiding.

Why a Master Mason Should Become a Knight Templar

By G. Mason Cochran, D.D., Glenshaw, Pennsylvania
Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment

Glenshaw, Pennsylvania

Dear Grand Master:

Every Master Mason should be a member of a Commandery of Knights Templar, because through his membership in that "valiant and magnanimous" order he is taught in detail some of the lessons of charity and honor that are introduced in other bodies.

Since much of learning is achieved in detail rather than in principle, teachings of the Commandery, stressing faithfulness, devotion, generosity and personal integrity, are valuable for daily living in a world which greatly needs them.

The stress upon Christianity in all the Orders is logical, for Freemasonry itself cannot be understood apart from the Christian revelation. No Mason, however, can fully appreciate the depth of the work of the Fraternity until he has participated in the work of the Orders.

There is so much of challenge in the work the Knight Templar undergoes that the candidate becomes fully aware of the breadth and scope of the obligations he has undertaken. And this is good, for it is still true that "a man's reach should exceed his grasp, else what's a Heaven for?" To know how much is required of true manhood is not to be discouraged, but rather to be encouraged to reach farther and try more diligently to achieve fully developed Christian manhood.

Many men have testified that their eyes have been opened and their souls inspired by the beautiful work of the several Orders. This is important, but not nearly as important as the fact that instruction has been received in the most important area of man's experience: his responsibility for his fellows.

No member of a Commandery should ever fail to recommend membership to his Subordinate Lodge brother.

Courteously yours,
G. MASON COCHRAN, D.D.
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