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GRAND MASTER LAUDS SIR KNIGHT WILBER M. BRUCKER

This issue of the "Knight Templar" magazine features a profile on the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker.

My mind goes back quite often to the first time I had the pleasure of meeting our Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, which was in June of 1948.

Our Most Eminent Grand Master at that time, Sir Knight John T. Rice, appointed me in 1948 as his Personal Representative to the Grand Commandery of Michigan for their 1948 Annual Conclave at Battle Creek, Michigan. Sir Knight Frank Campbell Bowers was Right Eminent Grand Commander at that time. It was my first visit to the Grand Commandery of Michigan and it was to me one of the most pleasant and successful visits that I have ever had the pleasure of making as a representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master.

When the Right Eminent Grand Commander convened his Grand Commandery with the assistance of his Grand Officers, every Officer whether a junior or senior Officer, not only displayed their ability as a Grand Officer, but every one put his heart into his work, which you see in very few Grand Commanderies.

After lunch the Right Eminent Grand Commander adjourned the work of the Grand Commandery in order that the different Constituent Commanderies of Michigan could put on an Exhibition Drill for the benefit of the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and those in attendance at the Conclave. Every Sir Knight that participated in the Exhibition Drills showed their training for the drill and the spirit which he had in executing the drill so precisely for their commanderies.

In looking over my report to Sir Knight John Rice, then Most Eminent Grand Master, of my visit to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, I see that I reported

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A Profile of Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker

(By Sir Knight HALE A. CLARK, Editor of the Beauseant of Detroit Commandery No. 1)

Nearly forty years ago Templary was revealed to Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and he has given Templary his devoted service over all the intervening years.

It was on March 16, 1923, at age 29, that the Order of the Temple was conferred upon him by St. Bernard Commandery No. 16 of Saginaw, Michigan. Upon moving to Detroit from the State Capitol at Lansing, on March 3, 1933, he immediately affiliated with Detroit Commandery No. 1. Forthwith he entered into its Templar activities, taking his place in the ranks as a member of the famous Drill Corps of Detroit Commandery No. 1 at nearly every Grand and Triennial Conclave thereafter. He was elected Warder of Detroit Commandery No. 1 in April 1938, a mere five years after his affiliation, and became Eminent Commander in April 1943. While still holding that office he was elected Warder of the Grand Commandery of Michigan in June 1943, and rose successively to become Grand Commander of Michigan on June 9, 1951.

The Grand Encampment received him into its line in mid 1957, when he was appointed to the office vacated by the death of the late Sir Knight Ansel Packard, P.G.C., Grand Captain General. At the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Indianapolis in August 1958, Sir Knight Brucker was elected as Grand Generalissimo. He was advanced to the office of Deputy Grand Master at the Triennial Conclave in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 16, 1961.



SIR KNIGHT WILBER M. BRUCKER
Rt. Em. Deputy Grand Master

Significant of Sir Knight Brucker's vigor for Templary is the accomplishment of his year as Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1. Over the 13 preceding years the membership rolls of the Detroit Commandery No. 1 had decreased by 600 to a low of 1280. With his knighting of 150 an upturn began—continuing ever since to the present 2020.

Not Templary alone has received his devoted attention. His record in service to his fellow citizens is outstanding. The record begins upon his graduation in 1916 from the Law School of the University of Michigan, following which he served on the Mexican Border, and later with the famous 42nd (Rainbow) Division in World War I. He participated in every battle of the Division and was decorated with

the Silver Star for gallantry at Cha-teau Thierry.

Immediately following his distinguished service in World War I, he was appointed Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Saginaw County, Michigan, in 1919. In this office he served two terms, and was elected Prosecuting Attorney for another two terms. In 1927 he became Assistant Attorney General of Michigan, and a year later was appointed Attorney General. In 1928 he was re-elected Attorney General, continuing in that office until his election as Governor of Michigan in November 1930 in which office he served until January 1, 1933.

Upon moving to Detroit, he began a "second career" of 21 years of private practice of law. In 1954 he was urged to accept the post of General Counsel for the Defense Department, to which he was appointed on April 23, 1954. On July 21, 1955, President Eisenhower appointed him to be Secretary of the Army in which office he served throughout the balance of the Eisenhower Administration. No other Secretary has served as long since the days of Secretary of War Stanton in Lincoln's Cabinet.

A citation of January 20, 1961, signed by all the Civilian Aides of the Secretary of the Army relates: "Due in large measure to (his) dedicated and untiring efforts . . . the effectiveness of the Army has increased in a marked degree . . . the Army has played a major role in training the ground forces of more than 40 allied nations . . . the Army has maintained powerful combat forces overseas . . . he has developed in the Army a greatly awakened consciousness of its indivisibility as a fighting team . . . he has tremendously invigorated the Army's fundamental pride in itself."

A citation of like tenor was presented to Secretary Brucker by the Army on January 20, 1961, signed by the Chief of Staff, the Vice Chief of Staff, and by the Commanding Generals of every Area Command of the United States Army throughout the world. The Reserve Officers Association of the United States, as of February 24, 1961, in a citation "claims for Wilber M. Brucker a place in this nation's Minute Man Hall-of-Fame."

There were other marks of honor including a "Welcome Home Wilber" dinner in Detroit on March 10, 1961, when over 1000 of his fellow citizens gathered for a testimonial banquet for him. A dozen Detroit organizations joined in this occasion to honor him for serving the Nation so unstintedly and effectively in these trying "cold war" years.

Now Sir Knight Brucker has resumed the pursuit of his law practice in Detroit, a career which he followed for 21 years after his retiring as Governor of Michigan, and from which he has been absent some seven years. In his profession he has the distinction of having served as Chairman of the State Bar Ethics Committee, and also as Chairman of the American Bar Ethics Committee.

The Brucker family are together again at 56 Vendome Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Sir Knight Wilber is in the partnership with his son, Sir Knight Wilber, Jr. Wife Clara, looking back over 38 years of active participation in the voluminous activities of husband Wilber, and, particularly, the past seven years of world wide travel with the Secretary, resumes her role in family affairs and in the Detroit community — where she is greatly admired by all.

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that Detroit Commandery No. 1, put on an Exhibition drill with 20 platoons of Sir Knights with another 4 platoons as an escort for the drill team, and taking a prominent part in that drill was the Senior Warden of that time of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, now Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment.

Since 1943 to my knowledge Detroit Commandery No. 1 has entertained Grand Encampment at all Triennial Conclaves with Exhibition Drills. Until the last few Conclaves, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker has participated in those Exhibition Drills. Knowing the time and number of years that Sir Knight Brucker has spent as a member of Detroit No. 1 Drill Team and the number of drills he has participated in, I doubt if we ever have had a Grand Officer that has spent more years in preparing himself as an Officer of Grand Encampment than Sir Knight Brucker.

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence by Most Eminent Grand Master Robert B. Gaylord. On this Committee he served under Most Eminent Past Grand Master William Catron Gordon and Walter Allen DeLamater. In August, 1957, upon the passing of Sir Knight Ansel A. Packard, then the R. E. Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment, Most Eminent Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater appointed Sir Knight Brucker as the R. E. Grand Captain General.

We have only to look at his personal biography to realize his ability, experience, efficiency, and leadership. Sir Knight Brucker served as Grand Captain General and Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment. During that time he was Secretary of the Army and was a very busy man, but he never neglected his work as an Officer of Grand Encampment.

Before the 48th Triennial Conclave was held in Cleveland, Ohio, last August, 1961, Sir Knight Brucker and myself held several Conferences about the plans for the 49th Triennium and on more than one occasion Sir Knight Brucker assured me that if I was elected Most Eminent Grand Master, he would be back of me 100% and would be at my beck and call at all times to help me along with the work. Since the election that he has done.

I am very thankful that the Grand Encampment of the United States of America has Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker as Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment and I am very glad that I have Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker as my right hand helper. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done for me in the past and all that he will do for me during the 49th Triennium as I can never repay Sir Knight Brucker for all the debts I owe him for the great help he has extended to me.

PAUL M. MOORE,
Grand Master.

WILBER M. BRUCKER

(A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH)*

Wilber M. Brucker, former Governor of Michigan, became Secretary of the United States Army on July 21, 1955. He served as General Counsel of the Department of Defense from April 23, 1954, until he assumed his present office.

Secretary Brucker has a background of Army experience extending from enlistment in the Michigan National Guard in 1915 and service on the Mexican Border as a Sergeant of the 33rd Infantry, Michigan National Guard, in 1916. Following the entry of the United States into World War I, he attended the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He served in France with the 166th Infantry, 42nd (Rainbow) Division, in all the Division's engagements including Luneville, Baccarat, Aisne-Marne, Chateau Thierry, Champaign-Chalons, Mt. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne. He was promoted to be a First Lieutenant of Infantry on August 22, 1918. He was cited by General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, for bravery under fire at Chateau Thierry and was awarded the Silver Star. He returned to the United States and was discharged on June 18, 1919.

Born June 23, 1894, in Saginaw, Michigan, son of the late Congressman Ferdinand Brucker and Roberta (Hawn) Brucker, he was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1916 with an LL.B. degree. He was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Saginaw County, Michigan, from 1919 to 1923. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney for two terms from 1923 to 1927. He became Assistant Attorney General of Michigan on January 1, 1927, and served until he became Attorney General of Michigan on February 18, 1928, to which office he was re-elected November 6, 1928. On November 5, 1930, at the age of 36, he was elected Governor of the State of Michigan and served until January 1, 1933. Thereafter to the date of his appointment as General Counsel of the Department of Defense he was a practicing lawyer in Detroit, Michigan. From 1937 until he went to Washington he was a member of the law firm of Clark, Klein, Brucker and Waples.

He is a member of the Detroit, Michigan, Federal and American Bar Associations. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Professional Ethics of the Michigan State Bar and also of the Ethics Committee of the American Bar Association.

He is a Past Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 as well as the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan, and is at present Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. He is a 33° Mason. He is an Elder of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Michigan.

He is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a Past National President of the Rainbow Division Veterans. In 1960 he received a Special Freedoms Foundation Leadership Award at Valley Forge.

Secretary Brucker is married to the former Clara Hantel. They have one child, Wilber M. Brucker, Jr., and three grandchildren. The family home is 56 Vendome Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

Wilber M. Brucker left the Office of Secretary of the Army at the end of his term of office—January 20, 1961, and returned to Detroit where he joined his son, Wilber, Jr., in the practice of law under the firm name of Brucker and Brucker, 2200 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

1962—Templary on the March

By Sir Knight WILBER M. BRUCKER, Rt. Em. Deputy Grand Master

What a challenge confronts Templary as we cross the threshold of 1962! Can we plant the Beauceant of our Order on "higher ground" 12 months hence?

War, immorality, corruption and communism have blasted away the serenity of the "good-old days," and have left the world literally hanging-on-the-ropes. When has there ever been a time in the world's history when there was such a dire need for "Soldiers of the Cross" as in this fateful year? Our beloved Country needs the surge of help that should come from the forces of righteousness in thousands of communities throughout the land. Knights Templar are equipped to put on the "whole armor of God" in order to wrestle successfully against depravity and wickedness wherever it may be encountered. Templary is the recognized champion of the cause of decency. We must live up to this public image.

The mighty principles of Templary are a magnetic rallying point for Masons throughout the land to demonstrate their allegiance to the Christian cause. However, principles alone are not enough in this critical period. They must be personified in flesh-and-blood lives of men who are willing to be publicly identified with their principles. It may be noble to subscribe to the principles of the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. It may be praise worthy to embrace moral, spiritual and charitable ideals. But the best private resolve accom-

plishes nothing beyond attainment of individual piety. It is not until this laudable private resolve is hooked-up with the tremendous power and momentum of Templary that Masons are able to March for our great Christian cause.

What does it take to be "On The March"? It means the mobilization of every Knight Templar who will become active. It requires that we close ranks and leave no gaps. We must abandon old ways of care-free indifference toward the efforts of our local commanderies. We must be humble enough to accept assignment to do some specific job—no matter how menial—to advance the effectiveness of our local commanderies. Each Sir Knight's talent should be geared to his skill to serve. Some are best at recruiting other Masons to join with us; some excell in ritualistic perfection; some can best perform charitable tasks; while others are interested in perfecting themselves in Drill Team activity in order to raise high the Banner of Templary in public parade. Whatever we do as individual Sir Knights, it should contribute to Group Action which needs to be positive and dynamic. We must continuously and unceasingly justify our right to belong to Templary—dedicated to the "Faith of our Fathers." We must give back to the life of our generation a greater devotion to our Christian cause if we would truly March for Templary.

Let us make our goal for 1962 —
"TEMPLARY ON THE MARCH"!

A Small Commandery Does Big Things

Activities Need Not Be Limited by Small Membership, Knightstown, Indiana, Commandery Learns

With a community behind you and every member in there working, a Commandery with a small membership can accomplish as much or more than a Commandery with much larger membership.

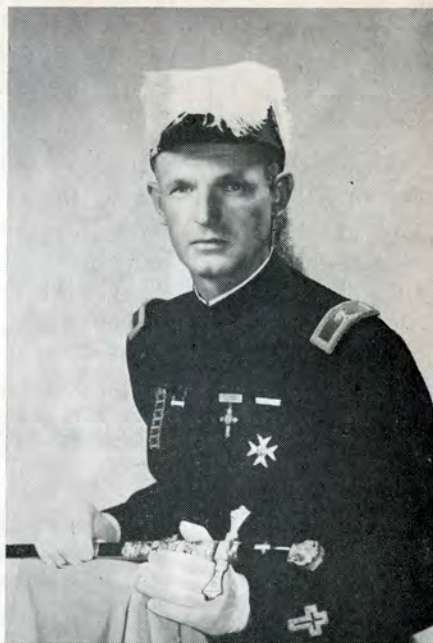
Knightstown Commandery No. 9, located at Knightstown, Indiana, has demonstrated this. With a membership of only 140 Sir Knights, Knightstown Commandery drill team has achieved a long string of victories, climaxed with winning second place in Class "A" competition at the Forty-eighth Triennial Conclave held at Cleveland, Ohio, last August.

The Commandery is located in a small community and is hemmed in by three other Commanderies located in county seat cities within an 18-mile radius. But the zeal of its members and whole-hearted community support, have focused state and national attention on the Commandery.

Knightstown is a farming community, located on U. S. 40, 35 miles east of Indianapolis. The town is one of the older ones in the state and its population of 2,500 has fluctuated little in past years. Many of its residents seek work in nearby cities.

Knightstown Commandery's interest in drill teams started in 1951. The Commandery attempted to place a detail of twelve men and the regular Commandery officers in line at the State Conclave held at Bloomington but failed to have enough Sir Knights present to do this.

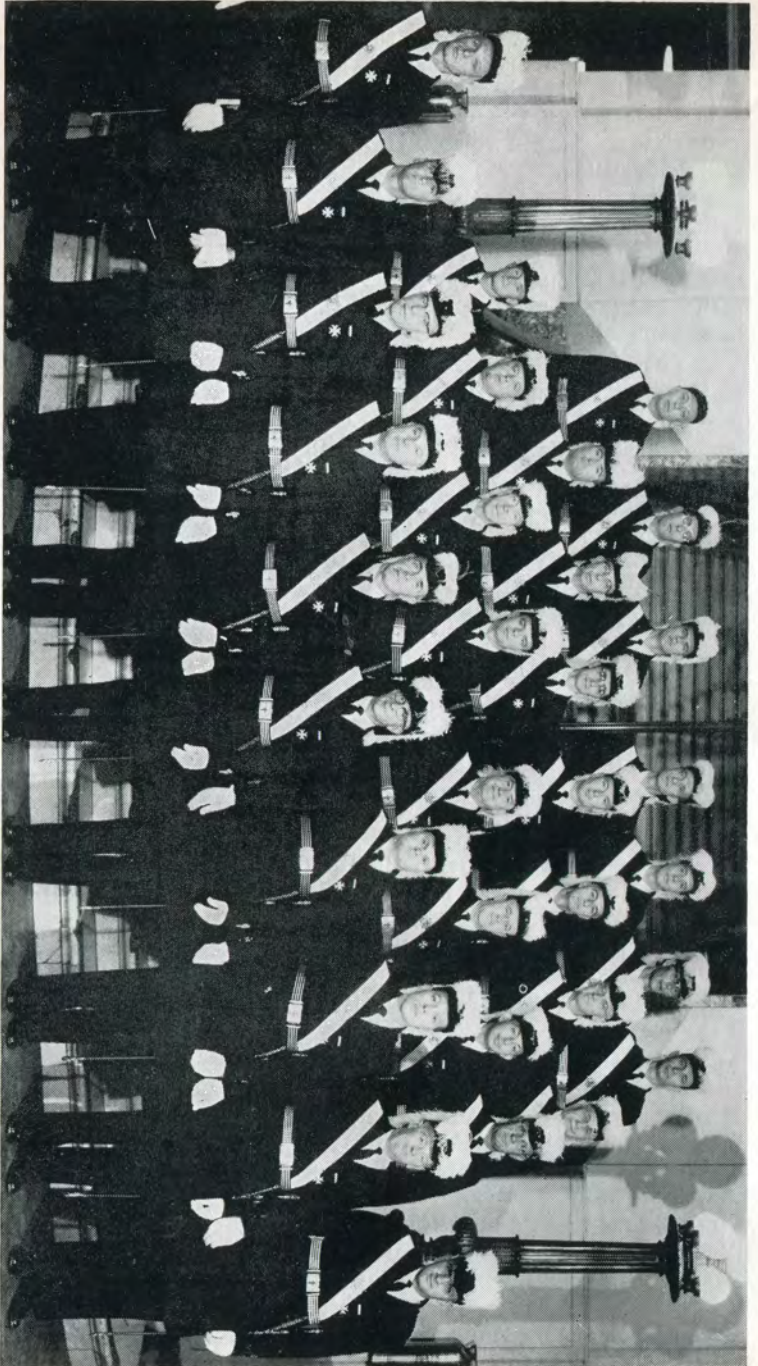
The team was successful the following year in placing a detail in competition and had similar success in 1953 and 1954. In 1955 the Commandery drill team won first place in Class "B" competition at the State Conclave held in Muncie.



BRANSON (Bill) BARTON, P.C.
Knightstown Commandery and Drill
Captain of its drill team.

Returning home jubilantly, members of the drill team found the community ready to back them for a trip to New York City to compete in national competition at the 1955 Triennial Conclave.

Plans were laid to send the 60-piece Knightstown High School band along with the drill team to New York. No contributor gave more than \$100 but a series of community events, dinners, paper drives, sale of donated personal property and other co-operative activities raised the necessary several thousand dollar fund to send the band with the team. Members of the drill team defrayed most of their own expense.



KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA, DRILL TEAM

Knightstowndrill team scored 93.5 points, just behind first place Lansing, Mich., 94.5 points, to win second place in Class "A" competition at Cleveland, Ohio, in August. Members of the team are (left to right), back row: Byron Barton, James Lane, Wm. Payne, Randall Barton, Carson Smith, Kenneth Kidwell, and Fred Barton. Second row from back: Clyde Johnson, Kenneth Cooper, Freemont Tanner, Ray Shultz, Merrill Small, Lee Patton, and Fred Perry. Second row from front: Ora Barnard, Charles Simmons, Russell Messick, Bill Alexander, Claude Lindsay, Bruce Thomas, Tom Nelson, and Russell Wilson. Front row: Branson (Bill) Barton, Fred Brooks, Carlos Tribby, Bob Weiser, Paul Poer, Howard Hayden, Doc Powers, Luther Bradford, Charles McDonald and Howard Colby.

With such whole hearted support from the people back home the drill team could not help but make a good showing. Competing against the best Commandery drill teams in the nation, Knightstown placed fourth in Class "B" competition.

Fired with this success the team drilled long and hard. Their efforts were rewarded. Three years later the team won third place in Class "A" competition at the Triennium Conclave held in Indianapolis.

Then last August in Cleveland, Ohio, Knightstown finished only 1% behind the winning Lansing, Michigan, Commandery Team in Class "A" competition.

Getting one-half of a Commandery membership to a State Conclave in Templar uniform is a feat in itself. In 1957 Knightstown not only sent more than 50% of its membership to the State Conclave in uniform but entered two teams in drill competition, one in Class "B" and one in Class "C" with no duplication of members in either team. Each team won first place in their respective class.

Knightstown had more than ordinary interest in the 1957 State Conclave. One of its own members, Willard M. Avery was the Grand Commander. That year the Knightstown Commandery opened the Commandery for the Grand Session, furnished lines for the escort, and exemplified the order of Malta in long form.

Co-operation of the Masonic groups at Knightstown and community is one of the bulwarks for the success of the Knightstown drill team. The drill team which represented Knightstown at Cleveland in August had eleven members who were serving as officers in the Blue Lodges and there were ten Past Masters of the Blue Lodges on the drill team.

The Commandery is one of the oldest in Indiana. It is the only Commandery

in the state from which a Grand Master of the Grand Encampment has been elected. Leonidas P. Newby served as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment from 1922 to 1925.

Past Grand Commander Willard M. Avery is the first Department Commander appointed from Indiana to serve the East Central Department of which Indiana is a part.

Thus Knightstown Commandery has a long heritage to live up to and members of the Commandery are building up a record which commanderies of much larger membership can well afford to note.

In conclusion and to sum up the spirit of Knightstown Commandery "it's not the size of the Commandery or the number of Sir Knights that makes for effective Commandery work, but is the zeal with which the Sir Knights enter into Commandery activities." A small Commandery can be a leading social factor in the Community as evidenced by Knightstown Commandery. At the time of the Cleveland Triennial the leading headlines article in the weekly paper at Knightstown read "Drill Team Second in Nation." The annual inspection at Knightstown Commandery draws a crowd of approximately 200 Sir Knights and Ladies. The Commandery is backed wholeheartedly by the small community and in turn is one of the outstanding organizations in the activities of the community.

Templary can be a vital factor in community life as evidenced by the success of the activities imminating from this small Commandery.

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Walter A. De Lamater, Executive Director

All readers of this magazine, whether Sir Knights or not, will be delighted to know of the progress that has and is being made by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. As of November 27, 1961, we have processed 4,122 cases and it will be interesting to know that most all states now, with one exception, are taking more interest in our great humanitarian project as evidenced by the following list:

Alabama	303	Oregon	112
Alaska	2	Pennsylvania	61
Arizona	8	Rhode Island	6
Arkansas	42	South Carolina	54
California	315	South Dakota	9
Colorado	17	Tennessee	163
Connecticut	12	Texas	968
Delaware	0	Utah	22
District of Columbia	7	Vermont	19
Florida	105	Virginia	101
Georgia	86	Washington	25
Hawaii	2	West Virginia	95
Idaho	37	Wisconsin	19
Illinois	142	Wyoming	80
Indiana	48		
Iowa	24	Total	4,122
Kansas	24		
Kentucky	228		
Louisiana	31		
Maine	19		
Maryland	29		
Massachusetts	41		
Michigan	174		
Minnesota	35		
Mississippi	59		
Missouri	29		
Montana	66		
Nebraska	8		
Nevada	31		
New Hampshire	6		
New Jersey	12		
New Mexico	16		
New York	176		
North Carolina	17		
North Dakota	3		
Ohio	187		
Oklahoma	47		

In order to augment our income and to enable us to delay as long as possible the establishing of a waiting list of those seeking our assistance for surgery and hospitalization the Grand Encampment during its Triennial Conclave in Cleveland last August adopted an Amendment to Section 18 1/2 of the Constitution authorizing a Knight Templar to purchase a certificate as a Life Sponsor in the Foundation upon the payment by any Sir Knight of \$30.00 in a lump sum which will exempt his Grand and Subordinate Commanderies and himself from any further assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The money derived from Life Sponsors will be deposited in a Life Sponsor Fund and be available for surgery and hospitalization as directed by the Trustees of the Foundation. Application forms are available upon request at the office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, New York, upon the payment of which a Life Sponsor Card together with receipt will be issued to the applicant and two copies of the receipt sent to the Grand Recorder of the Jurisdiction concerned, one for his file and one to be sent to

the Constituent Commandery of which the applicant is a member. Only a Knight Templar can become a Life Sponsor.

Following are letters recently received from those whom it was our privilege to be of service to and it indicates what the Knight Templars are accomplishing and how rewarding our great humanitarian Work is.

Case No. 3785, Age 69, Male

Vernon Commandery No. 33,
Vernon, Texas

"You can never know just how much we appreciate a foundation such as yours. About two months ago a Mr. "Red" Odom stopped at the gas station where I work and told me he took Dad to Wichita Falls, Texas that morning for an eye examination because of a severe headache. After Dr. M—— examined his eyes he said he would have to operate at once to remove a cataract.

"We did not make a picture of the eye because it does not look any different now than before the operation but what concerns us most is the fact he can see now, whereas before he was blind.

"I will explain why I am writing you instead of Dad doing so. Dad was taken out of school when he was in the 3rd grade to help his Dad, who lost his right arm in a cotton gin that year, make a living for the family, and my Dad is left handed so you see he didn't learn to write too good. Therefore he asked me to write you.

"Now, as I close this letter of thanks, I pray The Lord will help and Bless the efforts of this foundation as its Members go about helping those who cannot help themselves." (signed by the son)

Case No. 3782, Age 80, Female

Gonzales Commandery No. 11,
Gonzales, Texas

"Dear Friends — For that is truly what you have been to me in my time

of need. To that I appreciate deeply your generosity in helping me, fails to express the deep gratitude I feel in my heart.

"Words are simply inadequate to tell you of the great joy I feel today with my sight restored. I know now how the blind man, who had his sight restored by our Saviour, must have felt. Your wonderful Foundation is truly doing Christ's work today.

"I feel so very fortunate in having Mr. Davis as a Friend as it was he who was instrumental in helping me and making the necessary arrangements for my aid from the Foundation. I truly feel that through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation I have received a wonderful gift from God.

"I hope I may be able at some future time to make a contribution toward the wonderful work you are doing for I would consider it a privilege and a pleasure to do so. May God bless and walk with you always in this wonderful work you are doing is the earnest and sincere prayer of Your Friend, Mrs. _____."

Case No. 3695, Age 54, Female

University Commandery No. 23
Seattle, Wash.

"I wish to gratefully acknowledge the financial support given me toward my eye operation by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. At this time, it appears the operation has been very successful. My vision has been restored approximately 75%, for which I am very grateful. To be able to see again is one of the greatest gifts that you have ever given me. May God continue to Bless your Organization and the Men who made this Operation a Success. I am enclosing a \$10 contribution and you will be hearing from me from time to time."

News from Grand and Constituent Commanderies

Wisconsin Masons See Order of Temple Conferred on Five Worshipful Masters

Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3, K. T. of Madison, Wisconsin, had the unique distinction and honor of conferring the Order of the Temple on the five active Worshipful Masters of the Five Symbolic Lodges of Madison on Saturday, November 11, 1961. It is believed that this is the first time, anywhere, that five Active Masters from the same city have been knighted together.

The five Active Worshipful Masters are: Dale A. N. Wesenberg, Madison Lodge No. 5; LeRoy J. Lantz, Hiram Lodge No. 50; Emery A. Butterfield, Commonwealth Lodge No. 325; Ralph J. Melton, Ionic Lodge No. 352, and Carl L. Payne, Doric Lodge (U. D.).

The following Past Commanders of Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3 assisted in the order by knighting the Masters of their respective Lodge: Sir Knight Frank Harrison, P. C., Madison Lodge No. 5; Sir Knight Robert M. Anderson, P. C., Hiram Lodge No. 50; Sir Knight O. D. St. Clair, P. C. and Past Grand Commander, Commonwealth Lodge No. 325.

Ionic and Doric Lodges, being new lodges, had no past Commanders. Sir Knight George Hughey, the immediate Past Commander, knighted the Master of Ionic Lodge No. 352 and Sir Knight Robert A. Johnson, Eminent Commander of Robert Macoy knighted the Master of Doric Lodge (U. D.).

It should be noted the heads of the other York Rite Bodies in Madison were active participants in the conferring of the order. Sir Knight L. J. Ochigle is

Excellent High Priest of Madison Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. and Sir Knight George Hughey is Thrice Illustrious Master of Madison Council No. 3, R. & S. M.

Distinguished Sir Knights present included: Robert V. Osborne, Racine, Wisconsin No. 7, Right Eminent Department Commander, North Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Elbert W. Miller, Eau Claire, Wisconsin No. 8, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin; Victor G. Nowack, Watertown No. 18, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin; Reverend Ayer T. Wallace, Robert Macoy No. 3, Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin; Earl B. Bauer, Henry L. Palmer No. 42, Milwaukee, Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin; Karl A. Crane, Racine No. 7, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin; Willard P. Matschke, Wauwatosa No. 51, Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin.

Past Grand Commanders of the State of Wisconsin present were: Clinton L. Peterson, La Crosse No. 9, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander; Orrin D. St. Clair, Robert Macoy No. 3, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander; Robert V. Osborne, Racine No. 7, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

Grand Chapter representative was

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CONFERRED ON FIVE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS**

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Carl S. Bass, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Robert Macoy No. 3.

Grand Council representative was Christ M. Stauffer, Monroe No. 48, Captain of the Guard, also Sovereign Prince of Madison Council, Princes of Jerusalem, A.A.S.R.; also Ingvald O. Hembre, Robert Macoy No. 3, Past Grand Master and Most Wise Master, Madison Chapter of Rose Croix, A.A.S.R.; also

Earl Saorse, Robert Macoy No. 3, Illustrious Potentate, Zor Shrine.

It was most gratifying to all officers and Sir Knights of Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3, K. T. to have had such a large turn out, which was really a grand display of Masonic Unity in Wisconsin. After the work was completed 100 Sir Knights sat down to dinner in the Temple dining room.



WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

Five Worshipful Masters (front row, left to right): S. K. Dale A. N. Wesenberg, W. M., Madison Lodge No. 5; S. K. Emery A. Butterfield, W. M., Commonwealth Lodge No. 325; S. K. LeRoy J. Lantz, W. M., Hiram Lodge No. 50; S. K. Carl L. Payne, W. M., Doric Lodge (U. D.), and S. K. Ralph J. Melton, W. M., Ionic Lodge No. 325, received degree in special ceremony.

Back row (left to right): S. K. Elbert W. Miller, Eau Claire, Wisconsin No. 8, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin, and S. K. Robert V. Osborne, Racine, Wisconsin No. 7, Right Eminent Deputy Commander, North Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, see degree conferred.

"Hats Off" To Trinity Commandery Located at Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida

Recognizing two of the major program objectives of Grand Encampment in a single action, Trinity Commandery of Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, qualifies for a salute from your Editor and from the Grand Encampment officers,—yes, we think, a salute from all Templars.

At the stated conclave of December, Trinity voted a subscription to the Knight Templar magazine for each of their approximately 240 members, and so went "all the way" in supporting the current drive to accelerate communications among Templars, in which the magazine is intended to be the basic medium.

More,—Trinity will subscribe for each Master Mason raised during the year in the Masonic District which covers approximately the same territory as the commandery jurisdiction. So these new members will be informed of the York Rite and the Templars,

and will therefore be more likely to be interested in our Order. And it should follow that the drive for membership, for recruits under our Banner, will be given a strong assist.

How did it happen? The initial push was a general letter from Grand Commander James W. Carter and Grand Recorder John B. Phelps. Local spark-plugs were two well known Past Commanders, Stephen B. Dimond, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council and member of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee of International DeMolay, and Frederic A. Riegei, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master.

Your Editor has heard from Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment, and he is plainly delighted by the action of Trinity, which is his "adopted" home commandery in Florida. So are we! **Hats off—to Trinity!**

Ohio Grand Commandery Holds 119th Conclave

Ohio Grand Commandery of Knights Templar held their 119th Conclave in Akron, Ohio, October 7, 8 and 9th.

The three-day session was climaxed with installation of officers by Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, M. E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and assisted by Sir Knight Virgil F. Kent, R. E. Past Grand Commander of Ohio as Installing Marshal and Sir Knight and Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Eminent Grand Prelate.

The following officers were installed:

Howard R. Malone, Rt. Em. Grand Commander; Cecil J. Pierce, V. Em.

Deputy Grand Commander; Warren H. Smith, Em. Grand Generalissimo; John W. Rutschow, Em. Grand Captain General; Robert S. Schoedinger, Em. Grand Senior Warden; Herbert E. Rogler, Em. Grand Junior Warden; Reverend Phil Porter, Em. Grand Prelate Emeritus; Reverend Eugene H. Buxton, Em. Grand Prelate; Robert W. Taylor, Em. Grand Treasurer; Robert J. Hackett, Em. Grand Recorder; Cecil S. Blair, Em. Grand Standard Bearer; Ned E. Dull, Em. Grand Sword Bearer; Thomas P. Rankin, Em. Grand Warder, and George W. Davidson, Em. Grand Captain of the Guard.

Dates of 1962 Conclaves Announced

Alabama—April 24-25	Mobile	Nebraska—April 26-27	Omaha
Arizona	Date & Place to be Announced	Nevada—June 4	Los Vegas
Arkansas—April 16-17	Little Rock	New Hampshire	To be announced
California—April 26-27	Long Beach	New Jersey—March 3	Atlantic City
Colorado—September 28	Denver	New Mexico—May 22	Glorieta
Connecticut—April 23	New Haven	New York—June 22-23-24	Buffalo
Dist. of Col.—May 12	Washington	North Carolina—May 21	New Bern
Florida—May 14	Gainesville	North Dakota—April 29-30	Grafton
Georgia—May 9-10	Savannah	Ohio	To be announced
Idaho—May 20-22	Boise	Oklahoma—April 23-24	Tulsa
Illinois—September 8	Aurora	Oregon—April 9	Portland
Indiana—May 10-11	Evansville	Pennsylvania—May 22-23	Pittsburgh
Iowa—To be determined by Exec.-Com.		South Carolina—March 11-12	Camden
Kansas—May 7-8	Not decided	South Dakota	To be announced
Kentucky—May 21	Owensboro	Tennessee—August 23	Nashville
Louisiana—Not decided	Lake Charles	Texas—April 16-17	Waco
Maine—April 30	Portland	Utah—May 8	Provo
Maryland—May 9	Baltimore	Vermont—Not announced	St. Albano
Mass. & R. I.	Not Announced	Virginia—May 10-12	Norfolk
Michigan—June 8-9	Detroit	Washington—May 21-22	Winatchee
Minnesota—June 8-9	Bemidji	West Virginia—May 18-19	Parkersburg
Mississippi—April 4-5	Jackson	Wisconsin—June 15-16	Eau Claire
Missouri—May 4-5	St. Louis	Wyoming	To be announced
Montana—June 15-16	Great Falls		

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