

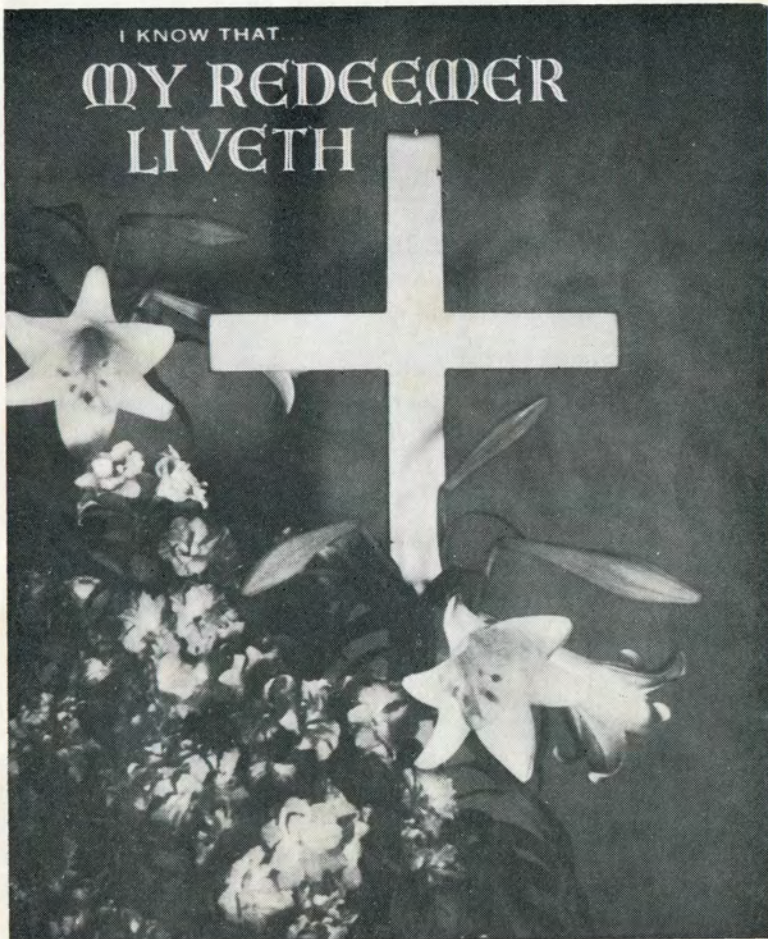


Knight Templar

VOLUME VIII

JUNE, 1962

NUMBER 6



I KNOW THAT
MY REDEEMER
LIVETH

"And He Departed from Them and Ascended into Heaven"



Knight Templar



Official Publication of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of
the United States of America—Issued Monthly

PAUL M. MOORE, Grand Master

JOHN TEMPLE RICE, Grand Recorder

Postmasters Send Notices to

OFFICE OF PUBLICATION OF "KNIGHT TEMPLAR"—SUBSCRIPTIONS

Send All Subscriptions, New and Renewals (\$1.00 per year) to—Address

"KNIGHT TEMPLAR" Magazine—20 West South Street, Greenfield, Indiana.

(Notice to Subscribers—The date on the wrapper indicates when your Subscription Expires.)

The "Knight Templar" entered as Second Class Matter at the United States Post Office, Greenfield, Indiana, under the Act of August 24, 1912.

OFFICE OF EDITOR—NEWS

Mail feature articles, news articles of general interest, and pictures for publication
to the Editor "Knight Templar" Magazine

WILLARD M. AVERY, P.G.C., Editor

P. O. Box 56, KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA

What the Ascension Means for Us

By REV. BYRON LEASER, Knightstown, Indiana.

The Christian religion is linked with four great events in the life of Jesus Christ; His birth, His death on the cross, His resurrection from the dead, and His ascension. Each of these events holds a place of vital importance in the Christian Message, and each has a specific day set aside for annual observance by Christians throughout the world.

At this time we are especially interested in the Ascension. What particular meaning does it hold for us?

It was a sign that Christ had completed His work on earth, and would now take up His work in heaven. He was going back to the Father to be our advocate, to interpret our needs, to speak the earthly language in the heavenly courts. There He would be preparing a place for those who will inherit the Kingdom.

The Ascension was an event which signalled the beginning of a new era in which the local and visible Christ was to be replaced by a universal and invisible Presence, free from any physical or material limitations. Thus it was made possible for Him to fulfill two of His wonderful promises, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," and "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Building Templar Strength Through Membership

By **WILBER M. BRUCKER**, Deputy Grand Master

Out of all the discussion about the "Condition of our Order" comes the clear concept that membership is considered as the index by which the progress of our great Order of Knighthood is judged. We have provided a benevolent Educational Foundation, which has made available over \$13,500,000 for over 50,000 college students since 1923. We have established the charitable Eye Foundation, which has helped to prevent blindness for over 4,700 needy men, women and little children in the last five years. But the vigor and the progress of our own organization is still judged by our membership standing.

Growing membership indicates a healthy condition—that men are attracted to become Knights Templar, and that our existing members are anxious to retain their membership. A declining membership means just the reverse. Also, with all our emphasis upon increasing the quantity of our membership, it is obvious that there can be no safe permanence, if we fail to attract and hold top-quality citizens in each community. Accordingly, the national membership by which men judge our Order, becomes the sum total of the attitude of thousands of local Commanderies toward their own responsibility. Hence, the question of Templar membership is primarily a grass-roots problem—and one of superlative importance—in which all of us are equally and vitally interested.

Too many Knights Templar have taken it for granted that because Templary is based upon the most exalted principles and the practice of the Christian virtues, we need to do very little, if anything, to attract new members, or to hold the interest of existing members. A strange sense of indifference or lack of concern has come over some



Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master, K. T. of U. S. A.

of us about this vital matter of membership—and we sometimes act as though Templary ought to thrive upon its merits alone, and should require no human assistance. This is the unpardonable sin which will lead to disaster if we allow it to permeate our thinking any longer. In these modern days, men are so constituted that they need to be continuously "sold" on the most essential things in life—and our Christian Cause is no exception. If we think that the appeal of Templary is so automatic that we can replenish our ranks with good men by mere silence, then we are in for a terrible disillusionment. It takes a carefully planned and inspired appeal by the best Sir Knights we have, in order to convince young Masons that their best interest lies in joining the ranks of Templary. Likewise, if we think that an older Sir Knight will continue his membership in good standing without being con-

tinuously convinced of the importance of his own personal part in our righteous cause—then again we are due to be faced with a flood of demits if not suspensions.

The hour has struck for Templars—all over the country—to rise from their lethargy and do something about membership. We need to “come alive” in the fullest sense of that term in every Commandery. We urgently need the strength that comes through increased as well as high quality membership. We need Sir Knights who will put on the whole armor of God and become recruiters for our great Order. If we were merchandizing, I would say that our “product” is the best in the world and ought to be easily “sold.” Frankly, our sights have not been set high enough. We must lift our horizons and seek out the very top-most men in every community across this land to join our Cause. We must not be content with mediocre objectives. Top executives, industrialists, business and professional men and artisans need Templary just as much as we need these important men. The woods are full of eligible, top-notched Masons.

Is it hard to “sell” Templary? Shame on us if we hesitate! If we were really inspired, do you think for a moment we would say it’s “too hard” to “sell” our magnificent Order in a world that sorely needs everything we stand for? To any timid soul who shrinks from the task and says “I don’t like to approach a prospect about his becoming a member”—let us reply—that same prospect you are hesitant about approaching, will thank you heartily for your persistence when he has been

knighted and fully realizes the impact of becoming one of our Christian band.

Now, in order to accomplish our purpose, we need to be a great deal more demanding than we have ever been before in deciding upon the leaders to whom we are willing to entrust this vital membership assignment. Instead of perfunctorily turning the job over to some already-burdened officer, or to some committeeman, we must recognize at the outset that the choice of leading a membership campaign is one of the most critical decisions of the whole Templar year. The appointment should go to no less a personage than the best man in the whole Commandery—regardless of every other consideration. He should be a man of high purpose who is a walking advertisement for Templary—as well as a man to whom others will rally. There is no harm in his being a salesman by nature! St. Paul is still a pretty good example of the sense of devotion one needs to have in order to recruit for a Cause like Templary.

It is true that the Membership Committee of the Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment can help by advice and suggestions—but after all is said and done—the job is one that will be finally successful only upon the basis of what is actually done upon the grass-roots level. The call was never stronger than it is today for local leaders to be selected who measure up to their high calling and who can encourage, animate and inspire others to enlist. With such leadership we can’t help but succeed in the great task of building Templar strength through membership. The time to begin is NOW!

**COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR U. S. A.**



Arch M. Dullnig, Chairman

No committee of the Grand Encampment can be said to be the most important committee. However, it can in all truthfulness be said that there is no committee more important than the Committee on Membership. Our Order depends upon an active endeavor to solicit young new qualified Sir Knights to carry on the work. With this in mind the Grand Master after much consideration appointed three able and energetic Sir Knights as members of this committee.

The chairman of the committee is Archibald M. Dullnig, P. G. C. of Texas, P. O. Box 840, Tyler, Texas.

Arch has proven himself as a most energetic worker for Templary in a state that boasts (the word is advisedly used) the largest membership in the Grand Encampment and also the largest Commandery in our Grand Jurisdiction. It

is through the efforts of Arch and other Sir Knights in Texas that the high membership standard has been obtained by that jurisdiction.

Arch is 57 years of age, is an excellent organizer, and will afford leadership of superb quality to this committee. He is a leader of civic activities in his community and is also an active worker in other branches of Masonry.

It is appropriate that another member of this committee be selected from a state that has rapid growth in membership. Robert M. Rewick is a P. G. C. of California. He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1909, attended public schools of Lincoln and Denver, Colorado, and graduated from the University of Colorado, with Bachelor of Business Administration. He moved to San Diego, California, in 1936 and established the firm of Rewick and Novak, Public Accountants, a respected and successful partnership in the San Diego North Park area. He is an Active Lion, Past President of the North Park Business Club; Charter Member of the National Association of Public Accountants; Charter Member and Past President of San Diego Chapter of the Society of California Accountants.

Sir Knight Rewick and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Robert, a chemist at General Atomics Corporation, and Lee Ann, a student. They are members of the Point Loma Community (Presbyterian) Church. He is a member of the York Rite bodies in San Diego. He was Commander in 1949, and his ability was recognized in the following year by appointment to the Grand Commandery line. He is a member of the Scottish Rite bodies, and of the Shrine; member of the Mission Valley Country Club and the Kona Kai Club of San Diego.



W. Arthur Patat

The third member of the committee, W. Arthur Patat, served as Grand Commander of Georgia in 1959-60.

He was born in Athens, Georgia, in 1917, son of Oscar C. and Mae Whiten Patat. He was educated in the public

schools of Athens and Toccoa, Georgia, and graduated from the Washington School of Art. A self-employed commercial artist, he operates a successful Commercial Art and Sign Company in Toccoa.

Sir Knight Patat was married in 1935 to Miss Leona Mildred Campbell and they are parents of a daughter, Linda Carol. Another consuming interest is their church, the Hill Street Baptist Church of Toccoa, where Sir Knight Patat has been a Deacon for fourteen years.

A past presiding head of all the York Rite bodies, he is a member of Georgia Priory K. Y. C. H.; of the Scottish Rite bodies and Shrine; and is a Past Patron of O. E. S. He continues to serve as Secretary of the Toccoa York Rite. As Grand Commander in 1959-60, his outstanding ability, dedication and sincerity earned him a rare place in the hearts of his Fellow Knights.

The program of this committee is of such importance that it is set out in full in this issue of the Knight Templar, and is a platform upon which we should build an active membership drive. Any Commandery following through on the suggestions made by the committee cannot help but receive favorable results from its efforts.

Contributions and "Life Sponsorship to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc." are Tax Exempt

A recent letter from the U. S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, has been obtained by Walter A. DeLamaier, Executive Director of the Foundation and reads in part as follows: "It is the conclusion of this office, based upon the information submitted, that if a \$30.00 contribution is made to your organization by a Knight Templar and as a consequence of such

contribution he is exempt from any further assessment imposed by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America for your foundation, the contribution will be deductible by the donor in the year paid in computing his taxable income in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 170 of the 1954 Code."

Program of Grand Encampment Committee On Membership—A Plan of Action

ARCH M. DULLNIG, Chairman, P. O. Box 840, Tyler, Texas

A PLAN OF ACTION to restore to Templary its rightful place of leadership among Masonic Bodies through strengthened membership.

A PLAN OF ACTION that might be used by every Constituent and Subordinate Commandery in the United States.

Every Commandery in the United States now has a Committee on Membership, its members carefully chosen because of their known interest in the future growth and effectiveness of their Commandery. This PLAN OF ACTION is recommended for each Committee to put into operation.

The PLAN OF ACTION has been used successfully by business and industry to promote and develop new methods, stimulate sales, create new products, reduce costs and improve operations; by some it is called "Brainstorming" by others "Creative Thinking."

The PLAN OF ACTION is divided into five parts, requiring two or more meetings of the Committee with the Officers and other interested Sir Knights.

The five parts are:

- (1) Define the problem.
- (2) Speculate on all possible solutions.
- (3) Analyze, evaluate and select.
- (4) Adopt a definite and realistic plan.
- (5) Put the PLAN into Execution and continually FOLLOW UP.

Ample time should be allowed at each meeting to give each participant an opportunity to express himself freely on every subject.

At the first meeting the Chairman should appoint a member to record briefly every idea put forth concerning

the cause of the problem, its solution, etc. He should emphasize to all that every approach and point of view should be allowed to tumble out without fear of criticism or teasing and that any and all ideas will be allowed to flow freely even though some may sound silly or useless.

The Sir Knights should then begin Part 1, DEFINE THE PROBLEM. They should set forth all reasons (real or imaginary, true or false, fact or fantasy) why their Commandery may not be enlisting and/or holding the interest of more members, younger members, dedicated members, energetic members. When all the ideas have been brought out they should be reviewed by the Sir Knight appointed to act as the Recorder.

If time is available the meeting should then proceed to Part 2, SPECULATE ON ALL POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. Again, all ideas are allowed to flow freely—one idea leads to another until a suitable solution is reached. The postponement of criticism allows thoughts of everyone to enter easily into the conversation. If all the allotted time of the first meeting is used to discuss Part 1, then the second meeting should be called for Part 2, at the earliest possible time.

After Part 2 is reviewed and concluded the meeting should close and each participant admonished to FORGET THE PROBLEM FOR A WHILE. This may appear on the surface to be rather useless but look at it carefully. After long periods of seemingly fruitless work, we should give our subconscious a chance to look at the problem. Later on, perhaps in a day or a week, a very good idea may suddenly occur to us that we hadn't thought of before.

Part 3, another meeting should be called, at which time all possible solutions heretofore proposed should be thoroughly ANALYZED, EVALUATED and the best among them SELECTED.

Then Part 4. Definite plans should be adopted whereby the selected solutions can become operative.

Finally and most important the PLANS should be put into EXECUTION and provisions made for continual FOLLOW UP.

This PLAN has been sent to Grand Commandery Membership Committees for their submission to Constituent Commandery Membership Committees in order that close contact may be kept and periodic follow up made. It is to the advantage of each Commandery, indeed each Grand Commandery, to form these groups for the purpose of discussion and concentrated thought. Conditions and problems vary so much from place to place that they are in fact "local problems" and who can better solve a local problem than the local group. Each group must be positive and creative within itself. Evaluation is imperative.

Submitted herewith is a "check list," a list of questions Commandery members might ask themselves. You may desire to forward such a list with your request for the meetings set forth above. They are by no means all inclusive nor would they apply to all Commanderies alike, but they might stimulate thought. You will probably add more questions to the list. Possibly you will delete some.

It is our suggestion that you request Commandery Committees to report to you on the meetings held in accordance with the plan and that you keep us informed as to the progress made.

You no doubt will receive many questions from Constituent Commanderies. Our Committee is assembling and has available information and "case his-

ories" of Commanderies that may assist you in answering difficult questions and we will be glad for you to call on us for any information you would like to have. At the same time we will need from you all the information you can supply us as to what you have found to work well in stimulating interest in Commanderies as well as pitfalls to be avoided. We believe this exchange of information will be of value to all.

As you know all phases of Templary, its Law, Finance, Religious Activities, Patriotic Activities, Ritualistic Work, Public Relations, Educational Support, Field Drills, Philanthropies, its whole life are inseparably tied into an interested and growing membership. Therefore, it behooves all of us to concentrate on enlisting and retaining interested membership of young Christian Masons in greater numbers than we have ever done before.

Check List

Is a satisfactory Roster of Members available? Does it contain the following basic data in addition to that required by Law: 1. Those members who are resident (within 40 miles) and those non-resident. 2. The name of the member's wife. 3. His profession or occupation. 4. Other Masonic memberships. 5. Past service in Commandery. 6. Other Masonic past service. 7. Past service in civic or service organizations. 8. Church membership and activity.

Does the Commandery carry its Orders to towns where a Chapter is located but where no Commandery exists?

Does the Commandery have teams to confer the Lodge degrees, Chapter degrees, Council degrees when invited to do so?

Are parking facilities available?

Are all other Bodies that meet in the same building fully informed of Commandery activities?

Are all the members fully informed of the Commandery activities?

Are all prospective members fully informed of Commandery activities?

Are Conclaves held at hours and dates most convenient to members?

Are fees and dues sufficient to provide funds for adequate paraphernalia and special activities?

Should more special activities be held?

Should the Commandery (by itself or in conjunction with other York Rite Bodies) establish a fund to provide candidates with a Time Payment Plan?

Should special recognition be given Sir Knights securing petitions?

Is sufficient time available at the Asylum to hold all Conclaves for work and special activities?

Is there a ladies organization such as an Auxiliary or Social Order of the Beauceant working as an adjunct to the Commandery?

What must the Commandery do to hold the interest of its members?

What does the Commandery have to offer new members?

Does the Commandery confer the Order of Malta in Full Form?

Does the Commandery have adequate Uniformed Units?

Are the Commandery Robes adequate and in good repair?

Does the Commandery confer the Orders in the very best manner possible?

Does the Commandery engage in York Rite Festivals?

Are the Chapters from which the Commandery draws its members LIVE CHAPTERS?

Are all Conclaves opened at the appointed time? Are they closed at a reasonable time? Does the work or business progress with dispatch?

Does the Commandery in conjunction with other York Rite Bodies in its area use the "3 Part" petition?

Does the Commandery keep an up-to-date, complete and comprehensive list of all prospects? Is the list worked systematically and continually?

Does the Commandery conduct the very best Religious Observances possible?

Does the Commandery set goals for its various endeavors? If they are not attained are efforts made to determine why and make correction?

Does the Commandery take periodic inventory of its accomplishments and make plans for future activities?

Is literature provided to encourage prospects to petition?

Is every Commandery Officer and every Committee member a subscriber to the KNIGHT TEMPLAR magazine?

Is every member fully informed of the work of the K. T. Eye Foundation?

Is every member fully informed of the work of the Educational Foundation?

Does the Commandery (by itself or in conjunction with other Masonic Bodies) publish a periodical for all its members? If so, are the following included in the mailing list: The Grand Commandery Officers; the Grand Encampment Officers; the KNIGHT TEMPLAR magazine; neighboring Commanderies?

Are By-Laws of the Commandery, Regulations of the Grand Commandery and Statutes of Grand Encampment such that will encourage the enlistment of new members and the interest of present members?

Are the members informed sufficiently of the regulations under which they hold their membership?

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

By David Browne Pearson

Eternal Father, forgive us for creating barriers among our selves. Thou hast shown us that we can live together and how so to do. Help us by Thy grace to build up the spirit, in this world, of brothers dwelling together in unity. Amen.

Pennsylvania Membership Promotion

The Committee on Membership, Pennsylvania Division, is carrying through on the program outlined by the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership. A most inspiring letter was sent by the Chairman of the Committee, Harrison C. Hartline, P.G.C., to the various Commanderies in Pennsylvania.

Among other things sir Knight Hartline states:

"To make the PLAN OF ACTION program the vital life line in each and every Commandery that it can be will require the cooperation of every Commandery and not just a few. It will require cooperation in each Commandery of the Commandery Officers, the Membership Committee, the Past Commanders, and the group which should grow in numbers, the interested Sir Knights. There must also be cooperation between the Commandery Membership Committee, the Pennsylvania Division Committee, and the Grand Encampment.

"Life is an onward flowing stream and for those who are embarked upon its bosom there is no such thing as rest. Take in your oars and the current bears you downward. Not to pull with lusty stroke upstream is to drift idly downstream. Not to advance is to recede. When growth ceases, death is impending.

"What have we got to sell? 'A fine building—billiard and card rooms—library—reading room—beautiful Orders worth double what is being charged for them.' These are replies to this pertinent question, but the greatest selling

point in Ancient Craft Masonry, as well as in Knight Templary, is the opportunity of becoming a better citizen. In the opinion of your committee, the greatest selling point to the Commandery of Knights Templar is not its Orders, its social privileges, not its entertainment features, but in the fact that every man who comes into Knight Templar is given the opportunity of associating with a high type of manhood and having thrown about him influences conducive of Christian character building.

"This selling point may not have appeal to every prospective candidate; but in the general analysis it is the type of man whom this sort of appeal influences that the future of our Order depends upon. Knight Templary has something to sell of the very highest value and the purchaser is buying something that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

"Knight Templary will be measured in the world not by what its enthusiastic supporters may declare it to be, but by what it is; and what it is depends upon what you and I as Knights Templar are doing."

**Subscribe For The
Knight Templar
For A Friend
\$1.00 a Year**

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS CASSELLS LAW

He has joined the Great Majority. Full of years and wisdom, Sir Knight Thomas Cassells Law, long a tall tower of strength in Templary, passed to his eternal reward on May 5, 1962, at Atlanta, Georgia. He was 82 years of age when summoned by his Lord and Master.

Few men in this nation have given of themselves so freely and in so many fruitful ways as did the late Sir Knight Law. To every chart or plan designed to make America a fairer land, a country hospitable to the divinely-inspired impulses, he gave unreserved talents and time. Templary in particular is indebted to this warm-hearted personality who was in his sojourn "Mr. Mason of Georgia."

Sir Knight Law was the R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia in 1931, a year of trial and of accomplishment. He was an active and honored member of all of the Rites (York and Scottish). He was the Imperial Potentate of the Ancient and Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America and it is revealed that he gave to the organization signal direction and purpose. He was through some years chairman of the Grand Encampment's Knights Templar Educational Foundation. His counsel was invaluable and continued to the end of his days in an emeritus role.

The late Sir Knight Law was a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church, of Atlanta, Georgia, and gave to it a full measure of consecration as a follower of Christ. He was truly a "First Citizen" of his commonwealth, for he was numbered among those who exemplify allegiance to America as something to be lived and practiced.

Family, church, fraternal, business, civic and cultural circles have been sorely bereft in the demise of Sir Knight Law.

One short sleep—and he shall awake eternally.

**WHAT THE CODES SAY—
STATUTES**

(By EARL T. ARMESY, P.G.C., Ohio)

Questions and Answers about Knight Templar Laws.

Q—How long has a Candidate, after receiving notice of his election to present himself for the Orders?

Ans.—12 months. See Section 195, Page 48, Grand Encampment Statutes.

Q—May a Commandery elect Honorary Members?

Ans.—Yes. See Section 198—Page 48 Grand Encampment Statutes.

Q—How often may a Member speak on a subject?

Ans.—Once only. See Section 90, Page 29, Grand Encampment Statutes.

Q—May a decision of the Commander be appealed?

Ans.—Not unless referred to the Grand Commandery. See section 68, Page 23, Grand Encampment Statutes.

To help both Eminent Commanders and Grand Commanders solve or confirm their opinions on perplexing questions pertaining to the statutes of the Grand Encampment this column will be in our Magazine for your benefit. If you have a problem, questions pertaining to the statutes write to the Knights Templar Magazine, c/o The Code Editor and your question will be answered giving you the Page and Section covering your problem.

News from Grand and Constituent Commanderies

Grand Commandery Conclaves Throughout the Nation

ONE HUNDRED FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

The One Hundred First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri was termed the "Victory Conclave," because it marked the completion of the Centennial Celebration of Templary in Missouri.



William J. Holdoway is shown presenting 49 "Life Sponsorships" for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation to Charles L. Hickman, G.C.

Several special features were added to the program to do honor to the occasion. One such event was the conferring of the three Orders of Knighthood upon some sixty-three candidates from various commanderies throughout the State of Missouri. Carefully selected casts were in charge of the Orders. Full Templar uniforms and equipment were used where indicated, and special costuming and make-up elsewhere featured the unusual and outstanding portrayal of ritualistic work. The Victory Class, as it was designated, added to other increases during the Centennial Period to total more than 2,000 on the "in" column of the ledger.

Perhaps the most outstanding single event was the effort on the part of the officers and members of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, the commandery in which the Grand Commander holds membership, to promote the Eye Foundation by presenting the Grand Commander with forty-nine applications for Life Sponsorship. William J. Holdoway, Treasurer of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, made the official presentation at a banquet honoring the Grand Commander. The idea was not



Frank C. and Mrs. Barnhill

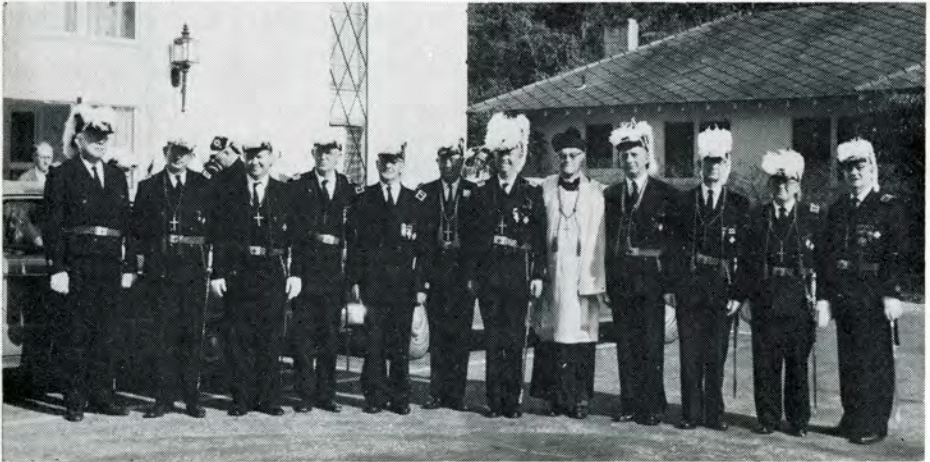
only unique, but it demonstrated one of the basic tenets of Templary by giving to the great humanitarian work of the Eye Foundation.

Distinguished guests from several neighboring Grand Commanderies were present to join with Missouri in the celebration of the completion of its Centennial Observance. So important was the occasion that three officers of the Grand Encampment were in attendance: Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy

Grand Master; G. Wilbur Bell, R. Em. Grand Captain General; and Willard M. Avery, R. Em. Department Commander of the East Central Department.

Presented at the Grand Commander's Banquet was Frank C. Barnhill, elected Grand Treasurer for the Fiftieth consecutive year. The Barnhills observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on February 11, 1962.

FLORIDA GRAND YORK RITE BODIES CONVENTION



William Edward Tanner, G. C.; Leroy Elmer Healy, D. G. C.; Blenus Williams, G. G.; Goebel Buckner Buchanan, G. C. G.; James Dawson Yeager, G. S. W.; Herman W. Boyce, G. J. W.; Russell Sanborn Carleton, G. P.; Russell Wilson Houston, G. T.; John Bridges Phelps, G. R.; Louis B. McSwain, G. S. B.; John W. Stewart, G. S. B.; C. B. Coleman, G. W. (not in picture); and H. T. Dennington, G. C. G.

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida held a most successful Conclave in Gainesville on May 13-17. There was a total of 618 members and ladies attending the banquet given for the Grand High Priest. It was estimated that approximately 1000 persons were in attendance at one time or another at the Conclave.

The Bodies voted to support a York Rite News Letter with Steve B. Dimond of Palmetto, Florida, as editor.

The Grand Commandery sessions were presided over by James William Carter, G. C. The officers for the coming Templar year, with the exception of C. B. Coleman, of Tallahassee, G. W., are shown in the picture above.

LOUISIANA GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

The 99th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana was held at Lake Charles on April 9 and 10 with W. O. Compton, G. C., presiding. Divine and Memorial Services were held on Sunday preceding the Conclave.

Resolutions were adopted at the Conclave amending requirements for the award of the "Meritorious Service Medal For The Commander" and allowing an extra day per diem for members of the Credential Committee.

Sam Farrell, P. G. C. and Department Commander of the South Central Department, was the personal representative of the Grand Master at the Conclave. Other distinguished guests were: J. W. Carter, G. C. of Florida; Jean L. DeCamp, G. C. of Arkansas;

Carl F. Lester, Jr., G. C. of Georgia; A. C. Wilson, G. C. of Alabama; and Fred F. DeVeney, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas.

Officers elected and/or appointed for the coming year were: William R. Pohlmann, G. C.; Guy B. Gannaway, D. G. C.; W. H. Zigler, G. G.; W. Lindsay Lane, G. C. G.; Frank T. Norman, G. S. W.; H. Prentise Magee, G. J. W.; E. L. Kimble, Sr., G. P.; J. M. Montagnet, G. T.; Lionel L. Lemarie, G. R.; Joe A. Mercer, G. S. B.; Percy A. Shipp, G. S. B.; L. C. Martin, G. W.; Dr. W. H. Robinson, G. C. G., and George I. Kottes, Inspector General.

CONNECTICUT GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

The Grand Commandery Conclave of Connecticut held its annual Conclave at New Haven on April 22-23 with Carl W. Taylor, G. C., presiding. Other officers of the Grand Commandery at the time of the Conclave were: George H. Carter, D. G. C., Herbert R. Trolle, G. G.; Phillip J. Jones, G. C. G.; Herman H. Ungerer, G. S. W.; Clifford F. Rowland, G. J. W.; William E. Jackson, G. P.; Frederick R. Coles, G. T.; J. Zalman S. Hunt, G. R.; David B. Brownlow, G. S. B.; Vernon C. Cole, G. S. B.; William F. Olson, G. W.; William C. Van DeWater, G. C. G.;

Donald B. Waldhaus, G. M.; Preston R. Sage, G. I.; Thomas M. Webb, G.I.E.

The Knight Templar staff particularly wishes to compliment the Grand Commandery of Connecticut on the excellent publicity received for this Conclave. The local paper of May 22, 1962 ran a feature article devoting almost an entire page with pictures, history, and an excellent write-up for the Conclave.

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, D. G. M. of the Grand Encampment, attended the Conclave as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

SHORT STORY—IN STATISTICS

As of December 31, 1961:

Water Valley, Mississippi, total population (white and colored) . . .	3,300
Blue Lodge members	208
Chapter members	144
Council members	280
St. Cyr Commandery	405

3 living Past Grand Commanders: Tom Q. Ellis, T. Olin Gore, Jr., Edward B. Shearer.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

At the 67th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the District of Columbia, held at Hotel Washington, Saturday, May 12, 1962, Sir Knight Harry L. Beach, a retired General Electric Co. executive, was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Other officers include: J. Rowe Mehlfelt, D. G. C.; Garland L. Nolan, G. G.; Andres E. Moynelo, G. C. G.; William E. Barkman, G. S. W., and Eston E. Burge, G. J. W.

Samuel T. Farmer, G. P. (reelected); Horace W. Parsley, G. T.; Rodger R. Kauffman, G. R. (reelected); James E. Buehler, Jr., G. St. B.; H. LeRoy Wright, G. S. B.; George C. Moreland, G. W.; George M. Fulmer, G. C. of the G.



HARRY L. BEACH, G.C.

117 YEARS OF TEMPLARY



William H. Thorn, on the right, was 99 years of age on January 10. He was knighted in Cyrene Temple No. 6, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, in January 1904, and is now a member of Redlands Commandery No. 45, Redlands, California, in which Commandery he served as Commander in 1944.

George H. Mayer is a member and Past Commander of Golden Gate Commandery No. 16, California, where he

was knighted in July 1903. He is an honorary life member of Redlands Commandery No. 45 where he has served as Prelate for the past 11 years.

WISCONSIN D.G.M. KNIGHTED



Robert V. Osborne, Dept. Com. of the Central Dept.; Clair H. Little, G.M. of Masons; Dr. Roy Seim, C., Burton E. Fulmer, D.G.M. of Masons, and Dr. Elbert W. Miller, G.C.

The above photograph was taken at St. Omar Commandery Wausau, Wisc. on Saturday, March 31, at the time of knighting of Burton E. Fulmer, D.G.M. of Masons in Wisconsin.

VITAL 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 organization, 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.

(Reprinted by request from "The Set of the Sails," official Grand Encampment communication of November, 1961)

EDWARD J. MARWICK
4111 OVERSEA AVENUE
BALTIMORE 6, MARYLAND
DEC. 63

Return Requested
Box 477
Greenfield, Indiana