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A Word from the Editor

The Knight Templar is the official publication of the Grand Encampment. The purpose of this magazine is to be helpful to Templary everywhere. This purpose cannot be effected without assistance from Templary everywhere. That we may accomplish our purpose, we need the following:

1. NEWS AND PICTURES OF GENERAL INTEREST TO TEMPLARY. These articles must be timely and gotten to use before the news is too old. As a general policy, we do not publish news articles that happen several months prior to publication. Bear with us if your article is not printed. On occasions we have much more news than we can use, at which time we are selective and on other occasions we are hunting for news. We much prefer to be in the former position.

2. FEATURE ARTICLES. Such articles are not dated by time and may be kept in our file for a number of months prior to publication.

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS. We have been pleased, but not satisfied with the number of recent subscriptions to the magazine. A drive for subscriptions at the Subordinate Commandery level is being planned. The assistance of each Sir Knight will be appreciated.

4. SUGGESTIONS AND CRITICISMS. These do not have to be bouquets, a brick bat may on occasion be deserved.

One of our problems is the spelling of proper names correctly. Unless these are submitted to us in typed form, on occasions it is most difficult to read and is difficult to check at the time of proof reading. Incorrectly and poorly written addresses for subscriptions also present a problem.

The magazine is a co-operative project. Without your co-operation it cannot succeed; with your co-operation it cannot fail.

The Significance of "Uniformed Units" In Achieving Commandery Goals

By Sir Knight WILBER M. BRUCKER, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

In the multitude of activities that go to make up a successful portrayal of the ritualistic work, as well as in presenting Templary in a good light to the public, the work of "uniformed units" is vitally important in achieving Templar goals. Sec. 62(d) of the Constitution provides:

"Each Constituent or Subordinate Commandery shall maintain a unit, or units, equipped with full Templar uniforms * * * to be worn at full form openings, and the conferring of the Order of the Temple. * * *"

There are two uniformed units that assist the Eminent Commander and his officers, in the Templar asylum, to bring successful results for the Commandery. Any inspecting officer is bound to watch the performance of these two elements with considerable interest because he knows that they are a sure-fire index of the proficiency of the rank-and-file Sir Knights—as distinguished from the "line" officers of a Commandery.

Full-Form-Opening Team

A good Full-Form-Opening Team, properly uniformed, disciplined and trained to follow the tactics of the Templar Drill Manual, is the backbone of all Templar "floor-work." The Full-Form-Opening does not take long, but it has a tremendous bearing. The purpose of the Full-Form-Opening is not merely to parade the Beauceant. It provides the setting for the rehearsal of duties, the recital across the lines of the great truths of Templary, and the formation of the Triangle, with its setting of solemn dignity, where, at the very outset, we express our devotion to the Christian religion.



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

In my experience, I have seen countless Full-Form-Opening Teams and I always pay great attention to the floor-work, the commands of the Senior Warden and the formation of the Triangle. If the work is done with a sincere effort to portray the best, I know that the morale of the Commandery must be high. I have seen a Full-Form-Opening Team consisting of 164 Sir Knights plus 18 officers in an enlarged asylum—and I have seen the work done by a team of only 6 Sir Knights and one officer. Both have shown equal sincerity—although there ought to be a studied attempt to build as large a Full-Form-Opening Team as will do justice to the individual Commandery. It would not seem too difficult to have at least 12, 18 or even 24 Sir Knights if a conscientious effort is made by inspired officers who under-

stand the importance of this element upon the ritualistic impression sought to be achieved.

Triangle Guard or Asylum Escort

Supplementing the Full-Form-Opening Team is the Triangle Guard, or Asylum Escort, another uniformed unit—which is indispensable to the floorwork of the Order of the Temple as well as the Order of Malta and the Order of the Red Cross. The Triangle Guard has a multitude of duties. To mention only a few—it acts as an escort for the Prelate and other officers; it has charge of moving the “properties”; it coordinates the different phases of the ritualistic work so as to prevent “gaps” and provide a smooth flow of events; and it “mans” the Triangle at the supreme moment of knighting.

Ordinarily, the Triangle Guard consists of at least 6 Sir Knights, who, together with the five officers complete the “image” at the Triangle. However, there is no requirement that there be only one Triangle Guard Team. A Commandery can have just as many Triangle Guard Teams as its membership can justify. When I had the honor of being Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 in 1943, we had six Triangle Guard Teams with a Triangle Guard Captain in charge of all six teams. Each team rotated so that no team was required to participate each week, but only once each six weeks. Thus, every member had several opportunities to serve, but no one was required to appear each week. What could be more interesting to a Sir Knight than to have a chance to stand with the top Commandery officers at such a dramatic moment? Also, what could be better for the Commandery than the opportunity to size-up the qualifications of each member of the Triangle Guard for possible advancement in Templar responsibility?

Drill Team

Another uniformed unit of many Commanderies for outside activities wherever the public is concerned is the Drill Team. A Commandery is not limited to the four corners of the asylum but is required upon occasions to appear before the public. It is here that the Drill Team becomes an important part of the “public image” of Templary. The Drill Team has a multitude of duties, such as: acting as a public escort for the Eminent Commander and other officers, providing a public escort at Easter, Ascension Day and other occasions at church services, appearances in Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment Parades, appearance at Commandery funerals, and any other public appearance of the Commandery where the public can learn about the Christian principles for which we stand.

It is not required that a Commandery must have a Drill Team, but it is a great help to those Commanderies that have the desire to create a favorable public impression of Templary in their community. It has been my experience that a small Commandery can have a good, active Drill Team without trying to imitate a big Commandery. A Drill Team does not need more than 12 Sir Knights and an officer to make a satisfactory showing. A Drill Team of 12, 18 or 24 Sir Knights and an officer, uniformed, disciplined and trained in tactics, can be a life-saver for a Commandery whenever a public appearance is required. It is not necessary for a Drill Team to enter into competition drills, but competition does provide a stimulus and an incentive that nothing else can supply. It is my hope that more Commanderies all over the Templar world will see the advantage to be derived from “putting our best foot foremost” by having a Drill Team that will appear so favorably in public that it will inspire pride in all of us.

While the functions of each of the foregoing three uniformed units are different, the personnel could very properly be the same for two, or even for all three of these units—depending upon conditions of limited manpower. If a Constituent Commandery is unable to recruit sufficient Sir Knights for three separate uniformed units, the available Templars could perform all three of these functions.

It must be evident to all of us that those uniformed units are an excellent training-ground for the newly knighted Sir Knights. It gives them a feeling of conversancy with Templar activities that nothing else can supply. They quickly learn the right way to wear their uniform, handle their sword, march in formation with others and generally to "get the feel" of being an active member of the Commandery. At the same time, rubbing elbows with other Sir Knights in uniform is sure to form a closer bond

of familiar friendship with the other newer members—all of which will increase their interest. Thus, it behooves all of us to encourage the organization and development of these uniformed units—and to encourage individual Templars to participate.

One of the best ways to encourage the formation and development of each of these uniformed units of a Commandery is to see that adequate recognition is given those who serve in such a capacity on one of these uniformed teams. While the officers of a Commandery are mentioned by name and rank in Commandery programs and other publicity, these other Sir Knights who serve so faithfully in one of these "uniformed units," are usually forgotten. Let every Commandery express its appreciation and give recognition to these Sir Knights, without whose services the whole effort would be impossible.

Membership Committee Meets, Plans

The Grand Encampment Committee on Membership met in a two-day planning session in Chicago on July 12 and 13, together with the Deputy Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker of Michigan, who has been designated to work with the Committee by the Grand Master, Paul M. Moore. All sessions were held at the Palmer House, and were attended during part of the work by the Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General, in Chicago for the annual meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Membership statistics as reported in the latest Grand Commandery returns prior to June 30 were studied in detail, together with membership trends of the last ten years. The large amount of information gathered by the Commit-

tee during recent months was organized and translated into an action program. Long range plans were considered and short term plans adopted.

In addition to the initial program of the Committee which has gone out to the Grand Commanderies previously, calling for study and planning sessions by the Membership Committees of the Commanderies, immediate work will proceed on information brochures designed as specific guidance material for Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies. The first brochure will go into the details of York Rite Festivals as they have been so successful in many areas; the second will deal with the important subject of restoration to good standing of our worthy unaffiliated Sir Knights. These two brochures



Committee on Membership of Grand Encampment Knights Templar of U. S. A. From left to right: W. Arthur Patat, Arch M. Dullnig, Chairman, and Robert M. Rewick.

will be in the hands of the Grand Commandery Committees at the first possible date, and other brochures on other subjects will follow.

The Committee welcomes suggestions from all Sir Knights interested in a strong York Rite membership. Their addresses: Arch M. Dullnig, P. G. C., Chairman, P. O. Box 840, Tyler, Texas; Robert M. Rewick, P. G. C., P. O. Box 4161 North Park Station, San Diego 4, California; W. Arthur Patat, P. G. C., 1100 West Currahee Street, Toccoa, Georgia.

Editor's Note: Solicitation of subscriptions. We wish to express our appreciation to Richmond Commandery No. 2, Richmond, Virginia, and to Connersville Commandery No. 6, Connersville, Indiana, for sending to us their monthly bulletins in which space was given to the Knight Templar Magazine and a solicitation was made encouraging subscription therefor.

YORK RITE COOPERATION

"We believe that much can be accomplished by 'York Rite Cooperation' and toward that end a committee has been appointed of which William F. Clark, General Grand King, 51 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts, is chairman. Its purpose is to study and explore the possibilities of greater cooperation between the various Masonic groups for our mutual benefit; it will report at the Triennial meeting in Minneapolis, commencing October 13, 1963. We believe that we could prosper by a more unified effort, and certainly it would eliminate waste—in time and money. If you have any suggestions please write them to Right Excellent Companion Clark." From letter of April 10 of Edwin A. Martini, General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons.

Degrees or Orders—What is the Difference?

By JOHN BLACK VROOMAN, Past Commander (Missouri)

There has been some confusion among Masons as to the proper use of the words **Degrees** and **Orders**, when referring to the conferring of the several ritualistic steps of Freemasonry. That there is such a difference is quite evident, and, in order to distinguish and differentiate between the two, we here shall attempt to point out some of the reasons why each term is used in the respective Rite in which these two terms are properly used.

Webster's Twentieth Century Unabridged Dictionary defines a **Degree** as "a step, rank, from *de*, down, and *gradus*, a step, from *gradi*, to walk." "It is, figuratively," this definition continues, "a step or single movement, upward or downward toward any end, whether moral or physical; one of a series of progressive advances. . . ."

"In secret societies, one of a number of related ceremonials having a specific name, appropriate rites, and generally, a separate grip, password and token."

Order is likewise defined by the same Dictionary as "a straight row, a regular series" . . . and further identified as "a body of men of the same rank or profession constituting a separate class in the community; often a religious fraternity; as the Order of Nobles, a Military Order . . ."

Taking, then, the philosophical progression of the conferring of the ritualistic steps of Freemasonry, we may make the distinction between **degrees** and **orders** as fundamentally that of being the difference of inducting candidates into a group or congregation of Masons of a social group, or the acceptance of members into a con-fraternity which has existed and grown as a sys-

tem of Knighthood, or perhaps, a monastic group, and a group that is and has been a social and beneficial group. The old Monastic Orders lived for hundreds of years, accepting only those who were tried and who underwent the strictest and most onerous tests. They required great preparation and much preliminary knowledge. Once admitted, the old members were held in the strictest austerity and surveillance, and not all who desired to become members were admitted.

Degrees, as such, were conferred by ritualistic symbolism; orders were more than that—being often a long-drawn out process of education and instruction.

I think that we can well say that degrees, while beautiful and expressive, were not as complicated and intricate as the induction into the orders of Knighthood, and we, of the present day, are more inclined to be followers of the example of the Knights of ancient days, in being broader in our concept of the full import of what induction into Knighthood should mean.

All in all, induction into the Orders was a slower and greatly emphasized education into the tenets of the ancient Orders than the more easily manipulated conferral of the multitudinous degrees by which a man progressed step by step through the ceremonies of the several Rites.

The Orders emphasized more of the moral precepts, the virtues and the mode of life that was characteristic of the age in which these military orders were at their height. As the orders died out, the great importance of their tenets were de-emphasized, and became more platitudinous, more idealistic, not so greatly adhered to and practiced.

Induction into the Orders of Knighthood today are solemnized by beautiful ceremonies, and drawn out to careful lengths by costume, music and ritual. Degrees are beautifully conferred, but certainly not in the full ceremonial spirit that Orders have been emphasized.

In a word—Degrees are just that—steps of progression; Orders are induction into a way of life, a system of morality and a routine of progression.

We speak of the number of degrees that may be attained by any Mason. We too often give the progression of degrees as the greatest accomplishment

to attainment. Orders are not progressive. To receive Orders, one must, of course, take them in sequence, but each Order is a system of its own, and the man who absorbs and assimilates the lessons of each Order taken, is thereby able to better understand the history, background and tenets of each Order than if he simply received a certain number of degrees—or steps—by which he could count his standing.

Degrees are steps; Orders are induction into systems of living, and there is more to it than numbers. Let us try to make the proper and the fundamental distinction between these two concepts.

Templary in Ohio Succeeds Through Planning and Cooperation

By VIRGIL F. KENT, P.G.C., Director of Publicity, Grand Commandery of Ohio

(Editorial Note: Success of Templary in Ohio is understandable in the light of its program as substantiated by the following plans of one of its Divisions. Each division throughout the State has a similar program.)

The Knight Templar Council (or Council for Templar Advancement) of the 7th Division in Ohio is composed of the immediate Past Commander, the Recorder, and the next four officers of each of the nine Commanderies in the 7th Division. In addition are the Past Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber; Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Earl T. Armsey; the present Grand Commandery line officer, Sir Knight Warren H. Smith; the President of the Past Commanders Association; the current Grand line officer of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council (one of each), the immediate Past President of the Knight Templar Council—who is for the year the Deputy Division Commander; all

Past Presidents, of whom there are 26 living; and the four officers of the Knight Templar Council.

The Council meets for dinner monthly except in July and August. In addition to reports from each Commandery regarding petitions, demits, suspensions, reinstatements, deaths and knightings; there are reports and discussions brought forth by standing and special committees. Without losing any time, the business part of the meetings lasts about an hour and a half. Attendance is very good, with always some visitors from the current host Commandery.

Committees are always at work in order to report progress to date at each meeting. The projects under way this year are as follows:

(1) Seminar No. 3. This is an all day school for officers held on June 30th. There are regular classes for Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Senior and Junior Warden, the three in the West, and Guards and Hermits.

Classes are 50 minutes long, separated by 10 minute coffee breaks.

(2) Easter Sunrise Service No. 28. This is held in Cleveland Public Hall, where attendance can vary from 6,000 to 9,000, depending usually upon weather. The event raises several thousand dollars for charity each year.

(3) Knight Templar School No. 8. There are now about 65 graduates. The school holds seven two-hour sessions on subjects dealing with Knight Templar history and philosophy. To graduate a student must attend at least six sessions and submit a thesis of 1,500 words upon an assigned subject.

(4) St. Johns Day No. 5. This is an annual event of the local Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association. The Sir Knights in uniform form lines in the middle aisle of the Cathedral through which the dignitaries may proceed. There are about 100 Sir Knights in line.

(5) York Rite Day No. 2. On two Saturdays in May, all degrees and Orders from Mark Master Degree to Order of the Temple are conferred. The class consists of those who during the season became separated from their respective classes by reason of illness, absence from town, and other reasons. It also accommodates those who travel consistently and have only weekends at home. There are about fifty candidates. The event is not intended to replace the regular schedules of the bodies taking part.

(6) Events Program No. 2. This committee keeps a Division date book. All proposed events in all Commanderies are first reported to the Committee before becoming officially scheduled. This is intended to prevent duplication (1) between Commanderies and (2) between Commanderies and other bodies such as Scottish Rite, Shrine, Grotto.

Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps

Married 50 years on July 1, 1962, John and Edith Phelps were feted at a reception given by their daughters, Mrs. Albert Pierce, Jr., of West Palm Beach, Florida, Mrs. John M. Sinclair, of Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, and Mrs. Thomas Norton, of Houston, Texas, at the Phelps' home, 601 Tibidabo Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida. Assisting were Edith's sisters, Mrs. Allen Neal

of Miami, Mrs. Leola Backus of Coral Gables, Mrs. P. J. Gum of Lake Wales, and Mrs. Mary Jackson of Coral Gables, and two grandchildren, John Phelps IV and Sara Sue Phelps.

The Phelps' home was crowded through the reception hours with fraternal, business, and personal friends. The telephone rang frequently to complete long distance calls, and to report telegrams of congratulations. John's office was crowded with gifts from all parts of the United States and from foreign countries. The house was filled with floral tributes, including orchids flown from Hawaii.

One guest remarked, "I should think you have more gifts than at your wedding, fifty years ago." Edith replied, "We have more friends."

So it is. John's many Masonic duties, as Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, General Grand Master of General Grand Council, Imperial Sovereign of Constantine, etc., have been avenues of friendship. How rich they are in human relations!

News from Grand and Constituent Commanderies **Grand Commandery Conclaves Throughout the Nation**

EXHIBITION DRILLS AND STREET PARADE FEATURED AT
 GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE OF MICHIGAN



Four of Michigan's leading Knights Templar attended the recent 106th annual conclave held in Detroit. Pictured from left to right are: Stanley G. Wilson, G. Commander of Michigan; Wayne Circuit Judge Edward S. Piggins, retiring G. Commander; John F. Langs, Com. Detroit Commandery No. 1, and Wilber M. Brucker, D. G. Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Civic and Knight Templar authorities estimated that almost 50,000 people were present to witness the exhibition drills and street parade during the 106th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, held June 7-9.

This annual conclave staged a first in holding the drills in the air-conditioned Cobo Hall in the recently developed Detroit Civic Center. Thirty-one constituent commanderies participated in the exhibition. Of particular

interest was the always spectacular drill by 16 platoons from Detroit Commandery No. 1 and the fine showing by Holy Grail Commandery No. 59, Michigan's newest, which presented a truly remarkable series of formations. Lansing Commandery, winner of Class A competition at the Cleveland Triennial, evidenced the fact that it still was in practice and would be in top contention in Philadelphia in 1964.

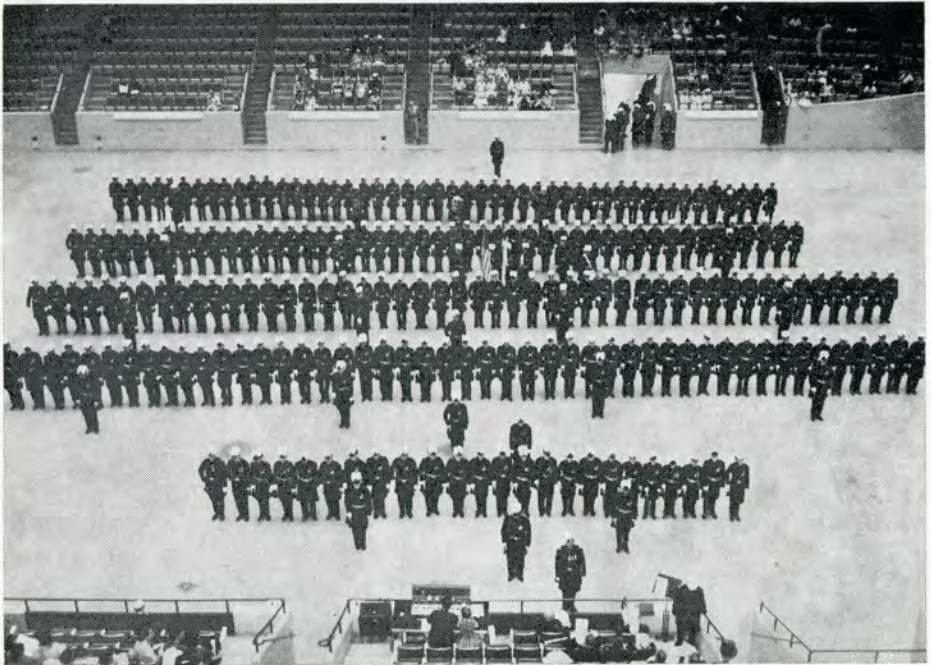
The Grand Commandery sessions were ably presided over by Grand Com-

mander Edward S. Piggins, Wayne Circuit Court Judge of Detroit.

Grand Master Paul Miller Moore was represented by C. Byron Lear of New Jersey, P. G. Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, who made an outstanding address to the Grand Commandery Conclave. Other distinguished guests were Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Glenn L. Alt, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan; W. M. Avery, of Indiana, Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment; Jay H. Currier, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and many other distinguished Masons from Michigan and visiting Sir Knights from other jurisdictions.

More than 700 Sir Knights and ladies enjoyed the humor and philosophy of Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, pastor of the Otterbine E.U.B. Church of Dayton, Ohio, and a prominent Knight Templar, at the Annual Grand Commandery Banquet.

Newly elected officers of the Grand Commandery for the coming year are: Stanley G. Wilson, G. C.; John H. Loree, D. G. C.; Abner C. Sager, G. G.; Robert B. Mackey, G. C. G.; Edgar H. Clark, G. S. W.; Frederick G. Kirby, G. J. W.; Rev. Howard R. Towne, G. P.; Fred England, Jr., G. T.; Charles G. Mahana, G. R.; Stanley H. Raidle, G. S. B.; Benjamin W. Wise, G. S. B.; Rex R. Brubaker, G. W.; Harold E. Elwood, G. C. G.



DETROIT COMMANDERY NO. 1 AT CONCLUSION OF DRILL

962 Sir Knights and Ladies Registered for Pennsylvania Grand Commandery Conclave



A most inspirational, enthusiastic, and colorful 109th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was held in Pittsburgh on May 20-23, inclusive, with Grand Commander Perry L. LaBarr presiding.

The Conclave was opened with more than 1,000 Sir Knights and ladies attending the Sunday evening Divine Service in which Dr. G. Mason Cochran, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and of the Grand Encampment, delivered a most inspiring address entitled, "Like a Mighty Army."

The Conclave was highlighted by many social events, including two Grand Balls, at which the nationally famous Sammy Kaye Orchestra entertained, featuring among others, Miss Tennessee, a participant in the Miss America contest in Atlantic City. Four hundred fifty-four uniformed Sir Knights and their ladies participated in the Grand March. On the final swing down the Ball Room floor they were marching thirty-two abreast.

Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and John Temple Rice, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and other distinguished guests, including G. C.'s and P. G. C.'s from New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Maryland attended the Conclave.

The Grand Officers elected for the coming year were installed at a public installation, at which more than 400 were in attendance. An escort of 42 Sir Knights, with the exception of two, all were gold braided, from the 3rd Division, made an impressive sight as they ushered into the Ball Room the officers to be installed.

Walter S. Cassell, P. G. C., installed John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Commander, together with the other Line Officers of the Grand Commandery.

Next year's Conclave will be held in Reading, May 26-29.

DRILL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS INDIANA GR. COMMANDERY CONCLAVE



Judges and Captains of Drill Teams Attending the Pre-Drill Meeting at the Indiana Grand Commandery Conclave.

The 108th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana was held at Evansville on May 11-12 with James A. Wills, Grand Commander, presiding.

The outstanding feature of the Conclave was the competitive drills which were held at two locations due to the number of teams participating. Judges for this competition were headed by Roy W. Reigle, P. G. C. of Kan., and Ch. of the Com. on Drill Regulations of the Grand Encampment. He was ably assisted by Louis F. Heger, P. G. C. of Mo., and Ch. of the Com. on Ritualistic Matters of the Grand Encampment, and Maurice B. Allen, P. G. C. of Mich. The distinguished guests, P. G. C.'s and Grand Line Officers of Indiana acted as the other judges. Marvin M. Foulke, P. G. C. of Ind., served as chairman of the Drill Committee and deserves much credit for his able work.

The classification and order of finishing in the drilling was as follows: Class "A", Raper, Indianapolis, 97.9; Knightstown, 95.6. Class "B", Muncie, 95.8; New Castle, 93.5; Greenfield, 93.3; Fort Wayne, 92.2; Lafayette, 88.2; Oriental, Indianapolis, 84.5. Class "C", Richmond, 96.5; Bloomington, 95.8; Gary, 94.3; Baldwin, Shelbyville, 92.8; Hammond, 92.4; Vincennes, 92.0; Marion, 91.8. Class "D", Lebanon-Tipton, 90.9.

Seven hundred and sixty-three Knights and Ladies were served at the Saturday night banquet at which time Drill Competition Trophies and other awards were presented.

Awards of the year were won by the Commanderies with their Commanders as follows: Class "A"—Lafayette; Class "B"—Greenfield; Class "C"—Goshen; Class "D"—Delphi.

There were 33 distinguished guests present including the following: H. S. Jackson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Indiana; Sam Farrell, P. G. C., Ky. and Dept. Com. of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment; W. Henry Roberts, Deputy for Ind. A. A. S. R.; Seth Flanders, G. C. of Ill.; Howard R. Malone, G. C. of Ohio; Elmer Smith, G. C. Ky.; Victor Nowack, D. G. C., Wis.; Edgar H. Clark, G. J. W., Mich.; Roger K. Becker of Ind., G. Sent. of Gen. Grand Chapter; John D. Lombard, G. H. P. of Grand Chapter; Karl L. Dickens, G. M. of Grand Council; and Willard M. Avery, Dept. Com. of East

Central Department, representing Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

The following were elected officers of the Grand Commandery for the following year: Russell D. Huffington, G. C.; Adam S. Riffin, D. G. C.; David J. Miller, G. G.; James G. Frey, G. C. G.; Harold R. Hoolihan, G. S. W.; Richard D. Unger, G. J. W.; J. Rufus Hinshaw, G. T.; Edwin M. Demlow, G. R.; Harry F. Otterman, G. S. B.; K. Edwin Applegate, G. S. B.; Walter P. Worland, G. W.; and Omer E. Hager, G. C. G.

The 109th Annual Conclave will be held at Gary.

WEST VIRGINIA HOLDS 88TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The Annual Conclave was held in Parkersburg, West Virginia, May 18th and 19th, with Frank W. Ridge, Grand Commander, presiding.

The highlight of the Conclave was the most eloquent and inspiring talk by Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A. and personal representative of Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master.

Other features of the Conclave were the Religious Service, reception honoring the Grand Commander, presentation of the Order of Malta by Wheeling Commandery and instruction by the Ritual and Tactics Committee under the direction of R. G. Gormon, Inspector General.

The Crusader's Sword was presented to Wheeling Commandery for the highest percentage of its members in attendance at the Conclave. The award for the highest percentage of increase in membership was won by Greenbrier Commandery at Lewisburg.

Due to ill health, Paul W. Dowell, G. S. W., resigned his office. His resignation was a distinct loss to the Grand Commandery Line.

Visiting distinguished guests, in addition to Sir Knight Brucker, attending the Conclave were: Howard Malone, G. C. of Ohio; William King, G. C. of Md.; G. J. Butcher, P. G. C. of Va.; Ward L. Ekas, P. C. of N. Y.; George W. Crewson, P. G. C., N. Y.; Samuel G. Wyal, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M. of W. Va.; J. Albert Rinehart, G. H. P., R. A. M. of W. Va.

The following Grand Officers were elected to serve the Grand Commandery: R. Gale Kirby, G. C.; Wm. J. J. Fleming, D. G. C.; Edward J. Laas, G. G.; J. Iverson Carver, G. C. G.; Howard W. Ball, G. S. W.; Dudley E. Cruise, G. J. W.; Selby R. Starkey, G. P.; C. Hornor Troxell, G. T.; Robert H. Bowlby, G. R.; Denis F. Carder, G. S. B.; Earl G. Helmick, G. S. B.; A. Lynn Keyser, G. W.; Oscar V. Bowlng, G. C. G.

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The names of the Sir Knights in the picture are from left to right: Preston R. Sage, G. G. Inspector; Donald B. Waldhaus, G. C. of the Guard; Phillip J. Jones, G.; William E. Jackson, G. J. W.; Herbert R. Trolle, D. G. C.; Vernon C. Cole, G. S. B.; George H. Carter, G. Com.; Stanley E. Conrad, G. Marshal; Wilber M. Brucker, D. G. Master of Grand Encampment, K. T. of U. S. A.; William C. Van DeWater, G. W.; William F. Olson, G. S. B.; David B. Brownlow, G. Prelate; Herman H. Ungerer, G. C. G.; Frederick R. Coles, P. G. C., Grand Treasurer; and Clifford F. Rowland, G. S. W.

WALTER M. McCracken
APPOINTED GRAND PRELATE OF
THE GR. COMMANDERY OF VA.

Joseph R. Harris, who was elected Grand Commander of Virginia at the 140th Annual Grand Commandery Conclave was pleased to announce Walter M. McCracken as his appointment for Grand Prelate. Sir Knight McCracken is a retired chaplain (lieutenant colonel) of the U. S. Army, and now resides at Staunton. Presently he is a language instructor at Staunton Military Academy, and pastor of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Folly Mills. The Sir Knights of Virginia are most fortunate in having such an able Christian Knight as their Grand Prelate.

GRAND COMMANDER WILSON
INSPECTS MONTGOMERY COMM.

A. C. Wilson, G. C., of Alabama, paid Mobile Commandery No. 4 an official visit on Friday, March 16, and was greeted with full Templar ceremonies and honors, and also witnessed an outstanding presentation of drill maneuvers by the drill contingent and other Sir Knights of the Commandery.

“Growth will come to Templary only as present members enroll others—one at a time, right at the grass roots.”

—BURT D. PEARSON.

The Art of Getting Along

Sooner or later a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul—that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

He learns that most people are human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "good morning" even if it is raining.

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work, and not cleverness, is the secret of success.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit.

He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly without him.

He learns to sympathize with the youngsters coming into the business, because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started out.

He learns not to worry when he does not make a hit EVERY time, because experience has shown him if he always gives his best, his average will break pretty well.

He learns that no man ever got to first base alone and that it is only through cooperative effort that we move on to better things.

He learns that the fellows are not any harder to get along with in one place than another, and that "getting along" depends about 98 per cent on himself.

—Anonymous

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