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This and future issues of the Knights Templar will contain short articles "We Note In Review," which are devoted to reporting at random those things reported by Grand Commanderies which are constructive, interesting and worthy of consideration. We wish to thank John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, for devoting his time in reviewing the Grand Commandery Proceedings and reporting these articles for review in this magazine.

The Significance of a Drill Team In Relation to Commandery Activities

By ROY WILFORD RIEGLE, P.G.C., Ch. of Comm. on Drill Regulations
of G. Enc. K. T. of U. S. A.

Our great Order of Christian Knighthood is a militant body. A uniformed knight in the Asylum or on the street publicizes our Order and the ideals for which it stands. A knight in uniform shows his brother Masons and the world that he is proud to be a Knight Templar. The marching columns of knights, preceded by the flag of our country, and the Grand Standards of Templary, are testimony of our faith in God and our belief in the Christian religion. At the same time they demonstrate our allegiance and loyalty to the nation we love. For centuries these hosts of knights with plumes of white and in their uniforms of black have marched down the streets of a thousand and more cities to the beat of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Spectators on the street never hear the strains of this powerful, marching hymn, and see the columns of white plumes, without standing in awe and admiration.

The dignified uniform of a Knight Templar should be seen on more public occasions. As Knights Templar we should always present our cause to the best advantage. The public appearances of Knights Templar in full uniform create a high regard for our Order. The precise conduct of marching knights in drill team formation, with its orderly system of movements and maneuvers, incites the admiration of both young and old. Many a lad who watched a Knight Templar parade from the sidelines later became a devoted Sir Knight.

Our great Order means more than banners and plumes. It means more than swords and drills. It means, first and above all, our support of the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. So long as there are orphaned lives to shelter and aching hearts to comfort, so long as there are minds to develop and eyes to mend, our Order will have a recurring and unfinished service to perform. Therefore, we



Roy Wilford Riegler

include the Educational Loan Fund and the Eye Foundation in our permanent and expanding program to aid the helpless, destitute and needy. To show our faith in God and Jesus Christ, we give special attention to Easter, Ascension Day and Christmas, and we have divine services during each of our Grand Conclaves. Through our Patriotic Activities we arouse love for country and flag. The Stars and Stripes occupies the position of highest honor in our Templar Asylum.

Templary offers the knight many opportunities for self-expression. He can find an outlet for his interest and energy in that place in the Asylum which

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appeals to him most. If he is an executive, his talents can be utilized in positions of leadership and administrative responsibility within our Order. If he is an able speaker, the dais is available to him on many occasions, and he can represent his commandery and our cause in other places when it is appropriate. If he is a ritualist, the Triangle and its inspirational devotions are awaiting him. If he desires action the knight can achieve an amazing amount of satisfaction and render invaluable service to his commandery by mastering with other fraters the beautiful maneuvers of the drill team. The camaraderie engendered by a drill team—no matter what its size—leads to closer bonds of friendship within a group of dedicated Sir Knights than can be acquired in any other way.

The Committee on Drill Regulations of the Grand Encampment, which is primarily responsible for the promotion of drill teams, understands fully that this program is not the ultimate goal of Templary. However, the Committee does believe that nothing promotes more interest in a commandery than an active and proficient drill team. The encouragement and success of the militant phase of our Order is directly related to the advancement and influence of Templary everywhere.

Every commandery that has a drill team, be it large or small, is a better and stronger commandery in every other department of the work. Such a commandery executes its floor work in the Asylum in a precise manner, and is bound to perform its ritualistic work more impressively. Also, the members of a drill team form a ready stockpile of future officers. The commandery with an active drill team has a well-groomed and well-disciplined unit ready for funerals, the opening of the commandery in full form, the prelate's escort, the Triangle guard, parades, and the dedication of public buildings. The drill team is ever ready to perform all these duties and such other approved functions as may develop from time to time.

Furthermore, the drill team is one way of attracting candidates to the Order, as well as bringing back into the fold those knights who have wandered

away. A drill team has the faculty of sustaining the interest and enthusiasm of both the new and old Sir Knights. It is one way by which the commandery can "travel forty miles and more over frozen ground" on the wonderful adventure of glorious and knightly service. It is one way by which we can keep the spirit of Christ—our guiding spirit—alive and fresh in our hearts; a way by which we, by our personal conduct and deeds of charity and pure beneficence, can impress this spirit upon our friends and the public. If Sir Knights keep this spirit solely to themselves, then they are hiding their light under a bushel. If the rose is to develop and bloom, it must be exposed to the sun. The church was not born out of the experiences of men praying alone in their closets, but out of the experiences of men of the world praying and worshipping together. The drill team is one sure way of making certain that our Order does not lose ground and that it will continue to play its full part in our day and generation.

The organization, training and support of a drill team is not a difficult undertaking for any commandery. The drill teams that won second place in Class A and first place in Class B at the Cleveland Triennial in 1961 both came from small commanderies. Any commandery can have and support a drill team if it so resolves. It may be only a small team trained to assist in the full form opening and floor work of the commandery. Or it may be a larger team that is capable of winning honors in its Grand Commandery and going on from there to the Triennial Conclave. Enthusiasm of the participating knights and capable and energetic leadership are essential to the organization and development of a drill team. Encouragement and cooperation from all members of the commandery are also vitally necessary. A drill team cannot be equipped and trained to a high degree of proficiency without determined effort and much work. However, once a drill team is organized and the formations and maneuvers are mastered, the reward for all this hard work is great. The commandery sponsoring the drill

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team gets a face lifting and a new glow permeates its entire membership. Something indefinable takes hold of the commandery, activity in the Asylum increases, and problems are faced with more determination.

From 1929 to 1952 a commandery in a midwestern city boasted one of the best drilled teams in the Grand Encampment. This drill team won first place each year in state competition from 1930 to 1952, during which period it placed high in Grand Encampment competition. Then, because of old age, loss of manpower, and lack of interest, the team disintegrated. For ten years the knights of this commandery waited for the day when they would have another drill team. In the meantime the members dreamed but did nothing, while their commandery deteriorated in many of its activities. Indifference and complacency crept into the commandery. The knights were content to perform routine duties and take the path of least resistance. The opening of the commandery in full form and the other formations on the floor of the Templar Asylum were performed in an ill-prepared manner. The ritualistic work was given in a half-memorized, ritual-in-hand fashion. Because the Grand Conclave was coming to this city, the

knights of this commandery finally aroused themselves. Their drill team was reorganized and a rigorous training period was climaxed by winning first place in its division. Now, the knights have set their eyes toward the next Triennial Conclave in Philadelphia in 1964. The reorganization and success of its drill team have rejuvenated this commandery. Once more this commandery and its drill team are riding the crest of enthusiasm and high resolve for the cause of Him under whose Banner we are enlisted. It is obvious that a commandery can be stirred from its lethargy and stimulated to its fullest capacity by a drill team.

The Committee on Drill Regulations is "spreading the gospel" about drill teams and urging their formation on every hand. However, this program of the Grand Encampment cannot succeed if left solely to this Committee. Every Templar magazine and periodical throughout our land should give full coverage to drill teams and their importance to our Order. Drill teams should be one of the subjects on the agenda of all Templar speakers and should be encouraged and praised at every opportunity by all Sir Knights. When this is done, Templary will be well served.

Committee on Drill Regulations of the Grand Encampment, K. T. of U. S. A.

The Grand Encampment is a uniformed and militarily organized body. As such it is fitting that one of its standing committees is the Committee on Drill Regulations. It is under the direction of this committee that the competent drills are held at each Triennial and during the triennium drilling is encouraged in the Grand Commandery Jurisdictions. This issue of the Knight Templar features Drill Teams and the advantages derived from their activities.

Roy Wilford Riegler, P. G. C. of Kansas, Suite 1, Palace Building, Emporia, Kansas, is and has been since 1955 chairman of this very important com-

mittee.

As might well be expected, Sir Knight Riegler has a distinguished record in military service where he rose to the rank of Colonel. For seventeen years he was Captain of the Drill Team of his Commandery where his team placed 1st in State competition for sixteen years. He also brought a number of teams to the Triennials and placed 2nd at Minneapolis in 1934 and at Cleveland in 1940. From 1952 to 1955 he was Department Commander of the West Central Department K. T. of U. S. A.

Sir Knight Riegler is by profession a lawyer, taught school prior to entering his life profession and spent 16 years in

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James M. Sellers

the Kansas State Legislature serving as floor leader and on other important committees. He has given untiring service to Drill Team activities throughout the nation for many years.

It is most appropriate that a professional military man should serve as a member of this committee. Col. James M. Sellers is such a person, and is giving able service on this committee. Col. Sellers served in the U. S. Marine Corps and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart and Croix De Guerre. He is President of Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri, and has served both as Grand Commander of Missouri and Grand Master A. F. & A. M. of Missouri.

Theodore F. Voelter, P. G. C. of New Jersey, has given much time and service to Templary and particularly Drill Team activities. He served as chairman of the committee on Drill Regulations from 1946-1949, 1952-1955, and has been a member of the committee from 1958 to date. From 1955-1958 Sir Knight Voelter was Department Commander of the North Atlantic Depart-



Theodore F. Voelter

ment. He has served in a military capacity from 1917-1959 where he rose from the rank of private to Colonel in the 114th Infantry New Jersey National Guard, where he served as Chief of Staff.

From 1922 to the present, Sir Knight Voelter has been actively engaged as Commissary Superintendent of the State Marine lines.

Templary throughout the United States owes much to the long and continued service of Sir Knights Riegle, Sellers, and Voelter.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Sir Knight John E. Norenberg, Chairman of the Music Committee for the Grand Commandery, of Wisconsin, reported a list of 15 musical selections for the Order of the Red Cross and 16 for Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta. Three tapes have been edited by Grand Recorder Earl B. Bauer. When the legend has been approved by the Committee on Rituals and Manuals, it is expected that more tapes will be made and sold.

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“KNIGHT TEMPLAR” IS GROWING

Your Editor and the Grand Officers are delighted that we can announce significant progress in some jurisdictions in the circulations of *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Many now understand, but all should be aware, that the growth of *Knight Templar* as a means of communication is a primary need and therefore a primary objective of Templary. This is obvious to any Knight who thinks in terms of organization efficiency: it was clearly the consensus of the Official Conference in Chicago in September 1961.

Subscription growth to a reasonable minimum quota in each jurisdiction has been requested by Sir Knight **Paul M. Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master**, in official communication to all Grand Commanders. Assistance in this promotion is offered by the Department Commanders and by the Editor, but full success will follow only upon a personal canvass in every district meeting and in every Commandery by teams organized officially and operating with the support of all dedicated Templars. It should be noted that our editorial policy is to provide news and views from a broad base of contributors, for the interest and information, and consequently for the increased effectiveness of all Knights Templar, not only those having official responsibility.

We note below, in recognition, those jurisdictions which are leading in reader support, with the percentage of quota of subscribers as of December, 1962:

	%		%
Florida	137	Maryland	66
South Carolina	110	New York	65
Nevada	98	Mississippi ...	64
New Jersey ..	96	Indiana	61
Michigan	82	New Hampshire	60
Connecticut ..	81	Wisconsin ...	59
Arkansas	73	Virginia	55
Arizona	71	North Carolina	54
Utah	70	West Virginia.	53
Missouri	70		

And likewise we note in recognition those jurisdictions where the most rapid growth was made in the two months—October 15 to December 15—noting in each case the percentage of quota gained in that period:

	%		%
Wisconsin ...	33	South Carolina	14
Michigan	32	Georgia	13
Utah	29	Virginia	12
Kentucky	27	South Dakota..	11
North Carolina	23	New Jersey ..	10
Indiana	22	Arizona	10
New Hampshire	19	Alabama	9
Nevada	17	Maryland	9

Similar lists will be published in coming issues. Success is within the reach of any jurisdiction—it only needs the efforts of those dedicated to the advancement of the Order.

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“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”

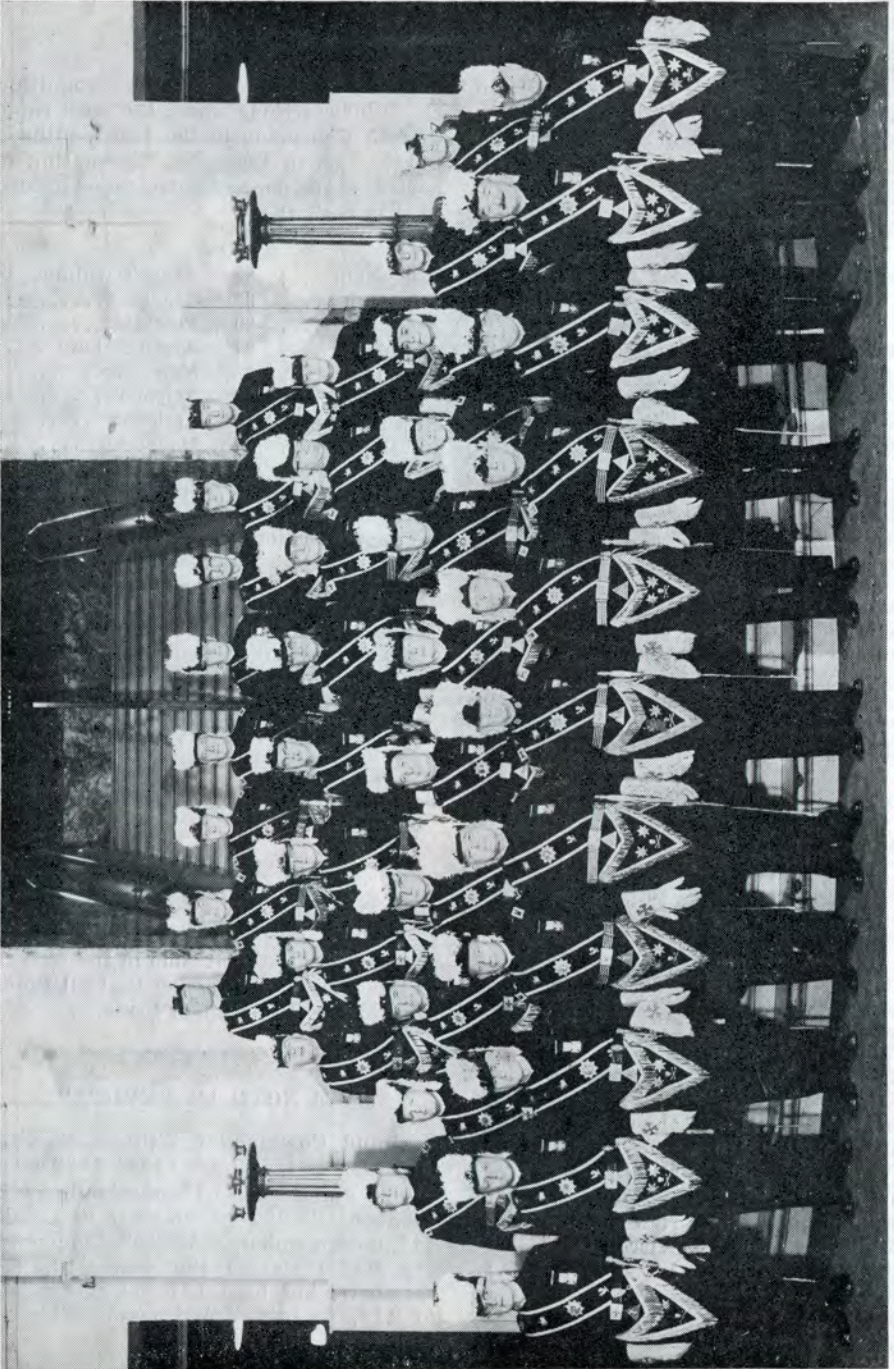
At the 1962 Conclave, the Wisconsin Committee on Educational Foundation reported for the first time in the history of the Wisconsin Division that all funds were invested in student loans.

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”

Grand Commander **William H. Gerlach, Jr.**, of Maryland (1961-1962), reported going out to Cumberland, a city of about 38,000 population, to knight 117 new members. Antioch Commandery No. 6 started the year with 276 members, knighted 127 for a net gain of 114, to bring total membership to 390.

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Washington Commandery No. 1 Drill Team

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Washington Commandery No. 1 Drill Team

Drill Teams and Drill Team activities very, but an example of an outstanding organization and one that has added much to Templary is that of Washington Commandery No. 1, Washington, D. C.

The Team was organized more than 46 years ago and has not only been active in the District of Columbia, but in adjoining jurisdictions. It has competed in the last eight Triennials where it has always been in contention in Class A competition.

Harry L. Beach, Grand Commander of the District of Columbia and a member of the Team says that "the purpose of this Drill Team is not merely to win prizes, but to keep alive a spirit of fellowship among its members, the promotion of interest in Washington Commandery No. 1, and to advance the cause of Templary in general. Every officer of the Commandery is a member of the Drill Team, and throughout the years our members have been the leaders of the other Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction.

One of the most contributing factors to the success of the team and the close fraternal fellowship among its members is our Publication, the "Adjutant." Since 1927 it has been published on an average of 6 times each year, and is the medium by which the members of the Team and others, keep abreast with events within the Commandery, the activities of the team, and share with each other, our joys and our sorrows. It is both the history, and the future plans of the organization."

The teams meets each Monday night throughout the year. A score of 10 points is given to a member for attending each Drill practice and activity. Special recognition and a Diamond Maximum Award is given to each member who accumulates 7500 points. A few months ago the Drill Corps made its first award to a member for the attainment of 15,000 Drill Team points. This award was given to Past Commander Reuben A. Bogley, Jr., former captain of the Team for many years and who is still actively engaged in the work.

The Team makes many visits and public appearances. It always participates in the Arlington Easter Sunrise Service, other Easter observances, Ascension Day Services, Public Installations, etc., not only in the District of Columbia but in other jurisdictions. A typical visitation took place on October 18, when 32 Sir Knights, including 7 Grand Commandery Officers visited York Commandery No. 21 at York, Pennsylvania.

Many social activities are sponsored by the Team and are enjoyed not only by its members and their ladies, but by the entire membership of the Commandery. Members of the Drill Team have for the last ten years owned a club house located on an acre of ground on the Pautuxent River about 25 miles from Washington where many social activities are held.

The Drill Team is certainly an integral part of Washington Commandery.

A Prayer for Today

Dear God, help me during this coming year to recapture each morning the clean, exalting feeling of a New Year's morning, and to remember that this is the tomorrow for which I waited yesterday.

Give me the wisdom to choose between the important and the unimportant. Help me to remember that "home is what we put between us and the world" that it is the final retreat from turmoil for those I love and that it is my obligation to help make it a place of peace, strength and joy.

Help me to remember, always, that to be loved and appreciated is the greatest need of humanity.

Grant me great patience, a saving sense of humor, and energy so that I may be all things to those who depend upon me.

Help me, during the new year just opening, to remember. Amen.

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York Rite Festivals and Special Conclaves

In keeping with the policy of Building Templar Membership with York Rite Festivals, as heretofore outlined by the committee on Membership of the

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., many festivals are being held. Typical of some of these Festivals are the following:

1st ANNUAL 4-STATE TEMPLAR FESTIVAL AT TEXARKANA

On November 3 more than 300 Sir Knights and candidates led by Sam Ferrell, Department Commander, and Grand Officers of five Jurisdictions convened at the first annual 4-State Templar Festival at Texarkana. All of the Grand Officers from Texas were present with the exception of two.

The Arkansas Grand Officers and others opened the Commandery in full form. A select team from A. C. Garrett Commandery of Dallas, Texas conferred

the orders of Red Cross and Malta. The Order of the Temple was conferred by P. G. C.'s of Texas taking the three offices in the East and the Grand Commandery Officers filling the other stations.

A delicious fried chicken dinner was served to all present. Everyone agreed that it was one of the finest and most impressive Conclaves ever held in the area and that it would be continued as an annual event.

RANKING OFFICERS ATTENDING MEETING



Front row, from left, H. Jack Hefner, G. C. of Texas; Sam Ferrell of Danville, Kentucky, Dept. Com. of S. C. Dept. of Grand Encampment K. T. of U. S. A.; E. Creighton Wilcoxon, G. C. of Kentucky; Back row, from left, Woodrow Wilson Langley, Commander of the host Commandery; John Tom Elliott, G. C. of Arkansas; Irvin Cecil G. C. of Oklahoma; and Herbert Jennings P. G. C. of Louisiana.

SOUTHWESTERN IDAHO

The Annual Fall York Rite Festival was held at Caldwell, Idaho, November 15, 16, 17 with all York Rite Degrees and Orders exemplified, with the excep-

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tion of Super Excellent. The Blue Lodge's Trestleboard was issued as an extra additional feature publicizing the Festival and was mailed to all Blue Lodge Masons within the Jurisdiction of Caldwell. Commanderies, Councils, and/or Chapters from Boise, Weiser, Payette, McCall, Mt. Home, Nampa, and Caldwell were represented.

The Festival was well planned and was supported by the community where window cards were placed on the doors and in the windows of all business houses, parking permits were granted by the City to all requesting them, and the newspaper took pictures and gave publicity to the affair.

**HOLY GRAIL COMMANDERY (Michigan) HOLDS FESTIVAL
AND KNIGHTS "WILBER M. BRUCKER CLASS"**



This Commandery is the youngest and fastest growing Commandery in Michigan. It was chartered in 1953 and now has a membership of 231 Sir Knights. It had two platoons in the Grand Encampment Parade at Cleveland in August, 1961. As will be noted from the above picture, Sir Knight Brucker was present at the conferring of the Order of the Temple and reports that this Commandery "is doing excellent ritualistic work."

SHENANDOAH VALLEY TEMPLAR FESTIVAL

By GALELMA J. BUTCHER, P. G. C. of Virginia

Luray Commandery, No. 19, in the successful Knights Templar Festival on city of Luray was host to Virginia's first November 10, 1962. The event was held

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Luray Commandery No. 19 Knights 32 Candidates

in the Elementary School building and was honored by 125 Sir Knights from twelve Commanderies in the northwestern part of the state, including thirty-two (32) candidates.

Joe R. Harris, Grand Commander and several of his Grand Line Officers were present, together with William E. Barkman, G. S. W., of the District of Columbia, representing the Grand Commander of that jurisdiction, Joseph D. Yerkes, P. G. C., and other District Sir Knights; Sir Knights Wilbur Applewhite, P. G. H. P. and John C. Parker, P. G. H. P. and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred by Arlington Com-

mandery, No. 29, the Order of Malta by Washington Commandery, No. 1, of the District of Columbia, and the Order of the Temple by Old Dominion Commandery, No. 11.

During the day the Sir Knights had the privilege to enjoy a delicious dinner at the Mimslyn Motor Hotel, one of Virginia's finest dining places and known for its southern dishes. The Festival has created a sense of encouragement throughout the several commanderies, and can be the means of making available the best of ritualistic work to the candidates in all of the Commanderies. The marked enthusiasm automatically called for continuance of having Knights Templar Festivals.

SMALL MISSOURI COMMANDERY KNIGHTS LARGE CLASS

By BRYCE HUNT, G. R. of Missouri

DeMolay Commandery No. 3, located at Lexington, Missouri, honored one of its most distinguished members, Sir Knight James McBrayer Sellers, Past Grand Commander, on November 24, 1962, with a class of 43 candidates. Forty-one of this number were from DeMolay Commandery, and 39 of these were obtained by one member of the class. Marico C. Roncelli, High Priest of the local Lexington Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, decided he should become a Knight Templar and that

others in that community should accompany him. The above was the result of his effort. It should also be noted that this unusual accomplishment exceeded only slightly the 35 exalted in the chapter, over which Sir Knight Roncelli presided.

DeMolay Commandery began the year with a total membership of 93, and points with pride to many outstanding Masonic leaders among them. Two are Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, three are Past Grand High Priests of

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DeMolay Commandery No. 3, Lexington, Missouri Knights 43 Candidates

the Grand Chapter and two are Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery.

The three Orders of Templary were conferred by the Orcomot Club of Kansas City in the National Guard Armory. This club is composed of a group of

zealous Templars in the Kansas City area who travel throughout Western Missouri, and on invitation, confer the several Orders of Knighthood in a manner approaching ritualistic perfection. An examination of the club's name, "Orc-om-ot," reveals the initials of the names of the three Templar Orders.

TENNESSEE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL YORK RITE FESTIVALS

	Exalted	Greeted	S.E.M.	Knighthood	Attendance
Park Avenue	6	8	..	10	223
Bristol	5	6	15	5	208
Nashville	14	18	32	19	369
Jackson	9	25	87	16	480
Knoxville	19	20	55	27	465
Memphis	27	41	56	36	576
Chattanooga	12	13	54	16	390
Grand Total	92	131	299	129	2,611

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Out of a rich experience in the field, which included conferences with the officers and other interested members of all 72 Commanderies (which included 35 receptions), 17 installations (plus 11 of coordinate bodies), 5 York Rite Festivals, 12 High 12 Clubs, and 3 out-of-state visits, Grand Commander

Marion E. Pedlar, California (1961-1962) "suggested":

(1) That every Commandery maintain uniforms and accessories for units working in the Full Form Opening and the Order of the Temple, to a minimum number of fifteen.

(2) That the York Rite Festivals held in some "departments" should be held in all "departments."

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Mass. & R. I. Hold Grand Commandery Conclave

By GEORGE A. WEEKS, P. G. C. and G. R.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island held their 159th Annual Conclave in the Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts on October 8th and 9th, 1962.

The opening of the 159th Conclave was preceded by the Grand Commander's Dinner held in the Hotel Touraine, at which, 100 Right Eminent Sirs and their ladies were assembled to take part in a very fine steak dinner and entertainment.

The guests included the Presiding Grand Commanders of the Eastern Seaboard, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, The Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters, the Grand Masters of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Presiding Officers of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Boston, all Past Grand Commanders and their ladies of this Grand Commandery, and Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Past Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U. S. A., and personal representative of Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master.

The session was climaxed with the Installation of Officers, and following officers were installed: G. C., William F. West; D. G. C., Louis A. Beautoin; G. G., Russell R. Long; G. C. G., G. Burton



Left to right: Raymond D. Douglass, G. C. of Mass.-R. I.; Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. P. G. M. and Guy I. Robb, Dept. Com. of North Eastern Dept.

Long; G. S. W., Herman C. McStay; G. J. W., George C. Patten, Jr.; G. P., Rev. Frank B. Crandall; A. G. P., Rev. W. Irving Monroe, Jr., Leonard S. Redlawn, William J. O'Neill, Arthur J. Phillips; G. T., Clarence E. Booth; G. R., George A. Weeks; G. S. B., Gordon C. Player; G. S. B., Norman L. Staveley; G. W., Saunders W. Spooner; G. C. G., Jack Richard Baker; G. S., Clarence R. Davis; Div. Com. 6th Division, Karsten H. Sandmo; Div. Com. 7th Division, Josef Rais; and Insp. Instr. Thomas C. Brown.

Ohio Grand Commandery Conclave

The Grand Commandery Conclave of Ohio held its 120th Conclave at Dayton on October 6, 7, and 8, with all of the 83 Commanderies represented. There was a total registration of 2135.

Features of the Conclave were the competitive drills, street parade, a banquet and entertainment for all in attendance afforded by the Grand Commandery, religious service, and business of the Conclave.

Competitive drills have only been featured in recent Conclaves of this Jurisdiction. Six teams participated with first place going to Hanselmann Commandery No. 16 of Cincinnati. Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, National Champion of the Grand Encampment "B" competition presented a fine exhibition drill captained by Ned Dull, G. S. B. of the Grand Commandery.

The traditional street parade was

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held on Saturday afternoon with 1,950 Knights in line led by Antioch Shrine Temple Band, of which Grand Commander Howard R. Malone is a member.

There were 23 distinguished guests in attendance. Daniel Jenkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Ohio was present during the entire Conclave and took part in many of the activities.

Twenty-one Commanderies were recognized as having knighted a number equal to 6% or more of its member-

ship at the beginning of the year. Reed Commandery No. 6, Commandery of Howard R. Malone, G. C., knighted 100 Sir Knights during the year. Middletown, Cuyahoga Falls, and Logan Commanderies were also recognized for having earned either or both the Louis H. Wieber and/or Fern J. Blöse Awards.

Howard A. Malone, Grand Commander, a member of the City Council of Dayton, saw that all in attendance were most hospitably entertained during the Conclave.

From Our Readers

Templary-sponsored Christmas worship services were held in all Grand Jurisdictions of the Order, it is noted in reports currently available. These rites were a fine response to the request and message of the Most Eminent Grand Master and to the sentiments prepared by the Religious Observance Committee of the Grand Encampment.

This general commemoration of Christ's Day is heartening news to the officers and membership of the Grand Encampment. It reveals a virility in Christianity's tenets at Templary grass roots. It indicates a regeneration of the principles by which men and nations advance in God's Way.

"An emergent Conclave of my Commandery, Huntington No. 9 (W. Va.) assembled in the Asylum on Saturday, October 27 for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple on ten candidates, at which time our efficient recorder made a motion that the newly dubbed Knights each have a year's subscription to the Knight Templar Magazine, which motion was unanimously adopted.

C. W. GIBBS,
Huntington, W. Va."

"I do enjoy receiving your magazine, and am anxious to see it progress so that it will be looked forward to each month. * * * I think that it will aid Templary more than words can tell.

I have been working for a successful festival. * * *

I am not an officer-present or past, just a strong believer in all Masonry in all its Orders and Degrees, and am anxious to see them advance together."

PHIL L. LAWTON,
Stockton, California.

Sam Ferrell, Department Commander of the South Central Department, of the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the U. S. A., reports a very fine Department Conference held at Texarkana on November 2, at which time representatives were present from each of the states in his Department. "Much good was accomplished with the exchange of ideas in the interests of Templary." This was the second Department Conference held in this Department and another meeting is planned for next year.

Noah Lee Miller, Pacific Grove, California became a fifty-year member of his Commandery on April 3. In memory of his Father, he presented a check to the Commandery for \$50.00 with a stipulation that subscriptions to the Knight Templar should be sent to the first 20 Knightings in his Commandery.

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Dates and Places of 1963 Conclaves

Alabama—April 24	Birmingham	Montana—June 14-15	Helena
Arizona—October 28	.....	Phoenix	Nebraska—April 18-19	.....	Alliance
Arkansas—April 15-16	.....	Little Rock	Nevada—June 10	.....	Elko
California—April 25-26	.....	Fresno	New Hampshire—October 7	.....	Portsmouth
Colorado—September 20	.....	Denver	New Jersey—March 1-3	.....	Atlantic City
Connecticut—April 29	.....	Williamantic	New Mexico—May 21	.....	Glorieta
Dist. of Col.—May 11	.....	Washington	New York—June 14-16	.....	Troy
Florida—May 13	.....	Clearwater	North Carolina—May 20	.....	Raleigh
Georgia—May 8-9	.....	Athens	N. Dakota—April 28-29	.....	New Rockford
Idaho—May 20-21	.....	Lewiston	Ohio—October 5, 6, 7	.....	Cincinnati
Illinois—September 7	.....	Evanston	Oklahoma—April 22-23	.....	Oklahoma City
Indiana—May 10-11	.....	Gary	Oregon—April 8	.....	Eugene
Iowa—June 18-21	.....	Spirit Lake	Pennsylvania—May 28-29	.....	Reading
Kansas—May 6-7	.....	Pittsburg	South Carolina—March 11	.....	Charleston
Kentucky—May 20-21	.....	Lexington	S. Dakota—Sept. 8, 9, 10	.....	Sioux Falls
Louisiana—April 7-10 (100th)	.....	.....	Tennessee—August 22	.....	Nashville
.....	.....	New Orleans	Texas—May 6-7	.....	Dallas
Maine—May 6	.....	Portland	Utah—May 14	.....	Ogden
Maryland—May 15	.....	Baltimore	Vermont—June 2-3	.....	Morrisville
Mass. & R. I.—October 8	.....	Boston	Virginia—May 9-11	.....	Arlington
Michigan—June 7-8	.....	Jackson	Washington—May 20-21	.....	Yakima
Minnesota—June 14-15	.....	Fairmont	West Virginia—May 17-18	.....	Beckley
Mississippi—March 20-21	Jackson	Wisconsin—June 20-22	Madison
Missouri—May 3-4	Sedalia	Wyoming—September 10	Riverton

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