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ment, K. T. of U. S. A.**

A Message From the Grand Master - -

A Time To Take Inventory



PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

At the present time, we are looking forward to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commanderies. These Annual Conclaves serve many excellent purposes. They provide the opportunity for renewal of friendships, for interchange of ideas, for the taking of inventories of those abstract possessions which can be neither bought nor sold.

In a world where events are moving so rapidly, we find difficulty in stopping long enough to determine our position, the distance we have traveled, or the direction in which we are tending. Our task today is to achieve perspective.

To the outgoing Grand Commanders, I wish to acknowledge with appreciation the cooperation given to my requests from the Grand Master's Office. To the incoming Grand Commanders and their Officers, it is your suggestions and your determination, that will carry on the work.

To all Sir Knights who will be in attendance at your Annual Conclaves and to those who will not have the opportunity but will follow it up, I am speaking to you frankly of the urgent demand upon us to accept new and more arduous exertions in our fields of duty. The Knightly vows taken in our order point the way. Progress is not marked by the resting places of inaction and contentment, but by continual struggle.

So, Sir Knights, let us learn

**"To look up and not down,
To look forward and not back,
To look out and not in — and
To lend a hand!"**

Paul M. Moore

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Personalities and Activities in the South Pacific Department - California, Nevada, and New Mexico

In keeping with our recent policy, we dedicate this issue of the Knight Templar to the South Pacific Department, and some of the leaders of Templary in the far West.

YALE WILLIAMS, Department Commander, South Pacific Department of the Grand Encampment

(Picture of Sir Knight Williams appears on the cover)

To review the activities of a person who has served as a Grand Master and Grand Commander, especially in the State of Nevada, one needs not to review a long list of offices held, as this is without question. To know that the highest honor to be bestowed in any of the Masonic Orders would indicate that years of hard and faithful work stands behind these honors.

In reviewing the Masonic activity of Sir Knight Yale Williams, one soon finds that he was not a joiner but was one of the loyal and ardent workers of the Ancient Craft. His membership includes every body of Masonry in Nevada, except for a few organizations which are found only to exist in Reno and Las Vegas. Yale has been a faithful laborer in the vineyards of the York Rite and holds the York Cross of Honor as a result of his activities in the local organizations of Elko.

Although a member of a distinctive Masonic family, his grandfather and father being ardent Masons, it was not until he was 28 years old that he became a member of Elko Lodge No. 15, F. & A. M. at Elko. His faithful attendance upon his duties in his local masonic bodies placed him in contact with the grand bodies, and because of his zeal he was soon working toward higher honors, and as a result he served as Grand Com-

mander in Nevada in 1955-56 and as Grand Master of Masons in 1958-59.

Along with his fraternal interests he found time to devote his energies in church and civic affairs. As a member of the Episcopal Church he has served as a vestryman, and in civic affairs he became a member of several clubs and holds a membership in the Chamber of Commerce. He even took a try at local politics, but without success.

As a traveling salesman for a large intermountain hardware concern, servicing accounts in northeastern Nevada, he finds time to keep contacts with various lodges.

Yale, and his good wife and team-mate, Claire, have 10 grandchildren that keep them active, especially when holidays and vacation periods bring the families together.

FRED E. RANKINE, Jr., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California

Through the inspired leadership of Sir Knight Fred E. Rankine, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1962-63, the Grand Commandery of California has been benefited with many new progressive ideas for the good of Templary.

Sir Knight Fred has devoted most of his years in Masonry working for Templary. Prior to his becoming Commander of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, K. T., in 1954, he was very active in Drill Corps and was Commandant of their "B" team which won second place in Triennial Competition at New York City.

He is a member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies of Los Angeles, Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and Saint Gabriel Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Recently he was invested with the DeMolay Legion of Honor (active).

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Fred E. Rankine, Jr., G. C. of Calif.

Sir Knight Fred has many years served as Secretary-Treasurer of Baker Transworld, Inc., a subsidiary of Baker Oil Tools, Inc. of California, a manufacturer of special tools used by the Oil Industry throughout the free world.

He and his lovely wife, Harriet, have endeared themselves to the many Sir Knights and Ladies in California as they travelled the State this past year.

ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

The One Hundred Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California will be held in Fresno on April 25th and 26th. Fred E. Rankine, Jr., Grand Commander, will preside over the business sessions at which seventy-two Commanderies will be represented by their Council Officers and Past Commanders.

Prior to the official opening on Thursday the 25th, two Commanderies, one from the Northern part of the State and one from the Southern area, will compete for the championship in the Full Form Opening competition. These two teams will have survived keen competition with some thirty other Commanderies in their respective areas dur-

ing January, February and March, and as a result have been judged the two best.

Nine Commanderies from various parts of the State will enter Drill Teams in competition at the Fresno Civic Auditorium on Thursday afternoon. This is always a high light of the Annual Conclave and, together with the Battalion review after the competition, presents a beautiful spectacle.

During the 1962-1963 year a Public Relations program was presented to the Commanderies, which has proved to be a much needed promotion among the fraternity. The accomplishments have been outstanding in bringing together knowledge and ideas for a better understanding of each organization. The program has done much to further York Rite Coordination throughout the State.

The general Membership Committee working with the Commandery Committees has developed a long range program of education to insure a continued growth year by year. As a result of the coordinated activities of the Public Relations, Membership and York Rite Coordinating Committees there were some fifty York Rite Festivals held during the year.

The Educational Foundation Committee has been very active during the year in granting loans, in fact so active that all monies are now out in student loans.

As indicated in the following article, the California Ministry Foundation granted scholarships to thirty outstanding students in five accredited theological schools in the State.

The Grand Officers, who are Department Commanders, have held conferences with the Officers of Commanderies in their respective areas and as a result the programs of Grand Commandery have been received with much enthusiasm. Credit for the successes attained this year must go to these Sir Knights and to the various Committeemen who have done such an outstanding job in their efforts to further the cause of Templary in California.

As we review the accomplishments of the year just closing and look ahead to the beginning of a new one, we firmly believe that Templary is on the March in California.

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California Grand Commandery Aids Christian Ministry



Left to right: Chester H. Newell, G. Rec.; George L. Edmonson, G. Treas.; P. S. R. Scholarship recipients James Stackpole, Ronald Westerman, Stephen Hanashiro, Reynold Neufeld, Donald Wells; and Eggert Rohwer of Dixon, California, Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation. Ronald G. Barton also received a scholarship but was not present for the photograph.

(This picture was taken from a recent issue of the Bulletin published by the Pacific School of Religion, one of the schools receiving awards from the Grand Commandery of California.)

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation of California for Christian Ministry was started in 1955 by the Grand Commandery of California to help fill the 15,000 vacant Protestant pulpits which exist in the United States.

The Fund for the Foundation is raised by a continuing assessment of \$1.00 per member per year. Thirty scholarships are awarded each year in the amount of \$500 each to six students of each of five accredited Divinity colleges in California.

The awards are proposed by the Scholarship Board of the college, to those students who are most promising in their studies and in the most need of financial aid. All students recommended by the scholarship board are approved by the Grand Commandery Edu-

ational Committee.

Divinity students are mostly college graduates, preparing for the pulpit and church work as post-graduates. Many are in their late twenties or early thirties, married and with families to support.

In addition to the thirty awards of \$500 each, the Grand Commandery awards \$2,000 yearly to each Seminary's faculty budget. Total awards each year are now \$25,000.00.

The five accredited Divinity colleges participating are Berkeley Baptist School, Church Divinity School of the Pacific (Episcopalian), Pacific School of Religion (non-sectarian), San Francisco Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) and Southern California School of Theology (Methodist).

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ALBERT E. WILLIAMS, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nevada

Albert E. Williams was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason shortly after becoming twenty-one years of age and has served all branches of York Rite Masonry.



Albert E. Williams, G. C. of Nevada

He has served as W. M. of Elko Lodge No. 15, F. & A. M., Excellent High Priest of Elko Chapter, Illustrious Master of Elko Council and Eminent Commander of Elko Commandery.

He served Elko Chapter O. E. S. as Patron and for several years was a member of Kerak Shrine Band.

He has served the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Nevada, as an officer for four years.

Sir Knight Williams has been active in civic affairs and was honored in 1955 as the "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" for Elko County. He received this distinction after having acted as County Chairman for the Salvation Army, Coun-

ty Treasurer, Infantile Paralysis, Commissioner for the Elko Boy Scout Council and County Treasurer of the Elko Little League. He is a past President of the Elko Rotary Club and the Elko Chamber of Commerce.

He has been in the banking business for twenty-four years and is now a Vice-President of the Nevada Bank of Commerce.

Grand Commander Williams resides with his wife and four children in Elko, Nevada.

Grand Commander Williams says, "One of our big problems in Nevada at the present time is a decline in membership in our smaller Commanderies.

We have been attempting to stimulate interest and it appears that our efforts have been successful. We are planning joint meetings throughout the northern and eastern parts of the State, with an interchange of work.

We are looking forward to a fine year throughout the State."

MICHAEL E. CROTEAU, Grand Commander of New Mexico

Sir Knight Michael E. Croteau has resided in Grants, N. M. for the past twenty-five years, and is engaged in the Indian Trading business.



Michael E. Croteau, G. C. of N. M.

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During World War II he was for a time Labor Co-ordinator for the Navajo Reservation. He also served with the New Mexico Citizen's Food committee.

He is a past Prior of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour and a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of New Mexico.

He is also a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

Grand Commander Croteau says, "I believe that the responsibility for the growth of Our Order rest with the Sir Knights of the present, not the glory of the past. The policies and practices of the past are of such value that the only justification for attempting to unsettle them is that the Order of Knights Templar must be brought into harmony with the Twentieth Century if

we are to go forward. Therefore, I believe that the time is long past when we can rely on the unselfish efforts of the Sir Knights to secure new members. We must meet competition by offering some reward to the Sir Knight to secure new members. What should that reward be? At our Annual Conclave in May—I will offer the following recommendation to the Grand Commandery of New Mexico, as a resolution to be presented to the Grand Encampment;

Be It Resolved that each Grand Commandery be authorized to confer on the Sir Knights of its jurisdiction, a Service Medal, suspended from a ribbon of the Colors of the Order, to be worn on the uniform, the medal to bear the insignia of the Order on one side, and the following inscription on the reverse side—For Service to Templary."

Marquette (Mich.) Masonic Bodies Sponsor Activities At Sawyer Air Force Base and Reports as Follows:

On Wednesday evening, February 13, the officers of Marquette, Michigan Lodge No. 101, F. & A. M., Marquette Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., and Lake Superior Commandery No. 30 held a get together at the K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base. An invitation to all Base Masonic personnel on our mailing list was sent over the signature of the Worshipful Master, asking each Brother to bring a Mason not receiving an invitation. Our Chapter liaison officer Colonel Frank Yochem handled the arrangements at the Base. Lunch was provided by the Chapter and Commandery. At 7:45 Col. Yochem introduced the Marquette officers after which C. A. LaTurneau, Commander and High Priest, welcomed the Base personnel extending an invitation to all to visit the Marquette Masonic bodies and gave a talk on further light in Masonry and in improving Masonic knowledge.

E. L. Slade, Generalissimo of Lake Superior Commandery and 2nd Ceremonial Master of Ahmed Temple, discussed the activities of the Shrine. The balance of the evening was spent in visiting, getting acquainted with one

another and all around good fellowship.

This was considered a very successful evening by both the Masonic bodies and the Base personnel, and other similar activities are in the planning stage.

On December 16 the Sir Knights of Lake Superior Commandery No. 30, their ladies, and members of DeMolay attended church services at the Base Chapel, Capt. Jimmie D. Baggett, Base Chaplain conducting the services. Our very close association with the Base has increased the Masonic membership and has been welcomed by the Base officers.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO THE SIR KNIGHTS OF VIRGINIA

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Joe R. Harris, G. C., and Galelma J. Butcher, P. G. C. of Virginia for the outstanding job that they are doing in promoting the Knight Templar Magazine. They and other Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction are well on their way to doubling the quota for Virginia.

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Springtime Commandery No. 40 (Florida)— A Success Story



Red Cross Team of Springtime Commandery

By Beamon A. Matherson, Rec.

Springtime Commandery was organized in late April, 1958 following a Chapter meeting of R. A. M. with the G. C. Russell E. Strawn in attendance. Twenty-two petitioners as prospective members were granted dispensation by Strawn to form a Commandery of Knights Templar in Upper Pinellas County on May 1, 1958. The Grand Commandery and our Home Commandery, Sunshine No. 20 of St. Petersburg gave their blessings and ordered us to proceed.

Our year of dispensation passed quickly with the accumulation of equipment, study of ritual and organization of teams for the Orders. Martin N. Gerhard of Dunedin, our commander during 1958 and 1959 directed our efforts. Little or no money was available for regalia and equipment so it was necessary for us to make our own equipment. Our altar, triangle, bridge, tents and other large items were built from scratch in the recorder's garage with many willing hands to help. Our newly

organized Springtime Ladies Auxiliary brought us skilled seamstresses so that in short order we quickly accumulated robes, altar and triangle covers, banners and other necessities. We take great pride in our beautiful Grand Standard and Beauceant, hand-made by the Recorder's wife, Maureen who also designed and made our prelate's robes, stole and our first two Malta capes. By May 1959 much progress had been made; we were able to confer the Order of Temple in full form, open and close properly and had accumulated all of our equipment. Our petition for Charter was granted at Grand Conclave in Jacksonville, May 18, 1959, by the G. C. Arthur E. Stewart. Our 22 original petitioners were increased to a total membership of 55 by our knighting of 19 and affiliating 14 local Templars.

During 1960 our teams for all Orders were completed and both our Red Cross and Malta teams conferred these Orders in full form with complete regalia. Montjoie Commandery No. 53 of Chicago formally adopted Springtime as their Southern Home and through the

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efforts of Roy Mahlberg, their former member, gave us a beautiful libation service in Silver, all Malta and Red Cross Banners as well as all of their other surplus equipment. Our inspector from the Grand Commandery mentioned that we were the best equipped Commandery in the State. We were awarded second place honors in overall grading at inspection at the Grand Conclave in Bradenton, Florida.

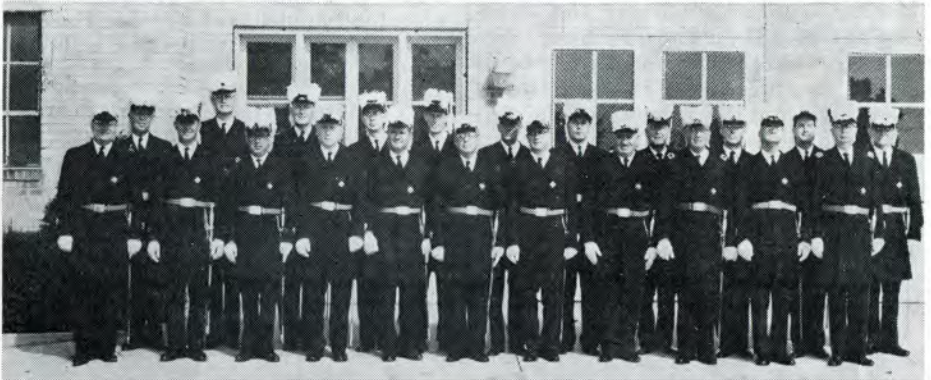
May 1961 brought us honorable mention from the Inspection Team of the Grand Commandery at the Grand Conclave in Ft. Myers where thirty of our members turned out in uniform. We had by this time increased our number to 80.

The Grand Conclave of 1962 brought Springtime the honor of being voted the No. One Commandery in Florida. We

were awarded the Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy given annually by the Grand Commandery to the Commandery excelling in ritual, growth, equipment and overall work during the year. This signal honor was earned for Springtime through the efforts of our beloved late Commander, Sir Knight Harry Charles Martin who accepted the trophy and brought it back to our small asylum in Dunedin.

Our Commandery, together with Clearwater Chapter and Clearwater Council, were designated hosts for the 1963 Grand York Rite Convention to be held in Clearwater at the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel, Clearwater, May 13-16, 1963. A cordial invitation is herewith extended to our many York Rite friends to be with us and we assure you that the welcome mat will be out.

Hanselmann Commandery (Ohio) Honors Grand Commander and Presents Drill Team



The highlight of the inspection of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16 of Cincinnati, Ohio on February 16, 1963 was the presentation of an Honorary Membership to Cecil J. Pierce, the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio. The presentation was made by Louis Koehnke, Past Commander of Hanselmann Commandery.

The Order of the Temple was conferred in the afternoon with Arthur E. Rhollans, Commander, presiding. The

Commandery was inspected by Cecil S. Blair, G. J. W.

A very delicious dinner attended by 285 Sir Knights and their ladies from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, was served in the Scottish Rite Ballroom. After the dinner the Sir Knights returned to the Asylum where the Commandery was opened in Full Form with the 1962 Ohio Champion Drill Team of Hanselmann Commandery under the direction of Ellsworth Avery, C. G. forming the lines and afterwards giving a drill demonstration.

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York Rite Temples—Dedicated in Indiana— Cornerstone Laid in North Carolina



A capacity group of distinguished Masons and their families from Sullivan and all parts of Indiana met on October 6th and dedicated the above Temple which is owned, used, and occupied by the York Rite Bodies of that community. Visiting commanders under the direction of Grand Commandery Officers provided the escort lines for distinguished guests, the presenting of the National colors, and for the forming of the Triangle for the invocation.

The presiding officers of the three York Rite Bodies of Sullivan answered pertinent questions of the dedicating officer, after which the Temple was officially dedicated for York Rite Masonry.

CORNER STONE OF NEW BERN (N. CAR.) LAID WITH MASONIC HONORS ON FEBRUARY 8th

By James T. Johnson

Most Worshipful Charles Carpenter Ricker of Ashville, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina headed the list of distinguished Masons that participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the New Bern York Rite Temple. Many other Grand and Past Grand Officers from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery were present, and assisted in the ceremony. The ora-

tion for the service was delivered by John Harvey Parker, P. G. H. P., and Grand Secretary Emeritus.

The York Rite Temple will be located one mile south of New Bern at Highway 17 and Racetrack Road and will be the first exclusive York Rite Temple in North Carolina. It will consist of approximately 7,700 square feet of floor space with dining room and office space. It will be a two-story brick building with elevator and well air-conditioned and heated.

This will be a milestone for the York Rite Masons of the New Bern area, the New Bern Bodies being chartered in 1882 with a present membership of 275 Masons. New Bern represents the smallest city in the world that will have, when the York Rite Temple is completed, all branches of Masonry that own and meet in their respective buildings!

SEYMOUR INDIANA YORK RITE BODIES HOLD ONE DAY FESTIVAL

On February 23, and for the first time in Indiana Masonic history, all of the York Rite Degrees and Orders were conferred on one day on a class of candidates by the Seymour, Indiana York Rite Bodies. Work started promptly at 8:00 A. M. and was concluded at 9:30 P. M.

The schedule of this work was as follows: Mark Master, 8:00 A. M.; Past Master 9:00; Coffee Break 9:45; Most Excellent Master 10:00; Royal Arch 11:00; Lunch 12:30 P. M.; Royal and Select Masters 1:20; Coffee Break 3:00; Order of Red Cross 3:30; Order of Malta 4:30; Order of Temple 5:30; Dinner by Order of The Eastern Star 6:30; Order of Temple concluded after Dinner.

The work was well organized and proceeded according to schedule on a class of 16 candidates. Another such class is scheduled for later in the year.

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MISSOURI MASONIC BODIES MARK WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Members of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, the Knights Templar of Missouri Commandery No. 36, and the members of Trilumina Lodge met Thursday night, February 21st, in the Masonic Hall at Marshall for a program emphasizing patriotism.

Miss Karen Hubner, Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Girls, spoke on the life of Washington; Bill Hayden, Master Counselor of the DeMolays, on Lincoln; and Frank C. Barnhill, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, told of Washington—Mason.

Ralph Cook, Eminent Commander of Missouri Commandery No. 36, was in charge of the meeting. Introductions were made by Noble Woodrow O'Dell, president of the Saline County Shrine Club. Members of the Order of Eastern Star served refreshments.

IN MEMORIAM

Florida

Dorsey Howard Rutter, G. C., 1928—
February 18, 1963

Illinois

Stuart Eldred Pierson, G. C., 1913—
March 11, 1963

Indiana

Roy Danks Smiley, G. C., 1934—
March 1, 1963

Iowa

Earl Barnes Delzell, G. C., 1948—
February 20, 1963

Lester Leonadus Cropp, G. C., 1954—
March 2, 1963

Tennessee

Chauncey Nicklin Mynderse, G. C.,
1927—March 8, 1963

IOWA GRAND COMMANDERY PREPARING FOR CENTENNIAL



The Grand Commandery is preparing for 1964 when it observes its centennial in Iowa by sponsoring sale of seals, partly to finance this major observance and partly to advertise it to all friends of the Iowa knights throughout the United States. In the above photo, Grand Commander Lincoln L. Shreve of Fort Madison, Iowa, is showing a sheet of these seals to past commander, Clarence Norton, of Calvary Commandery No. 24 of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and securing his approval of the seals. Merlin S. Rufer of Fort Dodge, Grand Generalissimo, is at the left in the above photo; while Claude K. Bradley of Des Moines, Iowa, Grand Captain-General, is at the right in the photo. Calvary Commandery No. 24 Knights may take additional interest in the centennial activities as Grand Generalissimo Rufer may be serving as Grand Commander when the Centennial concludes in 1964. He will be the second Fort Dodger to serve in this office with Earl H. Winders serving as Grand Commander in 1963. Photo by courtesy of The Fort Dodge Messenger.

Arlington Easter Sunrise Service will be broadcast and - or televised on a nation wide network at 7:30 A. M. Eastern Standard Time, Sunday, April 14, 1963.

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THE PHILALETHERS SOCIETY

The Philaethes Society, an international organization of Freemasons, has three classes of membership, affiliation with the Society being classified as follows:

No. 1. Regular Members; No. 2. Fellows and No. 3. Subscribers.

Among its members are many of the leading Masonic Scholars and publishers of Masonic magazines and periodicals.

The benefits of membership include: (A) The receipt of all material published by the Society, including "The Philaethes." (B) The opportunity to participate in the work of the Society. (C) The opportunity to correspond and exchange ideas and materials with Masonic Students throughout the world. (D) The opportunity to publish the results of your personal Masonic research and study.

Any qualified Master Mason may become a member of "The Philaethes Society" and thus participate in all the Society's activities. As a member you will receive each issue of the official magazine "The Philaethes" for the full year in which you become a member, you will also be given a membership card in the Society. The joining fee is \$3.00. The annual membership dues are \$5.00, which includes a \$3.00 subscription fee for "The Philaethes." The General Chairman of the Membership Committee is Brother Kenneth F. Curtis, "M. P. S.", 2455 Raeford Road, Orlando, Florida.

J. HARVEY MOORE "MAN OF YEAR"

Samuel H. Verner, Division Commander (Penn.) writes that on February 25, J. Harvey Moore was named "Man of the Year" by the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce. Sir Knight Moore is a nephew of our Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore, who received the award in 1957. Our Grand Master was one of the more than 300 residents and guests in attendance at the time Sir Knight Harvey was named "Man of the Year."

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

NOTE: We report in full the recommendation of the Membership Committee of Wisconsin, as we consider it an especially realistic approach to the general problem of activating an objective program to meet membership needs at the Commandery level, as proposed by the Membership Committee of Grand Encampment.—JOHN L. CROFTS, SR.

"Your Committee on Membership makes the following suggestions:

1. That the Grand Commander be requested to appoint a chairman in each of the eight districts of our Grand Commandery to work with the membership committees of the constituent commanderies in the District, in setting up and putting into operation a plan designed to attract new petitioners and to reactivate delinquent members.

2. That the Grand Officer representing the District be made an ex-officio member of the District Committee.

3. That information worked out by your committee in addition to that received from the Membership Committee of the Grand Encampment be given to the committee members of the constituent commanderies as soon as possible.

4. That plans be made to hold meetings in each District to explain the proposed plan to the committees, shortly thereafter.

Your committee feels that the proposed program will prove effective in bolstering our membership and will bring us the new life blood so vital to our continued well being as true soldiers of the Cross.

(Adopted).

Courteously submitted,

KARL A. CRANE,

FRANK A. PASTORINO,

GEORGE R. HUGHEY.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

For several years, succeeding Grand Commanders have sent a letter of congratulations to each newly created Sir Knight. Enclosed with the letters are pamphlets dealing with their three Templar philanthropies. . . . Wisconsin.

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Why You Should Procure a New Member

(The following article was recently mailed to members of Hidalgo Commandery No. 94, of Edinburg, Texas, prior to its York Rite Festival).

1. To prove to yourself and others that YOU, even YOU, can advance the interests of the York Rite. Membership is Basic in organizational life. The principles of MASONRY must be carried forward by the rank and file of its devotees. Each of us needs to prove to ourselves every now and then that "WE CAN DO IT."

2. All good men will be better if we share the opportunity of meeting and working together as MASONS.

3. Masonry made a vast contribution to the establishment of our country. Our way of life will be greatly enhanced by strong growth of the fraternity. The ideals and purposes of Freemasonry should be shared with all good men.

4. York Rite Masons are obligated to serve the rite by devoting some time to advance its interests as they do in their church, their clubs, their recreation and hobbies.

5. Every new petition for the orders provides the means whereby the fraternity is enabled to advance the good of all mankind with dedicated leadership for Freedom, Enlightenment, Peace, and Brotherhood.

6. To learn the joy of possess the Pride of procuring a Candidate for the Order.

WHERE ARE THE PROSPECTS?

They are in every locality. Every small village, town or city has them. Every trade, craft or profession has them. At every function and community event you will find them. You will see a good man and a MASON where you study, worship, work or play. Once found, do your duty toward the BROTHER and the YORK RITE. In the years ago, some brother enlisted you in the fraternity. DO AS MUCH FOR ANOTHER.

WHEN TO GET NEW MEMBERS

NOW! DO IT TODAY. We have been waiting for years for someone to ask him. You may not have another chance to serve him. Possess no regrets that you have failed to follow through in presenting the privileges of the rite to any worthy MASON; he may be puzzled and disappointed because you have not done so.

OFFERING PETITIONS IS BEING HELPFUL

When you ask a Blue Lodge brother to sign a petition for the YORK RITE degrees and orders, do you feel that you are trying to "sell" him something? Are you "money conscious," feeling that you are "begging?" You surely need not feel this way. WHEN YOU INVITE A BROTHER TO JOIN THE YORK RITE YOU ARE DOING HIM ONE OF THE BIGGEST FAVORS WITHIN YOUR POWER. YOU ARE OFFERING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN MORE MASONIC LIGHT.

TEMPLAR'S PRAYER

O God of Peace and Concord by whose spirit all things are governed and by whose providence all things are ordered, we come up into Thy court to exalt and praise Thy holy name and implore Thy heavenly peace and concord upon us, that the words of our lips and the work of our hands may fulfill the purpose for which we are here assembled. Grant that we may not only exemplify, but illustrate in our lives the noble principles of our Order and its crowning glory, charity, which is but another name for love and in itself another name for Christ of the Cross and the Sepulchre, in whose name we come in peace. Amen.

REV. DAVID BROWNE PEARSON,
State College, Pennsylvania

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From Our Readers

Dr. U. Donovan Hayes, Prelate, Redford Commandery No. 55, K. T., Detroit, Michigan, writes, "Many of the Sir Knights of Redford Commandery were greatly impressed with the Christmas Message of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore. His message was concise and to the point and surely needed saying. Masonry could use more of the same."

It is my understanding that one of your projects is to get more subscriptions to the Knight Templar. May I suggest that the Sir Knights be advised that this magazine makes a wonderful Christmas gift, a birthday gift, or a fine gift for any occasion. The cost is small but the value to the recipient is very great."

A recent York Rite Bulletin from Connersville, Indiana was submitted to us. This, in our opinion is an unusually fine publication for a relatively small Commandery. Others interested in comparing this publication with their own could probably obtain a copy by writing York Rite Mason, Box 102, Connersville, Indiana.

Noah Lee Miller, Pacific Grove, California, advises that on January 16, Watsonville Commandery No. 22 and Santa Cruz Commandery No. 44 held their Annual Joint Open Installation of officers in the Santa Cruz Masonic Temple. The Installation was preceded by a dinner attended by the Sir Knights and Ladies.

These two Commanderies have worked closely together and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown in forming a joint drill team for the year 1963. It was voted to continue holding joint installation of officers in these Commanderies.

A. V. Rice, of P. O. Box 724, Tulumne, California recently wrote this office that "Pacific Commandery No. 3 is one of the few 'Gold Rush' Masonic Bodies that is still in existence today

and located in the area of its inception. It is the only Masonic organization alive that was formed and met in the city of Columbia, California." The Grand Lodge of California recently spent several thousand dollars in restoring the Masonic Temple. Pacific Encampment was instituted by dispensation from the Grand Encampment on February 20, 1856 with 11 charter members and several visitors. Of the 11 charter members 6 became officers in various Grand Masonic Bodies. Pacific Encampment No. 3, Sacramento No. 2, and California No. 1 united to form the Grand Commandery of California.

This "Gold Rush" Commandery is one of the very active Commanderies in that part of the State.

Frank W. Collins, V. Pres., Council Officers' Assoc. of the Com. of the Met. Dist., N. Y. City, writes "it is my belief that Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36 K. T., meeting at 71 West 23rd Street in New York City, is the only afternoon Commandery in the United States and possibly in the world.

This unique afternoon conclave comes about due to the fact that we have many actors and printers in our Commandery who work evenings. They also are members to St. Cecile Lodge, F. & A. M., Corinthian Chapter R. A. M., Columbian Council No. 1, R. & S. M.—all meet afternoons.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 1965.

Among it's members are world famous actors, musicians, band leaders, printers, etc.

The 1963 Officers have as their leader William R. Seiffert who has now been the head of all York Rite Bodies as well as Scottish Rite."

At the February 15th Conclave of New Haven Commandery No. 2 (Conn.) the Triangle Guard Association offered a motion, and it was so voted to pay for a one year subscription for each candidate Knighted during the year 1963. I firm-

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ly believe that each year thereafter the Triangle Guard Association will continue this practice concerning new members. Edward L. DeAlmo, Jr., P. C., New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.

During Laymen's Sunday, February 24, 1963, in the First Congregational Church of Flushing, (L. I., N. Y.,) this correspondent was the Minister. It was indeed pleasant and encouraging to look down from the pulpit and see so many Masonic Brethren in attendance.

The two front rows of pews were

filled with Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery No. 68 in uniform—a wonderful sight. Throughout the audience I could see Companions of Pentapha Chapter No. 206 and Adoniram Council, Brothers of Blue Lodges, particularly Cornucopia No. 563, Princes of the Valleys of Brooklyn and Long Island, as well as Nobles of the Shrine.

It was wonderful to have such staunch friends “back me up” under such trying though pleasant circumstances. Fraternally, Stephen J. Tracy, Jr.

Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83, K. T. of Ohio



CUYAHOGA FALLS COMMANDERY (OHIO) ON THE MARCH

Cuyahoga Falls Commandery was chartered 11 years ago with 78 members. Today it has a membership in excess of 400. Sixty-three Sir Knights were knighted during the Ohio Templar year with 6 petitions presented for their next stated meeting. As shown in the above picture, Sir Knight Phil Porter, P. G. Prelate of the Grand Encampment, was their inspecting officer in their recent inspection.

FIRST ROW (left to right): Phil Porter, G. P. E.; James A. Evans, C; Herbert E. Rogler, G. J. W.

MIDDLE ROW (left to right): Sir Knights John J. Mooney, S.B.; W. Millard Bower, J.W.; William V. Strait, G.; Roland J. Farwell, C.G.; Ralph W. Eulitt, P.; George D. Stein, S.W.

TOP ROW (left to right): Wilbur H. Lockert, T.; Frederick C. Heinbuch, Sw.B.; Harry H. Harm, W.; James C. Kincaid, S.; Reginald E. Anderson, P.C. & Rec.

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THE EASTER MESSAGE

1. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. 2. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed, thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them. Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6. He is not here, but is risen; remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee. 7. Saying The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be Crucified, and the third day rise again.

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