

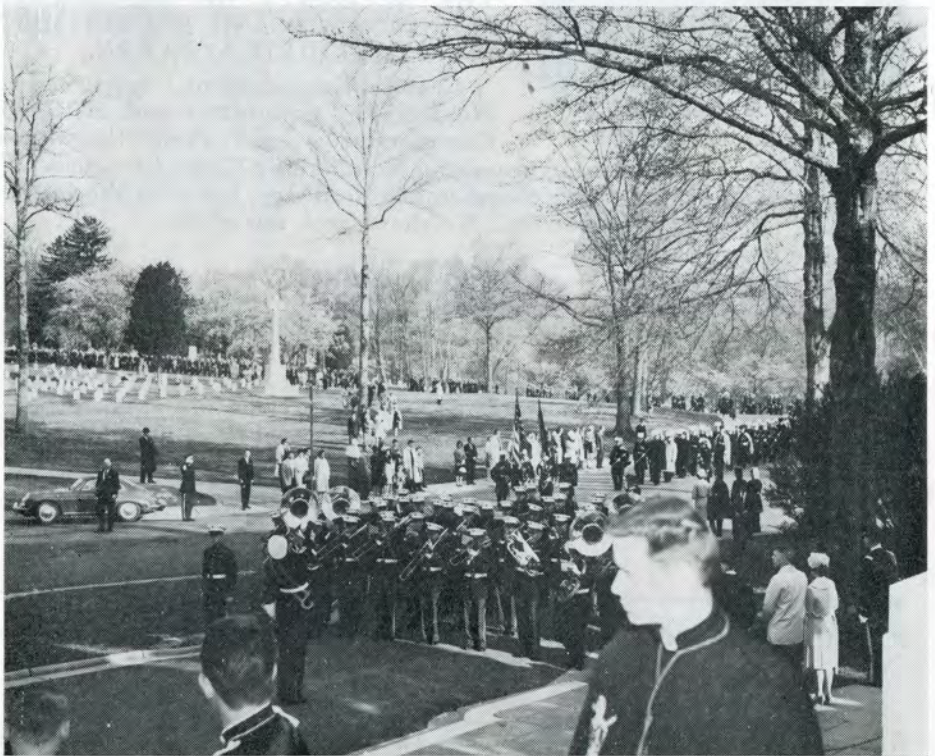


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# A Message From the Grand Master - -



PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

## We Have Work To Do

### MEMBERSHIP GAINS

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| 1946-1949 | 53,594 |
| 1949-1952 | 29,976 |
| 1952-1955 | 24,648 |
| 1955-1958 | 13,099 |
| 1958-1961 | 4,853  |

Clearly, here is a grave problem facing us in DECREASING gains, and it can not be lightly brushed away or given a "once over" treatment by seeking to justify the decrease.

At the beginning of the 49th Triennium, the Officers of the Grand Encampment went on record as stating—**THE NECESSITY OF MEMBERSHIP MAINTENANCE AND RECRUITMENT IS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN.**

Grand Encampment appointed a Membership Committee and all Grand Commanderies and their Constituent

Commanderies were asked to appoint a Membership Committee also. We are concerned not only with Membership Numbers, but with the *Participation* of our present members. We should ask ourselves:

Are we doing all we can?

Do we have an *active* Membership Committee?

Have we made a Membership Study?

Have we volunteered assistance to the Chairman of our local Membership Committee?

Have we considered objectively our Commandery program and our facilities as to their adequacy to serve our present membership?

Are we encouraging young Masons to seek further enlightenment by the Christian route?

Statistics are very realistic facts—the table of figures above tells a story at a glance.—**WE HAVE WORK TO DO.**

PAUL M. MOORE, *Grand Master.*

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## Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

By HARRY L. BEACH, G. C. of the District of Columbia, Chairman

This year's service was one of the most successful ones ever held. The vast Amphitheater was filled to capacity with hundreds standing. All of the governmental agencies co-operated to the fullest extent, including the Army, Navy, Marine Band, Army Chorus and American Red Cross. There was an unusually heavy demand from Members of Congress and other Government Officials. The procession of Sir Knights in uniform numbered more than 500 and filled every seat provided for them. The National Broadcasting Company went on the air with 30 minutes of the program on a national hook-up. The

sermon was delivered in a masterful style by The Rev. L. R. Elson.

Following the service the traditional Cross of Lilies was placed by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia sponsored its annual Easter Sunrise Breakfast at the Willard Hotel following the service and 600 Sir Knights, their families, and friends were on hand to greet Grand Master Moore and other distinguished guests who attended.

## The Power of Resurrection

A Sermon By THE REV. EDWARD L. R. ELSON, S.T.D., Litt.D., LL.D.,  
Minister, The National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., at the  
Arlington Easter Sunrise Service, April 14, 1963

*"With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection  
of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."*

—Acts 4:33

Today we assemble in this national shrine of the spirit and on hilltops, in chapels and churches all over the world to celebrate the pivotal point in human history. The calendar of the ages turns on the historic event we commemorate. Without this day, Jesus of Nazereth would remain unknown. Because of it, all history has been modified. From it the future takes its course. For mankind there have been many surprises in the past and there will be many surprises in the future. But nothing will ever equal or surpass the surprise, the wonder and the power of the first Easter. On that day Jesus of history emerged from the tomb to become the living Christ of the ages.

Jesus in history is inescapable. Born of a peasant mother, in a tiny town, in an obscure province, he worked as a carpenter's apprentice to a man named Joseph. As a lad he went to the village synagogue where he was taught



Rev. Edward L. R. Elson

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the law and the prophets, learned the ancient scriptures and practiced the religious disciplines of his own people. When his mother was widowed he assumed responsibility for her growing family. Then one day in the fullness of his manhood, he went into the synagogue, stood up and opened the scriptures and read from the prophesy of Isaiah and announced "Today the scriptures are fulfilled in your midst."

He put down the Bible and set out upon his radiant mission, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God. He spoke of a time when men would live as brothers in a kingdom, the law of which is love, and the ruler of which is God—a kingdom both in time and beyond time. He went about the countryside, the villages and the towns teaching the people, healing the sick and raising the dead. So winsome was his personality, so penetrating his insights, so authentic his message that the common people followed him, eager for each fresh revelation.

Then in the third year of his public ministry he led his tiny band of disciples to the Holy City of his people to keep an ancient religious rite. There the identity of this Lord of the spiritual realm was mistaken for the expected King of a temporal state. There too the religious and political officials persuaded the Provincial Governor that the young preacher was a menacing insurrectionist, that if the Governor did not dispose of him he "was not Caesar's friend." When his trial was over he was sentenced to death.

On a dark and cruel Friday afternoon they led him to a little knoll outside the city wall where he was executed on a gallows of a cross between two malefactors. Pilate said, "I find no fault in him." When he died the Centurian who commanded the detachment of troops assigned to the execution exclaimed, "Truly, this was the Son of God." He was dead and for his enemies that was all that mattered. His lifeless body was delivered to the custody of friends, who found a rock-hewn tomb in which to place it. After proper interment, a Roman guard was posted at the door. His enemies rejoiced to have put an end to him. The

politicians and officials were satisfied to have suppressed another uprising, and his disappointed friends slipped away into hiding, embarrassed and fearful after their Master's ignominious end.

One night followed another. At dawn on the first day of a new week, men and women slipped out of their hiding and raced about the city telling the good news, "Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!" How he had arisen they did not stop to explain. The tomb was empty. He made himself known to them in terms which were unmistakable. He was vivid and real—the same person with whom they had walked and talked, by whom they had been taught, whose death they had observed. He was no longer dead. The transformation in the lives of the disciples was as incredible as the news they heralded. The cringing cowards of Friday night became bold as lions. They were ready to go anywhere, do anything, suffer or die solely by faith in Christ's victory.

For forty days and forty nights the Lord of the disciples broke in upon them, made himself known to them. He came to individuals, to small groups and to a throng. With each new manifestation came a new intensification of the reality. Then one day he went out of the sight of some men in order to be near to his followers forever. "Many other signs did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book," the Gospel of John records, "but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:30, 31).

Christ is risen! That is the good news called the gospel. Jesus had vindicated himself. To the disciples it meant that at the center of things there was triumphant goodness. In the strength of the resurrection reality his followers swept across the ancient world, defying their persecutors, trampling upon difficulties, welcoming stripes and imprisonment, meeting "the tyrant's brandish steel and the lions gory mane." They rejoiced that they were counted worthy to give up their lives

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for their Master until, within little more than three hundred years, the cross was lifted higher than the Roman eagle. So the living Lord has marched across the centuries.

Men call it a miracle. And a miracle it is. If by miracle you mean the shattering of all probabilities and the disruption of uniform sequences, then it is the greatest of all miracles. But what happened was perfectly consonant with the man.

Jesus lived the life of the resurrection. He was history's sinless exception, humanity's only impenitent saint. He stands alone among all men separate from sinners, unique among saints. He conquered sin. He rose above life. That he should live on the other side of what men call death is the only end consistent with the beginning.

He said, "I am truth." Man, in his sin, took Truth, put Truth on a cross and in a tomb, but could not destroy Truth. Every word that he uttered was an intellectual resurrection.

From his life and his words flowed healing. His words were remedial his gestures antiseptic. And as he taught and revealed God, the faith of men was lifted for the healing of the body and for making whole the mind and spirit of man.

He arose above man's chief enemies, sin, sickness and falsehood. He arose above life. Had he not arisen from the tomb the whole story would have come out wrongly.

That he survived is the only end consistent with the beginning. His life, his death, his resurrection are all parts of the same story—the wonder of the ages.

That is the good news for us today. For what Jesus was to the disciples on the first Easter long ago he may be to us today. What he was once he is eternally. He is history's perpetual contemporary.

On a Good Friday morning, during a heavy action in World War II, a young American Soldier was severely wounded. He called for help and none came. He signaled to planes overhead but never got through. Finally he drop-

ped off into merciful unconsciousness. By and by a medical team picked him up. In a field hospital on Easter Day he regained consciousness. As his Chaplain stood over him that Easter morning, the young man said, "Chaplain, you can stand anything on Good Friday when you are certain of Easter Day."

"Christ is Risen" was the good news on the first Easter. It has never ceased to be good news. God is with us now and always—in life, in death and beyond death. Across the centuries there echoes the promise "I am with you always—even to the end. . . ." That is the kind of Christ we have. For Him we can live. In Him we can die. And in Him we shall live all the ages hereafter. He is here now when we seek Him. He is here now when we least expect Him. He will be with us in the Grand climax of all time, for He is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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## A Prayer for Today

(By Bishop Keough)

Teach me, Lord, to live this prayer,  
That I may thank Thee every day for  
everything.

I do at times give thanks for what seems  
good:

For health, for love and gain;

For all that pleases Self.

And yet how thoughtless—blind—

To thank Thee not for what is truly  
good:

For pain, unkindness, censure, blame;

For every hurt that comes

From person, place or work.

By these keen instruments would'st

Thou, Divine Physician,

Remove the harmful growths of Self,

And give new life,

And peace—abundantly.

Forgive, Lord, my blindness,

And give me grace this day to see

Thy chastening hand in all my hurts—

Thy grace to take each purifying cross,  
and then—

Give thanks with all my heart!

—Amen.

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## Chairman of Arlington Easter Sunrise Service for Many Years Passes Away

Raymond Nelson Babcock, age 77, P.G.C., and former Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, died March 16 at his home in Washington, D. C.

Sir Knight Babcock was a past officer of all the York Rite bodies and he served as Commander of the Columbia Commandery No. 2 in 1933, and as Grand Commander in 1955. He became a member of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee in 1952, and was chairman until he resigned last December. He was also Department Commander of the Central Atlantic Department. He was a past officer of several Scottish Rite bodies, and was accorded the 33° in 1951. He was a past Grand Patron of the O.E.S.

Sir Knight Babcock was a man of high standards, integrity, and with a boundless enthusiasm for whatever task he assumed. No one whose privilege it was to know him is likely to forget his candor, the courage of his faith, or the glowing brightness of his friendship.



Raymond Nelson Babcock

## Knight Templar Magazine Sent To Each Newly Created Knight Templar in Wisconsin

We salute the Knight Templar Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc., for its passage of the following Resolution:

"The Foundation having been incorporated for specific purposes among which are literary and educational, we the Board of Directors offer the following Resolution: to-wit;

That sufficient money be appropriated from the treasury of this foundation to furnish a one year subscription to 'The Knight Templar Magazine' which is the official publication of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to each new Knight Templar created by a Constituent Commandery of the Grand

Commandery of Wisconsin, during the current Templar year. The purpose of this act being to better acquaint the new Knights Templar with the aims, purposes and philanthropies of the Order, and thereby through education, to inspire them to become aggressive Templars and active followers of the Cross.

Be it hereby resolved, that the Officers of the Board of Directors be authorized to proceed as outlined above and that the Secretary be authorized to enter the subscriptions once each month and the Treasurer be authorized to pay for them from the General Funds of this Foundation."

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**GRAND COMMANDER WEST OF MASS. AND R. I. WELCOMES EACH PETITIONER TO TEMPLARY WITH PERSONAL LETTER AS FOLLOWS:**

"The records show that you have recently petitioned to become a Knight Templar. I need not remind you that this is one of the highest honors that can come to any man in Masonry.

As Grand Commander of the nearly 15,000 Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, I extend to you a hearty welcome into our great Order, which numbers well over 395,000 members in the United States. Traditionally, our Order traces its ancestry back to the Crusades (1096-1273 A. D.), whose purpose was the wresting of the Holy Land from the infidel Turks. Though the Knights of old did not succeed in their objective, they set an example which men in all ages have been delighted and honored to follow. Modern Templary traces its beginnings back to December 11, 1769, when the order was conferred upon Paul Revere, and its history since that time has been a most inspiring one. May I call your attention to four things about the great Order of which you are to become a member:

First, and foremost, it is a Christian Order and is one of the few Christian bodies which predicates its membership upon Symbolic Masonry. As such, it supports the Christian Church in all its branches and inculcates into its members the necessity of living up to the principles of the Christian religion, not only in theory, but more especially in everyday life.

Secondly, there is nothing in Templary that contradicts the tenets and principles which you have learned in the Blue Lodge and the preceding degrees. On the contrary, Templary provides an extension and amplification of all that you have learned in Masonry before and re-emphasizes those ancient ideals which have been the inspiration of all men of good will since the beginning of time.

Thirdly, it is a patriotic Order, teaching obedience to the laws of our country, allegiance to the American way of life, and unswerving loyalty to those basic principles which are embodied in

**GRAND COMMANDER NOWACK OF WISCONSIN SENDS CONGRATULATORY LETTER AS FOLLOWS TO EACH NEWLY MADE SIR KNIGHT:**

"It has been reported to and recorded in the files of the Grand Recorder's office that you have been created a Knight Templar in \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery and that you received (here follows date Orders were conferred).

You are to be congratulated on this occasion of your acceptance into a Christian Order whose grand characteristics are Charity, Hospitality and Brotherly Love.

It is my firm belief that, as a Soldier of the Cross, you can better serve the Master by regular attendance at Commandery functions, especially those of your own Commandery, where you will be most welcome to participate in its various activities.

Descriptive literature on our charitable work is enclosed so that you may acquaint yourself with the activity of which you are a part. It is my earnest hope that your life as a Templar will be a happy one, abundant with opportunities to serve.

Courteously yours,  
VICTOR GEORGE NOWACK,  
Grand Commander.

P. S. Arrangements have been made for you to receive the Knight Templar Magazine for one year. We trust you will enjoy this newsy publication and will renew the subscription when the first year has expired."

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the ideals of individual worth, the brotherhood of all men, and the fatherhood of God.

Fourthly, it is a militant Order, the Templar uniform standing for an aggressive attitude on the part of all Sir Knights toward the building up of our free society, and to show the world that we are true followers of the Cross.

May I urge you, therefore, to dedicate yourself anew to these objectives, to take an active interest in your Commandery, and in serving the Great Captain of our salvation, whom we serve.

Courteously yours,  
WILLIAM F. WEST,  
Grand Commander"

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# Missouri Educational Foundation Makes Marked Progress

By BRUCE H. HUNT

The total assets of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, as listed in the latest available report of the Grand Encampment's committee on the same, are slightly in excess of five million dollars. The Missouri Division, with total assets approaching a quarter of a million dollars, ranks sixth in size among the forty-six divisions throughout the United States. Among the seven divisions with total assets of more than \$200,000.00, only one has a greater percentage of its total assets in invested funds. While less effort on the part of the committee is involved when the major portion of its funds are invested in securities, the intended purpose of the foundation is defeated.

Two years ago the Missouri Committee determined to see what could be done about making more loans to worthy students, thereby accomplishing the real purpose of the foundation. To this end its effort has been directed with considerable success in evidence at the close of the year 1962. While the committee feels that it is proceeding in the right direction it has not yet reached the half-way point toward its goal of making all of its assets work as a truly revolving fund. Emphasis on the importance of college education cannot be stressed too highly. Templary can and should assist in the elevation of cultural standards throughout our great country. The Knights Templar Educational Foundation is endeavoring to do its part.

During the year 1962, loans were made to 90 young men and 11 young woman, all residents of Missouri and students in recognized educational institutions. While there is some overlapping of payments to students from one year to the next, this brings to a total 3,226 loans made by the Foundation since its origin in 1924. Men have received 2,273 loans and women 953 during this period of time.

In 1962, the Missouri Division loaned \$44,304.27 to men and \$4,768.00 to women, or a total of \$49,072.27. This figure represents nearly 61 per cent increase over the preceding year, and brings to a total the amount loaned to Missouri students since the inception of the Foundation, \$687,532.11.

At the close of the period covered by this report there are 220 loans outstanding in the amount of \$118,442.01. This figure represents an increase of \$26,824.12 over the amount reported one year ago. During the year, 10 scholarships in the amount of \$100.00 each were granted to deserving students in several Missouri colleges.

The net worth of the Foundation now stands at \$245,269.50, an increase of \$3,176.50 for the year. This happy condition was brought about largely because of the approved additional clerical assistance in the office. It has been possible to establish contact with slow-paying delinquent accounts and bring them up to date. All accounts receive reminders each time payments are due, and if proper response is not obtained, immediate steps are taken to correct the condition. As the number of applications processed and loans outstanding increases, it becomes more and more important that adequate servicing of all accounts be maintained. This can be done only by competent and adequate clerical assistance in the office of the secretary. It should also be noted that the amount of interest received on student loans is more than 63 per cent above last year's figure. This, too, is attributable to closer and more concerted service supervision.

It should also be noted that the amount of interest received on student loans during the year amounts to 3½ per cent on the total of loans outstanding at the beginning of the period. This rate of interest is the highest percentage received in many years. The

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rate of interest received in this area one year ago was 2½ per cent, and during the past ten years approached 3 per cent only one year (1958). In part, this higher rate of interest received has been due to the collection of a number of long overdue accounts. At the present time, we are happy to report that there are only two delinquent accounts on which we were unable to make collections the past year. This would seem to indicate that our losses, if any, will be small. It also makes your committee all the more determined to continue a careful screening of all applications,

and endeavor to obtain adequate security on all loans made.

The committee is fully aware that the percentage of greatly increased activity cannot long remain at the figures indicated above. Slow paying accounts will be brought to a steady even flow of receipts, and the available funds may be completely loaned. New loans will then be governed by and limited to the amount of repayments received. Percentages will take on a different, but stable character, and the foundation as a whole will have attained its maximum usefulness.

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## Georgia Grand Commandery and Supreme Council Present United Front

### Letters Were Recently Sent as Follows:

Dear Brother: (To all K.Y.C.H.)

Because we feel that unity should be the goal of all Masonic Bodies, and because we feel that knowledge is the basis of unity, we join in writing you this letter.

We feel that you, as one of the honor men of the York Rite, will be a better Mason by having received the degrees of the Scottish Rite, and having done so, will become a more active worker for the unity of all Masonry. At this point in our history, we are best by enemies who like nothing better than to see us present to the world anything less than a solid front.

This letter is a suggestion from the that you consider petitioning for the Scottish Rite Degrees, if you have not already taken them. It also is a cordial invitation from the Deputy of the Supreme Council for you to do so.

A similar letter is going out to all the honor men of the Scottish Rite Bodies throughout the State, suggesting that they become members of the York Rite.

Believe us to be, with the best interest of Masonry at heart,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

W. TOM BATEMAN,  
Grand Commander, Knight Templar  
R. C. CROPPER,  
Deputy of the Supreme Council  
Scottish Rite Bodies.

Dear Brother: (To all K.C.C.H. & 33°.)

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Deputy of the Supreme Council.  
W. TOM BATEMAN,  
Grand Commander, Knights Templar.

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## Thinking Out Loud

By JOHN BLACK VROOMAN

### THE IMAGE OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

Charles S. McGinness, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, in speaking before the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education, at Chicago last October, emphasized the necessity of getting a proper focus on Masonic Public Relations, which, he said, are in reality **The Image of Freemasonry**. What then, is the Image of a Knight Templar?

If we are to relegate ourselves to resting on the laurels of the past; living on a shaky reputation for greatness, and ignoring both the present and the future, the doom of Freemasonry is sealed. Now is the time when we must vitalize and make Freemasonry dynamic. This is especially true of Knight Templary, and until we put some flesh and blood on the skeleton in armor, we will have a loss in both interest and in attendance.

Statistics, facts and figures, dry-ast-dust material data, all necessary to an understanding of the background of Freemasonry, are not enough to excite the interest of busy men who must divide their time according to the importance of the task. Something more must be added—a distinct and forceful **Image of Knights Templarism** that will focus the attention and interest of Sir Knights on our principles, our ideals and our intentions.

The myths of the past, the Crusades, the growth of Knightly Orders, are splendid foundations for our beliefs, but they are not bringing our Order to a realization of what we can do now to make it dynamic and forceful.

Repetitious stories about dull meetings, uninteresting and detailed social events is not enough to inspire hope that we can move forward to active participation in world affairs.

Human interest stories about our Eye Foundation, our Educational Fund, our charitable and civic participation, are all germs for creating a forceful Image of Knights Templarism. We must get

away from the dry past to a living present and an ominous future. The time is **Now!**

Long discussions about the origins, continuity and perpetual existence of our Order can only confuse us—and the public. What must be done is to get some of the old-fashioned **glamor** into our lives—that personal interest which will tell us that the boy next door we so love, and whose eyes suddenly gave way, is now a normal boy again because the Knights Templar became interested in him, took some action, and did something to help humanity.

Personalities—not of those who, like a cinder, like always to be “in the public eye,” but who, by their quiet, manly actions have helped the community in which they live—should become living images of Knights Templary. It is usually the reticent, the shy, the quiet man who does things—without thought of publicity or reward, yet, these men should be made examples of the type of person that Knights Templary have as members.

Community service, whatever it is, by Sir Knights, is an important item in creating an Image of Knights Templary. Let us not neglect this important function. Let us not hide our light under a bushel, but tell the world that Knights Templar are worthy citizens, and ready to serve whenever called upon to do so.

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### YORK RITE MASONS CONTRIBUTE TO INDIANA DeMOLAY FOUNDATION, INC.

Members of the York Rite Bodies of Indiana were recently circularized through the facilities of the Indiana York Rite News. Each person contributing became a “DeMolay Uncle” and was given a card designating him as such for the year. Total received for the Foundation as of March 8th, was \$3,204.88.

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**CAPITAL LODGE NO. 66 OF LANS-  
ING, MICHIGAN, PRESERVES  
MASONIC MEMORIAL  
WINDOW**



A recent letter from Sir Knight Earl O. Davidson follows:

"The following is a copy from a scrap book containing a newspaper clipping dated in mid-October, 1895:

For several days workmen have been engaged in placing the art glass windows in the new Church of Our Father. The south window, which was presented by Capital Lodge No. 66 in memory of Dr. H. B. Shank, is one of the hand-somest Masonic Memorial Windows manufactured. The Masonic symbols are so grouped as to present a perfect design. There are pillars at each side and in the center is the all seeing eye. The glass around this point, which gives a mental as well as artistic effect. Also in the center is the alter upon which rests the Holy Bible, Square and Compass. It was made by C. E. Androvetter & Co. of Chicago at a cost of \$150.

Recently this church was torn down and replaced with a modern office building. The window mentioned above

was acquired by a group of Masons at some expense and repaired by an expert in this line of work who believes the glass was imported and if duplicated today would be very costly.

We are confident that we have a very rare work of art on display in our Masonic Temple."

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**FREEMASONS LEAD OTHER GROUPS**

(Masonic Home Journal)

The Masonic Craft continues to maintain its membership lead over that of every other lodge type organization. According to figures compiled by the 1960 book of fraternal society statistics just published by Fraternal Monitor, Indianapolis, there are estimated to be 4,216,352 Masons in the United States and some 1,350,000 Masons in other parts of the world. The second largest men's fraternal group is International Odd Fellowship group which counts 1,345,633 members. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is third with 1,300,000. The Knights of Columbus claim a membership of 1,087,471, the Moose 1,020,424 and the Eagles, 850,000.

Many organizations accept both men and women and in this group The Order of Eastern Star leads all the rest with nearly 3,000,000 members. Of the service clubs: Lions International is the most numerous with 605,203, with Rotary second with 471,500, Kiwanis 256,000 is followed by National Exchange Clubs with 85,000 and Optimist International with 65,000.

Amongst the veterans organizations, the American Legion leads with 2,702,992 and the auxiliary numbers almost a million. Veterans of Foreign Wars list 1,300,000 and its auxiliary, 850,000. It is figured that there are 4,053,195 Boy Scouts and 3,045,000 Girl Scouts.

Among the groups with insurance or social benefits, the Knights of Pythias number 265,000. Woodmen of America about 456,000, Independent Order of Foresters, 366,000, and Maccabees 295,000. There are 110,000 Pythian Sisters. The number of Rebeccas (Odd Fellows) is not noted.

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## Barnhill Resigns, Special Banquet in His Honor for 50 Years Service as Grand Treasurer—Ewing Appointed



**Frank C. Barnhill**

Frank Clinton Barnhill (Missouri), prominent banker and lifelong resident of Salina County, was doubly honored at a banquet and special ceremonies held in the Masonic Temple in Marshall, Missouri, on March 23, 1963. More than 130 prominent Missouri Freemasons, representing every recognized branch of the fraternity and coming from all sections of the state, were present to honor Sir Knight Barnhill upon his completion of sixty-years membership in Freemasonry, and upon his retirement from office after serving fifty years as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

During the ceremonies a specially designed 60-year Masonic Veteran's emblem was presented to the guest of honor by Bruce H. Hunt, G. R. of the Grand Commandery and P. G. Master of Ma-

sons in Missouri. It was stated that the Masonic Grand Lodge officially awards only a 50-year veteran's emblem, a lapel button first presented during Mr. Barnhill's administration as Grand Master of Masons in 1933.

The climax of the ceremonies was attained when Grand Treasurer Barnhill's resignation from office was read and accepted by Julius L. Johnson, Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Missouri. Grand Commander Johnson immediately announced the appointment of Morris E. Ewing, Morrisville, Missouri, and proceeded with his installation as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri. Mr. Ewing is a past Grand Master of Masons and a Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Missouri. This was the first time a new Grand Treasurer had been installed since Mr. Barnhill assumed the office on February 5, 1913.

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### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

"In this troubled world we live in, where our way of life and Christian principles are being battered from all sides, a strong Christian Order, such as the Knights Templar, is needed now as never before. We need to stand up and be counted as Ambassadors for Christ. For it is going forward together in Christ that we will improve ourselves, our organization, our communities, and the world at large. I believe that Templarism faces the biggest challenge in the history of the organization. Let it be said that the Knights Templar in the State of Wisconsin are marching forward. Let the deliberations of this Conclave be on the highest plane and be of such caliber that they will be heard throughout Templarism."—Sir Knight *Lowell R. Englesby*, P. C. Eau Claire No. 8, Wisconsin, in welcome to 1962 Conclave.

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## Trinity Commandery, Sarasota, Fla., Active In Civic and Masonic Public Appearances

Trinity Commandery No. 16, Sarasota, Florida, has been active this year, in both Civic and Masonic functions, due to the progressive leadership of its Eminent Commander William E. Lemke, and the enthusiasm of the Knights in this asylum.

This Commandery has acted as escort at the Installation of Officers in the Demolay Chapter, Bradenton, participated, as a body, in the DeSoto Celebration Parade, Bradenton, acted as escort

in the presentation of the National Colors at the Installation of Officers in the White Shrine, Bradenton, and with 19 other Civic and Veterans organizations, joined in the patriotic and religious ceremony of the Massing of the Colors on Palm Sunday in the Manatee High School, Bradenton, Florida.

All these were public gatherings, and more activities such as these are planned for the remainder of the year.

### WHAT SHOULD WE TELL NON-MASONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY?

A brother expounds the positive approach.

What should we tell our non-Masonic friends when they ask us questions about Freemasonry?

When these questions arise, and they often do, our response will undoubtedly influence the mental attitude of our friends toward ourselves and the Craft in general.

We should not take a timid approach to our answers. We should not indicate a desire to "change the subject." We should not reflect a "mum's-the-word" attitude.

Instead, we should be prepared to speak with ease and pride and authority. What do we have to hide?

Make it known that Freemasonry is a way of life.

Freemasonry is fraternal in organization, religious in character, based on the belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Be prompt to make it known that Freemasonry is not a "secret society." Freemasonry is a voluntary association wherein the interested one comes of his own free will and accord.

Indicate also that Freemasonry is not a religion as many claim it is.

Discussions on religion or politics have no place in our proceedings.

Proclaim that Freemasonry, in its every effort and purpose, strives to do charitable work within its membership and for society and, through its teachings, seeks to make good men better men. You can proudly state that the basic ethical principles as exemplified in our Ritual and Lodge Work, are such as are acceptable to all good men; they are lessons based on the Golden Rule—tolerance toward men, respect for one's family, charity towards all and being true to God for his gracious and numerous blessings.

Be proud to proclaim that Freemasonry is a band of men bound together in the bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection throughout the world.

And to sum it all up, Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God.

These and many other answers can be applied to the questions your friends will ask.

Speak up. What do we have to hide—save that which pertains to our esoteric work?—Excerpts from "California Freemason."

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## From Our Readers

All Masonic Night will again be held at the Boston Garden, **Boston, Massachusetts** on Saturday evening June 8th. Last year 35 Commanderies officially appeared with more than 700 uniformed Sir Knights parading on the floor of the Garden. All branches of Masonry are participating under the sponsorship of Aleppo Temple of the Shrine.

Donald F. McAtee, Secretary-Recorder of the York Rite Golden Anniversary Committee, P. O. Box 2015, Balboa, **Canal Zone**, extends an invitation to attend the Golden Anniversary Celebration of the York Rite Bodies in the Canal Zone on May 17, 18, and 19. Many distinguished Masons, including Edwin A. Martini, M. E. Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter will be present on the occasion. The committee has gone so far as to offer to pick you up at the airport if you will advise them of your arrival. Sight seeing trips, including a boat ride through the Canal, banquets and other features have been planned by the committee.



Thomas Yould and Ralph K. Parker

James Joyce, Grand Recorder of Minnesota writes that Damascus Commandery No. 1, **St. Paul, Minnesota** "may be lacking in some matters, but I believe that we have the distinction of having the oldest living Knight Tem-

plar in the United States. Sir Knight Thomas Yould appearing in the above picture with Grand Commander Ralph K. Parker, celebrated his 106th birthday on April 13th. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1857 and was knighted in Damascus Commandery on March 16, 1901. He is reported to be in excellent health and enjoys reading and living at the Masonic Home, Savage, Minnesota.

Another venerable Sir Knight of Damascus Commandery is Carl O. Blomgren, who was born June 2, 1873 in Wisconsin, and was knighted on May 28, 1914. He served as Commander of his Commandery in 1922 and is presently serving as its Treasurer.

One of the highlights of many Commandery activities throughout the nation is the Easter program which usually takes the form of a Sunrise Service followed by a breakfast for the Sir Knights, their families and friends. A number of these were reported to this office but space will not permit publication. Thanks for the letters and programs.

We note that the Sir Knights and Ladies of **Los Angeles Commandery No. 9** will attend the Angel-Yankee ballgame on May 1st. As suggested in the Bulletin we hope that "Bo" pitched for the enjoyment of the ladies and that you were not disappointed in the outcome of the game.

Col. C. I. Kephart, 4300 South Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa 11, Florida, recently published an unusual book entitled, "Concise History of Knight Templary and Freemasonry." This booklet departs from many of the accepted ideas and dogmas of Templary. Interested persons may contact Sir Knight Kephart.

Sir Knight Bliss Kelly of **Oklahoma City** recently wrote to the editor, in part as follows:

"Another important way to increase

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attendance, I believe, is to pay more attention to families. Not only wives, but even teen age children who can understand. This has been demonstrated in some talks I have been making to Blue Lodges over this state. They are announced as being especially for wives and families of Masons, and it is stated that the "mysteries" of Masonry will be explained.

How much more enthusiasm could be created for the Orders of the Commandery if we would just let the women know something about its principles and how it is for their benefit."

Merle W. Frisbie, Grand Commander of Oregon, recently visited Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, at Eugene, Oregon and presented a certificate for fifty



Merle W. Frisbie, G. C., and Sir Knight Worth Harvey

years service to Sir Knight Worth Harvey, who has been very active in Masonic affairs and programs during his entire membership. A number of distinguished guests were present upon this occasion including Lyman C. Palmer, P. G. C.,

Department Commander of the North Pacific Department and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Oregon. Other distinguished guests present were Charles Leon Wiley, G. S. W., Robert F. Wagner, G. C. of the Guard, Roy E. Allen, P. G. C., Victor White, Commander of Bruce Commandery, Convallis, Ore., Wallace White, Commander of Cerro Gordo Commandery at Cottage Grove, and other distinguished guests representing the Grand Lodge and other Masonic Bodies.

We were most pleased to receive VOLUME I, No. 1 of "The Alabama Mason," which was first published under the date of March, 1963. CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the Editor, Sir Knight Gordon L. Evatt, Box 98, Montgomery, Alabama. We wish every success for this worthwhile venture.

#### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

*California*, by resolution at the Conclave of 1962, forbids any Commandery from taking part in a York Rite Festival which would confer more than six of the degrees or Orders in a single day. Right or wrong, it is therefore the judgment of this Grand Commandery, after seven years of experience, that the conferring of all of the degrees and Orders in a single day is not practical. The Commander or Recorder of each Commandery having candidates is required to be present, having in hand the by-laws of the Commandery, which are required to be signed under the supervision of the Inspector.

#### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

The excellent drill team of Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 12, *Wichita, Kansas*, was one of 200 units in the Centennial parade before an estimated 400,000, the largest crowd ever to see a parade in Wichita. They took home a trophy.

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# A Declaration of Templar Principles

(From Wisconsin Proceedings)

“Templary is a fraternal Light that has illumined the world since the Crusade of 1118. The Principles upon which the Chivalric Orders are founded are couched in Ritual, Ceremony and Symbolism, and give expression to the basic teachings of the Christian Religion, permitting its votaries to interpret the infinite Wisdom of the Man of Galilee according to the dictates of their conscience.

“It draws its inspiration from an undaunted Faith in the first principle of Freemasonry—the Belief in the existence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Source of Life and Truth. Templary is a Philosophy of Life based upon the Sacred Law, and proclaims the Gospel of Human Brotherhood and Benevolence of all mankind. It labors for the Reign of Peace, the Promotion of Justice, and the Search of Divine Truth. It has always been a Defender of the Faith.

“It loathes Communism, and encourages an appreciation of Constitutional Government under whose protection Freedoms are enjoyed which are derived from the Consent of the Governed.

“Templary stands unswervingly for the foregoing high Principles which each Knight Templar has voluntarily professed—the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the Love of Country. The beautiful Banner of Templary with its emblazoned Passion Cross, ever inspires the Templar with the Highest Ideals of Benevolence, Citizenship, and Christian Faith.

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