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# A Message From the Grand Master - -



**PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment**

## Witnessing for Our Principles

For many months the Triennial Conclave Committee, under the Local Chairman, Sir Knight George A. Williams, P.G.C. (Pa.), and the Chairman of the Committee on Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy, P.G.C. (Ohio), have been planning and working for an outstanding Triennial Conclave in 1964.

**THE DATES TO BE REMEMBERED — August 22-27, 1964.**

**THE PLACE—**The Historic City of Philadelphia, The Cradle of Liberty, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed.

One of the highlights of every Triennial Conclave is the Parade. Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, our Right Eminent Grand Captain General, who will be Grand Marshal of the Parade, informs me that the Reviewing Stand of the Parade will be in front of Independence Hall. Sir Knights who value the good of the order are proud to participate—to wear the uniform—not for mere display of sword, plume, and insignia, but because they recognize in them the symbols of an Order whose deeds are regarded as one of the great moral forces in the world today.

Our love and loyalty for our Order should motivate us to attend if at all possible, and to witness for our glorious principles. It is well to remember that the world today, as in the past, judges an organization by its public demonstrations.

It is my sincere desire and hope that each Grand Commandery will want to make a particular effort to participate in the events of the 49th Triennial Conclave. Each Grand Commandery has something to offer and to share with its fellow Commanderies that will ennoble and enrich the experience for all. Let the sound of many marching feet and the echo of "Onward Christian Soldiers" ring clear and true around Independence Hall. With sword, plume, and helmet, let us stand up and be counted.

"As you stand in this new realm of beauty

Where each man you meet is your friend,

Think not that your promise of duty,

In hall, or asylum, shall end.

Outside, in the great world of pleasure,

Beyond, in the clamor of trade,

In the battle of life and its coarse daily strife,

Remember the vows you have made. . . .

And let each word and act tell to men the proud fact,

You are worthy the name of 'Sir Knight'."

(By Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

**PAUL M. MOORE, Grand Master.**

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**WHAT TO SEE IN PHILADELPHIA WHILE ATTENDING THE FORTY-NINTH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AUGUST 22nd TO 27th, 1964 AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

**MASONIC TEMPLE**

(See cover)

*All Templary is looking forward to the 49th Triennial Conclave. The various committees and the Sir Knights of Pennsylvania have been planning and will for the next year, to make this Conclave an outstanding event. This is the first in a series of articles dealing with the forth coming Grand Encampment meeting.*

Sir Knights and their guests are extended a cordial invitation to explore the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., with its Masonic Library and Museum which is a treasure house of art, knowledge and antiquity containing an unusual Masonic collection that will reward any members of the Craft who visit the Temple to see this imposing structure, an architectural gem, rich in Masonic Symbolism.

Guided tours through the Masonic Temple start at 10 A. M., 11 A. M., 1 P. M., 2 P. M. and 3 P. M. weekdays and on Saturday at 10 A. M. and 11 A. M.

One of the theories of some Masonic Historians trace the origin of the Fraternity to a line of Master Builders or Architects. The Masonic Temple, from pavement to turret, and all through its numerous magnificent halls speak in the language of architecture.

The Masonic Temple is one of the most prominent structures in the city of Brotherly Love and is a "Masonic Landmark" with its sombre and unique Grand Tower at the southeast corner arising 250 feet high. It faces City Hall Plaza, has a commanding view of Penn Center and is an integral part of the southeastern terminus of the Parkway, a beautiful boulevard extending from City Hall to the entrance of Fairmount Park.

On July 1, 1867, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania purchased the lot of ground at the northeast corner of Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Corner-stone of the Temple was laid on St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, 1868, in the northeast corner of the foundation wall, by Brother Richard Vaux, R. W. Grand Master, and is of granite from the Havre-de-Grace quarries. It is 5 feet 6½ inches long, 2 feet 4½ inches deep, and 4 feet 9½ inches wide, and weighs between nine and ten tons. The gavel used on this occasion was the ivory gavel with which George Washington laid with Masonic ceremony the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol at Washington, District of Columbus, in 1793.

The festivities connected with the Dedication of the Temple were opened in the evening of September 25, 1873, and in the afternoon of the next day, the 26th, the Dedication took place. Many thousands of Freemasons from all parts of the United States, with a number from abroad took part in the ceremonies, embracing all the Lodges in Philadelphia, and many from elsewhere.

This outstanding structure attracts attention on account of its picturesque massiveness, and is worthy of the adornment which has been bestowed upon it, and when completed and furnished cost over \$1,569,000; in both exterior it is perfect and peculiarly characteristic of Freemasonry. One rarely sees so many interesting interiors brought together in one building as are in the Masonic Temple. Our mystic ancestors in Egypt, Greece, Italy, Germany, France, Scotland and England are all suggested to us by the typical styles of designs which distinguish the various Lodge Rooms. They are the most delightful of studies, because they minister at the same time to the Love of Freemasonry, and Love of Art. Art is akin to Freemasonry. Art is a civilizer and a leveler, as Freemasonry is, and both level up, not down; both elevate and ennoble mankind.

No consideration had been given to decorating the interior of the building until the "Art Association" came into being in the year 1887, through the efforts of

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three members of Lodge No. 51 in Philadelphia, and with the approval of the R. W. Grand Master, who said, "When we decorate the Masonic Temple, we adorn our Masonic Home, and what we give the Craft we give ourselves." The task of decorating the halls started in 1888, beginning with Egyptian, then following on with Ionic, Oriental, Grand Lodge Library, Corinthian, Renaissance, the Museum, Grand Lodge Banquet Hall, and the Grand Master's Apartments. Gothic Hall in the beginning was decorated largely by contributions collected by the several Commanderies stationed in Philadelphia.

At the northeast corner of the Temple is a suite of rooms for the Right Worshipful Grand Master, which includes a reception room and Secretary's room. Between the Grand Master's suite and Oriental Hall, along the north side, is the Grand Banquet Hall.

On the south side of the Temple are the offices of the Grand Secretary, the Superintendent and the Grand Treasurer, private office of the R. W. Grand Master, together with the offices of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter and of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. There is an Assembly Room for regular Lodge meetings and for special occasions.

Along the eastern end of the building are located the Grand Lodge Library, Museum and Oriental Hall.

On the second floor, on the Broad Street side, are Corinthian Hall and Renaissance Hall and, over the Grand Staircase, a beautiful stained glass window. Above the second floor front are two Lodge rooms, one in the northwest tower and one in the southwest tower. On the extreme east end are located the Ionic, Egyptian and Norman Halls, and on the third floor is Gothic Hall. In the basement are four banquet rooms and six Committee rooms.

It is interesting to know that as early as March 26, 1787, it was the desire of the Brethren that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should possess a Masonic Library that would reflect credit upon the Fraternity. It was not until June 7, 1871, that a resolution was passed in Grand Lodge authorizing the establish-

ment of a Library in the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, and it was moved into the present Masonic Temple in 1873.

The Library Hall is one of the greatest store-houses of Masonic lore and contains a vast amount of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, papers and insignia relating to Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania established a Circulating Library September 5, 1951, and directed the Library to loan to the members of the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania Lodges such books as they may deem advisable for general reading purposes, thus enabling the Master Mason an opportunity in his spare time to read Masonic literature at his leisure.

The Museum is adjacent to the Library and was installed and dedicated under the direction of the Committee on Library in 1907, when Sir Knight John Wanamaker, 33°, was Chairman. Contributions and donations of valuable Masonic relics are constantly being received from members of the Masonic Fraternity who desire to aid in this historic work and who value a place of safe deposit for Masonic heirlooms.

The exhibits displayed therein are unsurpassed by any other similar Masonic Museum in the world. The Museum contains many articles of antiquity, such as Jewels, Medals, Aprons, Certificates and glassware.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Alabama

Earl Drayton Holmes, Sr., G. C., 1963  
—July 1, 1963

### Colorado

Frank Peat Goeder, G. C., 1948—  
June 28, 1963

### Utah

David Lowe Stine, G. C., 1944—Sep-  
tember 27, 1962

### Vermont

James Harold Stacey, G. C., 1941—  
May 5, 1963

### Washington

Edward Beaumont King, G. C., 1930  
—June 6, 1963  
Hugh Biggar Shaw, G. C., 1962—  
June 22, 1963

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## Grand Commanders From Two of Our Most Active Grand Commanderies

Sir Knight Andrew, G. C. of Texas, and Sir Knight Miller, G. C. of California, were recently elected to head their respective Grand Jurisdictions. Templary is on the march in each of these states with full programs well planned and executed. Texas is the largest jurisdiction within the Grand Encampment. It has 92 constituent commanderies with a total membership of 30,354 Sir Knights, and showed a net

gain of 348 for the last year. California is the 4th ranking Grand Jurisdiction (Ohio 27, # 301, Pennsylvania 26,545), with 72 commanderies, a total membership of 23,171 and showed a net gain of 216 during the last year. Each of these Grand Jurisdictions is now looking forward to a year of dynamic leadership from their respective Grand Commanders.



**Robert A. Miller, G. C. of California**

Robert A. Miller was recently elected to the office of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California. He conducts a successful insurance business at Santa Rosa, where he has been active in many civic activities, including the Santa Rosa 20-30 Club, Kiwanis, and Insurance Agents Association. As a worker in Masonry, he has served as Master Councillor of Santa Rosa Chapter DeMolay, Division Master Councillor, and an officer of the California-Nevada DeMolay Association. He has served as Patron of the Order of Eastern Star and Associate Guardian in Job's Daughters. He is a

charter member and present Junior Warden of the North California Research Lodge in San Francisco, and has served on committees of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., since 1946. He is also an active Shriner and member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Santa Rosa.

When Kaplan H. Andrew was installed as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Texas at the conclusion of the 110th annual Grand Conclave in Dallas, May 7, he assumed leadership of one of Templary's largest grand jurisdic-



**Kaplan H. Andrew, G. C. of Texas**

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tions in area and membership.

With his illustrious Masonic background, experience, and natural leadership qualities, he is more than equal to the assignment. Knighted in Houston's Ruthven Commandery No. 8 in 1938, he served as Commander in 1946, and as Recorder, 1953-57.

In addition to his outstanding service to Templary, "Kap," as he is affectionately known to his host of friends, has served as Worshipful Master of Woodland Lodge No. 1157, Houston, in which he was raised; Most Excellent High Priest of William N. Kidd Chapter No. 424, Houston; TIM of Houston's San Jacinto Council No. 347. He is also a KYCOH in Texas Priory No. 23; was made a Prophet at sight in Chinar Grotto, Houston, 1957; received the Scottish Rite degrees in Houston, and designated KCCOH in 1961. He received the Orders of Red Cross of Constantine in the 1962 Houston San Jacinto Conclave.

The Texas Grand Commander is also a member of Arabia Shrine Temple; Order of Eastern Star, Woodland Chapter No. 696, Houston; Order of High Priesthood; and Order of Silver Trowel. He was elected Grand Captain of the Guard, Texas Grand Commandery, in 1954.

From Norman S. D'Olive, Correspondent Texas Grand Commandery.

## July 4th Celebrations

July 4th celebrations are coming back—but apparently some of them need a bit of guidance. Advance word indicates that some of these are assorted shindigs. Some ignore the fact that July 4th is Independence Day, a patriotic holiday; that it is Independence Day, is an important detail. Particularly right now, when independence is diminishing over the world and a bit undervalued in these United States. We're in an area of "government do it" and of conformity instead of independence. That may be the most dangerous factor in this country today. July 4th is a good time to haul this out and look it over.

Before the slump in July 4th celebrations, they helped build pride in America in the mind of many youngsters. Kids didn't always idolize the red-faced, perspiring hoarse-voice of the day. But they listened, pretty much, and some of it sank in. The average young American who'd gone through a dozen years or so of these celebrations had a fairly deep pride of country and pride of Flag.

WALTER TRAVIS, Editor  
S. D. American Legion Bulletin.

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## Indiana Grand Commandery Supports Knights Templar Magazine

Full support of the Knight Templar Magazine was extended by the Grand Commandery Officers and P. G. C.'s of Indiana at their annual Summer Meeting held at Muncie on July 20-21. Action was unanimously adopted and will be carried through as follows:

1. The Grand Commandery will send the Knight Templar to each officer of the constituent commanderies of Indiana (approximately 600 Sir Knights).

2. Constituent commanderies will be requested to give a year's subscription to the Knight Templar to each newly created Sir Knight.

3. Grand Line Officers will at Inspections and at other times, solicit subscriptions to the magazine.

The York Rite Bodies of Indiana publish monthly (except July and August) the Indiana York Rite News, which is mailed to every York Rite Mason. This is an excellent publication largely devoted to activities within the State. It was, however, the opinion of the Grand Officers and P. G. C.'s that the Knight Templar was covering a separate and distinct field of communication and was vital to the furtherance of Templary within the Jurisdiction.

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## Interest in Eye Foundation Continues High

Applications for assistance from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are being received in increasing numbers, and there are now over 50 eligible persons on the waiting list for surgery. These people, hopefully awaiting word that they can have the needed operation or treatment, are depending on the growing number of life sponsor memberships, contributions, and bequests, to speed the day when they can see again. Letters of appreciation, like those recently quoted, are proof enough of the value of our organization.

The Sir Knight from Delaware who wrote the following letter, expresses what we all hope every Knight Templar feels:

"It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be a companion of this great organization.

I am greatly indebted to the pioneers of this great Charity, for it was through their untiring efforts that laid the ground work so that each generation will have the opportunity to carry out this wonderful humanitarian work.

"'Good deeds are never out of style.'

"As I would like to share in this program, I am enclosing my check for thirty dollars in payment of a life membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc."

Very truly and faithfully yours,  
/s/ RUDOLPH SCHMIDT,  
St. John's Commandery  
No. 1, K. T.,  
818 Market Street,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

So, Fraters, keep those checks or money orders coming that others may go "From darkness unto light."

May we commend Ruthven Commandery in Texas on their fine bulletin, and for this article which we quote on the Eye Foundation.

"Ruthven Commandery is an active participant in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. We have secured financial aid for 68 persons who were facing blindness and without means of securing medical attention and hospitalization. Each case is investigated by a Knight Templar. We have helped a lot of children

in this program. Your foundation was the last hope between them and blindness. Typical is the case of little Danny B. He was found to have lost sight in one eye and the other was failing fast. He had a few days of sight left in the other eye. He was from a family of seven. There was no money for Danny. Emergency handling of his case resulted in surgery and hospitalization. He has a good chance of sight in the remaining eye. He is just seven. His mother asks God's richest blessing on the Templars. Mrs. C. is a widow, age 68, and blind in one eye. The other had failed. A chance remained. Your Foundation secured medical attention. She walked alone to her church last Sunday and prayed for the welfare of this program and the blessings of Christ on the Knight Templars. Peggy Sue is 4½ years old. She was born two months after the tragic death of her father. She had Congenital Eye Disease. The sight failed in one eye. The other was destined to the same fate. You helped her by providing the money for medical attention. She has a chance in life, such as it is with only one eye. The heart warming and soul stirring messages of thanks from these unfortunates will make you glad you are a part of this humanitarian program. Our Commandery has spent \$17,907.00 over what we have contributed to the foundation. We are hoping for a donation of \$10.00 or more from each of our 1,353 members. All donations are tax free and you will receive an acknowledgment of all contributions. Please send your donations to our Recorder, Sir Robert B. Magruder. We need your help to continue in this Knight Templar Program of helping those facing a life of darkness. Will you help others to see the beauties of our Father's World again? A file is kept of all those we help. You are welcome to see them. A. C. Martindale, P. C., Chairman of Eye Foundation Committee, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas."

Since the Knights Templar Eye Foundation started its work a little over six years ago, a total of 6,081 applications have been received through May, 1963, and 1,900 Sir Knights have become Life Sponsors.

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## York Rite Festivals

Each year many Sir Knights are added to our number through York Rite Festivals. The following Festivals were recently held in various Grand Jurisdictions:

### Tri-State York Rite Festival



New Sir Knights at Tri-State York Festival

Publicity for the Festival, consisting of numerous letters to Grand Officers, Constituent bodies in the Little Egypt, southern Illinois area, western Kentucky and the Boot-heel of Missouri, posters and personal contacts, under the leadership of Sir Knight James Samuel Smith, of Metropolis, General Chairman, resulted in one of the most successful and outstanding Festivals in the history of York Rite Masonry in this area.

The several Degrees of the Chapter were conferred at Cairo on April 12th.

The following afternoon, Saturday, April 13th, the Order of the Red Cross was exemplified in full form by members of Gethsemane Commandery No. 41. The Order of Malta was then exemplified in full form, with a selected personnel from several of the Seventh District Commanderies.

Following the afternoon work, a banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star in the Temple dining room, and at the banquet the York Rite dignitaries were introduced. Grand Commandery Officers present included: Seth W. Flanders, P. G. C., Clarence C. WeWitt, P. G. C., and Andrew Barton, G. S. B.

The Order of the Temple was conferred by a team of selected Sir Knights from the Seventh District, and again this beautiful and impressive Order won the praise of the 26 candidates and the sidelines.

The following Saturday, April 20th, at the Metropolis Temple the Royal and Select Masters Degrees were conferred on 26 candidates—14 from Illinois, 10 from Kentucky, and two from Missouri.

Following the afternoon work a buffet lunch was served to 145 hungry Masons by the ladies of the White Shrine of Metropolis.

The scene then shifted to the gymnasium of the Junior High School—as the local Temple could not nearly accommodate the crowd nor provide sufficient floor space—where a team from the two Councils of St. Louis, Missouri—a full bus load of 41 Companions—conferred the Super Excellent Degree on 114 candidates.

From every possible angle this York Rite Festival must be considered as an outstanding success and surely its success will have future reverberations towards the advancement of York Rite Masonry in southern Illinois.

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## Ashland Commandery No. 28, Kentucky



Ashland Commandery No. 28 (Kentucky), closed the York Rite Spring Festival, April 27, 1963, by conferring the Order of Christian Knighthood on 39 Royal Arch Masons. This was a very large class and may seem hard to handle by some Commanderies, but not for Ashland Commandery. Present for this conclave were Deputy Grand Commander, W. Julian Blake, Richmond, Kentucky and Grand Standard Bearer, George E. Hobbs, Ashland, Kentucky. The class chose the name, "The Frank J. Stephenson Class." Sir Knight Stephenson is Recorder of Ashland Commandery No. 28, K. T. The York Rite Fall Festival will be held in September, 1963, to which a standing invitation extended to all Sir Knights. Come and witness the work of Ashland Commandery.

## Templar Festival, Saranac Lake, N. Y.



Grand Line Officers and Candidates at the Templar Festival, Saranac Lake, N. Y., April 20, 1963. Those in uniform from left to right are: M. Victor Guiffre, Zone Officer, Zone 7; Warren H. Deck, G. Cap. Gen.; Lowell H. Bryce, Grand Commander; Frederick H. Staal, Dep. Grand Commander; Ralph J. Ely, Grand Sword Bearer; George E. McMann, Grand Cap. of the Guard; and John J. Bahn, P. G. C.

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Zone 7 of the Grand Commandery of New York was host to a Templar Festival on April 20, 1963, at the Masonic Temple, Saranac Lake, N. Y. All three Orders were conferred on a class of 46 candidates. In addition to the candidates from Zone 7, Zones 5 and 8 also brought candidates.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred by Adirondack Commandery, No. 82, Lake Placid, N. Y. The Order of Malta was conferred in

full form by a cast from Albany York Rite College, No. 24, Albany, N. Y. The cast for the Order of the Temple was supplied by Trinity Tabernacle, No. XXIV, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, Schenectady, N. Y. In the casts were St. Knights from 14 Commanderies in upstate New York. In addition to the Candidates, 142 Sir Knights from over 15 Commanderies attended the afternoon and evening sessions.

## Illinois Grand Commander Sends Following Letter to Each Newly Created Sir Knight

Dear Sir Knight:

As Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, I congratulate you on having been dubbed a Knight of the valiant and magnanimous Order of the Temple and I bid you a hearty welcome into this great Christian Order.

I hope you will take advantage of the fellowship and many great opportunities that Templary has to offer and I urge you to actively participate in the work and various other activities of your Commandery. The pleasure you will derive from participating in this different type of Masonic work will, I am sure, induce you to sponsor your Masonic friends for this Order of Knighthood.

In addition to the fine fellowship, other accomplishments of the Knights Templar are: The Home for the Aged and infirm at Paxton, Illinois; the Educational Foundation Fund for the youth of our country (there have been over 5,700 college students in their junior and senior years who have been able to complete their education through this financial aid); and the Eye Foundation, a fund for the treatment of diseases and correction of the eye to prevent blindness for those who are financially unable to obtain this service. Last year there were 142 Eye cases in Illinois alone, with an average cost of over \$600.00. These are all worthwhile objectives. You can learn more about these projects by talking with the officers of your Commandery or by writing to the office of the Grand Com-

mandery.

Let's take an active interest in promoting activities, including all coordinate bodies of Masonry, so that the world may know the important part Masonry serves in the building of our schools, community and country. The principles of Masonry are unchanging and everlasting. Let us exemplify our Masonic teachings in our daily lives by our actions and behavior as Masons as these are the standards by which we are judged by non-members.

With kind personal regards and trusting that it may be my pleasure to greet you in person sometime in the near future, I remain,

Courteously yours,

ALVIN LOUIS CRUMP,  
Grand Commander.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

The *California* Committee on Templar Research has produced a list of books and motion pictures on the History of Templary and the Medieval Crusades and has assisted DeMolay Chapters, Royal Arch Chapters, Councils and Commanderies in securing programs and information with regard to our Christian Order and the relationship that we bear to the Templars of the Crusades. This is reported to have been helpful not only in programs for these bodies, but also in their publicity and public relations work. The list of books and motion pictures has been sent to a number of Grand Commanders in other jurisdictions.

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## Wisconsin Supports Osborne for Grand Encampment Line

By resolution adopted at the annual conclave in Madison, June 21, 1963, Wisconsin will support Robert V. Osborne, of Racine, for election to the office of Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment at the 1964 Triennial Conclave in Philadelphia.

A past Grand Commander of Wisconsin and the present Department Commander of the North Central Department, Sir Knight Osborne is also serving currently as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge. He is a former Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference for Masonic Unity, and the Wisconsin York Rite Association.

A professional engineer, he is a member of the American Foundrymen's Society, Past President of the Wisconsin Chapter, has served on several industry committees, and is President of the Ridgeway Manufacturing Corporation and Vice-President of the Lakeside Malleable Castings Company. He and his wife, Mary Lois, have three small Osbornes, Consuela, Robert, Jr., and Beatriz. A member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, he is serving as a vestryman.



Sir Knight Robert V. Osborne

### CALIFORNIA COMMANDERY PRESENTS PATRIOTIC RECORD TO LOS ANGELES SCHOOLS



Sir Knight Robert J. Miller, Junior Warden of Golden West Commandery

No. 43, Los Angeles, California, is shown presenting copy of the record "This Is America" (or "How To Become An American Citizen") to the Superintendent of Los Angeles City Schools, Jack P. Crowther.

The presentation took place in April during California Public Schools Week.

The record is an 80-minute album, which tells the stirring story of the United States, its history, laws and ideals, from its infancy to the present.

William J. S. Lockhart, Commander, announced that Golden West Commandery presented an album to each of the 27 adult education schools in Los Angeles.

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## Supreme Council of De Molay Meet In Tampa, Florida

Membership gains, more active Chapters, a solid financial position, and aggressive future programs provided highlights of the recent annual meeting of the International Supreme Council of De Molay, held at the resort-type International Inn of Tampa.

Perhaps the biggest news of the meeting lies in the enthusiastic and broad Masonic support demonstrated and expressed by those in attendance. The Florida Grand Lodge was represented by M. W. Bro. **William S. Christian**, Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, and Past Grand Master **J. Edwin Larson**; for York Rite, the Grand High Priest, Grand Ill. Master, Grand Commander, and Grand Secretary-Recorder; for Scottish Rite, S. G. I. G. **Frank H. Thompson** and two Deputies; for the Shrine, Potentates of Egypt and Bahja Temples.

Sov. Gr. Com. **Luther A. Smith** and Gr. Sec. Genl. **Claud F. Young** of the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite attended personally, as did **Waldron Biggs**, presently the national head of

K. Y. C. H., and **Marvin Fowler** of the Royal Order of Scotland. Grand Generalissimo **John L. Crofts** and Grand Captain General **G. Wilbur Bell** were present for Grand Encampment, and there were also present representatives of General Grand Chapter, General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, Northern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite, Great Priory and Scottish Rite of Canada, and Imperial Shrine.

Yes, De Molay has come of age. It is now a recognized institution and a permanent part of American life, known to all as a beneficial organization. More than three million American men—former members—testify to this. One gives thanks that American Freemasonry recognizes the opportunity to sponsor and support and to stand for such a cause.

Grand Master **Ralph E. Hamill**, of Indiana, presided and installed his successor, **Dr. Ivan H. Northfield**, of Minnesota. Host to the delegates and guests was Sir Knight **Stephen B. Diamond**, Executive Officer of Western Florida.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

*California.* The Committee notes a growing trend to hold Easter Observances of Commanderies in their Asylums on Easter afternoon or evening, thus freeing the Sir Knights to attend the church of their choice with their families in the morning.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

The Committee on Ritual and Tactics in *California* has recommended, and the Grand Commandery has approved and adopted a so-called "Augmented Short Form Opening," which can be performed by the Officers alone and with or without Sir Knights in the lines.

### A Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, we kneel at the footstool of Thy grace, thankful to be living in a nation where people ask for divine guidance.

Teach us the futility of life without Thy benediction, and keep our hearts bowed with awe but lifted up with faith.

Grant that in this moment of prayer we may experience hopes renewed and strengthened as we labor in spirit with all who are working earnestly for the higher good of all humanity, and peace of the world.

Help us to walk reverently and humbly in Thy ways, remembering that Thou art the light of the world. Amen.

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## From Our Readers

AN ENEMY IN 1917—  
BEST OF FRIENDS IN 1963



Having the honor of being the Inspecting Officer of Bethlehem Commandery, New York, it was my pleasure to personally meet Past Commander Henry K. F. Schulmann and Mrs. Schulmann.

After the completion of my Inspection and the meeting closed we retired to a social room to meet and visit with many of the Sir Knights. Something was said that referred back to World War I, and I mentioned that I was a veteran. Sir Knight Schulmann said he also was a veteran and when I inquired, he was in the German Army. Further discussions found us on opposite fronts at the same time. How many shots we ever exchanged we will never know, but today we are the best of friends and working for the brotherhood of Templary.

Picture, left to right: Neil R. Baker, Gr. Sr. Warden, Mrs. Schulmann, Henry Schulmann and Mrs. Baker.

Sir Knight Clarendon Columbus Wade of San Marcos, Texas has a Masonic record that we doubt few can top—more than 340 years of service in the various Masonic bodies!

A retired banker, Sir Knight Wade is 78 years of age and very active. His long and outstanding Masonic service record encompasses fifty years each in the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and San Marcos Commandery No. 56. In addition, he has a similar record in Ben Hurr Shrine at Austin, the Eastern

Star, plus more than forty years in the Scottish Rite.

Sir Knight Wade served as Worshipful Master of San Marcos Lodge No. 342 in 1911. He is still active in DeMolay work in Austin, and holds the Grand Cross for his work in the Order of Rainbow for girls. He has four daughters and seven grandchildren. This spry and dedicated Mason arose at 3:00 A. M., and drove his car from San Marcos a distance of 230 miles to attend the 110th Texas Grand Conclave in Dallas, May 7.—From Norman S. O'Olive, Correspondent, Texas Grand Commandery.



NEW HONORS FOR IOWA SIR KNIGHTS—It was just after this picture was taken of two Fort Dodge, Iowa, Sir Knights that Merlin S. Rufer was elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa for 1963-1964 term; and a week preceding this picture P. G. C. Earl H. Winders received his 50-year Masonic Certificate in Ashlar Lodge No. 111, A. F. and A. M., of Fort Dodge. Sir Knight Winders served as worshipful master of Ashlar Lodge during 1919 and as Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 24, in 1925. Sir Knight Rufer also served as Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 24 during 1955. From left to right, Sir Knight Winders and Sir Knight Rufer.

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One of the first acts of Robert W. Rogers, G. C. of Oklahoma, was to appoint Frederick J. Smith, G. S. W., as correspondent to the Knight Templar Magazine. Sir Knight Smith immediately started functioning by reporting

activities of his Conclave, one of the highlights of which was the asylum and field drill competition, both of which were won by teams of Trinity Commandery of Tulsa. The Drill Team is shown above.

We are still receiving correspondence relative to Easter Sunrise Services as indicated by the recent letter which we received from George W. Kaufmann, Jr., P. C. of Alliance Commandery, Alliance, Ohio. More than 200 Sir

Knights, their ladies, and friends assembled in the asylum at 6:30 A. M. for the observance, which is annually sponsored by the Commandery.



Easter Sunrise Services

Missouri Reports through its Patriotic Activities Committee, that 33 of 62 Commanderies actually had Patriotic Observances. Lebanon No. 33 deserves special rating for its program spilled over into the community with the presentation of 50-star flags to all Boy Scout Troops in the city, with an accompanying letter on Patriotism, plus discussions with church and educational leaders about the necessity of stressing Patriotism in the various youth activities of church and school.

JAMES P. HALL, Chairman  
Missouri Patriotic Activities Com.

We are most happy to have as one of our recent subscribers **William Koch**, Lieut. Grand Commander, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Iowa of the Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction.

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## Sir Knight Gordon Cooper's Prayer while Making His 17th Orbit of the Globe

I would like to take this time to say a little prayer for all the people, including myself, involved in this launch operation.

"Father, we thank you, especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank you for privilege of being able to be in this position, to be in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that you have created.

"Help guide and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be much better Christians, trying to help one another, and to work with one another rather than fighting and bickering.

"Help us to complete this mission successfully.

"Help us in our future space endeavors that we may show the world that democracy really can compete and still is able to do things in a big way and are able to do research development and conduct many scientific and technical programs.

"Be with all our families, giving guidance and encouragement and let them know that everything will be okay.

"We ask in Your Name, Amen."

The above prayer was read by Major Cooper to Congress.

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