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A Message From the Grand Master - -



PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

Knights Templar Educational Foundation

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation was created on April 27, 1922 at the 35th Triennial Conclave, New Orleans, Louisiana. At that time the following report was made:

"We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to put into effect a plan which will provide educational advantages for the youth of our beloved country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better citizens of this Republic." (Page 325, 1922 Proceedings).

Today more than ever before in the history of our country, an educated citizenry, highly trained specialists and leaders with knowledge and understanding are necessary if we are to survive and flourish in a free world. What we invest in education today will be our best "insurance" for our country's future.

The accumulation of unused capital on the part of any State Division reflects credit neither on Templary nor on the Division. The Educational Foundation funds are intended for active use and the successful administration of such funds is to be judged in the ratio of loans made with the amount of capital available.

The percentage of high school graduates entering college has risen sharply in recent years. The need for additional classrooms, libraries, dormitories, laboratories, more teachers, adequate salaries, all have increased the cost of higher education. We must see that students with ability and talent who do not have sufficient funds to continue their education, are given the opportunity of completing their courses.

As followers of Christ, our influence should be toward the enriching and broadening of lives. Christianity seeks the fullest development of every power and capacity of the being. There is no way in which we can prove ourselves better friends to the youth of our nation than by such influences over them as will make their lives fuller, truer, more helpful, enabling them to reach up to their best and out to their broadest in every way. This is Templary in action.

PAUL M. MOORE.

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Astronaut Grissom Class at Orlando, Fla. 402 Receive York Rite Degrees and Orders

By H. A. BROSNAHAN, JR., Florida Correspondent of Knight Templar Magazine.



ENTIRE ASTRONAUT CLASS

Florida reports as a highlight of the total history of York Rite in that Jurisdiction, and highly satisfactory by any standard, the one-day York Rite Festival honoring candidate **Major Virgil "Gus" Grissom**, U. S. Air Force, held at Orlando, Florida on September 14. And, so far as is known, all records for all Jurisdictions were broken by the addition to the rolls of **402** new Knights Templar.

Under the supervision of Class Conductor and Coordinator of Work Sir Knight **Stephen B. Dimond**, the present Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Florida, the huge assembly of candidates was kept on schedule throughout the day from 8:00 a. m. until 8:45 p. m. All ritualistic work and the noon and evening meals were in the Temple of Bahia Shrine. For the Templar Orders, Grand Commander **Leroy E. Healy** of Pensacola was in charge of the Order of the Red Cross, former Department Commander **Thomas N. Morrison** and his Lakeland team conferred the Order of Malta in full form, and the Order of the Temple was displayed in impressive fashion by the team of Olivet Commandery No. 4 of Orlando.

Astronaut Grissom was the leading candidate or exemplar throughout the day, and in the minutes between work sessions

charmed the whole assembled crowd to a man, as Astronaut Sir Knight **Gordon Cooper** had done before, by his gracious



Pictured above from left to right are: **G. Wilbur Bell**, Grand Captain General, Grand Encampment and Banquet Speaker; **Sir Knight Virgil Grissom**; and **John L. Crofts**, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

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and friendly response to the persistent demands for pictures, autographs, and conversation. These amazingly qualified and disciplined young men operate continuously at a pace and under pressures which would be impossible for most of us. For instance, Sir Knight Grissom was reported to have been in both Baltimore and Los Angeles on the day before the Festival, arriving in Orlando about 2:00 a. m., was on the floor before 8:00, and in the few hours left over of his "day off" was reported to have become a member of the Heroes of '76 and of the National Sojourners.

Major credit for the assembling of personnel for this historic meeting is due to the General Chairman, Sir Knight

Harley V. Wheeler, of Winter Park, District Deputy Grand Master of Grand Council, to his Committeemen Sir Knight Blenus Williams of Orlando, Deputy Grand Commander, and S. K. Lofton Childs of Orlando, Grand Captain of Hosts, and Sir Knight John Bridges Phelps, Grand Secretary-Recorder, who worked industriously with many others over a period of eight weeks on arrangements and promotion. Candidates and members came from all parts of Florida, and two members brought two candidates from the Canal Zone. Orlando bodies realized the top gain of 44 members, but Miami was a close second with 41, who were accompanied by enough members to fill two chartered buses, among them



Standing from left to right are: Stephen B. Dimond, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council of Florida; John B. Phelps, P. G. Master of the General Grand Council, P. G. Sovereign of The Red Cross of Constantine, P. G. Prior of the Knights of York Cross of Honor, and present G. Sec.-Rec. of the York Rite Bodies of Florida; Sir Knight Virgil Grissom; Leroy E. Healy, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida; and Martin N. Gerhard, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Florida.

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trained drill men who were helpful to the Orlando team. Lake City gained 19, St. Augustine 20, Canaveral Chapter U. D. 14 to add to only 21 previous membership. It is noted also that there is a residue of more than 100 York Rite petitions already approved, which will need to be inducted locally at once as they could not attend at Orlando.

Kickoff event of the Festival was an outstanding banquet tendered in honor of the candidates, held on the evening before in the ballroom of the Cherry-Plaza Hotel. About 400 attended this formal-informal affair and enjoyed a fine meal in the very attractive banquet room, the deft and witty work of Toastmaster-Chairman Wheeler, a fine organ recital by the noted Joyce Girardet, a rare treat by soloist Mr. Richard Wentworth, basso-profundo of the New York and San Francisco Civic Opera Companies, and an inspiring address by Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell of Illinois, R. E. Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment. At the closing benediction, which followed "The End of a Perfect Day" sung by Mr. Wentworth, the Festival was a huge success even before its real beginning.

In addition to those mentioned above, Masonic notables in attendance included Grand High Priest Martin N. Gerhard of Dunedin, Past Grand Masters of Masons William S. Christian and Frank Brown, Grand King H. Ashton Brosnham of Pensacola, Deputy Grand Master (R. & S. M.) Andrew Jorgensen of Fort

Pierce, Grand Generalissimo Goebel Buchanan of Valparaiso and Grand Senior Warden William Boye of Fort Lauderdale, and Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment John L. Crofts of Nokomis. In remarks following the conclusion of the Order of the Temple, Sir Knight Crofts noted that it is a matter for true rejoicing that the Astronauts, including our two Sir Knights, combine their outstanding ability with a constant and expressed religious faith, thus proving beyond doubt that morality and virtue as a way of life is not going out of style; that the ritualistic work was only the beginning of the experiences of the new members, as there is a real need today for the beneficial influence of York Rite Masons as organized groups in their own communities, which should be limited in scope only by the true Landmarks of Freemasonry and Christianity, existing local needs, and their own ingenuity.

Florida leaders hail the Orlando Festival as evidence of the success of their present "Three-Year Plan," in which the three bodies are being brought into close coordination at state, district, and local levels to accomplish the twin objectives of increased activity and continuing review and future planning. As communications improve, more units get "on the ball." Rather than resting on their laurels, a special conference to be held only two weeks after the Orlando Festival will bring together all Officers and all District Deputies, approximately seventy men comprising the present leadership of the three Grand Bodies.

Building Templar Manpower— Grand Encampment Bulletin

The bulletin of the Committee on Membership of the Grand Encampment, Robert M. Rewick, Chairman, W. Arthur Patat and Charles Butz Wolfertz has been accepted as a very much needed and worthwhile publication. If a copy has not been made available to you, contact your Recorder.

Subjects treated are: "The Importance of Manpower in the Advancement of Templary," "The Necessity for Action to

Strengthen Templar Manpower," "Organized Planning Before Launching a Membership Campaign," "Selecting a Campaign Membership Team is Vital to Success," "Recruiting Christian Masons for Templary," "Successful Recruiting Results in Securing Petitions—Leadership Needed," "Assimilating New Templar Into Our Ranks," "Minimizing Demits and Suspensions," "Obtaining Restorations and Affiliations," and "Stimulating Membership Interest and Attendance."

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What To See In Philadelphia While Attending the Forty-ninth Triennial Conclave

(First of a Series)

CARPENTERS' HALL

(Featured on Cover)

CARPENTER'S HALL—at 320 Chestnut Street built in 1770, and in 1774, the meeting place of the First Continental Congress.



INDEPENDENCE HALL

The first and foremost shrine of all visitors to the City of Brotherly Love is Independence Square, located between 5th and 6th Streets, Chestnut to Walnut, which in Colonial times was popularly known as State House Yard. The City Fathers specified in their Deed of 1769, that this Square was "to remain a publick greene and walke forever."

Situated in the Square we find the historic State House Row, with the following three buildings:

INDEPENDENCE HALL, . . . home of the Liberty Bell, scene of the adop-

tion of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776; here in 1787, the Constitution of the United States was formed.

LIBERTY BELL

Entering Independence Hall under the tower we face the Liberty Bell, first cast for the colony in London in 1752. It cracked and was recast by Pass and Stow of this City. Its prophetic inscription from Leviticus XXV:10 "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" was ordered for the original. The bell announced the independence resolution in July, 1776, and rang out the city's celebrations until it cracked in 1835.

CONGRESS HALL—originally built for the County Hall in 1789, occupied by Federal Congress from 1790 to 1800.



CONGRESS HALL

OLD CITY HALL—(built in 1789 for use as the City Hall) is the building to the east of Independence Hall. The

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first Supreme Court of the United States convened here 1791-1800.

U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE—on the south side of Chestnut Street east of 5th Street is an old columned building built in 1819, it was originally the home of the Second United States Bank, it is now headquarters for Independence Hall National Park Service.



CHRIST CHURCH

CHRIST CHURCH—on End Street north of Market on the west side built in 1727, attended by the Washingtons and Benjamin Franklin among others; and last resting place of seven signers of the Declaration.

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”—

By recent enactment, the Trustees of the Iowa Charity Fund may disburse funds as they may deem best for the relief of the destitute and the distressed, but they must, on evidence of an expenditure for such purpose by any Constituent Commandery, pay to such Commandery an amount equal to one-half of such charitable or benevolent contribution. The deliberate intent of this statute is to encourage by subsidy the more personal effect of local action and interest in this Templar fundamental.

Cuban Churches Still Strong

Not all the news from Cuba is bad. The latest report is that the work of the Evangelical churches in the island continues to be strong and vital despite the limitations imposed on the churches by the Castro regime's nationalization of private schools. . . . In their preoccupation with the problems of Cuban refugees, Christians in the United States must not forget that across the straits of Florida there are thousands of Cuban Christians who remain loyal to Jesus Christ and who need the love and the prayers of their fellow Christians everywhere.—The Christian Century.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Our heavenly Father, Supreme Master of the Universe, Eternal Spirit of Love, as we sojourn in the earth of Thy creation, our quest is for light, our request is for the wisdom and energy to earn the blessings light provides. Just as the operative Mason erects strong walls, inspire us to build strong wills. Purpose in us the will to care. Make us regretful for the times we have not been grateful. Grant us the will and the power to defend our altars, our homes, our republic. Steel us to trample on the thorns of adversity until Thou dost grace us with the fadeless rose of victory to serve as an emblem of the triumphant truth of Masonry.—Captain Frederic Snyder, Kingston, New York.

CONSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE

The Revised Edition of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A. is now ready for distribution. Orders should be forwarded to Mitchell-Fleming Printing Company, Inc., P.O. Box 477, Greenfield, Indiana. \$1.50 per copy.

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Warren H. Smith, To Head Ohio Templars

Sir Knight Warren H. Smith will be elected Grand Commander of Ohio at the annual Conclave to be held in Cincinnati October 5, 6 and 7. He has a long record of service to his fellow man, not only in Masonry, but in his business and civic life as well.



Warren H. Smith

He was born in St. Louis, and grew up there. In 1914, when he turned 21, he was raised in Rose Hill Lodge; in 1918 he served the community at large as a YMCA secretary.

He has been engaged in the life insurance business since 1923 and his friends and competitors in the business recognized him in many ways. He is a past president of the Cleveland Life Underwriters.

Nor were those who lived in his own city the only ones to appreciate him. He is a past national director of the American Society, Chartered Life Underwriters.

He served the suburb in which he lives for eight years as a member of the board of education, and was president of the school board for three years. He was on the library board for ten years. His services to education have done much to make Cleveland Heights a leader in education; graduates of its high school always rank high in scholarships won, and college attendance.

He has served his metropolitan area further as a member of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, and is a past president of the Western Reserve Society, Sons of the American Revolution, one of the three largest organizations of its kind in the country.

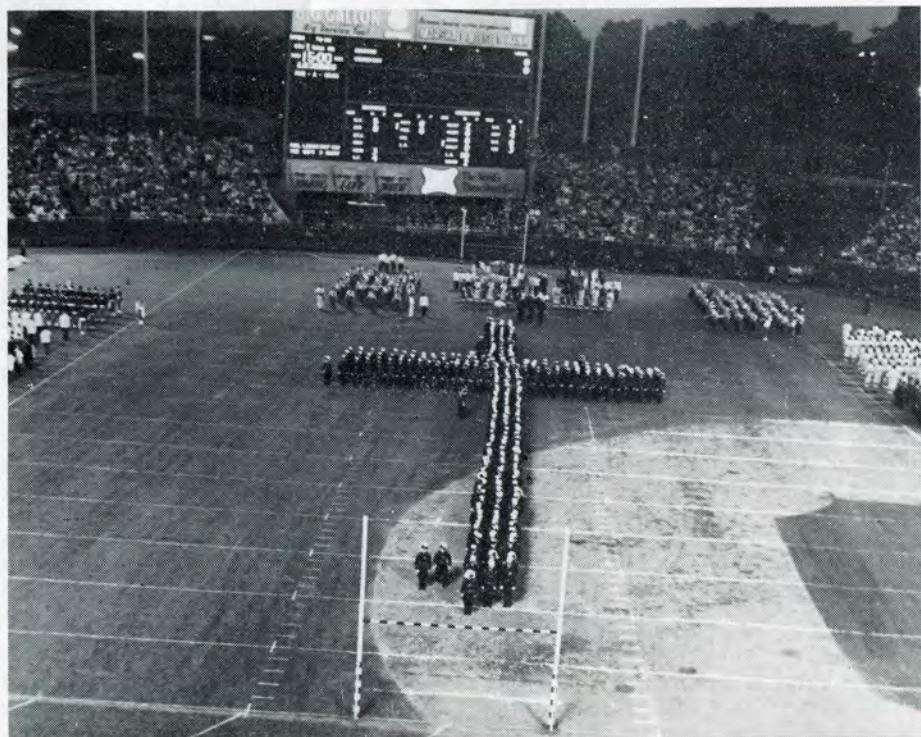
For many men this would have been a full life indeed. But the Right Eminent Grand Commander has not only passed through all the grades of both the York and Scottish Rites, but has been an innovator in Masonry.

Disturbed by the manner in which Masonic funeral rites are sometimes conducted, he and others decided something must be done. Thereupon he entered into research into the burial rituals, not only of Masonry, but of many religious bodies. After perfecting a ritual, he and those who agreed with him founded Cuyahoga County Memorial Lodge, which sees to it that those Masons, not members of Cuyahoga County (Cleveland and vicinity) lodges who die in Cleveland are given proper burial with beautiful and meaningful rites. He is a past master of that lodge.

Sir Knight Smith is a member of Heights Commandery No. 76, Cleveland Heights, and has been an active worker in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council as well as in the Commandery. He is a member of Al Koran Shrine, was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor, by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, has served as Thrice Potent Master of Elidah Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Cleveland, and is a 33° Mason.

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Knight Templars Participate in Pre-Game Festivities—County Stadium, Milwaukee



The Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin participated in the Pre-Game festivities of the 14th Annual Midwest Shrine Football game which was held at County Stadium in Milwaukee, Wis.

Three hundred seven Uniformed Sir Knights participated of which 26 Commanderies were represented; 10 Grand Officers and 3 Past Grand Officers formed the Grand Commanders Staff, lead by Van Willie Harrod, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The Sir Knights formed the Passion Cross with 96 sets of three's. The Grand Commander was received, introduced and asked to say a few words, after which the Rev. Marvin Baker, D. D. Grand Prelate was asked to give the Invocation.

Grand Senior Warden Willard P. Matschke acted as Grand Marshall and was ably assisted by Herman E. Friedrich, Past Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery.

The Sir Knights were guests of Tripoli Shrine at a pre-game dinner and luncheon after the game.

Incidentally the World Champions, Green Bay Packers played the Chicago Bears and won by a score of 28 to 17. A record breaking crowd of 44,529 fans attended the game.

Tripoli Temple has now raised and given over \$300,000 to the Chicago and Twin Cities Shrine Hospitals since the inauguration of this game.

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“Spreading Ourselves Too Thin”

By SIR KNIGHT AND REV. E. ROBERT CHABLE, Ph. D.

Some Masonic encyclopedias and other historic tomes reveal periods in the history of the Fraternity, especially in Europe and in earlier days in this country, when degrees were piled on degrees, and scarcely a year passed without pseudo-Masonic authors spewing forth their own contributions to this proliferation. Had some of the degrees, rites, and orders not died a natural death, the whole Masonic structure might have collapsed under the sheer force of its weight at the top.

Some students of Masonic thought and history might well raise the question as to whether or not this is happening again. The York Rite paper of a mid-western state in a relatively recent issue referred to the fact that in Texas there are more than seventy groups of various kinds attached to Masonry. Other states could be cited in which the situation is undoubtedly worse.

One would think that with the Symbolic Lodge as a foundation, there was more than sufficient outlet for Masonic interest in the Lodge and in the two major rites of the Craft—the York and the Scottish. This, in most jurisdictions, would make a total of eight bodies, and if one wished to add the Shrine and Grotto there would be ten.

But evidently there are those who think that eight or ten bodies are insufficient. Perhaps they labor on the theory that Masonry must seek to be all things to all men in the hope that it can win some. Others would emphasize the universality of the institution, stating that it should be broad enough so as to contain something to interest everyone.

Sound as such arguments may be, the fact remains that the Masonic fraternity is spreading itself increasingly thin at a time when it can ill afford to do so. Suddenly there appears on the scene a new group which presumes to attach to itself, at least by implication in its name, sovereignty over one of the two major rites. Then we have groups within groups—Knight Templar Priests, Order of the Silver Trowel, Order of High Priesthood, Fellowship Clubs,

Royal Order of Jesters, York Cross of Honor—and many more. Some of these, of course, are designed to recognize those who have held presiding office or given leadership in other ways, but the inescapable fact remains that there is an omnipresent danger that basic time, effort, and support will be taken away from the bodies which represent the foundation stones of the Fraternity.

The York Rite and the Scottish Rite cannot be any stronger than the Symbolic Lodge on which membership is predicated. If the foundation is weak, the superstructure cannot be strong, no matter how high it towers. We have had the phenomena in recent years of substantial losses in Grand Symbolic Lodges. This betrays an unhealthy condition at the very base of the Craft. It is inescapable that losses in Symbolic Lodges will inexorably produce even greater losses in York and Scottish Rites. Already we are witnessing fantastic membership losses in many Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar, and even in some districts of the Scottish Rite.

In order to meet the threat to the continued strength of the lodges, some Grand Lodges are now requiring six months to a year or more before a newly created Master Mason can petition for additional degrees. Instead of multiplying the proliferation of degrees, orders, bodies, we ought to give thought to unifying our efforts to the basic major bodies we already have. There are already far too many barnacles which have attached themselves to the ship of the Craft. There are already far too many groups which exist in the half-light of the periphery of the Fraternity. Our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, and Scottish Rite Valleys in particular need all the help we can unite to give them. Let us not enervate our human resources by spreading ourselves too thin. Let us give the priority of our time and effort to those bodies which are central, lest those on the outer fringes pull down the entire institution we know and love.

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CALIFORNIA COMMANDERY PRESENTS "FLAG STORY" TO SCHOOLS



Sir Knight John R. Nocas (center) of Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, California, is shown presenting copy of the article "The Flag of the United States of America" to Mr. Hugh Foley, (right) principal of Foshay Jr. High School, Los Angeles.

The story of this pamphlet is an interesting one. The Foshay Social Studies Enrichment Class, pictured here with its teacher, Mr. Henry Chesler (left), researched and prepared the article but unfortunately it was impossible to procure funds from the school budget to print it.

On hearing of this the Eminent Commander of Golden West, William J. Lockhart, offered to print the article as part of Golden West's expanding Patriotic Activities program. Accordingly, 2500 copies were printed and on Flag Day a copy was presented to each student of the school. In addition the type for the article was purchased and presented to the Los Angeles City Schools so that reprints could be made for other City Schools.

WORSHIP SERVICE AT SHRINE CONVENTION



Knights Templar join with other Masonic Bodies at Worship service at the 89th Imperial Council Session of the Shrine held at Medinah Temple, Chicago, on July 7th. The Sir Knights in the escort were under command of James M. Fehlman, P. C. of Englewood Commandery No. 59 of Chicago, and consisted of a number of Grand Officers headed by Alvin L. Crump, Grand Commander of Illinois.

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Most Eminent Grand Master Visits St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, U. D., at Dover, Delaware

In Templary there are two types of commanderies — "Constituent" under the jurisdiction of a Grand Commandery which in turn owes allegiance to the Grand Encampment and "Subordinate" which are under the direct jurisdiction of Grand Encampment.

Beyond the borders of the mainland of the United States in Alaska, Canal Zone, Cuba, Germany, Guam, Hawaii, Japan, Mexico, Okinawa, the Philippines and Puerto Rico, there are constituted Commanderies, which for one reason or another are not under the jurisdiction of any Grand Commandery and therefore are "Subordinate" in character.

For many years there has been but one Subordinate Commandery in this country, St. Johns, No. 1, stationed in Wilmington, Delaware, there being no Grand Commandery in that state because there is not a constitutional number of commanderies to form a Grand Commandery.

In recent years a group of Sir Knights in Dover, Delaware, have been desirous of having a commandery in that vicinity. They recently contacted the Most Eminent Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore, who granted a dispensation to organize a commandery in that city, which is now known as St. Andrews Commandery, No. 2, U. D.

Herewith is the story of St. Andrews Commandery, No. 2, stationed at Dover, Delaware, and the excellent work that has been done by these Sir Knights since receiving a dispensation in May of 1962 and electing as officers—Rhey H. Smith, E. C.; Samuel A. Wise, Gen.; John J. McClearn, C. Gen.; Robert E. Osborne, Treas.; and Orestes J. Sevast, Rec.

A full complement of appointed officers was chosen and the real work began. Candidates were secured, the ritual was memorized, costumes procured and the three Orders of Templary conferred in full form, with the customary ceremonial banners in evidence.

During the first eleven months thirty-

two candidates were knighted and the membership now is close to the hundred mark.

The festivities incident to a recent visit of the most Eminent Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore, began with a dinner in his honor at the Dinner Bell Inn, with more than fifty active Sir Knights present.

The address of the evening was delivered by William H. Cantwell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, he also being a Past Grand High Priest and a Past Grand Illustrious Master, in that State. He paid high tribute to our Most Eminent Grand Master and commended the work of the Sir Knights during the past year in St. Andrew's No. 2, K. T., U. D. While introducing the speaker, Rhey H. Smith, E. C., noted that Bro. Cantwell had been chosen as President of the Grand Masters conference held in Washington, D. C., this year.

After receiving the dispensation, encouragement was given to the members of St. Andrew's No. 2, K. T., U. D., by monetary gifts from St. Johns Commandery No. 1, stationed in Wilmington, Delaware; Kent Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M. and Adoniram Council, R. & S. M., of Dover; enabling them to procure costumes, banners and other paraphernalia.

During the afternoon and evening of the following day the three Orders were conferred in full form and in costume, with John J. McClearn, C. Gen., occupying the station of Sovereign Master in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; Samuel A. Wise, G., as Eminent Prior in the Order of Malta; and the Eminent Commander, Rhey H. Smith, as Commander in the Order of the Temple.

The determination and consecration of the members of this Commandery to confer the Orders in a creditable manner with appropriate costumes, banners and other paraphernalia was strikingly indicated when it became known that the costumes used in the Illustrious

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Order of the Red Cross; those used in the Order of Malta, together with banners used in this same Order; the Grand Standard and the Beauceant, were all made from models by wives of the Sir Knights under the direction of Mrs. Samuel A. Wise, wife of the Generalissimo. To use the term, "home-made," does not do justice to the costumes and paraphernalia thus made. The material was of the best, the workmanship not to be excelled. Thus is that bright and fresh look, giving the impression that they were made by the finest artisans in the world today, which, indeed, in our opinion, they were.

In addressing the Commandery, Grand Master Paul Miller Moore, extended the highest praise for the progress which had been made in the months since the dispensation was granted to form a commandery in Dover. He was well pleased with the excellence of their endeavors and encouraged them to continue their efforts. His interest in the progress of St. Andrew's Commandery, No. 2, K.T., U.D., was indicated when

he stated that he presenting to them an altar cloth in appreciation of their work.

Visiting Sir Knights present during this week-end included the Most Eminent Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore; Charles B. Wolfertz, Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department; J. Harvey Moore, Grand Captain-General of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; Frank Smith, Grand Generalissimo and Schuyler C. Blackburn, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Maryland; and B. J. Stockley, District Commander of District No. 8 of the Grand Commandery of Virginia.

Other Sir Knights present included members of Maryland Commandery No. 1, Chesapeake Commandery No. 10 and Montgomery Commandery No. 13, of Maryland; Chesapeake Commandery No. 28 of Virginia; St. Johns Commandery No. 1, Delaware; Allen Commandery No. *20, Constans Commandery No. 33, Centennial Commandery No. 55, Beaver Valley Commandery No. 85 and Cyprus Commandery No. 93 of Pennsylvania.



OFFICERS OF ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY

Seated from Left to Right (front row): Joseph P. Miller, J. W.; Samuel A. A. Wise, Gen.; Rhey H. Smith, Em. Com.; John J. McClearnen, C. Gen.; and Chester C. Coffin, S. W.

Standing from Left to Right (back row): Willard S. Dickerson, Prel.; Charles A. Barkins, Quartermaster; Robert E. Osborne, Treas.; Elwood Hawkins, St. B.; James H. Lewis, Sent.; Carl C. Baker, Guard; Nathaniel D. Elliott, Guard; and Elvin Phillips, Ass't Rec.

Not available when picture was taken were: Orestes J. Sevast, Rec.; C. Ray Scarborough, S. B.; Wilson H. Nutt, Warder; Billy Landing, Guard; and John Manahan, Guard.

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From Our Readers

Indiana Hospitalers Committee reports another successful week of camping activities for worthy boys. Forty-three of the fifty-nine Commanderies in the State sponsored 196 boys between the ages of 9 and 14 for the camping program during the last week of July. This is the 23rd Annual Camping Program sponsored by the Indiana Knights Templar in which a total of 4275 boys have participated.

North Dakota's first all-state York Rite Festival held in Minot revived interest in York Rite Masonry in central North Dakota, producing 10 festival candidates and 37 this spring in DeMolay Commandery No. 10.

The Order of the Temple was conferred by Zion Commandery No. 9, New Rockford, a commandery that has more members than the Blue Lodge there. Tancred No. 1, the first commandery to be chartered in North Dakota, ably presented the Knight of Malta in full form.

There were many admissions into the chapter and council. The newly initiated companions were enthusiastic and many companions volunteered for ritualistic assignments.

Attendance has been augmented in St. Omer Commandery No. 6, Grafton, by utilizing new members in presenting Christmas, Easter and Ascension day observances (the young knight is given one paragraph to read or exemplify). The joint installation of all the York Rite bodies is a social event and a modernized ceremony in which Rainbow Girls and a Templar escort lend glamour and interest. Attendance has risen from 18 (under the orthodox ceremony) to 79.—Albert G. Tverberg, G. Recorder.

The Sir Knights of **Wisconsin** should be proud of the achievements of the Wisconsin Education Foundation Committee even though we are not listed among the ten divisions making the most loans to students in 1962. The Wisconsin Division loaned all of the funds in the Foundation in 1962 includ-

ing a bequest of \$8,000.00 which was received in December; the last of which was helping some student before December 31st. Our Educational Foundation at present has no funds to loan except as the students repay. This is a tribute to the Sir Knights of Wisconsin as well as the Committee. Let us keep up the good work and see that all students are kept aware of the work of the Educational Foundation.—(Grand Commander Van Willie Harrod's message in Masonic Tidings, Wisconsin, September issue).

We wish to thank the **Oregon** York Rite News, September issue, for its favorable comment on the Knight Templar and for the detailed publication of instructions as to how Knight Templar stories should be channeled to Max McGill, Chairman of Committee for York Rite publications and correspondent to the Knight Templar Magazine.

The Northwest York Rite Association (Illinois) consisting of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, St. Elmo No. 65, Illinois No. 72, and Humboldt Park, No. 79 and the Chapters and Councils in this vicinity will hold a Fall York Rite Festival on Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2 at Humboldt Park Temple, honoring **George Wilbur Bell**, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. All Degrees and Orders of the York Rite will be conferred in this 2-day convocation.

A very instructive and interesting bulletin was recently issued by Elmer J. Hill, G. C. of **Minnesota** through the office of James Joyce, Grand Recorder, on the subject of membership. The bulletin in part reads as follows:

"It is vitally important that we modernize our thinking with reference to our method for obtaining members for Templary and holding their interest. This can be done through the formation of York Rite Association by each and every Constituent Commandery in Minnesota.

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Some fourteen years ago the Range York Rite Association was formed in Eveleth Commandery No. 35. Through the years Eveleth Commandery increased its membership from approximately 150 members to approximately 600 members. This can be done in every Commandery in Minnesota.

The primary reasons for York Rite Associations are these:

(1) To encourage Chapters, Councils and Commanderies to assist each other by working together in a joint effort.

(2) To furnish names of prospective candidates to the York Rite Association.

(3) To inspire improved ritualistic and tactical work within our Commanderies.

No stone should be left unturned to inspire better work by every legitimate means."

For details on what was done and how it was accomplished at Eveleth Commandery you may wish to contact Burt D. Pearson, c/o Mesabi Daily News, Virginia, Minnesota.

IOWA TEMPLARS PREPARE FOR CENTENNIAL CONCLAVE



The Iowa Grand Commandery Centennial Conclave for 1964 is to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 25, 26, and 27.

The above group of Sir Knights met Aug. 10, 1963 in the conference rooms of the O. R. C. and B. Building in Cedar Rapids to plan the schedule of events, ladies program, banquet, Grand Commanders Ball and Officers Reception, for the 1964 Centennial Conclave of The Grand Commandery of Iowa. Left to right are: Lester L. Johnson, Generalissimo Apollo Commandery No. 26; H. B. Willard, P. G. C. and General Chairman of Centennial Conclave; Dallas T. Alford, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Iowa; Vernon W. Benda, Recorder Apollo Commandery No. 26; Virgil M. Finkenbinder, Co-Chairman Local Centennial Committee; John R. David, P. C. Co-Chairman Local Centennial Committee.

Sir Knights of other jurisdictions are invited to participate in the Centennial events. Plans include accommodations for at least 750 Sir Knights and their ladies.

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"Lest We Forget"

We must get back to God. We must regain our lost concept of freedom. We must be reinvested with the spirit of the ancient principles from which our Nation was born. We must be alerted to the price we know must be paid for liberty. We must, as men and Masons, in no way shirk the full responsibilities of our citizenship. God-given freedom must not be lost through apathy or fear—nor be jeopardized by expediency—nor compromised by unbalanced thinking.

It is a crime unspeakable to send our sons and daughters into recurrent wars to die for the ideal of freedom, only to destroy that same ideal, because we have not the stamina to protect and defend it, in time of peace.

Five million men with one ideal of freedom—with one voice to proclaim it—without fear in the Holy Cause they serve—can leaven the thought and strengthen the character of the whole world.

This is the hour—the sand runs low in the glass—we have little time. Let it not be wasted in useless bickering about religious sects—nor political extremism—nor social distinctions. Harmony is still the strength and support of all society. United we can prevail. We know the way. We must speak out.

And, if for the moment we see no danger, let us turn our eyes to the East whence comes the light—and, to the South, the better to observe the time. There stands the Spirit of Cuba, chained and shackled, with weeping eyes and upturned hands, crying out in misery, "Oh Lord, My God, is there no help, is there no hope!"

Concluding excerpt from a dynamic and prophetic address by Sir Knight Stafford King, St. Paul, Minnesota, to the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C., in February of 1962. Sir Knight King, State Auditor of Minnesota, was the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. F. & A. M., in the year 1961 and into a portion of 1962.

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