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A Message From the Grand Master - -



PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

Building Templar Manpower

This is the season when the earth's good things wait to be gathered. It is a season when men must be diligent if they would have a supply ready for their future needs. The opportunity does not linger; as soon as the harvest is ripe it begins to perish. The reaping must be done at once or it will not be worth while to do it at all. Opportunity bids no man's leisure.

As of September, 1963, a new brochure has been issued with the official approval of the Dais Officers of Grand Encampment, entitled, "Building Templar Manpower," by the Membership Committee of Grand Encampment; Robert M. Rewick, Chairman, W. Arthur Patat, and Charles B. Wolfertz. I hope all Sir Knights will read it, discuss it, comment on it, and add to it their own ideas, and TRY it.

Whether working to retain members, or adding new members, whatever is done today in reaping the present harvest and in planting the seeds for future growth, will determine whether there will be an abundance of Templar Manpower which is needed in order to progress. If we are to move forward, we can not be satisfied with what we did yesterday as it may not be sufficient to answer the requirements for tomorrow.

Templary is a positive Spiritual Force for good and offers to Christian Masons an opportunity to serve in an exalted cause. We need more dedicated Christian Masons as much as they need us. Therefore, let us with determination, with gratitude for the opportunity to serve, and with dedication motivated by our Christian principles, strive to strengthen and build.

PAUL M. MOORE.

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York Rite Unity

By Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment of U. S. A.
(Official Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master at the
Minneapolis, Minnesota, Triennial Convocations of the
General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council)

In a history-making action taken at their Triennial Convocations at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 15-16, 1963, the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and the General Grand Council, R. & S. M., overwhelmingly adopted a Resolution which takes a giant stride toward York Rite unity. The Resolution provides for creating a YORK RITE JOINT COMMISSION of nine members—three from each of the York Rite bodies, including three from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar—"to take steps to unify York Rite Masonry with power to recommend any necessary action to bring about a unification of these three Grand York Rite bodies, under such terms and upon such conditions as shall be approved by each Sovereign York Rite body upon condition that none of its actions shall conflict with the organic structure of any such body."

To York Rite Masons, this forthright action is the most encouraging and far-reaching sign of progress that has come about in Masonic circles within modern times. It is the kind of Masonic statesmanship that has risen above petty differences and looks to the advancement of our whole great institution of Masonry.

For decades, York Rite Masons have individually and collectively talked about York Rite "cooperation," but have been content to go their separate ways without taking definite action after the discussion was over. Up until the Triennials at Minneapolis, they have been unready or unwilling to take any concrete action which would bring about a closer relationship upon a local, state or national basis. Like everything else in life, "cooperation" becomes a reality only when men demonstrate their willingness to take some positive action to implement their good intentions.

Fortunately, the top-level administration of each of the three York Rite

bodies at the present time is not only receptive to York Rite unity, but anxious to do whatever is necessary to bring about a closer day-by-day relationship to unify York Rite efforts and activities all along the line. Now we can look forward to the tremendous opportunity that lies before us—to close ranks and work together in one great York Rite Brotherhood for the strengthening of the York Rite and the advancement of Masonry in general.

Each of the three York Rite bodies will soon announce its own selection of three members to represent its body on the nine-member YORK RITE JOINT COMMISSION. Most Eminent Grand Master Paul Miller Moore has immediately acted by selecting the following three members to represent the Grand Encampment in the deliberation of the JOINT YORK RITE COMMISSION:

Sir Knight John L. Crofts
Sir Knight Glenne MacArthur
Sir Knight Fred England, Jr.

The text of the formal Resolution adopted at Minneapolis, Minnesota, is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for several decades the three York Rite Bodies have been operating almost entirely independently of one another, with very little sustained cooperation or coordination, thereby giving an image to the Masonic Craft as well as the public that the three York Rite Bodies are three separate fraternal institutions, instead of being one united York Rite Branch of Masonry, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, sincere and well intentioned efforts have been made by officers and members of each York Rite Body to cooperate in the common effort to work more closely together, but such efforts have been frustrated because they were so limited in scope and so local and isolated in practice that very little progress

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has been made toward the common goal, and York Rite Masonry is today suffering seriously from its lack of cohesion and unity, and

WHEREAS, the time has come to do something concrete, definite and constructive upon a broad and lasting basis to close ranks and actually achieve through unification, one great York Rite brotherhood which can and will work together under one York Rite banner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at its Triennial Convocation in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 16, 1963, that we take action now to close ranks with the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A., so that the strength of each of our York Rite bodies shall be coordinated and unified with each of the other York Rite grand bodies into one strong York Rite brotherhood; and to that end, we authorize and direct the creation of a special committee of three members of the General Grand Chapter to be appointed by the General Grand High Priest to meet with a similar committee of three from the

General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, and three from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar who shall constitute a joint commission of nine members to meet as soon as possible to take steps to unify York Rite Masonry with power to recommend any necessary action to bring about a unification of these three General Grand York Rite bodies under such terms and upon such conditions as shall be approved by each respective sovereign York Rite body;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the General Grand High Priest be and he hereby is empowered to carry out the recommendations of said commission in the interim until the next triennial meeting, and that, not to exceed \$2,000 may be appropriated for such purposes by and with the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee; and upon condition that none of such actions shall conflict with the organic structure of this sovereign body;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that said committee shall report in detail at the next Triennial Session of this General Grand Chapter;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the sum of \$1,000 is appropriated as expenses for said committee during the next triennium.

PHILEMON COMMANDERY OF TOCCOA, GEORGIA,

HOLDS YORK RITE FESTIVAL.



The recent class of candidates receiving the Order of the Temple at Toccoa, Georgia, is evidence of the fact that York Rite Festivals can be successful in a smaller community. Chapter and Council Festivals were held previous to the class above pictured. Such festivals are recommended by the Membership Committee of the Grand Encampment, of which Arthur Patat, a member of Philemon Commandery, was until his recent illness a most active member.

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Grand Master Moore Attends Illinois Grand Commandery Conclave

One of the highlights of the recent Grand Commandery Conclave of Illinois (Sept. 19-21) was the presence during the entire Conclave of Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Moore, with other distinguished guests and Grand Commandery Officers, reviewed the marching units that participated in the parade on Saturday. Alvin Louis Crump presided at the Conclave as Grand Commander. Harold D. Ross, Grand Master of Masons of Illinois

and Otto Kerner, Governor of the State of Illinois, were among the many distinguished guests present at the Conclave. Governor Kerner is a personal friend of Sir Knight Crump, having been his inspection candidate in 1954 when Al served as Commander of his Commandery. The committee of Evanston Commandery and other Sir Knights of Illinois spared no effort in making the Conclave a most enjoyable and inspirational affair.



Pictured from left to right are: David E. Wennerstrand, Gr. Cap. Gen.; Charles E. Bostick, Gr. Generalissimo; Haldane W. Bean, Dep. Gr. Comm.; Alfred E. Koch, Gr. Comm.; Samuel Farrell, Dept. Comm. South Cent. Dept. of G. E.; G. Wilbur Bell, Gr. Capt. Gen. of G. E.; Paul Miller Moore, Mo. Em. Grand Master of Grand Encampment; Alvin Louis Crump, P.G.C. of Illinois and presiding Grand Commander at Conclave; Willard Avery, Dept. Comm. East Central Dept. of G.E.; and in back on the right is John B. Cottrell, P.G.C. of Penn.

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

(Second of a Series)

BETSY ROSS HOUSE

(Featured on Cover)

BETSY ROSS HOUSE—at 239 Arch Street. It was here that Betsy Ross is credited with having made the first American Flag; having been commissioned by George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE—on the S. E. corner of 4th and Arch Streets is the oldest Friends' Meeting House in Philadelphia built in 1804.

GRAVE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN—at 5th & Arch Street in the Christ Church Burial Ground which has been in existence since 1730. Here, from the Arch Street side at 5th Street, may be seen the graves of Benjamin Franklin and his wife, Deborah.

ELFRETH'S ALLEY—old name of Cherry Street between Front and Sec-

ond Streets, contains thirty residences dating back some 228 years old.

No where in the United States are the complex problems posed by the modern city being dealt with more sensibly and successfully than in Philadelphia, the object being to replace the uncomfortable old with the useful new without altering the city's basic attractions.



ELFRETH'S ALLEY

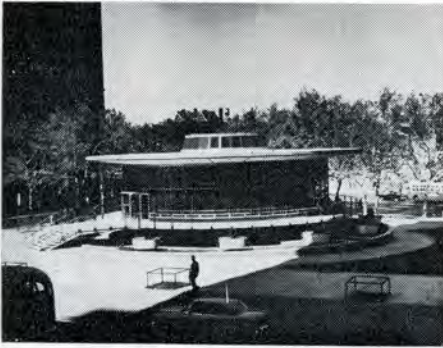


PENN CENTER

Philadelphia naturally holds the greatest concentration of urban problems, and offers the best national pattern for their solution. Its Penn Center and Society Hill section offer exceptional examples of how to make an old city new, while still preserving its charm.

The expressway system serving Center City will represent a public investment of approximately \$450,000,000. Public building and park areas now committed for Center City represent a current and projected investment of \$125,000,000.

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HOSPITALITY CENTER

Penn Center when completed will represent an investment of \$135,000,000.

A glass-encased Hospitality Center has been added to the Penn Center City Hall complex to serve Philadelphia's growing number of tourists.

Philadelphia's \$53,000,000 International Airport is one of the finest in the Country.

Sir Knight Bruce Allen, 33^d is Secretary of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Hospitality Center, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Boulevard, Philadelphia 2, Pa., and he extends a cordial invitation to all Sir Knights attending the Forty-Ninth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and their guests to make use of its services.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

Only the minimum number of officers required by Grand Encampment law, six in Grand Commandery, five in the Commandery, are now selected by election in Iowa. Also, by established custom, appointive officers in the Grand Commandery rarely serve in consecutive years. Stated objectives: to provide a clear-cut selection at the point where progression begins, as close as possible to the time of maximum responsibility; to allow each Grand Commander and Commander maximum selection of his official team; to develop leadership and interest through officer experience by a maximum number of Knights.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

"Never before did the world need the principles of Templary as it does this moment. The world needs the strong impulses for righteousness which our great Order can give. Templary stands for dignity as well as determination—to say nothing of the Christian purposes of this great Order of Knighthood. It's worth every bit of your thought, attention and effort. . . . We stand for the worthwhile things in life. After all, it isn't just the standard of living that we maintain, but the standard of life that counts."—Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, R. E. Deputy Grand Master at Wisconsin conclave.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

Dr. Rolf Hovde, P. G. C., Chairman of the Minnesota Eye Foundation Committee, calls for a Committee on Applications and Publicity and a Committee on Wills and Bequests in each Commandery, and says: "Great care should be exercised in the choice of these committeemen. We need enthusiastic live-wires, go-getters and workers, and if possible there should be a permanent committee. We need more money, more patients,—then I am sure our Eye Foundation will grow and so will the reputation and standing of the Knights Templar. We have a wonderful opportunity to do good and practice Charity."

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

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

CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, ETC. of the Grand Encampment have recently been distributed throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions. These are only helpful as they are used. If you are entitled to a copy and do not have it, contact your Recorder or Grand Recorder.

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“Spreading Ourselves Too Thin”—A Reply

By HAROLD V. B. VOORHIS, P.E.C.

The article of the above title in the October, 1963 KNIGHT TEMPLAR by my friend Dr. E. Robert Chable shows some misunderstanding on the subject of “the small groups in Masonry.”

The reason for this reply is to clarify some statements he made. First, one should not combine the Shrine, Grotto, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Sciots, Jesters, Square Clubs and the like, with a TOTALLY DIFFERENT group — the “invitation bodies.” Examples of the latter are the Allied Masonic Degrees, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, York Cross of Honour, Grand College of Rites, Silver Trowel, Masonic Rosicrucian Society, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, Philalèthes Society, Blue Friars, Knight Masons of Ireland, etc.

These latter bodies, as a group, are made up of historians, students, and those interested in Masonic culture (to adopt a title used by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania). The membership of these groups is but a few hundred — only three go much over a thousand (R. C. of C., K.Y.C.H. and R. O. of S.). Some meet but once a year—few more than four times. Most Masons are not eligible for membership any more than a high school graduate can be accepted into a College.

I am sure that it is mostly a lack of the knowledge of the real purpose for the formation of these small groups by brethren not holding membership in them and this may be the cause of some antagonism toward them.

There are 4,063,563 Freemasons in the United States. The largest number in any of the bodies of the “small groups” is about 6,800 (K.Y.C.H.); and the next is 4,800 (R. C. of C.); and of course many duplicates—i.e. brethren who belong to several. Taking the largest it is .17% of the membership of the Lodge. The effect of .17% of the members being totally absent from attending Lodge would be NIL. But the truth is that the members of the small groups can show attendance and active participation in

the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Scottish Rite far exceeding the general membership. We who belong to these small groups are the most active Freemasons anywhere.

I once made a survey of 200 members attending the February meetings of these groups in Washington. I found only 2 who had not attended Lodge in a year; only 1 in Chapter, 6 in Council, 7 in Commandery and 5 in Scottish Rite. Can this situation be duplicated in any other group of Freemasons? How can our groups be responsible for 7,262 fewer “raisings” in 1962 than in 1961. for instance? Or for the decrease of 22,932 members the same year? How, when we work in, talk about, and propagate the Craft continuously?

If every Freemason put as much time and effort into Freemasonry as we do, there would be 750 times our number working for the Craft.

Take the Knight Templar Priests — every one has served as a Commander of his Commandery; in K.Y.C.H. — every member has served as presiding officer in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery; each of the Blue Friars has written at least one book on Freemasonry and some twenty or thirty. Is this the work of “barnacles” of Masonry?

I cannot see just what Sir Knight Chable is trying to suggest. There are 15,829 Lodges in the United States. The membership loss in 1962 was less than 1.5 members per Lodge. We can only work IN Masonry and FOR Masonry, which we do. We cannot go out and get members for the Lodge, but I am sure that we have helped to get more members to advance in Masonry by getting them into the Chapter, Council, Commandery and Scottish Rite; more than do the bulk of the Lodge membership not in our groups. Should we stop this activity? If we can do this and also be active elsewhere, why should we be condemned?

We have even been accused of interfering with larger national groups of brethren, altho we have never held our

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meetings in Washington on the same days as they do. In addition, we pay our own expenses to come to these meetings out of our own pockets. No Grand Bodies pay our way. Not a penny is expended to send representatives to our meetings. Why, then, should this unwarranted criticism be leveled at us? We have asked for nothing but to be understood.

One last thing — in the past thirty years we have written, published and distributed hundreds of papers, pamph-

lets and books on various aspects of Freemasonry. We might say that in this short period more material has been made available than in the 200 years previous.

I am an ex-ship captain and know what barnacles are. I think Sir Knight Chable should apply this term to Lodge members who do nothing but clutter up the Masonic membership and impede Masonic progress — not to those who help to “keep the ship in motion.”

District Of Columbia York Rite Bodies Present “An Evening Of Ancient Craft Masonry”

By HARRY L. BEACH, P.G.C., Grand Commandery of D. C. and Correspondent
for the “Knight Templar”

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia with the cooperation of the other York Rite Bodies of this Jurisdiction, sponsored a most unusual activity here in the Nation's Capitol, on the evening of September 30th. It was styled “An Evening of Ancient Craft Masonry,” and invitations were extended to the officers and members of the Blue Lodges, the Royal Arch Chapters, the Councils of Royal and Select Masters and all others who were interested.

The program presented was one designed to acquaint the Blue Lodge Masons with the fundamental principles of York Rite Masonry, and the response was very gratifying. A large number of present and past grand officers of the various bodies were present to lend prestige to the occasion. The Grand Commander, J. Rowe Mehlfelt, presided and extended a warm welcome to the guests.

A fine color film, “The Medieval Crusades” was shown, and formed the background for the discussion on the Ancient Order of the Templars, which followed. A very interesting panel discussion was presented with Knut I. Nilsson, P.G.C. as moderator. The origin, purpose, and a condensed history of each of the York Rite Bodies was covered by the following panel:

A. Edmund Johnson, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, R.A.M.; Harry L. Beach, P.G.C., Grand Commandery, K.T.; Frederick L. Freeman, Illustrious Master, Council, R.&S.M.; and Rodger R. Kauffman, P.G.C., Grand Commandery, K.T.

A fellowship hour with refreshments followed, and a copy of the Knight Templar Magazine was given to each guest, together with other literature on York Rite Masonry. Many fine compliments were made by those attending, and it is the hope of the Grand Commander that our efforts will help to sell York Rite Masonry to our Blue Lodge Brethren.

TEMPLAR'S PRAYER

By SIR KNIGHT AND REV. DAVID B. PEARSON
Eternal and Supreme Commander of the Universe, accept our humble praise for the blessings Thou hast conferred upon us. May we be directed by Thy wisdom and strength to perform the duties here enjoined upon us. Make us sensible of the obligations we are under to love Thee supremely and to be friendly to each other. Increase our faith, hope and charity, but more especially charity—which is the bond of peace and the perfection of every virtue. May we so practice Thy virtues that we may obtain the promises and find an entrance through the gates into the temple and city of God.—Amen.

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Report From K. T. Eye Foundation

Significant Changes In Policy

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, at Swickeley, Pennsylvania, July 18-19, 1963, two far-reaching changes in policy were made. The requirement that Knights Templar get approval from the Foundation for functions used as a means for getting money for the Foundation was removed by the following resolution, unanimously adopted. "Any commandery of Knights Templar under the Grand Encampment is authorized to raise money by any of the usually accepted methods, provided the decision to hold the particular function is made in a regular commandery conclave and that the net amount of the receipts is forwarded to the Foundation in thirty days." The former Life Patron Fund was broadened so that Masonic or Masonically allied organizations and some others are included, as well as individuals. This was done by dropping the word "Life" from the title and inserting after the word individual, in the enabling resolution, "or Masonic, and Masonically allied organizations, and such other organizations as meet with the approval of the Grand Master."

These are most significant changes. The necessity of obtaining permission for particular programs in advance has discouraged some who otherwise would have done much to raise funds for the Foundation. This decision frees their hands and encourages incentive. The Patron Fund now becomes a repository where single or occasional gifts from organizations, amounting to \$50, \$100, or more can be received and then recognized in an appropriate way. We feel that there are many groups that are not in a position to share regularly, like the Social Order of the Beauceant, but are able to contribute once, or occasionally, and their gifts should be suitably recognized. The action taken by the Trustees provides the way in which this may be done.

YOU DID IT!

Case No. 5105

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Trinity Commandery No. 80
La Grange, Ill.

This little seven year old girl had an injury to her right eye and in order to save the sight in the other eye it was removed in an emergency operation. The picture shows what has been accomplished, because her appearance is most attractive. Her mother writes: "She has gotten along so well, and is a very happy, well adjusted child. We are so pleased with her appearance and know you, too, will have a feeling of pride to have helped with the expense." To look at this child's picture should make every Sir Knight happy, because your annual contribution makes this, and hundreds of other miracles of healing possible.

Good For A Laugh

A recent application for assistance came to the office of the Eye Foundation from a man in one of the Southern states (where the Southern Baptists are very strong). On Form 3 of the application one question asks the nature of the affliction (cataract, glaucoma, etc.). To this query our Southern friend replied: "Baptist."

A Typical Letter To The Eye Foundation
Case No. 6114-4559

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Dear Friends of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation:

We can't find words to express our deep appreciation for making it possible for our Mother to have a second eye operation to restore her eye sight. Dr. Turnbull says when she gets her glasses, in a couple of weeks or so, her vision will be very good. And just a little over a year ago she could not see to tell who her own children were. We are so very grateful to everyone who had a part in this.

God bless each of you for the wonderful work you are doing.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Never Too Late!

There came recently to the office of the Eye Foundation a letter — from A. M. Weems, Recorder of Cyrene Commandery No. 10 of Birmingham, Alabama, containing for a Life Sponsor Certificate from Judge Richard V. Evans, also of Birmingham. The letter states that the Judge "is now 92 years of age and almost blind. Some one will have to sign for him." We proudly welcome this Sir Knight on our team and his action is especially commendable in view of his age and eye sight.

Kentucky Masonic Fraternal Day

The Second Annual Masonic Fraternal Day in Kentucky was observed on Sunday, September 22, 1963, at Freedom Hall, State Fair Grounds, Louisville.

The theme of the program was "A Day to Remember" and it celebrated the 176th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States.

Over 3,500 Kentucky Masons and members of collateral and related bodies participated in the pageant as 15,000 other Masons and friends watched from the seats around the amphitheater.

An escort of one hundred uniformed Knights Templar in the form of a Passion Cross led the procession entering the hall, and after opening ranks to allow the Grand Master of Masons and his party to pass through, the Templars took their seats in the reserved section. The Grand Master and his party, after passing through the lines, took their places on the platform, where the Grand Master greeted representatives of practically all the 470 lodges of the state, the Royal Arch chapters, the cryptic councils, all led by their Grand Officers in proper regalia, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine and the Grotto, all wearing distinctive insignia and clothing of their respective organizations. These were followed by large, colorful marching delegations of the Eastern Star, White Shrine, Amaranth, Boy of DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls.

Sir Knight C. James Hyde, Past Grand Master of Masons, was Master of Ceremonies. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, Brother and Sir Knight James W. Elam, made the opening remarks, followed by Sir Knight Bert T. Combs, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Governor had issued a proclamation designating this date as Masonic Fraternal Day.

Sir Knight Charles K. A. McGaughey, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, introduced the principal speaker, Sir Knight Edwin A. Martini, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, who delivered a masterful address on the subject, "Freemasonry and the Constitution," in which he dwelt upon the significance of the Constitution to free men everywhere, and, of course, mentioned those of the thirty-nine original signers of the Constitution who were Freemasons.

This was, indeed, a day to remember, as Masonry was on display, with all the color, music, flags, banners, uniforms, beautiful costumes and regalia to make a great and beautiful spectacle.

Wylie B. Wendt, Correspondent
For K. T. Magazine For Kentucky

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Religious Affirmation Day Observed By Royal Arch Masons Of Georgia

RALPH C. JAMES, M.E.G.H.P.

The third Sunday in October has been selected by Royal Arch Masons as Religious Affirmation Day. All over Georgia, our chapters are making plans for its members and their families to attend a Church of its own selection in a body, thereby manifesting to the community and the world a great devotion to the high and noble principles of religion.

Too long have we allowed misunderstandings to rise between our beloved fraternity and our churches. This misunderstanding, bred of ignorance, has to a great degree marred the image of Masonry in the eyes of many people. We have received, and presently are receiving, much criticism for our failure to participate in the activities of our local churches, and are often accused of making Masonry our religion.

I like to say that "Masonry is not a religion, but that all Masons are religious." We must express our religion through the Church which is God's chosen instrument for the proclamation of His Word. To call ourselves Masons and at the same time neglect the Church is paradoxical.

There is no reason under the sun for the existing conflict between the Churches and Masonry. There is nothing in Masonry to bring it into disfavor with our friends and neighbors. We have nothing to hide and nothing to be ashamed of if we live up to our obligation. The ideals and aims of the Church and Masonry are, to some extent, parallel. But we must help "outsiders" understand this. While we do not undertake the task of leading men into a vital, personal relationship with God, we do strive to lead men to a higher plane of living by stressing morality, charity, and civic and personal responsibility. Our supreme interest and intention is to make better men of good men, and this does not conflict with the teachings of the Church. We are seeking to create an area in which we may edify our own lives through fellowship and the lives of others through intelli-

gent and benevolent service.

It is incumbent upon us as Royal Arch Masons to create a climate of goodwill in which all misunderstandings and ignorance may be dispelled and ever strive to project the true image of Masonry which must demand the respect and admiration of all good people.

Religious Affirmation Day is not set aside for the purpose of drawing attention to Masonry. That would be hypocritical. It is for the purpose of allowing Royal Arch Masons and their families to express collectively their devotion and loyalty to the Faith. This done in deep sincerity will bless our lives and help others to properly evaluate our fraternity.

Let me encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Attend church with your companions on Religious Affirmation Day. Participate in the activities of your church throughout the year. Seek a place of service in the church of your choice. Stand out and up in your community. Live up to the high ideals of Masonry. Rethink your obligation. Simply put—"Be a Mason." *Masonic Messenger—Georgia, Sept., 1963. Article by Rev. Edward H. Hightower, Grand Chaplin.*

IN MEMORIAM

Connecticut

Frank Ernest Kay, G. C., 1943—September 11, 1963

John Masterton, G. C., 1953—September 16, 1963

Indiana

Philip Norman Kestner, G. C., 1948—September 20, 1963

Kansas

William Frederick Shea, G. C., 1938—September 28, 1963

Texas

Nat Pace, G. C., 1952—September 5, 1963

Wyoming

Clarence Addison Brimmer, G. C., 1938—August 27, 1963

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Publicity Suggestions

(First of a Series)

John H. Loree, G.C. and the Grand Commandery Publicity Committee of Michigan, recently submitted to each Commander and Publicity Committee of all constituent Commanderies of Michigan, an excellent brochure "as a guide in obtaining news releases for local newspapers." Sir Knight Loree emphasized the fact that pictures should, when at all possible, accompany news releases. The following is the major content of said brochure.

EVENTS WORTHY OF NEWSPAPER RELEASES

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| 1. Christmas Observance | 13. Hospitaller's Sunday |
| 2. Election of Officers | 14. Ascension Day Observance |
| 3. Public Installation | 15. Dinner-Dance |
| 4. Anniversary Night | 16. Minstrel Show |
| 5. Life Members' Night | 17. Movie Program |
| 6. 50-Year Award Night | 18. Sketch—Drama or Comedy |
| 7. Inspection Night | 19. Family "Roundup" |
| 8. Past Commanders' Night | 20. Card Party |
| 9. Generalissimo's Night | 21. Commander's Night |
| 10. York Rite Reunion | 22. State Conclave Drills, Parade |
| 11. Advanced Officers' Night | 23. Templar Educational Foundation |
| 12. Grand Commandery Night | 24. Templar Eye Foundation |

NEWS RELEASES SHOULD ALWAYS:

Be complete as to time, place and program

List names of Principals participating in event

Contain short biography of principal speaker

Supply picture if event is of prime importance

Be free of non-essentials—made concise and interesting

Stress the fact that Commandery, Knights Templar is sponsor of event

Contain name of Eminent Commander

List names of new Sir Knights after Knighting

GIVE YOUR COMMANDERY AN IMMEDIATE BONUS

Appoint a Publicity or Public Relations Committee NOW!

Select Wisely and Make It a Standing Committee

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

Knights Templar to Observe Christmas (Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15 K.T.) will, in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Encampment of the United States and the Grand Commandery of Michigan, celebrate the birth of Christ at a special service to be held at noon on Christmas Day (Wednesday), December 25.

A special program of worship will be

under the direct supervision of Past Commander (_____) and the music of the service will be embellished by a special quartet (or choir), (_____). Following the official toasts, Sir Knight (_____), Rector of the (First Episcopal Church), will deliver a special Christmas message.

Wives, families, and friends of all Sir Knights are invited to participate at this observance which is one of the most important of the Templar year.

The modern Knights Templar claim a direct descent from the Templars who participated in the many Crusades which were organized by the Christian Knights of Europe for the purpose of delivering the Holy City of Jerusalem from the hands of the Moslems. The first Crusade left Europe August 15, 1096, and arrived in Constantinople on December 23 of the same year. The original Templars bound themselves under a perpetual vow to guard the Holy City and Christian pilgrims who traveled from afar.

Eminent Commander (_____) of _____ Commandery issued a special invitation to all to participate in this sacred observance. Sir Knights will wear full Templar uniform.

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From Our Readers

A recent letter to the Sir Knights of **Tennessee** by Robert Lee Raney, Sr., G.C. of Tennessee is worthy of note. It reads in part as follows:

**ZEALOUS IN THE SERVICE OF
TEMPLARY AND TRUE EXEMPLARS
OF THE GREAT TENETS OF OUR
ORDER.**

Willingness without action is like a cloud without rain; there may be lots of thunder and lightning, but no scorched ground is watered.

All growth depends on activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort and effort means work, for which there is no substitute, but it must be channeled for right. How busy is not so important as why busy. The bee is busy, produces sweetness and is praised. The mosquito is busy sucking your life blood; is swatted and dies. A vision without a task is a dream. A task without a vision is drudgery. A vision and a task is the hope of the world. A SIR KNIGHT'S TASK IS EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON A KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—The Lord Jesus Christ needs you; The Christian Church of your choice needs you; The Commandery of your choice needs you. So let's Knight more in '64.

Lancaster Commandery No. 13, of **Pennsylvania**, honored all of its 50 Year members at the September Conclave with 7 being present. The oldest (not present) was James Buchanan who has been a Mason since 1899 and a Knight Templar since 1901 and is 98 years old.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Commander, presented the Certificates.—(Leroy C. May—Recorder).

On September 28th, San Felipe de Austin Commandery No. 1 conferred the Orders of Templary on several candidates at the Masonic Lodge, Angleton, **Texas**.

Kaplan H. Andrew, G.C., as well as other Grand Commandery Officers and

distinguished guests were in attendance. The local newspaper gave outstanding publicity to this occasion.

Brazoria County, where the work was given, does not have a Commandery, but has more than 300 Knights Templar living in the County.

James W. Mattingly, P.G.C. of **Kentucky**, is chairman of the general committee on arrangements for Lexington Lodge No. 1, F.&A.M. in celebrating its 175th Anniversary on November 20th. Many of the Sir Knights of Lexington Commandery will be present on this gala occasion.

**ARLINGTON COMMANDERY NO. 107
ARLINGTON, TEXAS MAKE DONATION
TO ARLINGTON LODGE NO.
438 AF&AM BUILDING FUND.**



Pictured is B. M. Forbes, (left) Past Master and Chairman of Arlington Lodge Building Committee, and J. T. Harkness (center) Worshipful Master of Arlington Lodge receiving a donation of \$2,135 to the building fund. Richard W. Thomas (right) Commander of Arlington Commandery makes the presentation in behalf of the Commandery.

John L. Green, Commander of Los Angeles Commandery, **California**, presented a Fifty-Year Award to one of their distinguished Past Commanders by affiliation, William Alexander Rad-

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don, at a meeting held on September 3rd. Sir Knight Raddon is 93 years of age, and spent much of his active life in Utah.

"The Grand Commandery of Utah was not organized until May 9, 1910, but in 1905, a group of Royal Arch Masons, including Sir Knight Raddon, petitioned the Grand Encampment for a dispensation to form a Commandery in Park City. This request was granted and from June 1, 1905 to July 11,

1907, when their Charter was granted, Malta Commandery No. 3 was under dispensation from the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Raddon was chosen to be the first Prelate and served as Eminent Commander in 1910. In 1911 he was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Utah, serving in this capacity until 1924 when he left his home State for California."

Officers Salute to the Sidelines

By Sir Knight and REV. DAVID B. PEARSON, Oriental Commandery
No. 12, Cleveland, Ohio

There is a group of Sir Knights whom we of tentimes fail to recognize for their generous contributions to the success of our Commanderies. This group might very well be called the "Sideliners." These Sir Knights attended the Conclaves, both Stated and Special, and take their place in the sidelines. Indicated by their presence, their attentiveness, their Templary etiquette, their intelligent concern and their personal interest in the welfare of the Commandery, these Sir Knights should be given special recognition.

Being a "Sideline" in the Commandery is a proud status and it is hoped that every "Sideline" realized how essential he is to the well-being of his Commandery. There is no leader without a following. There is no winner without a majority. There is no union without separate existence. In fact, there could be no Commandery without "Sideliners."

A Commandery can and should be proud of its "Sideliners"—those Sir Knights who serve their Commandery by attending the Conclaves, who try hard to live up to their Templary obligations, and conduct their lives by precept and example in accordance with the principles and ideals of Templary.

Such lives, says the Great Light in Masonry, shall be marked as living stones—for that Spiritual Temple, a house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens."

Also, it is not true that our Ancient and Venerable Christian Institutions depends upon these Sir Knights—the rank and file of our Commanderies, the "Sideliners" for their present and future welfare and progress?

Thus, I am firmly convinced that one of the best ways to revitalize and enlarge our Commanderies is for every Commander and his officers to set apart one night each year to honor these Sir Knights—the "Sideliners" and their Christian friends, brothers and companions, who are anticipating membership in the Order. This, I believe, would be one of the most inspiring, helpful and fruitful ways of keeping Templary on the March.

New York World's Fair

Sir Knights attending the Grand Encampment may wish to attend the New York World's Fair, which will be in progress during the time of the Grand Encampment. It is only approximately 100 miles from Philadelphia to New York City with excellent accessibility between the two cities. You may contact Royal W. Ryan, Executive Vice President, New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., Pershing Square, 90 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York. Telephone Murray Hill 7-1300, if you wish hotel reservations for groups, etc. in attending the Fair.

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SPREADING THE GOSPEL

They had no way to travel but by camel or donkey or sailboat or on foot. But the Lord told them, "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

Every way they turned, they faced natural barriers—oceans and lakes and rivers, mountains, desert wastelands, impenetrable forests, tropical wildernesses, snow and ice.

Still He said, "Go."

They had no printing presses, they had no books, no magazines, no newspapers. They had no radio, no television, no telephone. But He charged them to get the good news of the gospel out to the whole world.

Nearly twenty centuries later, the call rings as clear as that day on the Mount of Olives: "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

And we disciples of the Twentieth Century have automobiles, trains, ocean steamers and jet transports. No longer are the oceans, or the mountains, or the deserts in our way. We look down upon them from the windows of our planes. In a matter of hours we can reach the remotest places.

"Go," He says, and we find no natural barriers in the way. Science has eliminated these. But other barriers remain.

There is the barrier of racial prejudice. Christ says, "Go to all the world. . . ." But many professing Christians reply, "Just to the white race, Lord."

There is the barrier of materialism. "Go," says the Master. "Wait till I make a million," comes the reply.

"Go," says the Lord. But there is the barrier of easy living. "We like it here, Lord."

"Go," pleads the Master. But there is the barrier of cold hearts and little compassion. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Today there is a special call to the religious press to get through to the ears and hearts of the people. For the religious press is to be "a disturber of Israel," to stir up those who are "at ease in Zion." Ours is the task of informing and enlisting and inspiring Twentieth Century disciples and helping to break down the barriers in the way of world conquest for Christ.

Somehow we must awaken Christians to a realization that the hope of the world is not wealth or power or fame or pleasure but Christ in the hearts of people. We must help them to come to a fuller realization that the gospel of Christ really is "the power of God unto salvation to all who believe."—Erwin L. McDonald in "The War Cry."

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