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# A Message From the Grand Master - -



PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

## York Rite Unity and Cooperation

As our world becomes more complex, our responsibilities as a Christian Organization become greater. The changes taking place in today's world challenge not only individuals but organizations as well. New horizons to be explored create many new problems, and we must keep pace with change. Opportunities for greater accomplishments for our beloved Order may rest upon the unity we achieve in our York Rite Bodies.

God makes men to differ, distributing his gifts among them, as there is every variety of work to be done. His gifts are given so there may be a hand for every task, a foot for every errand, a tongue for every word that needs to be spoken, and a heart for every service.

Whatever our talents may be, they are just what God has given us and are just what we need for the special work that God has allotted us. When members of a Commandery work together, combining their talents, much good can be accomplished. If we follow through with unity and cooperation in the York Rite Bodies we can use our talents to full advantage.

"Men make ropes out of many fine threads. One thread alone will not bear much stress, but a thousand threads woven and twisted together, make a mighty cable which will hold the ship against a storm."

Decline in membership in our various organizations may be a storm warning, and the key to survival may be unity.

PAUL M. MOORE, *Grand Master*

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## "A Challenge — To All Templars"

By BURT D. PEARSON, P.G.C., Minnesota

INTERNATIONAL AMENITIES

*Duluth (Minnesota) and Port Arthur (Ontario, Canada) Knights Templar hold common conclaves from time to time, assembling jointly in alternate visitations to Canada and the United States. Then, at the dinner-program—always a highlight of these occasions—the ladies join the Sir Knights.*

*When on September 28, 1963, Rhodes Preceptory No. 23, Port Arthur, Knights Templar—under The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada—was feted by Duluth Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, at the Duluth Masonic Temple (Lake Avenue), the speaker at the dinner event was Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, Virginia, Minnesota, chairman of the Religious Observance Committee of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.*

*Guests (in addition to the ladies) included representatives of the Grand Commanderies of both Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as those in official status in The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. Sir Knight William O. Bissonett, Duluth, P. C., presided.*

We are citizens of countries whose builders forsook not the Triune God. As their posterity, we are challenged to relight the candles of faith, their faith. If we fail, our civilization, as such, will pass. We may even now be in grace time. About us, in the world, are nations in shambles. They have come to this unhappy estate because they followed mountebanks and rabblers. But, you say, we shall never follow the shysters, those who play upon words and promise so glibly—but, I am not so sure.

It is being said that if Fidel Castro should lose his voice—the mouthpiece which made the promises which lured the rabble because they sought something for free—the Cuban revolution would fail. To so calamitous an extent do people follow the glib and the unscrupulous. The siren voice captivates the crowd and too often, even in our countries, wins at the polling place.

An astute writer analyzing Castro's technique in keeping afloat his body politic which is now a bedraggled and sorry Cuba said of him:

"Turn by turn, he explains, praises, cajoles, exhorts, condemns, forgives, demands, pleads and dictates. He whispers and he bellows, he shakes his beard and bangs his fist. And at the end of the four or five-hour marathon, he has solved his country's problems."

Perhaps, we should not make too many invidious remarks about the Cubans. We follow some pretty glib and questionable orators ourselves. They are the type who will promise anything to win an election and more often than not have no better remedy for grave problems than to increase tax spending beyond the point of safety, deficits no longer a deterrent.

There was a golden age of Greece, just as in the present there is a golden age in Canada and America. Let us take care that we do not put it in a past tense.

I am disturbed about an America which is not giving primacy to unashamed patriotism and to organizations, societies and institutions which would exalt mankind through accenting the lofty moral and spiritual affirmations, those tenets which in the testing of time have been proven wise and beneficent.

I am disturbed about Americans who think it sophisticated to ignore the symbolism of the Flag. There are too many in our land who feel no pride, nor sense of deep emotion, when Old Glory heads the procession down the street of a typical city. A furtive, a short, glance at the Flag suffices, it seems, and with hands anywhere but in a salute or honor position. It is almost as if the Flag, once proudly hailed and displayed, has come into only lukewarm favor.

One anxious American has the Flag asking these questions:

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"Is it a sin to be patriotic any more? Have you forgotten the blood shed by those who gave their all? Have you forgotten all of the battlefields where brave men fought and died to keep America free? Do you realize that when you salute me, you are actually saluting them?"

"Please, when you see me next coming down your street, stand erect, look at me, and place your hand over your heart, and you will really see me waving back."

I am disturbed about an America whose crime rate soars by leaps and bounds. Pedestrians are afraid in many a city to venture out for an evening stroll. Juvenile delinquency is appalling, but no more so than the incidence of adult delinquency, for it is the adult population which has failed in precept and example to set those standards which progress a civilization.

I am disturbed about an America whose thrill-seeking and supposedly weary men of affairs find their surcease from trial and tribulation in the Bunny Clubs and the Gollywogg Lounge.

There are causes in this country which plead for the allegiance of men and women such as you who are assembled in this room. All of you are on the right side in opposing political corruption, civic deterioration, discriminations and the altogether too general inclination to demand unearned rewards through prostituting the ballot process.

Short days ago, in Los Angeles, a former secretary of the U. S. Navy, Charles S. Thomas, said that big government, the welfare state and international Communism are all "signs of the decay which destroys freedom."

"Far too many of our citizens," he said, "are clutching for security and ignoring opportunity, enslaving themselves to systems of economic dependence, succumbing to the 'pie-in-the-sky' promises of welfare-state demagogues.

"Far too many are accepting deficit financing as sound economics, and thus are mortgaging the lives of our children and our children's children to pay yesterday's and today's cost of government."

I am disturbed about an America which is not providing fertile soil for Masonry and its various bodies and rites. Unless there is a marked change, all of the institutions which are of Masonry may one of these days be fighting for survival.

The battle for survival hinges on membership and the zeal and the stature of those who are its votaries. This is a growing and a prosperous land. So is Canada. Masonry should be thriving in all of its exemplifications.

Templary has so much to give this country and Canada as the handmaiden of the Christian Church, as a way of moral and spiritual life and in its emphasis on responsible citizenship that it would ill befall our civilization should the decline in its rolls and roster continue.

The present alarming situation, a nadir, as it were, for all institutions which would direct mankind to the High Road, challenges us to firmly resolve now to act upon the principles of our faith in the Nazarene and His gospel. His teachings are the very warp and woof of Templary. Unless our loyalty to Him and His way is unreserved, we are not true Knights Templar.

Each of us, as one, can only determine in part the course to be taken by our society and by our respective nations. Nonetheless, if collectively we be of one mind, we shall so strengthen Templary that it will contribute immeasurably to peace, equality and human progress in the critical days which lie ahead.

Just as there is penalty for sin, there is penalty for do-nothingness, for complacency, for indecision. Inertia is the termite in Masonry today, in Templary. All rites in the structure of Masonry are smaller today in proportion to national population than they have ever been. To build them to summit heights, to the numbers which they merit, will require a dynamic crusade which enlists in the task every Mason and, of a surety, every Christian Mason.

Unfortunately, we are living in a period which seeks the easy way, the do-nothing technique. We seek alibis to cover our failings.

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Meaningless token gestures of accountability seemingly reflect the extent of current concern about government at all echelons. We are given to relying overmuch on ambitious men hungry for power—politicians who seduce the electorate vote-wise — and these make climactic decisions for us, moral and otherwise. Let us be done with abdicating our responsibilities. Let us make those who represent us in office our servants and not our masters. This we can do by repairing to higher standards. Then shall we solve pressing problems in God's way, under ideals which are intellectually, morally and spiritually honest.

Let us solemnly resolve, each of us, to be a committee of one to urge Templar affiliation for every Christian Mason not now in our ranks. If this each of us will do, we shall revitalize an order whose reactivation is indispensable, if America is to keep her appointment with destiny. Templary must be built to summit numbers, or our civilization and its Christian concepts will be seriously compromised.

Templary and religion are twin in a common cause. Exalt them and strengthen them and there will come an end to pernicious drives which are taking God out of education and out of government.

I close on  
The Gospel According to Channing—

## YOU, TOO?

In 1955, just prior to the formation of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Benjamin F. Field, a member of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 for many years, and a devoted Knight Templar, executed his will. It provided, among other things, for a sizable gift to his Commandery, part of which could be used as the Commandery desired, and part to be expended for the Commandery's "blind person's services."

Sir Knight Field died about three years ago and the will is being probated. No doubt if the Eye Foundation had been in existence when he drew up his will, he would have left a bequest to it. This Sir Knight would be thrilled to

A McGuffey's Reader published in 1844 had a chapter in it by a Rhode Island Congregational minister, the Rev. William Ellery Channing.

It said in part:

"Religion is a social concern; for it operates powerfully on society, contributing in various ways to its stability and prosperity. Religion is not merely a private affair; the community is deeply interested in its diffusion; for it is the best support of the virtues and principles on which the social order rests. Pure and undefiled religion is, to do good; and it follows very plainly, that, if God be the Author and Friend of society, then the recognition of Him must enforce all social duty and enlightened piety must give its whole strength to public order. . . .

"Erase all thought and fear of God from a community, and selfishness and sensuality would absorb the whole man. Appetite, knowing no restraint, and suffering, having no solace or hope, would trample in scorn on the restraints of human laws. Virtue, duty, principle, would be mocked and spurned as unmeaning sounds. A sordid self-interest would supplant every feeling; and man would become, in fact, what the theory of atheism declares him to be, a companion for brutes."

Is this not significant and prophetic?  
Think it over!

know what is being accomplished for humanity by our national organization, and that the individual fraters cooperate through their annual contributions. His testamentary bequest suggests an appropriate and additional way in which Sir Knights can support the great humanitarian charity of our order through their gifts and bequests. Increasingly Sir Knights and others are making provision for our cause in their wills.

In writing about the wonderful example of his friend, Sir Knight Andrew J. Copp, Jr., P.C., expresses it this way: "Take a lesson from our deceased frater and endow happiness for the handicapped by naming the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in your charitable wills."

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# What To See In Philadelphia While Attending The Forty-Ninth Triennial Conclave

(Third of a Series)

By CHARLES S. BAKER, JR., Secretary

Committee on Masonic Culture of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Penn.

## STATUE OF FRANKLIN

(Featured on Cover)

Philadelphia has not been the same since young Benjamin Franklin arrived in town. As his varied interests grew, so did the city which he transformed into the cultural center of the Western Hemisphere.

Still thriving are the Franklin-founded University of Pennsylvania, the nation's first Library, first magazine, first Hospital and other firsts.

Among other sites to see are the Philadelphia Museum, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Fels Planetarium, The Franklin Institute, Masonic Temple Museum, University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia Art Museum, Rodin Museum, Girard College, Academy of Music, New Public Library, Morris Arboretum, Botanical Gardens, Academy of Natural Sciences, Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Curtis Institute of Music, Robin Hood Dell and Atwater Kent Museum.

CITY HALL—covering an entire block, lies at the intersection of Broad and Market Streets. The tower of the building which is 547 feet, 11¼ inches high, affords an excellent view of the city. It is surmounted by a statue of William Penn. The clock face is 26 feet in diameter.



UNION LEAGUE—PHILADELPHIA

On May 11, 1865, the Union League took possession of their magnificent new building. The building, which is one of the finest club houses in the world, was built by John Crump, and cost in the neighborhood of two-hundred thousand dollars.

The Union League has always been noted for the beauty and elegance of its receptions, which have invariably been attended by the highest society in Philadelphia.

The Hotel Bellevue-Strafford will be the headquarters for the Forty-Ninth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

Among some of the historic churches are the following:

OLD SWEDES' CHURCH (GLORIA DEI)—Oldest church in city, built by early settlers, in 1700, at Swanson Street, below Christian.



CITY HALL WITH MASONIC TEMPLE  
AT LEFT

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**CHRIST CHURCH**—Protestant Episcopal Second Street above Market, built in 1727, place of worship of Revolutionary heroes.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH**—At 3rd and Pine Streets, completed in 1761, Protestant Episcopal.

**ZION - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**—Franklin Square, built in 1742 by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, founder of organized Lutheranism in the United States.

**ST. GEORGE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**—Fourth Street at Delaware River Bridge. The Oldest Methodist Episcopal Church in the world, built before the Revolution.

**BAPTIST TEMPLE**—Broad and Berks Street. Here Bro. Dr. Russell Conwell, founder of Temple University, preached for many years.

**CATHEDRAL OF S.S. PETER AND PAUL**—Located east side of North Eighteenth Street, fronting on Logan Circle. Erected by the Roman Catholics in 1846.

**OLD PINE STREET (THIRD PRESBYTERIAN) CHURCH**—Located 4th and Pine, erected in 1768.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**—Fourth Street near Locust. This was the original Roman Catholic Cathedral and was built in 1763.



**HÔTEL BELLEVUE-STRAFFORD  
HEADQUARTERS**

**ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**—Fourth and Willing's Alley, was the first Catholic Church in Philadelphia and was founded in 1732.

**FRIENDS' ARCH STREET MEETING HOUSE**—Fourth and Arch Streets, built in 1804.

## WE, TOO SALUTE HIM

Knights Templar everywhere will be happy to learn that Sir Knight Charles Hammar of Escanaba, Michigan, was recently honored on "Charley Hammer Day" at a banquet arranged by the citizens of that community.

Extremely active at the age of 77, Charley has been an outstanding citizen of Escanaba for 43 years, and has been connected with the New York Life Insurance Company for 33 years. During this time our frater has been particularly involved in Masonry, as well as in other fraternal groups.

Sir Knight Hammar has been intensely interested in the Student Loan Fund and the Eye Foundation. It is reported that he has helped 37 young men and

women from his community and nearby towns to obtain educational loans, and he has had much to do with securing assistance for 26 people from the Eye Foundation in the past six years. He served as recorder for Escanaba Commandery No. 47, and the very first application for surgery and hospitalization received by the Eye Foundation came through his efforts. He is equally active for the Shrine Hospital.

In addition to all this, Sir Knight Hammar has the oversight of 119 pieces of equipment in a loan program of hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches, and other equipment for sick persons who are being cared for at home.

We feel that this Sir Knight deserves national as well as local recognition, and we congratulate him on his dedication.

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## Let's Go To Philadelphia

The 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States is being held this year, August 22nd to 27th, 1964, and we hope that you are planning to be present. Official Programs covering the entire period are now available by writing to George A. Williams, Local Chairman, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, 7, Pa.

For Hotel Room reservations write to John B. Cottrell, Jr., 240 Crum Creek Rd., Media, Pa., No. 190-63, and it is not too early to make your Hotel reservations right now. For sight seeing trips in and about Philadelphia, there is available a printed form upon which you may designate which trips you are interested in and the day you want to go. For this form write to G. Calvin Dyson, 2116 Rush Rd., Abington, Pa.

One of the better ways to create interest in a Pilgrimage to Philadelphia is to contact your local representative

of the railroads, airlines, or bus to see what can be worked out on a package deal. You may desire stops to see points of interest both coming and going. If time is an element, taking an airline may be your solution. If you have 25 passengers or more there is a considerable savings in the fare. Listed below are some of the round trip rates on group rates.

Los Angeles to Philadelphia .....	\$226.30
Chicago to Philadelphia .....	\$ 65.20
Pittsburgh to Philadelphia .....	\$ 31.20
Denver to Philadelphia .....	\$147.50
San Francisco to Philadelphia ....	\$226.30

Fares do not include 5% Federal Tax.

Arrangements must be made no later than 30 days in advance of flight departure. Passengers must travel as a complete group on all itineraries that are ticketed under group fare.

Remember, we hope to see you in August, at Philadelphia.

## Wisconsin York Rite Bodies

### Plan Consolidation of Efforts

On Sunday, December 2, 1963, a combined meeting of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin was held at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

The purpose of this meeting was to consolidate the efforts and purposes of the York Rite Bodies in the State of Wisconsin.

A Consolidated York Rite Petition was proposed and approved. These consolidated petitions are being printed and will be distributed to the various Chapters, Councils and Commanderies as soon as they are received from the printers. The purpose of this being to have all York Rite Masons think and work for York Rite Masonry, rather than just the portion of it they are working in.

Meetings of the Officers of Constitu-

ent Chapters, Councils and Commanderies are being planned on an area basis, to consolidate and combine our efforts to help one another.

York Rite Festivals are being planned on a basis of geographical distances and to bring into one unit the Chapters, Councils and Commanderies in mutual assistance pacts.

The Grand Officers of the York Rite Bodies have promised to carry this consolidation of effort plan on for a minimum of eight years.

This is the first effort in the State of Wisconsin of the three York Rite Bodies to attain cooperation and consolidation of effort in the Constituent Bodies on a local level.

Anyone interested in this forward action of the York Rite in Wisconsin may contact Van W. Harrod, G.C., 2024 George St., LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 54603, or Earl Bauer, G.R., 207 East Michigan Street, Suite 430, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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## Griffin (Ga.) Commandery Sponsors Christmas Party For The Blind



Pictured from left to right are: Sir Knights E. M. Smith, J. E. Moseley, Mr. John Satterfield, Mr. Ted Rose, (employees of the Factory for the Blind), Sir Knight O. B. Turner. Back row: Sir Knights J. C. Tinley, W. G. Hammock, Alvin Wallace, Thomas J. Brake, Jr. and Mr. Cliff Parker, Supt. of the Factory.

On December 20, the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Griffin was the scene of the annual Christmas party for the workers of the Georgia Factory for the Blind and their families. The party was sponsored by Griffin Commandery Number 35 and the Griffin Shrine Club. Sir Knight J. E. Mosley was in charge of all arrangements.

The committee met on the night before the party to prepare fruit baskets which were presented to each worker of the Factory for the Blind who attended. The baskets were overflowing with fresh fruit, nuts, and candy.

For the children, no Christmas party would be complete if Santa did not put in an appearance. They were not dis-

appointed because Santa (alias Sir Knight T. J. Brake, Jr.) arrived right on time and presented gifts to each of the children. Joy was overwhelming—both for the children and the Sir Knights.

Griffin Commandery presented to each of the children a Bible. We, the members of Griffin Commandery feel that this is in keeping with the True Spirit of Christmas since these children will now be able to read the entire story of Christ and His Acts.

So Christmas came to the workers of the Georgia Factory for the Blind, their families, the Griffin Shrine Club, Griffin Commandery, and the individual Sir Knights of our Order.

*By J. E. Mosley, Recorder.*

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## New Grand Commander's Jewel For Maryland

The Grand Commandery of Maryland has been presented with a new Grand Commander's Jewel by the Eminent Grand Commander of Maryland, Sir Knight George F. Flentje, Jr.



When he was installed as Grand Commander of Maryland in May, 1963, he was accorded the privilege of wearing the traditional cord and Grand Commander's Jewel.

Sir Knight Flentje reported that the first thing to attract his attention was that the current Grand Commander's Jewel was of poor quality compared to the Grand Commanders' Jewels of other jurisdictions, whose Grand Commanders wore more elaborate jewels.

Sir Knight Flentje then decided that the Office of the Grand Commander of any jurisdiction warranted a more elaborate jewel. Consequently, he set out to design one and used some of the features of the Grand Commanders' jewels of New York, Vermont, and Virginia.

The new Grand Commander's Jewel of Maryland was specially manufactured, and was presented to the Grand Commandery of Maryland by Sir Knight Flentje. It was first worn by him at a regular meeting of Beauseant Commandery in October 1963, and he wore it officially during the Grand Visitation of the Grand Commandery of Maryland to St. Bernard's Commandery of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Sir Knight Flentje has indicated that the new Grand Commander's Jewel will be passed from one Grand Commander to the other.

The new Grand Commander's Jewel has an inscription on the back that it was presented to the Grand Commandery of Maryland by Sir Knight George F. Flentje, Jr., in 1963, in memory of "E. A. F.", which are the initials of Sir Knight Flentje's mother.



GEORGE F. FLENTJE, JR., G.C.

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## Templary on the March in North Carolina

By LEON GODOWN, M.P.S.



Seated, left to right, Fletcher King, A. Bryant, J. M. Bryant, G. W. Bryant, H. K. Jolly and C. Bryant. Standing, left, to right, P. B. Weaver, W. G. Bryant, C. R. Davis, C. S. Smith, B. H. Philpott, R. D. Willis, J. A. Holt, T. E. Poe, J. C. Bazemore and H. A. McAllister.

On Thursday evening, October 31st, the asylum of Durham Commandery No. 3, K.T., Durham, North Carolina, was the scene of a most outstanding conclave. A class of sixteen candidates, the largest in the history of Durham Commandery, were knighted.

A distinctive feature of the knighting of this class was the fact that among the candidates were five blood brothers, Alvin, Calvin, George, Johnny and William Bryant. A sixth brother, Sir Knight Posey L. Bryant, is prelate of Durham Commandery.

This unusual ceremony attracted Masonic dignitaries from practically all sections of the state. The crowd was so large that the Order of the Temple was

conferred in the auditorium of Carr Junior High School, Durham.

Among those attending were Eli Troy Regan, G.H.P., Grand Royal Arch Chapter; Forrest H. Pecht, G.M., Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; and Samuel A. Hennis, Jr., G.C., Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, all of North Carolina.

Charles C. Ricker, P.G.H.P., of Asheville, N. C., General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, was also in attendance.

Quite a number of line officers and several past grand presiding officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina were also on hand to witness the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood upon this large class.

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### A GREAT EXAMPLE

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is honored to report that Astronaut Major Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., of Seabrook, Texas (near Houston), a member of Brevard Commandery No. 24, Cocoa, Florida, has become a Life Sponsor of the Eye Foundation.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

Of 46 cases helped in 1961 by the Eye Foundation in Florida, 27 cases were credited to Damascus Commandery No. 2 of Jacksonville. No, there is no more need there than elsewhere—just an active interest.

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# THIS IS IMPORTANT LIBERTY TREE, BOSTON

(SUSPENSIONS AND DEMITTS)

Isn't it strange that some dedicated Sir Knights will invite the uninitiated to join our ranks, confer our beautiful Orders on the candidates and then more than half of an equivalent number of members will sever their relationship with this Christian Order. Consecrated Templars interested in the welfare of our organization believe there is a way to minimize the number of those who leave our ranks. We can lose members by indifference or complacency—BUT—we can hold and gain members by consecration!

Some Commanderies have a permanent committee on Suspensions and Demits. In these Commanderies not a single Sir Knight is suspended or obtains a demit without first having been visited by a member of such Committee and being again reminded of what it means to be a Knight Templar and of the uplift received by being a loyal and faithful Sir Knight.

Let it never be said of your Commandery that a member was suspended or severed his relationship without a personal interview. This is important! The remaining months of the Templar year will pass quickly. Now is the time to take the necessary steps to prevent what might result in "wholesale" suspensions. There is an old saying—"A penny saved is a penny earned"—let us paraphrase that motto by saying—"A Templar saved is a Templar earned!"

*The Crusader (Penn.), Jan., 1964*

## IN MEMORIAM

### Idaho

Acel Edward Prince, G.C., 1959—December 27, 1963

### Kansas

Hugh Means, G.C., 1924—January 1, 1964

### Minnesota

Henry Robert Grochau, G.C., 1926—December 26, 1963



*Liberty Tree, 1774, from an old print*

The Liberty Tree was so christened because under its branches in 1766 the Sons of Liberty were organized against the common enemy. The open space under its branches was known as "Liberty Hall," and a flagpole was erected which extended through and above the highest branches. Whenever a flag was hoisted there, it was the signal for action. Inevitably the tree became an object of hatred to the British soldiers, who with great joy cut it down during their occupation of the Town.

The site of this famous elm is marked by a plaque on the face of the building (3rd floor) at 630 Washington Street, directly opposite the foot of Boylston Street.

### A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty and Eternal God, before whom nations rise and fall, strengthen all those who work in Thy name and kindle the light of faith in others. In a world swept by winds of threat and uncertainty, tension and terror, we seek Thy Sanctuary, where Thy kindly light brings peace to our troubled hearts.

We thank Thee for the miracle of each dawn we are privileged to greet, and ask Thy help in making our days worthy of the gift of life. Amen.

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## Typical Letter To K. T. Eye Foundation

Dear Sirs:

Perhaps by now you have begun to think that I am a very ungrateful person. I have not sent you a progress report on our son, Tom, as I have been waiting for his final eye exam to find out the complete results.

The first eye, which was the one he only had vision of light and dark plus shadows, now checks out as 20/40 with glasses. The second eye was completed in December and now he is to be fitted with bifocal glasses the later part of this month.

The operations were both quite successful and the surgeon was excellent. Words are inadequate to explain how grateful we are for your assistance in aiding to correct our sons vision. It was a heart breaking sight to see this boy read with his nose as a guide to the line he was reading, but now he sits up straight in a chair and writes and reads without the slightest hesitation.

God and we parents alone know what a chance has been given to this boy to lead a normal life and to stand on his own two feet to face the on coming world. Although this boy has only been in my life for the past three years, he is as close to me as if he were my own son. We are fortunate to have such an organization as the Knight Templar's and they are to be commended for their work.

May God bestow his richest blessings on each of you!

Very sincerely yours,  
Betty, Don and Tommy Brown

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### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

In **Kentucky**, the general order of the Grand Commander on Inspections called for (1) a full-form opening by the officers in their respective stations, and (2) one of the Orders, by a team chosen for the primary qualification of "ability."

## Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service March 29

The Committee on the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service is making plans for the 34th Annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, which will be held in the beautiful Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, March 29, 1964. The speaker on this occasion will be Sir Knight G. Mason Cochran, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

For the past 33 years the Templar Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the Arlington National Cemetery has always been considered a ceremony for the benefit of the public and a fine expression of devotion for all Templars. Here we have been given the authority by the Federal Government to hold an outstanding and inspiring Service each Easter Morning, and as long as we continue to show the interest that we have shown in the past, we will have this privilege. May the day never come to pass when this Service will cease to be a Templar event.

All Templars surely must consider it a great honor and a privilege to support this program at a sacred National Shrine such as Arlington, in memory of our Nation's Heros who are enshrined in those hallowed grounds, and to commemorate the Ressurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

See your Nation's Capital at Easter by attending the Thirty-Fourth Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service on March 29, 1964.

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### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

In **New Orleans**, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19 held a meeting to which the public was invited, and heard about "Communism in Cuba" from a distinguished refugee. Those unhappy people can increase our appreciation of what we have.

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## From Our Readers

The Morgantown, West Virginia daily newspaper, The Dominion-News of January 21, gave two-column front page publicity to our January front page article—"The Eternal Flame." The entire article was quoted and was prefaced by the headline "HIGH MASONS HONOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY," and continued as follows: "The magazine, Knight Templar, official organ of the highest order conferred by York Rite Masonry in the issue of January, 1964, has paid a glowing tribute to the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

The memorial which is the work of Harry L. Beach, Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia, follows:"

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A copy of the paper was sent to us by Hugh G. Runner, Sword Bearer of Morgantown Commandery.

### CAN YOU BEAT THIS RECORD?

Sidney C. Herbert is a member of DuPage Commandery, Elmhurst, Illinois. His record of total consecutive meetings attended is as follows:

1. Raised in Elmhurst Lodge—July 1, 1921; has served as Tyler for 40 years, and has attended every meeting since he was raised—for a total of 1,735 meetings.

2. Exalted in Elmhurst Chapter in 1925; appointed Sentinel in 1926, and has attended all meetings since said date, making a total of 735.

3. Appointed Tyler of Cottage Hill Lodge when it was instituted in 1928, and has attended consecutively all meetings since said date—for a total of 840.

4. Knighted in DuPage Commandery in 1954, and was appointed Sentinel where he has attended consecutively all meetings since that time—for a total of 255.

### TOTAL CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS

ATTENDED .....3565

Letters were recently sent to the Sir Knights that had permitted their subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine to lapse. Many have renewed and have written letters relative to the

Magazine. One of the most rewarding is from Harold N. Bitner of Hospitaler Commandery, Lock Haven, Pa., as follows: "Dear Sir Knight Crofts: I was not aware that my subscription to the Knight Templar Magazine had expired and thank you for bringing it to my attention and for so doing I send you a small bonus.

Enclosed please find check for five dollars (\$5.00) for a one years' subscription to each of the following: (List of new subscribers) \*\*\*"

THANKS FOR THE BONUS.



Frederick Yale Williams, Dept. Commander, South Pacific Dept., is shown above congratulating William L. Harris, G.C. of Arizona, at the time of his installation.

### FATHER AND SON SERVING DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, NEW ULM, MINNESOTA

Gordon H. Buggert, father, is now serving as Commander of the Commandery and drives 32 miles to perform his duties. Sylvan G. Buggert, son, has a distance of 44 miles to attend the Commandery as its Generalissimo. They have progressed from the bottom of the line and their attendance at the meetings has been regular.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SANTA ANA COMMANDERY No. 36 CALIFORNIA recently joined with other Sir Knights and friends of Dr. Charles

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C. Violet, in celebrating his 100th birthday. Sir Knight Violet signed the by-laws of his Commandery on October 17, 1917 at the time it was chartered and served as Commander in 1930.

Maura K. Phillips, Recorder of St. Omar Commandery (III.) reports that Sir Knight Wesley L. Brown recently received his 50-year Membership Pin as a Mason from Sir Knight Fred C. Blackwelder, who raised him at the time of his receiving his Master Mason's Degree. District Deputy Grand Master Robert E. Griebel, J.P.C. of the Commandery, also officiated in the presentation.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO Joseph T. Cole, Jr., 215 Headingly Avenue, N.W., Albuquerque, N. M., on his first year's effort in publishing *The York Riter*. This new publication was published three times during 1963, but Sir Knight Cole reports—"I anticipate that it will be a monthly publication in the year of 1964."

#### FATHER AND SON CLASS

Sir Knights of Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) are doing their utmost to pass along the Orders of Templary. Sir Knight Jesse T. Wilson Eminent Commander of Dieu Le Veut recently promoted a Father and Son Class.

The Order of Malta was conferred in full form by Past Commander Edward J. Boltz with his son Edward Jr. as exemplar. The Order of the Temple was conferred by Past Commander Bert D.

Husband with his sons Alan and Thomas as exemplars. The Orders were witnessed by Thomas E. Husband, the grandfather of Alan and Thomas, and the father of the acting Commander. The Father and Son theme was further carried out by candidate Thomas P. Politis whose petition was presented by his father, Sir Knight Peter Politis.

The work was splendidly performed and received high praise from Alan C. Williams, P.G.C., who represented the Grand Commander Paul C. Rodenhauser.

(Harold S. Christman, Correspondent for Penn.).



FATHER-SON TEAM—A father-son team was recently formed in Calvary Commandery No. 24 of Fort Dodge with the knighting of Dr. Roy G. Schwendemann and Dr. Don R. Schwendemann. In the above photo, Immediate Past Commander Richard F. Nekvinda is congratulating Dr. Don R. Schwendemann with his father, Dr. Roy G. Schwendemann looking on. Both men are Fort Dodge, Iowa, professional men.

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# Tentative Dates Of 1964 Conclaves Announced

Alabama—April 22.....	Birmingham	Nebraska—April 16.....	Sidney
Arizona—October 26.....	Prescott	Nevada—June 8.....	Carson City
Arkansas—April 20-21.....	Little Rock	New Hampshire—October 4-5.....	Manchester
California—April 30-May 1.....	Pasadena	New Jersey—March 6-7-8.....	Atlantic City
Colorado—September 18.....	Denver	New Mexico—May 19.....	Roswell
Connecticut—April 27.....	Stamford	New York—June 26-27-28.....	Brooklyn
District of Columbia—May 9.....	Washington	North Carolina—March 15-16-17-18	Greensboro
Florida—May 17.....	Pensacola	North Dakota—April 26-27.....	Mandan
Georgia—May 13-14.....	Valdosta	Ohio—October 10-11-12.....	Cleveland
Idaho—May 18-19.....	McCall	Oklahoma—April 27-28.....	Bartlesville
Illinois—September 5.....	Peoria	Oregon—April 13.....	Bend
Indiana—May 7-8-9.....	Muncie	Pennsylvania—May 26-27.....	Gettysburg
Iowa—June 25-26-27.....	Cedar Rapids	South Carolina—March 10.....	Rock Hill
Kansas—May 5-6.....	Great Bend	South Dakota—September 13-14-15.....	Huron
Kentucky—May 17-18-19.....	Cumberland Falls State Park	Tennessee—August 2-3-4.....	Chattanooga
Louisiana—April 6-7.....	Monroe	Texas—April 11-12-13-14-15.....	Houston
Maine—May 4.....	Portland	Utah—May 12.....	Salt Lake City
Maryland—May 13.....	Baltimore	Vermont—Date Not Furnished	Brattleboro
Mass. and R. I.—October 13.....	Boston	Virginia—May 14-15-16.....	Richmond
Michigan—June 4-5-6.....	Flint	Washington—May 18-19.....	Pasco
Minnesota—June 11-12-13.....	Eveleth	West Virginia—May 15-16.....	Huntington
Mississippi—March 18-19.....	Jackson	Wisconsin—June 18-19-20.....	La Crosse
Missouri—May 1-2.....	Boonville	Wyoming—September 15.....	Green River
Montana—June 12-13.....	Butte		

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