Easter

Christmas bids us seek a star,
But Easter shows the cross.
The birth of Him is carried far
With Merriment and gloss;
Yet, Easter, with its ray of hope,
The Resurrection shows;
Each sign of spring, Earth’s hush’d rebirth
On every wind that blows,
Fills me with peace and faith anew
More than the Christmas time.
Even the Earth puts on a hue
Of joyousness sublime:
Lillies, holiest of flowers, daffodils so gay,
Tulips their courageous hours
Bloom for bright display;
Robins sing and other birds
Join in sounds like holy words.
What a hopeful time of year!
Spring and Easter joys ring clear;
A promise kept for hearts that bled,
“He is risen,” the Angel said.

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A Message From the Grand Master -
EASTER—1964

The Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, March 29, 1964, at 7:30 A.M. in the Amphitheater of the Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C., will be broadcast on a nationwide radio network. The speaker will be The Reverend G. Mason Cochran, D.D., Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Many Grand Commanderies have organized an Easter Weekend Pilgrimage to attend this inspiring occasion, and I am hoping that as many Sir Knights as possible will be privileged to attend the Arlington Service or an Easter Service close to their home.

On Easter morning millions of Christian men, women, and children will gather together to commemorate that wonderful miracle upon which the Christian Church is founded, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life. To Knights Templar the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Blessed Lord form the basic principle of our Christian Order—an unshaken faith in immortality. The Cross is our symbol and we have committed ourselves to its defense.

Easter is above all a day of Consecration. Let us pause and declare anew our allegiance to the Prince of Peace who provided a way of salvation to all. May each of us find renewed strength, courage, and confidence to carry on the work of our Order in faithfulness to His Word.

Events in the past year clearly indicate how deep the challenge is and how great the opportunity to serve. Our nation needs an active militant Christian force, continually searching for truth and light, to advance the teachings of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. Only by constant endeavor will our light shine bright enough to illuminate the higher pathways.

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A Meditation For Easter

By Sir Knight E. ROBERT CHABLE, Ph. D.

Easter is the eternal proof for Christians that man was not born to die, that life is not meaningless or without purpose, that dissolution is not the gloomy end of creation, that there is an ordered direction for our existence. St. Augustine phrased it well, saying, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

In the rebirth of life in the springtime, in the mystery of new green shoots thrusting themselves up from the soil, the Hebrew saw a justification for a resurrection in nature. Did he not say, "... for there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again. The tender branch thereof will not cease?" But to the ancient Hebrew this hope of immortality did not extend to man himself. He did not have the concept of an immortal soul. To the Hebrew of old, man "cometh forth as a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not... Man lieth down and wasteth away; he giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" He "riseth not up until the heavens shall be no more."

Just as the tender branch came from the tree which was cut down, so also Christianity itself was a tender branch which sprouted from the ancient tree of Judaism. Christianity brought with it the hope of a blessed immortality for all men because Jesus Christ had "burst the bands of death, triumphed over the grave, and in due time ascended with transcendent majesty into Heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of our Heavenly Father, a Mediator and Intercessor for all those who have faith in Him."

The Christian faith is founded in the Easter fact. "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write: Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

The world needs proof desperately for the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. Shall we point only to the world of nature to show men the proof of the resurrection? That would be inadequate. Shall we point to a time in a century long since past and say, "the resurrection is back there." That would not be very helpful. Shall we point to the horizon of a distant future and say, "the proof lies in His coming again?" That would not be altogether convincing. Rather let each Knight Templar point to himself and to the vitality of his own Christian faith as the best proof of all of the power of the resurrection in his own life.

Sometimes our witness as Knights Templar, both individually and collectively, is so pitifully weak that we are not very good evidence for the reality or power of the resurrection in our own lives. All too frequently do we not understand the Christian churches with our individual and collective efforts. I remember well when a Past Commander of a Commandery, who came to Church only when the Knights Templars worshipped there on Easter, said to me, "I find my religion in the lodge hall and the asylum." Are there not numerous others like him? Is it not a travesty and base denial of the Craft in general and of Templary in particular whenever one of us makes the fraternity a substitute for the Church instead of an excellent supplement to it? In so doing we destroy the effective witness to the power and meaning of Easter in our own lives.

Why should not Commanderies in every city support as bodies of Christian laymen our Churches, our Councils of Churches, and other interdenominational federations or groupings, more than by just appearing occasionally in all the panoply we possess. We are the bearers of the resurrection faith. Let us point for proof of the reality of Easter not to either past of future, but to ourselves, saying, "He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."

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York Rite Commission on Unity

The newly formed Commission on York Rite Unity met in Chicago, Illinois, January 10-11, 1964, in an organizational session. The appointment of the commission is considered by many to be the most important step ever taken toward the unification of the York Rite of Freemasonry.


The commission is without legislative powers or authority and is appointed for the sole purpose of bringing about a greater unification of York Rite Freemasonry. To accomplish this end the commission is directed to make an intensive study of existing conditions within the rite, and to report the results of its research, together with recommendations for improvement, to the proper officers of the three national bodies which it represents. The implementation of such recommendations must necessarily be at the discretion of the General Grand Bodies and the Grand Encampment. Although a compelling urgency may be experienced at times for quick action, the members of the commission are resolved not to be motivated by any impetuous desire for immediacy. It was determined that there are necessarily two important objectives, which in summary are (1) short range and (2) long range.

To be acceptable and effective, short range objectives must be non-controversial. These would be welcomed by the membership generally, and would be in the nature of ideas that could be implemented almost immediately, if found acceptable by the national officers. Those ideas and suggestions for the improvement of conditions at local levels are in the area of short range objectives. Better liaison between officers of the several bodies at all levels, as well as a clearer understanding of mutual problems, methods and procedures also fall into this category.

Long range objectives were discussed in generalities with a view toward the establishment of certain goals to be attained at some undetermined date. All of the matters considered in this area held but one course—a direct route toward a well organized, effective and united York Rite of Freemasonry. No firm positions were assumed for long range efforts at the primary meeting, but several suggestions were held in abeyance for further study and consideration at future meetings.

It is hoped that finalization of certain plans and recommendations can become realities, and that both long range and short range objectives can be stated categorically for the approval of the leaders of the craft. In the meantime, study and research will continue to be the basis upon which the commission will function. The various phases under consideration include everything from ritualistic matters to the proper administration of York Rite affairs.

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The commission is composed of nine members, three each from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters International and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. While the leaders of these three great York Rite organizations met together periodically during the past two years planning the formation of the commission, it was not officially launched until the passage of appropriate resolutions by the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council meeting in triennial sessions in October 1963. The Grand Encampment made interim appointments to the commission and is expected to pass similar resolutions next August in Philadelphia.

The membership of the York Rite Commission on Unity and the bodies which they represent are:

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

(Fourth of a Series)

By CHARLES S. BAKER, JR., Secretary
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Finest Collection of Masonic Relics

The most complete collection of Masonic relics, and curiosities in America is that in the museum of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

There the visitor may revel in the arcana of Masonry and steep his soul in that delight which comes from intimate contact with men who lived and moved and had their being long ago. And the realization that they belonged to the same great fraternity as the Masons of the present generation gives one the feeling of touching the immortal. The contention of the Rev. George Oliver that Moses was a Grand Master Mason and Joshua his deputy may not be true. Authorities differ as to whether or not the Lodge was founded at the time of the building of the temple by Solomon. At any rate, it has a magnificent past and in late centuries many of the great men of the civilized World have been members and have risen high in the councils of the fraternity.

During the summer of 1909 the Library Committee headed by Sir Knight John Wanamaker 33rd, Chairman, with the consent of the Grand Master sent the Librarian Dr. Julius F. Sachse, to Europe in search for material for the Museum. Dr. Sachse went, he saw, he conquered and brought back a number of articles dating from the dim and dusty ages of Masonic History. These items were added to the collection, greatly enriching it.

The gem of the objects secured by Dr. Sachse is a "sephratorah," or, in English, the Pentateuch or scroll of the law, which is virtually the foundation on which the whole Masonic structure is erected. The scroll is formed of sheets of finest parchment, carefully pasted together to form a strip 30 feet long. The printing was all done by hand and represents the work of a lifetime. Every one of the thousands of letters is perfect in form and symmetry and the writing is so planned that each column begins with the Hebrew letter standing for "and." The curious bag or mantle in which the scroll was kept and also the band with which it was tied are intact and, after cleaning, they exhibit their pristine colors. Dr. Sachse secured this valuable curio through a member of the Grand Lodge in Hamburg, Germany. It is more than 300 years old. It has been valued at $2000.00, thought it would not be sold for that. During the time it has been on exhibition, many orthodox Jews,

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visiting the Museum, at once covered their heads when they beheld it. The covered head is the Hebrew sign of reverence.

From a collector in a small town in the interior of France Dr. Sachse secured some rare French Masonic Jewels.

FRENCH MASONIC JEWELS

Here is the Jewel of the Lodge to which the great Napoleon belonged. It shows the five-pointed, wreath-encircled emblem of the Legion of Honor and on the reverse side the Jurisdiction "Orient de Paris." The same Jewel surmounted by an imperial crown was secured, this being the later form of the Jewel, at the time when Napoleon III was a member of the Lodge. There is also a specimen of the present Jewel of this Lodge which has a laurel in place of the imperial crown.

Franklin In Gottingen

Dr. Sachse struck the trail of a picture of Benjamin Franklin which had hung in the Lodge room in Gottingen, Germany, for more than 100 years. He secured it and it is considered one of the rarest pictures in the collection. The painting on glass is an excellent likeness of the beneficiant face of Poor Richard, and below is written the name, Dr. Benjamin Franklin. It is a well known fact that Franklin was in Gottingen during his life in Europe.

It is interesting to note in this connection that Franklin was a most enthusiastic Mason. He joined the Philadelphia Lodge soon after it was organized, though not without some trouble, for we are told he was by no means the model of deportment that he is painted in grammar school literature. He was elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734, and in that capacity officiated at the laying of the corner-stone of Independence Hall. When he went to France he affiliated with the Lodges there. On February 7, 1778, he assisted at the initiation of Voltaire into the Lodge des IX Soeurs, and on November 25 of the same year Franklin officiated at the "Lodge of Sorrow" or funeral service over Voltaire.

A Reputation In Danger

The Jewel of the Master of a Huguenot Lodge dating from the latter part of the eighteenth century is one of the gems in this collection. It is of exceeding fine workmanship. On the face under a convex glass are all the signs and symbols of Masonry done in gold. These Jewels are extremely rare, much sought after and command a high price even after they have been discovered. Dr. Sachse heard that this one was in Edinburgh. He went to that Athens of the North and found the man who possessed the Jewel. He asked the price. The man called his wife, who proved to be a canny Scotchwoman, in whose eyes suspicion and avarice were mingled. After some dickering the woman said they would sell the Jewel very cheap.

Rare Jewels of the Master of a Huguenot Lodge—18th Century

To be precise, they would let it go for the mickle sum of 15 pounds 10 shillings. Dr. Sachse said this was too much. The woman asked for an offer and he facetiously remarked that he would knock off the 15 pounds and give 10 shillings. The woman’s eyes blazed

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and, shaking a fist at her husband, she shouted; “Jamie, I always thought ye the meanest white man God ever created, but here’s one that’s worse.”

This seemed to relieve the tension and the bargaining went on with a better understanding, so that in the end the curio was secured at a fair price.

Dr. Sachse invaded Berlin and found there the artisan who was fashioning a fine gavel to be used by Prince Leupold, Grand Master of the Grosse Landesloge or Grand Lodge of Germany. He secured this gavel and brought it back for the collection, while the workman proceeded to make a duplicate for the Prince. The gavel is of ebony, beauti-

fully carved and the ornaments are all of solid gold.

![Historic Masonic Gavel (facsimile) used by Frederic the Great and Emperors Wilhelm and Frederick Grand National Mother Lodge of the “Three Globes” at Berlin.](image)

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### “Challenged By Tradition”

**Lansing, Michigan Drill Team—Winner Class A Competition at Cleveland in 1961**

It is six a.m. on a June morning, the sun has just risen in the East, and in the paved parking lot of Sexton High School in Lansing, Michigan, the Triennial Drill Team of Lansing Commandery No. 25 K.T. has started another practice session.

The question is often asked, “What motivates successful business men, lawyers, doctors, and other busy people to rise in the early morning hours to be present at a six a.m. practice session each day for a month prior to each Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave? The answer — Lansing Commandery is challenged by tradition — a tradition that started in 1919.

In 1919 a small delegation from Lansing Commandery attended a Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of U. S. A., in Philadelphia. The men returned with glowing reports of the work of the precision drill teams at the Conclave.

On their return to Lansing, much thought was given to organizing a drill team to compete at future Triennials. However, it was not until 12 years later that the idea of a Lansing Commandery Drill Team was to materialize. In that year a drill team, with Sir Knight Fred England, Jr., P.G.C., as Captain General, went to Minneapolis and placed eighth in the competition. From there on there was no stopping the Sir Knights of the Lansing Commandery, who having tasted the thrill of competition, vowed they would have

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a team ready for Triennial competition from that time on.

With Sir Knight England at the helm as Captain General, the team went to San Francisco in 1934 and placed fifth, to Miami in 1937 to win a third place, and finally the dream of each Sir Knight was realized with the winning of first place in Cleveland in 1940. Winning the national championship in 1940 was the realization of the dreams of 21 years on the part of the Lansing Commandery.

No drill team competition was held by the Grand Encampment during World War II, but in 1946 the team went to Houston and placed second, won fourth in San Francisco in 1949, and third in New Orleans in 1952.

With the completion of competition in New Orleans in 1952, the end of an era had passed. Sir Knight Fred England, Jr. relinquished the reins of Captain General to Sir Knight Robert C. Davidson, P.C.

Under the leadership of Sir Knight Davidson, the team went to New York in 1955 where it won fourth place. In 1958, the team failed to win any of the four places in Indianapolis, and each member of the team vowed that the next Triennial in 1961 would be a different story.

And it was.

In 1961 at Cleveland, the scene of the 1940 victory of Lansing Commandery, the team again emerged victorious with first place honors.

Many ingredients are necessary for a victorious drill team. Probably the most essential ingredient is the cooperation of the entire Commandery. The hub of all drill team activities is the Captains Club, comprised of Sir Knights who have served as captains of Inter-Commandery drill teams.

Each year the Commandery forms three drill teams which compete against one another in an Inter-Commandery drill schedule. The winning team then competes against Genesee Commandery No. 15 of Flint, in a rivalry that gains added significance each year.

Financing the Lansing Commandery drill team is done with funds earned each year at the Hospitaler Circus. Lansing Commandery is unique in supporting a circus each year for the past 28 years. Money earned from the circus is used to carry on the Hospitaler work of the Commandery and to finance drill team activities.

The Captains Club and the Past Commanders Association of the Commandery keep the tradition of a Lansing Commandery drill team alive through their encouragement and support of all drill team activities. One of the looked forward to events every three years is the banquet given by the Past Commanders Association at which drill team members are guests prior to their departure to a Triennial Conclave.

The challenge of drill competition—maintaining the tradition of a Lansing entry at each Triennial Conclave—nurtured by the Past Commanders Association and the Captains Club—is again evident as preparations begin for the trek to Philadelphia in 1964.

IN MEMORIAM

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Edward Simmons, G.C., 1941—January 10, 1964

Louisiana
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Ohio
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Compassion, Death and Resurrection of Christ

By BURT D. PEARSON, P.G.C. of Minnesota, and Chairman of the Committee on Religious Observance of Grand Encampment

And they brought Him also infants, that He would touch them: but when His disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.—Luke 18:15-17.

Palm Sunday

And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches off the trees, and strewed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: . . .

And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the Temple: and when He had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, He went out unto Bethany with the twelve.—Mark 11:8-11.

Good Friday

Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath He done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify Him. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.—Mark 15:14-15.

And as they led Him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.—Luke 23:26-28.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama, sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? . . .

Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.—Matthew 27:45-50.

Easter Sunday

And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him, the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Matthew 28:2-6.

Knights Templar and their kith and kin are charged to raise higher the banner, “In Hoc Signo Vincet,” this Easter as in sacred precincts they worship Him who is the “Great Captain of Our Salvation.”

Out of the blood and sweat and tears, out of the self-effacement and the sacrifice of devoted men and women—even children—who in all of time have put their faith and trust in Him, do we in this present dare lift our eyes to Cross and Crown to witness “for the dawn of an ampler day.” At holy altars the world around is proclaimed “His law of human relationship, which is brotherhood: His law of justice, which is the Golden Rule; His law of greatness, which is service; and His law of forgiveness, which is love.”

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”—

All Commanderies in Louisiana reported Christmas observances, all held Easter services, and all but two observed Ascension Day.

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Your Knight Templar Magazine

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The Knight Templar is dependent upon its readers not only for subscriptions and the financial support derived therefrom, but also for the contents of the magazine. You give us the articles and news items; we only edit and assemble the material that we receive from you.

The situation that gives us the most concern is that of not being able to publish articles and news stories in which the sender has a special interest and upon which he has spent much time. Available space and timeliness of the article are frequently determining factors as to what will and will not be published.

The following ideas guide us in selecting material for publication:

1. Feature articles and success stories of general interest are high on the list of desired material.

2. News items of purely local interest such as inspections, installations, presentation of fifty-year awards, etc., cannot be given much space, if any, unless there is something that makes the occasion of general or unusual interest to our readers.

3. Recent policy has prevented us from publishing pictures of the Grand Commandery Line Officers. If these were submitted by many commanderies, there would not be room in the magazine for anything other than these pictures for three or four months during the year.

4. Articles should be in finished form. It is preferable that they be type written and limited in space. Generally speaking a feature article should not use more than a maximum of three pages in the magazine. News stories should be much shorter.

5. Pictures are very desirable.

Each Grand Jurisdiction now has a correspondent to the Knight Templar and it is through his work and the assistance that you give to him that your Grand Jurisdiction will meet its subscription quota, receive publicity for your commandery, and help make the Magazine become more to your liking.

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THE LETTER "G"

A non-Mason entering a Masonic Lodge room, as he may do on a public occasion, is likely to ponder the mysterious letter which is suspended from the ceiling or otherwise prominently displayed. Probably no one need tell him its meaning. It is a letter of light and tells its own story, but I am sure that very few Masons are aware of all it implies either as symbol or history. It is a focus of faith and fellowship, the emblem of the Divine Presence in the Lodge and heart of each Brother composing it. The letter "G" shines in the center of the ceiling of the room and the lodge is grouped around it. It is the light of Divine Guidance and blessing, so much needed in our mortal journey.

In the Degrees its use is more impressive. In the First and Second Degrees, the symbol is visible in the ceiling, or sky, of the Lodge, like benediction. In the Third Degree it is hidden, but its presence is still manifest—as every Mason knows—since the light of God is inextinguishable even in the darkest hours.

Masonry does not seek to hide the fact that it rests on God, lives in God and seeks to lead men to God. Everything in Masonry has reference to God, every lesson and every lecture, from the first step to the last charge. Without God it has no meaning and no mission among men. Yet, as a fact a Mason rarely uses the name of God, but uses instead, the phrase, the Great Architect of the Universe. It is because Masons believe in God so deeply that they do not repeat His name frequently and I am sure we all prefer the Masonic way in the matter.

A deep, fine feeling keeps us from using the name of the Deity too often, lest it lose some of its awe in our minds. For in Masonry, God is the first truth and the final reality.


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Cleveland Commandery Honors Grand Master of Masons in Ohio With Life Membership

By EDGAR W. KROEHLLE, P. C.

Tuesday evening, January 21, was a gala event in the Asylum of Forest City Commandery No. 40, Cleveland, Ohio, when about 330 Sir Knights and their ladies witnessed the reception through the lines of Forest City's thirty-six man Drill Team of Sir Knight Colin B. Moulis, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. He was greeted by Warren H. Smith, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, who was assisted by Earl T. Armsey, P.G.C.; Walter E. Drake, G. Capt. of the Guard; and other distinguished Sir Knights.

An escort of eight Past Commanders of Forest City also assisted. The Grand Commanders staff consisted of over thirty present and past commanders of the Past Commanders Association of the Seventh Division.

Raymond A. Zornow, P.C. and Capt. Gen., led Forest City's Drill Team in forming the emblems of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery Passion Cross. This was followed by a squad drill from Lorain Commandery No. 65, Lorain, Ohio, whose commander is George A. Brill and Robert J. Teaman, Capt. Gen. serves as drill master.

The Life Membership Certificate was presented by Edgar W. Kroehle, P.C., with appropriate remarks and answered with a magnificent response by Grand Master Montis.

January 22, 1964
Kensett, Arkansas
Knight Templar Eye Foundation
Rhinebeck, New York

Dear Sir Knights:

...it is indeed a great joy to be able to see my children and grandchildren, watch television and see the wonderful outdoors. All of this we take for granted until we lose it. I shall always be grateful to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and all those who were so kind and helpful when I needed help. I shall endeavor to tell all of your wonderful work and may God Bless You All.

Yours Very Truly,
Case No. 6467

THE GREAT ARE HUMBLE

Daniel Webster once said, “Heaven’s gates are not so highly arched as king’s palaces; they that enter there must go upon their knees.” Without humility there can be no promise of Heaven.

James recognized humility as among the first of the virtues when he proclaimed, “Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.”

Humility is a brave virtue; it entails a full and ready submission to God. It is unselfish and strong in patience. Humility never complains when temptations or the burdens of life seem to become unbearable. It prays for greater strength to endure.

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LONG BEACH COMMANDERY (Calif.) ENCOURAGES PATRIOTISM

As part of its program to teach and encourage patriotism, Long Beach Commandery No. 40, Knights Templar, has donated thirty record albums entitled “This is America” to the Long Beach Unified School District.

The above photograph shows one of these albums being presented to Mr. O. D. Wright, Superintendent of Schools. Others shown are, left, Marion A. “Bud” Duncan, Board of Education, and right, Harold H. Penhale, Commander, Long Beach Commandery.

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The annual report of the Educational Foundation shows loans to students numbering 54 for a total of $37,725.00 for the year 1963.

Sufficient four page pamphlets on the Eye Foundation were recently mailed to the Recorders of Constituent Commanderies for distribution to all Knights Templar on their rolls. It is hoped that these will be distributed so that the average Sir Knight will be better informed on this great humanitarian project.

Robert Lee Ramey, Sr., G.C. of Tennessee adopts slogan:

“KNIGHT MORE IN ’64”

If we are to “Knight more in ’64,” we need to draw on that large group of Christian Masons in the state of Tennessee, selling them on the advantages of York Rite Masonry in their daily lives. Templary must have the strength that comes through increased man power. As a blood transfusion injects new life into the body so does the new blood of Templar recruits furnish new life to our Commanderies.

Templar Masonry stands for the highest ideals of Christianity. It represents the best and noblest of humanity—it encourages right thinking and right living—it reveals “Christianity in action.”

We feel that Templary has something to contribute toward the betterment of mankind in these unstable and questionable times. With firm conviction, we shall strengthen our ranks by enlisting every Christian Mason on the side of righteousness.


Charles Pancoast, former editor of the Knight Templar is now making his home at the Ohio Masonic Home, located ½ mile west of Springfield on U.S. 40.

Paul C. Rodenhauser, G.C. of Pennsylvania, participated in the toasts at the Christmas Service of Cyrene Commandery at Columbia (his home Commandery) during the Christmas service on December 16th.

Bethlehem Commandery of Bethlehem (Penn.) will celebrate its 50th Anniversary and will have a Ninth Division Reception for Sir Knight Rodenhauser on June 6th.

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We appreciated receiving a year's subscription to the Knight Templar from Mrs. Earl B. Delzell, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To our knowledge she is the only lady subscriber.

Fond du Lac (Wisconsin) Commandery had a gala affair celebrating its founding in 1864. Robert Osborne, Department Commander—represented the Grand Encampment and spoke to the more than 250 persons present at the dinner program. Other distinguished guests were seven of the Grand Commandery Officers and four P.G.C.'s. There were representatives present from 23 Commanderies including two from Illinois and one from Michigan. Excellent publicity was given the occasion in the local paper.

BEST WISHES FOR THE SECOND CENTURY.

Warren H. Smith, G.C. of Ohio under date of January 9, issued a bulletin to all commanders of his jurisdiction and among other things urged support of the Knight Templar Magazine.

The February issue of the Orphans' Friend and Masonic Journal gave a very detailed write-up of the Christmas observance program held by Charlotte, N.C., Commandery No. 2 at the Masonic Temple, at which more than 200 Master Masons and their families attended. The program marked the 88th Anniversary of the constituting of the Commandery.

We congratulate Wylie B. Wendt, correspondent for the Knight Templar from Kentucky, for making a detailed one-full page statistical report in the Grand Commandery News Bulletin of February relative to the status of the Magazine as it related to the Jurisdiction of Kentucky. This report gave the quota assigned for the Magazine; the number of subscriptions; progress of subscriptions over a period of time; Grand Commandery Officers that were subscribers; Commanderies that were over and under the suggested quota; Past Commanders subscribing; officers subscribing, etc.

Survey Reveals 26 Governors Belong To Masonic Order

Twenty-six of the 50 governors of the United States are Masons, according to a compilation by the Masonic Service Association received at the office of Grand Secretary Byron F. Gaither. They are listed as follows:

Alabama, George C. Wallace; Arkansas, Orval E. Faubus; Delaware, Elbert N. Carvel; Florida, Farris Bryant; Georgia, Carl E. Sanders; Idaho, Robert E. Smylie; Illinois, Otto Kerner; Iowa, Harold E. Hughes; Kentucky, Bert T. Combs; Louisiana, Jimmie Davis; Maine, John H. Reed; Maryland, J. Millard Tawes; Minnesota, Elmer L. Anderson; Mississippi, Ross R. Barnett; Missouri, John M. Dalton; Montana, Tim W. Babcock; Nebraska, Frank B. Morrison; Nevada, Grant Sawyer; North Carolina, James Terry Sanford; Ohio, James A. Rhodes; Oregon, Mark O. Hatfield; South Carolina, Donald Russell; South Dakota, Archie Gubbrud; Tennessee, Frank G. Clement; West Virginia, William W. Barron; Wyoming, Clifford P. Hansen.

In addition, the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico, Dr. Antonio Fernández, is also a Mason.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW":

"... Are we all affiliated with a church? Do we give to that church our time, our energies, and of our purse? As Christian Knights, it is our duty. We hear it often said that Masons would be on the school boards, city councils, and county commissions, and county and state officers—and I believe that. As Christian Knights we should be on the vestries, board of elders, or whatever the governing board of our church is. Who better than we, as Christian Knights, can see to the protection of our places of worship?"—Department Commander Yale Williams, at Utah conclave.

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VISION OF GREATNESS

Nearly all persons admire the work of great singers or actors or writers or painters, but many seem to be unmindful, in their admiration or even envy, of the price which such persons pay.

The struggle for excellence in any field is unremitting because men have to fight to retain heights, just as they fight to scale them. The price of excellence is unremitting toil, constant self-control and a continual disdain of the shoddy. But the persons who have followed this road, whatever the medium in which they have worked may be, are rightly recognized as the best that our race can show.

They have not always been happy men and women in all their lives, for happiness is only one aspect of the good life, but the relevant fact is that they have had the vision of greatness, without which no moral progress is possible.—Elton Trueblood.