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A Message From the Grand Master - -

Individual Responsibility



PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

At this time of the Templar year, Grand Commanderies are evaluating their programs, preparing reports, planning or holding their Annual Conclaves—and, copies of the Annual Returns are beginning to arrive in the Grand Master's Office. Some membership reports are excellent, some encouraging, but in many instances the membership reports are not commensurate with that which should be reasonably expected.

From an article entitled, "The Vital Importance of the Constituent Commanderies," in *The Set of the Sails*, a Grand Encampment brochure issued September 1961, I quote: "No real success can be possible without local success."

Membership losses can be traced to many reasons over which we have no control such as economic fluctuation, poor geographic location, etc. Losses due to death are inevitable. However, losses due to inefficiently conducted meetings and inferior ritualistic work can be corrected. Losses due to issuance of demits and from suspensions can be reduced to a certain extent by thorough investigation as to underlying causes.

This investigation should not be assigned to the Grand Recorders of the Grand Commanderies, or the Recorders of the Constituent or Subordinate Commanderies, as this is a problem for the Membership Committee or a specially appointed committee in the Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commanderies and for every Sir Knight.

A Commandery is nothing more or less than an aggregation of every individual Sir Knight. The zeal of a Commandery is simply the zeal of all its members fused and burning together. The devotion of a Commandery is a few coals or many coals glowing upon one altar. In his own place and to the extent of his own powers, every member is responsible for the life, activity, prosperity, and usefulness of the Commandery to which he belongs. Take away a single point of responsibility from the many that are attached to individual membership and decline sets in.

Awareness and acceptance of individual responsibility is always reflected in positive collective action resulting in successful programs and greater service.

PAUL M. MOORE, Grand Master

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Easter Observances Throughout The Land

It is fitting and proper that Easter and all that it means to Christianity should be the outstanding religious observance celebrated by Templary.

The annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service has for 34 years been sponsored by the Grand Encampment with many of its officers in attendance as well as many of the national leaders and dignitaries. The service is annually broadcast from coast to coast and has received much publicity in this magazine.

There is no accurate count on the number of meetings that are annually held by the various Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, but it is thought that most of them observe this sacred occasion. A somewhat typical service, as relates to number in attendance, might be that held by the Knights Templar of Westchester Commandery in the State of New York. The local newspaper reported this

by running a three-column picture and account headed "Knights Templar Notes Holy Week." The newspaper account in part is as follows:

"The 15th annual Knights Templar Holy Week service was held last night at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church, with more than 130 members, friends and representatives of the Masons and Eastern Star present.

Greetings and a somber note on the religious significance of Holy Week were given by Frederick H. Staal, Grand Commander of the New York State Commandery.

A detachment of about 20 Knights Templar in full uniform and led by their present Commander, Oliver C. Chase, formed an arch of sabers at the conclusion of the service. Through this honor guard the congregation passed in leaving the church."



Easter Observance at Gate City Commandery, Pocatello, Idaho

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Another somewhat typical service was reported from Pocatello, Idaho.

F. W. Perry, Recorder, sent the following report to Ralph W. Hopffgarten, Grand Recorder of Idaho, of the Easter Service held at 2:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Easter Sunday.

"As requested in our Grand Commander's General Order No. 3 dated February 26th I am making report of our Easter Services held by Gate City Commandery No. 4.

Our divine services were held in the Masonic Temple in Pocatello as has been

the practice for a number of years. There was a total of 157 in attendance. The cross was formed in the center of the asylum as follows with the officers of the various organizations:

21 Knights Templar in uniform; 18 Officers of the Beauceant; 35 Officers of Jobs Daughters; 3 Officers of DeMolay; and 6 Organists and Choir.

Also there were 10 Knights Templar not in uniform and 64 members of families and friends."

The following are some of the larger gatherings which occurred during the last Easter Season:

30th ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE—CLEVELAND

For the 30th year in succession the 7th Division of Ohio, located mostly in Cleveland, held its Easter Sunrise Service in the Cleveland Public Auditorium. Attendance was estimated by the newspapers to be between five and six thousand. The 7th Division Council for Templar Advancement has been the sponsor for this annual event. In the beginning attendance was over ten thousand but as the years have gone by more and more organizations such as churches, service clubs and cemeteries have been holding

Easter Sunrise Services (usually outdoors) which have had an adverse effect upon the Templar services in the Public Auditorium. However, the Sir Knights are proud to have inaugurated the movement locally, resulting in so many more people thus engaged on Easter morning.

This year, for the first time, a playlet was presented by members of the Mummies Club of the Scottish Rite, under the direction of S. K. George J. Lehrer, dramatic coach of the Valley of Cleve-



Cleveland Sir Knights at Easter Observance

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land. It was capably done and very well received. It portrayed Disciples and Mary at the empty tomb on the first Easter morning, and the meeting with the resurrected Saviour.

The robed choir consisted of 101 pupils of Heights High School led by S. K. George F. Strickling, Director.



Cleveland Playlet

Earl T. Armest, P.G.C., read the Scripture lesson, and the responsive reading was handled by Warren H. Smith, Grand Commander of Ohio. The sermon was most interesting delivered by S. K. Lewis Raymond D.D., Pastor of Old Stone Church of Cleveland. Ushering and collection of the free will offering was done by 300 DeMolay boys in charge of S. K. Merlyn E. Meredith, Governor of the DeMolay Second District of Ohio.

Reports from the 83 Commanderies of Ohio reaching the Grand Commander so far reveal that about 60 engaged in Easter Sunrise Services this year. Attendance ranged from almost 6,000 in Cleveland, 1,500 in Youngstown, 750 in Akron, 650 in Cincinnati, and on down to small numbers in Commandery asylums. Probably about twelve thousand Ohio people attended Easter Sunrise Services conducted by Knights Templar in 1964.

S. K. Edwin A. Kenney, Editor, N. E. Ohio Mason.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF CALIFORNIA

SPONSORS EASTER SUNRISE OBSERVANCE

By JOHN S. LANIER, P.C., Chairman, Easter Sunrise Service,
Grand Commandery K.T. of California

The First Annual Masonic Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by The Grand Commandery of K.T. of California was held on a beautiful Easter Sunday Morning, March 29, 1964 at 7:30 a.m. in "The Hall of the Crucifixion" Forest Lawn

Memorial Park, Glendale. An overflow crowd of approximately 2,500 Sir Knights, their families and friends were in attendance. Most all of the constituent commanderies located in the Southern California, Los Angeles area, were rep-



SIR KNIGHTS AND LADIES ATTENDING EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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resented by uniformed Officers and Sir Knights, approximately 200 in full Templar uniform.

The Auditorium was rapidly filled to overflowing and at 7:30 a.m. the Processional, composed of the Choir of 150 Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, Shrine Chanters and Sir Knights in full Templar Uniform marched into the Hall and into the reserved section provided for them to "Onward Christian Soldiers," under the command of our Eminent Grand Warder John B. Nye.

Deputy Grand Commander, Ralph H. Slocum, Grand Capt. General William D.

Tucker, Grand Standard Bearer Allan S. Mason, together with P. G. Commanders Andrew J. Copp, Jr. and Fred E. Rankine, Jr. lead the processional of uniformed Sir Knights into the Auditorium, and were later presented to the audience.

Praise and favorable comments from those in attendance is the best proof that this First Masonic Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California, was an inspiring demonstration of a most dignified, impressive and beautiful service for the public, as well as for Templars.

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

A crowd estimated at 4,500, one of the largest of the 18 year history of the event, attended this year's Sunrise Service. The service was jointly sponsored by members of Palestine Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, who appeared in their colorful uniforms; local ministers, Ft. Bragg and Pope AFB commanders and military chaplains, the 82nd Airborne Division Band and the Fayetteville Jaycees.

The Fayetteville Observer, (daily newspaper) gave the occasion top billing on both Friday and Saturday preceding Easter. The first editorial of the Saturday issue reads as follows:

"It is a happy circumstance that the Easter sunrise service has become traditional in Fayetteville, and much credit for this must go to the Knights Templar organizations which has been conducting these services over a period of years.

This type of service with its note of both joy and solemnity blends itself fittingly into the Easter theme of triumph and hope.

And it is also fitting it should occur at sunrise when nature presents its most gorgeous array of the daily cycle.

Over a period of years these Knights Templar Easter sunrise services have been attracting an increasing number of spectators, greeting at its beginning the most significant date in the annual Christian calendar.

One wishes for Sunday's occasion the utmost of success—and good weather."

(Material submitted by William L. Ramsey, P.G.C., N. C.



L. to R. are: A. DeLeon Gray, G. C.; Samuel A. Hennis, Jr., P. G. C.; and William L. Ramsey, P. G. C.

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The chamber was shrouded in visible darkness. The Prelate knelt in reverent stillness—immobile—his flowing black robe becoming lost to sight as it blended with the absence of light. The Pilgrim slowly invaded the privacy of the chamber under the escort of his conductors. The eerie illumination from the flickering light fell upon a velvet red passion cross, careened off of the trailing white cloak and darted away into infinity. Only the soft shuffle of scraping leather on marble dared to infiltrate the thundering silence. A bent ray of light occasionally licked at the points of the reversed swords of the now immobile Wardens. The silhouette nervously clutched the grotesque relic as his eyes scanned his environment. The silent rows of sentinels stood in quiescent splendor, the blades of their swords dug gently into the chamber base. Their eyes were lowered in obedient attentiveness; their hands motionless on the grips they held; even the "qui vive" was omitted from this reverent scene.

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord: "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John XI: 25, 26.

The stern, pious voice of the Prelate cut through the darkness. The voice was insignificant compared to the immense implications of the surroundings, but as the words flooded through the chamber they spilled over attentive ears and washed away the past and the future and held in suspension only the present. The sacred words rang through the stillness with hammer—like precision and forged out a truth that captivated the strongest will and chained it with bonds of obedience and reverence. All listened—had this artery of words been severed it would have surely bled.

The Western Quadrant became alive with soft, majestic florescence and then, before the tear-streaked eyes of the awed, our Saviour and Intercessor

ascended. Opacity devoured the scene and the silence became unbearable. The kneeling figure slowly rose, turned, and pushed through the dense blackness. As he passed between the tranquil lines of sentries, the cadence of the living was lost in the soft rustling of the opaque dress worn by this "Man of God." The Pilgrim's eyes narrowed to imperceptible slits as the moving bulk drew closer. Only escaping air through dry nostrils was audible; only straining eyes dared to move in their sockets as this Symbol of Deity and this Representative of Sinners stood face to face in His invisible presence.

The unyielding voice again sliced through the curtain of silence and engulfed the immobile figure before it. The words struggled under their tremendous burden of meaning and implication as they fought to find their way to the straining eardrums they sought. The enrapturing voice ceased as abruptly as it had begun. Its carrier turned and moved Westward—stopped—and bowed before the hallowed scene of the Ascension. The Wardens turned, as if one mass, the postulant held fixed between them by the invisible bonds of Brotherhood interlaced with courage undaunted and tied with faith unrestrained. The entourage welcomed the omnipresent darkness and was gone. The audible sounds of the living ceased. All was silent. Donald E. Cheville, J. W., St. Elmo Commandery, Hyattsville, Maryland.

IN MEMORIAM

California

Frederick Ernest Rankine, Jr., G.C.,
1962—April 19, 1964

Louisiana

Christian Peter Eilerson, G.C., 1941—
March 19, 1964

South Carolina

William Robinson Lemp, G.C., 1937—
February 29, 1964

Wisconsin

Milton Montgomery Jones, G.C., 1924—
March 5, 1964

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The New Grand Commandery Of The Philippines

By Sir Knight WILBER M. BRUCKER,
Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

Templary welcomes the new Grand Commandery of the Philippines, which has been issued a Charter by Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commandery of the Philippines is composed of five Constituent Commanderies—Far East Commandery of Manila, Asian Commandery of Alonapo, Kalaw Commandery of Manila, Okinawa Commandery of Okinawa, and Guam Commandery of Guam. The Most Eminent Grand Master has approved the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines, and its officers have been elected and installed as follows:

The first officers elected: Antonio Gonzales, Grand Commander; Wallace H. Morris, Deputy Grand Commander; Lloyd O. Haig, Grand Generalissimo; I. Guzman, Grand Captain General; Leon C. Santiago, Grand Treasurer; and Ma-

cario C. Navia, Grand Recorder.

The first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines was held on Saturday, April 25, 1964, at the Plaridel Masonic Temple in Manila, Philippine Islands.

It will be recalled that the 47th Triennial of the Grand Encampment held at Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1958 gave authority to the Grand Master to issue a Charter for the formation of a Grand Commandery in the Philippines. Following this action, objection was filed and the matter was considered by Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Past Grand Master, of sufficient importance to be thoroughly investigated. For this reason the matter was held in abeyance at the 48th Triennial at Cleveland in 1961. Subsequent to that time, a resolution was passed by the Subordinate Commanderies of Okinawa and forwarded to Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, Most Eminent Grand Mas-



Delegates to the Special Conclave were: Seated left to right—Lloyd O. Haig; Antonio Gonzalez; Wallace H. Morris; Macario C. Navia; Frank C. Collins; Will K. Prestidge; Standing, first row—Aurello L. Corcuera; Godofredo P. Ricafort; Jesus F. Alvarez; William McTurnal; Louis A. Barretto; Brigido T. Capili; Leon C. Santiago; Kenneth A. Rotness; Standing, second row—Jose E. Racela; Primo I. Guzman; Coleman L. Lantrip; and Howard W. Mar.

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ter. This resolution caused the Most Eminent Grand Master to conduct a further investigation, with the result that a Charter was issued — effective December 31, 1963. The resolution submitted to the Grand Master read in part as follows:

“The Philippines have their own Grand Lodge with better than 11,000 Master Masons within the jurisdiction—approximately 750 of those 11,000 are members of the two Blue Lodges located on Okinawa. The Philippines have their own Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons chartered by the General Grand Chapter in 1953 and have approximately 1,300 Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction—168 of them are members of Okinawa Chapter No. 14. The Grand Council of the Philippines was chartered by the General Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters in 1957 and has approximately 650 Royal & Select Masters in its jurisdiction—131 of them are members of Okinawa Council No. 3. With the exception of a Grand Commandery, the entire York Rite of Freemasonry is represented by Grand Bodies in the Philippines. The formation of a Grand Commandery in the Philippines will further unite York Rite Masonry in the area, as well as increase interest in Templar Masonry among the vast number of Christian Masons in the Philippines. Further evidence of interest in the York Rite in the Philippines is the fact that Asoka Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, was chartered in Manila on June 4, 1915; and the Convent General Session of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour held last October granted a Priory of the KYCH to the York Rite Masons of the Philippines.

“In all these York Rite Bodies the Americans and Filipinos work side by side and in perfect harmony to spread the principles of Masonry in the jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge, for many years, has alternated a Filipino and an American as Grand Masters—an American will be installed as Grand Master in April of this year. The Grand Chapter has had nine Grand High Priests, two of them Americans, and the Grand Council has had five Grand Masters, three of them Americans, including the present

Grand Master.

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“With the formation of a Grand Commandery we would have an opportunity to be represented at the Grand Encampment Triennials. Speaking for Okinawa Commandery, it would cost us at least \$2,000.00 (perhaps more) to send a representative to the Grand Encampment Sessions every three years. We cannot afford such sums; however, we can afford \$250.00 to \$300.00 to send our principal officers to a Grand Commandery Session in the Philippines, and the Grand Commandery would be able to send representatives to the Grand Encampment Triennials.

“We are also concerned with the difficulties of administration and supervision when the ‘seat of government’ is so far removed. Ten thousand miles is a long way to carry out administrative duties and inspections. In 1958 Sir Knight Max Fowler, Department Commander for Subordinate Commanderies, visited with us. We were most pleased with his visit and profited exceedingly by his suggestions. However, that was the first and last official visit we have had. Being a member of a Grand Commandery we would have at least one official visit a year from a Grand Master. Although we do our best to keep our standards of work in the top notch, not having officials other than our own immediate ‘family’ supervise us sometimes tends to let a degree of apathy creep in.

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“The above are some of the reasons why we here on Okinawa would like to have a Grand Commandery in this area, and why our Commandery would like to join with Far East Commandery No. 1, Asian Commandery No. 2, Kalaw Memorial Commandery No. 3, and Guam Commandery No. 1, in the formation of that Grand Commandery. Please give our request your careful attention and consideration. However you may decide, be assured that we on Okinawa will always be true to the principles of our beloved Order, and will always be loyal to the Grand Encampment, to Templary in general, and to you as the Most Eminent Grand Master.”

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Veterans Of St. Paul Commandery, Dover, New Hampshire Honored At Annual Inspection



Front, L. to R.: William Bond, P.G.C., Samuel Greene, T. Jewitt Chesley, Grey Wiggin, Walter Hart, Fred Greenlaw. Back, L. to R.: John McFadden, Fred Bickford, Clifton Hayes, Benjamin Hill, Herb Greenaway, Frank Kinsman, John Morrison.

By HENRY R. McCRONE, JR. Commander

A highlight of the annual Inspection of St. Paul Commandery on February 29th was a program honoring 40-year members. Of the 21 members so honored 13 were personally in attendance and received their 40 year pins.

The 21 Sir Knights so honored ranged in age from 68 to 95; they had been members from 40 to 60 years; and their

total years spent in Templary was 945. Most of them had been outstanding workers, two, Roland Bennett and William Bond, were P.G.C.'s.

This special event was given excellent local newspaper coverage and substantially increased the attendance of the Sir Knights and Ladies at the annual dinner and inspection.

Shawnee Commandery No. 36, K.T. And The Grand Bodies Of Oklahoma

By FREDERICK J. SMITH, G. S. W. and Correspondent to the Knight Templar

When Sir Knight J. Quimby Wilson, P.C., was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of the State of Oklahoma, on February 13, 1964, at the Grand Lodge meeting at Muskogee, you could

almost hear the buttons "popping" on the uniforms of the members of Shawnee Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar, Shawnee. Why? With Sir Knight Quimby's election we became the only Commandery in Oklahoma to have a

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Past Commander in an elective office in the four Grand Bodies:

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma: J. Quimby Wilson, Junior Grand Warden;

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma: C. C. Carr, Grand Principal Sojourner;

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma: Luther M. Deatherage, Deputy Grand Master; and

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oklahoma: Frederick J. Smith, Grand Senior Warden.

Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K. T., Muskogee, Oklahoma, is the only other Commandery in Oklahoma having four of its Sir Knights serving the Grand Bodies as line officers, however, one of their Knights is not a Past Commander.

With the Grand Bodies listed in the same order as above, Muskogee's Knights are: J. Blan Loflin, Senior Grand Warden; M. Ross Hardin, P.C., Grand Captain of the Host; Robert H. Bibb, P.C., Grand Steward; and Paul W. Alexander, P.C., Grand Generalissimo.

In addition to these line officers, F. M. Lumbard, a Past Commander of Muskogee Commandery is the Grand Secretary-Recorder for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

While the Sir Knights of these two Oklahoma Commanderies take justifiable pride in having their members serving Masonry in this fashion, they can not help but wonder if these service records are duplicated in any other Grand Jurisdiction.

Report From K.T. Eye Foundation

This past summer a 17 year old, ambitious, high school senior, Annette Holst, of Creswell, Oregon, received an eye operation which is helping make her dream come true.



ANNETTE HOLST

Annette's left eye was injured when she was a baby, and all her life "reading

bothered her 'an awful lot'." In spite of this handicap, Annette maintained an average of A's and B's and even played a saxophone much of the time in the school band. She wants to go to the University of Oregon and become a music teacher.

Annette's problem was brought to the attention of the Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2 of Oregon. This group made contact with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and in February, 1963, she had the first of three operations in preparation for a cornea transplant last August. This successful second operation has improved her vision remarkably and new glasses have helped the other eye. The third operation should bring even greater improvement in her sight.

The University of Oregon Medical School furnished the surgeon's services and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation made it possible for Miss Holst to have this help for her injured eye. She is very impressed by the organization which raises money and encourages donations to eye banks that others may see better.

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Educational Foundation Report

The following statistical report shows a statement of various activities in the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies in their Educational Foundations in 1955 and 1963. The total number and amount of loans made between the two above years are as follows: 1956, 1,402 loans totaling \$567,828; 1957, 1,630 loans totaling \$733,499; 1958, 2,328 loans totaling \$1,114,440; 1959, 2,202 loans totaling \$1,042,475; 1960, 2,098 loans totaling \$994,615; 1961, 1,849 loans totaling \$952,728; and 1962, 1,707 loans totaling \$916,518.

Grand Commanderies	12-31-54		1955		1963		
	Cash & Securities		Loans	Amt.	Loans	Amount Loaned	Cash & Securities
1 Alabama	\$ 57,423.14		6	\$ 1,800	26	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 20,088.46
2 Arizona	7,627.07		2	1,000	2	1,250.00	653.80
3 Arkansas	23,468.60		3	1,400	13	4,300.00	14,167.61
4 California	143,713.83		20	8,250	60	41,495.00	713.74
5 Colorado	35,932.33		9	3,400	7	3,500.00	8,679.12
6 Connecticut	72,860.27		8	3,400	8	4,700.00	80,441.23
7 District of Columbia	48,634.24		2	800	22	15,184.00	26,202.66
8 Florida					7	7,000.00	21,552.75
9 Georgia	54,258.86		50	17,130	46	20,284.25	20,504.91
10 Idaho	24,184.93		12	5,470	19	10,600.00	5,101.37
11 Illinois	374,899.78		54	27,221	102	72,584.00	157,873.90
12 Indiana	169,306.52		9	5,100	42	35,075.00	53,891.67
13 Iowa	105,004.77		17	6,100	54	37,725.00	40,351.07
14 Kansas	107,003.51		17	3,700	15	4,200.00	105,616.20
15 Kentucky	64,749.35		17	9,775	44	17,512.50	34,640.41
16 Louisiana	35,056.42		9	3,875	8	7,750.00	26,701.34
17 Maine	94,011.35		15	6,650	61	28,465.00	40,322.41
18 Maryland	56,497.41		1	500	5	2,500.00	60,818.42
19 Mass. and R.I.	73,603.32		131	39,957	98	41,873.00	63,234.94
20 Michigan	27,918.40		80	42,640	51	40,695.00	34,978.41
21 Minnesota	67,200.43		18	8,500	9	6,250.00	38,190.10
22 Mississippi	20,775.10		10	1,889	4	2,100.00	5,267.43
23 Missouri	189,474.84		53	16,667	81	39,631.70	115,045.67
24 Montana	18,707.00		10	3,925	12	7,850.00	70.98
25 Nebraska	40,093.13				8	6,650.00	3,139.77
26 Nevada	5,293.86				1	750.00	11,510.36
27 New Hampshire	27,496.03		10	5,075	12	8,950.00	6,465.47
28 New Jersey	47,568.39		13	5,345	12	9,250.00	31,283.07
29 New Mexico	21,542.61		1	600	5	5,250.00	2,084.80
30 New York	182,925.55		122	52,133	181	103,950.00	120,305.03
31 North Carolina	49,930.52		25	9,855	7	4,150.00	32,783.12
32 North Dakota	18,724.48		4	1,050	5	2,200.00	16,528.74
33 Ohio	415,855.05		69	23,385	160	59,792.00	70,461.10
34 Oklahoma	51,892.16		46	18,815	62	22,175.00	49,080.37
35 Oregon	18,725.44		8	4,300	11	7,025.00	3,842.25
36 Pennsylvania	459,150.24		81	18,025	240	104,513.00	164,515.88
37 South Carolina	25,459.31		15	5,400	10	4,420.00	14,583.76
38 South Dakota	23,511.92		17	9,200	19	11,100.00	9,880.62
39 Tennessee	55,647.09		2	700	7	5,350.00	34,668.26
40 Texas	71,013.26		172	68,220	186	86,575.00	6,450.72
41 Utah	389.88		11	3,136	3	1,000.00	1,109.62
42 Vermont	17,030.15		11	4,125	13	7,700.00	2,869.56
43 Virginia	49,120.58		35	18,113	35	22,650.00	12,155.12
44 Washington	24,809.65		44	23,375	13	9,500.00	11,343.62
45 West Virginia	6,371.62		60	22,315	28	13,100.00	18,899.06
46 Wisconsin	111,033.62		11	5,475	26	22,800.00	16,588.33
47 Wyoming	21,638.92		1	200			3,366.70

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Subordinate Commanderies

1 St. Johns No. 1.....				
Wilmington, Delaware	9,562.63			14,129.76
2 Honolulu No. 1				
Honolulu, Ter. of Haw.	1,303.35	400.00		1,319.86
3 Far East No. 1				
Manila, Philippine Is.				
4 Alaska No. 1				
Fairbanks, Alaska				5,705.02
5 Canal Zone No. 1				
Ancon, Canal Zone	7,827.37			
6 Porto Rico No. 1				
San Juan, Porto Rico	1,535.75			
7 Anchorage No. 2				
Anchorage, Alaska	491.66			626.45
8 Havana No. 1				
Havana, Cuba	1,147.00			1,522.61
TOTALS	\$3,639,403.09	1311	\$517,994	1841 \$984,924.45 \$1,642,327.63

New York Sir Knights Confer Master Mason Degree



Front row, L. to R.: W. Wesel, E. Johnson, M. Reed, E. Groff, E. Clayton, Commander, H. Stevenson, R. Thomas, E. Wardell, C. Foland, and L. DeLong. Back row, L. to R.: K. Anderson, C. Wood, W. Meng, R. Thompson, R. Wilkie, K. Ruthe, Lowell Bryce, S. Seigler, S. Silver, and W. Austin. In addition there were 15 other Sir Knights not in uniform at the meeting.

The above Sir Knights of St. George Commandery gave the work in the M. M. Degree in Hope Lodge, the fourth largest in the State of New York, at Schenectady, on March 18th.

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From Our Readers

NEW YORK:

"In view of the tremendous Federal and State Government efforts, together with that of the State Commercial Banks in the Field of Student loans, it is gratifying to know that the Knights Templar Foundation still has a valuable place in this field and its services still continue to grow.

During the year 181 loans amounting to \$103,950.00 were made; this being the greatest amount loaned in its forty years of service." Stuart Walker, K.T. Educational Foundation of N. Y.

Joseph A. Mercer, G.J.W. of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, attended Easter services conducted by Kenedy Commandery No. 61, Texas Grand Commandery, at Old River Terrace Methodist Church in Channelview, Texas. He was visiting his Texas brother-in-law, Sir Knight Jack Cantrell at Baytown, Texas. Sir Knight Mercer is Past Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 8 at Alexander, Louisiana. He is also Grand Organist for the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, as well as the Louisiana Grand Chapter and Grand Council.—Norman S. D'Olive, Texas.

We are always pleased to receive word such as that recently sent by Oliver C. Chase, Commander of Westchester Commandery, Peekskill, New York, to Lowell H. Bryce, G.C.:

"Templar Magazine: I appointed Frank G. Farnham a committee of one to handle the promotion of this magazine. To date he has sent in several subscriptions. We are going to give all of our newly created S.K.'s a one years subscription as they are Knighted. This should add at least fifteen or possibly twenty new subscribers to the mailing list."

Charles F. Gibson of St. Helens Commandery of Cehalis, Washington, reports that they have recently completed in rapid succession, the York Rite work for Raymond L. Hicks, railroad engineer, and his son, Robert R. Hicks, State

trooper, both of Centralia.

"We are on the 'trail' of four brothers, Blue Lodge Masons and we hope to get their petitions for the York Rite Bodies in the next few weeks, they have promised for sure by fall."

We receive monthly the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR from Claude C. Berry, of Richmond Commandery No. 2, Virginia. We appreciate items such as the following which ran in the April issue of this monthly brochure:

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

This new publication is the Official Magazine of The Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, and is issued Monthly. Yearly rate One dollar. Keep up with the News. Solicit and encourage subscriptions. See your Recorder or mail subscriptions with check direct to: KNIGHT TEMPLAR, 20 W. South Street, Greenfield, Indiana.



Gordon J. Brenner, G.C. of New Jersey receives jewel of his office from his immediate predecessor, John C. Ballinger, at the 104th Annual Conclave, held in Atlantic City, March 6-8, 1964.

The ladies added color to the Past Commanders' Association Banquet on Friday evening and to the Grand Commandery Banquet and Installation of Officers on Saturday evening, nearly 500 Sir Knights and ladies attending each of these functions.

Excellent cooperation was demonstrated by the Sir Knights and the boys of a local Chapter of the Order of DeMolay.

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The boys took charge of soliciting subscriptions for the Knight Templar Magazine while many Sir Knights became honorary members of the Chapter by contributing \$1.00 each.

In addition to the several Masonic Bodies of New Jersey, each of the 13 Grand Commanderies from Maine to Virginia and West Virginia were represented at the Conclave. The Grand Encampment was represented by Charles Butz Wolfertz, Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department.—George W.

Grant, P.G.C. and Correspondent to K.T. Magazine.

We wish to thank L. Leroy Jones, Director of Membership Progress and Publicity for the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for the very fine article which he submitted, "The Satisfaction of Accomplishment," which appeared in the April issue of the Knight Templar. Through inadvertence his name was omitted as the author of the article.

The Social Order Of The Beauceant

By MAX G. COGILL, Correspondent To Knight Templar From Oregon

The Order was founded in Denver in 1890 and organization of the Supreme Assembly took place November 11-12, 1920 at the Masonic Temple, Denver. The Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant of the World, was organized with great enthusiasm and interest by representatives from Assemblies previously organized by Denver Assembly No. 1, the Mother Assembly. Representatives were present from cities in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado, to organize the only Order in existence, whose membership is composed exclusively of wives and widows of Knights Templar.

The Ritual is beautiful, impressive, and helpful in everyday life, its theme being Faith, Loyalty, and Love for God, the Order of Knights Templar, and each other. It has a strong, true, elevating influence. Because the Order has proved to be so popular and such a source of pleasure and benefit to its members for many years, and has received the encouragement, good-will and moral support of Sir Knights wherever established it seems most desirable and appropriate that the wives and widows of Knights Templar in every city should be united in an organization, which undoubtedly results in promoting sociability, friendship, happiness, and a deeper appreciation of Templarism.

As the Order of Knights Templar is composed of the flower of Masonic Christian manhood, so their wives and widows are, as a class, among the fine



MRS. FRANK D. TALBOT
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Christian women in their community. The wives and widows of Knights Templar are more interested in the success and happiness of their husbands than any organization not so closely related. For this reason the Social Order of the Beauceant is so limited in its membership, and should receive a most cordial welcome in co-operating with the commanderies.

As may be seen from this brief history, the mission of the Order is to promote loyal friendships among the wives and widows of Knights Templar and to aid Commanderies when requested to do so. It is now organized in many states.

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God's Minorities

When Noah was building the ark he was in the minority—but he won.

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was in the minority—but he won.

When Gideon and his three hundred followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight, they were in the minority—but they won.

When Elijah prayed down fire from Heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was in the minority—but he won.

When David, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, he was in the minority in size—but he won.

When Martin Luther nailed his theses on the door of the cathedral, he was in the minority—but he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, He was in the minority—but He won! Victory depends not on the number of people on our side, but on whether we are on God's side.

—*The Christian Witness*

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