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Thomas Jefferson's Prayer

"ALMIGHTY GOD, who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.

"Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

"Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

"In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen."

A Message From the Grand Master - -

"An Echo of the Past"



PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

Perhaps once in a lifetime, a Sir Knight has the opportunity to attend a Triennial Conclave, and if you are given the opportunity this year, take it, make the most of it. You will find it a most rewarding and enriching experience.

Who can attend a Triennial Conclave? Every Sir Knight who wishes, may attend. I urge you if at all possible, to make plans to attend the 49th Triennial Conclave in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 22-27, 1964.

Who has made Templary great? The Knights Templar in each generation, whose character, ideals, and aspirations have led them to carry on and accept the responsibilities laid upon their shoulders, have made Templary great. By every means within their power, they strived to protect the legacy left to

them, to conserve it, polish it, nurture it, so in turn that legacy would be conveyed intact and strengthened for future generations of Sir Knights to enjoy.

A Triennial Conclave is an assembly of dedicated Sir Knights in search of fresh inspiration and courage to morally and spiritually keep pace, so that in the future Sir Knights will have occasion to thank us and praise us for our stewardship.

Many words have been written about the Triennial Conclaves of the past. To conclude, I quote from the 1919 Proceedings of the 34th Triennial Conclave held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, forty-five years ago, an excerpt in reference to the Knights Templar Parade:

"The people of Philadelphia in great mass, witnessed the wonderful parade as it came in waves down the streets of Philadelphia. They saw it as an echo of the past, as an echo of the Crusaders of the days gone by, but also, they saw it again as of today—splendid men of the highest character of citizenship with the Cross and the Crown on their regalia, marching peacefully through the streets—the splendid men in uniform that belong to our wonderful Christian Order."

PAUL M. MOORE, *Grand Master*

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Speak Up For Freedom

By GLENNE R. McARTHUR, P.G.C. (S. D.), Chairman of the Committee on Patriotic Activities of the Grand Encampment K.T. of U.S.A.

Congressman Ben Reifel of South Dakota poses this shocker—"At the Hall of Free Enterprise of the New York World's Fair, the results of a survey indicate 84% of the high school students contacted consider patriotism unnecessary, 67% thought Government should take over much of the nation's industries and 40% could name no advantage of capitalism over communism."

A CHALLENGE TO TEMPLARY!

All the Sir Knights making the trek to Philadelphia for the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, August 22-27, 1964, seek to refresh their memory as to the price paid by their forefathers for the Freedoms that they enjoy today; re-sketch the drama of American history as it has been unfolded in this cradle of Democracy; light anew that flame of patriotic dedication that was present at Independence Hall and in the Continental Congress; and hear the Liberty Bell ring out its call to Civic Responsibility?

Founded by William Penn in 1682, Philadelphia holds a prominent place in American history. In the days of the American Revolution, it was the largest city of the Colonies. It was the meeting place of the first Continental Congress in 1774 in Carpenters Hall and the Second Continental Congress in 1775 in the then State House now known as Independence Hall. The group of buildings on Independence Square housed the Capitol of the United States under the Articles of Confederation from 1781 to 1789, and under the Constitution from 1790 to 1800.

The Constiution followed the Declaration of Independence by 13 years and was signed in the same room in Inde-

pendence Hall; a room which echoed to the footsteps of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Hamilton, Morris, Hancock—even of Paul Revere.

Among the many other buildings to be seen and with which the Founding Fathers were familiar, there is Christ Church, one of the largest and most beautiful colonial buildings in America, Old Swedes' Church, built in 1700, stands on the site of an older church that was serving the early Swedish settlers when William Penn landed.

Visit the Betsy Ross House at 239 Arch Street, where Mrs. Elizabeth Ross made the first American flag in 1777 at the request of Washington and the Continental Congress.

North of Philadelphia, where Washington's tiny army crossed the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, a state park offers a pleasant spot for meditation.

Most visitors will wish to see nearby Valley Forge, where Washington's Army passed the bitter winter of 1777-78. Today, a beautiful park stands where his soldiers suffered. This was Washington's headquarters. Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is the focal center from which the American Freedom Center projects an expanded program to alert all Americans to the dangers our way of life faces, it is the repository of research libraries on the Constitution, communism, the free enterprise system, our basic rights and the responsibilities of citizenship.

The Patriotic Activities Committee of this Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, challenges each Sir Knight "to personally understand and maintain the American Way of Life; to honor it by his own exemplary conduct; and to pass it intact to succeeding generations."

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Patriotic Quotes and Items of Interest

Seventeen quotations and items of patriotic interest as hereinafter listed, were prepared by the Patriotic Activities Committee of the Grand Commandery of California, Sir Knight John B. Nye, chairman, for use in monthly bulletins of the several Constituent Commanders of California published since April, 1963. Sir Knights of other Grand Jurisdictions will find them interesting and useful.

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"Patriotism is not the mere holding of a great flag unfurled, but making it the goodliest in the world." W. J. Zinton.

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"Splendid it was that you were willing to die for us—how much more desirable had you been permitted to live for us." Cyrus Adler.

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"This Flag means more than association and reward. It is the symbol of our National unity, our National endeavor, our National aspiration and of the sacrifices of brave men and women to whom ideals and honor have been dearer than life." Charles Evans Hughes.

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"Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to Justice and to Humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be right as well as strong." James Bryce.

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"I want an America that stands tall in the world, not by virtue of its military might nor its material achievements, but because it is the incarnation of human liberty, the rights and dignity of man." Wilber M. Brucker.

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"In a Nation like ours, where every citizen is a sovereign and where no one wears a crown, every year presents a battlefield, and every day brings forth occasion for the display of a Patriotism whose essence is service." William Jennings Bryan.

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"America was a great land when

Columbus discovered it; Americans, by their Patriotism, have made it a great Nation." Lyman Abbott.

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"The Patriot believes, or thinks he believes, that he desires the greatness of his country because his country stands for something intrinsically great and valuable. Where this conviction is absent, we can not speak of Patriotism but only of the cohesion of a wolf-pack." W. R. Inge.

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"I want an America in which every man and woman measures up to the high marks of character, courage and dedication to the tenets of our American Faith." Wilber M. Brucker.

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"Moral re-arming is, today, the most pressing task challenging the people of this country, even more important than military rearmament." Glenna R. McArthur.

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"A man's country is not a certain area of land, but it is a principle; and Patriotism is loyalty to that principle." George W. Curtis.

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"What we desperately need today is Patriotism founded on a real understanding of the American ideal—a dedicated "belief" in our principles of freedom and a determination to perpetuate America's heritage." J. Edgar Hoover.

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"Those persons who are burning to display Patriotism may rest assured that the course of social evolution will offer them every opportunity." Haverlock Ellis.

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"I want an America whose light will shine toward the world, that will illumine the pathway of all the millions who seek to rise out of the valley of tyranny and adversity." Wilber M. Brucker.

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Did you know that Masonic visitors to this country are not required to salute the Flag during any Masonic or Commandery ceremony but must stand at attention?

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Did you know that at the playing of the National Anthem at Retreat on Military Reservations all vehicles must stop, the occupants dismount, face the Flag or direction of the music and salute?

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Did you know that on occasion there is a flag that is flown on the same staff ABOVE the Stars and Stripes? It is the Christian Flag or Church Flag. It is flown in that position during Church Service on warships.

Did you know that the Patriotic Activities of many Commanderies are on the increase? More Commanderies furnish Guards for the Colors at installation ceremonies of Masonic and Masonic-affiliated Bodies. An increasing number of Commanderies stage Patriotic Nights.

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From Glenne R. McArthur, P.G.C. of S. D., Chairman of Committee on Patriotic Activities of Grand Encampment K.T. of U. S. A.

Florida Grand York Rite Sessions

Have Unity As Prevailing Theme

The three Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida held their Annual Meetings in Pensacola, Florida, May 17-20.

Unity was the prevailing theme throughout the entire four days. For by Unity alone has Florida been able to stem a backward trend and recoup its standing of long years. Unity brought a net gain of 349 to the Grand Commandery, 407 to the Grand Council and 175 to the Grand Chapter. Unity brought about a closer understanding between the three Grand Lines; a realization that only through cooperation could strength be gained to meet the challenge of a changing World.

The Grand Commandery endorsed the Resolutions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, passed last year, asking that the National Bodies consider a Unification Program; by passing a similar Resolution. All three Grand Bodies passed Resolutions to pay mileage and per diem to each elected Grand Officer to attend quarterly meetings at a Grand York Rite Council, within the State, for the purpose of the furtherance of Unity. Also, all three Grand Bodies passed Resolutions to pay mileage and per diem to each elected Grand Officer to attend any Department, Sectional or Area Meeting called by the National Bodies. Florida's Unity Program began last year, is known under the heading "The Three Year Plan." State and Dis-

trict Festivals were heartily endorsed by all three Grand Bodies.

Tuesday afternoon, the Delegates, Officers, Guests and their Ladies were the welcome guests of Pensacola Naval Air Station. This was one of the highlights of the entire meeting, a day that will live long in the memories of those fortunate enough to attend.

Highlights of the visit included a delicious fish-fry and guided tour aboard the giant aircraft carrier "Lexington." Of special interest was the rapidly expanding Naval Aviation Museum, the astonishing "Survival Exhibit"—"from the Arctic Circle to the Equator and how to survive in each place." For many of the visitors the most exciting event was the daring display of precision flying by the Navy's famed "Blue Angels."

A fitting climax to the day's events, one which brought a tear of pride to every eye and a lump to many a throat, was the magnificent spectacle "The Flag Pageant," presented by the station personnel on the stage of the auditorium.

Unity prevailed last year, Unity brought peace and harmony, Florida looks forward to the near future when all three Grand York Rite Bodies can be open at one and the same time. Stephen Dimond, Correspondent from Florida.

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Kentucky Grand Commandery Conclave, May 18th, Adopts Unity Resolution

The following resolution was adopted by the Kentucky Templars:

“. . . NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kentucky at its 117th Annual Conclave in Cumberland Falls, Kentucky on May 18, 1964, that we now take action to close ranks with the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, so that the strength of each of our York Rite Grand Bodies in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be coordinated and unified each with the other into one strong York Rite Brotherhood; and to that end the Grand Commander is authorized and directed to create a special committee, consisting of the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the State of Kentucky, to meet

with a similar committee consisting of the three Dias Officers from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council who shall constitute a joint commission of nine members to meet as soon as possible to take steps to unify York Rite Masonry in Kentucky with power to recommend any necessary action to bring about a unification of these three Grand York Rite Bodies under such terms and upon such conditions as shall be approved by each respective Sovereign Grand York Rite Body;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that no action taken by this committee shall conflict with the organic structure of this Sovereign Body and that said committee shall report in detail at the 118th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kentucky.”

How Old Is The Order Of The Red Cross?

Sir Knight Harold V. B. Voorhis, well known Masonic authority and historian has contributed a number of articles of which the following is the first of a series to appear in this magazine:

In reading an unpublished manuscript “On the Origin of Some Elizabethan Literature,” by Dr. Leonell C. Strong, Director of Biological Station, Rosewell Park Memorial Institute, at Springville, New York, I found, in Chapter III, page 6, a most interesting item.

The author refers to a book titled “The Heirarchy of Angels,” published in 1634, by Thomas Heywood, who, I assume, is the dramatic author who lived during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. On page 563 of the book the following two verses are found:

“Three young men of Darius Court contend

What thing should strongest be? One doth commend

Wine to have chiefe dominion, The other says

The King hath prime place. An the

third doth praise

The Power of Women to make others thrall;

But (above these) that Truth transcendeth all.

She's the strength, Kingdome, Power Dignitie,

And of all Ages Sov'reigne Majestie: Blest be the God of Truth, At this he stay'd.

Then all the people cry'd aloud and sayd,

(with public suffrange) Truth is greatest and strongest.

Which (as it was at first) shall endure longest.”

I call special attention to the date of this publication—1634. No one has submitted information from whence came this or any other degree feature of the Red Cross ritual. I submit no claim here, but until some one produces an earlier use of this theme, the date 1634 is a definite one. Harold V. B. Voorhis, P.C., New Jersey.

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IN MEMORIAM



LOUIS HENRY WIEBER

In the passing of Louis Henry Wieber, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, on May 30th, Templary lost one of its most devoted and able Sir Knights. He would have been a Sir Knight for 50 years had he lived until November 4 and during the entire period of time he was a most energetic worker for Masonry in general and Templary in particular.

Sir Knight Wieber served as Grand Commander of Ohio in 1938-39. He was appointed Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment by Grand Master Harry G. Pollard at the close of the 41st Triennial Conclave in 1940 and presided as Grand Master at the 48th Triennial Conclave in Cleveland in 1961. He was also active in other branches of Masonry having served as Potentate of Al Koran Temple in 1938 and Commander in Chief of Lake Erie Consistory from 1945-1948. He served as Trustee of the Ohio Masonic Home since

1942 as a representative of the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Wieber was by profession an attorney and practiced law in Cleveland with the exception of the time he served in World War I, for more than 53 years. He was active in many civic affairs of the community.

The love and esteem in which Sir Knight Wieber was held was expressed by the many Sir Knights and other Masonic leaders attending the memorial service of which the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio was in charge, with Warren H. Smith, G.C., and Eugene H. Buxton, G.P., officiating.

Our ranks have been saddened by the passing of our Past Grand Master, Louis Henry Wieber, to whom Templary is so greatly indebted. Let us strive to carry on the Knightly work for which he gave so much of his life.

Alabama

Julius L. Layman, G.C., 1950—May 1, 1964

Missouri

John Wolfinger Calhoun, G.C., 1939—June 10, 1964

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

In South Dakota, the York Rite Coordination Committee now includes the present and the next presiding heads of the three bodies, plus the Grand Secretary-Recorder. The Districts are mutually agreed upon, and thus are York Rite Districts. The report of the Committee in the Grand Commandery was made by the Grand High Priest, as Chairman of the Committee.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

"Sir Knights! Let us ever remember our motto, 'In Hoc Signo Vincet' and keep our swords bright and ready in the defense of the innocent, the weak, the helpless and the Christian Religion, as did the Ancient Templars, whose name we bear. Then will our Order prosper and serve the purpose for which it came into being." C. B. Shulenberg, G.C., North Carolina.

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“Michigan Plans for Triennial”

The coming Triennial of the Grand Encampment will afford Michigan Templary an opportunity to honor, not only a native son but, an outstanding citizen, public servant and Knight Templar. Sir Knight Wilber Marion Brucker will become the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, at Philadelphia, in August.

Two Michigan Commanderies share a close, personal interest in this honor. St. Bernard Commandery No. 16 is Wilber's mother Commandery and Detroit No. 1 is his Commandery by adoption. They join hands in paying tribute to a favorite son.

The tide of enthusiasm is mounting in other Michigan Commanderies. An air of expectancy and purpose echoes to the sound of marching feet of drill corps units. Larger than usual attendance at Ascension Day Services was evidence of this growing enthusiasm. Detroit Commandery No. 1, together with five sister Commanderies, in an unending line of twos, marched two hundred and ninety uniformed Sir Knights through the portals of Old Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit for the observance of Ascension Day.

The Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan at Flint is a dress rehearsal for the Triennial at Philadelphia. Robert Brooks, Captain General of Detroit Commandery No. 1's famed Drill Corps, is holding outdoor practice drills. New and exciting drill maneuvers are the order of the day.

The Triennial Committee of Detroit Commandery No. 1 has a Triennial Vacation Plan for Sir Knights, their families and friends, including a one-day trip to the World's Fair in New York City, not to mention visits to the many points of historical interest in Philadelphia.

Sir Knight Brucker during his year as Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 had the honor of Knighting one of the largest classes in the history of Detroit No. 1. All remaining able-bodied

members of his Class of 1943-44 will be called upon for special duty at Philadelphia.

It may appear that the Triennial is the climax, the end result of all the planning that is going on in honor of Sir Knight Brucker. The Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1, LeRoy B. McNally, expresses what we know is in the heart of every Michigan Knight Templar, when he says:

“William Penn once said, ‘men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants.’

The world needs Templar Masonry with its high ideals, its strong convictions and Christian standards, as never before.

Michigan is twenty-third in size among all the States and seventh in population. Wilber M. Brucker, a native son of Michigan, has the affection and respect of all who know him. He is a proven leader of men and the Knights Templar of Michigan are prepared and anxious to close ranks behind him to the end that the cause of Templar Masonry in America may really come into its own during the next three years.” Douglas E. Briggs, Prelate, Detroit Commandery No. 1, K.T.

ARLINGTON EASTER MEMORIAL SUNRISE SERVICE

The National Broadcasting Company as well as the committee, received several letters in relation to the Easter service. An example is as follows:
Dear Sirs:

On Easter Sunday morning we listened to the Sunrise Service from Arlington Cemetery. We liked the message given by the Knights Templar so very much and would like to have a copy of it. Could you please let me know where to write or how I could receive a copy.

Thank you for your fine broadcasting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Everett Taylor
Wayzata, Minnesota

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Masonic Center At World's Fair Contains 600 Years Of Masonic History And Memorabilia

The Masonic Center at the World's Fair was dedicated Wednesday, April 22 and will be free to the public as long as the Fair is open. The theme of the Center is "Brotherhood, the Foundation of World Peace." The building is located on the corner of the Avenue of the Americas and Avenue of Europe, adjacent to Billy Graham's Pavilion and the Protestant Orthodox Center. It is but a short walk from the main gate, to the Unisphere and to the \$17,000,000.00 Federal Building. Everyone is cordially invited to enjoy its facilities, extended by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York.

It is the only fraternal organization represented at the Fair, and is the oldest in the world.

It portrays ancient documents running back some six centuries, the names and contributions of famous world-wide Masons such as Bolivar, Robert Burns, Garibaldi, Goethe, Haydn, Kipling, Kitchener, Kossuth, Lessing, Mazzini, Mozart, Cecil Rhodes, Sir Walter Scott, Sibelius, Voltaire, and many others; Masons in the forefront of the struggle for freedom during the Revolutionary period, including Washington, Lafayette, Franklin, Hancock, Paul Revere, John Paul Jones, Oglethorpe, James Otis, Generals Israel and Rufus Pittman, Edmund Randolph and Baron Von Steuben. It also points out the distinguished Masons of yesterday and today, such as the fourteen Presidents of the United States, five of our Chief Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court, including John Marshall; Edwin T. Booth, Luther Burbank, "Kit" Carson, Lewis and Clark, Henry Clay, "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Ty Cobb, Irving Berlin and Eddie Cantor; LeRoy Gordon Cooper who circled the earth 22 times, last year, and his fellow astronaut, Virgil Grissom, Henry Ford, Edgar Guest, Sam Houston, Robert E. Perry, Commodore Matthew E. Perry, Will Rogers, Charles E. Lindberg, and

the seven Ringling Brothers. It discloses that at least one-third of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were Masons; at present a majority of the governors of the 50 states, of the U. S. Senate and of the Supreme Court are Masons.

A huge model statue of George Washington, 11 ft. 6 in. high, attired in Masonic regalia, and created by the renowned sculptor Donald DeLue, dominates the exhibit hall. The original Bible printed in England in 1767, on which Washington rested his hand as he took his oath of office as the President of the United States on April 30, 1789; his original Farewell Address, his surveying instruments, the Square and Compasses with which he laid out the lands of Fairfax County, one of his china plates, his Masonic Apron, and a letter of thanks to the donors, written in his own hand, with a tuft of his hair attached, surround him.

Mozart's last masterpiece, published in 1792, several of Sibelius' original compositions, Garibaldi's will, Scott's original draft of "Marmion," Robert Burns' original "My Lass She Was A Lady Fair." Kipling's gavel to his lodge in Lahore, India (now Pakistan) fashioned out of a stone he took from King Solomon's quarries; DeWitt Clinton's Freedom Documents, resulting in the establishment of our free public school system, a flag that accompanied Major Gordon Cooper on his 22-orbit mission around the earth, ancient documents, and scores of other historic items are on view in the exhibit hall. One can learn much about Masonry and its impact on history on a visit to the Center.

It is expected that millions visiting the Fair will wish to see the unique Masonic Center.

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DeLamater and Texas Templars Witness Eye Surgery



Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Kaplan H. Andrew, G.C. at the time of the Conclave, and Aubrey C. Martindale, Chairman of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee for Texas, visited Baylor University Medical Center at the time of the Grand Commandery Conclave of Texas. Louis J. Girard, M.D., Professor and Head, Division of Ophthalmology of Baylor University, College of Medicine, graciously took the above Sir Knights on a tour of their outstanding facilities and arranged for them to witness an operation for detached retina by Alice R. McPherson, M.D., who specializes in that field. The operation was being performed on one of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation patients at the time.

Dr. Girard has stated: "The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., played a large role in the establishment of the Institute of Ophthalmology. It was during the early years, when unrestricted funds were so difficult to obtain, that Knights Templar aid made it possible for the Institute to grow and develop."

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

New York: "Perhaps because of this (previous year's report on the inter-relation of Masonry and the Churches) and because of a more ecumenical attitude of the church toward related bodies, we are happy to note that our

Commandery reports for the past year show a decided improvement in religious observance for the State of New York."

—Rev. Brett Langstaff, Chairman. Comment: This was not conspicuous in the proceedings. We think it is "headline news."

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New York Templars Confer Fellowcraft Degree In Meridian Lodge No. 691



Vincent Fortunato, Master of the Lodge and P.C. of Patchogue Commandery presided in the east with the following Sir Knights participating: First Row L to R: Joseph Gutteridge, E.C.; William S. Matsunaye, Jr. P.C.; Vincent Fortunato, Jr. P.C.; Herman Schweaes, P.C.; Samuel J. Frace, P.C.; Ronald R. Green, P.C.; Second Row L to R: Luther W. Miller, P.C.; William Mauer; John Daley; George R. Greer; Maurice Brower; Ralph Spencer; Lawrence Hammond; Third Row, L to R: John P. Fortner; Charles Sobatka; William MacDonald; Fred Bachteler; and Mark Kelley.

THE SIR KNIGHTS OF ST. GREGORY COMMANDERY (N. Y.) WORE APRON WHEN CONFERRING M.M. DEGREE

Lowell H. Bryce, P.G.C. reported this by letter of June 17th and states that the picture which appeared in the May issue of the Knight Templar was taken prior to the Knights entering the Lodge Room for the Degree work.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"—

The Loan Foundation Committee of New York recommended that "every Commandery in this State have an ac-

tive, interested Loan Foundation Committee. The Committee, if possible, to be headed by a Chairman with knowledge of educational requirements, etc., and fully informed of the Regulations of the Educational Loan Foundation." **Comment:** The remarkable aspect of this report is that it needed to be made. It would seem to be basic that as a worthy Templar activity, the Loan Foundation would demand the interest of several qualified Templars wherever a Commandery is located. And it is indeed worthy.

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Water Valley (Miss.) York Rite Bodies Knight Sixty-Eight in Festival



Orders of the Commandery were conferred on a class of 68 at a York Rite Festival held in Water Valley (Mississippi) recently under the sponsorship of the Water Valley York Rite Bodies.

Conferring the Order of the Temple climaxed a day of work which began at 9 a.m. with the Royal Arch degree with 23 candidates receiving the work.

The degrees of the Council R. & S.M. followed next, with 36 candidates.

The Water Valley Super Excellent Master's degree team conferred that degree on a class of 70.

In addition to the candidates 223 were in attendance during the day, with 35

Chapters, 29 Councils and 18 Commanderies being represented.

Among the visitors were the presiding officers of the York Rite Grand Bodies of Mississippi: Q. C. Young of Louisville, Grand Master of Masons; Robert M. Anderson of Jackson, Grand High Priest; George Earl Brown of Jackson, Ill. Grand Master; and R. Harris Singleton of Jackson, Grand Commander.

Also present were Tom Q. Ellis, Past General Grand High Priest and P.G.C.; T. O. Gore, Jr., P.G.C.; Edward B. Shearer, P.G.C.; Abb N. Sneed, P.G.C.; W. Carl Seab, P.G.C.; and other officers of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

We Point With Pride To —

Cyrene Commandery No. 10 in Birmingham, Alabama, which set a goal of 100 Life Sponsors for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In March 1964 Sir Knight C. H. Corn was the 100th member of this Commandery to become a Life

Sponsor. This is not the end, however, for Sir Knight A. Murray Weems, the Recorder, has secured another Life Sponsor, and writes "we have no intention of slowing up, but will keep right on after Life Sponsors." Cyrene Commandery counts four Judges among its members who are supporting our Eye Foundation. We salute you, Sir Knights.

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From Our Readers

We were happy to receive from Al Dixon of Independence, Missouri, a member of Palestine Commandery, a subscription to the Knight Templar Magazine for HARRY S. TRUMAN. Sir Knight Dixon advised that former President Truman was given a 40-year certificate in Palestine Commandery last year at which time he was personally present and made very complimentary remarks about what Masonry had meant to him.



F. Parson Kepler, Milton, left, newly-installed Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania receives the best wishes of his predecessor, Paul C. Rodenhauer, P.G.C., Columbia, at the recent 111th Conclave at Gettysburg.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania met at Gettysburg for the first time, in holding its 111th Conclave on May 24-27. Nearly 1,200 Sir Knights, ladies, and guests registered for the Conclave in which the historical sites of the community were featured in the social part of the gathering.

The most distinguished guest was Pennsylvania's own Sir Knight Paul

Miller Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. F. Parson Kepler of Milton was elected to serve as Grand Commander.

REPORT FROM ANCHORAGE

Elbert E. Hart, Recorder of Anchorage Commandery No. 2, K.T., Alaska, in a recent letter to our Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore, stated:

"To the best of my knowledge and belief, none of the Sir Knights in this jurisdiction suffered any personal injuries. However, a number of them did suffer property losses, and some had their homes destroyed entirely. The greatest property damage was in an area of expensive homes, some of which were valued in excess of fifty thousand dollars.

The York Rite Masonic Temple, built eighteen months before, consisting of a basement building, suffered considerable damage, and will have to be repaired, but steps are under way to make permanent repairs during the summer months when most of the groups are DARK.

The Grand Commandery of Wisconsin sent us a check for one hundred dollars, soon after the quake, to be used at our discretion. I wrote them immediately and informed them that I will let them know how the money was spent.

The quake was catastrophic indeed, but these Alaskans are a Hardy Breed, and I have no doubt they will dig out of the RUBBLE, and somehow build a bigger and better community."

The News Letter enclosed in part was as follows:

ANCHORAGE YORK RITE MASONIC NEWS LETTER

"It was Good Friday, March 27th, 5:36 p.m. Most of the population of the Forty-Ninth State was home, and supper would soon be on the table. On the surface, all was serene, but deep in the bowels of the earth was impending disaster. Then without warning, bedlam reigned. In the twinkling of an eye, souls were whisked into eternity. Families were separated, some never to be

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seen again. In Anchorage, Seward, Valdez, Cordova and Kodiak, tragedy struck with an awful vengeance, the likes of which had never been recorded in the history of mankind. But the worst was yet to come for Seward, Valdez and Kodiak. A tidal wave followed the quake that brought further disaster, destruction and death.

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ATTENTION, ALL SIR KNIGHTS IN THE ANCHORAGE AREA:—There will be a class of eleven to receive The Order of the Temple on the evenings of June 26th and 27th at 7:30 p.m., at the York Rite Masonic Temple on Tudor Road. All are urged to attend."

KENTUCKY HOLDS ANNUAL CONCLAVE AT CUMBERLAND FALL STATE PARK

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky had complete use of DePont Lodge (hotel) and the cottages in the immediate vicinity for their annual Conclave May 17-19. The site for holding the Conclave was out of the ordinary in that it afforded the facilities of a very fine State Park with a lack of the usual diverting influences in the larger cities. The Grand Officers were installed in a public ceremony for the first time in Templar history in Kentucky. Next year's Conclave will be held at Henderson, the home city of the newly elected Grand Commander, Joseph E. Martin, Jr. One of the unusual features of the Conclave was the large number of Sir Knights present in uniform at the opening session. Wylie B. Wendt, Kentucky Correspondent.

We quote from the Oklahoma York Rite News June, 1964, relative to the Grand Commandery Conclave recently held at Bartlesville.

"An award system was approved providing for the Grand Commandery to present a K.T. tie bar to the Sir Knight turning in three petitions for the Orders in a calendar year; and for ten petitions in a calendar year a set of K.T. cuff links; each petitioner to have received the Order of the Temple."

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TEMPLARS PROVIDE HONOR GUARD FOR DeMOLAY CHEVALIER DEGREE



John Clayton, whose Father is the Commander of St. George's Commandery No. 37 (N. Y.), recently received the Chevalier DeMolay Degree in Schenectady. Carlton A. Newton, P.C., was in charge and was assisted by Sir Knights Robert Thomas, Willard Austin, and Melvin Reed, who are crossing swords over John. Clarence Cook and William Reed also appear in the picture. Cook, Reed, and Newton are members of the Advisory Committee of St. Andrew's Chapter, Order of DeMolay.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Kurt M. Wojtasch, G.C., Huntington Commandery, New York, reports a number of activities of the Commandery. Among others were the following: On Maudy Thursday, twelve Sir Knights in full Templar uniform participated in taking the Holy Communion at the West Hills Methodist Church; Easter

Dawn Services were sponsored by the Commandery; the Commandery also participated in the annual Memorial Service to former President Theodore Roosevelt at Matinecock Lodge and at the graveside in Sagamore Hill Oyster Bay, N. Y.

At the open installation of Officers Duluth Commandery No. 18, K.T. held at its Asylum, Masonic Temple, Duluth, Minnesota on Tuesday evening, May 19, 1964. The Recorder Stuart Tulloch, P.C. had the pleasure of presenting to Mrs. John S. F. Manfred, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Commandery and the wife of Sir Knight John S. F. Manfred, AN ASSOCIATE PATRON CERTIFICATE for their gift of \$50.00

to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. and thanked them for this contribution to a great humanitarian charity.

There was quite a large attendance and after the Installation a social hour was enjoyed. James Joyce, Correspondent.

The 94th Annual Conclave of Maryland which was held at Baltimore on May 13, 1964, was highlighted by nine sister jurisdictions being represented (one by a personal representative, the others by the Grand Commanders). The jurisdictions represented at the session were: Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.

It's A Small World

Who would have believed that publication of the story "Oklahoma Knights Templar Participate In Gordon Cooper Homecoming Parade" would lead to a reunion of two World War One buddies? In a truth is stranger than fiction turn of events, that was one of the results achieved when that article appeared in the September, 1963, issue of the "KNIGHT TEMPLAR" (pp. 9-11, Vol. LX, No. 9).

The Cooper story mentioned that Sir Knight Ivan Saye of Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa, and Chairman of the Work and Tactics Committee of the Oklahoma Grand Commandery, participated in the parade. Shortly after the story appeared, Ivan received a letter from his World War I buddy, Harry L. Heaviland, Red Bank, New Jersey.

Sir Knight Ivan was Knighted on June 22, 1916, in Gray Commandery No. 16, Marshall, Texas, and was a member of the Order when he went overseas with the A. E. F. In France, Ivan and Harry Heaviland became "buddies," but throughout their wartime association, neither Ivan or Harry made any mention regarding membership in the Craft or Commandery. After the buddies were mustered out of service, they went their separate ways, keeping touch with each other only through the medium of notes

included in their Christmas cards. They have not seen each other since 1919.

On opening the letter from his old friend, Ivan was struck by the statement: "the Ivan Saye I saw mentioned in the September issue of the "KNIGHT TEMPLAR" must have been you, as neither Tulsa, nor the world, is ready for another one." It was thru the medium of the Cooper story that Harry discovered his old buddy Ivan was a Knight Templar. From Harry's letter, Ivan discovered that his buddy was also a Knight Templar, and that he was serving (1963) as Commander of Corson Commandery No. 15, Red Bank, New Jersey. Sir Knight Saye wrote and ascertained that Harry and Mrs. Heaviland were planning to attend the Grand Encampment in Philadelphia. The two buddies have now made plans for a reunion in Philadelphia, and they are looking forward, not only to "swapping" stories, but to meeting each other's wives. We wish them a "HAPPY RE-UNION."

(Correspondent's Note: This is one more proof that it pays to read the "KNIGHT TEMPLAR.")

Frederick J. Smith, G.C.G., Oklahoma, and Correspondent to the KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

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Hotel Reservation Blanks as well as the Tour Reservation Blanks have been sent out to all of the Grand Jurisdictions of the Grand Encampment. If any Grand Commandery has not received its Reservation Blanks, or is in need of additional Blanks, immediately contact Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, Chairman of Housing and Hotels, his address is Hospitality Center, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Boulevard, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

Masonic Soil Erosion

The Masonic Future of most new members is largely determined during the first year of membership. That is when they are putting down roots. If the soil is badly eroded, stony, and sterile, those roots will not go deep and the plant will soon wither.

Over the years there seems to have developed a widely accepted idea that once the degrees have been conferred responsibility for the newly obligated Brother has been fulfilled. Therein the new member is flatly told that if he gets nothing out of Masonry the fault is his own.

What further devastation is done when the new Brother is told or discovers that the Lodge has nothing more to give him, that whatever else he gets is his own responsibility?

When we admit all the Lodge can do for a new member is give him the three degrees which will enable him to visit other Lodges, and that whatever else he gets he will have to dig out for himself, we make the monstrous confession our Lodge soil is so badly eroded that no real spiritual growth can be expected from it. And until we get that soil thoroughly re-fertilized with Masonic truth and practice we can expect to lose members as fast or faster than we make them.

—*Masonic Tidings, June, '64, Wisconsin*

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