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SIR KNIGHT PAUL MILLER MOORE  
Most Eminent Grand Master

# A Message From the Grand Master - -

## In Appreciation



**PAUL MILLER MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment**

At 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 22, 1964, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America reconvenes for its 49th Triennial Conclave, and three more years will enter as history into the pages of the Proceedings.

To the Officers, Department Commanders, Chairmen and members of all Committees, Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, I want to thank you for your tireless efforts to make this Triennium a worthwhile effort in service and achievement befitting our noble legacy. Your support has been more than a moral one—a real help at all times. To each and every member of the Grand Jurisdictions, Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies, I thank you for the work done to promote interest and activity in our Order. Our Christian character dictates that we must be active. To the Sir Knights of my own Grand Commandery, the Grand Commandery of Pa., your loyalty and devotion have been a constant source of inspiration to me.

During the past three years, we have placed special emphasis on Membership as our membership gains have been declining rapidly since 1952. As of July 31, 1964, the records show a LOSS in membership. We can not point with pride to our membership statistics.

This fact, however, is insignificant in comparison with the important question as to whether the affairs of the Grand Encampment have been so conducted not only for the standing of the Order, but for the moral and spiritual values rendered to our fellow members and to the world at large. My hope is that we have contributed in some measure to the needs around us and we have recognized the necessity of our obligation to meet the challenges of our changing world.

We are a fraternal organization with a Christian motive and a Christian mission. The blessing of the unique and vital nature of our rich heritage brings with it a responsibility of what we must do to preserve it. We are called to show to the world the beauty of Christ, to reproduce the glory of his life in Christian character, in Christian spirit, and in Christian service.

In concluding my last message to you as Grand Master, I want to thank each of you for all the kindnesses so generously bestowed upon me and I ask the same fine spirit of friendliness and team work which it has been my privilege to enjoy for our new incoming Grand Master and his Officers.

This be our prayer for the coming Triennium:

“More strength, more light,  
More constancy, more progress.”

PAUL M. MOORE, Grand Master

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# Spirit High In Anticipation of Forty-Ninth Triennial Conclave

At the time we write—the grandest feature of the Forty-Ninth Triennial Conclave, Grand Encampment Knights Templar United States of America, Philadelphia, Pa., August 22-27, 1964, has not yet transpired, but the preliminary steps towards it have all been taken, and it requires no prophet's ken to anticipate, and even describe the finale.

We do not desire, however, to don the character of a seer, but only to echo the sounds and picture the scenes that have thus far distinguished the Forty-Ninth Triennial in the City of Brotherly Love. To think or write upon any other topic, just now, is an impossibility. The anticipation of martial music filling the air; vast bodies of Knights of the Temple will be marching hither and thither through our thoroughfares; the headquarters at the Bellevue-Stratford will be gay with Templar banners and bunting, while there will be heard within the voice of fraternal harmony and courteous welcome to the numerous visiting Knights; all of our leading

hotels and motels will be crowded with Knights from all over the Nation and abroad, with their fair ladies and friends who will have accompanied them hither; and the whole City is about to appear as a vast encampment.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to many of our eminent companions for the courtesy of early and repeated visits to our sanctum. It has given us the supermost pleasure to meet face to face, hand to hand, and heart to heart, so many valiant and courteous Knights. Their names and fame we have always cherished, but since we have met and known them, the Mystic Tie that binds us into one band or society of friends, Brethren and Knights, has been drawn closer than ever before, and we feel confident will never be loosened.

How often have we heard the expression fall from the lips of fraters, during these Templar Triennials, of thankfulness that they were ever made Masons and Knights! How frequently has the expression been repeated of keen pleasure at meeting so many kindred souls!



COMMITTEE ON 49th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE AND LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES. TAKEN AT BELLVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL, AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

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Men who were bound to their fellows by the ties of professional or business life, of Church or other society relations, without the least hesitation assert that nowhere, except in Masonry, have they found that ideal fellowship which they had so often expected elsewhere, but never found. Especially within the Asylums of the Order of the Temple, and among its Knights in the world, do they experience that whole-souled feeling exemplified, which is one of the very noblest attributes of manhood. In all branches of Freemasonry this is found, but so far as our experience goes, it is intensified among Knights Templars—who are as true as the steel of their swords, as faithful as the cross that decorates each hilt, as valiant as their predecessors of old, from whom their spirit, if not their Orders, were derived, and as courteous as fraters should be who are trained to respect and reverence woman, and defend her from all the adversities that misfortune may bring upon her.

In thus upholding the force and beauty of the lessons, that are taught in the Lodge. We do not speak of, and do not



Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master, and George Wilbur Bell, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment confer at first meeting of Committee on 49th Triennial Conclave.

believe in, any higher degrees than those of a Master Mason. We stand by the Ancient Craft in all of its great prerogatives and noble principles. The orders of the Templar are additional, but not higher—there can be nothing higher than the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry.



George A. Williams, P.G.C., (fourth from left in front row) local chairman of the 49th Triennial Conclave with part of the members of his Local Committees.

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But we have been rather led aside from the purpose with which we set out, which was to give, in general terms, some indication of the Masonic Spirit that will prevade the City of Brotherly Love—a spirit that finds expression in a Triennial that is based upon the truest and deepest feeling of fraternal accord, and whose splendor will not be more dazzling than its results are healthful.

We wish we could picture, here, the coming Forty-Ninth Triennial but we know sufficient now that the Triennial will be in every particular a grand success, of which the Orders of Knight-

hood will have reason to be proud. We do not expect ever to behold another such gathering, and the recollection of it will be one of the happiest thoughts and pleasant memories that we shall treasure up for enjoyment through all the future.

At the command FORWARD—MARCH on August 22nd, 1964, will you be in your place in the Ranks of the Knights Templar parading down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway starting at 7:00 p.m., at 24th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.?

Charles S. Baker, Jr., Chairman, Publicity Committee.

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## Triennial Conclave Notice Indicates ... A Busy and Lively Session

Resolutions and amendments have been filed in much more than the usual number for action at the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Philadelphia. **Knights Templar** sees this as an indication of the dynamic and searching mood of Templary today—at any rate, a busy and lively session is assured.

We will report the actions of the Triennial Conclave in a special September issue, which will perhaps be a few days late in mailing, but which will come to you as promptly as possible.

Here is a brief summary of the proposals which have been filed:

1. Proposed by **W. E. Crowe**, P.G.C., Oklahoma and Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee. To authorize the Deputy Grand Master to sign warrants in the event of the absence or disability of the Grand Master, and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance to sign in the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Grand Recorder.

2. Proposed by **Herbert T. White**, P.G.C., and **H. Hassel Taylor**, G.C. of Nebraska. To permit reading and balloting of petitions at the same conclave, without dispensation.

3. Proposed by **Miles S. Kuhns**, P.G.C., Ohio. Two related proposed amendments

redefining "Sojourners" of whom only six months residence is required to establish jurisdiction. For "Regular Army or Navy" would be substituted "Active Army, Navy, Air Force, U. S. Public Health Service, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and the National Aeronautical Space Agency."

4. Proposed by **Robert G. Wilson, Jr.**, P.G.C. and **Louis A. Beaudoin**, G.C. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Two related amendments which would reduce the prerequisite requirements for petitioners for the Orders to good standing in a Lodge of Master Masons.

5. Proposed by the three members of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters: **Louis F. Heger**, P.G.C., Missouri, **Frederick H. Stigale, Jr.**, P.G.C., New Jersey, and **Arunah O. Lynch**, P.G.C., Virginia. This proposed optional rubric would permit the handling of candidates in groups in all parts of the Order of the Temple.

6. Proposed by the five members of the Committee on Finance: **Carroll H. Lockhart**, P.G.C., South Dakota, **Hoyt McClendon**, P.G.C., Alabama, **Harold S. Gorman**, P.G.C., Nevada, **Fred England, Jr.**, P.G.C., Michigan, and **Perry L. LaBarr**, P.G.C., Pennsylvania. This proposed amendment would make available

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to the General Fund the net earnings of the Permanent Fund, instead of those earnings being added to the Permanent Fund.

7. Proposed by **George F. Flentje, Jr., P.G.C., Maryland.** Two related amendments intending to change the name of the Committee on Patriotic Activities to "A Committee on Civic Activities."

8. Proposed by **Harry B. Tuer, P.G.C., Texas.** To repeal all of the Standing Resolutions on the distribution of Rituals and to provide that Grand Commanderies might purchase as many Rituals as might be desired at a price of \$2.00 per copy, which Rituals might then be sold to members or Commanderies without limit as to number at a price of \$2.50 postpaid.

9. Proposed by **Harold G. Price, P.G.C., Utah.** To establish an official meritorious award to be known as "Knights Templar Cross of Honor." It is proposed that this award be limited to no more than three in a Grand Commandery in a Triennium, and no more than three annually to members of Subordinate Commanderies.

10. Proposed by **Harrison C. Hartline, P.G.C., Pennsylvania.** To require of petitioners and for continued membership as a Templar, recognition of all by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter (and by the Grand Council if such is prerequisite) having jurisdiction where the Commandery is located.

11. Proposed by **Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master.** To enlarge the field of interest of the Eye Foundation to include cross-eyed children, whether this condition would cause blindness or not; to restrict treatment of conditions which might result in blindness to "surgical treatment;" to put the six Trustees of the Eye Foundation elected at large on nine-year terms, two to be selected at each Triennial Conclave; to change the designation "Life Sponsor of the . . . Eye Foundation" to read "Life Member . . . of the Eye Foundation;" and to include all Past Grand Masters as members of the Eye Foundation Committee.

12. Proposed by **Warren R. Tyler, Sr., G.C. of Utah.** To permit Grand Com-

manderies to adopt reciprocal authorizations of dual membership, and to permit any Knight Templar to be an active member of any two Commanderies where such reciprocal authorizations have been enacted.

13. Proposed by **Blenus Williams, G.C. of Florida.** To authorize the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross by communication to candidates upon whom the Order of Malta is to be conferred in full form. In such cases, the optional short-form Order of Malta would not be permitted.

14. Proposed by **Paul Miller Moore, Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Grand Generalissimo, and G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Captain General:**

a. That ten Rituals be placed in the hands of each Grand Recorder exclusively for the use of Past Grand Commanders who might desire the use of such Rituals, under the usual conditions.

b. To provide for the installation of and term of office for the Department Commanders, assign them to full "staff" function and provide Past Rank on fulfilling the term of office; and to eliminate the Subordinate Commanderies Department.

c. To eliminate the provision relative to Grand Encampment Officers who were in "Line" prior to the 44th Triennial Conclave, which is no longer relevant.

d. To make more clear the authority of Grand Commanderies to form new Commanderies, with or without the consent of existing Commanderies; and to authorize Grand Commanderies to approve or order the relocation or consolidation of any of their Constituent Commanderies.

e. To permit the Grand Master to appoint proxies having the rank of Past Commander for contact with or supervision of Subordinate Commanderies.

f. To limit the elective officers of a Grand Commandery to the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer, and Grand

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Recorder; and to limit the elective officers of a Commandery to the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Treasurer, and Recorder.

g. Several related amendments intended to eliminate the "waiting period" on petitions, while at the same time retaining the full function of the Investigating Committee and requiring that all members of such committees state that they know or have personally interviewed the Petitioner.

h. Two related amendments which would increase the minimum fee for the Orders to Forty Dollars.

i. To eliminate the provision that amendments to the Ritual may not be considered at alternate Triennial Conclaves, so that any such amendment might be considered at any Triennial Conclave.

j. To change the name of the Committee on Religious Observance to "A Committee on Religious Activities," to add the Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment to the Committee, ex-officio, and to enlarge the function of the Committee to include the origination and promotion of suitable programs.

k. To substitute for the present Special Committee on Public Relations, a Standing Committee of three members, having increased functions including research and study of present programs and procedures, recommendation and promotion of programs, and the origination of educational material.

l. To authorize annual conferences to be held in each Department of Grand Encampment, which would involve basically the first four officers and Grand Recorder of each Grand Commandery.

m. To require as a part of each request for a Demit, a clear statement of the reason for the request.

n. To eliminate the authority for any Commandery to change to a "Mounted Commandery" without any further dispensation or authority.

o. Several related amendments intended to provide that, in the case of the disability of all of the "dais" officers of Grand Encampment, a Grand Commandery, or a Commandery, the person auth-

orized to assume command would be the Junior rather than the Senior past officer able to serve.

p. A Resolution similar to the resolutions adopted by the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, which would authorize a Special Committee of three members to participate with similar committees of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council to form a York Rite Commission on Unity authorized to hold discussions and to make recommendations. **Note:** Such a Committee has been named by interim appointment of the Grand Master, has so participated, and will report to the Triennial Conclave.

15. Though not filed and not required to be filed in advance, it is understood that a Resolution will be proposed by Thomas B. Clark, Jr., G.C. of South Carolina, which would provide for display of the Holy Bible during all conclaves of Templars.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Connecticut

David Harley MacKenzie, G.C., 1948—  
June 27, 1964.

### Indiana

Ralph Howard, G.C., 1935—July 11,  
1964.

### Minnesota

Bennett Olin Knudson, G.C., 1931—  
June 29, 1964.

### Pennsylvania

Raymond Frederick Hoffmann, G.C.,  
1950—July 7, 1964.

### Texas

Litt Shelbern Perry, G.C., 1964—June  
21, 1964.

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## Clarification

The Eye Foundation picture on Page 10 of the June issue of the Knight Templar Magazine showed Louis J. Girard, M.D., Professor and Head, Division of Ophthalmology, Baylor University, College of Medicine, performing a Corneal Transplant on one of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation applicants.

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## A Report To Our Readers

By SIR KNIGHT JOHN L. CROFTS, Grand Generalissimo

In this last issue of KNIGHT TEMPLAR in this Templar Triennium, it seems proper to make a progress report to you who are most interested, as evidenced by your support as subscribers and readers.

1943—1961

Prior to 1943, the Grand Master annually appointed an Official Reviewer, who read and summarized the Proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies, and this summary was published in a single bound volume annually. Naturally, there was a long delay after the events reported before this Review could be distributed. In recognition of this disadvantage, authority was given in 1943 to publish the **Grand Encampment Review** as a quarterly periodical having 16 pages size 11x8½ inches. Distribution was to all members of Grand Encampment who requested it, and to each Grand Recorder in sufficient number for the Grand Officers and one copy to each Commandery, and also to others at a cost of \$1 for two years, a total of about 2,200 copies in 1946.

Even this early publication found enough favor that the budgeted support by Grand Encampment was raised in 1946 from \$1,800 to \$5,000 for the triennial. Grand Master Rice appointed as Official Reviewer Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast, P.G.C., New York, a member of the Committee on Templar History and a writer of ability and experience. This able and worthy Knight continued as Reviewer and Editor until 1961, when he found it necessary to retire, and much of what has been recorded in organization benefit and growth remains as a testimonial to his devoted efforts. Under his guidance, **Grand Encampment Review** and its successor publication, **Knight Templar**, grew in acceptance through the addition of reports of outstanding Knight Templar programs and activities, and to a paid circulation of over 10,000.

**Knight Templar** was established in

1955 by Grand Master DeLamater in a new format, 32 pages size 9x6 inches, and as a recognized official publication of Grand Encampment, to attract a broader interest among all Templars. Sir Knight DeLamater continued and enlarged upon the practice initiated by Grand Master Gordon of contributing informal messages directed toward the whole membership of the Order, and in addition instituted the use of the Magazine to support his energetic activity programs.

### 1961 DECISIONS

Realizing the greater potential usefulness of Knight Templar, the present Grand Master, Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, acted before leaving the site of the 1961 Conclave by appointing to assist the Publisher and new Editor, Sir Knight Darold T. Fleming, and to act for the Grand Master in a liaison capacity, Department Commander Willard M. Avery. At the same time he appointed an Advisory Committee of three members, having publishing and editorial experience, P.G.C.'s Calvin M. Keller, Earl B. Delzell, and Burt D. Pearson, who were asked to consider the magazine publication objectively and to report scarcely a month later, at the national conference in Chicago.

At that conference, there was complete and unanimous acceptance of the Advisory Committee recommendations. The Magazine was recognized as the best and most available communication medium, and it was decided then and there that the **Knight Templar** would be published monthly at an annual subscription price of \$1, all subscriptions effective at that time to be honored for their full term. It was understood that the paucity of currently available material and news items would create a problem temporarily, but the obviously superior usefulness of regular monthly publication dictated that the decision be made at once.

Two broad objectives were recognized: first, that the contents of the Magazine

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should be selected for value and interest to all Knights Templar, with a balance of informative and inspirational material, news items having value in emulation, and official direction and suggestion; and second, to encourage the distribution of the Magazine to a point where a sufficient number of members would be affected.

#### PROBLEMS AND PROGRESS

The scarcity of available material was, in the beginning, even more severe than anticipated, and it was necessary to use too many "manufactured" items while appealing for contributions. Then, in January, 1962, Sir Knight Fleming was killed in an automobile accident. Appealed to by the Grand Master and other dais officers assembled in Washington, Department Commander Avery accepted the duties of Editor, and Grand Generalissimo Crofts was assigned as the Grand Master's Aide and point of contact in policy matters. A number of able Templars were appealed to for material and for promotional support, and the Grand Master appealed to all Grand Commanders similarly, and, while these appeals enlisted excellent cooperation in a few cases, it becomes obvious that more general interest would be required.

Following recommendations made and after careful discussion, Grand Master Moore requested on March 1, 1963 the appointment in each Grand Commandery of one individual to be designated as **Correspondent for the Knight Templar Magazine**, to be specifically interested in the forwarding of news and editorial material and the increase of distribution by subscription. This Editorial Staff is proving most valuable. In addition, Grand Encampment officers and others have talked hard and often about the Magazine as a Templar Project deserving support, at times, perhaps, more than they or their listeners desired. Many communications have issued to the Department Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Correspondents.

Out of all of this effort real progress can now be reported. The content of the

Magazine is now selected from much more material than space will permit. And, in spite of purging our lists of several thousands who had allowed their subscriptions to lapse without renewal, the Magazine is now delivered monthly to more than 14,000 members. More, we have learned by our efforts and the Magazine is more generally recognized as essentially useful to the Order, and much further progress can reasonably be expected.

#### FINANCIAL

During the Triennium, none of the funds budgeted by Grand Encampment have been used for current publishing operations, due to three factors: **first**, Grand Master Moore demonstrated his deep interest in the Magazine as a Templar project by a personal donation of \$3,000, which covered in full the cost of honoring all previous subscriptions at 50c per year for the full term of those subscriptions, **second**, Editor Avery has continued to function on the previously established honorarium of \$1,500 annually, which is certainly little more than his direct expenses, and he has thus been donating the time taken from a busy law practice, and **third**, the rise in subscriptions paid in advance has made an increased amount of money available currently. However, the full amount of \$9,000 budgeted by Grand Encampment has been placed in a separate account, and is thus available for the performance of the subscription obligations accepted. While current income and expenses are approximately equal, it will be recommended that Grand Encampment support be continued, in order that operations, especially in editorial work, can be expanded and the product thus improved.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The officers of Grand Encampment are convinced that continued improvement and expansion of Knight Templar is not only desirable, but even essential to the welfare of the Order. It is thought that this attitude is shared very generally. Thus, it is anticipated that more

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general support will be available than ever before, and this force together with the delayed benefits from the efforts of this triennium will bring us to all immediate objectives within the coming administration. It is intended that an even more important function be fulfilled—for example, look for a special September issue to report not only the pageantry but also the business of the Triennial Conclave.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. The date on your address plate is

the date of expiration of your subscription. Please renew promptly, and remember that if you can make it for more than one year it will reduce the inconvenience of this detail matter for both you and the Publisher.

2. Obtain and send at least one additional subscription.

3. Send to the Editor anything that you write or see that would be, in your opinion, either informative, interesting, or inspirational to our readers across the country.

## Distinguished Sir Knights and Ladies Attend 106th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wisc.



Ladies, l. to r.: Mrs. Vermaine H. Sidles, Supreme Worthy Second Vice President, of Estherville, Iowa; Mrs. Frank D. Talbot, Supreme Worthy President, of Portland, Oregon; and Mrs. James L. Lee, Past Supreme Worthy President, Galveston, Texas, of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Men, l. to r.: Van Willie Harrod, presiding G.C.; Willard M. Avery, Dept. Com., East Central Dept.; Robert V. Osborne, Dept. Com., North Central Dept.; Roy W. Riegle, Chairman of Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations; Albert Rohrbach, G.C. Elect; and G. Wilbur Bell, G. Capt. Gen. of the Grand Encampment.

One of the features of the very fine Conclave held in LaCrosse on June 17, 18, and 19, was the presence of the Supreme Worthy President and other officers of the Social Order of the Beauceant, Mrs. Frank D. Talbot, Supreme Worthy President, gave a most

interesting and inspiring address to the recessed session of the Conclave. She particularly emphasized the assistance of the ladies in the local Commanderies and the work that they are doing in support of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**TO:** Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, R.E. Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., R.E. Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, R.E. Grand Captain General; to all Grand Encampment Officers, Past and Present; to the R.E. Department Commanders; to the Chairmen of all Committees; to the Members of all Committees; and to the Officers and Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

I want to thank each of you for your cooperation, dedication, and devotion. The "team work" displayed during the 49th Triennium has been most encouraging. I am deeply indebted for the manner in which all duties were discharged. Every member of the team has labored diligently to promote the resources which we have and to increase activity. I am most grateful for the sincere and generous support I have received.

To the memory of our recently deceased Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, I pay tribute to his noble deeds for our lives have been made richer because he shared with us in Templar fellowship. I treasure the memories of the twenty-one years we have served together in Grand Encampment. All who were privileged to serve with him grew in stature by virtue of the association. We may well honor his memory and ever hold in fond remembrance a life so full of unselfish service.

I do not wish to single out any one committee or individual for special recognition, but I think all members of Grand Encampment agree with me that special recognition is in order for the following Sir Knights:

Sir Knight John Temple Rice, our R.E. Grand Recorder: It is said there is no one who is indispensable. I feel our Grand Recorder comes as close to being indispensable as anyone I know. I am indeed very appreciative of his capable guidance and reliable counsel, and his complete dedication to Templary.

Sir Knight William E. Crowe, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee: I want to extend my gratitude for his fine support. It would be very difficult for a Grand Master to function without a very efficient and knowledgeable Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, Editor, Knight Templar Magazine: I express my profound gratefulness for the services he has rendered beyond the call of duty. He has given many hours to the heeds of Templary.

Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy, Chairman of the Triennial Conclave Committee of Grand Encampment; Sir Knight Raymond F. Hoffmann, Co-Chairman.

Sir Knight George A. Williams, Chairman of the 1964 Triennial Conclave Committee of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, and members of the Committees. I want to thank each and every one for their efforts in doing everything in their power that we may all enjoy a very successful 49th Triennial Conclave.

I am grateful I was given the privilege of working with and getting to know personally so many fine Sir Knights who are sincerely and earnestly concerned with their duties and responsibilities. The excellent "team work" of this Triennium has been the highlight of my term of office and I hope will become an important part of every administration. It was a pleasure to serve as Grand Master during this 49th Triennium with the support and cooperation of so many fine Sir Knights. I am truly grateful.

Paul M. Moore, Grand Master

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## How Old Is The Order Of The Red Cross?

**Editor's Note:** The following are two letters received during the last month and are self-explanatory.

Dear Frater:

The article in the July issue by Sir Knight Harold Voorhis "How Old Is The Order Of The Red Cross?" would have us believe it is based upon an obscure poem of 1634—not the Holy Scriptures.

Certain books of scripture which were a part of the ancient Greek and Latin Bibles, called the Apocrypha have been dropped from our modern King James Version. These books date from 250 B.C. to the early Christian Centuries. One of these 1st ESDRAS, tells of the return from captivity and the rebuilding of the temple. Chapters II through IV contain the story of the visit of ZERUBBABEL to DARIUS, the debate, and of the acclaim and reward of ZERUBBABEL for injecting "TRUTH."

Although this may not make the lessons of the order of RED CROSS, a "CHRISTIAN DEGREE," let us not say that the ritual is based upon Thomas Heywood's, "THE HEIRARCHY OF ANGELS."

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Gentlemen:

In the July KNIGHT TEMPLAR, Sir Knight Harold V. B. Voorhis, P.C., New Jersey, refers to two verses written by Thomas Heywood in 1634 as an early use of a "degree feature of the Red Cross ritual." Sir Knight Voorhis indicated a desire to learn of an earlier use of this "theme." Joseph ben Matthias, alias Flavius Josephus, uses this "theme" with great detail in his ANTIQUITIES OF THE JEWS, Book XI, Chapter III, which he published about 93 A.D. to 94 A.D. Due to certain details in Heywood's epic poem, I would assume that he is putting Josephus to rhyme. Whereas Josephus also wrote contemporary history of his period, his ANTIQUITIES OF THE JEWS is considered to be based on the ancient writings of the Hebrews, a great deal of which is included in the Old Testament of our Bible. In many instances, Josephus deviates from our Biblical accounts. These deviations are not alarming but very interesting. Josephus' reference to Jesus the Christ, as a contemporary writer, should be very significant and interesting to us as Knights Templar and Christians. I do not believe that you will find the Red Cross theme, as we are used to it, in print prior to 93 A.D.

FREDERICK G. SPEIDEL, P.C.  
Raleigh, North Carolina

## DeMolay Support in Iowa Organized — Foundation Result of Templar Initiative

Following a recommendation made to all Iowa Masonic Bodies by Resolution at the annual conclave of 1962, a DeMolay Foundation has been organized in Iowa as a non-profit corporation. Directors of this body will represent DeMolay, all Masonic Bodies and the Shrine Temples.

The Grand Commandery has paid its original commitment of 3c per member at the time of organization and ½c per member until the next annual conclave,

and will continue at the rate of 6c annually per member. Several Shrine Temples have made initial contributions, and the subsidy of 10c per member voted by the Grand Lodge is to become available in the Spring of 1965.

Thus, in Iowa is seen the result of united Masonry, joined in support of the Order of DeMolay, its own Youth Program, by the desire and initiative of marching Templars.

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## *From Our Readers*

### **LITTLE COMMANDERY HOSTS GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

On Saturday, June 20, 1964, DeValois Commandery No. 16 of Vinalhaven, Maine was host to the various Commanderies of Maine for a St. John's Day Observance in connection with the 175th anniversary of the Town of Vinalhaven.

Approximately 200 Sir Knights from various parts of the State embarked on ferries for the hour long trip to the Island of Vinalhaven at about 9:30 a.m.

On reaching the Island, the Sir Knights of DeValois Commandery greeted the Grand Commander, Kendrick J. Chapman and the Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights.

A parade marched through the streets of the town stopping at various places and ending at the Masonic Temple where the Sir Knights changed into street dress for the trip to Grimes Park where a delicious dinner of steamed clams, lobster and all the fixings were served by the Sir Knights of the host Commandery.

At approximately 4 o'clock the Sir Knights went aboard the ferry for the return trip to Rockland, all agreeing that this had been a most wonderful day.

Much credit must be given to DeValois Commandery for the tremendous job they had done in planning this fine event, especially when it is realized that this Commandery with a membership of only 48 is the smallest in the State of Maine.

**Willard D. Vincent, Correspondent**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Donald A. Keys, P.G.C. of Nebraska (1958) on being selected as the first outstanding "Nebraskan Nomination" received by the Daily Nebraskan.

Sir Knight Dr. Donald A. Keys was selected on the basis of his outstanding work as Professor of Operative Dentistry at the University College of Dentistry, which included numerous lectures, work in conducting post-graduate courses, etc. in his chosen profession.

### **MT. VERNON COMMANDERY (ILLINOIS) WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 178 KNIGHTED 38 DURING THE YEAR**



The above class of 17 were knighted on June 6th, six days after the start of a new Commandery year. In addition 21 Sir Knights were added to the Commandery during the previous fiscal year. Each of the 38 knighted are subscribers to the Knight Templar Magazine, since this Commandery furnishes it for the first year to each newly created Sir Knight. All officers of the Commandery as well as a number of their members are subscribers to the Knight Templar. George Henry Border is the immediate Past Commander.

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**RALPH H. SLOCUM, G.C. of California**

Sir Knight Slocum again plans to feature patriotic activities as a leading project for the Grand Commandery of California. This certainly is indicated in the above picture which was released by his Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Slocum has been most active in civic and Masonic affairs. He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California in 1955.

Sir Knight Philip J. Jones, G.C. of Conn. has attained a distinction accorded no other Mason in Connecticut for more than 80 years. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1941, Grand Master of Masons in 1949, Grand High Priest in 1951, and was elected as Grand Commander at the recent Grand Commandery Conclave. Sir Knight Jones also served in many other Masonic capacities during his active Masonic career. From Connecticut Square and Compass, June, 1964.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to A. Murray Weems, Recorder of Cyrene Commandery No. 10 (Birmingham, Alabama).

Sir Knight Weems (quote) "has through his efforts obtained an enviable record of 100 Life Sponsors of his Commandery to this worthy cause which is the best record in the Southeast. We, the Masons of Alabama, wish to commend Sir Knight Weems and Knights Templar for this outstanding achievement."

From Alabama Mason, June issue.

#### WHO WILL PAY OFF?

Abner C. Sager, G.C. of Michigan was called upon for remarks at the recent Centennial Conclave of Iowa. The Michigan Templars are filled with enthusiasm at the upcoming events with the election of their own Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker as Grand Master, and "Ab" could not resist telling what they were going to do in Michigan during the coming year.

Grand Commander Merlin S. Rufer, (Iowa) addressing Sir Knight Sager, stated that if Iowa did not have a greater percentage gain in membership the ensuing year, he would send him a basket of Iowa's corn, the best corn he ever had. Sir Knight Sager accepted the challenge and stated that if Michigan did not exceed Iowa he would send Sir Knight Rufer two bushels of Michigan's best peaches. **TIME WILL TELL!**

One of the outstanding features of the recent Grand Commandery of Minnesota Conclave was the excellent newspaper publicity given the Conclave by the Mesabi Daily News. This included seven pictures from two to four columns generally appearing on the front page of the paper and a fine editorial explaining Templary.

We, of course, would expect this fine coverage from Burt D. Pearson, P.G.C., Chairman of the Committee on Religious Observances for the Grand Commandery, who is editor of the paper.

#### YOUNG COMMANDERY SHOWS MARKED GROWTH

George D. Stein was recently installed as the 14th Commander of Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 84 (Ohio) by his uncle, Robert J. Hackett, P.G.C. and present Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Among the approximately 200 Sir Knights and Ladies present were Herbert E. Rogler, G.C.G. and Thomas P. Rankin, G.S.B. of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. The new corps of officers of this Commandery are indeed proud to be officials of a Commandery that has grown from a membership of 78 in April, 1952 to a membership as of May 31, 1964 of 489.

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### SOMETHING ABOUT KNIGHT TEMPLARY IN UTAH

Alert to the request of our Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore, the petition committees throughout the state are securing new members.



Left to right are: Front row—Warren R. Tyler, D.G.C.; F. Yale Williams, Department Commander, South Pacific Department; William E. Cushing, E. Commander, Utah Commandery No. 1; Second row—George A. Fern; George W. Joffs; Charles Reuel Ware; Jess H. Rolf; Third row—Sherman D. Harmer; Donald D. Sturges; Carl Hanrath; Nick Westover; George S. Nicholatus; Back row—George L. Stober; Douglas B. Tollstrup; Clifford Hawkins; Robert E. Howell; Bruce F. Anderson.

The picture is of a class of 14 knighted by Utah Commandery No. 1 at Salt Lake City on April 14th.

Elmonte Commandery No. 2 at Ogden has knighted 10 so far this year and Ivanhoe No. 5 at Provo and Charles Fred Jennings No. 6 at Price have made some progress.

These numbers may seem rather small when compared with classes in other jurisdictions, but percentage wise they will compare quite favorably.

One of the highlights of Utah Templary is its observance of Easter. At the Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, upwards of 1,000 people attended the Easter Sunrise Service.

Fred Carr, Sr., Correspondent

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE FOUNDER OF TEMPLARY

Knight Templars and Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. I. honored Sir Knight Thomas Smith Webb, who was the first Commander of St. John's Commandery No. 1, Providence, R. I. and the first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

A most impressive Memorial Service was held at his grave side in the North Burial Ground, North Main Street, Providence, R. I. (the burial ground where colonial soldiers were buried when Lafayette was in charge).



Thomas A. Booth, P.G.C., George A. Weeks, P.G.C., Charles R. Bonnemont, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in R. I., Russell E. Knight, G.M. of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, Louis A. Beaudoin, G.C. of Mass.-R. I., Charles A. Richardson, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of R. I., and Kenneth H. Earley, P.G.C., Clarence E. Booth, P.G.C.

Thomas Smith Webb, the founder of Templary Masonry in the United States, by his inspiration and efforts has enabled us through the past 162 years to appreciate the Christian Teachings which he expounded. Our lives have been greatly enriched by his shining example.

It was inspiring to see assembled for this occasion, the Presiding Grand Heads of every branch of Masonry, both York and Scottish Rites, the Order of DeMolay, together with many Sir Knights and their friends, thus showing the unity and solidity of Masonry in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

George A. Weeks, P.G.C., Correspondent

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## Changes to the Tour Program For the 49th Triennial

The Bus Tour of the Historical Valley Forge Battleground will be conducted on *Tuesday, August 25 ONLY*, leaving all hotels at 9:30 A.M. This change is due to an increased scope of the Tour. The Tour will take 6 hours instead of the originally planned 3 hours, giving ample time to visit Washington's Headquarters, The Valley Forge Memorial Chapel and the Battleground Museum.

The Tour of the Colonial Houses in Fairmount Park will be conducted on *Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings ONLY*, with buses leaving each hotel at 9:30 A.M., each day. This change is made so that each Tour will have Guides trained by the Art Museum rather than inexperienced Guides.

The Trip on the Delaware River via The Showboat will be given on *Tuesday Afternoon and Wednesday Morning ONLY*. This change is caused by a full schedule.

All other Tours listed on the Reservation Form will be given as indicated.

Where arrangements have been made in advance by Sir Knights and Ladies, adjustments will be made by the Registration Committee.

The Ladies Committee has graciously consented to allow *Sir Knights* to join in their Theatre Party at the Air-Conditioned Playhouse in the Park by making the necessary reservations before Wednesday, August 26.

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