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SIR KNIGHT WILBER M. BRUCKER
Most Eminent Grand Master

Message From The Most Eminent Grand Master

"LET'S GET TEMPLARY BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES!"

(Editorial by Wilber M. Brucker)

The Order of Knights Templar grew out of the Crusades when pilgrims sought to wrest the Holy Places in Palestine from entrenched infidels—and needed the swords of stout-hearted men to protect and defend them. The world has never witnessed any more unselfish service for God and humanity than by those intrepid Crusaders.

Nine centuries have rolled along and modern Knights Templar are the symbolic off-spring of those fearless Crusaders. Today's Templars are likewise committed to tasks for God and Country just as their illustrious forebears were centuries ago. Our noble band of stout-hearted men is pledged to protect and defend God and Country against every evil force that would seek to destroy them.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is just embarking upon another 3-year tour-of-duty at a time when precious old land marks are being demolished by the on-rush of worldly change, and when moral and spiritual values are at low ebb. Templary is Masonry's answer to the call for Christian virtues in a world that needs a moral and religious renaissance. Templary is the recrudescence of the spirit of the Crusaders when men rose to the heights of chivalry. Templary is America's hope of stimulating the community conscience to stand up for God at a time when righteousness is desperately needed.

Let no Knight Templar underestimate the task that lies ahead, nor shrink from playing his part manfully. Let each of us recognize that it will be an uphill battle with worldly strife along the way. This should only serve to add to the acceptance of the challenge by red-blooded warriors.

However, in order to win, we must get back to first principles! We must reconsecrate our Cause to Christ and the Christian religion with all the sincerity we possess! There is no problem of our Order that cannot be solved by practicing our Christian profession more vigorously every day—all over the Templar world. Horizons must be raised and perspectives must be lifted. When we do so, we shall put God back where He belongs in Templary, and we shall put Templary back where it belongs in the life of our day. In this spirit, I summon every Officer and Sir Knight to put on the whole armor of God as we march forth into this new Triennium.

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Meet Your Grand Encampment Officers & Dept. Commanders



From Left to Right: Sir Knights Roy W. Riegle; John L. Crofts, Sr.; Wilber M. Brucker; and G. Wilbur Bell.

Most Eminent Grand Master WILBER M. BRUCKER

Wilber M. Brucker, former Governor of Michigan, was sworn into office as Secretary of the Army at Washington, D. C., on July 21, 1955, following his nomination by President Eisenhower. He served as General Counsel of the Department of Defense from April 23, 1954, until the time he assumed the office of Secretary of the Army.

He was born June 23, 1894, in Saginaw, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1916 with an LL.B. degree.

Sir Knight Brucker has a background of Army experience extending back to

enlistment in the Michigan National Guard in 1915 and service on the Mexican Border as a member of the 33d Infantry, Michigan National Guard in 1916. Immediately following the entry of the United States into World War I, he attended the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He served in France with the 166th Infantry of the famous 42d (Rainbow) Division, in all the Division's engagements, including Chateau Thierry, Champagne-Chalons, St. Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne. Cited by General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, for bravery under fire at Chateau

Thierry in July, 1918, he was awarded the Silver Star. He was discharged as a First Lieutenant June 18, 1919.

Upon his return from World War I, he was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Saginaw County, Michigan, from 1919 to 1923; Prosecuting Attorney from 1923 to 1927, and Assistant Attorney General of Michigan until he became Attorney General on February 18, 1928. On November 5, 1930, he was elected Governor of the State of Michigan at the age of 36 and served until January 1, 1933. Thereafter, to the date of his appointment as General Counsel of the Department of Defense he was a practicing lawyer in Detroit, Michigan. He is a member of the Detroit, Michigan State, Federal and American Bar Associations, and was Chairman of its Committee on Professional Ethics.

Sir Knight Brucker is married to the former Clara Hantel. They have one son, Wilber M., Jr., and three grandchildren. The family home is at 56 Vendome Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. He is an Elder of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit. He is Past National President of the 42d (Rainbow) Division Veterans, and in 1960 received the Freedoms Foundation Leadership Award at Valley Forge.

He left the Office of Secretary of the Army at the end of his term of office—January 20, 1961—and returned to Detroit, Michigan, where he joined his son in the practice of law under the firm name of Brucker and Brucker, 2200 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

Sir Knight Brucker has had a long Masonic career. He was raised as a Master Mason September 15, 1915, in Salina Lodge No. 155 F.A.A.M., of Saginaw, Michigan. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1924. During his tenure as Worshipful Master, a new Masonic Temple was built to house his Lodge.

He is a member of the Chapter, Council and Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Moslem Temple of the Shrine.

He was crowned with the thirty-third degree (33°) at New York City in September, 1952.

He was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery No. 16 of Saginaw, Michigan, in March, 1923. After leaving the Governor's Office, Sir Knight Brucker transferred his membership to Detroit Commandery No. 1 in 1933 and became the Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 in 1943. During his year as Eminent Commander, he knighted 150. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan in June, 1951. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Encampment from 1949 to 1957, at which time he was appointed Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A.

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Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master JOHN LAWTON CROFTS, Sr.

John Lawton Crofts, Sr., was born June 23, 1909, second son of Stuart William and Frances Lawton Crofts, in Neenah, Wisconsin. In 1910 the family went to eastern Washington to occupy homestead land, but following a serious accident to the older son, moved to Los Angeles, California, which was Sir Knight Crofts' residence until after his graduation from the University of California at Los Angeles.

After a brief employment in public accounting, Sir Knight Crofts became associated in 1934 with the Thos. D. Murphy Co. of Red Oak, Iowa, manufacturers and distributors of art calendars and allied products, and served in production control, product design, sales promotion, as Secretary and Treasurer and on the Executive Committee of the Company. He resigned from that company in 1952, and the family disposed of their major interests in Iowa before permanent removal to Florida.

Sir Knight Crofts was married in May, 1933 to Frances Marian Cochrane of Red Oak, Iowa. They have one son, John L. Crofts, Jr., a graduate of Duke University and now a freshman-year student at Baylor University College of Medicine at Houston, Texas. John Jr. was a DeMolay and became a Master Mason in his 21st year.

Sir Knight and Mrs. Crofts have continued their life-long allegiance as ac-

tive workers in the Methodist Church. Other organizational allegiances— Delta Gamma Sorority, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Rotary Club, Venice Yacht Club, etc.

Sir Knight Crofts' Masonic experience is extensive. He served Red Oak Lodge No. 162 (Iowa) as Master in 1948; he was for three years a member of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa before going to Florida; he served as Treasurer of the Grand Council of Iowa; becoming a Scottish Rite Mason, 32° in Des Moines in 1949, he is now a member of Tampa Consistory; formerly a member of ZaGaZig Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., he is now a member of Egypt Temple in Tampa; he is a member and Past Preceptor of Last Supper Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P. of Des Moines; a member and Past Sovereign of St. Ignatius Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he is also a Dual Member of Miami Conclave; member of Oak Chapter, O.E.S. of Red Oak, Iowa; now a member of Venice Lodge No. 301, Venice, Florida, Sarasota Chapter No. 35, Sarasota, Florida, and Bradenton Council No. 9, Bradenton, Florida. Long a member of the local Advisory Council of DeMolay, Sir Knight Crofts served as a District Deputy and is now a Personal Deputy of the Executive Officer for Western Florida.

While he is deeply interested in the broad aspects of Freemasonry, it is the Christian Order of Knights Templar which has demanded Sir Knight Crofts' greatest interest and effort. He was made a Knight Templar at Bruce Commandery No. 34, Red Oak, Iowa, on October 13, 1944; and was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa in 1951. He has attended all Iowa annual Conclaves since 1945 and all Grand Encampment Triennial Conclaves since 1949. He was Department Commander in 1952-1955; chairman of the Committee on Policy and General Purpose of the Grand Encampment 1955-1958; Grand Junior Warden for the 1958 Triennial Conclave; was elected Grand Generalissimo at the 1961 Triennial Conclave in Cleveland and served that

office under Grand Master Paul Miller Moore, being also the Grand Master's Proxy in matters related to the Knight Templar Magazine and Chairman of the Committee on York Rite Unity from October, 1963; and was elected and installed Deputy Grand Master in Philadelphia at the 49th Triennial Conclave.

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Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo GEORGE WILBUR BELL

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell was born on September 2, 1912 on a farm near Chandlerville, Illinois, rich with the tradition of "Lincoln-Land," where he and his wife, Alma, fondly call home.

In his early youth, Sir Knight Bell became a member of the Fairview Methodist Church where his training in Christianity was later to become synonymous with his experience in Masonry, as he has served 26 of his 52 years in the "vineyards of Masonry" since becoming a Master Mason in 1938.

Sir Knight Bell is Past Master of his Lodge, Past Master of his Council, present Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois and was elected Grand Generalissimo at the Grand Encampment Triennial in Philadelphia. He is the Deputy Master in the Scottish Rite and Potentate of An-sar Temple.

He is a member of the Ceremonial Cast, Royal Order of Jesters; Sovereign of Saxa Rubra Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Sovereign Master of the Grand Master's Council No. A of the Allied Masonic Degrees, U. S. A. and a recipient of a host of other honors and distinctions.

He is a member of the International Flying Farmers and other pilot's associations. His record as a pilot exceeds 5,000 hours.

When Wilbur is not devoting his time to Masonry, he is actively engaged with his father in the C. R. Bell and Son Grain Company, a grain elevator business, or assisting in the family farming operation of cattle raising and grain producing. He is a director of the Havana National Bank, Havana, Illinois.

Sir Knight Bell believes that the inspiring Order of Knighthood is the brilliant light which leads the way to a Christian world of Love, free from communism, atheism and hate.

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Right Eminent Grand Captain General ROY WILFORD RIEGLE

Roy Wilford Riegle was born in Lyons, Kansas on April 27, 1896 and lived nine years as a boy near Paxtonville, Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Washburn University in 1925, he was admitted to the Kansas Bar in the same year and has practiced in Emporia and Madison, Kansas. He has served as Probate and Juvenile Judge in Lyon County and was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1933 to 1941. He also served as a member of the Kansas State Senate in 1941, 1942 and from 1953 to 1961.

Sir Knight Riegle served as an enlisted man in World War I and was wounded in action in France. He also served 5½ years in World War II and rose to the rank of Colonel. During that time he was commanding Officer

and Post Commander, Juneau, Alaska; Provost Marshal, General and Game Conservation Officer, Alaskan Department; Battalion Commander and Regimental Training Officer, Civil Affairs Officer, New Guinea and the Philippines; and Military Government Officer, Yokohama, Japan. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Commendation Medal and other United States medals. He was also awarded the Military Medal of Merit by the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

He served as G.C. of Kansas in 1946-47 and as Dept. Commander of the West Central Department in 1952-55. He has served as Chairman of the Committee on Drill Regulations from 1955 to 1964. He is presently Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas.

The Riegles reside at 1522 Dover Road, Emporia and have four children, Mrs. Robert F. Lemons, Wichita, Kansas; Roy W., Jr., Rolling Hills Estates, California; Mrs. George J. Scherrer, Old Bethpage, New York, and Mrs. Arliss D. Burns, Topeka, Kansas.

Department Commanders

SOUTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

Robert M. Rewick was born at Lincoln, Nebraska on October 16, 1909. In February 1919 his family moved to Denver, Colorado, where he finished his education at East Denver High School, graduating in 1927, and matriculated at

the University of Colorado in 1931 with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. On moving to San Diego, California in 1936 he was associated as a cost accountant for the southwest Onyx and Marble Company. After a few years he went into business for himself and has successfully practiced as a public accountant since 1939. He is presently a partner in the firm of Rewick, Miller and Associates—Accountants and Auditors.



Robert M. Rewick

He received the degrees of Masonry in Denver Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A.M. being raised by his father, Tracy C. Rewick, the then Worshipful Master, on October 3, 1931. He is presently a member of Silvergate Lodge No. 296 of San Diego, to which body he affiliated in 1943. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Darius Chapter No. 143, August 27, 1943; Greeted in San Diego Council No. 23, Royal and Select Masters, September 9, 1943, and Knighted in San Diego Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, October 2, 1943. He served as Eminent Commander in 1949, and was

elected and installed as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of California in April, 1958. He received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the San Diego Bodies in 1946, and in 1943 was elected as a noble of Al Bahr Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., where he served on many Committees of the Temple, the Greeters, The Oriental Band, and as a member of the Divan in 1951.

Sir Knight Rewick is a Charter Member of the North Park High Twelve Club, served as its fourth president, and since that time has been the club secretary. He was elected as the Area Vice President of the State Association of High Twelve Clubs and held that office for three years.

Sir Knight Rewick is married (wife Shirley) and has two grown children, Robert T. Rewick, a chemist with a Master's Degree, working in Mountain View, California, and a daughter, Lee Ann Stephenson, living in San Diego with her husband and one daughter. He is a member of the Point Loma Community (Presbyterian) Church of San Diego, of the Stardust Country Club, and the Cuyamaca Club, of San Diego. His special hobbies are golfing and philately (stamp collecting). He has been a member of the North Park Lions Club for twenty-five years, serving in various capacities, Past President of the North Park Business Club, charter member of the National Association of Public Accountants, charter member and Past President of the San Diego chapter of the Society of California Accountants. He is at present serving the California Society as State Membership Chairman.

As far as Grand Encampment activities are concerned he has attended every triennial since 1949 in San Francisco. He is a past member of the Committee on Policy and General Purposes, and since the triennial held in Cleveland in 1961 has been a member and immediate past chairman of the Committee on Membership.

NORTH ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT

John B. Cottrell, Jr., was born August 7, 1910 in Philadelphia, Pa. He attended the public schools of Maryland and Pennsylvania and was married in July of 1938 to Miss Charlotte A. Wohnus.



John B. Cottrell, Jr.

A member of the Presbyterian Church of Media, he is a past president of the Deacons and is now Ruling Elder.

A Senior Cost Analyst of the Philadelphia Electric Company, he is a Quarter Century Club member of that company. The Cottrells reside at 240 Crum Creek Road, Media.

Sir Knight Cottrell's Masonic record includes: Past Master, George W. Bartram Lodge No. 298, F. & A.M.; District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge F. & A.M., Pa.; Past High Priest, Media Royal Arch Chapter No. 234; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Riblah Council No. 57; Past Commander, Ascension Commandery No. 97; Past Grand Comander, Grand Commandery of Pa.; Grand Senior Warden, Grand Encampment 1964; Vice-Chairman 49th Triennial Conclave; Life Member Masonic Homes Corp.; Sovereign, Philadelphia Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Prior, Philadelphia Priory, York Cross of Honour; Member Benjamin Franklin Consistory, S.P.R.S.; Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

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SOUTH EASTERN DEPARTMENT

William Melvin White was born near Rock Hill, South Carolina, June 28, 1911. He graduated in 1933 with a B.S. Degree from Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, after which he worked in The Peoples National Bank until 1944, at which time he took over the operation of White Printing Company, where he is now located.



William Melvin White

On June 18, 1936, he was married to Mary Anna Westbrook. They have three children, Maryann—Mrs. Chester Glenn Pugh; Jean Arthur—Mrs. Richard Lewis Hoffman, and their youngest daughter, Sarah Elizabeth (Betsy), who will be a freshman at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia. They have one granddaughter, Janet Hayes Hoffman, and two grandsons, Richard Lewis Hoffman, Jr. and Brill White Pugh.

He served in the Pacific as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy in World War II; he is a member of the American Legion, former chairman and presently member of the Board of Trustees, Rock Hill School District No. 3, Elks Club, Rotary Club, Past President of the Rock Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is an Elder and Clerk of Session in the First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina. He served as Worshipful Master of Rock Hill Lodge No. 111 in 1953; as High Priest of Bratton Chapter No. 32, R.A.M., in 1951; as Illustrious Master of Campbell Council No. 18, R.S.M., in 1954; Commander of Rock Hill Commandery No. 15, K.T., in 1950. He is Past Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina. He is Past Prior of Palmetto Priory No. 54, York Cross of Honor; a member of Lily of the Valley Priory No. 1; a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of Hejaz Temple, Greenville, South Carolina.

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT

Virgil F. Kent was born in Florence, Kansas, March 6, 1906, the son of Daniel Lyon and Selma Johnson Kent. He graduated from Manhattan High School and entered Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas, graduating with a B.S. Degree and in 1930 with a Masters Degree in Science. While in College he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. After graduation he was employed in research for the Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D. C., until 1933 when he entered private business of Concrete Products in Defiance, Ohio.



Virgil F. Kent

He was united in marriage with Miss Hope Hathaway of Monroe, Michigan on June 16, 1934. They have two children, Karen Elizabeth who is married to Dr. Donald Shirer of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Alan Hathaway Kent of Harwood Heights, Illinois.

Sir Knight Kent is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has been active as a Trustee, Ruling Elder, and member of the Choir. He is active in civic affairs of the City of Defiance and the surrounding Community, having served as

President of Defiance Rotary Club, Committeeman for Boy Scout Troop, President of Defiance Travelers Club and Community Concert Association. He is active in the Red Cross and was the first President of Defiance County Gallon Club.

His Masonic Record is as follows: Raised in Ashler Lodge, Riley, Kansas, May 16, 1928; affiliated with Omega Lodge No. 564, Defiance, Ohio serving as Worshipful Master 1940; served as head of all the York Rite Bodies, and Grand Commander of Ohio in 1959; Scottish Rite-Valley of Toledo 1947, and is now serving as Class Director; Zenobia Shrine, Toledo, Ohio 1949; Legion of Honor, DeMolay 1960; Crowned a 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council, Boston, Massachusetts September 1963.

NORTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

Samuel J. Chapman was born at Lincoln, Nebraska, September 23, 1914, and came to Montana with his parents in 1917 when his father homesteaded at Willard in Eastern Montana. He attended grade school in the country near Medicine Rocks State Park and when his parents moved to St. Ignatius, he finished his high school education there. He attended Gooding College for two years, then transferred to Intermountain College at Helena, Montana.



Samuel J. Chapman

Between 1935 and 1956 he was with the John Leslie Paper Co.; Nash-Finch Company; was a salesman for P. Lorillard Company; a clerk for the Great Northern Railway and Sales-Manager for White Refrigerator Co. In 1956 he accepted a position as communications co-ordinator in the personnel department with the Anaconda Company at Great Falls and was with that Company until December 1961, when he became sales manager for the House of Glass in Great Falls. In August 1963 he was named Director of the Montana State Planning Board. As Director he is responsible for the economic development of Montana's Resources for

industry.

He was married to Helen Wehr of Rudyard, Montana, at Great Falls August 7, 1940, and they have two daughters; Janet, a graduate of the University of Oregon and Donna, a graduate of Great Falls Public High School. He is a veteran of World War II; a member of the American Legion of Great Falls; the Chamber of Commerce; Elks; Toastmasters; and has served, and is still serving, on many community committees in his home city, not the least of which was the local school board, where he gave much of his time and effort toward the betterment of the local public schools.

Masonic record: he was raised in Cascade Lodge No. 34, Great Falls, September 9, 1939; served as W. M. in 1950 and as Secretary from 1956-1963; was exalted in Great Falls Chapter No. 9, R.A.M. January 27, 1944; was greeted in Great Falls Council No. 4, R. & S.M. March 15, 1944; was knighted in Black Eagle Commandery No. 8, K. T. July 20, 1944—Eminent Commander in 1949 and appointed Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Montana in 1954. Grand Commander 1961-1962. Served as Recorder of Black Eagle Commandery 1958 through 1960.

He is a Past Patron of Helen C. Roberts Chapter O. E. S.; a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; has served on the Rainbow for Girls board and received the Grand Cross of Colors; he is a member of St. Paul Tabernacle Holy

Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, he served as Knight Commander in 1963. He was a member of the DeMolay Advisory Board; Local chairman for the Knight's Templar Eye Foundation and secretary for the Board for the Knights Templar Educational Foundation; he is a member of Al Bedoo Temple A.A.O.N.M. Shrine of Billings, Montana, and is a member of St. Peter Conclave No. 8 Red Cross of Constantine.

The Chapman Family resides at 209 Washington Street, Helena, Montana.

SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT

Harvey C. Byrd was born at Grosvenor, Texas on December 6, 1909. He is married to Mabel Posey Byrd, who has been actively engaged with him in his Masonic activities.



Harvey C. Byrd

Sir Knight Byrd received the Degrees of Symbolic Masonry in Thrifty Lodge No. 579 in 1933, then affiliated with Brownwood Lodge No. 279 on November 1, 1934, and served it as Worshipful Master in 1937. This was followed by appointment as District Deputy Grand Master in 1939 and 1946, and election to the Committee on Work of the Grand Lodge from 1949 to 1952 and Grand Secretary on December 4, 1952, an office he has filled with distinction since that date.

He is a charter member of Texas Lodge of Research.

Sir Knight Byrd joined Brownwood Chapter No. 141, R.A.M., in 1941 and was immediately elected High Priest. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1946, 1948 and 1952, and as Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter in 1951. In the same period he was active in Cryptic Masonry, being

Master of Brownwood Council in June 1941, and appointed as Grand Visitor in 1947 and 1950.

The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon Sir Knight Byrd in Brownwood Commandery No. 22, K. T., in 1941, and he served the Commandery as Commander in 1942. He then became a member of the Templar Instruction Committee of the Grand Commandery from 1947 to 1952, and in April, 1952, was elected Grand Captain of the Guard, from which station he advanced each year to serve as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas in 1961-1962. He has received many honorary degrees and Orders of Freemasonry, among which are the following: Order of High Priesthood, Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Order of Knights York Cross of Honor, Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, and the Coronet of Inspector General Honorary of the Thirty-third Degree. He is a Director of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas, Inc.

Sir Knight Byrd holds an A.B. Degree from the Texas Technological College and has done considerable graduate work. He was principal of Public Schools from 1930-1943, at which time he entered the U. S. Marine Corps, serving during World War II. He has worked with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, was a former member of the Brownwood City Council, Trustee of the Tax League of Municipalities, Director of Brown County Community Chest, and Brown County Board of Health, President of the Elementary Teachers and Principals Association of Brown County, and served in many other civic capacities.

NORTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT

Glenne R. McArthur was born October 2, 1893 on a farm near Janesville, Wisconsin, where he obtained his high school education. He graduated from Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, with an A.B. degree in 1916.



Glenne R. McArthur

Sir Knight McArthur was a high school science instructor at Evansville, Wisconsin for one year, immediately after which he served 26 months in the U. S. Army Signal Corps, and was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. From 1923-1925 he served as an instructor in economics and business administration at Huron College, Huron, South Dakota; from 1925-1930 he was secretary-manager of the Huron, South Dakota Chamber of Commerce. Since that time he has been associated in various capacities with the Northwestern Public Service Company, Huron, South Dakota, including the presidency of the Company from 1955-1958, and the vice-chairman of its board of directors since said date.

Sir Knight McArthur is a life long member of the Congregational Church and has served his church in many capacities.

He is the first South Dakota business executive to be elected to honorary membership in Beta Gamma Sigma at the University of South Dakota; he has been a member of the board of trustees of Huron College since 1933 and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by said College in May, 1956.

He has worked with the Boy Scouts of America and is the recipient of the Silver Beaver award; he was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay; he is a Past Governor of Kiwanis International, having served the Minnesota-Dakotas District in 1950.

Sir Knight McArthur served as Worthy Grand Patron of South Dakota in 1940. He was elected Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine and served during 1961-1962.

He has served as High Priest of his Chapter, Illustrious Master of his Council, Grand Commander of South Dakota in 1943, has served as a member of various Grand Encampment Committees from 1946 to the present time, having been chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic Activities 1961-1964. He was Department Commander of the North Central Department from 1958-1961, a post which he is now holding for the second time. He is also serving as a member of the York Rite Commission on Unity.

Sir Knight McArthur and his wife, Effie, reside at 777 Nebraska Avenue, S.W., Huron, South Dakota. They have one daughter, one son, and three grandchildren.

In Memoriam

Ohio

Robert Albert Burri, G.C., 1947—
July 28, 1964.

Pennsylvania

W. Pitt Gifford, G.C., 1943—July 27,
1964.

Virginia

John Lewis Gibbs, G.C., 1958—July
21, 1964.

Wisconsin

Claude Joseph Hendricks, G.C., 1938
—August 15, 1964.

Georgia

William Thomas Bateman, G. C.,
1962 and Grand Recorder—July
19, 1964.

New Mexico

Alvis Frederick Denison, G.C., 1964
—July 22, 1964.

49th Triennium Grand Encampment Officers



Seated left to right: John Temple Rice, P.G.M. and G.R.; John L. Cross, Sr., G.G.; Paul Miller Moore, G.M.; Wilber M. Brucker, D.G.M.; and G. Wilbur Bell, G.C.G. Edward M. Ball, G.T., absent. Standing: Dept. Commanders: Alford, Osborne, Palmer, Williams, Bishop, Pugh, Wolfertz, Robb, Avery and Ferrell.

Knight Templar Magazine Gains Recognition

Following the report on progress of Knight Templar Magazine made to the Triennial Conclave, three important recommendations were adopted by the members present, which were in substance as follows:

1. That publication in Knight Templar Magazine of such official communications of the Grand Master or the Grand Encampment as are suitable for such publication and are not private in nature, be accepted as full official publication.

2. That the practice of the appointment by each Grand Commander of a

qualified Knight Templar within his jurisdiction to serve as Correspondent for the Knight Templar Magazine be continued.

3. That each Grand Commandery should accept as a responsibility, for the good of the Order, the distribution of Knight Templar Magazine to at least ten percent of its members by individual subscriptions or by other means.

Knight Templar rejoices in the general acceptance of the efforts of its Staff, and accepts the implied challenge to provide, with your continued help, the best possible communication medium for official direction, news of all jurisdictions, a forum for constructive thinking and planning, and those elevating and inspirational thoughts which will urge us to the High Road.

"Special Issue — 49th Triennial — Philadelphia"

Enactments of Forty-Ninth Triennial, Philadelphia

By Sir Knight JOHN L. CROFTS, Deputy Grand Master

This is an unofficial report, made for the information of Templars generally, of actions taken at the 49th Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment which are of particular interest to members of Grand Commanderies and of Constituent or Subordinate Commanderies. The full official report will follow, in the form of printed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of Grand Encampment, the General Orders of the Most Eminent Grand Master, and the printed Proceedings of the Grand Encampment. However, as all enactments are effective at once, we feel that there should be such general understanding of their effect as can be communicated by this brief and unofficial report and by means of our quickest official medium, KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

Waiting Period on Petitions

Grand Commanderies are now authorized to eliminate by their laws the required "waiting period" between reading and balloting on petitions. Until such enactments are adopted by Grand Commanderies, and for Subordinate Commanderies, the present laws will remain in effect, i.e., two weeks delay required except in the case of a dispensation by the Grand Commander or by the Grand Master.

Effective immediately, on all petitions wherever considered, the members of the "investigating committee" are required to state categorically in their report that they know or have personally interviewed the Petitioner.

Also, for understanding, it might be well to re-state two basic laws of Grand Encampment which are of continuing effect: (1) Whenever any business is to be transacted at a Special Conclave of a Commandery (including action on petitions) there must be notice to the members before such Conclave, and the business transacted must include nothing not stated in such Notice; (2) The business of a Commandery (including action on petitions) may be transacted only in the asylum of the Commandery, except when disastrous damage has rendered the asylum unfit for use, in which case Dispensation may issue.

Definition of Sojourners Extended

The definition of "Sojourners" over whom jurisdiction of the local Commandery is established by only six months residence, is broadened to include ". . . any persons belonging to

the Active Army, Navy, Air Force, U. S. Public Health Service, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and the National Aeronautical Space Agency of the United States."

Authority of Grand Commanderies Over Commanderies

An amendment to Section 41 (c) of the Constitution of Grand Encampment clarifies by extended language the authority of Grand Commanderies to form new Commanderies within their jurisdictions, stating specifically that new Commanderies may be formed by a Grand Commandery with or without the consent of existing Commanderies.

Section 41 (d) of the Constitution of Grand Encampment now provides additionally that a Grand Commandery ". . . may approve or order the relocation or consolidation of any of its Constituent Commanderies."

Proxies of the Grand Master

To the previous authority of the Grand Master to appoint a member of the Grand Encampment to act as his Proxy for constituting, visiting, or presiding over a Grand Commandery or a Constituent Commandery, there is added authority to appoint a Past Commander for the same functions in the establishment or supervision of Subordinate Commanderies.

Religious Activities

The name of this Committee of Grand Encampment was changed from "Religious Observance" to "Religious Activities." It consists of three members and also the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment who becomes, ex-officio, a member of the Committee. The function of the Committee is broadened and

make more active by the following language, "It shall initiate and give active leadership throughout our Christian Order to programs that will place proper emphasis upon our individual Christian responsibilities, as well as to the religious obligations of Templary."

Public Relations

A new Standing Committee on Public Relations, consisting of three members replaces the former Special Committee of Grand Encampment, and has a broader assignment which will bring it into direct contact with Grand Commanderies and Commanderies. "The Committee shall study all existing public relations programs and procedures of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commanderies and the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, and shall recommend changes and improvements in public relations to the Grand Master. The Committee shall originate educational material. It shall disseminate and promote approved public relations programs, and shall assist the Grand Master in presenting material through the official publication medium and otherwise as the Grand Master may direct."

Patriotic and Civic Activities

The name of the Grand Encampment Committee is now "A Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities." Discussion on this subject made it clear that there will be a broader approach in this activity area.

Knight Templar Cross of Honor

A meritorious award was established, to be awarded by the Grand Master and to include both a jewel of distinctive design in the form of a Patriarchal Cross and a suitable certificate. Nominations for these awards will be made by action of Commanderies of which the nominees are members and the submission of a prescribed form, and in the case of Constituent Commanderies, the nomination must also be approved by the Grand Commander. One nomination annually will be considered for each Grand Commandery, and not more than three nominations annually from the total of the Subordinate Commanderies.

Knight Templar Eye Foundation

The field of work of the Foundation was enlarged to include the correction of crossed-eyes in children, whether the condition would result in blindness or not. Also, the limiting word "surgical" was inserted in Section 18½ of the Constitution of Grand Encampment, so that it now reads ". . . for the research, surgical treatment and hospitalization. . . ."

Dual Membership Authorized, Permissively

A Grand Commandery may now provide for Dual (active) Membership of Templars within its jurisdiction or in connection with other Grand Commanderies whose laws so provide. Thus, any Knight Templar may become an active member of two Commanderies, which may be a Subordinate Commandery and a Constituent Commandery, two Constituent Commanderies within the same state, or two Constituent Commanderies located in different states; provided, that Dual Membership has been authorized by enactment of the Grand Commanderies where the Constituent Commanderies are located.

Department Commanders of Grand Encampment

The Department Commanders now have full "staff" status under the Grand Master's immediate direction. They are installed in office, will serve for a term of three years or during the pleasure of the Grand Master, and will be entitled to a permanent rank of Past Department Commander upon completion of their term of office. They will represent the Grand Master at all times within their assigned Departments, except when the Grand Master or his Special Proxy is present. The Department of Subordinate Commanderies was eliminated, and by action of the Grand Master the number of Departments within the continental United States will be seven, to include regional areas as set out elsewhere in this issue of Knight Templar. Also, by action of the Grand Encampment, all Department Commanders who served during previous triennials are now entitled to the permanent rank of Past Department Commander.

Department Conferences Authorized

By new enactment, the Grand Master is now authorized to call Annual Conferences in each of the Departments at such times and places during the triennial period as he may determine. Such Department Conferences shall include the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder of each of the Grand Commanderies in such Departments, and such others as the Grand Master shall determine.

Succession to Office

In the event of the inability of all of the Dais Officers to serve, by reason of a simultaneous calamity or otherwise, the temporary Presiding Officer of Grand Encampment, a Grand Commandery or a Commandery will be the person who held the office most recently, that is, the Junior Past Presiding Officer, if able to serve.

Funerals

Through approval of a Decision of Grand Master Paul M. Moore, it is established that it is not necessary for a Commandery to "open" and "close" in its asylum, in order to be convened by the Commander for the purpose of conducting a Templar Funeral Service. It is sufficient that the Commander call his officers and the members to assemble at a specified place and time, which need not be at the regular place for conclaves.

Amendment of the Ritual

The former provision that amendments to the Ritual could be considered only at alternate Triennial Conclaves was eliminated. Thus, appropriate amendments may be considered at any Triennial Conclave.

Distribution of Rituals

All previous Resolutions were rescinded, as they affected the distribution of Rituals to Grand Commanderies and to Constituent Commanderies, but they remain in effect for Subordinate Commanderies. Thus, the distribution of Rituals to Constituent Commanderies and to individual members within a Grand Commandery, and the accounting for same, is entirely within the authority of the Grand Commandery to prescribe.

All Rituals now within any Grand Commandery will become the property of that Grand Commandery immediately upon payment for same to the Grand Encampment. There is a full moratorium on the shipment of Rituals to the Grand Commanderies and on the return of Rituals to the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment. In the meantime, new rituals will be sold to the Grand Commanderies at \$5.00 per copy with a refund of \$3.00 per copy upon an old ritual being returned.

The Grand Encampment continues as the sole authority over the content of the Ritual and over its printing. No other Rituals than those authorized and printed by Grand Encampment are lawful.

Ritualistic Options

An "Optional Rubric No. 2" was approved, and will be printed and distributed. It provides for the handling of classes of more than eleven candidates for the Order of the Temple as a group in all parts of the Work, and for the use of a single "Exemplar" to represent all candidates at certain times when the movement of the entire class would be impractical and distracting.

A second proposal, to authorize the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross by the communication of certain essential information, in the event that the Order of Malta was to be conferred on the same candidates in full form, was set aside for consideration at the 1967 Conclave. In the meantime, Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker is authorized to permit this method by Dispensation, when requested and only in the event of classes of more than eleven candidates.

NOTE: The purpose of the proposal for a "short-form" Red Cross was to make possible a choice whereby at Festivals the Order of Malta might be conferred in full form without increasing the total time required for the Templar Work. The temporary authority for Dispensation is for the purpose of accumulating more experience, before acting upon such a far-reaching proposal. Requests for such Dispensation should come to the Grand Master only

from the Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies or from the Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies.

York Rite Committee

By a Resolution similar to those adopted in October, 1963, by the General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter, and after approval of the report of the Committee on York Rite Unity, the Grand Encampment authorized continuation of the Committee and full participation in the York Rite Commission on Unity, which is composed of three members of each of the

three coordinate national Bodies.

Holy Bible to be Displayed

"The Holy Bible shall be displayed at all Templar Conclaves, including those of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commanderies, and all Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies. This shall be under the direction of the Prelate. Unless otherwise provided ritualistically, the Holy Bible shall be displayed on the Prelate's lectern, opened to the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 28, and a small wooden cross shall be displayed thereon."

K. T. Eye Foundation Aids Seven Year Old W. Va. Lad

By ROBERT H. BOWLBY, Morgantown, W. Va.

This is the story concerning the aid given by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to seven year old Charles Funk of West Virginia in the fight to preserve the sight of his left eye.

Charles is a fine looking, sturdy little lad, the youngest of ten children of respectable parents of limited means, living on a small farm in the mountains of Preston County, West Virginia. Dr. Ralph W. Ryan, local specialist in the treatment of eyes, referred Charles' case to Dr. Wm. O. Saas of Pittsburgh making an appointment for June 1st, 1964.

Charles and his Mother, Mrs. Eugene Funk, were brought from their mountain home, a distance of about 35 miles east of Morgantown, on Monday morning. We left immediately for Pittsburgh at 7:00 A. M., arriving at Pittsburgh at the Doctor's office at 11:00 A. M., a distance of seventy-five miles. This was the first time that Charles and his mother had traveled this far from home. After Dr. Saas had made his examination, the office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in Rhinebeck, New York, was called by phone to give them a report of the examination and to get approval for hospitalization and surgery. They directed Dr. Saas to proceed with the operation which he had prescribed and Charles was taken to Montefiore Hospital and admitted for Eye Surgery. The operation was performed the next morning, June 2, 1964.

They repaired the torn retina and felt sure that the operation was a success. On June 15th when Charles was discharged he could read the large letters on the chart, much to the pleasure of all concerned.

While staying the two weeks in Pittsburgh, to be near her son, Mrs. Funk spent each night at the Salvation Army Emergency Home and was given two meals each day, without charge. The Social Worker's organization of Montefiore Hospital looked after Mrs. Funk and furnished her bus fare each day to and from the Salvation Army Emergency Home and the Hospital, a distance of 30 blocks.

An interesting and very moving event took place as we were leaving the Doctor's office. His staff of several nurses had assembled several large boxes of clothing and presented them to Mrs. Funk, to take home to her family. It was a wonderful expression from the professional staff of this busy Doctor's office. It shows how impressed they all were by this worthy little mother and her small son.

We arrived back in Morgantown, June 15th, and were met by the father and a neighbor to take them home. They were so grateful for everything that was done for them. Mrs. Funk told me again and again, that this was the greatest service to mankind that she and her family had ever experienced.

YORK RITE UNITY



William F. Clark

Wilber M. Brucker

Donald P. Boudeman

York Rite Unity Marches Onward

(Official Release of York Rite Commission on Unity)

History was made for York Rite Masonry at the 49th Triennial Sessions of the Grand Encampment, meeting at Philadelphia in August, 1964.

The three national leaders of York Rite Masonry unanimously endorse the objectives submitted by the York Rite Commission on Unity. Companion William F. Clark, M. Ex. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Companion Donald D. Boudeman, M. P. General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters International; and Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, M. Em. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar met and agreed to a program designed to effect a closer unification of the three great organizations which

they represent. The desire for York Rite Unity has never been more manifest than in this announcement resulting from the meeting of these dynamic leaders.

The report of a Grand Encampment committee on the suggested program for unification, as proposed by the York Rite Commission on Unity, was adopted unanimously. This action was followed by the enthusiastic adoption of a resolution sponsored by the dais officers of the Grand Encampment, similar in content and structure to the resolutions adopted by the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in Minneapolis last October.

The program is designed to bring unity to all branches of York Rite Freemasonry and embodies a wide range of important objectives. All of these were unanimously adopted in principle by the national leaders, and are important items on their respective programs for the triennium immediately ahead.

It was officially announced that care-

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fully prepared suggestions for the implementation of closer York Rite unity will soon be in the hands of regional and state grand officers. These plans and suggestions will be mailed over the

signatures of the three national leaders of the rite. It is anticipated that these forward looking plans will be eagerly received and conscientiously applied at national, regional, state and local levels.

Report of the Committee on York Rite Unity

To the Most Eminent Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., the Committee on York Rite Unity reports as follows:

The formation of a Joint York Rite Commission on Unity was first officially authorized by resolution of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, adopted at their Triennial Assembly on October 15, 1963. This Resolution has been generally published, and we think it need not be read here; it authorized and directed the appointment of a special committee of three members of the General Grand Council for the purpose of meeting with similar committees of the General Grand Chapter and of the Grand Encampment, which three committees would constitute a Joint Commission of nine members to take steps to unify York Rite Masonry, with power to recommend any necessary action to bring about a unification of these three York Rite Bodies, under such terms and upon such conditions as might be approved by each respective sovereign York Rite Body. Furthermore, the General Grand Master was authorized by the resolution to carry out the recommendations of the Commission in the interim prior to the next Triennial Assembly, provided that such actions would not conflict with the organic structure of the General Grand Council.

On the following day, a resolution identical in intent was adopted by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, directing the appointment of a similar committee of three members and similarly authorizing and instructing the General Grand High Priest.

The third of these resolutions has been proposed by the four principal officers of this Grand Encampment, was printed in the Notice of this conclave, and will be presented for action im-

mediately following this report.

It should be noted that the preparation of the resolutions adopted by the General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter and proposed for your action here, was a joint enterprise of the four principal officers of Grand Encampment and the similar officers of these correlated bodies. To this force was added the efforts of the instructed delegations of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Florida and the ready acceptance of an overwhelming proportion of the delegates, many of whom are present here in their character as members of this body.

Immediately upon being informed of the adoption of the Resolutions at the Minneapolis Triennials, the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, appointed a Committee composed of Sir Knights John L. Crofts, Glenne R. McArthur, and Fred England, Jr. The committee members representing General Grand Council are Sir Knights Bruce H. Hunt, Herbert T. White, and Stephen B. Dimond, and for General Grand Chapter the committee is composed of Sir Knights Edwin A. Martini, Calvin A. Behle, and Walter J. Bublitz. Together, these nine compose the Commission at this time.

On January 10-11, 1964, the Commission met for the first time in Chicago, with guests Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master, under whose initiative the meeting had been called, and General Grand Master Donald D. Boudeman also in attendance. In a series of five sessions, a wide range of subjects was discussed in perfect harmony of purpose, and these many subjects were divided into immediate or

short-term objectives and those of longer range which could best be considered after the short term proposals had been implemented. The specific short term proposals agreed upon were adopted by resolutions, and were first communicated by letters to the presiding officers of the 3 National Bodies on January 27, 1964 and a month later by a copy of the Minutes of the Commission session. These proposals were such as were thought to be logical first steps and to be non-controversial, and thus easily implemented, and, at the same time, such as would provide a climate favorable to the further development of Unity. While they were divided into only two general sections, a similarity of method would result at five separate levels, (1) national, (2) regional, (3) state jurisdiction, (4) district or sub-district, and (5) locally. In brief, these recommendations were:

—At the National or

General Grand Level—

1. The immediate formation of a Council of Presiding National York Rite Officers, to meet at least annually for the purpose of coordinating their efforts to promote York Rite Unity.

2. That the country be divided into seven identical regions by the Presiding Officers, which would operate in lieu of or as a substitute for the present Departments of Grand Encampment and for the sectional divisions of General Grand Chapter, within which regions there should be held at least once during a triennium Regional York Rite Conference, for the purpose of meeting with the dais officers or not less than three principal officers of each York Rite Grand Body within such Regions, under the following conditions:

a. That each Regional Conference be held at a mutually agreed time and place which would be central, accessible, and economical; and when held the officers of the respective bodies meet with their own national officers, at the same time but not together, for not more than a half-day to discuss their own programs; and that the remainder of the time be devoted to a joint meeting, having a planned program which would have as its primary purpose the consideration of common

problems and York Rite Unity, and the promotion of York Rite Masonry in particular and Freemasonry in general.

b. That such Conference programs should include the presentation of papers on agreed subjects and discussion thereof, which subjects should include but not be limited to: Organization of the Grand or State Jurisdiction for coordinated efforts and its subdivision into identical districts similarly organized; Public Relations; Degree Work; Festivals; Membership Common or Interlocking Committees; Careful Planning of Programs; Duties and Responsibilities of Officers.

c. That the papers presented and a resume of the discussion be recorded and printed, and made available at no cost or at a nominal cost, in order that they might find their way into all organizations subordinate to the various Grand or General Grand bodies.

d. That non-affiliated Grand Jurisdictions of the York Rite bodies be invited to attend the Regional Conferences.

e. That such Regional Conferences should not prohibit any additional meetings or efforts on the part of any of the General Grand, Grand, or local bodies, or visitations of those bodies.

3. That the York Rite Commission and the Presiding Officers should consider, among other subjects and for future determinations: (1) Recommendations for reducing the number of local business meetings, (2) Relocation, consolidation, and extension of local York Rite bodies, (3) Encouragement of short progressive lines, (4) Traveling programs to be furnished on the state level to subordinate organizations, (5) Uniform fiscal terms, (6) A single standard York Rite emblem, (7) A nationally uniform and officially sponsored honor degree or degrees, (8) Uniform joint petitions, (9) A York Rite patent, (10) A unified philanthropic and educational organization or foundation, (11) One common publication or magazine or "house organ."

4. That all York Rite Grand Jurisdictions be visited at least once in each triennium by a Presiding Officer of a York Rite General Grand Body; that the Presiding Officers attempt to coordinate their planning of such visits;

and that where the annual meetings of several Grand Bodies are held concurrently, one such national Presiding Officer attending should be empowered to appear for the others, provided, that he should not infringe on the administration of such other bodies visited.

—At the Grand or State Level—

1. That a York Rite Council should be established on the state level, to consist of the dais officers or at least the three principal officers of each body, for the purpose of planning, promoting, and coordinating York Rite Masonry within the state.

2. That where practical, the state be divided into identical geographical areas or districts for the three bodies, within which there should be organized some sort of a council or organization to carry out the coordinated planning and execution of the York Rite program within such Districts.

3. That there should be shorter elective line-ups in all York Rite bodies, believing that it will insure more capable administration and personnel, and that the entire successive or progressive years of service should not be more than four years.

4. That there be York Rite Festivals for the purpose of conferring the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite within subordinate localities within the state, at least once a year, at which the Work of all three bodies is successively conferred within a designated connected period; provided, that nothing shall be done to prohibit the conferring of Work by local bodies at any time; but, where the latter is done, it is recommended that where possible such Work be coordinated so that a candidate desirous of taking the Work in all three bodies may do so in a minimum period of time.

—Further Developments—

A number of state bodies have expressed readiness to move in the direction of York Rite Unity. In the most sweeping of these actions, at the annual Florida meetings of 1963, that Grand Council and Grand Chapter flatly stated their readiness to yield their sovereignty to a national York Rite authority; and this year that Grand Commandery, which had met before the actions of

1963, adopted a supporting resolution. In May of this year the Grand Commandery of Indiana adopted a resolution recommending the unification of their three Grand Bodies under one governing body, subject to similar action on the part of members of their Grand Chapter and Grand Council. Missouri announced officially in the same month, as a joint announcement of their three bodies, establishment of seven identical Districts and plans for coordinated programs within such Districts. Iowa, in June, authorized the principal officers of their Grand Commandery to meet and act, together with similarly authorized representatives of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, for the establishment of a mutually agreeable time and place for the meetings of the three bodies, which are now meeting separately. Positive steps toward coordination have recently been taken in Kentucky and Montana.

Many states have joined their York Rite bodies by some form of a council, either of committees or of elected officers. However, there is little uniformity in these efforts, they having evolved quite separately from national direction or suggestion, and they range at this time from committees which do not meet at all to regular quarterly conferences of Grand Officers, who, having decided in advance to agree, thus confine their efforts to finding the best methods and programs.

At the national level, important progress can be reported. Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master, has said, in regard to the recommendations of the York Rite Commission, that he personally concurs and wants the recommendations adopted. Owing to the imminence of his retirement, he authorized and requested Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, to confer with the General Grand Master and the General Grand High Priest.

Several such conferences between Sir Knights Brucker, Boudeman, and Clark have been held, both privately and with the York Rite Commission and both before and during this Triennial Conclave. While announcement of specific plans will necessarily be delayed until

their completion and until proper official announcement has been made, we are authorized to make this dramatic statement: The Deputy Grand Master, General Grand Master, and General Grand High Priest concur in approval of the recommendations of the Commission, and firm plans have been made for a program which will implement the recommendations, which program will begin before the end of this calendar year.

—Conclusion—

Your Committee considers the three bodies of the York Rite, i.e., the Chapter, Council, and Commandery, to be for all practical purposes inseparable. Not only do we recall that, historically, the Commandery of Knights Templar is the offspring of the Royal Arch Chapter, but we also suggest that in our present situation, the three bodies—together and unified—will present a stronger organization than would any of the three bodies separately.

Also, we realize fully the debilitating effect of the useless expenditure of both the time and the money of York Rite members in multiple meetings held to accomplish the same purposes and adopt the same actions. We view this situation as a matter of extreme urgency, and possibly would present a more conclusive action to this conclave if we did not realize the need to march in step with the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, which bodies can not consider and adopt the same sort of actions which could be accomplished readily by the Grand Encampment, because of their lack of comparable authority.

Therefore, while we simply endorse and recommend implementation of the recommendations of the York Rite Commission on Unity, adopted at the January 1964 meeting of the Commission, we express the hope that all Knights Templar will also endorse them and will give their vigorous efforts to their implementation. A united York Rite would seem to promise not only a more efficient and effective organization, but also relief from overlapping duties and onerous detail which would free the members' time to be used in more significant activities.

Courteously submitted,
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GLENNE R. McARTHUR
FRED ENGLAND, Jr.

(So that the attitudes expressed in this report may be recorded as the attitudes of this sovereign body, I move the adoption of this report.) ADOPTED.

Unity Moves Forward in Florida

By Stephen Diamond, Correspondent.

At a recent meeting of Florida's Grand York Rite Council (composed of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Prin. Cond. of Work, Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary-Recorder) several important decisions were made.

1—At the next Annual Sessions of all three Grand York Rite Bodies in Orlando, next May, the first half day, Monday, the three Grand Bodies would open or reconvene at the same time, to take care of committees having similar business; i.e., Time & Place, York Rite Light, Thanks, Memorial or Necrology, Distinguished Guests and appointment of committees. This is indeed far reaching and the ultimate details have yet to be worked out.

2—Formed District York Rite Councils to assist the three presiding Grand Officers. Composed of the three District Deputies, Florida now has twelve York Rite Districts.

3—The twelve York Rite District Meetings were set. They are to be joint Chapter, Council and Commandery Meetings, preferably Dinner Meetings, open to our Ladies, Master Masons and their Ladies. The Three Grand Presiding Officers will be present at each of these.

4—To hold a Fall State Festival at Lakeland, Florida, time to be set.

A—All Fall Festivals, whether local, District or State, are to be named in honor of Sir Knight John B. Phelps.

The Business of the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment

By Sir Knight CHARLES B. WOLFERTZ, P.G.C., Pa., Past Dept. Commander

The Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, reconvened its 49th Triennial Conclave in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania promptly at 12:00 o'clock noon on Saturday, August 22, 1964, in the main Ballroom of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel—all Sir Knights appearing in full Templar uniform with swords.

With S. Blair Sponeybarger, VEDGC of Pennsylvania in the chair, the lines were formed by Sir Knights from the 1st, 3rd and 5th Divisions of Pennsylvania and F. Parson Kepler, Sr., Grand Commander of Pennsylvania was presented. Assuming the chair, Sir Knight Kepler received the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Paul Miller Moore and his escort consisting of the Past Grand Commanders of Pennsylvania captained by Paul D. Rodenhauser, PGC.

At the request of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, REDGM assumed the chair and presided over the sessions of this Triennial Conclave which were opened by prayer from Sir Knight and Rev. Philip Jones, G. P. of Pennsylvania and Acting Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.

The guests of the Grand Encampment were then escorted into the Asylum, each with a personal escort, and officially welcomed by the Acting Grand Master. Representing many of the branches of Freemasonry these distinguished brethren included:

Robert W. Dietrich, Illustrious Potentate, LuLu Temple, AAONMS in the Oasis of Philadelphia;

Claude M. Gorden, Most Eminent Grand Master General of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour;

William H. Cantwell, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States

of America, Mexico and the Philippines and the personal representative of Sir Knight George Edward Bushnell, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America;

Edward A. Glad, K.G.C., Grand Recorder of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines;

Ralph J. Fogle, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania;

O. Carlyle Brock, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America;

John S. Royer, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania;

Frank Parson Kepler, Sr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania;

William Ellsworth Yeager, Grand Captain General of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America;

Richard Arminius Kern, Active Member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, District of Pennsylvania;

Donald D. Boudeman, Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters;

William Foster Clark, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons;

Most Eminent Knight Frederick Carl Ackert, Supreme Grand Master of

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the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada;

Most Eminent Knight John Henry Eydt, GCT, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada;

Most Eminent Knight Humphrey Lorne Johnson, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada;

Most Eminent Sir Knight Colonel Basil A. T. McFarland, Baronet, C.B.E., E.R.D., H.N.L., Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Ireland; and

Earl F. Herold, The Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Each in due time addressed the members of the Grand Encampment extending felicitations and words for the general good of the Order.

Then followed the representative of the Mayor of Philadelphia, Bro. Frederick Mann, often called "the official greeter" of the City of Brotherly Love. He referred to the 34th Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment held in this same city in 1919 and spoke of the many facilities available to visitors and of the improvements in Penn Square.

Responding to the greeting, Wilber M. Brucker, Dep. Grand Master likewise recalled the 34th Triennial Conclave of which Bro. Mann had spoken, after World War I, stating that Philadelphia had been a most gracious host at that time, mentioning the great crowds which lined the streets to witness the parade and spoke of their enthusiasm. In the intervening years, Sir Knight Brucker stated that there had been another World War and a great depression followed by a moral decline, corruption and lawlessness. He mentioned that we, as Knights Templar have not been all we should have been in these years. We are perfectly willing to be complacent and ask "so what?" We have not always measured up nor have we been ready to take the problem for serious consideration. We have streamlined without preserving principles. Are we ready to be decisive, to accept the challenge and to take up the torch?

We would like you to take back to Mayor Tate our thanks for the privilege of meeting in this great city as we endeavor to get back to the original principles of our forefathers, to again imbibe the spirit of George Washington a Master Mason, who came to Independence Hall with other Masons to form our new country.

The officers appointed by the Most Eminent Grand Master for service during the Triennial Conclave included:

John B. Cottrell, Jr., PGC, Penn., Grand Senior Warden.

Charles Harrison Pugh, PGC, REDC, N. Carolina, Grand Junior Warden.

Charles D. Hill, PGC, Ark., Grand Standard Bearer.

Carl Eli Anderson, PGC, Ill., Grand Sword Bearer.

Harrison C. Hartline, PGC, Penn., Grand Warden.

Schuyler C. Blackburn, PGC, Maryland, Grand Captain of the Guard.

The aide for the Most Eminent Grand Master in Philadelphia was Charles B. Wolfertz, PGC, Penn. and District of Columbia.

The high lights of the Grand Master's report was read by John W. Laird, Grand Recorder, Pa. Briefly, the Grand Master stated "As I took up my duties as Grand Master, I felt the first requisite to making a full and lasting contribution to Templary was to present a well-ordered, unified front and adopt a definite program so that we might wisely utilize our time and talents.

"Therefore, an official conference of Grand Officers and Chairmen of Committees was held in Chicago, Illinois in September of 1961. As a result of this conference, an official joint communication from the Officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar was issued in brochure form based on a summary of the minutes of the conference entitled "The Set of the Sails."

"The Grand Master spoke of the various facets of Templar work, emphasizing the ground work which had been laid to build our great Order. Mention was also made of the plight of the members of Havana Commandery No. 1, K. T., Havana, Cuba; of the constituting ceremony of Hermann Von Salza

Commandery No. 1 at Frankfurt-am-Main, West Germany, and Heidelberg Commandery, No. 2, Heidelberg, West Germany.

"During the Triennium a charter was issued to the Grand Commandery of the Philippines, the constituent commanderies forming this grand commandery consisting of Far East Comandery, Manila; Asian Commandery, Alongapo; Kalaw Commandery, Manila; Okinawa Commandery, Okinawa; and Guam Commandery, Guam. Dispensations for new subordinate commanderies were also granted to St. Andrews Commandery No. 2 UD, Dover, Delaware; and Al Hasa Commandery No. 1 UD Dhahran, Saudi, Arabia."

Sir Knight Moore also referred to the plight of the members of Anchorage Commandery No. 2, K. T. in Alaska in which it was noted that the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin had sent a check for \$100 to these Sir Knights and also a warrant to this commandery of \$500 from Grand Encampment.

Membership and York Rite Unification, Religious Activities, Public Relations, the Knight Templar Magazine, our two great projects, the Education and Eye Foundations, were among the subjects treated in this report. Attention was called in the Testimonial to Charles Vernon Eddy, Past Grand Captain General in acknowledgement of the fine service rendered by this Sir Knight.

A concluding paragraph in the report states that "we are a fraternal organization with a Christian motive and a Christian mission. We believe the true solution of man's problems is to be found in the examples and teachings of Jesus Christ under whose banner we are enlisted as Soldiers of the Cross. 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. . . . Let us go forth to valiant service in His name!"

Sir Knight Brucker spoke of this as being a splendid allocution, with beautiful sincerity, Christian modesty . . . adding that the officers of Grand Encampment had worked together har-

moniously as a team, after which all members present rose in admiration of this fine report.

Throughout all of the business sessions, Wilber M. Brucker, REDGM, and acting Grand Master, presided with marked ability, injecting a spark of humor at opportune moments, giving all ample time to voice any opinions they might have on legislation being considered, yet without any noticeable delays. All possible courtesies and every consideration was extended to Paul Miller Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master, by the presiding officer and the members of Grand Encampment indicating their great respect and sincere deference to our distinguished leader.

In presenting the report of the Knight Templar Education Foundation, James M. Caviness, PGC, stated "that Education is the best insurance for the future of America" and mentioned that during the period of the 49th Triennium 5,397 students had been assisted with loans in the amount of \$2,854,170.00. Since its inception this foundation has aided 56,598 students with loans totaling \$17,574,476.99."

Harry O. Schroeder, PGC reading the report of the George Washington Memorial Committee stated that the chapel is always kept in good condition and that numerous visitors continue to enter the Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, just across the Potomac from Washington D. C.

Most Eminent Knight Frederick Carl Ackert, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada presented an Honorary Membership and Mantle to our Grand Master who was invested by Past Supreme Grand Master John Henry Eydt, to which presentation Sir Knight Moore responded "I want to thank the people of Canada for the honor they have conferred upon me."

Regrets were read from the Great Priory of England extending their disappointment at not being able to be present and extended felicitations for a successful conclave.

John L. Crofts, GG, reported the findings of the York Rite Commission, called attention to a suggestion that

elected lines be shortened in Grand and Constituent Commanderies, this change being recommended but not to be compulsory.

Sir Knight Brucker stated that a committee of nine, three from each of the York Rite Grand bodies in Pennsylvania and other States to work toward unification was desirable, but that any action taken would not conflict with the sovereignty of these bodies and that no organic union was contemplated at this time. Grand Encampment approved the forming of such a committee.

The Subordinate Commanderies whose members were in attendance were recognized. Charters were approved for the two commanderies to which dispensations had been granted, viz., St. Andrews, No. 1, Dover, Delaware and Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The presiding officer called this action "two gold star plusses" adding that there is also a request for a dispensation to organize a commandery in Mexico City, Mexico.

Thomas Nelson, PGC, Texas, read the report of the Committee on Special Translation of our ritual into Spanish and exhibited a copy of the completed work. The ritual was approved and referred to the Finance Committee to determine the amount of appropriation to take care of its being printed.

The Committee on Religious Observance reported through its chairman Burt Pearson PGC and PDC, concluding with the thought that "Every Christian man a Knight Templar."

The report of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund indicated the net worth of that fund as being \$166,258.96.

The Committee on the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington paid tribute to the memory of Raymond M. Babcock who had been chairman of this committee for ten years. Harry Beach, PGC, stated that this year was the 34th of this service and with permission to hold the service in the amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery was included the services of the Marine Band and the Army Chorus, also calling attention to the fact that

this service was broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company network. A film of this event is available for showing to those applying for its use.

Ed Glad, PGC, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of the Order stated that there had been a loss in membership during the last Triennium stating that "the time has come to sell Templary to Masons and our members to Templary."

Roy Dewey Stearns, PGC reported for the Historical Committee followed by Glenne McArthur, PGC for the Patriotic Activities Committee in which he quoted from an admonition of S. L. DeLove on "The Know Your History Hour" who said "I believe it is time for us—the mad, rushing 20th century American—to stop for a moment and think. Let us arrest our near reverential admiration of material success and return to spiritual and ethical values. Let us imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old-fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devotion to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded."

Lieutenant Colonel Wallace H. Morrice, of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines reported on conditions in the Philippines, Guam and Okinawa and stated that in his official capacity as Grand Commander he had granted dispensations for commanderies on Negrís and Tahiti. Sir Knight Brucker commented that Sir Knight Morris was ordered to be transferred from Okinawa and rather than leave there, he resigned from the Army and became a civilian engineer so that he might be able to continue his Masonic endeavors in the Islands.

John L. Crofts, GG, reported on the Knight Templar Magazine, speaking of its editorial policy and that the establishing of correspondents in each jurisdiction had been most beneficial to the magazine. He concluded by telling that the new objective is 10% of membership subscriptions from each jurisdiction instead of the previous 7% quota, feeling that this was necessary for the continued success of the magazine.

The presiding officer then called upon Walter Allen DeLamater, PGM and Executive Director of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation noting that Sir Knight DeLamater is "a bundle of energy."

The Executive Director stated that 7,904 cases have been processed, 3,045 of these during the last Triennium, and that more progress is anticipated as the years roll by, and that "our destiny is to be numbered as one of the world's greatest charities." He concluded with the statement that the Social Order of the Beauceant had made the K. T. Eye Foundation one of their projects and up to this time have given over \$100,000 to the foundation.

F. Parson Kepler, Sr., REGC Pennsylvania reported for the Committee on Time and Place stating that he had communications from the Mayor of Detroit and various Boards of Trades of that city inviting Grand Encampment to hold its 50th Triennial Conclave in that metropolis. The committee recommended acceptance of the invitation for the dates of August 19 to 24, 1967, which recommendation was unanimously adopted. Sir Knight Edward S. Pigin, PGC, Michigan related some of the more important events in the history of the next conclave city.

Relating to the report of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Charles B. Wolfertz, PGC and DC read the report of the Committee on Division and Reference.

Sir Knight Brucker mentioned that 1351 had attended the Drill Corps dinner in Kuglers Restaurant and that he had never seen a more enthusiastic group of Sir Knights.

G. Wilbur Bell, GCG, reported that the parade had formed on Benjamin Franklin Parkway and marched through downtown Philadelphia and was reviewed by the Most Em Grand Master, his officers and distinguished guests in front of Independence Hall. He stated that there were more than five thousand Sir Knights in the line of march with eleven bands, ten floats and Chapters of DeMolay members from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, calling it a very fine display of Christian Sir Knights.

Most Eminent Knight, Frederick Carl Ackert, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was elected to Honorary Membership of the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the United States of America.

Sam Ferrell, Department Commander, presented, in the name of the officers and department commanders, to the retiring Grand Master a set of beautiful gold cuff links with the Cross of Salem insignia on each as well as two 5 point and one 10 point diamonds adorning the insignia of each cuff link. Sir Knight Ferrell, addressing the Grand Master stated "we shall always remember your gentle spirit, your quiet enthusiasm and your intense loyalty to Templary and shall ever respect you as a man of spotless character and one of God's true noblemen."

The time for election having arrived, nominating speeches were made and seconded, for each candidate. J. Howard Haring, Chairman of the Tellers Committee, after balloting and the counting thereof, announced the election of Wilber M. Brucker as Most Eminent Grand Master; John L. Crofts, Sr., as Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; G. Wilbur Bell as Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; and Roy Wilford Riegle as Right Eminent Grand Captain General.

In a special election John Bridges Phelps, PGC of Florida, was chosen as a Trustee of the Permanent Fund.

It was suggested that the Sesqui-Centennial of Grand Encampment would occur on June 20, 1966 and that a fitting celebration should commemorate this event. Sir Knight Brucker added that it would be a splendid thing for all jurisdictions to commemorate this 150th anniversary in some fitting manner. The thought was unanimously approved and \$5000 from the emergency fund allocated for this purpose.

A resolution was passed requiring that an open Bible should be used in all conclaves of Grand Encampment, each Grand Commandery, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies and that it should be opened at the 28th chapter of Matthew.

Frederick Stahl, PGC of New York, requested permission to present a Bible

together with altar cloth to the Grand Encampment, permission being unanimously granted.

Earl T. Armesy, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Triennial Committee reported that all of his anticipations had been fulfilled, that he had heard no complaints and now was pleased to present to the members of Grand Encampment, George A. Williams, PGC, Pennsylvania as Chairman of the local Pennsylvania Triennial Committee and John B. Cottrell, Sr., PGC as Vice-Chairman of the same committee.

Robert Rewick, PGC, Chairman of the Membership Committee reported that the membership as of July 1, 1964 was 390,950. Although Grand Encampment showed a net loss of 7,239 members, 14 jurisdictions: Texas, California, North Carolina, Maryland, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Nebraska, Arizona, Virginia, Nevada, Wyoming and Montana—reported a net gain. He paid special tribute to the

jurisdiction of Florida for the staging of the Astronaut Grissom Class at Orlando, and known as the Orlando York Rite Festival on September 14, 1963, and so far as is known, all records for all jurisdictions were broken by the addition to the rolls of 402 new Sir Knights at one time. His parting admonition was "Go To Work."

Charles B. Wolfertz, PGC and DC, was instructed to write a resolution expressing the appreciation of Grand Encampment to the Sir Knights of Pennsylvania and especially to the citizens of Philadelphia.

Harrison C. Hartline, PGC, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business reported that there was no unfinished business after which the Acting Grand Prelate, Rev. Philip Jones, dismissed the members with prayer and the benediction and Sir Knight Brucker recessed Grand Encampment for the Installation Ceremonies.

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Iowa Grand Commandery Celebrates Centennial

By H. B. WILLARD, P.G.C., General Chairman Centennial Committee

Important events in history usually start with the influence, devotion and sacrifices of one individual. The history of the Christian religion begins with the story of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, whose works, teachings and principles, we, as Knights Templar profess and try to follow.

The history of our nation begins with the story of George Washington. It relates his brilliant leadership and wise judgment in establishing, defending and guiding the young country thru its formative years. The history of masons and especially the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa in its beginning is full of the dedicated work and foresight of none other than Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin. Besides presiding at the formation of the Grand Commandery at Des Moines, Iowa, June 6, 1864 he also served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and presided at the formation of the Grand Council. What contributions of wisdom and sacrifice men like these have given to humanity, no one will ever know. Yet, every day we are the benefactors

of their great gifts to mankind. How many men have served and really contributed to Templary over these one hundred years and many who are presently serving, will never be known.

Historians record only a part of the services rendered and the names of those most brilliant to them, as they pen the record. Many are the unsung heroes whom the Grand Master of the Universe and the Great Captain of our Salvation, alone, know their names and deeds.

In fitting commemoration of the events of the past hundred years of Templary in Iowa, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa celebrated their Centennial in the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 25, 26 and 27th, just past.

About 1,000 people made the pilgrimage to participate in the crowded events of these three days.

The highlight of the activities was the Grand Commanders Banquet with the inspiring message and appeal to patriotism by Wilber Marion Brucker, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Brucker is a



These five Sir Knights played a major role at the Centennial Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa. From left to right: Merlin S. Rufer of Fort Dodge, G. C. elect; Dallas Tipton Alford of Davenport, G. C.; Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment; John Lawton Crofts, Sr., Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment; and George Wilbur Bell, Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment.

former governor of the State of Michigan and was Secretary of the Army of the U. S. A. under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In his address, he urged a firm stand against the "Reds." Stressing again and again the dangers of complacency and the attitude that, "every thing will turn out all right" and "let the other fellow do it." Too many display the attitude that, "I could care less."

He urged us to "Show the Flag and we may not have to go to War."

Thursday evening the Knights with their ladies and the public attended an impressive religious service in the First Presbyterian Church and listened to a brilliant sermon on "The Heritage for the Future" by the Rev. Wallace A. Stark, Eminent Grand Prelate.

The sessions of the Grand Conclave were held daily in the Consistory Temple of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Saturday, the last day of the centennial was full of colorful events which started with an impressive public installation of the new officers for the

101st year in Iowa Templary. Many relatives and friends packed the beautiful Consistory auditorium. This took up the forenoon.

At three p.m. the whistle sounded and the big and very colorful Centennial Parade moved down Second Ave. from the Embassy Club. It was composed of 56 units consisting of marching Knights Templar, led by a color guard, Shrine Cycle Patrol and the El Kahir Shrine Band. Following this came the Grand Officers, distinguished guests from the Grand Encampment and other Grand Commanderies riding in 25 Oldsmobile white convertible automobiles, which had been generously contributed by the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation of Lansing, Michigan. Interspersed within the parade were several beautiful floats, high school bands, bugle corps, Rainbow Girl Patrols, Shrine Drum Corps and Baton Twirlers. All did much to make this a long to be remembered attraction.

The Centennial celebration was concluded Saturday evening by the Grand

Officers Reception and Ball.

Among the distinguished visitors were eight officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.: Wilber Marion Brucker, Deputy Grand Master; John Lawton Crofts, Sr., Grand Generalissimo; G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Captain General; Willard Meredith Avery, Department Commander; Robert Van Vort Osborne, Department Commander; Burt DuVoll Pearson, P.G.C., Chairman on Religious Observances; Roy Wilford Riegle, P.G.C., Chairman on Drill Regulations. Many Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Recorders and other Grand Officers of Grand Commanderies of other Grand jurisdictions joined with us, together with the Heads of the Iowa Grand Masonic bodies to make our Centennial a success.

The following officers were elected to

serve the Grand Commandery of Iowa for the coming year: Merlyn S. Rufer, G.C.; Claude K. Bradley, D.G.C.; Donald E. Wolfe, G.Gen.; John R. David, G.C.G.; Emil J. Biasi, P.G.C., was re-elected G.R.

This report would not be complete without recording some of the activities of the ladies during these festive days. The featured program was a trip to the famous Amana Colonies whose history dates back to 1714. After a conducted tour they stopped for a delicious luncheon at the Amana's several quaint and renowned Inns. The other days were spent with fine teas and programs.

At the conclusion everyone returned to their homes feeling well repaid for the efforts expended and an inspiration to work more diligently for a revitalized Templary during the next One Hundred Years.

From Our Readers

Holy Grail Commandery No. 58, **Michigan**, is the youngest Commandery in that Jurisdiction. It had 38 Sir Knights and 16 ladies at the Triennial in Philadelphia. All officers, both elected and appointed, were in attendance. Sir Knight Arthur Waber, 81 years of age, who marched with Englewood Commandery No. 59 of Knights Templar in Chicago, Illinois in the 1919 Triennial Parade, marched past the reviewing stand with Holy Grail Commandery in 1964—45 years later.

Thomas Earl Doss, Grand Recorder of **Tennessee**, is noted for being one of the early birds in getting out Grand Commandery Proceedings and communications to the constituent commanderies in his jurisdiction. The Proceedings were mailed out within two weeks after the Conclave, and a letter on the activities of the Grand Encampment was mailed out under date of August 31.

Joseph E. Martin, G.C., of **Kentucky** most ably presents the cause of the Knight Templar Magazine in his Grand Commander's message in the Grand

Commandery Knights Templar of Kentucky News Bulletin of September 1st.

"Part of this year's program was to increase the number of subscriptions to the 'Knight Templar' magazine so that we will go over our quota of 7%. I personally feel it is important that we Kentuckians do our share in supporting this source of material available to us.

Have you ever wondered how you might improve your annual Christmas observance program in your Commandery? Check your May, 1960, issue of the 'Knight Templar' magazine and read about the Los Angeles Knights Templar Christmas Observance.

Would you like to know how Commanderies in other Grand Jurisdictions observe Easter? Then pick up a copy of the May, 1964 issue of the Knight Templar Magazine and read of the Annual Sunrise Service at Cleveland, Ohio.

Do you need information about the Educational Foundation? Perhaps you would like to know something about the Eye Foundation or want some ideas for publicity. Then look through a few copies of the Knight Templar Magazine and you will find answers on all these subjects."

Specific instruction for subscribing for Knight Templar Magazine followed.

Frederick H. Stall, presiding Grand Commandery at the recent Grand Commandery Conclave of New York, had as a theme "One Hundred Fifty Years of Templary." A fine exhibition drill was given by the "B" team of Bethlehem Commandery No. 53. The entire collection taken at the Divine Service was

turned over to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Howard L. Adams was installed as Grand Commander for the current year.

Sir Knight and Col. C. I. Kephart, is now having printed by Henry L. Geddie Company, Fort Worth, Texas, a "Concise History of Freemasonry, (including Knight Templary)."

103rd Annual Conclave Grand Commandery, Tenn.

The 103rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Tennessee was held in Chattanooga, August 2, 3, 4, 1964. All Commanderies were represented and 108 Past Commanders, including fifteen Past Grand Commanders were registered. The Grand Encampment was represented by three Department Commanders, Robert V. Osborne, North Central Department, Willard M. Avery, East Central Department and Editor of the Knight Templar Magazine, and Sam Ferrell, South Central Department and by Roy W. Riegle, Chairman Drill Regulations Committee

and E. Guy Frizzell, 2nd Vice President Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Other guests included the Grand Commanders (or their representatives) of the Grand Commanderies of Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia as well as the presiding officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Tenn.

This Conclave celebrated the 23rd consecutive net gain in membership for the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Tennessee.—By Coy H. Duke.



AT GRAND COMMANDERY BANQUET—Shown are the leaders and distinguished guests at the banquet of the 103rd annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tenn. L. to R., standing: James B. Butler, G. Prel., of Miss., Principal speaker; Mrs. Joy R. Magahee, daughter of Robert Lee Ramey, Sr.; Sir Knight Ramey G.C., of Tenn.; Mrs. Nathan L. Roberts and Nathan L. Roberts, Master of Ceremonies and P.G. Master of Masons of Tenn.; E. Guy Frizzell, P.G.C. of Tenn. and 2nd Vice Pres. of the K. T. Eye Foundation; Mrs. Riegle and Roy W. Riegle, Emporia, Kansas, Chm. of Drill Regulations Committee, Grand Encampment; and Robert V. Osborne, Wisconsin, Dept. Com. for the North Central Dept.

Date and Place of Visitations by Grand Master or by His Official Representative for Balance of Calendar Year — 1964

1. September 5-7, 1964—Peoria, Illinois.
Sir Knight Glenn R. McArthur, Department Com-
mander.
2. September 13, 1964—Huron, South Dakota.
Sir Knight George Wilbur Bell, Right Eminent
Grand Generalissimo.
3. September 15, 1964—Green River, Wyoming.
Sir Knight Samuel J. Chapman, Department Com-
mander.
4. September 18, 1964—Denver, Colorado.
Sir Knight Roy Wilford Reigle, Right Eminent
Grand Captain's General.
5. October 4 & 5, 1964—Manchester, New Hampshire.
Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Com-
mander.
6. October 10, 1964—Cleveland, Ohio.
Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand
Master.
7. October 12-14, 1964—Boston, Massachusetts and Rhode
Island.
Sir Knight John B. Crofts, Jr., Right Eminent
Deputy Grand Master.
8. October 26, 1964—Prescot, Arizona.
Sir Knight Robert M. Rewick, Department Com-
mander.

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