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CROSS OF SALEM—GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

A Message From the Grand Master - -



WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS OF SALEM

On the front cover of this issue of **Knight Templar** magazine appears a beautiful picture-portrait, in color, of the Jewel worn by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., called the **CROSS OF SALEM**. Not many Templars are acquainted with the significance of this rare Cross, nor the thrilling tradition it exemplifies.

The last five letters of the word **JERUSALEM** furnish a clue—they spell “**SALEM**.” In the time of Abraham, that ancient city was originally called **SALEM**, which means “founded in peace.” Hence, in Biblical lore, Jerusalem is **SALEM**. Numerous references appear in both the Old and New Testaments to **SALEM**, notably Genesis 14:18 concerning the “King of Salem”; Psalms 76:2 concerning the location of the tabernacle in Salem; and Hebrews 7:2 concerning the “King of Salem, which is the King of Peace.”

King Solomon erected his Temple in Salem (Jerusalem) in the years of 1011 to 1004 B.C. (see I Kings Ch. 8). Salem was the most important and sacred city of all Biblical history, having been called the City of David, City of Zion, City of God and The Holy City. It is an interesting paradox to learn that this ancient city of Salem—“built in peace”—which contains the Holy Places connected with the life, death, crucifixion and ascension of our Savior—was conquered, burned, sacked and destroyed more often than any other city in the world.

The Crusaders (of which Knights Templar are the symbolic successors) captured Jerusalem from the Infidels in 1099 A.D. and occupied the Temple from 1099 to 1187 A.D. This period of 88 years, when Knights Templar protected the Holy Places, seems to have been the most peaceful time in all the long history of this ancient city of Salem (Jerusalem).

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, as the head of our great Christian Order, wears the old **CROSS OF SALEM**—the ancient Cross of Peace—with all of its deep religious significance dating back not only to the founding of the Holy City of Salem—later called Jerusalem—but also in recognition of the “New Jerusalem,” which signifies the “spiritual church with its final triumph and glory.”

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Competitive Drills at Philadelphia

By HOWARD F. CHRISTNER, P. G. C., Indiana

One of the outstanding events at every Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment is the Competitive Drill. In this Philadelphia was no exception. From far and near, across the country they came, each team with its contingent of loyal supporters and well-wishers. From the sunny beaches of California to the rugged mountains and populous cities of New York; from the lake-encircled sanctuaries of Michigan to the verdant plains of Texas; they came in busses, automobiles, trains and planes. With shined shoes, polished buckles and buttons, immaculate black uniforms surmounted by snow-white

belts and baldrics with their emblematic Red Passion Crosses they came determined to do battle for the honor of their home Commanderies.

The plume is their symbol of loyalty to Christ, the Great Captain of our Salvation, handed down through the ages by the Crusaders of old. The glittering blades they bear are symbolic of their resolve to defend the innocent and the helpless, and are vowed not to be drawn except in a just and righteous cause. The martial spirit of these valient Soldiers of the Cross does not give way to age. They count their years from the early twenties to the late

DRILL TEAM JUDGES



Front Row (left to right): William T. Buckner, Herman E. Friedrich, James H. Smith, Roy W. Riegle, Theodore F. Voelter, Carl F. Wood, Howard F. Christner. Middle Row: Leo C. Dimmer, William U. Remensperger, Earl L. Eaton, C. Harold Edwards, Ralph B. Mitchell, Harold D. Hayes. Top Row: S. Lewis Smith, William A. Perry, Russell B. Tandy, Etribil A. V. T. Schaub, Floyd A. Palmer.

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seventies, and as they march with measured step, side by side, with head erect and eyes to the front, who shall say that they are old or young? Suffice it to say, "They are Knights Templar."

We are greatly indebted, for these Templar Drills, to the Committee on Drill Regulations of the Grand Encampment consisting of Roy W. Riegle, P.G.C., of Kansas, Chairman, James McBrayer Sellers, P.G.C., of Missouri, and Theodore F. Voelter, P.G.C., of New Jersey. These men have worked devotedly for many years as members of this Committee, preparing drill schedules and rules, arranging for places to hold the drills, securing competent judges and supervising the entire undertaking. We regret most sincerely that Sir Knight Sellers, because of physical difficulties, was not able to be with us at Philadelphia.

The facilities for holding the drills at Philadelphia were of excellent quality. All of those who had a part in supervising and judging the drills were generous in their praise of the local committee for their close attention to the many details which helped so much to make the whole event, from the meeting of Captains for instruction on Sunday to the award of prizes on Tuesday, such a happy success. The wonderful hardwood floor, 145 feet by 250 feet, smoothly waxed but not slippery, was of a size which permitted the free and easy execution of all the scheduled movements of the drill without crowding at any point. The well controlled temperature and humidity was a much appreciated contribution to the comfort of teams, judges and spectators. There were plenty of work-tables, chairs, pencils, paper, ice-water, coffee and sandwiches. The several men who served as aides, carrying messages, guiding teams about the building and running other necessary errands were very helpful. The sound system, under the care of an electrician and a sound technician, functioned magnificently. Transportation furnished for all teams and officials was adequate and perfectly scheduled so that there were no delays.

Judges, tabulators and accountants, appointed by the Grand Master, are shown in the previous photograph with

members of the Committee who recommended them.

Judges of "A" Teams: William T. Buckner, P.G.C., Richmond, Virginia; Russell B. Tandy, P.G.C., Madison, Tennessee; William A. Perry, E.P.C., Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Herman E. Freidrich, E.P.C., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ralph B. Mitchell, P.G.C., Emporia, Kansas; Etribil A. V. T. Schaub, P.G.C., Baltimore, Maryland; and Harold D. Hayes, P.G.C., Evanston, Illinois.

Judges of "B" Teams: William U. Remensperger, P.G.C., San Francisco, California; Earl L. Eaton, P.G.C., Buffalo, New York; Floyd A. Palmer, P.G.C., Independence, Kansas; James H. Smith, P.G.C., Bangor, Maine; S. Lewis Smith, P.G.C., Wichita, Kansas; C. Harold Edwards, P.G.C., Lincoln, Nebraska; and Schuyler C. Blackburn, P.G.C., Baltimore, Maryland.

Tabulators and Accountants: Carl Frank Wood, P.G.C., Petersburg, Virginia; Leo C. Dimmer, P.G.C., Champaign, Illinois; and George E. Schutz, P.G.C., Lawton, Oklahoma.

Announcer and Commentator: Howard F. Christner, P.G.C., (Indiana), Sun City Center, Florida.

To the average spectator, a Templar Drill appears to be "good" if it moves along smoothly with no apparent dislocations or obvious mix-ups. To the Knights and Officers in the formations and to the practiced eyes of the Judges, however, there is much more to be considered.

A Class "A" team has 24 Knights, 4 Guides, 2 Platoon Leaders, and 1 Commander, and 2 supernumerary Knights who shall be available to fill vacancies caused by emergencies, making a total of 33 Knights and Officers.

A Class "B" team has 18 Knights, 2 Guides, and 1 Commander, making a total of 21 Knights and Officers.

Each member of a team must participate in the general street parade in order to be eligible to participate in the competitive drills. Prior to commencing the drill, each team is carefully inspected. All items of uniform and equipment must conform to regulations, be properly fitted, clean and correctly placed, with specified penalties for irregularities.

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TYPICAL DRILL TEAM FORMATIONS

In the course of the drill, the cadence and step are checked. For each step over or under the specified cadence of 120 per minute, and for each inch over or under the specified length of a full step, (30 inches), a half step, (15 inches), a back step, (15 inches), or a side step, (10 inches, a penalty of one point is assessed.

Scoring is based upon a total of 1,000 points. Penalties for errors in movement or position, wrong commands, unnecessary commands or omissions are assessed against the Knight or Officer responsible, as follows:

Knights one (1) point; Guides two (2) points; Platoon Commanders three (3) points; and Commanders four (4) points.

The twenty-three teams who participated in the drills at Philadelphia came from eight states and the District of Columbia, as follows: Texas—5 teams, 3 Class "A" and 2 Class "B"; Indiana—4 teams, 2 Class "A" and 2 Class "B"; California—3 teams, 2 Class "A"

and 1 Class "B"; Michigan—3 teams, 2 Class "A" and 1 Class "B"; Ohio—3 teams, 3 Class "B"; Oklahoma—2 teams, 1 Class "A" and 1 Class "B"; Kansas—1 team, 1 Class "A"; New York—1 team, 1 Class "B"; and District of Columbia—1 team, 1 Class "A."

(Picture of Dallas Commandery No. 6 Drill Team appears on pages 10 and 11.)

In the Class "A" competition the teams placed as follows: 1st—Dallas No. 6, Dallas, Texas, Earl Tweed, Capt., 942; 2nd—Lansing No. 25, Lansing, Michigan, Robert C. Davidson, Capt., 938; 3rd—Golden West No. 43, Los Angeles, California, W. Earl Shafer, Capt., 932; 4th—Los Angeles No. 9, Los Angeles, California, Jack E. Davies, Capt., 929; 5th—Knightstown No. 9, Knightstown, Indiana, Branson C. Barton, Capt., 916; 5th—Raper No. 1, Indianapolis, Indiana, C. Wayne Foster, Capt., 916; 6th—Worth No. 19, Fort Worth, Texas, Charles E. Jones, Capt., 911; 7th—Genessee Valley No. 15,

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Flint, Michigan, John W. Loree, Capt., 908; 7th—Mount Olivet No. 12, Wichita, Kansas, James M. Berry, Capt., 908; 8th—Trinity No. 20, Tulsa, Oklahoma, T. J. McFarlin, Capt., 895; 9th—Ruthven No. 2, Houston, Texas, George Eagle, Capt., 890; and 10th—Washington No. 1, Washington, D. C., William E. Barkman, Capt., 879.

In the Class "B": 1st—Ivanhoe No. 54, Van Wert, Ohio, Ned E. Dull, Capt., 969; 2nd—Long Beach No. 40, Long Beach, California, John B. Nye, Capt., 968; 3rd—Bethlehem No. 53, Mount Vernon, New York, Charles S. Borger, Capt., 962; 4th—Lawton No. 18, Lawton, Oklahoma, Jack H. Moorhead, Capt., 959; 5th—Howell No. 28, Howell, Michigan, Benjamin R. Johnston, Capt., 948; 6th—Ascension No. 25, Tyler, Texas, Arch M. Dullning, Capt., 941; 7th—Worth No. 19, Fort Worth, Texas, Lester W. Mathis, Capt., 940; 8th—Forest City No. 40, Cleveland, Ohio, Raymond A. Zornow, Capt., 933; 8th—Greenfield No. 39, Greenfield, Indiana, William O. Heiden, Capt., 933; 9th—Palestine No. 23, Springfield, Ohio, Don Drake, Capt., 920; and 10th—Fort Wayne No. 4, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Harry W. Haller, Capt., 895.

The Judges arrived at Convention Hall at 7:00 A. M. The first scheduled team arrived at 7:30, was inspected and entered the drill floor at 8:02 A. M. The last team completed its drill and marched off the floor at 5:42 P. M.

The drilling time averaged 25 minutes for each team, the shortest time being 18 minutes and the longest time 28 minutes. It was a big day and the precision with which it moved along on schedule is a credit to Sir Knights Riegle, Sellers and Voelter, members of the Committee on Drill Regulations, who did the planning. Qualified by their years of experience and motivated by their dedication to the belief that proficiency in the close-order Templar Drill is necessary to a creditable public appearance of any Templar body, they have devoted countless hours to this great work.

The drills were held on Monday, August 24th, and on the following Tuesday, 1350 Drill Team Members and their wives attended a luncheon at noon

at Kugler's Restaurant. Officers of the Grand Encampment were present and spoke briefly. The Potatoes Quartet, Sir Knights Joe E. Meadow, Harold Collins, Bob G. Roberts and Richard L. Gifford, all members of Worth Commandery No. 19, of Fort Worth, Texas, entertained very delightfully with several songs, including a rendition of "The Creation," for which they are quite famous. Sir Knight Roy Riegle pronounced the invocation and acted as Master of Ceremonies. Sir Knight Wilber Marion Brucker, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master elect, presented Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, the retiring Grand Master and then spoke in a congratulatory vein to the Drill Teams. He extended a cordial invitation to participate in the Drills to be conducted at the next Triennial Conclave at Detroit in 1967, over which he will preside as Grand Master.

Individual members of teams which scored in the first four places of each Class received the following prizes: First Place, a 17 jewel gold wrist watch and band; Second Place, a Sunbeam electric shaver; Third Place, a Seth Thomas electric mantle clock; and Fourth Place, a Travel alarm clock.

Each team member also received a "participation bar" and the team received an engraved shield to commemorate its participation in the drills.

There were some unusual and interesting happenings in connection with the drills. All three of the teams from California were prize winners.

The two "A" teams from Indiana, Raper and Knightstown, were tied for fifth place and Greenfield, one of the Indiana "B" teams, was tied with Forest City for eighth place.

Worth Commandery No. 19, of Fort Worth, Texas, was present in force. They had an "A" team, a "B" team, a Ladies Auxillary in uniform for each team, and the now famous male quartet which not only serenaded their Drill Teams, but also entertained at a number of luncheons, breakfasts and other social functions connected with the Conclave. This Commandery surely demonstrated a real spirit of dedication to the cause of Templar Drill.

For Dallas No. 6, the first place "A"

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MEMBERS OF IVANHOE COMMANDERY NO. 54, VAN WERT, OHIO



NED E. DULL, DRILL CAPTAIN

Team members: Leslie Basil; Fred Strohl; Robert Cox; Robert Bolton; Merl Knittle; Gus Brown; Harold Wood; Herbert Baker; Herbert Mosier; Vernon Pond; Glenn Place; Richard Wilkinson; Doyle Mohr; Dale Terry; Max Lambright; Ed Kanney; Ted Pheneger; Darrell Ralston; Joe Thomas; Lloyd Basil; Gaylord Baker; Harold Monfort; Rex Hanley; and Don Penn.

team, it was the second appearance in Triennial competition, their first being in New York in 1955. We will be watching their progress at future Conclaves.

Lansing No. 25, the second place "A" team, was the first place winner at Cleveland in 1961. They also won first place at Cleveland in 1940. Its Captain, Bob Davidson is carrying on in the footsteps of Sir Knight Fred England, Jr., who trained and led this team through seven Triennial competitions over a period of 25 years. I am sure we all share Ted's pride in this team.

Golden West No. 43, the third place "A" team was organized in 1959, by W. Earl Shafer, its present Captain. In 1961 at Cleveland they placed second as a "B" team. This is their first entry in Triennial competition as an "A" team.

Los Angeles No. 9, the fourth place "A" team, entered its first national

competition in 1916, at Los Angeles, and has participated in every Triennial drill since that time. They have been winners at many state conclaves and we predict that they will be around at many more triennial drills.

Ivanhoe No. 54, the first place "B" team, is a repeater, having won first place at Cleveland in 1961. Their first appearance was at New York, in 1955, when the "B" schedule was first introduced, and they won third place. At Indianapolis, in 1958, they again won third place. Their success at Philadelphia may encourage them to move up to the "A" competition at the next triennial conclave. Their Captain, Ned Dull, deserves much credit for the training and development of this team.

Long Beach No. 40, the second place "B" team, made its first appearance at Indianapolis in 1958, where it won first place. In 1961, at Cleveland, it drilled as an "A" team. Its Captain, Johnny Nye, is a persistent and tireless worker

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and we shall expect to see them giving a good account of themselves at future conclaves.

The third place "B" team, Bethlehem No. 53, is the only team ever to enter the triennial drills from the state of New York. Their 1st appearance was at Cleveland in 1961. Their Captain, Charles Borger, is working diligently to interest other commanderies from New York to organize drill teams. It is hoped that their present success will be an incentive to neighboring Commanderies to make the initial effort.

Lawton No. 18, the fourth place winner in the "B" class, has participated in five previous triennial drills, beginning at Miami in 1937. In all of these drills, as in this one, they finished in fourth place. With just a little more effort, they may be able to move off of that fourth place spot at the next conclave. Their Captain, Jack Moorhead, is to be commended for building a successful team in a commandery of less

than 100 active members. Keep up the good work, Jack.

To all of the teams who made the effort to come to Philadelphia we say, "Thank you, Sir Knights." We realize that it takes many hours of practice involving a great sacrifice of time and it has cost most of you a considerable amount of money to make the trip. But console yourselves with the thought that you have made a valuable contribution to one of the greatest forces for good in this turbulent world. Every public appearance of your Commandery in Templar uniform is a witness to your belief in God and your faith in his beloved son, the Great Captain of our Salvation and the Savior of the World.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We shall expect to see all of you again in Detroit in 1967.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven—We are reminded by the return of the Thanksgiving Season that every good gift comes from Thee. We thank Thee especially for our beloved nation blessed with the holy light of freedom. We are grateful for leading our forefathers in the founding of our great Republic; for the faith that enabled them to endure untold hardships and for the vision that inspired them to discover ways of freedom. But we ask that the splendors of the past may not conceal the crisis of the present. We would pray for a stronger faith to meet the challenging issues of our time. May we do battle as those who strive under a courageous leader, Jesus Christ, the Captain of our Salvation. Help us to daily live with a stronger devotion to Him. Grant that our lives may reveal a dedicated commitment to Templary and a tireless zeal for justice and human freedom. May we determine to face fearlessly the things men so fear to face. We pray that our contagious interest in christian ideals may serve as an eternal flame to kindle the hearts and minds of those about us. As we fight our battles

as good christian soldiers give us the strength to continue firmly in the path of truth, honor and brotherhood blazed by Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

Howard R. Towne, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.

IN MEMORIAM

Idaho

Walter Edwin Hobs, G.C., 1954—August 27, 1964

Iowa

E. W. Faris Holler, G.C., 1930—August 29, 1964

Oregon

Edward Benjamin Beaty, G.C., 1943—September 3, 1964

Texas

Rall Bell Cowden, G.C., 1949—September 22, 1964

Wisconsin

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

Robert Thomas Bennie, G.C., 1943—August 21, 1964

Wyoming

Forest Greenfield Wheeler, G.C., 1937—July 8, 1964

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From Our Readers



Washington Commandery (Saratoga Spring, N. Y.) held its 100th anniversary celebration and annual Zone 5 Ball, on September 19th. A beautiful program was prepared listing the Grand Line Officers, Officers of Washington Commandery, Past Commanders, and a history of the past 100 years. Howard L. Adams, G.C., on the left and William H. Atwood, Commander of Washington Commandery are shown above at the anniversary celebration.

Niles Commandery No. 12 of Niles in the southwestern section of Michigan celebrated its Centennial on Saturday, September 19. The membership of this Commandery was 139 on March 30, 1964. Nearly four hundred Sir Knights and their ladies from many Michigan Commanderies and from Indiana and Illinois assisted in the celebration. David J. Miller, Grand Commander of Indiana and Clarence A. Ogle, Past Grand Commander of West Virginia were present.

A street parade preceded the dinner after which the Grand Commandery Officers of Michigan conferred the Order of the Temple upon a "Wilber M. Brucker Centennial Class" of 12, named in honor of the Most Eminent Grand Master. This was the first of 35 classes in Michigan in honor of Sir Knight Wilber Brucker. All new Sir Knights in Niles subscribed to the Knight Templar Magazine.

The successful celebration culminated many months of planning by the Sir

Knights of Niles under the leadership of Wilber H. Meldrim, Eminent Commander and Edgar H. Adams, Recorder. (Abner C. Sager, G.C.)

CONSOLIDATING YORK RITE MEETINGS

Butte, Montana: At the recent Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Montana there was approved a Resolution "Permitting all three York Rite Bodies which meet regularly on the same premises to amend their By-Laws so as to all hold stated meetings on the same night."

The above plan has been in force at Hammond, Louisiana, the last few months, and they like it, it is reported.

Westlake is considering the change.

(Louisiana — Grand Chapter — Grand Council Publication for Oct., 1964).

UNITY FESTIVALS START FORWARD IN KENTUCKY

Ashland Commandery No. 28, Ashland, Kentucky, has held another very successful York Rite Festival, conferring the Order of Christian Knighthood upon fourteen candidates. Joseph E. Martin, G.C., was present to witness the work of the Officers of Ashland Commandery, in order that he might judge their eligibility to take part in the "Fall All State Unity Festival." Without hesitation he invited the Officers to Louisville, Kentucky, where the Festival will be held, in the Scottish Rite Temple, November 13th and 14th, 1964. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. will be the principal speaker. All Chapters, Councils and Commanderies are invited to participate.

This Festival is the outcome of the new York Rite Unity program which is being put into action by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. Our goal is to have the best available ritualistic teams in the state confer the work, and under the most favorable circumstances.

(Curtis B. Coates, P.C.)

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DALLAS COMMANDERY NO. 6 DRILL TEAM—Winner in Class A Competition. (Story on Page 3.)



Left to right: Harry R. Freeman, Jr.; Norman W. Stone, Sr.; Wm. Howard Stator; Victor Polos; R. H. Gibson; James L. Potter; Palmer Bagley; R. C. Rains; A. P. Odaniel; James E. Benningfield, Sr.; James E. Benningfield, Jr.; Thomas E. Walters; George T. Freeland; Wm. J. McCreight; Arthur F. Riley; Johnnie B. Hudson; Oscar Edwin Lunsford, Jr.; C. Lewis Turner; Earl E. Tweed; Arthur W. Wier; Leland W. Scribner; John B. Erwin; Stanley M. Reeder; Vernon Wm. Willey; Clint Thompson; Samuel L. Brown, Sr.; John R. Standley; James M. Brazleton; George L. Taylor; James L. Donnell; Lawrence M. DeHay; LeRoy Grona; Myron F. Boerschinger; Don Smith; E. B. Eastham; Fulton W. Patrick; and Loyd L. Chance.

BLOOMINGTON COMMANDERY (INDIANA) HOLDS UNUSUAL ANNUAL INSPECTION

At its Inspection on October 16-17, the program was as follows:

Conferring of the Order of the Temple on candidates on Friday evening with entertainment for the ladies during the work; conference of Grand Commandery Line Officers on Saturday morning; Indiana-Michigan State football game at I. U. on Saturday afternoon, at which time Indiana won its first BIG 10 game in the new stadium; following the game a banquet was held at the Masonic Temple, and the program was concluded with a Public Inspection. (Ladies and guests present; full form opening less secret work—plus extra Drill Team maneuvers.) Most of the Grand Officers and many of the Past Grand Commanders were in attendance. The success of this meeting has prompted the Commandery to plan for another similar meeting at the time Illinois plays Indiana next Fall.



IN REUNION — When Grand Commander Merlin S. Rufer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa, presented one of the prized Centennial pins in Calvary Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar of Iowa, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Dr. Roy G. Schwendemann for being dubbed Sir Knight in 1963, Sir Knight John L. Parsons of Pasadena, California, was on hand to congratulate the two men. For it was he as Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 24 in 1946 who knighted Sir Knight Rufer on Inspection Night. It was in 1955 that Sir Knight Rufer served as Eminent Commander of Calvary Commandery. Sir Knight Parsons, now retired, is residing in Pasadena, but makes yearly visits to his former home town, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

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FOR THE RECORD!

The Junior Past Grand Commander of New York is Frederick J. Staal. The preceding is the way to spell the name irrespective of how it has been spelled in several different way in the last few years in this magazine.

IN MEMORIAM

SIR KNIGHT RALL B. COWDEN, P.G.C. OF TEXAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF K.T. EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

It was a great shock to his many friends to learn of the passing of Sir Knight Rall B. Cowden, P.G.C. of Texas and a Vice President and Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., since its organization.

Sir Knight Cowden was in attendance at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Philadelphia last August, apparently in good health. However, he entered the hospital in Midland, Texas, his home town, some time in September after his return home with an ulcer condition. We have been advised "that death was caused by heart failure due to sclerosis of the arteries and he passed away suddenly."

Rall Cowden was a very generous and dedicated Trustee of our Great Human-

itarian Charity, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., faithful in his attendance at the meetings of the Trustees, always ready with wise and constructive suggestions, returning any mileage check due him. As the Executive Director was preparing to leave the hotel in Philadelphia for home, Sir Knight Cowden handed him a contribution for our Foundation.

Sir Knight Cowden had large interests in oil and cattle, and was generous in his support of the important activities in his community. He also liked to hunt big game, and had planned on leaving September 29th for Africa for that purpose.

We shall however remember him as a dedicated Templar, and an enthusiastic supporter and Trustee of what we have and are endeavoring to accomplish for humanity, and he was also an ardent advocate and supporter of building a large Permanent Endowment Fund.

Rall Cowden will be greatly missed not only in the Board of Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., but in all circles in which he was interested and active.

A fine man, Templar, Mason, and humanitarian has left us. Such a loss is not easily replaced.

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Grand Encampment Officers, Committees, etc.

(General Order No. 1)

The following are hereby proclaimed to be the Officers and Committees of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America for the ensuing Triennium from 1964 to 1967:

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READERS may remember the story of a man who returned from India and said he "didn't know what the missionaries were doing as he hadn't seen one Christian convert." He was asked if he had seen a tiger, to which he replied that of course he had seen a tiger because he had been hunting tigers. Whereupon the other remarked that he had been in India for twenty years but had never seen a tiger; he had been busy working among Indian Christians!

We see usually what we are looking for and what, for one reason or another, we have power to see. Cynical or charitable, we select from the world those things that appeal to us. What we often forget is that the world we live in is to a great degree created by the mind we bring to it, and that what we see is a reflection of what we are.

It may be that some of our readers have never yet found God because they have never really sought Him. There are plenty of signs of His presence around us if we look for them in the right places. Blind spots in our vision can be caused by selfish spots in our ambition.

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