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A Message From the Grand Master - -



WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

Each Commandery With A Project For 1965

Before we enter the new calendar year, let us take a look at the all-important matter of Templar Leadership. Do we fully realize the great and lasting honor we have by our being entrusted with leadership in our magnanimous Order of Knighthood? Do we appreciate the true significance of our job—to lead Knights Templar in our modern crusade for righteousness, morality and the Christian religion?

While certain qualities have always been associated with ordinary leadership—Templar leadership requires qualifications which are vastly more demanding. Here are only a few:

(1) **A Sense of Christian Dedication.** No Templar leader should start 1965 without rededicating himself to the cause of Christ. It is not enough merely to give lip-service. Every one of us must be wholly and completely "on Christ's team," in thought, word and deed. Only when we indulge in soul-searching self-analysis can we be ready to begin the job of leading others in our great Christian cause. Templary's cause is Christ's cause—and any Templar who would lead our soul in Christ's cause on earth.

sacred cause must believe heart and

(2) **A Proper Attitude.** Attitude often spells the difference between failure and success. A man's attitude "gives him away" more quickly than he will ever know. If he exhibits an attitude of defeat, he is "licked before he starts." If he thinks in small terms or is willing to settle for just "holding the line"—you can look for failure. On the other hand, if he is willing to throw himself into the fight to recruit Christian Masons and to hold the interest of fellow Templars, he will find that others will instinctively follow his leadership and give him their support.

(3) **The Ingredient of Work.** No matter how much we respect the elements of dedication and attitude, there is one more necessity for which there is no substitute—and that is WORK! Teddy Roosevelt once said: "Success is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration." A leader can't win by being merely "on-and-off" the job. He can't be "steady-by-jerks." His efforts must be constant and continuous. He must be the symbol in the eyes of his Commandery of a man who is wholeheartedly devoted to his job. His Commandery must think of him as one who cares enough to sacrifice his time, effort and pleasure to the cause he represents. When the rank and file get this image, he becomes their leader in reality, and not merely by having been installed.

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Starting The Templar Triennium Voyage-- Installation Address

(Delivered at the concluding session of the 49th Triennial of the Grand Encampment, K.T., at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, August 27, 1964.)

Editor's Note: (The acceptance speech of Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker was a most inspiring extemporaneous address, the acceptance of a challenge and a charting of the course of Templary for this Triennium. It is an excellent New Year's Message for every Sir Knight).

Sir Knights and Ladies of the Grand Encampment:

The ship of the Grand Encampment is now just leaving its moorings for the next Triennium. In a few minutes from now we will be out at sea, on a voyage—destined to be back in the harbor at Detroit in 1967—but to take

the buffeting of the waves and the winds and all of the things that may occur in the meantime. But as we go, there are some things that ought to be said, because this voyage is not without chart or compass. It has its chart, the Holy Bible, and as its compass not only the physical compass and square that are here, but also the New Testament Scriptures of that great Man who was perfect, and Whom we follow without fear and without apology.

Yes, I make no apology for the fact that we have got to get back to God, and to the living Christ in this Grand Encampment and in our Commanderies.

INSTALLATION OF WILBER M. BRUCKER



From l. to r.: Fred England, Jr., Sir Knight Brucker, and C. Byron Lear.

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We must cease this worldly business of following the phantasy of the crowd and other things that pull us away tangentially so that we do not have the full force or direction of our full energy—Christian energy. We have got to get back to the center of things again. And that is why I used the word "attitude" continually through this Grand Encampment session, because the attitude is the thing that counts. If the attitude is right, we will win. But if the attitude is scattered and diluted by all sorts of worldly things, and if we are allowed to be diverted from the main course on which we are set, then we are going to fail; but we will succeed if we keep on the course.

Now, I am going to speak the first word I have on a high plane. This is a Christian Order. This Order is based upon Christian principles, and that means the church, and the pursuit of our religious beliefs. And when we follow those principles, we will succeed. But when we follow something that is worldly, or something that has no part in the Christian religion, then we are just another organization in a widely scattered world.

America needs what we have. My, what a world this is at the moment! What a terrible confusion there is going



John L. Crofts, Sr., D.G.M., presenting gift from the Grand Officers to Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker.

about! Political, yes; partisan, yes. All sorts of governments around the Globe, pulling and tugging with each other, and the Iron Curtain slammed down!

What a refreshing thing it is to come to Philadelphia, in the quiet placidity of this place, where we can touch the Liberty Bell, where we can sit where George Washington and those three dozen Master Masons sat in yonder Independence Hall, and imbibe again of the Spirit of '76,—with those God-fearing men who were unashamed to do it. We think of such places as that belfry tower, where the other night, as I stepped out of my car to get to the reviewing stand, the bell in the clock of the belfry tower in old Independence Hall struck the first note of 8 o'clock. And some friends said to me, as I got up on the reviewing stand, "That is for whom the bell tolls." It was meant as rather a humorous remark. But I got to thinking about it afterward—and I mused: "Well, maybe, after all, the toll of that bell may be a blessing in disguise. For us that bell is ringing as a summons to action, to do something about this job that Templary has to do. That is what the tolling of the bell spells to me. Let America be that for which the bell tolls in Independence Hall, not just for action, but for a Christian way of life for America!"

Let us take that as a challenge, and let's move on with it.

Once upon a time, there was a little fellow that was given a crossword puzzle by his father who told him: "This cross-word puzzle, when you put it all together, will show you what the world is, where the different countries are located, and so on. It will take you a long time to do it. But, get at it now, sonny, and see what you can do to put the world together out of those little pieces." The kid came back in less than an hour, and had the whole puzzle completed. His father was amazed that his boy had solved a puzzle, that would take hours and days for most people to find little countries and to put together such a complex problem. So the father said: "How did you do it, sonny?" The boy replied: "Well, daddy, I'll tell you: on the back side is the portrait of a

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INSTALLATION OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS



C. Byron Lear, P.G.G. of Grand Encampment, Installing Officer; Fred England, Jr., Installing Marshall. Lines formed by Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery.

man; and I found that when the man's portrait is right, the world is right. So, I just turned it over and fixed the man, and when that was all right, the world was all right."

Attitude!

Need I say more? When our attitude in the Grand Commandery and in the Grand Encampment is right, when we are sufficiently remorseful for our shortcomings and for what we have let-down in the past, when we are sufficiently of the opinion that we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done, then, and only then, can we by confession get up on the high ground and plateau that we are going to occupy, and to which I am going to lead this Grand Encampment during the next three years.

People speak of loyalty. It is an empty word, unless we understand how to apply it. Loyalty is not loyalty sitting down. Loyalty is loyalty when it is active, and when it stands up and moves, and when it walks upon legs of ideas.

At Corregidor a soldier was commanded to burn the American flag when

the surrender occurred. That is protocol. They must then burn it so that it will never be captured by the enemy. Reluctantly, he burned it, but he snipped off just a little part of the American flag and sewed it in his sleeve. The Japs captured him, and marched him in that death-march. He survived it and went to prison camp for over three years. He languished, and finally died before he could be retaken. But in the last breath of life he turned to a buddy and whispered, "I've got a part of the Corregidor flag in my coat. Take it and sew it in yours." The other fellow took it, and sewed it in. He was recaptured by our troops—and that little portion of the United States of America—our flag—was returned to the United States Military Academy at West Point. And that little piece of American flag will forever spell Corregidor—bloody but undefeated.

You know, there is a great difference between lip service and action. And today I call upon this Grand Encampment for action—not passive Christianity, but active Christianity! Not the kind that folds its hands and is perfectly content with the status quo, but

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the kind that is vigorously ready to wield its sword, if necessary, in defense of the Christian religion, and the rest that you know goes with it! Yes, active Christianity!

I am not going to speak about these troubles of York Rite Unity, membership, rituals and of countless things this morning. If the attitude is correct, these will fall into line. If we are real active in our work, the rest of this business will follow on. But I want people who are going to work for this cause—who are going to work as Christians, who are going to put their effort into it, and who are going to wield that sword for the great Christ that we represent.

When we put on this uniform and tunic, we are set apart. We are no longer John Jones or Dick Smith. We are a Knight Templar, a Knight of the Temple, a Crusader. And when we walk with that tunic on, we do not go to places, and we do not do things that might be possible for others. This is our sacred costume, almost as if we were clothing ourselves with a clerical robe.

These are the ideals that I want Templars to live-up to during the next three years, and beyond. That is the kind of a Templary I believe in.

Many years ago, there was a small boy of the age of nine who was left fatherless. At the time when his father lay in his casket awaiting burial, that young boy felt that there was something cruel about life that had taken his father, and he could not resolve in his mind how there could be such a terrible thing as having his wonderful daddy taken by death. His mother said to him, "Sonny, you will learn that God does right in the end, and that this is for some purpose." You guessed it—the boy was myself. Three days went by, and finally it came time for the interment, and there came to that home—in those days they came there—some men in black garb with chapeau and white plumes, and they had their swords. And this nine year old boy, wide-eyed, said, "Mother, who are they?" She said, "Sonny, those are Knights Templar. They have come to bury your father. These are men who follow Christ and

the Christian principles. You need not fear." And the little fellow looked up at his mother and said, "Gee, when I get to be a man, that's what I want to do. I want to be like those fellows."

Well, some sixty odd years have come and gone since then, and I want to salute that little boy, and report to him that somebody took that seriously. I want to report to that little nine year old boy that I did march with them, and I am going to march with them, and I am going to continue to march with them as long as the breath of life is in me. I believe devoutly that Knights Templar have something that America needs—to get back to the high moral plane—back to the faith of our fathers. And when we do, the map of the world will come out right—if we can get this physiognomy of man straightened out and the right attitude into his head.

Sir Knights and Ladies, I have spoken very seriously. My time is more than up, and I apologize; I said I would speak twelve minutes, and I ran over that, I know. But I am telling you with all the force at my command, as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, I shall adhere to those standards, and I shall expect the Grand Encampment to follow them. And in the words of the corporal who goes over the top of the parapet with his little squad of eight—he says, "Follow me," with his rifle, with the bayonet fixed and ready to go—and they follow him!

I say to you today, in the same language, without dramatizing it, by my sword here, but as though I did, Sir Knights, I am going to lead this Crusade in this next three years to make this Grand Encampment and these Commanderies not only stronger in membership, but stronger in the faith, so that the American people will get the true image of what Templary really amounts to.

Good luck! God bless you all! I want you to know that I will be thinking of you many hours in the lonesomeness after you have gone home, and I take on that lonesome job—because it is—as the Chief Executive of this great Christian Institution.

Thank you.

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Charting The Course



From l. to r.; seated: Towne, DeLamater, Crofts, Brucker, Bell, Riegler, and Pearson; standing: England, Byrd, Rewick, Heger, Avery, Chapman, Howard, Willham, McArthur, White, Willard, and Kent.

The Grand Encampment Officers and Committee Chairmen charted the course of the Grand Encampment for the Triennium at Detroit on December 10 and 11. The conference meetings were minutely planned and most ably conducted by Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker. Also in attendance were: John L. Crofts, Sr. (Florida), Deputy Grand Master; George Wilbur Bell (Illinois), Grand Generalissimo; Roy Wilford Riegler (Kansas), Grand Captain General; John Temple Rice (Texas), Grand Recorder and Past Grand Master; Walter A. DeLamater (New York), Executive Director of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Master; The Reverend Howard R. Towne (Michigan), Grand Prelate.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS: John B. Cottrell, Jr. (Pennsylvania), North Atlantic; William M. White, (South Carolina), Southeastern; Virgil F. Kent (Ohio), East Central; Glenne R. McArthur (South Dakota), North Central; Harvey C. Byrd (Texas), South Central; Samuel J. Chapman (Montana), North Pacific; Robert M. Rewick (California), South Pacific.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Fred England, Jr. (Michigan), Triennial Conclave;

Theodore F. Voelter (New Jersey), Drill Regulations; Paul C. Rodenhauer (Pennsylvania), Public Relations; Oliver S. Willham (Oklahoma), Condition of the Order; William E. Crowe, (Oklahoma), Templar Jurisprudence; Louis F. Heger (Missouri), Ritualistic Matters; Burt D. Pearson (Minnesota), Religious Activities; Charles A. Howard, Jr. (South Dakota), Patriotic and Civic Activities; Hosea B. Willard (Iowa), Membership; James M. Caviness (Texas), Educational Foundation; and Willard M. Avery (Indiana), Editor, Knight Templar Magazine.

Topics discussed in three uninterrupted sessions of 3½ hours each were as follows:

Religious Activities: 1) Individual participation in religious activities. Church membership; 2) Selection of special Sunday for Commandery church attendance. (Ascension Day, Hospitaler's, etc.); 3) Divine Service at Grand Commandery Conclave; 4) Christian Youth Movement; 5) Easter Service at Arlington Cemetery; 6) Visit sick and bring comfort to those distressed.

Templar Leadership: 1) Membership-Recruiting; 2) Shorten lines of elective officers on state and local level (Cam-

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paign of education); 3) Every Commandery with a project; 4) Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award; 5) Holding Dept. Commanders' Conference—duties, etc.; 6) Past Dept. Commanders' Jewels, etc.; 7) Patriotic and Civic Activities; 8) Drill Teams and Drill Battalions; 9) Visitations by Grand Officers at each level; 10) Public Relations; 11) Knight Templar Magazine; 12) Knight Templar Eye Foundation; 13) Knight Templar Educational Foundation; 14) Roll of Widows; 15) DeMolay; 16) Policy of Communication.

York Rite Unity: 1) York Rite Conference at state and local level; 2) York Rite Festivals; 3) Department and Sectional Regional Meetings.

Organizational Activities: 1) 50th Triennial in Detroit; 2) Ritual Distribution General Order No. 2; 3) Printed Proceedings; 4) Knight Templar Eye Foundation; 5) Knight Templar Educational Foundation; 6) Finances; 7) Sesquicentennial; 8) Subordinate Commanderies; 9) Stickers to paste in the Constitution and Statutes; 10) Stickers for Ritual; 11) Jurisprudence.

Those attending the conference were most hospitably entertained by the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery. All Sir Knights attending the conference as well as the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan were the guests of Detroit Commandery No. 1 at its weekly Noontide Luncheon Club on Friday noon at the Statler Hotel. This is the oldest weekly noon luncheon club in Detroit. No speeches are permitted at any time. Judge Piggins, P.G.C., of Michigan and President of the Club kept the meeting lively and entertaining at all times. Detroit Commandery was inspected on Friday afternoon by Abner C. Sager, Grand Commander of Michigan. It was a real inspiration to witness the fine exemplification of the Order of the Temple in the beautiful and well equipped asylum of this outstanding commandery. Following the work the famed drill team put on an exhibition in the spacious drill hall. The son of Edgar A. Guest, who is a noted radio and television personality in the Detroit area, delivered a most enjoyable speech following the fine dinner. The

work of the Commandery was concluded by a full form opening and reception of distinguished guests.

Following the inspection LeRoy McInally of Detroit Commandery No. 1, held a reception for the distinguished guests at the Harmonie Club, a private club in the downtown area of Detroit. Past Commanders and other Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery were assigned as hosts to each Sir Knight in attendance at the conference. Every detail was cared for in a most gracious manner.

Plans made at this conference will be reported in detail in future issues of the Knight Templar Magazine.

W. M. Avery, Editor

"NEW YEAR PRAYER"

Father in Heaven, thou who from ever-lasting art God, abide with us as we enter into another year. We thank thee that thou hast not yet finished our days, but hast brought us into the new year. We are aware that the years of our lives that thou hast given us thus far have gone forever into the tomb of time and we cannot relive any of them. We confess that there are many hours we regret when we think that they are inscribed forever in Thy book of life.

Now the new year comes as a new white book without any stain upon it. Help us to live every hour of every day of it so full of service and devotion that thou shalt be glorified in our living as the sun is glorified in the stalwart trees. We are grateful that thou hast given us another chance to serve thee better than in the past, gain more knowledge of thee, and make progress toward maturity.

O Father God, the old year is gone but the works of goodness and justice and love are barely begun. Enable us as Sir Knights to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ in charting the shape of things to come. Let the power of faith and the light of freedom dwell in us, for we put our trust in Thee. Send us forth, each one of us, to our several tasks, battles, and ordeals with the courage and confidence that belong to Knights of the Cross. This we pray in the name of Him who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, even Christ our great Captain.

AMEN

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Atlanta York Rite Activities, November 28 York Rite Conference

By WILLIAM M. WHITE, Dept. Com., S.E. Dept.

An historic meeting was held in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, November 28, 1964, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding about 8 p.m. with 111 in attendance. This was the first of a series of planned York Rite Conferences. It began with separate meetings for the Chapter, Council and Commandery.

Those in attendance included William F. Clark, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; Donald D. Boudeman, General Grand Master of the Gen. Grand Council; and Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

In the Department Conference, the program was planned with the basic concept that we hoped to be able to inspire the Sir Knights present to go back to their local Commanderies and really do something about the many facets of the program which we covered very, very briefly in the Conference itself. Each participating Sir Knight was requested to write out specifically what he intended to say so that we could get across the message in the briefest possible time. This same general idea was uppermost in the minds of those who planned the Council and

Chapter programs. The presentation was planned by L. Earl Curry, representing the Chapter, Stephen B. Dimond representing the Council, and for the Commandery, William M. White, Department Commander. Each of these Companions and Sir Knights was representative of the Presiding Officer in his particular body for the eight states which compose the South Eastern Department. These are Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

We had a very, very fine representation of the Dais Officers, including the majority of the Grand Commanders of these jurisdictions and a number of the Line Officers and a fine group of Past Grand Commanders. In the afternoon program, all present seemed to feel that a splendid beginning was made toward York Rite Unity. After lunch, the afternoon program was begun with a keynote speech by Wilber M. Brucker and concluded at the banquet at 6 p.m. with a fine message from William F. Clark, General Grand High Priest. Donald D. Boudeman presided at the luncheon, the afternoon session and at the banquet.

York Rite Festival

By R. S. SAGAR, Pres. 5th Dist. York Rite Festival Committee

On November 28th, 1964, in the Ya-arab Shrine Temple, in Atlanta, a one day Festival was held.

The Mark Master, Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees were conferred in full form; the Most Excellent Master was abbreviated to the Obligation, Lecture, and Charge. The Royal Master

and Select Master Degrees were conferred in full form. The Orders of The Red Cross and Knight Templar were conferred in full form; the Order of Malta in ritualistic short form.

A total of 541 candidates were exalted, greeted, or dubbed; 150 Royal Arch, 167 Council and 224 Commandery.

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CLASS OF CANDIDATES AT ATLANTA YORK RITE FESTIVAL



Grand Master Brucker is shown addressing a class of 224 newly dubbed Sir Knights of which Senator Russell of Georgia was the active candidate.

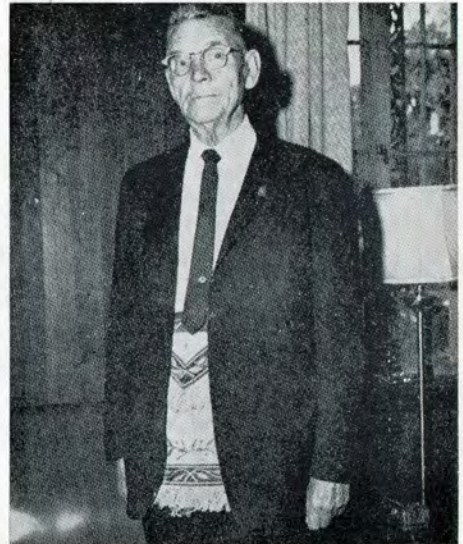
The work began at 8:15 a.m., and was completed by 8:45 p.m. This allowed 1¼ hours for a long lunch break, together with 10 to 20 minute breaks between the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees; after the Select Master; and between the Orders of Malta and Knight Templar.

Among the candidates were Bro. Richard Russell, Senior U. S. Senator from Georgia; Bro. Ivan Allan, Jr., Mayor of Atlanta; and Bro. McKinney, 3rd Grand Steward of Grand Lodge of Georgia.

The day's festivities were completed by a banquet, at which it was possible to present the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; the M. P. General Grand Master of the General Grand Council; and the M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Other distinguished guests present at that time were the Grand Master of Masons in Georgia; the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander of Georgia; the Representative of the Scottish Rite for Georgia; U. S. Senator Herman Talmadge; and the Potentate of the Yaarab Shrine Temple. Also present were the R. Em.

Deputy Grand Master, the Department Commanders for the South East and North Atlantic Departments, the General Grand Scribe, and many others.

The class was named for Bro. Joseph



JOSEPH A. MOORE

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A. Moore, Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Illustrious Master, Past Grand Commander, and 4th Quadrant K.Y.C.H. Bro. Moore was present and active, and received the plaudits of the several hundred

present at the banquet.

A very wonderful day was had by all, and it is hoped that this Festival will spark a major upswing in York Rite Masonry in Georgia.

WHY?

By R. S. SAGER

On November 28th, 1964 a State-wide York Rite Festival was held in Atlanta, all the York Rite Degrees being conferred in a single day on a total of 541 candidates.

Today, we want to ask "WHY?" Why did candidates travel hundreds of miles from Savannah, Columbus, Valdosta, and Chickamauga? Why did they pay up to \$145 in fees and dues, just before Christmas, plus their travelling expenses? Why did they get up before dawn on a cold and rainy morning to make absolutely sure they were on time? Why did they sit uncomplainingly on hard steel chairs for over ten hours of degree work? Why, Brethren, Why?

There are several answers. Because of the convenience of getting all the degrees in one day? Possibly. To claim

the distinction of being in the same class as well-known personalities? Maybe. To honor the great Free Mason for whom the class was named. Likely. To have the opportunity to see degree work by some of Georgia's finest ritualists? Perhaps. But we believe most strongly that there were deeper reasons.

We believe that our country is tiring of the shoddiness of materialism; that there is a desire for more uplifting things; and we are starting to return to the great principles of life and humanity which actuated our Founding Fathers and their forefathers before them.

The lessons taught in the York Rite Degrees are superb. The careless rejection of a priceless ingredient; the teaching of how to govern yourself as well as

GEORGIA SENATORS AND YORK RITE LEADERS AT ATLANTA



Seated (l. to r.): Senator Russell of Georgia, active candidate; and Senator Talmage of Georgia, a Sir Knight of many years; Standing: John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment; Donald D. Boudeman, Gen. G. M., Gen. Grand Council; Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master, Grand Encampment; William F. Clark, Gen. H. P. of Gen. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and William White, Southeastern Dept. Comm., Grand Encampment.

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others; the rewards of a well spent life; the knowledge of divinity; the necessity of preparing for death; the acknowledgment of friendship; the honor granted a man for being faithful to his vows; and the pure religious beliefs surrounding the death of our Saviour, are all part of our ritualism. But what is the end product? It is how to be a man; not just a creature that walks upright, but a true human being possessed of God's spirit.

One of our great Masonic emblems is the point within a circle. Let us paraphrase a verse by Edwin Maekham:

*Man draws a circle that keeps man out;
A lifetime spent in shadowed doubt.
But Free Masons have the heart to win;
We draw a circle that takes men in.*

Thus we believe the answer to our question is: Because of their basic love of their fellow men, and a sincere desire to see their beliefs put forward in a form all men can understand.

York Rite Masonry does this for you. If you have not yet started through the York Rite symbolism, beginning with the Royal Arch Chapter, do so at an early date; if you have already done so, then attend your Chapter, Council

COMMENTS ON ATLANTA MEETING

"I might add this one thing that came out of the general conference in Atlanta. There was whole hearted agreement that the District Festival was one of the principal keys to York Rite advancement. I have not had time to make a detailed study of my registration cards, but here are some tentative figures concerning the conference: 106 Companions and Sir Knights registered. Fourteen States were represented: Alabama 10; Florida 9; Georgia 22; Indiana 1; Iowa 1; Kentucky 1; Massachusetts 1; Michigan 2; North Carolina 15; Pennsylvania 2; South Carolina 12; Tennessee 8; and Virginia 4. Four of the cards were not completed, and it will be necessary to search several state rosters before I can locate full addresses.

All in all, as I have said before, it was indeed a historic occasion. I wish each and everyone of our York Rite Grand officers in Kentucky could have been there." **Chas. K. A. McGaughey, Grand Secretary-Recorder, Ky. Grand Com. News Bulletin, December.**

and Commandery regularly to refresh your heart, mind, and spirit.

HEADS OF NATIONAL AND GEORGIA YORK RITE BODIES AT ATLANTA



(Left to right): James E. Mosley, Secretary-Recorder of Grand York Rite Bodies in Georgia; G. Eugene Wilkins, Grand Master of Georgia; Donald D. Boudeman, Gen. Grand Master R. & S. M.; Charles H. Bush, Grand H. P. of Georgia; William F. Clark, Gen. Grand H. P.; Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of Grand Encampment; and Lonzo Pope, Grand Commander of Georgia.

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From Our Readers

HONOLULU COMMANDERY NO. 1



Frederick C. Butler, Past Commander and Prelate of Honolulu Commandery No. 1, advises that the York Rite Bodies of Honolulu are in the process of planning the building of a York Rite Memorial Temple.

They are proposing a Memorial

SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT MEETING OF THE YORK RITE IS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 23 AT TULSA. WILBER M. BRUCKER, GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, WILLIAM F. CLARK, GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND DONALD D. BOUDEMAN, GENERAL GRAND MASTER OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL PLAN TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.

Temple with 8,000 square feet of floor space on each floor, two lodge rooms, storage rooms, lockers, and dressing rooms on the top floor; banquet hall, secretary's office, conference room, and kitchen on the main floor, at an estimated cost of \$350,000.00. They have issued a York Rite Bodies coin to help promote this project and the Commanderies in California and Colorado are responding through their grand recorders who have the coin to offer Sir Knights. Contact may be made with Frederick C. Butler, 730 Captain Cook Avenue, Apt. 737, Honolulu, Hawaii, for further details.

Honolulu Commandery No. 1 had a total membership of 468 Sir Knights as of a few months ago and reported that they have been active in their work.

The Commandery's history extends back to September 20, 1871, when a charter was issued in Baltimore, Maryland.

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**APOLLO COMMANDERY (N. Y.)
OBSERVED 125th ANNIVERSARY**



From l. to r., front row: Warren H. Deck, D.G.C. of N. Y. and inspecting officer; Charles S. Christiansen, Grand Rep.; Jack P. Bradt, Commander of Apollo No. 15; and Lowell H. Bryce, P.G.C. of N. Y. Second row: Raymond C. DuVall, G. Gen. of N. Y.; and John J. Bahn, P.G.C. of N. Y. Top row: Louis A. Beaudoin, P.G.C. of Mass. and R. I.; H. Herman Hertzberg, P.G.C. of Vermont; and Arnold H. Anderson, G. Sent. of Vermont.

On Friday, November 13, 1964 Apollo Commandery No. 15 stationed at Troy, New York observed the 125th Anniversary of its founding in conjunction with its Annual Inspection. A dinner preceded the Conclave with the Ladies of the Sir Knights in attendance. During the dinner hour a short program including some of the Historical Highlights of the Commandery was presented.

The Ladies were entertained by an interesting program of floral arrangements and design during the Conclave.

A large number of Sir Knights were in attendance from all the Commanderies in Zone No. 5 and Commanderies in Massachusetts and Vermont, including the distinguished guests shown in the picture.

During the Inspection, Charles S. Christiansen was presented with a Commission as Grand Representative of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by Louis Beaudoin, P.G.C.

This event has done much to advance the cause of Templary in this area.

**BILLINGS (MONT.) YORK RITE
BODIES CO-OPERATE**



Harry Anderson, G.C., of Havre being received through the lines of Aldemar Commandery at Billings during the open visitation.



From l. to r.: Clinton C. Cox, Master of Adoniram Council; Harold A. Smith, Commander of Aldemar Commandery; and Robert E. Danskin, High Priest of Billings Chapter; at the Billings "round-up."

"Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar"

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

(Concluded from Inside of Front Cover)

(4) **Intelligent Imagination.** A leader must use his God-given intelligence and imagination to put work on the Trestle Board for his Sir Knights to perform. Templary is full of projects which will benefit any community where a Commandery is located. Each Commandery should select at least one Templar project and adopt it for its own in 1965. Church-related programs of attendance upon some special Sunday, and any one of the numerous projects of religious activities, should be considered in the important task of planning a Commandery project for the year. In addition, there is the great humanitarian Knights Templar Eye Foundation with its mission to save thousands of unfortunates from a life of blindness. Then there is the Educational Foundation which provides the means to complete a college education for tens of thousands of young people. Then there are Patriotic and Civic Activities by the score that suggest themselves in each community. Drill Teams beckon for recruits who will find wholesome recreation as well as vital Templar utility in drill activities. Christian Youth programs are within the reach of any Commandery. Visitation teams for the sick and afflicted have a mission none other can do. Any leader with the will to succeed can go over a check-list of dozens of Templar projects and get things "off-center," if he will only give the word.

Let's make our slogan:

"EACH COMMANDERY WITH A PROJECT IN 1965."

Joseph E. Martin, Grand Commander of Kentucky, speaking in the December issue of the News Bulletin says: "Next spring we expect to have a York Rite Festival in each of the nine districts in the State. More news will be coming your way on this very soon."

YORK RITE FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

The York Rite Association of Indiana and the Grand Commandery of Indiana have announced tentative plans for a State York Rite Festival to be held at South Bend on Saturday, March 27, 1965.

David J. Miller, Grand Commander, and David W. Widmoyer, Chairman of the York Rite Festival Committee of the York Rite Association of Indiana, have jointly announced plans for this festival during which the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta will be conferred upon a large class of candidates from over the State.

York Rite News (Indiana) Dec., 1964

Alan DeLeon Gray, G.C. of North Carolina in speaking at the Atlanta Conference gives this well taken advice: "It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why it is done wrong."

William M. White, Department Commander of the Southeastern Department reports that South Carolina had more than 100 new subscriptions to the

Knight Templar Magazine during the months of October and November.

8 GOOD RESOLUTIONS

I will study the language of gentleness and refuse to use words that bite and tones that crush.

I will practice at home lest my testy temper break through unexpectedly and disgrace me.

I will remember that my neighbors have trouble enough to carry without loading mine on them.

I will excuse others' faults and failures as often and fully as I expect others to be lenient with mine.

I will curb criticism with commendation, close, up against gossip and build healthy love by service.

I will be a friend under trying tests and wear everywhere a goodwill face unchilled by aloofness.

I will gladden my nature by smiling out loud on every occasion and by out-looking optimistically.

I will never gloat over gains, but amass only to enrich others and so gain a wealthy heart.

Templar Tidings (Nov.)—Plainview, Tex.

IN MEMORIAM

California

James Francis Dougan, G.C., 1950—
December 5, 1964

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**CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF VISITATIONS OF GRAND MASTER
OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GRAND COMMANDERIES FOR 1965**

March 5-7, New Jersey.....Atlantic City Representative	Cottrell	May 16-17, Florida.....Orlando Representative	White
March 7-8, North Carolina.....Greenville Representative	White	May 17, Idaho.....Idaho Falls Representative	Riegle
March 15, South Carolina.....Florence Representative	Brucker	May 17-18, Kentucky.....Henderson Representative	Kent
March 24-25, Mississippi.....Jackson Representative	Crofts	May 17-18, Washington.....Auburn Representative	Chapman
April 11-12, Oregon.....Portland Representative	Brucker	May 18-19, New Mexico.....Gallup Representative	Willham
April 12-13, Louisiana.....New Orleans Representative	Riegle	May 19-20, West Virginia.....Wheeling Representative	Kent
April 19, Arkansas.....Little Rock Representative	Byrd	May 25-26, Pennsylvania.....Scranton Representative	Crofts
April 22, Nebraska.....Omaha Representative	Brucker	June 4-5, Michigan.....Saginaw Representative	Kent
April 25-26, North Dakota.....Grand Forks Representative	McArthur	June 6-7, Montana.....Lewistown Representative	Chapman
April 26, Oklahoma.....Lawton Representative	Byrd	June 7, Nevada.....Las Vegas Representative	Rewick
April 26, Connecticut.....Hartford Representative	Bell	June 11-12, Minnesota.....Minneapolis Representative	Bell
April 28, Alabama.....Sylacauga Representative	Bell	June 13-14, Vermont.....Bellows Falls Representative	Cottrell
April 29-30, California.....San Francisco Representative	Crofts	June 22-25, Iowa.....Templar Park Representative	McArthur
May 3, Maine.....Portland Representative	Cottrell	June 25-26, Wisconsin.....Manitowoc Representative	England
May 3-4, Texas.....Odessa Representative	Brucker	June 26-27, New York.....Utica Representative	Brucker
May 3-4, Kansas.....Hutchinson Representative	Crofts	August 25, Tennessee.....Nashville Representative	White
May 8, District of Columbia.....Washington Representative	Lear	September 4, Illinois.....Urbana Representative	McArthur
May 11, Utah.....Salt Lake City Representative	Bell	September 12-13, South Dakota.....Pierre Representative	Riegle
May 12, Maryland.....Baltimore Representative	Riegle	September 14, Wyoming.....Sheridan Representative	Bell
May 12-13, Georgia.....Albany Representative	White	September 24, Colorado.....Boulder Representative	Chapman
May 13-15, Virginia.....Alexandria Representative	Riegle	October 4, New Hampshire.....Concord Representative	DeLamater
May 13-15, Indiana.....South Bend Representative	Brucker	October 8-9, Ohio.....Toledo Representative	Crofts
May 14-15, Missouri.....St. Joseph Representative	Byrd	October 12, Mass. and R. I.....Boston Representative	Cottrell
		October 25-26, Arizona.....Phoenix Representative	Brucker

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