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GEORGE WASHINGTON—MASTER MASON
Left to right: John F. Hartmann; deLesseps S. Morrison;
Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master; and George Healy.
(See Story Inside Cover)

A Message From the Grand Master - -

“Let's Take A Look At Templar Leadership”



**WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand
Master of the Grand Encampment**

The local, Constituent Commandery is the place where our battle to build Templary will be won or lost.

All conferences of Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment Officers about problems of membership, demits, and suspensions depend for their solution upon the quality of leadership at the local level. The best plans are fruitless unless carried into execution by good leaders at the “grass roots” level. Until they are carried out by local leaders, the finest plans of top officers will fall flat. Therefore, we must improve the quality of local leadership and inspire Commanders to carry out plans which will strengthen the whole fabric of Templary.

Leadership is doubly important in Masonry because members of the Craft are trained to look up to the Worshipful Master and wait for him to put his instructions on the Trestle Board—believing that Masonic discipline requires complete and unquestioning respect for the Master. If the Master falters, there is “confusion among the workmen.” To an even greater degree is this true in the Commandery, a semi-military organization, where orders are expected to be given by the Commander and carried out with alacrity.

Here are just a few of the qualities of leadership we so badly need:

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Featured on Cover: The full size statue of George Washington was presented by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana F. & A. M. to the City of New Orleans and placed in the “Civic and Cultural Center” of that city.

The dedicatory address was given by Wilber M. Brucker, who was Secretary of the Army at that time and is now the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The sculptors of the statue were Donald Delue and Bryant Baker, who was the sculptor of the famous statue of Washington in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

Masons particularly revere the memory of George Washington because he was Master of his Masonic Lodge, took the Presidential oath on a Bible brought from a Masonic Lodge, and laid the cornerstone of our nation's capitol with Masonic honors.

At the time of the dedication in 1960 John F. Hartman was Grand Master of Masons of Louisiana; deLesseps S. Morrison was Mayor of New Orleans and George Healy was General Manager of the Times-Picayune Publishing Company.

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49th Triennial Parade

By WILLIAM R. ROBBINS, G. C. of K. T. of Missouri

To veterans of previous Grand Encampment Conclaves, the 49th Triennial may not have presented the largest or longest parade of conclave history, but it did display one of the most colorful, most impressive and most efficiently conducted. Units representing commanderies and various Masonic affiliates from Los Angeles to New Jersey, Texas to Detroit, depicted history, charity, precision and brotherhood to crowded observers along the route, and to those in the packed grandstands at the end of the route.



George Wilbur Bell, G.C.G. of the Grand Encampment (at that time), Grand Marshall of the parade.

Eight divisions, 11 bands and 10 floats depicted Templary interests and pride of membership. Color guards, costumes and decorations added to the interest-holding magnetism of the formation. Immaculately groomed horses of mounted units contributed to parade realism.

Spaced between the units of plumed marchers were floats portraying various significant Templary milestones, such as the crusader's first vision of the Holy Land, Penn's Treaty with the Indians, Knight Templar Educational Foundation, the 13 original states, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Order of DeMolay.

Some residents readily acknowledge

that Philadelphia is not a city of overwhelming parade enthusiasm. Nevertheless, the 1½-mile route, from 20th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway through the structural canyons of the heart of Philadelphia and out to historic Independence Hall, was lined with appreciative onlookers.

It was a parade that presented many facets of Templary objectives, enthusiasm and industry.

A minimum of confusion attended the formation. Throughout, the parade adhered closely to schedule. Glistening ambulances spaced at intervals among the units added a protective and reassuring atmosphere for the marchers whose average age was stated by one Philadelphia newspaper as approximately 55.

The parade was reviewed by Paul Miller Moore, Most Eminent Grand Master, the Grand Encampment Officers, and distinguished guests, on a reviewing stand erected directly in front of Independence Hall, which houses the famous Liberty Bell. Most of the officials and distinguished guests had headed the parade in white convertibles bearing Grand Encampment insignia. More than 5,000 Sir Knights, the "True Soldiers of the Cross" passed the Stand marching as the bands played "Onward Christian Soldiers." Immediately across the street were numerous hundreds of grandstand occupants who applauded the announced officials and parade units as they reached the reviewing stand.

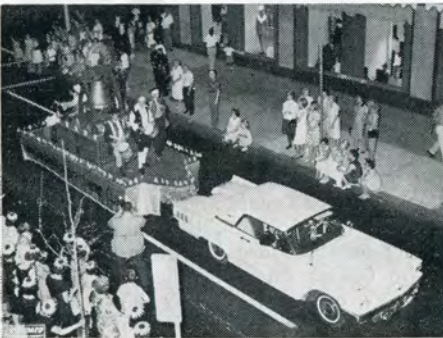
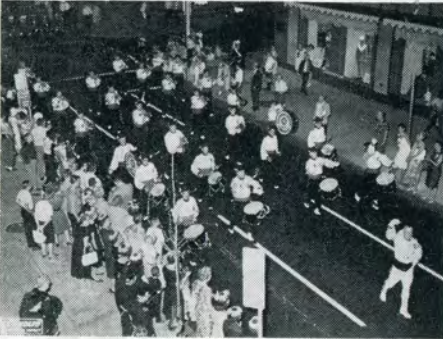
Special recognition and appreciation is in order to George Wilbur Bell, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, who as Grand Marshal most effectively planned and executed the parade orders, and to Sir Knights Clark W. MacKenzie and Dewey Stearns, (P.G.C.) of Michigan, the commentators at the public address system.

The Grand Encampment and Knights Templar everywhere may be proud of the parade and appreciative of those who planned and effected it.

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The Parade as Seen by the Camera

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of major articles on the 49th Triennial Conclave. These articles were written at the time of the Conclave or very shortly thereafter, but due to lack of space could not be published until this time. This account is, therefore, more of a history than a news story and should inform those not present, and will recall to those that were, the wonderful time we had in Philadelphia.



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Highlights of A Great Charity

It seems fitting to present a few highlights of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., to illustrate what has made it such a great humanitarian charity, and to show why so many predict that it is destined to become one of the world's greatest philanthropies.

As of October 15th, 1964, one half million dollars (\$500,000) has been allocated for research in ophthalmology and over two and a quarter million dollars (\$2,270,905.59) has been expended for surgery and hospitalization to those unable to pay. Over eight thousand (8,440) applications for assistance have been processed throughout our 50 states. People of all races, creeds, color, age, sex and national origin have been the beneficiaries of our charity and thousands have been saved from a possible life of total blindness.

No Expensive Construction . . . All expenditures in connection with this project shall be in existing facilities, therefore no money is invested or expended for the purchase, construction, or maintenance of hospitals, buildings, etc., thus, no money is frozen in bricks and mortar, expensive personnel or maintenance costs.

Administration . . . The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is administered at an irreducible minimum of expense—no high salaries, no high rent, no lavish offices, no overstaffing of employees, and the main objective is to conserve every dollar to enable us to assist in saving the eyesight of as many people as possible.

Scope Of Our Great Charity . . . Can you think of any greater affliction that could befall anyone than the loss of eyesight, and thus be compelled to spend the remaining years of one's life in total darkness? We have added to the scope of our charity, the opportunity to rehabilitate and assist children afflicted with Strobismus Cross Eyes. Investigation has proved that when children are so afflicted they are ridiculed by playmates. They tend to develop an infer-

iority complex. They are slow in their studies. When surgery has been performed successfully to straighten those eyes, the child is entirely different. This is a very rewarding phase of our charity.

Some of the thousands of grateful testimonials . . . "There is no possible way for me to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for the wonderful operation you made possible for me. Saying 'thank you' seems so inadequate. I want you to know that I have been seeing the world through a mist for years and now with the operation on just one of my eyes a whole new world has been opened for me. I had forgotten how green the grass and trees were and how beautiful the sky. May God bless your wonderful organization for the work they are doing. I shall always pray for it, as will others you have helped." Signed by Grace Williams of Birmingham, Alabama.

"I was like a lost person and you rescued me from the darkness!"

So movingly a 78-year-old Knoxville, Tenn., mother described her joy to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in a letter this January thanking the Foundation for her successful cataract operation, impossible without their help.

"The sight of this one eye has given the world back to me as I'd never seen it before," wrote a Gretna, Va., father, age 69—totally blind eight months until the Foundation came to his rescue.

"Like the arm of God around the shoulders of man, assuring him there is a way when there was no way," was how a Muskogee, Okla., housewife, age 47, with double cataracts whose vision has been restored through the Foundation's work, described it.

Equally touching was a Waco, Texas, mother's gratitude for correction of her nine-year-old daughter's desperately-crossed eyes, restoring confidence to a child otherwise condemned by poverty to a life of inferiority.

A caseworker in Macon, Miss., called

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an old-age relief recipient's joy that she could see again through the Foundation's aid one of his "happiest moments in 16 years with the Welfare Department."

When her mother, age 76, said, "Now I can see your face again!" a New Orleans woman wrote humbly of her desire to aid others financially through the Foundation as soon as she was able.

Similarly moved, and acting to spur the Foundation's great humanitarian work by sending his \$30 check for a Life Sponsor Membership, the day before Christmas, was Sir Knight James (Eddie) Savage. At 23, he is Denton, Texas, Commandery's youngest member. He requested continuing reports on the growing work of the Foundation to "encourage many other Sir Knights to establish a Life Membership in our Eye Foundation."

They may also experience something of the satisfaction of Sir Knight Aubrey C. Martindale of Houston, Texas, after the Foundation aided the daughter of a disabled Baptist preacher and his working wife. This couple had put seven of their children through college. The youngest daughter, soon to become a teacher, suffered from detached retinas. The Foundation financed her operation.

The Texan writes, "I shall always remember the gratitude expressed by this mother for our Eye Foundation program. She states that her prayers were answered."

We leave it to you—isn't the "less than two cents a week" (\$1.00 a year) you contribute a real investment, paying dividends far beyond any financial return? Is it not well worthwhile serving God and humanity, as we are doing, through the media of our great humanitarian charity? Can you think of any other charity more worthy of support, more economically and efficiently administered, having more basic merit, or one which accomplishes more for every dollar expended?

For all who are so inclined, you can help even more than you now are doing. You can become a Life Sponsor; a Patron; establish a Memorial; remember the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in your Will. Commanderies are

authorized to raise funds with 100% of the receipts being forwarded to the Foundation within thirty days and there can be voluntary contributions of which there have been many. For any additional information it is courteously suggested that you contact the Administrative Office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, N. Y. 12572, or the Eminent Commander, or Recorder, of your Commandery.

A PRAYER FOR STALWART SOULS

Dear Father in Heaven, in this month when our minds are refreshed by the memory of men of stature, we come to Thee seeking the empowering of Thy spirit. We are grateful that thou hast raised up in situations of great need, men who have been equal to the times. We thank Thee for George Washington, the father of our country, and all the rest, who have preserved our nation as a bulwark against tyranny. We bless thee for all those stalwart souls who by their devotion to thee have opened the Book of Life and taught us the truth that makes men free. And above all we thank thee for that One who is the source and criterion of all greatness, Jesus Christ, our Great Captain, our Advocate, in whose name we pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, that in the tremendous day in which thou hast given us to live we may have a measure of Thy Spirit equal to this hour. May the Sir Knights of this generation be inspired to seek for themselves those qualities of noble self-discipline and generous self-giving which are the marks of true greatness. Cause us to sense anew our obligations. Make us willing to fail ere we refuse to try; shame us or defeat us, but deliver us from apathy. Gird us for every noble battle, and inspire us with unflagging enthusiasm for the course we have charted. May the daily companionship of Christ, our Great Captain, give us the faith and the courage we need to face the world and the future. This we ask in His blessed name. AMEN

Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P. of G. Enc.

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The Drill Corps of Detroit Commandery

By HAROLD M. ELWOOD, G.C.Gd., Grand Commandery K.T. of Michigan

Spectators at the Detroit Commandery Exhibition Drill during the 49th Triennial Conclave at Philadelphia were most generous in their applause and many were very complimentary afterward. Some were puzzled at what could inspire 250 Sir Knights to travel 600 miles at their own expense to take part in such an event. Following is a brief outline of the Drill Corps activities.

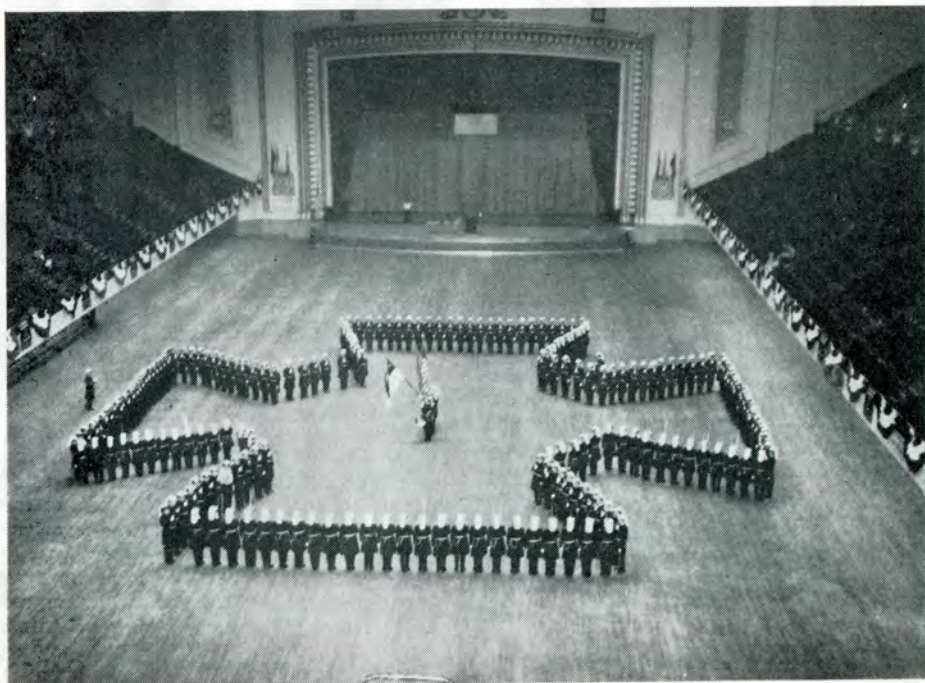
Detroit Commandery, realizing that its Drill Corps is one of its most important functions, loses no time in indoctrinating its new members into this vital phase of its activities. He is required to have a full dress uniform and immediately after knighting, the new commanderyman is urged to participate and is assigned to the Rookie Class, where he is taught the proper use of the sword, the correct way to wear the uniform and the fundamentals of the various drill movements. As he becomes efficient and by his acquisition of knowledge, he

progresses and ultimately earns the honor and right of being admitted to the ranks of the Corps.

Here he has the privilege of good fellowship and "rubbing elbows" with one of the finest, sincerest and most dedicated groups of christian men to be found anywhere, and soon absorbs their spirit and enthusiasm.

The Drill Corps plays an important part in the ritualistic work of the Commandery. It is also the representative of the Commandery outside of the asylum by appearing in parades; on the drill field; at church services and on other public occasions, including participation at funerals.

While the Drill Corps of Detroit Commandery does not take part in competitive Drills, it realizes the great value of competition. It has a well developed program of intra-commandery drills. The purpose being friendly competition, aimed at perfecting the various maneuvers,



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and no matter which team is judged best Detroit Commandery is always the winner.

The history and tradition of the Detroit Commandery Drill Corps goes back nearly one hundred years. It has been the honor and privilege of Detroit Commandery to have its Drill Corps, with sixteen platoons, fully officered, appear at Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and the Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America for many, many years. Most of the outstanding events of former years are recorded in pictures, which line the walls of the Armory.

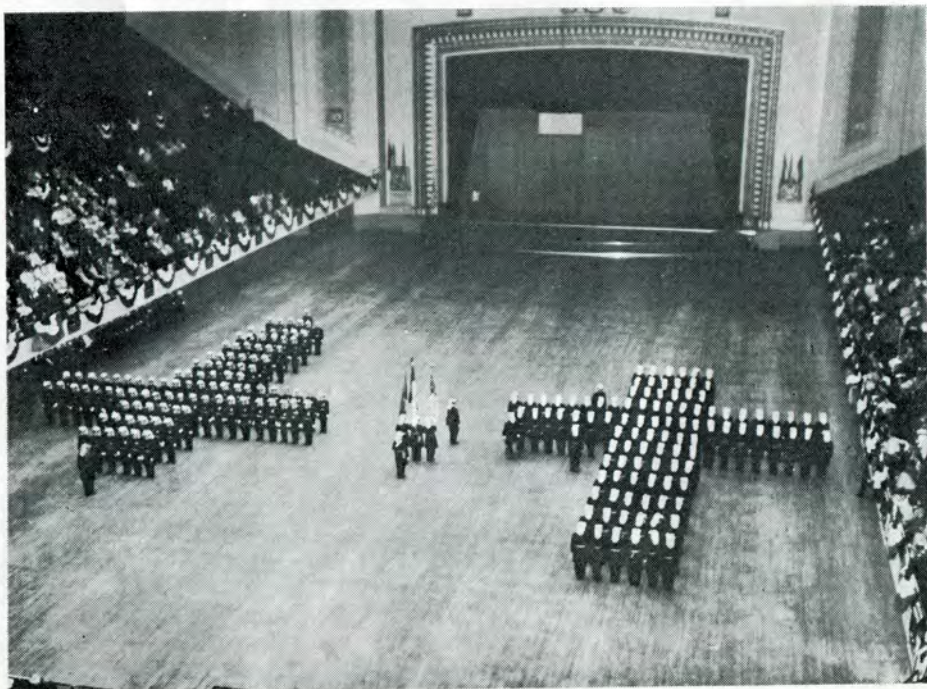
Regular drills are held weekly for approximately twenty-five weeks each year and semi-weekly for two or three weeks prior to state and triennial conclaves. These drills are preceded by a stag dinner, where wonderful fellowship exists. The officers of the Corps are recruited from the ranks and are put through a vigorous course of training. Platoon leaders are developed and sel-

ected from this group and from them, the Commandery captains.

The Commander and line Officers of the Commandery, recognizing the outstanding value of the Drill Corps to all of its various activities, cooperate fully and arrange schedules to permit the Corps to become an integral part of the work.

Reports of the Corps' activities are made at the weekly meetings of the Commandery's luncheon group, the Noontide Club.

One annual feature is the Stag Outing of the Drill Corps, which includes mild athletics, refreshments, a chuck wagon dinner and good fellowship. This event provides an excellent opportunity to entertain prospective members. Another annual feature is the appearance of the "Gold Badge Squad." A group of men selected from the better drillers, who take special training and presents an outstanding program of intricate maneuvers for the entire commandery. These men are awarded a special Drill Corps badge.



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Many of the Drill Corps activities are arranged to include family participation whenever possible.

Detroit Commandery has inaugurated a system of merit awards for the members of its Drill Corps. These are in the form of a small very attractive embroidered silk patch, which is worn on the left sleeve of the fatigue coat. These awards cover participation in Triennial Conclaves; State Conclaves; attendance at drills; attendance at funerals, and in the asylum for taking part in the Prelate's escort and the triangle guard.

Detroit Commandery recognizes the great value of and contributions made by its Drill Corps in every phase of its operation. The fellowship generated by the Corps helps the entire Commandery and results in many members soon tak-

ing part in other commandery functions. Therefore all State and Triennial Conclaves are planned around Drill Corps participation and family interest.

The accomplished and dedicated leader of this noted Drill Corps is Sir Knight Robert J. Brooks, who has faithfully and loyally served as Captain General of Detroit Commandery since 1955. He is a man of sterling character and unusual ability. Many of the intricate maneuvers used by the Corps are products of his rare imagination, worked out and proven by him on paper before being put to the test on the drill floor.

Sir Knight Brooks is a natural leader and is greatly respected and admired by all who are privileged to serve under him.

Newcomers To Grand Encampment Drill Competition At Detroit ??

The drill team of Hamilton (Ohio) Commandery No. 41, Knights Templar, composed of twenty-three members, pictured below, were declared Champions in Class "C" for the State of Ohio, in competitive drill, held in Cleveland at the 1964 Grand Commandery Conclave.

William Stodgel, left, front row, is Commander of Hamilton Commandery,

K.T., and Howard Burtis, third from left, front row, holding Winning Plaque is drill master of the State Champions.

The drill team of Hamilton Commandery is "very much" in the Masonic activities of the Blue Lodge and all York Rite ceremonies. The team's Color Guard and Marching Members Post Colors at all Masonic Installations in



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Pictured above is the Drill Team of NASHVILLE COMMANDERY NO. 1 which won first prize in the drill competition at the Grand Commandery Conclave of Tennessee held in Chattanooga on August 3:

Left to right: front row: A. E. McClanahan, P.G.C.; Spencer J. Warwick; Donald B. Carter, Commander; Leslie L. Farmer; Ralph W. C. Lambert; Coy H. Duke; second row: Wiley Bingham; Robert D. Light; Chas. S. Whitaker; Ray B. Scarborough, Jr.; Garnett M. Cook; Calvin Poe; Joe R. Davis; Robert Alexander; back row: Carl S. Posey; Allen J. Sykes; Wm. Stafford; Watkins Brown; Allan Davis; Jessie P. Stewart; Norman Griswold, Jr.; Wm. K. Lambie; and Ward R. Robertson.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Most of the better Drill Teams in the Jurisdictions of the Grand Encampment compete in the Triennial competition. An exception to this rule is Nashville Commandery No. 1 Drill Team, which I was privileged to see in competition at the recent State Conclave at Chattanooga. We hope to see this team in Detroit in 1967.)

the city. They also supply Honor Guards at the Bier of a deceased member of the Commandery.

Much of the money needed to defray expenses of the drill team to Cleveland was made by Hamilton Commandery with the assistance of members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Hamilton Commandery, by holding "chicken dinners" and other money making events in the Hamilton Masonic Temple.

Hamilton Commandery No. 41, K.T., is the home Commandery of Cecil J. Pierce, P.G.C., 1963.

IN MEMORIAM

Kentucky

Arthur Nisbet Richardson, G.C., 1917
—December 2, 1964

South Dakota

John Hendricks Cumbow, G.C., 1940
—December 12, 1964

Washington

Hugh Fraser McNiven, G.C., 1948—
December 28, 1964

Wyoming

Melvin Sutton Mead, G.C., 1959—
December 3, 1964

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THOUGHTS ON FREEMASONRY

By HAL BURNETT, G.C. of G.C. of Texas

WHY IS A MAN SO HAPPY TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WEARING THE SQUARE AND COMPASS? Because it is a symbol of brotherhood and friendly relations wherever he may attend lodge throughout the world, for by virtue of the fact he is a Mason he will be accepted as a friend. When in distress among strangers, Masons will be there to aid him if he makes it known that he is a member. It was this great Fraternity that sponsored public free schools at the beginning and are still loyal to them. A great number of the signers of the original Constitution of our Nation, and other great men who had so very much to do with the moulding of our Country have worn with pride the Square and Compass. Many of them received further light in Masonry in one or both Rites. George Washington laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in a Masonic ceremony, and he served as Master of his lodge while serving as president of the United States. Yes, we are glad to wear the symbol that these men wore, and we are so happy that the principles of Freemasonry in the lives of those who have gone on before had a very definite place in forming the principles of this mighty Nation. The Square and Compass united is a true symbol of an organization which has for its purpose in the lives of the initiates to teach honesty, purity, faith, hope and love, and admonishes each of them to meet upon the level and part upon the square, with his fellow man. It has a very special influence among men.

WHY SHOULD THE LADY FOLK BE PROUD THAT THE MAN OF THE HOUSE IS A MASON? Because the teachings of Freemasonry are designed to educate man in the true way of life, ever holding him his responsibility and relationship to his family and their welfare. And should misfortune come to him, his Masonic brothers are always there and interested in the comfort and welfare of his wife and children. Then, should his wife, mother, sister or daughter become interested in petitioning for membership in the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star, she is eligible, if otherwise qualified.



HAL BURNETT

SHOULD YOU FINISH YOUR YORK RITE MASONIC EDUCATION? Here in the Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery of Knights Templar, the teachings of the Blue Lodge (the foundation of all Masonry), are explained more fully and we have a much better understanding of our Symbolic Lodge, and masonry becomes more meaningful and is made more beautiful. We certainly urge you as a Blue Lodge Mason, if at all possible, to avail yourself of this fine opportunity.

BESIDES OPERATING EXPENSE, WHERE DOES THE MASON'S DOLLAR GO? Directly into such humanitarian projects as these: Masonic Homes for Aged Masons and Wives, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Shriner's 17 Hospitals for Crippled Children, and the Shriner's Hospital for Burns, and many other like projects for charitable purposes.

RIGHT THROUGH THE HEART OF THE HOLY BIBLE—from the first verse in Genesis through the last verse in Revelation, Freemasonry derives its light, wisdom and beauty. It is built upon the foundation of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty of God because it inculcates the teachings of the Holy Bible, such as Moses at the burning

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bush, his work in Egypt, and the crossing of the Red Sea, and when God called Moses upon Mount Sinai and there gave him the two tables of stone with the Ten Commandments written thereon, and told Moses to go build a Tabernacle, instructing just how to build it and all the furniture, explaining to Moses the Symbolic meaning of each piece of furniture. And God told Moses to dedicate it all to the one living and true God. Then study the lives of Aaron, Boaz, David and Solomon, the erection of Solomon's Temple, the most beautiful building ever erected, which was likewise dedicated to God. The rebuilding of the Temple by Zerubbabel and the preservation of the Holy Bible; then on through the New Testament in the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. All this Freemasonry lays before our eyes and heart—a beautiful drama of a real life of happiness and understanding. Freemasonry teaches us in an extremely impressive manner what is right and what is wrong, teaching at all times that God is, and that He is the giver of every good gift, and our utter dependence upon Him. In a very convincing way we are taught to reverence God, honor and respect womanhood, live by the Golden Rule in respect to our fellow man, to be better

husband, father, brother and citizen in our Home, neighborhood, nation and world, and to be loyal to the Church of our choice.

Christ is the Cap-stone to the entire structure of the Holy Bible because His coming to Earth fulfilled the promise made by God to send His Son for the salvation of mankind. Therefore the Commandery of Knights Templar is the Christian climax to Freemasonry because it teaches that by the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ we are to live and die as Christians, ever remembering that He ascended to prepare a place for us that where He is there we may be also.

Let us ever be mindful that the best possible way to say a good word for this great Fraternity is to keep our dues paid up, live in keeping with its fine teachings and support its activities with our presence, ever ready to do our best.

In closing may we say, let us humbly kneel and thank Him who is all Wisdom, Power and Beauty for those who have gone before, and who had the wisdom and understanding to give us this beautiful way of life.

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From Our Readers

BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY NO. 8, MD., HONOR KNIGHTS FROM WASHINGTON COMMANDERY NO. 1

William E. Barkman, G.C.G. of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, Richard H. Hart, P.C. and Recorder of Washington Commandery, and Harry L. Beach, P.G.C. of the District of Columbia, three outstanding Sir Knights of Washington Commandery No. 1, were recently honored by being elected honorary members of Beauseant Commandery No. 8 of Maryland, and being presented with gold markers.

Sir Knights Barkman and Hart received their markers at a recently held regular conclave of Beauseant Commandery. At this time, Beauseant Commandery was host to Washington Command-

ery No. 1, and York and Gethsemane Commanderies of York, Pennsylvania. Sir Knight Beach was presented his marker by Conrad J. Raider, P.G.C. of Maryland at a recent conclave of Washington Commandery.

A strong fellowship exists between these two Commanderies. They have exchanged visitations from year to year ever since 1921.

It is felt that this most knightly association which exists between the Commanderies from this interchange of visits has done a great deal for Templary in these three jurisdictions. Certainly, it has brought about a better understanding as far as jurisdictional waivers are concerned.

Walter G. Finch, Baltimore, Md.

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From l. to r.: Jack P. Bradt, Com. Apollo Commandery; Edward C. Clayton, Com. St. George Commandery; Warren H. Deck, D.G.C. of N. Y.; Ronald J. Huddleston, Ex. Dir. of the Charlton School; and Lowell H. Bryce, P.G.C. of N. Y. and member of the Board of Directors of Charlton School.

40 Sir Knights from St. George and Apollo Commanderies (New York), attended the Christmas Service at the Charlton School, 2 miles west of Burnt Hills, New York. The Commanderies also gave a check to help with the school's expenses.

The Charlton School is a Protestant Christian Home for girls 12-18 years of age who have been deprived of the normal rights of childhood, parental love and affection, security, and understanding, and who need special guidance and care.

Lowell G. Bryce, P.G.C. of N. Y., says: "It is the hope of a few of us that the

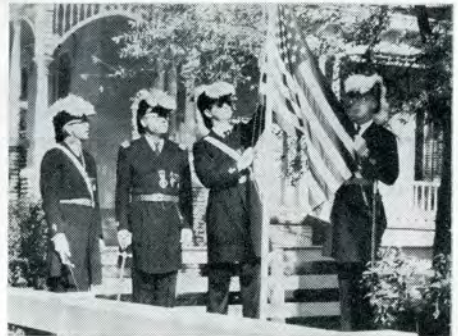
GRAND COMMANDER OF TEXAS INSTALLS OFFICERS IN 18 COMMANDERIES

Hal Burnett, G.C. of Texas has just completed his schedule of installation of officers in 18 of the Grand Commanderies in his jurisdiction. He writes as follows:

"These are all open meetings and an invitation is issued to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and non-Masons to attend together with their wives. At one of our installations a few nights ago three signed for the Orders that night. We feel that these Open Installations are the best Conclaves we have to build the Commanderies, because we get those out who do not know anything about

Sir Knights of Zone 5 of the State of New York can fix a Chapel for the School as a memorial to Templary. It will cost about \$7,500.00. It would be a fine piece of Christian work."

Harry Ostrov, P.G.M. of Masons of New York will be the guest speaker at the public installation of officers at Trinity Commandery (Elmhurst, N. Y.) on Friday, February 12, when Carl E. Doyle will be installed. The feature entertainment will be the "Hallmarks," 1964 International Semi-Finalists, Barber Shop Quartet.



A new United States flag and pole have been presented to the James Whitcomb Riley Home by members of the Greenfield, Indiana, Commandery No. 39 Drill Team. Shown here in flag raising ceremonies are (l. to r.): Sir Knights Douglas Horine; Walter P. Worland, Jr., G.S.B. of Indiana; Walter Mitten and Dewayne Wallace.

our Order, therefore, we show them something about our Christian Order.

It has been my privilege to install the officers in well over one hundred installations in the past few years and each time it is a real joy to be in these fine Commanderies with the Ladies and visitors. When installed each Commander is given a pocket size New Testament and Psalms and some of these Sir Knights are still carrying it in their pockets after eight or ten years.

This work is all done from memory and no book is used."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

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1. **Sense of Dedication.** A leader must be completely "sold" on his cause; he must be so thoroughly convinced himself that he can convince others; and he must not have even a wavering doubt as to the merits of his cause.

2. **Factual Equipment.** A leader must be an arsenal of information about his cause; he must get all the facts and know all there is to learn about it; and he must be able to justify his cause everywhere and before all men.

3. **Attitude.** A leader must have that extra quality of aggressiveness; he must remember that enthusiasm begets enthusiasm; and he must demonstrate an attitude of quiet assurance that instills confidence.

4. **Hard Work.** A leader must be willing to set the pace for all who follow his lead; he must be willing to work harder and longer than anyone else; and he must convince his followers that they can succeed by following him.

As we choose our Templar leaders for the fateful years ahead, let us try to select those who will be the **best for Templary—regardless of personalities.** Only then will we have a clear conscience. When Line Officers, after a reasonable time, fail to measure up, they should be privately encouraged to step aside or should be passed over. No man can afford to make a failure of the office of Commander. Of course, this is a delicate matter, but it is too important to "sweep under the rug." Let's face the bare truth—we need to improve Templary by selecting the best leaders we can find. Only then will we go forward "full steam."

Maryland Templars To Celebrate 175th Anniversary

Knights Templar of Maryland will gather in Baltimore at the end of February to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the formation of Maryland Commandery No. 1.

The observance will extend over a period of three days, with the following events scheduled:

Thursday evening, February 25—Religious Service in the Asylum. Friday evening, February 26—175th Anniversary Conclave. Saturday evening, February 27—Anniversary Banquet, with entertainment and dancing at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Maryland Commandery was organized in the year 1790 by certain Knights Templar who had received the Orders prior to that date in Masonic bodies in Baltimore. The name of the organization at that time was Encampment No. 1.

In 1814, delegates from Encampment No. 1, together with others from Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware, assisted in the formation of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which

latter body subsequently issued a "Charter of Recognition" to the Sir Knights of Maryland.

Assisting the members of Maryland Commandery No. 1 in this anniversary celebration will be Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master; John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master; G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Generalissimo; John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Commander.

A number of Grand Commanders from States along the Eastern Seaboard will also be present.

The principal address at the Anniversary Conclave will be delivered by Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell on the topic "Templary Yesterday and Today."

The Sir Knights at the Conclave will be further entertained by a dance recital, presented by the Red Shield Boys' Club, featuring authentic Indian dances performed by tribes that were prevalent when Templary in Maryland was in its infancy.

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Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., is making arrangements for the 35th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, which will be held in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday Morning, April 18th, 1965, at 7:30 o'clock.

The speaker on this occasion will be the Reverend Howard R. Towne, D.D., Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. Invitations to the Service will again be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, members of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court, members of the Congress, and other high Government Officials who always attend in large numbers. Units of the famous U. S. Marine Band, U. S. Army and representatives of the U. S. Navy will participate as in former years. Official information concerning the Service will again be sent to Knights Templar in all jurisdictions and it is expected that many Pilgrimages will be formed for the journey to this the most sacred spot in America, the Arlington National Cemetery.

Detroit Commandery No. 1, the home Commandery of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, is planning a Pilgrimage to Washington for the occasion, and their presence will add much to the already colorful and inspiring Service. The National Broadcasting Company will again broadcast the Service on a Nation wide radio network.

The Service will conclude with the placing of the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers by the Most Eminent Grand Master. In all of Templary there is no more soul inspiring sight than this occasion, accompanied by the sweet strains of the U. S. Marine Band.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will again sponsor the Breakfast following the Service. This will be held at the Hotel Willard, and tickets may be secured through the Committee. The Committee will be happy to make reservations for individuals or groups as far as possible for Sir Knights in uniform and their families if contacted. Further information may be obtained from the Chairman. Sir Knights, see your Nation's Capitol at Easter by attending the 35th Annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 18, 1965.

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