

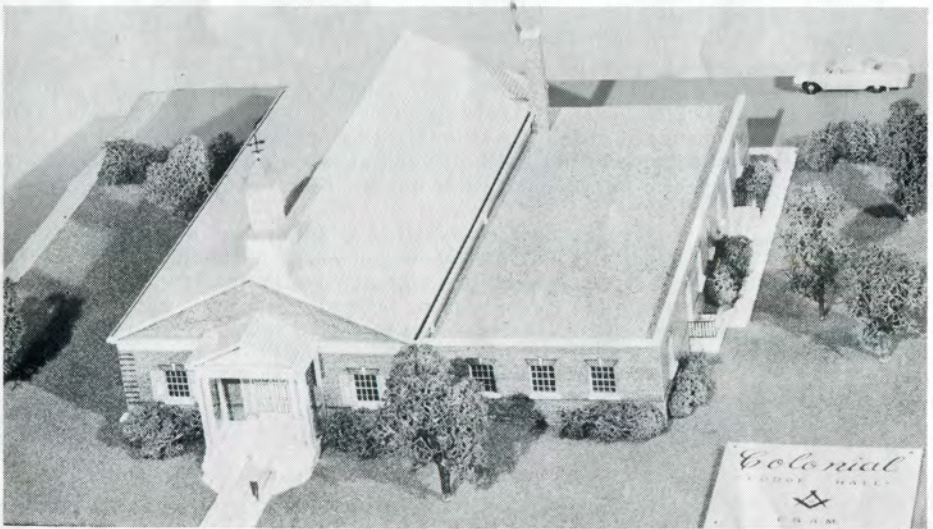


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GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

TO ALL GRAND COMMANDERIES AND SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF AND HOLDING ALLEGIANCE TO
THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.:

GREETINGS:

Easter and Ascension Day are at the heart of the Christian Religion—typifying the Resurrection of our Risen Lord and His triumph over the grave. Easter comes on April 18, 1965, and Ascension Day falls on Thursday, May 27, 1965.

The 35th consecutive Official Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at promptly 7:30 A.M., at which time the program will go on the air. Sir Knight and Dr. Howard R. Towne, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, will give the Easter Sermon. At promptly 7:00 A.M. the Marine Band will lead the marching Templars with "Onward Christian Soldiers" from the West Gate to the Amphitheatre. The Army Chorus will render special Easter music, followed by the ceremony of carrying the huge cross of Easter lillies through an arch of steel, to be deposited at the head of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Detroit Commandery No. 1, with 150 swords in line, will furnish the Honor Guard this year. At different places throughout the entire country, special Easter services sponsored by Commanderies of Knights Templar will be held, inviting the general public to join in homage to the great Captain of our Salvation. No Christian Mason can afford to miss attending church services somewhere on Easter—preferably at some Templar sponsored service.

ASCENSION SUNDAY may be celebrated this year either on the Sunday before, viz: (May 23) or on the Sunday after Ascension Day, (May 30). It affords every Constituent and Subordinate Commandery with the opportunity to make this a special project, to turn out as a Commandery in Templar uniform and attend church service as a body. Whether few or many, the impact of dedicated Templars attending church as a Commandery makes a tremendous impression upon the whole community. Thousands of people are stimulated by our example to join the throng and renew their allegiance to the Faith of our Fathers—when we make a pilgrimage to church on Ascension Sunday. It is not too early to organize this event in every local Commandery.

Accordingly, I hereby request every Officer and every Sir Knight in the Templar World to cooperate in making Easter and Ascension Sunday, 1965, a time for a huge public observance of both these great days in the Christian calendar. Also, I urge every Officer and Committee to take all reasonable action forthwith to assure that this message is given the wide attention it deserves and that plans are made and consummated to carry out this important religious activity.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Detroit, Michigan, this 15th day of February, A.D. 1965, A.O. 847.

Courteously,

WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand Master

JOHN TEMPLE RICE, Grand Recorder

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YORK RITE UNITY

Remarks by WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment
York Rite Luncheon—Atlanta, Georgia—November 28, 1964

We all know that the three York Rite Bodies ought to achieve a state of unity and close ranks, but for decades this has simply been a dream—and not a reality. For years, Masons have talked about cooperation, and discussed its obvious advantages, but things went on from year to year pretty much the same. Like so many other aspects of life—when things are going well and membership is increasing—there is little enthusiasm to disrupt the status quo.

However, in the last few years, things have changed. Blue Lodges all over the country have shown surprising losses of members. Chapters have likewise been losing members, and the Grand Encampment has shown a loss for the first-time in a couple of decades. These losses are not merely accidental—they have continued for several years and we have not yet turned the corner. Under these circumstances, it is apparent that along with the Blue Lodge, the York Rite Bodies are face-to-face with the problem of demits and suspensions, starting with the Blue Lodge and continuing throughout our York Rite Bodies.

Now, it so happens that some prefer to ignore this startling development and are content to let demits and suspensions “run their course” as if it were a disease, instead of its being a vital problem of life at a time when we are in competition with other activities. These people who feel that way want to wait and just “see what happens.”

Fortunately, each of the York Rite Bodies is presided over by officers who are unwilling to stand idly by and see the handiwork of York Rite Masonry crumble before their very eyes. We choose to counter-attack by every honorable means at our command—not just individually, but collectively. We intend to close ranks and work harder than ever to promote York Rite Unity, and do everything that will bring the York Rite Bodies together—both now and for the future.

At the General Grand Council Session and the General Grand Chapter Session at Minneapolis a year ago, similar resolutions were adopted by each of these two York Rite Bodies, authorizing the appointment of a York Rite Joint Commission of 9 members, 3 from each of these two Bodies and 3 to be chosen from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. In August, 1964, a similar resolution was adopted by the 49th Triennial of the Grand Encampment, thus confirming the approval of Templary with the launching of the York Rite Joint Commission, and authorizing its representatives to deal forthrightly with the subject of York Rite Unity. In addition thereto, the Grand Encampment overwhelmingly defeated a proposal to eliminate the Chapter as a prerequisite to Commandery membership—thus giving added emphasis to their support of the movement for York Rite Unity throughout the Templar world.

The York Rite Joint Commission met in Chicago in January, 1964, and mapped out a program, which received the hearty approval of the Grand Encampment. A second York Rite Joint Commission meeting is scheduled for January, 1965, in Chicago, at which time the Commission will be enabled to move much further toward specific objectives. Hence, all eyes are on this coming meeting—and our prayers should be raised that this worthwhile effort will be highly successful.

Now, let me analyze one of the questions that has been frequently raised—“How can the York Rite Joint Commission accomplish much when it requires that every recommendation for a substantial change must be submitted to each of the three York Rite Bodies before it can be approved?” Let me endeavor to answer by saying that the York Rite Joint Commission is not prohibited from thorough discussion of every phase of York Rite Unity—in

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fact, it is encouraged to do so and to make such recommendations as it deems appropriate. In this manner each of the York Rite Bodies will get a full perspective of the status of the discussions—and can consider the merits of the recommendations for a sufficiently long time before being called upon for action. Thus, the function of the York Rite Joint Commission is to be the **sounding board** and to constantly study all phases of the problem and to utter its opinion and recommendations from time to time so that all may become familiar with the progressive thinking that is being given and the policy decisions that are being made toward greater York Rite Unity.

Then there is another question frequently heard: "Is York Rite Unity going to be imposed from the top?" The answer is definitely "no." Unless there is grass-roots approval, York Rite Unity could never be achieved, and it was never intended to usurp or ignore the necessity for local approval. The two must go together—top level discussion and planning—at the same time that State and local discussions are proceeding as to how best to achieve York Rite Unity at all levels. Never for a moment have the heads of the three York Rite Bodies lost track of the necessity to move no faster than the approval of the grass-roots would advise and consent. As a matter of fact, one of the most helpful portions of the discussions of the York Rite Joint Commission is the constant consideration of local opinion on every question of policy that arises. The two phases must go hand-in-hand, and it is fully realized that neither can move along without the other. However, it is mighty fortunate for the grass-roots York Rite Bodies that each one of the top-level officers of the three York Rite Bodies is sincerely dedicated and devoted to the principle of York Rite Unity on a sound, rational and reasonable basis.

Then there is the further question: "Isn't this York Rite Unity simply something to get over the emergency of the present drop-off in membership?" The answer is definitely "no." The movement for York Rite Unity is not a

mere patchwork idea of expedience to get over a hurdle. It is based upon the full knowledge that it is not only wasteful of money, but of manpower, time, energy, effort and human talent to stand at arms length any longer. The York Rite deserves to modernize its thinking and its techniques so that we can conserve our forces and our strength and work together for one common purpose. York Rite Unity is not a matter of mere convenience for a moment—but is the sensible way to present a common front to the public as well as our own members. If we use the common sense with which the Creator has endowed us, we will spread the gospel of the York Rite and stay together from here on out—for the long future—seeking only to find better ways to make our Unity more permanent.

Every institution is being re-examined these days to see whether it serves the time in which we live. Every other organization of men and women is having the same test applied—and our York Rite is no exception. Even the Roman Catholic Church has finally heeded public opinion and is seeking, through the Ecumenical Conference, to modernize its ancient ritual and its relationship to all other Christian Churches and the public. We would be deaf to the call of the age in which we live if we should fail to re-examine our York Rite Bodies and refuse to join in a plan for York Rite Unity.

Now, I would like to digress just a moment to compare our York Rite Unity movement with the formation of the European Common Market. For decades European countries have been separated by boundaries, tariff, custom duties, different currency and by the language barrier. Also, there was ancient bitterness over old wars, and deep-seated jealousies between the countries and their people. If ever it looked as though there would never be unity for a Common Market, it was in Europe! Yet, little by little the merits of a Common Market were talked over. It was pointed out that it was downright wasteful of manpower, time, energy, effort and human talent to stand at arms length any longer. It was pointed

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out that no country would lose its sovereignty if it joined in a common purpose which would help the other country as well as its own. At first, there were loud rumblings by those who had an axe to grind—but little by little the idea became apparent that each country should submerge personal considerations in the common good. It was recognized that it couldn't be done overnight, but would require a gradual schedule to accommodate the plans of other countries, and tariffs, customs, duties and currencies were worked out over a 10-year period. And then something happened — the miracle came about and the old countries of Europe got together and formed the Common Market, which no one ever thought could happen a few short years ago. Now they have what amounts to a modern "United States of Europe" right before our eyes. The Common Market has proved that even as between un-

friendly nations, Unity is possible when enlightened self interest proves that it is desirable.

I don't for a moment expect a miracle to happen in our quest for York Rite Unity. I know that there are those who are predisposed against any change at any time. I also know that there are those who conceive that their job would be affected if any change is made. All I can say is that the importance of the future of the York Rite of Masonry is vastly more important than anyone's feelings—or anyone's private job—and I would hope that we will approach York Rite Unity upon the broad and clean basis of: "What it will do for Masonry." When we do, I am confident that the answer from the hundreds of thousands of the members of our Craft will come back loud and clear—"Let's back York Rite Unity and make it work for the good of Masonry."

"NEED FOR A UNITED YORK RITE"

Address given by G. J. BUTCHER, P.G.C. (1961-62), January 4, 1965, to Norfolk Chapter Number One, Norfolk, Virginia.

In the Book of Genesis, we are told that the wife of Lot—looked back and was lost to a pillar of salt. In Luke, it is recorded that the Master said—"he that putteth his hands to the plow and looketh back—is unworthy to enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Also, in substance, Paul tells us—to dwell not on the past, but to direct our efforts and give attention toward improving the future. To us, these writers are saying—dwell not on the traditional practices of yesterday, but to use our talents toward developing better conditions for mankind in the future.

The origin of Masonry was practiced in the very early ages. Those were the days of the "Guild"—similar to our organized groups of today. Skilled workmen were employed at different pay levels and supported by unskilled or slave labor. As is the case of today, the need existed then for men of training and ability to lead and to command the respect of others. The world's most renown project was that of rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. No greater leader ever lived than Zerubabel, who brought together a divided people, into a spirit of unity, and coordinated to completion that magnificent



G. J. BUTCHER

work. The virtues possessed by that Illustrious Prince, are those which must underlie the success and endeavors of every man—if he is to attain a rightful place in this life. Thusly, Masonry in its Operative form continued through the ages.

In the early 1700's and probably before, Operative Masonry was comple-

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mented by establishing the Speculative concept of the principles and teachings of Masonry, as we somewhat know it today. It was the beginning of special emphasis and regard for human values, under the cloak of Christian fellowship. Speculative Masonry became very popular—in that the non-artisan was eligible for membership and could enjoy the teachings of the Craft. Further, it was an avenue where the rich and poor could share together a feeling of brotherhood. The Settlers introduced Masonry into this Country, where it flourished with admiration by the newly freed peoples. Those were the days of dependency, a time when Fraternalism gave comfort and courage in the young America. One cannot read the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution of our Country, without detecting the fraziology of Masonry. Our forefathers were proud to have it known they were Masons. In those days, it was generally expected by the public—that a Lodge of Masons would lay the corner stone of a public building. It was considered a must for each Masonic body to either conduct or participate in Divine Services; and it was the desire of most young men to become a Mason and/or to wear the uniform of a Knights Templar.

The 1900's ushered in many obstacles to the continued progress of Masonry. World Wars One, Two and others have done much to divert the interest of men to other things. The depressions gave birth to the Civic Clubs, so that business men could exchange ideas in behalf of survival; and now, it is considered a must for the young business man to be a member of such. All branches of Masonry are being challenged today as never before—for their very existence. Time, is that which men have so little of today. Therefore, men are compelled to choose and indulge in that which interests them most; which, accordingly, lays at the feet of Masonic leaders a tremendous challenge. Masonic meetings must become more interesting and of more value. In recent years, the branches of Masonry have drifted apart dangerously; and so much so, that from a National level, all Branches are losing

in membership annually.

It is pleasing to note, there is an encouraging aspect to this sordid picture. In 1961, it was my privilege as Grand Commander of Knights Templar, to sit with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master—for the express purpose of conceiving ways to strengthen Virginia Masonry. From that meeting, the succeeding Grand Masters have assumed the responsibility for calling the Sovereigns together annually. These meetings are bearing fruit, and one can detect easily an improved spirit of relationship. The Councils of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and the Grand Encampment have been working together for some time for the purpose of building a united York Rite. Their most recent meetings were held in Atlanta, and Tulsa with most gratifying results.

I voice no opinion as to whether Virginia should belong to the General Grand Bodies, but I do say "Virginia—having only two Sovereign bodies in the York Rite above the Blue Lodge, is in an excellent position to establish a strong unified Rite." The relationship existing between the Chapters and the Commandery here in Norfolk is excellent, and stands as an example in the Old Dominion.

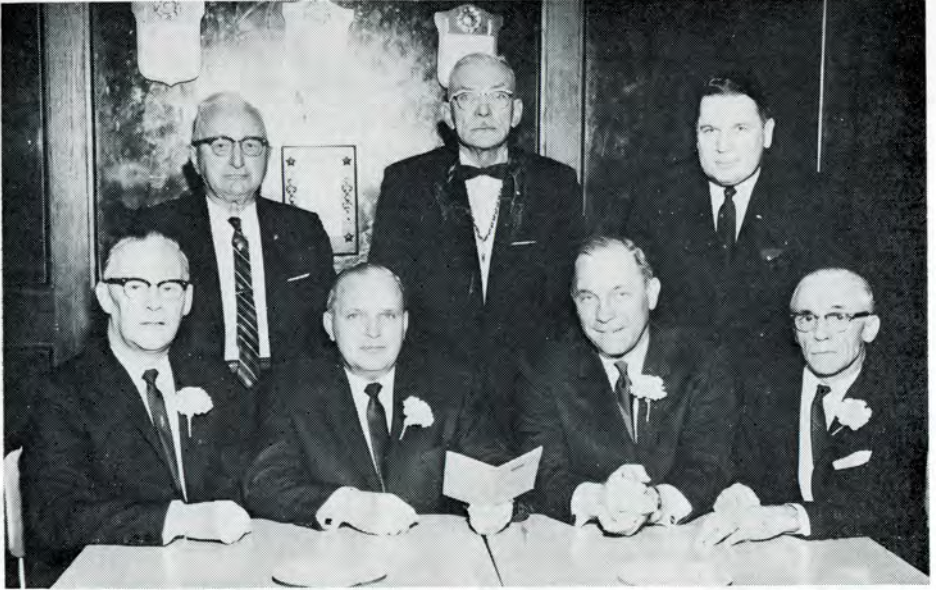
Never before has the need been so great for men, who are aggressive and with vision, will lead the branches of Masonry on to envious goals. We need men who believe in unity of strength and will hold offices for the love of Masonry and not just for honors thus received. The day of the existence of Masonry solely for Fraternalism is gone; its existence must be justified in a field of service to humanity. The Scottish Rite enterprizes and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, etc., are but a mere start of the good that could be done by Masonry.

Companions, are we going to continue in the field of discouragement, or are we going to unite the York Rite and begin to live again?

Thank you.

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Masonic Unity In Action



Seated l. to r.: Joseph Alexander, G.H.P.; Edgar Ott, Grand Master of Masons; John Ruteshow, G.C.; Dr. Thomas Swope, M.G. of Council. Standing l. to r.: Virgil Mathis, the county's only 33 Degree Scottish Rite Mason; Ted Findley, Master of Ceremonies; State Senator Danny Johnson, Pres. of County York Rite Association.

An outstanding example of not only York Rite unity but Masonic unity at the "grass roots" level is exemplified in the first Tuscarawas County's York Rite banquet and meeting at New Philadelphia, Ohio, on Monday, January 18. More than 350 were in attendance to hear the State Masonic leaders at the County-wide meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Co-operation Among Men" and various Masonic groups. The Daily Times Newspaper carried a three-column story on the meeting.

A Lenten Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven, we do not need special days in which to give Thee thanks or sing Thy praises, but we do need special times to renew our strength. During the days of this Lenten Season which lies before us wilt Thou consecrate them to the renewing of our souls.

As we meditate upon the important events that culminated in the passion of our Lord, let the power of His personality stir our lives as it stirred those other follower of long ago. May it be a pilgrimage of recollection as we follow our Great

Captain once more through the days he spent among us; walking with Him as he did battle with the Tempter in the wilderness, witnessing his healing of the afflicted, in the market place, listening to His words of wisdom from the hilltop, and struggling with Him up that other hill on which He died. Give us, we pray Thee such a vision of the Christ that our lives may take on some of His radiance and our Order glow with the warmth of His Spirit. We pray in His name, whose meat was obedience and whose drink was doing good, even the glorious name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

AMEN

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P., G. Enc.

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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Assists in Building Programs — Encourages “A New Masonic Look”

By WILLIAM A. CARPENTER, Librarian and Curator,
Editor, “The Pennsylvania Freemason”

In an effort to encourage new Masonic Halls within its Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania now has a Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. This Committee acts as a clearing house between Lodges and the Grand Master for the building, remodeling, reconstruction or changing of Temples, Halls or Lodge Rooms.

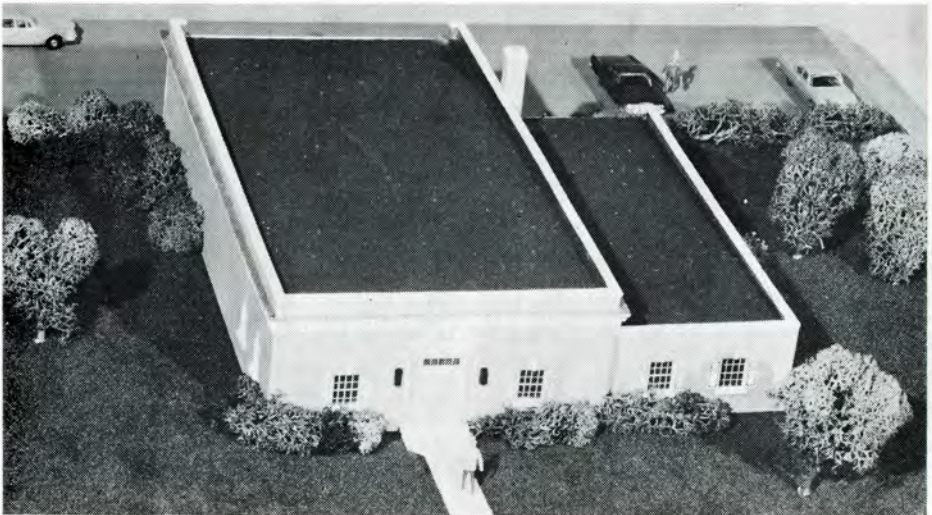
This Committee has been most active during the past four years working closely with several of the Pennsylvania Lodges engaged in a building program. The Grand Lodge commissioned an architect to design four basic Masonic Halls. The sizes of these buildings vary to meet the needs of Lodge memberships. The basic exteriors are Colonial, Modified Colonial, Suburban and Traditional. Economy in the construction and maintenance of these buildings has been featured in this particular program.

The actual working plans and specifications of these four structures are

made available, free of charge, to Lodges entering into a building program. In addition to the plans and specifications, the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms will provide model sets of By-Laws for a Temple or Hall Association needed to over-see and administrate the construction and maintenance of a new building. A model application for a charter of a non-profit corporation, if needed, is also made available by the Committee.

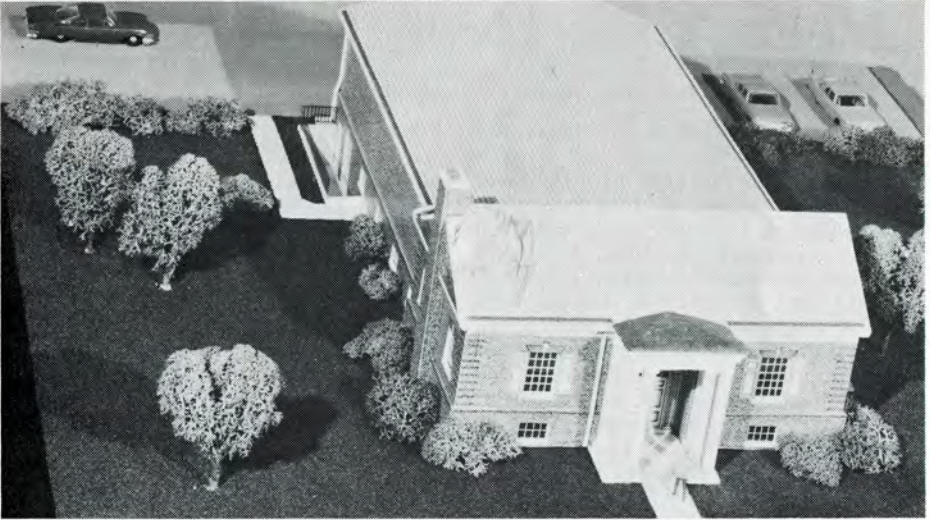
Exact scale models of each of the four buildings have been made and are on display in the Library Room of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa. These scale models are loaned to Lodges where there is need to further inspire or encourage a building program.

The plans of these four buildings can be altered, modified or changed to meet specific needs. In each case, ample space has been provided for Lodge work, normal social functions, kitchen facili-



The Modified Colonial Designed Masonic Hall Has 72 Permanent Seats

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The Traditional Designed Masonic Hall Has 100 Permanent Seats

ties, washrooms, storage, heater and air-conditioning features.

This new Grand Lodge program has stimulated great enthusiasm in many Pennsylvania Lodges. With the renovation of old buildings and Lodge Rooms and the construction of new Masonic Halls, has come a renewed interest on the part of many Masons to attend Lodge Meetings. In many cases the Lodge that has moved into a new building has experienced a growth in new members.

The feature of keeping the Lodge Room on a ground level has attracted the aging members back to Lodge. Another feature with each of the suggested buildings is the recommended size of the plot of ground so as to provide adequate parking adjacent to the building.

This program of encouraging attractive and adequate Masonic Halls, has done much to improve the image of Freemasonry in various communities throughout Pennsylvania. It could well be expressed as "A New Masonic Look."

Net Subscription Increase 5,000 Plus

The Knight Templar Magazine has enjoyed a net subscription increase of more than 5,000 since September 1st. The encouraging aspect of this increase in subscriptions is that it has not resulted from any one jurisdiction subscribing for all or a large percentage of its members but from a general increase in subscriptions from most jurisdictions. The subscription recruiting program of this Triennium is just getting under way and the results are most gratifying.

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Regional & Dept. Conferences

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE—TULSA

By FREDERICK J. SMITH, G.C.G., Oklahoma, and Correspondent

The second of the York Rite Regional Conferences planned for this Triennium was convened in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Saturday, January 23, 1965. One hundred and fifty-eight delegates were registered, most being from the six state area of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Many of those in attendance were accompanied by their wives, as 189 people partook of the dinner which concluded the days activities.

The only disappointment of the conference was the absence of Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master, who was "grounded" in Detroit by bad weather. Sir Knight Brucker, in tele-

phone conversations with the conference leaders, expressed his sincere regret at his enforced absence, and his appreciation for the interest shown in the conference as attested by the fine attendance. John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master, ably represented Sir Knight Brucker, and presented the Grand Master's program at the Grand Commandery session.

Separate morning meetings were held for the three Grand Bodies: Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, with the Grand and Constituent Officers of each body meeting in separate rooms. George W. Evans, Oklahoma, G.G.M. of the First Veil, presided over the Grand



Left to right: Harvey C. Byrd, Dept. Com., S. C. Dept.; John L. Crofts, Sr., Dep. Grand Master, Grand Encampment; William F. Clark, Gen. G.H.P., General Grand Chapter; Ben F. Mandlebaum, P.I.G.M., Oklahoma, General Grand Council Officer in charge of S. C. Region; Donald D. Boudeman, General Grand Master, General Grand Council; George W. Evans, General Grand Master of the First Veil, General Grand Chapter; Roy W. Reigle, Grand Captain General, Grand Encampment; and J. Luther Jordan, P.G.G.H.P., General Grand Chapter.

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Chapter meeting; Ben F. Mandelbaum, P.G.I.M., Oklahoma, conducted the Grand Council Session and Harvey C. Byrd, Department Commander of the South Central Department was in charge of the Grand Commandery meeting. The afternoon session was a joint meeting of the three bodies, presided over by Donald D. Boudeman, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Many excellent papers were read at the various sessions, all dealing with the mutual problems affecting all the Grand York Rite Bodies. It is planned to have the papers published for distribution to those who registered for the conference.

At the banquet Companion Boudeman served as Master of Ceremonies and William F. Clark, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, delivered a thought provoking and forceful address on the challenges facing York Rite Masonry today. Companion Clark's talk was enthusiastically received by those assembled for the banquet.

Each Companion and Sir Knight who was present at the conference is worthy of mention. The General Grand Officers present were well pleased with the large turnout, the excellent papers presented, and the number of ladies who accompanied their husbands to Tulsa.

The following are some of the Commandery personnel present:

Arkansas: Thomas A. Biggs, G.C.; William H. Greenwood, G.C.G.; Kenneth B. Herbert; Kenneth Johnson, P.G.C.; Howard A. Lane; Ormand B. Shaw, D.G.C.; Franklin B. Trusdell, G.S.W.; **Florida:** John L. Crofts, Sr., D.G.M., Grand Encampment; **Kansas:** Roy W. Reigle, G.C.G., Grand Encampment; Jess Garvey; R. N. Gerdemann, G.C.G.; Anson V. Grable, D.G.C.; Ralph B. Mitchell, G.C.; Archie Schoonover, G.C.; Robert F. Zimmerman, G.C.G.; **Louisiana:** Herbert Jennings, P.G.C.; Frank T. Norman, G.C.; **Missouri:** Harlan C. Boehm, G.J.W.; James H. Cockerham, G.C.G.; Morris E. Ewing, P.G.C.; Charles L. Hickman, P.G.C.; W. E. Jamieson, G.S.B.; Harry S. Kline, G.C.G.; Harold N. Painter, D.G.C.; William R. Robbins, G.C.; **Oklahoma:** Paul Alexander, D.G.C.; James D. Berry; William S. Butts; Robert A. Cole, G.W.; Elihu H. Cooley; Willis H. Gorey, G.J.W.; Harry M. House, P.G.C.; Norman Jones; C. Forest Little; Guy L. Love; Robert W. Rogers, P.G.C.; Ernest T. Ross, P.G.C.; Frederick J. Smith, G.C.G.; Jim Thorne, G.S.W.; Clell C. Warriner, P.G.C.; Oliver S. Willham, P.G.C.; **Texas:** Hal Burnett, G.C.; Harvey C. Bryd, P.G.C., Dept. Comm.; J. M. Caviness, P.G.C.; J. T. Sanders, D.G.C.; Elmer E. Watkins, G.G.

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE—TOLEDO

By VIRGIL F. KENT, Department Commander

Pictured next page are the representatives of the East Central Dept. of the Grand Encampment comprising the Dais and other Grand Line Officers of the Grand Commanderies of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia who, together with Companion Oliver Ormiston, Gen. Gr. Principal Sojourner, representing William F. Clark, Gen. Gr. High Priest of the General Gr. Chapter; Comp. Russell H. Kikstadt, Gen. Gr. Marshall, representing Donald D. Boudeman, Gen. Gr. Master of the General Grand Council, gathered in Toledo, Ohio on February 6-7, 1965 for their annual meeting.

The first session started Saturday noon and featured an inspiring talk,

"Charting the Course," by Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in shaping ways to implement the Grand Master's program, as well as promoting York Rite Unity.

Topics discussed were: Call to Order and Introductions, Virgil Kent, Dept. Comm.; Grand Encampment Enactments and Exchange of Rituals, Stanley Raidle, G.S.W. of Mich.; Membership Promotion, Abner Sager, G.C. of Mich.; Civic Responsibilities, John Rutschow, G.C. of Ohio; Festivals, Joseph Martin, G.C. of Ky.; Eye Foundation, Robert Schoedinger, D.G.C. of Ohio; Educational Foundation, Edward Laas; Knight Templar Magazine, Willard Avery, Ed-

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Front row: 1. to r.: Edward J. Lass, G.C. of W. Va.; Abner C. Sager, G.C. of Mich.; Virgil F. Kent, Dept. Com.; Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master; Willard M. Avery, Editor K.T. Magazine; David J. Miller, G.C. of Ind.; Joseph E. Martin, G.C. of Ky.; John W. Ruteshow, G.C. of Ohio. Standing: 1. to r.: Howard W. Ball, C. Gen. of W. Va.; Dudley F. Cruise, G.C.G. of W. Va.; Maurice L. Johnson, G.W. of Mich.; D. DeVon Hossler, G. Pre. of Ind.; John H. Loree, P.G.C. of Mich.; Roy Meredith, G.C. of Gd. of W. Va.; Harold G. Copp, G.R. of Mich.; J. Rufus Hinshaw, Gr. Treas. of Ind.; Stanley H. Raidle, G.S.W. of Mich.; Robert H. Emmons, G.S.W. of Ohio; Richard D. Unger, G.C.G. of Ind.; James G. Frey, D.G.C. of Ind.; Harold Hollihan, G.G. of Ind.; Edwin M. Demlow, G.R. of Ind.; Fredrick G. Kirby, G.C.Gen. of Mich.; Omer E. Hager, S.S.W. of Ind.; Russell H. Kikstadt, G. Mar. of Gen. Gr. Council; Walter E. Drake, G.W. of Ohio; Harry F. Otterman, G.S.W. of Ind.; Herbert E. Rogler, G.G. of Ohio; and Edgar H. Clark, G.G. of Mich. Attending but not in picture: Oliver H. Ormiston, Gen. G. Prin. Soj. of Gen. Gr. Chapter; Robert S. Schoeding, D.G.C. of Ohio; Donald Penn, P.C.; Ned E. Dull, G.S.W. of Ohio.

itor; and York Rite Unity and Christian Motivation of Templary, Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master.

One innovation of the conference was the inclusion of the wives at the evening session where John Ruteschow, G.C. of Ohio discussed Civic Responsibilities and David J. Miller, G.C. of Ind., discussed the Status of Wives and Families in Masonic Affairs. The meeting closed with a most interesting and entertaining talk by Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker on the Status of Widows in Constituent, Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment affairs.

A Project For Every Commandery, Communications, Public Relations, Sesquicentennial in June, 1966, and the Grand Master or His Representatives Visitations were discussed at the Sunday morning session.

IN MEMORIAM

Arizona

James Raymond Malott, G.C., 1934—
January 29, 1965

California

Fred Pete Roullard, G.C., 1943 —
January 28, 1965

Colorado

Elton Richard Joy, G.C., 1956—Jan-
uary 3, 1965

Mississippi

William Carl Seab, G.C., 1949—Jan-
uary 15, 1965

Oregon

George Thomas Cochran, G.C., 1925
—January 10, 1965

Texas

Van Kain Miller, G.C., 1947—Janu-
ary 27, 1965

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From Our Readers

Times Have Changed



ANOTHER FATHER-SON TEAM—Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 61, Knights Templar of Iowa, Clarion, Iowa, has recently had two of its members who were Grand Officers. What's more they're a father-son team who has achieved a reputation for their loyalty to Knights Templary in this north central Iowa area. They are E. H. Stutters (left) who held the office of Grand Sword Bearer in 1946 and Homer E. Stutters who currently is serving as Grand First Guard. Both are Past Commanders of Mt. Lebanon Commandery. There is another father-son team in the Grand Commandery in that Emil Biasi is serving as Grand Recorder and his son, George, is serving as Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery.

EFFECTS OF THE JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS, FESTIVAL STILL FELT

September 12 is now a long time ago, but the interest stirred up by the festival held in Junction City on that date is still bearing fruit. Junction City Chapter reported a total of 48 Companions exalted during 1964. Only 29 of these received the degrees on September 12. The Chapter has been active all year. Now it is the Commandery's turn, and the officers report that before the books are closed on March 31, they will have knighted 50. Actually they have 51 petitions, and have dubbed over 38. Isn't that wonderful?

**Kansas News Letter, Feb.
Charles S. McGinness, G. Sec.-Rec.**

On Sunday, December 6th, 1964, at 2 p.m. Damascus Commandery No. 1, K.T., St. Paul, Minnesota, held their Christmas Observance for Sir Knights and their ladies in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, St. Paul.

This year was a memorable one as we were honored in having with us for the first time in Templar history over 50 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree in their full uniform and together with the Sir Knights in full Templar uniform all marched into the auditorium and formed an honor guard for the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota and the Grand Officers of the Knights of Columbus and then the service was held after which all marched to the Saint Paul Municipal Auditorium for the 24th Annual Christmas Choral Pageant for which Damascus Commandery and the Knights of Columbus have formed an honor guard for over 22 years and is a most impressive pageant attended by over 6,000 persons each year.

It has always been customary for Damascus Commandery after the pageant to return to the Masonic Temple with their ladies to have coffee, ice cream and cake and in December, 1963, an invitation was then extended to the Knights of Columbus and their ladies to partake of refreshments and that year a great number attended, however this year the Knights Templar and their ladies were invited to the Knights of Columbus Hall for refreshments and all partook.

It is gratifying to see this great change and the spirit of Christianity being extolled by these great organizations.

The Eminent Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 1 is Thomas A. Edwards.

The service at both the Temple and the pageant were attended by Grand Commander William H. Spry and Grand Recorder James Joyce.

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When Calvary Commandery No. 24 (Iowa) installed its officers in Fort Dodge on the evening of January 12, these grand and past grand officers were in attendance. Grand Commander Merlin S. Rufer (extreme right) acted as the installing officer while K. D. Cannaday, G.P. of Early, Iowa, acted as installing prelate. G. W. Goodrich (left), P.C. and P.G.S.W., was installed as prelate of Calvary Commandery. Earl H. Winders (second from left), P.G.C., was in attendance at the installation.

George E. Ward, Jr., Past High Priest of Alpine Chapter No. 5, R.A.M., Munich, Germany, recently sent in the following letter:

"The Munich York Rite bodies completed the Henry Koester 50th Anniversary Class on May 9, 1964. Alpine Chapter No. 5, R.A.M., Edelweiss Council No. 1, R. & S. M., and Vavaria Commandery No. 3 K.T., all located in Munich, Germany, for the first time honored an individual by naming a class after him.

"Companion Henry who is in his 50th masonic year as a member of Garden City Lodge No. 141 A.F. & A.M. and York Chapter No. 148 R.A.M., both of Chicago, Ill. has been faithful in his attendance and participation for a number of years in this area.

"A banquet followed the degree work in the Armed Forces Recreation Area located 60 miles southeast of Munich on beautiful Lake Chiemsee. At this time

Henry was presented a 50 year diamond chapter pin and was made an honorary member of Alpine Chapter No. 5. He therefore became the first mason to hold regular or honorary membership in the eight masonic or kindred organizations meeting in this area. Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, Companion and Sir Knight Richard Mueller-Boerner was among the 46 masons present and on behalf of the United Grand Lodges presented Henry with a 50 year German masonic medal. Henry, who has the distinction of being the only 50 year chapter member in Germany, puts many younger members to shame in his portrayal of the various degree parts, often on very short notice."

A RED CARPET WELCOME WAITS ALL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR VISITING NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36, which meets in the afternoon on the 4th Tuesday of each month offers a special opportunity to all Sir Knights when visiting New York City for business reasons, conventions, sight-seeing, honeymoons, or whatever reason, and extends a very cordial invitation to visit and have fellowship with us.

As the U.S.O. became known as the "second home" or "the home away from home" for our enlisted men so we of Ivanhoe sincerely desire that Sir Knights not only from the Empire State but from everywhere adopt our Commandery as your very own and extend and expand the bonds of real friendship of our great order.

Our meetings are held in the N. Y. Masonic Building, 71 West 23rd St., New York City, easily accessible by surface and subway lines direct to its door. Our Post Office Box is No. 123, 71 West 23rd St., New York City. In uniform or not, Commander Seibert and his staff will want you to visit us and you can be sure that a most cordial and sincere effort will be made by all of us to make your visit a happy and memorable one.

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Brunet, Prelate

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Can You Help?

Traveling mementos within our fraternal bodies, such as a "Traveling Keystone" in the Chapter, or a "Traveling Triangle" in the Council, have proven of great help and inspiration as they made their journey.

But the idea had been used more than half a century ago in Templary.

Information is now desired regarding a "Pilgrimage Crucifix" that had started to travel some fifty-six years earlier.

The writer, Recorder of St. Johns Commandery No. 9 of Elizabeth, N. J., on reading through all available records of St. Johns, found that there was a great fraternal friendship between St. Johns and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36 of New York, which resulted in the following paragraphs appearing in the record of April 24, 1908—quote—

"Eminent Sir John D. Cawein, Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36 of New York informed the Sir Knights (of St. Johns) that the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe had obtained a Crucifix and same had been properly consecrated. It was desired that this Crucifix should travel on a journey throughout the Templar World and same should be known as the "Pilgrimage Crucifix."

"St. Johns had been chosen by the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe Commandery as the first recipient of the Crucifix on its long journey."

Thus we find that St. Johns had the honor of being the first commandery to receive this Crucifix in what was hoped to be a very long journey. Nothing in the records indicates how long it remained with the Elizabeth Commandery—where it went—or who might have delivered it.

For this reason this Commandery is anxious to learn more about it.

It may still be traveling somewhere in the broad expanse of our country. Or, it may be tucked away in some archives or laying in some storage.

If there is any information, even just a little note, the writer, whose address appears below, will be most grateful.

WILFRED W. MINTON, Recorder
905 Jersey Ave.,
Elizabeth, N. J., 07202

Good Work

As per their custom for over one-half century, Faribault Commandery No. 8, K.T., Minnesota, made their distribution of Christmas baskets to those less fortunate than ourselves on December 24th. All visiting Sir Knights found a warm welcome wherever they called. This practice of presenting a basket of good things to eat, in some cases a plant, a box of cigars, or a check to a needy one was first instituted in Faribault in 1897 and has continued ever since.

Contrary to the accepted idea of many, these contributions for baskets come out of the individual members of the Commandery and not out of the organization's treasury. There are occasions when mistakes are made in the matter of baskets, but as a whole the project results is one of the grandest things men can do. "To feed the hungry, to inculcate the duty of charity and hospitality on this day of all days, for all who profess to be Christians; as you illustrate in your lives these precepts, so may be your reward."

Contributions received this year up to the present time totalled \$159.50; expenditures by the basket committee, including three checks, amounted to \$161.37.

INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT

The Council Officers Association, Knights Templar, of the Metropolitan District, Long Island and Westchester, New York, installed Carl E. Doyle, as their President, on January 29th, 8:30 p.m., in the Masonic Temple, 71 West 23rd St., New York, N. Y.

Sir Knight Doyle, was installed President of the Association, by Doctor J. George Lang, P.G.C.

The Council Officers Association, being composed of the Officers of twenty Commanderies, of the Greater New York area, represents approximately ten thousand Masons who are Knights Templars.

Lowell Bryce, P.G.C., Correspondent.

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**STATISTICS
GRAND AND SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES
JULY 1, 1964**

Grand Commanderies	No. of Com- manderies	No. of Templars	Grand Commanderies	No. of Com- manderies	No. of Templars
Alabama	27	9,918	New Jersey	25	3,422
Arizona	10	1,538	New Mexico	12	3,215
Arkansas	17	3,503	New York	73	13,331
California	73	23,153	North Carolina	29	6,713
Colorado	37	4,482	North Dakota	13	2,150
Connecticut	12	3,389	Ohio	83	26,937
Dist. of Columbia	3	1,910	Oklahoma	31	5,342
Florida	34	7,892	Oregon	22	5,035
Georgia	38	11,739	Pennsylvania	89	25,981
Idaho	12	2,045	South Carolina	18	5,363
Illinois	78	16,972	South Dakota	20	3,235
Indiana	59	13,117	Tennessee	28	8,980
Iowa	60	11,005	Texas	91	30,357
Kansas	58	11,691	Utah	5	1,236
Kentucky	35	8,519	Vermont	13	2,515
Louisiana	16	4,150	Virginia	30	6,593
Maine	24	5,692	Washington	27	5,363
Maryland	13	4,704	West Virginia	29	6,125
Mass. and R. I.	50	14,663	Wisconsin	44	7,174
Michigan	54	11,787	Wyoming	18	2,541
Minnesota	35	10,513	Philippines	5	607
Mississippi	27	6,818			
Missouri	62	14,801	Total Grand Comds....	1,605	387,674
Montana	21	3,567	Total Sub. Comds.....	15	3,276
Nebraska	28	5,471			
Nevada	6	751	Total Grand &		
New Hampshire	11	1,670	Sub. Comds.....	1,620	390,950

(From Grand Recorders Report—49th Triennial, Philadelphia, August 22-27, 1964)