

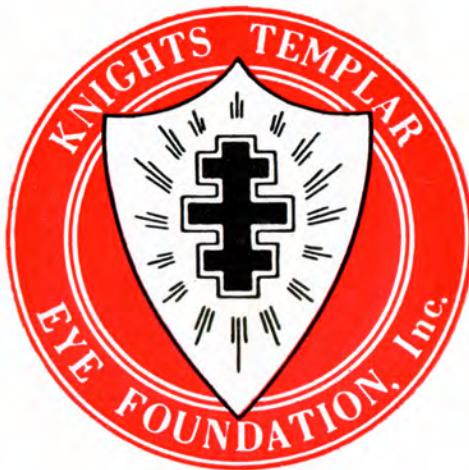


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# A Message From the Grand Master - -



Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker  
The Most Eminent Grand Master  
Knights Templar, U.S.A.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSLATE OUR PRINCIPLES INTO ACTION

When the Grand Encampment inaugurated the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in 1955, we emphatically demonstrated our Christian concern for suffering humanity. By that action we told the world that Templary is not content to live unto itself, nor for itself alone, but that we are determined to translate our Christian principles into action to help others in distress. It would be difficult to conceive of any project which is more in keeping with Christ's work than that of preventing blindness. No man can witness the miracle of modern surgery in restoring eyesight to a fellow human-being without experiencing a thrill as well as a sense of deep satisfaction.

Our Christian mission in this field is limitless. The need to render assistance to deserving people, including little children, is tremendous. It will be recalled that our mission is stated as follows:

**“. . . to treat those who suffer from diseases of or injury to the eye, which if untreated, might result in blindness, and for correction of strabismus in children. That admission for treatment of such persons shall be without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, or national origin. That the treatment of patients for this purpose shall be free and limited to persons unable to pay.”**

As of May 12, 1965, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has been successful in preventing blindness and restoring eyesight to 9,086 men, women and children. As of May 12, 1965, we have expended for the cost of surgery and hospitalization \$2,677,863.43. In addition we have expended \$500,000.00 for research into the cause of diseases that bring about blindness.

We have long since realized that the one dollar a year assessment from each Knight Templar does not produce the amount necessary to do our part in this great work. Hence, we have launched a program to secure voluntary “Life Sponsor” memberships which cost \$30.00, giving exemption for life from the one dollar annual assessment, as well as being deductible from Federal income tax. As of May 12, 1965, we have 4,112 Life Sponsors. Our goal for 1965 is to get at least 10% of the members of each Grand Commandery to become Life Sponsors. This quota calls for only one in ten of our entire membership. Surely such a modest goal ought to be reached this year by every Grand Commandery without difficulty—if we all get to work!

Accordingly, I request each Grand Commander, each Eminent Commander and all line officers, and Committeemen to start at once to solicit Life Sponsor memberships at \$30.00 each, among our members throughout the Templar World. Here is strictly a **Knight Templar** program, that will distinguish Templary as composed of the kind of men who “practice what they preach.” How can any sincere and thorough-going Knight Templar fail to heed the call to voluntarily contribute \$30.00 and become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation?

As your Grand Master, I consider this to be a challenge to determine whether our Christian allegiance is sufficiently strong to translate our ideals into action in every day life through our great humanitarian charity. Let's show the world by our deeds that we mean business!

# YORK RITE UNITY

*(Editor's Note: The following is a recent statement issued by the presiding officers of the General Grand York Rite Bodies and sent to the dias Grand Officers of the three Grand York Rite Bodies:)*

In the first instance, we, your duly elected General Grand High Priest, General Grand Master and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, desire to state emphatically that after several meetings together there is harmony of thought and purpose in our respective programs concerning YORK RITE UNITY in the United States of America. It is our fervent desire to do all in our power during the Triennium immediately ahead to effect a stronger and more unified York Rite of Freemasonry, which will redound to the glory of the Rite as a whole and each segment thereof in particular.

Only through you, the titular heads of our great Rite in your several Grand jurisdictions, can we expect York Rite Masonry to grow numerically and expand its sphere of influence throughout our great land. By the united efforts of all bodies of Freemasonry this goal can be attained, but it will require, even demand our faith in unity and our conscientious application of that faith to move forward together a common goal.

Each of us has appointed a three-member Committee on Unity to sit jointly as the nine-member York Rite Commission on Unity. This Commission is charged by resolution of our Bodies to make a thorough and complete study of York Rite conditions in our country, report their findings to us and make such recommendations as it may deem beneficial to the unification and strengthening of our several Bodies. These recommendations will receive careful consideration by your National Grand Officers, and will be implemented in such ways as they may determine.

Certain of these suggestions we regard as pertinent to present day conditions, and worthy of our current serious consideration. We would like to share them with you in the hope that they may prove beneficial to you in planning and executing your programs within your respective jurisdictions.

## 1. GRAND YORK RITE COUNCILS:

The immediate formation in each State of a Grand York Rite Council, consisting of the dais or elected grand officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, for the purpose of planning, promoting and co-ordinating York Rite Masonry within the State. Such Grand York Rite Councils have already been formed and are active in a number of Grand Jurisdictions.

## 2. YORK RITE DISTRICTS:

Where practical, that the State or Grand Jurisdiction be divided into identical geographical areas for the three Bodies, within which there shall be organized a District York Rite Council of the dais officers of the subordinate chapters, councils and commanderies, similar to that formed at the State level, to carry out cooperative planning, promotion and execution of York Rite programs within the area. Each of the three presiding State officers in such event should appoint a deputy, or officer by whatever name, to work together as a committee or council, to coordinate the York Rite District's efforts.

## 3. LINE OFFICERS:

That consideration be given to shorter progressive lines in all York Rite Bodies. It is believed that many capable leaders tend to avoid long elective lines in any organization. It is suggested that the total years of service, as an elective line officer, be not more than four years. Further, it is recommended that the appointive officers of the Grand Bodies (excluding the Treasurer, Secretary, Prelate, Sentinel and other purely functional officers) should be selected on a geographical basis with the District assignment in mind. Such appointees should not be eligible to succeed themselves or to advance by appointment or election for the following term.

## 4. YORK RITE FESTIVALS:

We recommend the use of York Rite Festivals in every jurisdiction for the

purpose of conferring all of the Degrees and Orders, and that at least one such festival be held annually in specified areas within each jurisdiction. The Degrees and Orders should be conferred within a designated connected period of time, as each jurisdiction may determine. Nothing in this recommendation should be construed to mean a prohibition against the conferring of Degrees and Orders by the respective Bodies at any time. Each subordinate Body should be encouraged to confer as much of its own work as may be desirable and advantageous to its membership and well-being. The use of ritualistic casts is recommended for the conferring of all the Degrees and Orders, using those members who can give the best performance, and as many individuals as possible. Many administrative officers are not good ritualists; and vice versa.

#### 5. YORK RITE PUBLICATIONS:

It is recommended that both of the two national York Rite publications be promoted together in each jurisdiction. The Royal Arch Mason Magazine and the Knight Templar Magazine each has its place in the proper administration of the York Rite as a whole. A well-informed membership is stronger and better equipped to function properly.

#### 6. JOINT YORK RITE PETITIONS:

If your jurisdiction has not used a joint or three-way petition, you are encouraged to consider its advantages. In many instances one personal visitation with a prospective candidate will result in a complete petition for all of the York Rite. Three calls in place of one is wasteful manpower.

#### 7. JOINT YORK RITE COMMITTEES:

We recommend the use of joint York Rite Committees at both the State, District and local levels. Such Committees would serve all three Bodies in the given area of interest, such as membership procurement, membership maintenance, social activities, community activities, religious programs, public relations, etc.; and thus serve the common need without duplication of effort.

#### 8. AGGRESSIVE LOCAL PROGRAMS:

Investigate the possibilities of developing more aggressive religious and patriotic observances, so that each community may see and know that York

Rite Masonry is a strong influence for good in the world.

#### 9. YORK RITE CHARITY:

Stress the charitable and educational interests of York Rite Masonry by promoting the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and Educational Foundation, as well as local and State charities of the other branches of the Fraternity.

#### 10. REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCES:

Support the Regional Conferences for the States or Grand Jurisdictions assigned to the seven identical York Rite Regions which we have now established within the United States for the purpose of Conferences and York Rite promotion within these regions. The Western York Rite Conference has pioneered in York Rite Unity and last September held its conference for the eleven Pacific and Intermountain States at San Francisco. Since then, two other Regional York Rite Conferences have been held at Atlanta and Tulsa; and more are planned.

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There are ten specific recommendations of your National Officers. But they are by no means to be considered a limitation of goals to be attained or methods to be employed to build a stronger and more active York Rite of Freemasonry.

We cannot urge too strongly that you, the leaders of York Rite Masonry in your respective jurisdictions who know the various conditions peculiar to your Grand Bodies, plan conscientiously and work diligently for a more aggressive and influential YORK RITE. We solicit your comments, suggestions and questions, if any there be, in the hope that we may represent you more effectively, and serve the mission of our Rite more completely. Be fully assured that we stand ready to assist you in every way possible.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
 WILLIAM FOSTER CLARK,  
 General Grand High Priest  
 DONALD DALE BOUDEMANN,  
 General Grand Master  
 WILBER MARION BRUCKER,  
 Grand Master

## Detroit Commandery No. 1 At Washington, D. C.

As the early rays of a new day's sun fell majestically across the quiet countryside, the famed drill corps of Detroit Commandery No. 1, under the order of Captain General Louis Asmus, P.C., lead the solemn march of 800 uniformed Sir Knights representing several commanderies into the hallowed grounds of Arlington Cemetery to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers," played by the United States Marine Band, for the thirty-fifth Easter Sunrise Memorial Service.



LOUIS ASMUS, P.C., Captain General

Harry L. Beach, Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Committee from Washington, D. C., introduced the Most Eminent Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker. He gave a warm welcome to the audience of High Court and Government officials, dignitaries of Masonry and to the citizenry who had gathered at one of the world's great memorials to pay homage to the Savior of the world and his followers. The stirring Easter Sermon was delivered by The Reverend Howard R. Towne, D.D., Grand Prelate.

The officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1 served as an

escort to the Most Eminent Grand Master and the Grand Encampment officers for the entire Easter weekend services. The Order of DeMolay, in ceremonial robes, provided sentinels around the great flag-draped amphitheatre.

Following the Arlington amphitheatre service the Sir Knights moved to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the traditional presentation of the Cross of Lilies in the name of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

On Saturday the officers and members of Detroit Commandery No. 1, under the direction of Eminent Commander John A. Downs, accepted the invitation from the Washington, D. C. area commanderies to put on the Full Form Opening and Order of the Temple. Over 500 Sir Knights packed the Asylum at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The candidates were: General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, of Potomac Commandery No. 3, who is the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe; George W. Pinder of Detroit, and his three sons, Jerome Arthur, Kenneth Gilbert and Robert Wellington. The magnificence of exemplification was further appreciated when it was announced by the Most Eminent Grand Master that



JOHN A. DOWNS, Commander

this was the first Order of the Temple put on by this corps of officers, as they were installed just the week before. Wilber M. Brucker was especially proud as he is a Past Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1.

On Saturday evening the officers and members of Detroit Commandery, Grand Commandery Officers and their ladies attended a gala banquet hosted by Donald Castle, P.C. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of forty-six Life Sponsor contributions from Detroit Commandery No. 1 to Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., who celebrated his 85th birthday on Easter Sunday, April 18.

The bright red jackets worn by members of Detroit Commandery No. 1 have made marked impressions in Philadelphia, New York or wherever they appear, but none was more impressive than the 1965 Washington, D. C. Pilgrimage.

By Ralph Dawson



DONALD CASTLE, P.C., Chairman of the Washington, D. C. Pilgrimage

## A PRAYER FOR SUMMER DAYS

*O Blessed God, we come to thee because there is much in life that vexes us and we seek thy peace. Age after age the sons of men have sought thee in every time of trouble and trial and have found in thee the strength they need. In these summer days thy splendor surrounds us on every side and speaks of the infinite power whereby thou dost rule all things. The beauty and warmth of the season remind us that release and rest are at hand, away from constant labor. May these days at home, at labor, and at play become fragrant with thy grace.*

*Grant, however, O God, that these hours of release may not blind our eyes to our duty as strong citizens in our nation. Let the great Order we know together be fraught with the kind of power of which new lives are made and old lives are changed for the better. Set our hearts ever more firmly in pursuit of the unseen treasures of the spirit, that the trash of this world may not divert our lives from thee. May we remember our vows on behalf of the widow and orphan, the uprooted and the downtrodden. Attend thy suffering children, O*

*God, in all the world, and use us as Sir Knights as instruments of thy compassion.*

*Let the bonds of charity and hospitality and our mutual loyalty to our Great Captain bind us together as a bulwark of peace and a beacon of hope. Make us strong soldiers of the Cross, able to live as well as to pray in the name of thy Son Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN*

—DR. HOWARD R. TOWNE, G.P., G. ENC.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Arkansas

Charles David Hill, G.C., 1941—March 5, 1965

### Iowa

Emil Joseph Biasi, G.C., 1953—April 21, 1965

### Minnesota

Rolf Hovde, G.C., 1960—April 11, 1965

### Vermont

Arthur White Farnsworth, G.C., 1922—November 17, 1964

# EASTER SERVICES 1965

*(Editor's Note: The following are reports which were sent to the Editor subsequent to the deadline for the May issue.)*

## 19th ANNUAL EASTER SERVICE AT FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.



Left to right: C. Wallace Jackson, G.C.; O. A. Latham, G.W.; Levon M. Oglukian, G.C.; William L. Ramsey, P.G.C.; Charles C. Ricker, P.G.C., P.G.M., Grand Recorder, York Rite Bodies; Odas Crisp, Grand High Priest, R.A.C. of N.C.

Palestine Commandery in co-operation with the ministers of Fayetteville, N. C., held its 19th Annual Easter Service in Lafayette Memorial Park, with a band concert at 6:00 a.m. by the 440 U. S. Army Band, Ft. Bragg.

Among others taking part in the service are the Grand Officers shown in the above picture.

The service was broadcast over WFNC and WFNC-FM Mutual. More than 4,000 were in attendance at the service.

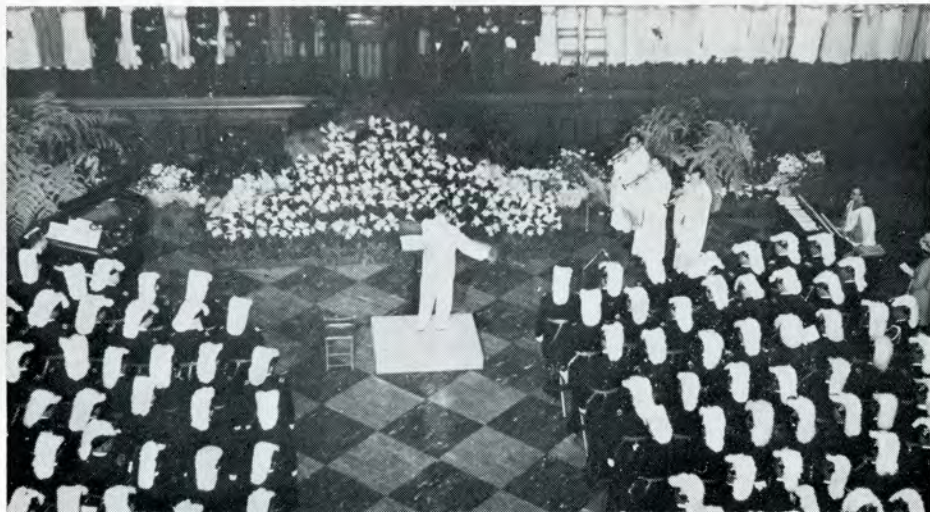
## GRAND COMMANDERY OF CALIFORNIA SPONSORS EASTER OBSERVANCE

The Second Annual Masonic Easter Sunrise Services sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of California was held on a beautiful Easter Sunday morning, April 18, 1965, at 7:00 a.m. in the stately "Hall of the Crucifixion," Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale.

For the second year an overflowing crowd of approximately 2,300 Sir Knights, their families and friends were in attendance. Most of the Constituent Commanderies in the metropolitan area of Los Angeles were represented by uniformed

officers and Sir Knights, approximately 160 in full Templar uniform.

The auditorium was completely filled by 6:45 a.m. at which time an organ prelude of selected Easter music was rendered by organist Louis Kindelberger. The choir, composed of some 200 members of Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and Shrine Chanters and directed by Sir Knight John Winslow, began the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers" promptly at 7:00 a.m., as the uniformed, white plumed, Sir Knights marched into the auditorium and into the center sec-



SECOND ANNUAL MASONIC EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES

tion reserved for them, under the command of Grand Standard Bearer John Nye.

The processional was led by Grand Commander Ralph Slocum, followed by Grand Generalissimo Wm. D. Tucker, Grand Senior Warden Allan S. Mason, Grand Recorder Chester Newell and Director of Southern California Easter Sunrise Observance, John S. Lanier, P.C., all of whom participated in parts of the program. The speaker for this occasion was Sir Knight and Reverend Wm. H. D.

Hornaday, D.D., who gave a stirring, inspirational message, "The Triumph of Christ." Two outstanding soloists rendered beautiful selections and the choir's rendition was glorious.

This second Masonic Easter Sunrise Observance, sponsored by The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California was an inspiring demonstration of a most beautiful, impressive and dignified service for the public as well as for Templars.

By John S. Lanier, P.C.

Caleb H. Hill, C.G., Div. Com. of Div. 6 of N. C., reports that DeMolay Commandery "had an Easter observance program and approximately 45 Sir Knights met in the Masonic Temple at Elkin, N. C., after which our Ill. Grand Master, Sinclair Tebo, delivered an Easter message to the group."

"It is a wonderful thing for a few Sir Knights to get together for Easter Services and Sunday Worship Services. I sincerely wish that every Commandery and every Sir Knight could and would participate in more of these services; for what it could mean to Templary but more especially what it would mean for each individual Sir Knight."

Max G. Cogill, correspondent, reports that Ivanhoe Commandery, Eugene, Ore-

gon, observed Easter Sunday with a service at 6:00 a.m. in the McKenzie River Masonic Temple at Eugene. More than 150 persons were present.

Lit. S. Perry Commandery, U.D. Texas is the first Commandery in Brazoria County and held its first Easter Service on Sunday, April 18th in the First Methodist Church, at Alvin. Approximately 35 Sir Knights attended this service. Sid Holdredge further states that "Brazoria County has several 'firsts,' among them a first Lodge chartered in Texas met under the Masonic Oak at Brazoria in Brazoria County, Texas, which is now a Masonic Park. The charter was later moved to Houston as Holland Lodge No. 1."



# REPORTS FROM SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *First in a Series.*)

## "TEMPLARY ON THE MARCH IN SAUDI ARABIA"

By Miles A. Lupien, Commander

In the summer of 1963 A.D. sundry Knights Templar residing in Al Hasa Province, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, petitioned the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America for dispensation to open and hold a Commandery of Knights Templar, to be located at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and to be called **Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, K.T., U.D.** This petition was favorably acted upon by the Grand Encampment, and dispensation was granted the 28th day of February, 1964.

Working under dispensation until the Forty-Ninth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment and having conformed to all requirements concerning Commanderies under dispensation, a Charter was then granted on the twenty-fourth day of August, 1964 A.D. and 846 A.O.

On the 29th of December, 1964, **Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, K.T.**, was constituted as a regular Commandery, according to ancient form and usage.

Immediately after receipt of dispensation **Al Hasa Commandery No. 1** ordered all necessary equipment, paraphernalia, uniforms, etc. for air shipment to Arabia. All members of this newly created Commandery under dispensation commenced a vigorous program of Templary work and rehearsals preparatory to conferring the Orders of Knighthood. By June 18, 1964, **Al Hasa Commandery No. 1** had conferred the Orders of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross, Knight of Malta, and Knight Templar upon 24 worthy candidates, thereby nearly doubling the membership. The Conferrals were most impressive, and every detail of the Ritualistic ceremony was faithfully carried out. A class of 10 candidates received the Orders of Knighthood on March 18, 1965, during a seven hour ceremony and a second class of equal size in April.

All members of **Al Hasa Commandery No. 1**, with the exception of one, are American citizens and employees of the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) or service companies and have been

residents of Saudi Arabia for an average of 13½ years. We do not as yet, but may in the future, have a few members from the USAF Military Training Mission located at the Dhahran Air Field and from Bahrein Petroleum Company located on Bahrein Island, 20 miles from the mainland of Saudi Arabia.

There are approximately 400 Masons in good standing residing in this area including Bahrein Island. Al Hasa is considered the largest oasis in Saudi Arabia and embraces the city of Dammam, about 10 miles north of Dhahran, which is the principal Persian Gulf seaport of Saudi Arabia. Aramco has three large operating areas located at Dhahran, Abqaiq and Ras Tanura. Dhahran, the headquarters of Aramco, is centrally located in the Dammam oil field and is also the location of the largest international airport in Saudi Arabia and the American Consulate General. Abqaiq is a community located 40 miles southwest of Dhahran and Ras Tanura is the site of Aramco's refinery and oil shipping terminal, 45 miles north of Dhahran.

The Masonic activities in Saudi Arabia are centered in the Masonic Temple Building in Dhahran which is shared by five Masonic Bodies—Blue Lodge, Chapter R.A.M., Council R. & S.M., Commandery and Shrine Club. Active members frequently commute several times a week between Abqaiq, Ras Tanura, and Dhahran to attend meetings and conferrals.

The equipment used in the Asylum is authentic and conforms to the firm specifications of the Grand Encampment. All Officers of **Al Hasa Commandery No. 1** and many members have K.T. uniforms and are fully equipped.

Living as guests in a land where the country's "Constitution is the Book of God (the Koran) and the Tradition of his Prophet (Mohammed)" we are somewhat restricted in our movements. However, we have successfully started "Templary on the March in Saudi Arabia" and are endeavoring to be worthy representatives in our great Christian Cause.

# True Soldiers of the

No man becomes a true Knight Templar unless he espouses the Christian principles and emulates the Christian virtues. Does not each true Soldier of the Cross—symbolic descendant of the Ancient Hospitalers and Crusaders—profess the brotherhood of mankind when he dons the whole armor of God? The vow pledged is to practice Christian benevolence and to bind up the wounds of the afflicted.

What greater privilege can we have than to share in Templary's own great humanitarian charity? The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., ranks among the world's greatest philanthropies. By our action we may join thousands of other Sir Knights in thrilling and satisfying work—helping less fortunate Americans walk from darkness into light.

Grateful people all over America write to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation about their restored vision. "Lighting a fire on a dark hearth," one of them called it. Day by day the letters come in:

"I can write to you, and see well with both eyes. . . . While lying blindfolded the first few days (in hospital) I prayed that God would bless your work much." —Mrs. Dorothy Hanson, 64, Shevlin, Minn.

"I am a member of East Gate Lodge No. 1153, A. F. & A. M., here in Houston (Texas), and this year I will go to our Homecoming for the first time in many years because **now I can see!**" —E. W. "Tobe" Steddum, 83.

"With cataracts on both eyes my vision was very poor. It is a wonderful feeling to now have 20/20 vision. Without your help this would not have been possible for me . . . my deepest appreciation." —Mrs. Lizzie A. Stairs, 58, RD, Belfast, Maine.

"Her expressions of amazement and joy were something to hear. How green the grass was, the varied color of the flowers, the houses and cars. To distinguish people again. All these things had for so long been just a hazy blur. 'What a wonderful world this is! And how very thankful I am!' (she exclaimed)" —Sir Knight Wayne H. North (about his wife, Mildred, 53), Los Angeles, Calif.

"It was like coming out of the darkest dungeon into the sunlight. Life opened

up to me again." —Isaac V. Pound, 82, (after five years, blind with cataracts, rerecognizing his 10 great-grandchildren), Fort Smith, Ark.

There have been more than 9,086 applications received since the Grand Encampment sponsored establishment of the Foundation in 1955. So that maximum use is made of every dollar given, every step since then has been carefully thought through. For this reason the first applicants for surgery were not accepted until the fall of 1957.

From babies to great-grandparents, each deserving person, if approved for help by doctors and the Foundation, may be freed from fear of, or actual, blindness—without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin.

But you, in fact, may know little about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., non-profit organization with headquarters in Rhinebeck, N. Y., even though you are assessed a dollar a year for its support.

Here in capsule form are answers to questions the wise as well as benevolent Sir Knight should ask before pulling out his checkbook and enlisting his friends:

★The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is fully tax-exempt—

All contributions in money or property are deductible from income tax.

Bequests and legacies are deductible from federal estate taxes.

★The Foundation's trustees are the four top Grand Encampment officers, the Past Grand Masters, and six Past Grand Commanders—all men of standing in professional, industrial, political and fraternal circles.

Its president is the Hon. Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Secretary of the Army under President Eisenhower,

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a former Attorney General and Michigan Governor.

Its Executive Director is Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master, a retired General. His office is at 30 E. Market Street, (mail address, P.O. Box 248) Rhinebeck, N. Y. 12572.

★Seven ophthalmologists whose eminence as surgeons is recognized from Boston to San Francisco serve without compensation in advisory capacity to the Foundation.

★The Foundation exists to provide surgical treatment and hospitalization for persons, otherwise unable to afford an operation, who are losing or have lost their sight, and for children who suffer from Strabismus (crossed eyes). It has also financed research into cure of serious eye diseases and injury.

In less than eight years the Foundation has spent \$2,677,863.43 for treatment of patients, and \$500,000 for research.

★To put every penny to work sight-saving the Foundation operates in modest rented village quarters with a small dedicated staff, thus avoiding inflated payrolls and funds frozen in bricks and mortar. It has no plush metropolitan offices and hires no fund solicitors to do its job.

★The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., uses contributions as follows:

From the annual assessment on Sir Knights, and from National Masonic Allied Organizations designated as Contributing and Cooperating Divisions—like the Social Order of Beauceant (to date contributions total \$112,460.84) and, since last December, the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S., (over 3,000,000 members)—receipts go directly to finance surgery applications and research.

All other contributions go into the Foundation's Endowment Fund, interest from which is also used to finance surgery applications and research.

How can we and the organizations we enlist, so strengthen the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., that its great humanitarian work can expand, as well as avoid a waiting list which might doom some to permanent darkness?

You may think of other ways. Here are some already proven in practice:



WALTER A. DeLAMATER, P.G.M.  
Executive Director  
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

1. Become a Life Sponsor by contributing \$30 (open only to Knights Templar).

Your gift continues as a living memorial after your Commandery service ends and exempts you from the Annual \$1 Assessment.

Your gift provides (at present rates) \$1.275 annually instead of your \$1 assessment.

A Life Sponsor Certificate makes a fitting birthday or Christmas gift, or a token of appreciation for any Sir Knight.

NOTE—For Sir Knights who prefer, some Commanderies already have worked out installment plans to accumulate the \$30 before the Recorder sends the Life Sponsorship application to the Foundation.

2. Become a Patron by giving \$100.00, or an Associate Patron by contributing

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# Humanitarian Charity

# True Soldiers of the Cross . . .

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\$50.00 (open to any individual or organization).

Thousands of smaller Masonic and Allied Organizations could consider Patron's contributions as an excellent means of expressing their determination to serve their fellowmen in need.

3. Memorialize an organization member, friend or loved one upon his death by sending a contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in tribute to the departed one.

4. Enlist voluntary contributions for the Foundation from church groups, service clubs, women's organizations, and, of course, Masonic, Masonic Allied and Shrine bodies.

5. Inspire corporations to make charitable contributions to the Foundation which they may deduct from income taxes.

6. Encourage bequests by others after you have provided for the Foundation in your own will.

7. Arrange for your Commandery to raise funds by any usually acceptable method to contribute (authorized provided the program has been approved by the Commandery, and 100 percent of net receipts are forwarded within 30 days to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.).

Here is wide opportunity for varied, interesting and unusual projects which can include the Ladies and the public.

8. Enlist the women of each Commandery—they are a prolific source of help—and particularly on a project of this appealing nature.

9. Use the Knights Templar 16 mm sound film in color which ends with a sequence showing an operation for removal of a cataract.

It's available without charge (except for return postage and insurance) on request to Rhinebeck headquarters of the Foundation.

10. Become knowledgeable on the tremendous usefulness of corneal transplants in sight-saving, and consider the legacy of your own eyes immediately after death to your nearest eye bank.

The Foundation may be able to assist if local inquiry fails to inform you how to do this.

11. Study the Foundation's rules and forms which must be followed if disadvantaged sufferers from serious eye trouble are to be helped.

12. Mobilize public awareness of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., through all available channels.

Local papers, and TV studios are glad to publicize stories and pictures about people whom the Foundation has helped. News of people stepping from darkness into light carries heart-warming human interest.

Enlisting our own membership in enthusiastic support of the Foundation is obviously basic to informing press, radio, television, public officials, schools, clergy and all manner of youth and adult organizations.

And remember, for action on any of these ways—and others which may occur to you—to expand the Foundation's humanitarian service, a local live-wire Sir Knight in charge is the finest assurance of success.

## APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE SPONSORS

As of May 10, 1965

"In the Darkness They Found Light"

Alabama .....	143
Alaska .....	1
Arizona .....	6
Arkansas .....	22
California .....	87
Canal Zone .....	4
Colorado .....	18
Connecticut .....	32
Delaware .....	7
District of Columbia .....	163
Florida .....	120
Georgia .....	39
Germany .....	2
Guam .....	1
Hawaii .....	1
Idaho .....	19
Illinois .....	39
Indiana .....	15
Iowa .....	14
Japan .....	2
Kansas .....	35
Kentucky .....	90
Louisiana .....	16
Maine .....	11
Maryland .....	183
Massachusetts .....	101
Michigan .....	166
Minnesota .....	10
Mississippi .....	33
Missouri .....	135
Montana .....	27
Nebraska .....	8
Nevada .....	23
New Hampshire .....	30
New Jersey .....	70

# Share in Humanitarian Charity

New Mexico .....	22	Idaho .....	59
New York .....	294	Illinois .....	389
North Carolina .....	19	Indiana .....	81
North Dakota .....	6	Iowa .....	40
Ohio .....	43	Kansas .....	51
Okinawa .....	10	Kentucky .....	515
Oklahoma .....	18	Louisiana .....	88
Oregon .....	38	Maine .....	34
Pennsylvania .....	105	Maryland .....	67
Rhode Island .....	8	Massachusetts .....	80
Saudi Arabia .....	6	Mexico .....	1
Scotland .....	1	Michigan .....	243
South Carolina .....	10	Minnesota .....	44
South Dakota .....	14	Mississippi .....	220
Tennessee .....	211	Missouri .....	70
Texas .....	1,317	Montana .....	109
Utah .....	13	Nebraska .....	19
Vermont .....	26	Nevada .....	53
Virginia .....	95	New Hampshire .....	11
Washington .....	25	New Jersey .....	35
West Virginia .....	103	New Mexico .....	23
Wisconsin .....	21	New York .....	253
Wyoming .....	22	North Carolina .....	38
		North Dakota .....	7
Total .....	4,100	Ohio .....	298

## APPLICATIONS FOR SURGERY AND HOSPITALIZATION As of May 10, 1965

"In the Darkness They Found Light"

Alabama .....	967	Oklahoma .....	91
Alaska .....	3	Oregon .....	180
Arizona .....	17	Pennsylvania .....	97
Arkansas .....	95	Rhode Island .....	15
California .....	884	South Carolina .....	87
Colorado .....	33	South Dakota .....	12
Connecticut .....	17	Tennessee .....	345
Delaware .....	—	Texas .....	1,839
District of Columbia .....	21	Utah .....	33
Florida .....	439	Vermont .....	47
Georgia .....	286	Virginia .....	288
Hawaii .....	10	Washington .....	34
		West Virginia .....	179
		Wisconsin .....	56
		Wyoming .....	174
		Total .....	9,077

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, Inc.

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## *From Our Readers*

### **Seldom—In Your Life Time**



Left to right: Andrew James Copp, Jr., P.G.C., Calif.; August Bertram Nauert, recipient; Clyde E. Colvin, E.C., Los Angeles Commandery No. 9.

Turning back the pages of history of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 to the afternoon of May 16, 1912, in their Asylum, where there was preparation being made for the dubbing and creating of several Sir Knights under the direction of Eminent Commander Andrew James Copp, Jr.

In and among the class, a young man, 33 years of age, born in Alvarado, California, August 28, 1879, named August Bertram Nauert, who had received the prerequisite degrees as a Master Mason, in King Solomon Lodge No. 260 and Exalted in King Solomon Royal Arch Chapter No. 95, both of San Francisco. Sir Knight Nauert is also a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple, being inducted some three hours after being Knighted, sponsored by Andrew James Copp, the then Captain of the Arab Patrol, of which Copp became a member in 1902.

Moving along with time and events that lead these two distinguished Sir Knights to again meet in the same Asylum of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, May 6th, 1965, within ten days of an elapsed period of 53 years, Sir Knight Nauert was conducted through the lines formed by the Drill Corp, there, again, to be received by Sir Knight Andrew

James Copp, Jr., Past Grand Commander of Knight Templar of California, serving as such in 1928. It was an event that truly can be termed "Once in a Life Time," and which was so aptly phrased by Sir Knight Copp, in making the presentation to Sir Knight Nauert, symbolizing 50 years of Templar affiliation and Masonry in general.

James F. Raymond, Correspondent

Peninsular Commandery, Kalamazoo, Michigan, held a benefit breakfast on Sunday, May 16, from 8:00 to 12:00 noon in the Masonic Temple for United Lodge 149, F. & A. M., Cooper, Michigan. This Temple was completely destroyed by the tornado which struck six Midwest states Palm Sunday afternoon.

William F. Engel, P.C., Recorder



Sir Knight Morris E. Ewing, P.G.C. of Missouri and Grand Treasurer, receives Missouri Forty-Year Certificate from Grand Commander William R. Robbins, May 15, 1965, at St. Joseph, Mo., at the Grand Commandery Conclave.

## HUDSON FALLS (N. Y.) SCENE OF ANNUAL MALTA COUNCIL OF ZONE 5



Bottom Row: (l. to r.) Sidney E. Friar, G.S.B.; Warren H. Deck, D.G.C.; Howard L. Adams, G.C.; Ralph J. Ely, G.Jr.W.; Middle Row: Louis V. Kjar, P.C., Zone Com.; Harry G. McNeil, P.C., Zone Com.; Aloysius H. Curran, P.C., Zone Com.; Top Row: Kermit A. White, Com. Calvary Comm.; Stanley D. Seigler, P.C., Zone Officer; and Lowell H. Bryce, P.G.C., Zone Advisor.

"A large class of Candidates from all seven Commanderies of Zone 5 received the Order of Malta in Full Form, which was conferred by the Cast of Temple Commandery No. 2 of Albany, N. Y.

A Parade preceded the dinner for two hundred Sir Knights and their Ladies, after which the Order of Malta was conferred. Entertainment for the Ladies was furnished during the time the Sir Knights were in session.

The Grand Commandery Officers present were: Howard L. Adams, G.C.; Warren H. Deck, D.G.C.; Ralph Ely, G.J.W.; Sidney E. Friar, G.S.B.; Lowell H. Bryce, P.G.C.; John J. Bahn, P.G.C.; Stanley Seigler, Zone Officer; Harold Shults, Zone Commander; Aloysius Curran, Zone Commander; Harry McNeil, Zone Commander; and Louis Kjar, Zone Commander.

This Conclave was the Swan Song for Em. Sir Stanley Seigler, who has served Zone 5 for 15 years in the capacity of Zone Commander and Zone Officer, who will retire in June."

By S. D. Seigler, Zone Officer

Samuel Johnson Chapman, Department Commander of the North Pacific Department held a work shop conference on Tuesday, April 13 in the Masonic Temple at Portland, Oregon during the Grand York Rite Session. Those in attendance were Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, visiting Sir Knights from the States of Washington and Idaho, and many officers of constituent commanderies in Oregon that were present at the Conclave.

Max G. Cogill, Correspondent

### TEMPLAR PARK STORY TOLD



On April 27, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, members of the High Twelve Club with their wives and other guests were shown a color film of Templar Park located near Spirit Lake, Iowa. Grand Commander Merlin S. Rufer showed the film and related several facts relating to the history and current operations of Templar Park. Following the program, Sir Knight Rufer (left) and Charles Howard of Sioux City, retiring president of the State Association of High Twelve Clubs, had a brief visit regarding this vacation spot in Iowa.

### PITTSBURGH YORK RITE FESTIVAL

A most successful York Rite Festival was held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 27 and April 2, at which time 82 candidates received the Orders of Chivalric Masonry. The class was named in honor of Roscoe M. Dunning, P.C., of Lincoln Commandery.

Grand Commandery Officers present at the Festival were: John B. Cottrell, Jr., Dept. Comm., North Atlantic Dept.; F. Parson Kepler, Sr., G.C. Pa.; J. Harvey Moore, G.G.; Harold E. Stokely, G.C.G.; James S. Ruffner, G.W.; Earl A. Zimmer, G.C.G.; Cameron A. Wian, Div. C., Div. No. 2; William G. Bailey, Div. C., Div. No. 4; and Perry L. LaBarr, P.G.C. and G.T.

"On Saturday, April 3rd, the festival came to an end with the conferring of the Christian Orders of Knighthood. There being seven Commanderies in the Second Division, Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, acted as host and exemplified the full form opening of a Commandery, with more than sixty Sir Knights participating, in a most impressive manner. Because of special dispensation granted by the R.E. Grand Commander, the candidates were permitted to be present for this full form opening as well as for the

reception of the distinguished Templars in attendance."

It is noteworthy that, in spite of the large classes in this York Rite Festival, nothing was omitted and not one syllable eliminated from the ritual and tactics."

"In the conferring of the Order of the Temple, each Commandery manned a Triangle with its own officers and honor guard and each Eminent Commander of the 7 Commanderies dubbed as Sir Knights the candidates from his own commandery that were in the class."

"Excellent catered meals were served in the Ball Room of the Temple on Festival Days with attendance varying from 300 to 400, including candidates, on each of the days."

From *The Crusader*, 1965, (Penn.)

### GRAND MASTER BRUCKER AT GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE OF ORE.

In addition to performing his usual functions of making numerous inspirational and informative Knight Templar speeches, Sir Knight Brucker installed John R. Pond as Grand Commander, and the other Grand Officers at the Grand Commandery of Oregon on April 11-12 in Portland. He also appeared on a news and television conference covered by the Oregon Journal, Associated Press, United Press, and television and radio stations in Portland. The main subject discussed at this conference was the policies of the U. S. in Viet Nam, which he generally approved.

### ST. OMER COMMANDERY (GA.) IS ACTIVE IN EYE FOUNDATION WORK

In the last few years St. Omer Commandery has sponsored twenty-one eye cases, with the recipient's ages ranging from three months to eighty-two years. A great deal of credit goes to Ross Mainor, Immediate Past Commander, who has obtained excellent cooperation from the Central Georgia Ophthalmologists. Disbursements total over \$8,000.00.

This work should inspire all Commanderies, wherever situated, to further this great Knight Templar cause. A suggestion is that we ask our friends, banks, attorneys and others interested in wills and bequests, to remember the Eye Foundation.

R. S. Sagar, Correspondent



York Commandery, Maryland, was chartered on May 12, 1965 and will be constituted and the officers installed on Friday evening, June 4, 1965, by the Grand Commander of Maryland, Donald E. Cheville will be the first Commander of this newly created Commandery, located at Camp Springs, Md.

W. Lindsay Lane, Grand Commander of Louisiana, has appointed Walthall H.

Zigler, P.G.C., as chairman of the committee promoting circulation of the Knight Templar Magazine. A member of each Commandery has been selected to act on this committee and to promote circulation and subscriptions to the magazine, and "two members of the committee will be the recipients of special presentations at the 103rd Annual Grand Commandery Conclave."

## Past, Present, and Future of Templary is Portrayed in Film Now Available for Showing



A pause for technical consultation during the filming of "Christians Awake," featuring Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master, gives a photographer the opportunity to record the proceedings for "Knight Templar" readers.

The completed quarter-hour film is now available upon request to the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, Paul C. Rodenhauser, 1134 Manor Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania, 17512. Prints are shipped by Rail Express, Collect, and must be returned to the Chairman, Pre-paid, immediately after use. Each print shipment is to be insured for \$50.00.

Equally effective for use during Conclaves, as well as for showing to general Masonic or mixed audiences, the filmed address by the Most Eminent Grand Master highlights the Past, Present and Future of Knight Templary in factual and inspirational fashion.

# THE "NEW" KNIGHT TEMPLAR

This issue of the Magazine ushers in a new era in this publication. Heretofore the Magazine had been strictly an amateur endeavor. We cannot say that from now on the magazine will be strictly a professional magazine, but rather an Am-Pro. publication since most of it will still be dependent upon articles, news stories, and pictures which you Sir Knights (we also welcome articles from the ladies) will from time to time contribute. We earnestly solicit your assistance in giving us contributions and ideas since it is my job as an amateur editor to co-ordinate and print the material that you submit. The 15th of the month is the cut-off date for material for the next issue.

We wish to publish the kind of magazine that you want; that we can afford financially; and that will be most helpful to Templary. In order to ascertain what you want a questionnaire was on or about February 15th, sent by John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master, to each Grand Commander. These questionnaires were analyzed and were given consideration at our conference in Washington, D. C., at the time of the Easter Sunrise Service and it was partially from this information that the present plans for the Magazine were formulated. Some of the suggestions received from this questionnaire relating to the magazine content follow:

"Improve format," Howard L. Adams, G.C. of N.Y.

"Should use more color issues," David J. Miller, G.C. of Ind.

"Very much enjoyed by all subscribers. Complaint: (Too long between receipt of material and time of printing.) Suggestion: (Add another page or two if necessary.)" William H. Spry, G.C. of Minn.

"More interesting facts about the facts and symbolism of Templary as well as more commentaries about Templary." Lonzo Pope, G.C. of Ga.

"Some would like to see more articles on Templary from the historical and inspirational standpoint." Joseph E. Martin, G.C. of Ky.

"At least one historical article in each issue—early history especially." Warren R. Tyler, G.C. of Utah.

"A good historical article in each issue would add interest." Kendrick J. Chapman, G.C. of Maine.

"More Commandery activities within all jurisdictions; especially social activities and membership drives." Charles W. Chamberlain, Jr., G.C. of Md.

"Should be larger—more pages—I feel it should be handled like our Texas Grand Lodge Magazine, add say 50c on dues and send to every member." Hal C. Burnett, G.C. of Texas.

Some of the Sir Knights listed as Grand Commanders are now Jr. Past Grand Commanders.

In keeping with the above and other suggestions the following are some of the changes planned for the Magazine.

1. The cover will be professionally redesigned and will be in color.
2. The back cover page will generally be devoted to a Templar historical subject.
3. One major article monthly will be arranged and/or written by a professional writer.
4. A larger type will be used and other professional advice will be followed relative to format.

We are in the process at this time of making the above changes. Some of this could not have been done without the increase in subscriptions as indicated by the chart shown on the following page. We will give consideration to the suggestions heretofore made and welcome further comment as to how we can improve your magazine.

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<b>NORTH ATLANTIC</b>				
Pennsylvania .....	25,981	2,598	1,067	41.0%
New York .....	13,331	1,333	1,186	88.9%
New Jersey .....	3,422	342	378	110.5%
Connecticut .....	3,389	339	410	124.2%
District of Columbia .....	1,910	191	119	*
Maryland .....	4,704	470	502	106.8%
Vermont .....	2,515	252	129	51.1%
Maine .....	5,692	569	241	42.3%
New Hampshire .....	1,670	167	113	67.6%
Massachusetts & Rhode Island .....	14,663	1,466	396	27.0%
<b>SOUTH EASTERN</b>				
Virginia .....	6,593	659	510	77.3%
North Carolina .....	6,713	671	310	46.1%
South Carolina .....	5,363	536	667	124.4%
Georgia .....	11,739	1,174	488	41.5%
Florida .....	7,892	789	458	58.0%
Mississippi .....	6,818	682	231	33.8%
Alabama .....	9,918	992	315	31.7%
Tennessee .....	8,980	898	302	33.6%
<b>EAST CENTRAL</b>				
Michigan .....	11,787	1,179	1,470	124.6%
Indiana .....	13,117	1,312	1,324	100.9%
Ohio .....	26,937	2,694	1,217	45.1%
West Virginia .....	6,125	613	408	66.5%
Kentucky .....	8,519	852	743	87.2%
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>				
North Dakota .....	2,150	215	98	45.5%
South Dakota .....	3,235	324	116	35.8%
Nebraska .....	5,471	547	158	28.8%
Minnesota .....	10,513	1,051	680	64.7%
Iowa .....	11,005	1,101	1,166	105.9%
Wisconsin .....	7,174	717	738	102.9%
Illinois .....	16,972	1,697	1,150	67.7%
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>				
Louisiana .....	4,150	415	260	62.6%
Arkansas .....	3,503	350	188	53.7%
Missouri .....	14,801	1,480	667	45.0%
Kansas .....	11,691	1,169	697	59.6%
Oklahoma .....	5,342	534	345	64.6%
Texas .....	30,357	3,036	896	29.2%
<b>NORTH PACIFIC</b>				
Montana .....	3,567	357	200	56.0%
Wyoming .....	2,541	254	47	18.5%
Idaho .....	2,045	205	180	87.8%
Washington .....	5,363	536	344	64.1%
Oregon .....	5,035	504	249	49.4%
Colorado .....	4,482	448	144	32.1%
<b>SOUTH PACIFIC</b>				
California .....	23,153	2,315	1,259	54.3%
Nevada .....	751	75	145	193.3%
Utah .....	1,236	124	138	111.2%
Arizona .....	1,538	154	248	161.0%
New Mexico .....	3,215	322	98	30.4%
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>387,068**</b>	<b>38,708</b>	<b>23,195</b>	<b>59.9%</b>

\*—Over quota, but many addressed outside district.

\*\*—July 1, 1964 membership.

**Sir Knight F. C. Butler, Honolulu,  
90 years young, expresses gratitude  
to Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

**Excerpt from letter dated April 16, 1965 to  
Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M.,  
Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye  
Foundation, Inc.**

“Typing this letter to let you know that I have my new Solar eye-glasses and excellent vision, thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and a skillful eye surgeon, Dr. Sau Ki Wong.”

“I am now ready to resume my duties as Secretary pro tem in Schofield Lodge No. 433, Chaplain of Honolulu Chapter No. 1, and Prelate of Honolulu Commandery No. 1, now in its 96th year and in August I will start my 90th year. Being in splendid health I expect to be able to serve for another five or ten years.”

“In closing I send you greetings from Honolulu Commandery No. 1 and my own personal Hawaiian greeting of ‘Aloha.’”

Fraternally yours,  
*F. C. BUTLER*

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