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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.**

CHRISTIAN YOUTH

A famous cleric once said: "Give me a child until he is six, and we will have him for the rest of his life."

A child forms his habits and attitudes very early in life—much earlier than we realize—and it is a big mistake to wait until he matures before starting to enlist him for the Christian life.

In Proverbs it is said: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." Those ancient philosophers were not wrong in advocating child-indoctrination that would never be forgotten.

It is vitally important that American youth should be trained to grow up as Christians. What a problem we have today! The flood-gates have been opened, and our country is engulfed by a tide of immorality, obscenity, vice and indecency. What a time for a child to grow up in the face of depravity and licentiousness that masquerades as "enjoying a good time!" It is not enough for Templary to raise its voice in vigorous protest against this unholy mess. We must publicly throw our weight in the scales on the side of the Christian church. We must get behind religious and fraternal groups who are sincerely trying to stem the evil tide.

The first task of every Knight Templar is to set his own household in order, and make sure that his own children "are being raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord." Children in Templar families belong on the Christian side, and our job should start from the time a child begins to talk.

Also, we should assist those character-building institutions which are dedicated to developing clean and wholesome youth—such as the Boy Scouts, the YMCA, the Boys Club, and the Order of DeMolay. We should recognize that there is a strong group-instinct in the average boy to play and associate with other boys who like to do the same things, engage in the same sports and enjoy the same kind of entertainment. Whether we call this "fraternalism" or some version of "that old gang of mine"—it manifests itself and deserves to be cultivated. Always there is one boy to whom the rest of the crowd look for leadership. It is vitally important that "leaders" should be the right kind. Equally important, that the rank-and-file should be trained to have the strength of character to refuse to follow any unworthy leader.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar recognizes the splendid training ground for boys between the ages of 14 and 21 provided by the Order of DeMolay. Here is a place where boys obtain expert guidance in the healthy relationship that exists under the right kind of leadership. DeMolay boys learn the meaning of character and its relation to problems of life; DeMolay has an appealing ritual that teaches great moral lessons; DeMolay encourages boys to make lifetime commitments of integrity. Their hero is Jacques de Molay who was burned at the stake for his devotion to the Templar cause. What these boys need is more Knights Templar to advise, counsel, and become, in reality a Masonic "dad" to them. It is my sincere hope that the members of our great Order of Christian Knighthood may well heed my request to become closer and of more help to the boys of DeMolay in the foreseeable future.

A Task For Every Templar

By CHARLES A. HOWARD, JR., P.G.C. of South Dakota, and Chairman of Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities of Grand Encampment

We are proud of the youth of our land — of their intelligence, their vigor, their poise, their adaptability and their dedication. We cheerfully subscribe to the axiom that upon the physical, mental, moral and spiritual strength of our youth depends the future of the republic. We have gone to great lengths to provide them with every opportunity for their development — schools, colleges, churches, clubs, youth organizations, recreational facilities and leaders and advisors. We have great hopes for them.

Two recent surveys come as an unpleasant shock. A poll of high school students visiting the Hall of Free Enterprise at the World's Fair reveals that:

- 40% could name no advantage of capitalism over communism.
- 60% thought that the Government should take over much of the nation's industries.
- 84% considered patriotism unnecessary.

A survey was conducted by Northwestern University, Purdue University, the University of Wisconsin and U. S. News & World Report among American high school juniors and college juniors. The results, reported in ACTION, a U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce publication, revealed that of the students surveyed:

- 71% would deny an accused person the right to confront his accuser.
- 40% believe certain groups should be denied the right of peaceful assembly.
- 41% believe that freedom of the press should be cancelled.
- 34% favor denying free speech to certain persons.

- 26% would allow search and seizure without consent.
- 53% believe in government ownership of banks, railroads and steel companies.
- 56% voted for close government regulation of all business.
- 62% said that the government has the responsibility to provide jobs.
- 61% rejected the profit incentive as necessary to the survival of free enterprise.
- 62% thought that a worker should not produce all he can.
- 84% denied that patriotism is vital and plays an important part in our lives.

These figures seem incredible. We are living in a land of abundance, of almost unimaginable technical and material progress. We are living under a system of government which has provided the environment for the development of a struggling, rural country into a great industrial civilization, one which, through all the agony of that growth, has preserved the essentials of human freedom. How, then, is it possible for our youth to be unaware of its priceless heritage? How is it possible that they would so lightly discard it? And however we may explain it, we must in candor admit that the fault lies not with our youth but with ourselves.

We have emphasized again and again our material welfare, our great cities, our great industrial potential, our cars, our roads, our communication systems, our luxuries, our gadgets. We have talked of their fiscal future, of salaries, of business success and of its fruits in leisure and material rewards. In

effect, we have preached materialism. And now we see reflected from their minds the image we have projected—not the image of ourselves, not the image we intended but the one which we have impressed upon them as the image of our belief.

It is late to remedy our error, but not too late. It is time for us to forget our shyness and reserve. It is time for us to talk to them from our hearts and to tell them, in all sincerity, of the spiritual and political truths we prize and why we have found them to be the great rocks upon which must rest all that is good and great in life. We must emphasize public and private service as the highest role to which man can aspire. We must cease to worry about our dignity or our self-consciousness. In dealing with them, we must wear our hearts as well as the cross on our sleeves. It is not as difficult to strip away our pompousness and pretensions as you may fear. Remember al-

ways the idealism of youth, its responsiveness to a genuine concern over its problems and its future, its yearning for acceptance as a fellow pilgrim. It will go far more than half the way.

If your normal life has little contact with youth, it is time, for your own good, to reach out toward it. Templars have an unexampled opportunity through DeMolay chapters. While these young men have pledged themselves to the good life, they are under the constant pressures that affect all youth. They need every support and every aid we can afford them. Learn to know them, give them by precept and example the truth as you see it. Recognize them as comrades in the battle. Fellowship such as this cannot be left only to teachers, or pastors, or youth workers. It is the task of every Templar, of every American. It will be richly rewarding personally and will be a mighty blow in behalf of all that Templars hold most dear.

A Prayer of Patriotism

Eternal Father, Thou who art the guardian and guide of our destinies, we praise Thy holy name for our beloved Country, blessed with the bright light of freedom. We are grateful to Thee for leading our fathers in the founding of this Republic, for their efforts to secure the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, for all who share the responsibilities as well as the privileges of true citizenship.

As we lift our eyes upward to the stars and stripes floating in the sunlight, may we dedicate ourselves anew to the ideals for which it stands. Thou who didst lead

Israel of old with Thy pillar of flame, lead Thou our Nation under this glorious emblem so that it may long endure in freedom, in unity under law and in obedience to its Constitution. Grant that we, as citizens and Sir Knights, may hold sacred the trust that has been reposed in us. Strengthen our sense of duty. Give us faith and daring to do right though the heavens fall. Set our hearts on fire with high resolve to engage in a holy and unceasing warfare to keep our Nation under God. So may we be, in our homes and in our world, part of Thy redeeming work. Having prayed in Jesus name, may we live to His glory.
Amen.

—Dr. Howard Towne, G.P.

The Order of DeMolay

By G. WILBUR BELL, Grand Generalissimo
of Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.

DeMolay was launched March 18, 1919, in the office of Frank S. Land in Kansas City when 31 boys assembled to hear Mr. Land tell of plans he had formulated for an organization "built out of dreams of boyhood at the edge of lifes' enchanted forest."

Shortly before the organization night—the significance and far reaching effects of which were not even dreamed of by Mr. Land—he had "found" an opportunity to help a 15 year old boy who had just been orphaned and was in need of "a steadying hand to aid in the readjustment of that family's lives."

Mr. Land invited him to his office the next evening, and then, after a short chat, requested him to come back the following evening with his chums. He brought eight teen-agers to the office the next night. Mr. Land sent out for ice cream, sodas and sandwiches, and chatted about their hopes and ambitions. Mr. Land next told them to bring all their pals to the next meeting "and we'll make a club of it."

Mr. Land had realized that this boy's experience pointed up a need for a new youth organization, one that would provide training and guidance toward better citizenship offered by no other boys' group.

In discussing the proposed "club," the boys told Mr. Land they would like to form a group that would be both educational and inspirational but, above all, they desired a list of pledges for all members to make "that would assist in producing better men and better citizens."

The club idea grew and the question of a name came up for discussion. Finally, Mr. Land proposed the name of JACQUES DeMOLAY, who headed the Knights Templar in the closing years of the 12th Century and who stood out as one of the stoutest of all defenders of



G. WILBUR BELL

the Christians against the infidels. The name appealed to the boys and what it stood for—death rather than betrayal of one's friends—and the Order of DeMolay became a reality and since, three million youths have become members.

The Order is for boys of 14 to 21 years of age, each proud of the high ideals of citizenship and democracy. They realize the value and importance of right living and get pleasure and satisfaction in doing the right thing at the right time and in the right way. They are bound together by mutual interests in good sonship and good citizenship, as well as their desire for the fellowship of other like-minded youth.

The boys in DeMolay have accomplished much in the 46 years since the Order was founded, including building better citizens and practicing the principles inculcated in the cardinal virtues—love of parents, reverence for sacred things, comradeship, courtesy, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism.

DeMolay supports and upholds the public schools, and the supreme effort is directed to training lead-

ers and developing character needed to build a better world.

Its teachings supplement but never conflict with those of the home, and church, clearly bringing out the duties owed to God, to home, and to country. Fellowship and wholesome entertainment and activities attract youth to the Order.

DeMolay is composed of Chapters in various cities, towns and settlements. Each Chapter is officered by DeMolays who exemplify the degrees for candidates.

In the tradition of the Knights Templar, ritual was to become a fundamental cornerstone. In 1919 the ritual was written by Frank Marshall, a leading Kansas City newspaperman and outstanding Mason, in collaboration with Mr. Land.

Activities and government of all these far-flung and world wide units are coordinated and directed by the International Supreme Council in Kansas City, Missouri which is composed of active members and deputies in charge of the various jurisdictions.

Sponsored by masonic groups, the Order of DeMolay "constantly hammers into every DeMolay's heart and thought the eternal virtues that are taught at their mother's knee." The Order leads young men in the ways of honor and decency, teaching them love for their mothers, chastity, and taking them to church, catching them in that period when they want to express a greater sense of individuality.

Any youth who has passed his 14th birthday but not yet reached his 21st and is of good character may petition a DeMolay Chapter.

When a DeMolay reaches his majority, he automatically ceases to be an active member but carries

on the principles he has learned. His graduation into citizenship from DeMolay is marked by an impressive "majority service."

Possession of a majority certificate identifies the holder with hundreds of thousands of other majority members throughout the world, whose efficiency and character have given a high standing in the business and professional world. There is hardly an activity in which DeMolay boys have failed to rise to the top. DeMolay has been the spring-board for many a man that has gained fame and fortune. Many have been U. S. Senators, Congressmen, admirals, generals, governors; and countless others have climbed the ladder of success as ministers, writers, movie stars and business leaders. The success and prominent positions of former DeMolays found in all walks of life today, serve as a living tribute to the achievement of the organization's goals and purposes.

It has been said that the Order of DeMolay has taken all the virtues and other best values from ancient chivalry, and translated them into modern concepts and uses with the express purpose and intention of making better sons today and better leaders, fathers, and citizens tomorrow. Many DeMolays have adopted the slogan, "no DeMolay shall fail as a citizen, as a leader, or as a man." J. Edgar Hoover said that to his knowledge there is no record of a DeMolay ever committing a major crime.

The organization has also become well-known for its charitable service projects, citizenship training, and healthy social activities. The Order of DeMolay has genuinely assured itself a position of historic immortality through its work in behalf of training better leaders to assure the world of a better tomorrow.

Crofts And Bell Active In DeMolay And Related Youth Activities

John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was invested with his collar of an active member of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay on May 29th, in the Robert E. Lee Chapter, Order of DeMolay in the Masonic Temple, Venice, Florida. Stephen Dimond, P.G.M. of the Grand Council of Florida and an active member of the I.S.C. Order of DeMolay, was designated as the personal representative of Grand Master Joseph E. Lewis, to confer this high honor upon Sir Knight Crofts. Sir Knight Crofts is a Senior DeMolay, has always been interested in all phases of youth work, had previously been awarded the Legion of Honor by Earl Dusenberry, P.G.M. of DeMolay, has served as chairman of the Advisory Council of Robert E. Lee Chapter Order of DeMolay for a number of years, and for the last six years has been the personal representative of the Executive Officer of DeMolay of Florida.

George Wilbur Bell, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, is an active member, Executive Officer in Southern Illinois, and member of the Executive Committee of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay. He was a member of Creve Coeur Chapter Order of DeMolay in Peoria, Ill., and served as a member of its Drum and Bugle Corps. He was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor by Frank S. Land in 1957. Sir Knight Bell is a member of the Youth Committee for the Imperial Shrine, Convent General, Grand Encampment, and other organizations. He has received the Grand Cross of Color,

Supreme Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and has served on the Executive Committee of Illinois Grand Assembly Rainbow for Girls.

Both of these Sir Knights have for many years been active workers in youth activities.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS GRAND MASTER OF DeMOLAY



JOSEPH S. LEWIS

Joseph S. Lewis, a prominent attorney and Freemason of Oklahoma City, Okla., was elected Grand Master of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, when the Council met in annual session on March 31 in Louisville, Ky. He succeeded Samuel S. Steinhauer of Honolulu, Hawaii.

As 33rd Grand Master of the worldwide youth movement, Lewis presides over the 162,000 members of the Order in some 2,500 DeMolay Chapters located throughout the United States and 11 other countries and territories.

Sir Knight Sidney L. DeLove Cited For Youth Efforts

Sir Knight Sidney L. DeLove, member, Evanston Commandery, prominent banker, and President of Chicago's famed Independence Hall Association, was cited by the American Mother's Committee, Inc., May 7, 1965 in New York, for his outstanding service to youth.

The citation presented at the Committee's International Awards Luncheon in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel read:

"The American Mother's Committee, Inc., is pleased to present a citation for his vision in establishing Chicago's Independence Hall to encourage patriotism thru the assembling of numerous historical documents; 5,000 volumes on American History and priceless Americana."

The citation also lauded Sir Knight DeLove for taking 50 outstanding students for an annual tour of the historic shrines of America during the past 10 years; and further for the sponsoring, in cooperation with the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, an annual essay contest for 7th and

8th grade students on the significant topic "What My Country Means To Me." This year he took 139 students on an 11 day trip, all expenses paid by him.

Accepting the award, Sir Knight DeLove said "he was grateful for the citation and would preserve it unimpaired."

It is appropriate that additional recognition be given Sir Knight DeLove in this issue of our publication for his authorship of "Can We Wave The Flag Too Much?" that appears on the following page. It was his reply on the "Know Your History Hour" program, December 30, 1956, to a listener who wrote as follows: "Your programs are wonderful—especially the no commercials—but you are waving the flag too much." The article has been reprinted annually in many national magazines and newspapers, and is a part of the Congressional Record.

Let all Knights Templar throughout the nation stand up and be counted—as patriotic Christian men—and pay our flag tribute it so richly deserves.

In Memoriam

Georgia

Cody Odell James, G.C., 1957—
June 8, 1965

Iowa

Clinton Kastner, G.C., 1931—
April 5, 1965

Maine

David Logan Wilson, G.C., 1931,
Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment, 1934—May 19,
1965

Mississippi

William Tecumseh Denman,
G.C., 1923—April 29, 1965

Nevada

Walter Stuart Larsh, G.C., 1946
—May 16, 1965
Albert Ernest Williams, G.C.,
1962—May 4, 1965

New Mexico

Michael Eugene Croteau, G.C.,
1962—May 27, 1965

Oklahoma

John Irven Taylor, G.C., 1939—
April 27, 1965

Wyoming

Terrell Goodwin Scott, G.C.,
1930—March 24, 1965

Can We Wave The Flag Too Much?

Is it possible to wave the flag too much? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Lincoln or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much? ★ The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. I believe that we are not waving our flag enough, not nearly enough. ★ It seems to me that we are developing a tendency to be timid or even apologetic about waving the stars and stripes. Walk up and down the streets on July 4th and count the flags. It is our nation's birthday, a sacred day in world history, the most important day of America. Why isn't the flag flying on every rooftop and from every home and building? This complacent attitude is strong evidence of cancerous patriotic decay. The flag is a symbol of our national unity. It is the spirit of our undying devotion to our country. It stands for the best that is in us . . . for loyalty, character, and faith in democracy. ★ Isn't our flag a synonym of the United States of America? Does it not represent man's greatest, noblest, most sublime dream? Is it not the zenith of achievement, the goal to which generations have aspired? ★ Ladies and gentlemen, I believe it is time for us . . . for the mad, rushing Twentieth Century American . . . to stop for a moment and think. Let us arrest our near reverential admiration of material success and return to the spiritual and ethical values. Let us imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old-fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devotion to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded. ★ Should not every home own and proudly display the colors on holidays and other such occasions? Isn't the flag Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Nathan Hale, Gettysburg and Valley Forge, Paul Revere, Jackson and other great men and women who have given us our heritage. When you look at the flag can't you see the Alamo, Corrigedor, Pearl Harbor, The Monitor, The Merrimac, Wake Island, and Korea? Let us not forget, isn't the flag Flanders Field, Bataan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Babe Ruth and Davy Crockett? The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag. ★ It is a symbol of this blessed nation, a giant in industry, education and commerce. Millions of fertile square miles, wheatlands, coal mines, steel plants. Our great republic, the chosen infant destined to be man's last and remaining hope for suffering humanity, a shining beacon of light, noble and glorious, the haven for the oppressed and persecuted and truly God's gift to mankind. ★ That is what the flag means to me. Can we wave it too much? I don't think so.

By SIR KNIGHT SIDNEY L. DeLOVE

Christian Youth Activities Among Juvenile Delinquents

By DONALD L. CASTLE, Chairman
of the Christian Youth Committee of Detroit Commandery No. 1

In 1958, the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1, K.T., charged the members of the Christian Youth Committee with developing a program that would somehow marshal Christian forces and values against the current problem of juvenile delinquency. The members of the committee then studied the needs of their community to discover where their interest could be most effective.

Discovering that over 7,000 offenders under age 17 are detained annually at the Wayne County Detention Home and with thousands more contacted as predelinquents, obviously here was the place to reach youngsters and their families in legal, moral and spiritual trouble. Thus it was that the Christian Youth Committee arranged to sponsor and support a full-time Protestant Chaplain and his program at the Juvenile Court and Youth Home.

The success of this work made another Chaplain necessary in 1960. Both are ordained ministers with special training for work in a correctional institution, and both feel called to such a ministry. In this way the forces of Christianity can be added to other community resources in the rehabilitation of those who have lost their way in our society.

The Chaplains provide opportunity for public and private worship and administer an extensive education program using many Sir Knights as volunteer teachers. They make available Bibles, both Testaments and a wide variety of religious literature to many who

see it for the first time. The ministry of the Chaplain is that of Christian presence and concern by daily and personal contact.

Protestant Worship Services are held separately for both girls and boys on Sundays, and during the week church school classes are held daily. Much of the Chaplains day is spent in counseling children, and in some cases their parents. When the family is a member of a church, the Minister of their church is contacted. The children come singly or in small groups, and in this way they are taught to rethink personal values and commitments, including the place of Christ and His Church in their lives.

During the past six years thousands of youngsters have found comfort from the presence of a Pastor at the moment of deepest concern. Hundreds of parents have been comforted by the knowledge that a trained Minister was with their child through his or her period of custody. Most important of all, many hundreds of young people have been known to have set out on a new kind of life. The members of Detroit Commandery take great pride in supporting this activity as their testimony of Christian Masonry in action.

We congratulate Lonzo Pope Junior, P.G.C., and the Sir Knights of Georgia upon a most successful year and especially upon the 179 net increase of membership, and the chartering of a new Commandery.

Pennsylvania Governor Scranton Addresses 112th Grand Conclave of Pennsylvania

With 675 Sir Knights and ladies in attendance, Governor William W. Scranton was the featured speaker at the Grand Commander's Banquet of Pennsylvania's 112th Annual Conclave in May at Scranton, Pennsylvania. The Governor, although not a Templar, accepted Grand Commander Kepler's invitation to speak to the group on his plans for education and highway building in the Commonwealth. Grand Master Brucker was represented at the Pennsylvania Conclave by the Deputy Grand Master, John L. Crofts, who also was a speaker at the banquet as well as the official session of the Grand Commandery and several attendant gatherings. Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Earl F. Herold, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, was an honored guest for the Conclave activities.

The Conclave records of Sir Knight Mark L. Raymond, Executive Committee member, show that there were 1,015 total registrations of Sir Knights and ladies, 325 uniformed Knights in the parade to Divine Service.

One highlight of the Conclave was the meeting of Grand Commander-Elect Sponeybarger with the Grand Officers, Division Commanders and officers of Constituent Commanderies, when plans were made for the ensuing year. A new committee is a Committee on Public Relations for the purpose of correlating and improving the public and internal image of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and to dovetail with the activities of the Committee on Public Relations for the Grand Encampment.

A DeMolay report for the year revealed that 58 of the 85 DeMolay Chapters in the state are sponsored by Constituent Commanderies, including 9 of the 10 largest chapters.

DeMOLAY IN A NUTSHELL

Do You Know

That the Order of DeMolay was founded in Kansas City in 1919 by the late Frank S. Land.

That BUILDING BETTER CITIZENS is its goal. . . .

That nearly 3 million young men have knelt at DeMolay altars all over the world, and there are 140,000 active DeMolays today in over 2,100 chapters in 12 countries and territories. . . .

That membership for young men 14 through 20 is NOT restricted to sons or relatives of Masons. . . .

That DeMolay inspires boys to become better sons, better men and better leaders.

That DeMolay is a dynamic force in combating juvenile delinquency. . . .

That the initiation contains no hazing or frivolity but is a solemn presentation that impresses an obligation on a young man to live and do right. . . .

That Senior (over 21) DeMolays have become leaders in every walk of life.

That over 50% of all DeMolays become Masons. . . .

That more than 25 DeMolays have become Grand Masters of Grand Lodges and more than 130 DeMolays have attained the 33° in Freemasonry. . . .

That helping DeMolay is a help to YOU and the world of tomorrow. . . .

Distinguished Knights Honored

It is indeed an honor to be the first recipient from your respective Grand Jurisdictions to receive the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. This award was established at the Philadelphia Triennial to be awarded to Sir Knights in recognition of their exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order far beyond the call of duty.



Grand Master Brucker, Barton and Miller, G.C.

Sir Knight Branson C. (Bill) Barton of Indiana, was the first to receive the Knight Templar Cross of Honor from Indiana. He was recommended for this honor by David J. Miller, Grand Commander, on the basis of his excellent drill team work over many years as well as his ritualistic and other support in his local branches of York Rite Masonry.

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

OF THE UNITED

STATES of AMERICA



Certificate of Award

To All to Whom These Presents May Come

GREETINGS

This is to Certify that Sir Knight

a member of Commandery No. K.T. of the
Grand Commandery of has been awarded the
Knights Templar Cross of Honor
in recognition of his exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of
Knights Templar far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected
of an officer or member as follows:

In Witness Whereof We have subscribed
our signatures and caused the seal of the Grand
Encampment to be affixed this day of
A.D. A.O.

GRAND RECORDER

GRAND MASTER

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

WENDT WINS FIRST KENTUCKY TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

By Sir Knight M. L. COOKE, P.C., Chairman,
Publicity Committee, Grand Commandery of Kentucky

Wylie B. Wendt, P.C. of Louisville DeMolay Commandery No. 12, was the first Kentucky recipient of the newly-awarded Knight Templar Cross of Honor of the Grand Encampment. The award was bestowed at the 118th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky at Henderson, Ky., and was presented by Sir Knight Joseph E. Martin, G.C.

Everyone present was in unanimous agreement that Sir Knight Wendt was deserving of this first award, and, for one of the very few times in his life (as the many friends he has throughout the



WYLIE B. WENDT

Templar and Masonic world know) he was at a loss for words. This beloved Templar, who has been a Knight Templar for almost 60 years, is still active in the York Rite at all levels. He is rightfully known as "Mr. Knight Templar" in Kentucky, and, for that matter, there are few Sir Knights in the nation who can surpass his long record of service or knowledge of Templary. He has been a prolific writer and contributor to many Masonic publications, including the KNIGHT TEMPLAR, for which he is Kentucky correspondent (his modesty prevented him from submitting this article), and as Chairman of the Knight Templar Magazine committee of the Grand Commandery, has succeeded in raising Kentucky's quota of subscriptions

to among the top in the East Central Department.

A regular attendant at the Allied Masonic meetings in Washington each year, and as a past preceptor of the College of Rites, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, he is known all over the country. He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Society of Rosecrucians, among others.

Sir Knight Wendt wrote the full form ceremonial of the Order of Malta used in Kentucky, as well as the Tactics used by the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. In addition to his many journalistic endeavors, he is also much in demand as a speaker. All this for a man who will soon be 80 years of age, and is supposed to be "retired."

GEORGIAN WINS CROSS OF HONOR

Preston Young Luther was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor at the Georgia Grand Commandery Conclave on May 12, 1965. Not only is S.K. Luther the first recipient in Georgia, but it is believed that this was the first actual investiture of this new award in the whole of the U.S.

"P. Y.," as he is known throughout Georgia, is one of our "Grand Old Men" of Masonry. Nearly 80 years of age, he is as active as ever and attends from four to six Masonic meetings a week. He was installed as Commander of St. Omer Commandery 52 years ago, and never missed a Conclave.

A Past Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Georgia; present Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; member of the K.Y.C.H. and Past Prior of his Priory; and one of the finest exponents known of the "Staircase Lecture" in the Second Degree, it is apt that many consider his initials stand for "Per-



PRESTON YOUNG LUTHER
petual Youth."

Whether "P. Y.," "Preston Young" or "Perpetual Youth," S.K. Luther is beloved by all who know him, and the award could not have been made to a more deserving Christian Free Mason.

By R. S. Sager, Corr.

The following are other recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor up to June 1965.

Cryson Verne Hopkins, Arkansas; Stewart M. Powrie, Michigan; William E. Barkman, District of Columbia; Max G. Cogill, Oregon; Donald L. Dresser, Washington; G. Paul Bragg, Idaho; Alfred Sumner Bryan, Oklahoma; Thomas Guy

Wadsworth, Utah; James Clement Ford, Vermont; Roscoe McDowell Dunning, Pennsylvania; Harry Miller Wagner, Maryland; and James Mitchell Craig, West Virginia.

Every recipient receives the gold Knights Templar Cross of Honor with his name engraved on it and a certificate engrossed with his name and citation and signed by the Most Eminent Grand Master.

**P.G.C. Crump of Illinois Receives General Grand Chapter Honor
By Sigurd R. Jensen, P.D.C. (Illinois)**

At the 116th annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois meeting in Chicago on May 21-22, 1965, a signal honor was conferred upon Excellent Companion Alvin L. Crump, who is also a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Sir Knight Crump received the General Grand Chapter's Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service to Royal Arch Masonry. He received this high honor from the hands of Oscar W. Ankerberg, Grand High Priest of Illinois who lauded Sir Knight Crump for his untiring efforts in Capitular Masonry. The praise of the Grand High Priest was augmented by laudatory remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Illinois Clarence P. Schwarz.

We are all proud of Sir Knight Crump who always carries in his pockets a goodly supply of blank petitions for the various bodies in YORK RITE MASONRY.

We should emulate this fine Sir Knight.



ALVIN L. CRUMP

The Vows of a DeMolay . . .

AT MY CHAPTER'S ALTAR

Humbly and sincerely . . .

I promised to be a better son
I promised to love and serve God,
my country, and my fellow-men
I promised to honor and protect

every woman

I promised to slander no one
I promised to aid and uphold the
public schools
I promised to walk uprightly be-
fore God and Man
All of these things, and more, I
did promise!

What They Say About The Knight Templar Eye Foundation

(Letters recently received by Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director)

Extract taken from letter received from Aubrey C. Martindale, Houston, Texas. Dated June 5, 1965.

"During the past few days I have taken a review of all of the good things which have come my way since becoming engaged in the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation program. I am a very lucky person.

First thing I thought of was my position in Templary and Masonry. I had passed through the East in all the constituent Bodies of the York Rite and found myself idle. It would have been a simple matter to have drifted away and into a life of ease. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation program came along and I saw an opportunity of further service. The first child I ran into made the difference.

Since that time things have happened at a rapid pace. I met you and Mrs. DeLamater and for which I shall always be grateful. I am much better acquainted with many of the Sir Knights in Texas. Our Most Eminent Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker made a special effort to talk to me while he was in Odessa. I shall always remember his kindness.

In thinking of all these honors and pleasant events in my life during the last few years I can't help but to realize that the most important is that I have rendered a little service that must be pleasing in the Sight of Christ. *High Honors, Time Consumed,* and

Effort Put Forth, all seem to fade away when the real purpose of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation enters my thoughts. I sincerely believe that I have found a useful purpose in life and it has been so easy to perform. I just wish that I was capable of doing more."

March 19, 1965

Dear Sir Knight:

Clarence Roosevelt Hamblin had his cataract operation about a week after having received authorization by Knights Templar to pay for it. The operation on the eye that had been *totally blind for more than two years* was very successful and enabled Clarence to see for the first time at all since last November when the other eye went completely out also because of cataract.

Clarence, before his blindness, was a hard working coal miner here in Eastern Kentucky and could not have had the operation without help from outside his family because his funds were all gone. A daughter-in-law of his came to me about his case and when I told her about Knights Templar she could hardly believe it. If you remember, Clarence was so nervous when he made application to Knights Templar he could not write his name.

I am proud to be a Knight Templar.

PAUL CROLEY,
Member Barbourville, Com-
mandery 39, Barbourville, Ky.

REPORTS FROM SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

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

BAVARIA COMMANDERY NO. 3, K.T., MUNICH, GERMANY

By Major Donald H. Mensch, Commander

Bavaria Commandery No. 3, K.T., is located in Munich, principal city of the State of Bavaria in Germany. Munich is considered to be the cultural center of modern Germany and is located on a plateau at an elevation of 1,700 feet at the base of the Bavarian Alps. The countryside is dotted with castles and palaces of the former Kings and Princes of the Sovereign State of Bavaria.

On Saturday, the 10th of October, 1959, Bavaria Commandery No. 3, UD, assembled a Special Conclave for the purpose of receiving our late Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., Louis H. Wieber, visiting for the purpose of constituting the Commandery. On this day Bavaria Commandery No. 3, became the first constituted Commandery of Knights Templar under the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., located in Europe.

In addition to being a young Commandery, Bavaria Commandery No. 3 has a comparatively young membership, the average age of the Sir Knights being 35 years. We have 184 active members. The majority of the Sir Knights are members of our Armed Forces, or civilian employees of the United States Government. However, there is a growing number of German Sir Knights, and our avowed purpose of bringing the influence of Templary and the principals of Christian Knighthood to the European Freemason are bearing fruit.

The officers of Bavaria Commandery No. 3 spare no effort to assure the high quality of our ritual work, and are constantly striving to improve the appearance of our asylum so that the solemnity of the Orders and integrity of our ideals will in no manner be minimized by the aspirant who receives the Orders of Christian Knighthood within our walls. Our asylum is the best equipped in Europe. Our ritualists second to none. Other Commanderies less fortunate in these endowments send us a constant stream of candidates for courtesy work, which we are always pleased to accomplish. We are proud of the reputation of being

the "backbone" of Templary in Europe.

Due to the rotation of U. S. Forces, we send a good number of Sir Knights into other jurisdictions each year to bolster the growing rolls of those owing allegiance to our Orders. And, at some future time when the Government of the United States of America decides that it is time for its Armed Forces to withdraw from Europe, the American Sir Knights of Bavaria Commandery No. 3 will be withdrawing from the scene too, but the banners of Templary will remain, guarded by those swords in the hands of our German Sir Knights who have responded to the challenge of Masonic Christian Knighthood.

INDIANA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION SPONSORS MARK MASTER QUARRY FESTIVAL IN BLOOMINGTON (Ind.) SEPT. 11

The Mark Master Degree will be conferred in a stone quarry located one mile north of the city limits of Bloomington, Ind., by an All Star Cast. A barbecue dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the 8:00 p.m. conferring of the Degree. A class of 300 candidates is expected.

A similar and most successful festival was sponsored last year by the Association. The Grand Officers and other workers in the York Rite Bodies of Indiana are very much enthused with the prospects of again having a most outstanding meeting. Guests from adjoining and other States are invited and welcome.

The Association is also following through with the sponsoring of the conferral of the other Degrees and Orders.

For further information contact Raleigh R. Cagle, P.G.H.P., General Chairman, 3637 Morningside Dr., Bloomington, Indiana.

From Our Readers

FATHER AND DAUGHTER AS HEADS OF TEMPLARS AND EASTERN STARS OF NEVADA JOIN IN SUPPORTING KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION



William E. Fitzgerald and Helen M. Askew.

Worthy Grand Matron Askew says:

"I bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Nevada:

It has been a source of great pleasure to me this year to institute a new humanitarian project in our Nevada Grand Chapter—the project "From Darkness Unto Light," financial aid to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The fact that my father, William E. Fitzgerald, has been the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Nevada this year has made this a double honor as it

binds our ties of love and service much closer together.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., deserves much recognition and honor for sponsoring this great humanitarian charity. We, in Nevada are grateful for the opportunity of participating in this very worthwhile project and I am happy to say that the twenty-seven Eastern Star Chapters in our State have generously contributed to this great cause."

Fraternally,
Helen M. Askew,
Worthy Grand Matron.



Sir Knights of Lafayette Commandery, Hudson, New York, form an Honor Guard for Clarence J. Henry, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, Rev. George Allen Cole and Masons of the Columbia and adjoining districts on their way to breakfast after attending church service. The occasion was the 25th Annual Masonic Communion Breakfast of the Columbia District and was attended by 265 Masons. The Grand Master was the guest speaker and Rev. Cole conducted the service at the Congregational Church at New Lebanon, N. Y.

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With Luncheon

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Taylor C. Robertson, Idaho correspondent reports:

"Sir Knight Bell was our Traditional Banquet speaker on Monday evening, the 17th and it was most pleasant to hear his words of wisdom.



M. K. Shane, C. of Idaho Falls; G. Wilbur Bell, G.G. of Grand Enc.; and W. C. Jones, G.G.

I sure would like to trail around with that Sir Knight Bell, just to hear his wisdom and enjoy his tremendous personality and HIS MILLION DOLLAR SMILE."

On April 26, Murray D. Wilson, P.G.C. of Michigan, installed Richard M. Strauss as Commander of Damascus Commandery, Dearborn, Mich. Earl W. Mott acted as Grand Marshal and Herbert C. Taepke as Grand Prelate in the installation ceremony. It is interesting to know that not only are Sir Knights Mott, Taepke, and Wilson, Past Commanders of Damascus Commandery, but that they, together with Sir Knight Strauss are Past Most Wise Masters of Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Detroit, and all have received the Thirty-Third degree of the Scottish Rite.

One of the most impressive ceremonies at the recent Indiana Grand Commandery Conclave at South Bend was the ritualistic conferral by the Grand Commandery Officers of the Commandery 50-Year



Grand Master Brucker, Hibberd and Harold Hoolihan, G.G.

Award on Carl L. Hibberd, Sr., who served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1948-49. Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master, presented the award to Sir Knight Hibberd with appropriate remarks of commendation for his long and outstanding service to Masonry.

York Rite Masonic Temple In Miami, Florida



Work was started on the erection of the Temple on December 6, 1953, and it was dedicated November 5, 1964. It represents a cost of \$150,000 and is situated on a 2-acre piece of land lying along the Miami River and in the heart of Civic Center, which places it about in the center of the city. Conservative value of the land alone is \$200,000.

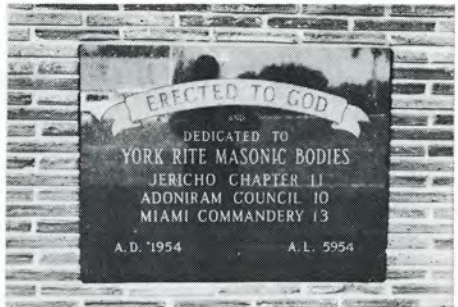
Partial financing of the building in the amount of \$35,000 was in the form of a 10-year loan from the Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida. The balance of the investment represented funds accumulated by the local York Rite bodies over the period of existence of the bodies starting in 1907 and 1908. The 10-year loan of \$35,000 from the Grand York Rite Bodies was paid off in 9 years and a Mortgage Burning Ceremony was conducted in the Temple Sunday, June 30, 1963.

The York Rite Temple is strategically in the number one place of a half-mile strip of land 400-feet deep along the Miami River known as Masonic Row, and in addition to the York Rite Building are 2 other lodges, Mahi Shrine Temple,

Mosque and Club House. In the years to come these properties should prove a genuine monument to Freemasonry.

In addition to Jericho Chapter No. 11, R.A.M., Adoniram Council No. 10, R. & S. M. and Miami Commandery No. 13, K.T., we are also privileged to have Alamanda Chapter No. 213, O.E.S. and Walter H. Combs Chapter No. 237, O.E.S. as tenants.

Several youth activities and other Masonic affiliated groups find this spacious temple a pleasant and convenient meeting place.



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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Templary is tremendously interested in the Youth of America and is manifesting its interest in a multitude of ways throughout the country.

In some Commanderies, work is being done in the field of far-reaching efforts to prevent juvenile delinquency and to rescue young boys and girls in their teens from lives of crime.

Some Commanderies are employing a fulltime Chaplain to work through the Courts and in Detention Homes.

In some Commanderies work is being done in connection with Boy Scouts, YMCA, and similar groups by emphasizing the positive—acting as Scout Master, or Big Brother to encourage the leading of useful lives by Youth.

In some Commanderies a Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, has been sponsored, and Sir Knights are actively helping in many ways to counsel, support and assist DeMolay to grow and prosper.

Whatever method is adopted, it is apparent that Commanderies are beginning more and more to realize their unique Christian opportunity to help Youth in these desperate times when moral standards have been lowered and Youth has become the target for all sorts of temptations. All of these efforts should be encouraged by our organization because Youth needs the example of mature Knights Templar to witness for Christ and our great Christian cause.

From: "Charting The Course"

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