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**Religion is as necessary to reason as reason is to religion. The one cannot exist without the other. A reasoning being would lose his reason, in attempting to account for the great phenomena of nature, had he not a Supreme Being to refer to; and well has it been said, that if there had been no God, mankind would have been obliged to imagine one.**

**—WASHINGTON**



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

### GOD'S WORKMEN

St. Paul tells us in II Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightfully dividing (handling) the word of truth."

What better title could apply to Knights Templar than to be called "God's Workmen?" Are we worthy of that name? Every progress report on a national, state or local level should be able to stand the test: Are we truly living up to our high calling as God's Workmen?

Since the Grand Master's Conference, at least five significant steps have been taken to advance the religious and charitable activities of Templary. Here is the test of our Christian witness:

**First: "Charting the Course."** This 32-page brochure was published in February 1965, setting forth the broad fundamentals by which all our activities are to be governed throughout this triennial period. This brochure has wide circulation (30,000) and universal acceptance.

**Second: Knight Templar Magazine.** Our monthly magazine has become a 20-page edition with a new format and up-to-date articles and pictures of Templar activities. The circulation has increased from 14,000 to nearly 24,000, or 60% of our national quota. It deserves to be in the hands of every Knight Templar.

**Third: General Order No. 7, establishing a new Memorial Service Ritual.** The Committee on Religious Activities recommended a new Memorial Service Ritual to be used for our deceased Fraters. General Order No. 7 was issued on May 27, 1965, and should serve a long-awaited need to supplement the old Burial Ritual.

**Fourth: General Order No. 8 launches a Campaign for Life Sponsor Members.** On June 23, 1965, a campaign was launched to secure Life Sponsor members for the K.T. Eye Foundation—our great humanitarian charity. The quota of 10% of the Knights Templar of each Grand Commandery and Subordinate Commandery to become Life Sponsors will assure the success of this great Christian work in our time, and for the future. Every active Templar should become a Life Sponsor.

**Fifth: "Christians Awake."** This is the name of a new 16 mm TV sound-film, released on May 14, 1965. "Christians Awake" was produced under the direction of the Public Relations Committee of the Grand Encampment. It is a 15-minute program, featuring a recital by the Grand Master of the objectives of Templary—past, present and future. A copy of this sound-film is available to be loaned to any Commandery, free of charge, upon writing to Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauer, Chairman, c/o Station WGAL-TV, Lincoln Highway West, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who will mail it in a metal container ready for use.

Let us all, as "God's Workmen," go to work and do our part—right where we are—and now!

# Templary Openly Committed to The Christian Religion

By **BURT D. PEARSON, P.G.C., Virginia, Minnesota, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities of Grand Encampment K.T., U.S.A.**

Legend says that Templary had its beginning in the hearts and minds of the very early followers of Jesus Christ. As an organized ally of the church it played an important part in the Seven Crusades of medieval times, its deeds for the "Great Captain of Our Salvation" forever enshrined in the annals of history.

Templary is as old as is the Gospel which is its code in Christian affirmation. Its brightest days are yet to come if its devoted followers do not forget its brilliant past. Its mission today transcends in importance any call to duty which challenged it in the glorious high-tide of a militant and purposeful yesterday. Great names and great causes adorn those pages of history which chronicle its noble and unselfish achievements as a protagonist of the Saviour.

It must be acknowledged that the Christian Masons who raised the Knights Templar edifice in the United States were dedicated men—dedicated to their country, and no less dedicated in precept and practice to the unchanging commandments which were proclaimed in a distant age as the Word of God. These founders of the Order in America were not only absolute in their allegiance to God and Country, but they were wise beyond their contemporaries.

These illustrious Christian Masons established Templary as an institution resting firmly on a foundation which is secured to the Holy Bible. Templary's relationship to Christianity assures it an ever-expanding role in community, state, nation and world. If it is not succeeding, it is the fault of a membership not sufficiently attun-



**BURT D. PEARSON**

ed to its program, its purposes and goals.

All of Masonry, as a structure for good, merits the mobilization of the many in the cause which projects the finest aspirations of the human race, brotherhood under the Fatherhood of God. The open Bible lies on the altars of Blue Lodges, the Chapters, Councils, all of the Rites, including the Knights Templar. But, it is in Templary that the Christ mandate is given the accent and interpretation which allies the Order so strongly to the Christian Church that to be a member of one is to hold allegiance to the other.

However, to make meaningful this dual membership (of Church and Templary) involves obligations, perhaps sacrifices, and this must be accepted by Sir Knights and their households. Only the example of Christianity applied in every area, public and private, by

Knights Templar will bring them stature and recognition from the outside world. Unashamed obeisance to Christ is the price involved.

If suddenly, now, this stature in exalted deportment—in firm Church affiliation and in all matters of integrity, morality and spirituality—were to be exemplified by all Sir Knights, the Order would at once become an irresistible magnet for superlative candidates, for eligible men of singular dedication. Then would the Christian Church also be strengthened and lifted, with America the beneficiary.

Grand Encampment officers have long pondered the contemporary scene in the land, and they are gravely concerned. There are ever-rising statistics to prove how bountiful and widespread is the national well-being in the material sense. Crime and slothfulness abound and these statistics are frightening in their implications. Everywhere, the emphasis is overmuch on the creature comforts, the material. If history repeats, dangers loom.

Mankind desperately needs the gospel of the moral and spiritual code, of integrity and of humility. The vaunted materialism which shuts out God and Christ and patriotism cannot continue self-generating.

Grand Encampment leadership covets for Templary a prime role in the charge to save America. It would pledge all Sir Knights to the high road, the Christ road, which leads to permanent well-being. This leadership fervently desires for Knights Templar everywhere an heroic part in preserving the nation for its appointed destiny, that rendezvous which is spelled out in God's Holy Word.

Sponsored by the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, a practical guide for the Host of Templary has been pre-

pared and proclaimed. "Charting the Course" is its provocative title. Those who cross the seas or travel the areas of space know how important is the responsibility of him whose command sets the course, the safe course for the journey.

"Charting the Course" recognizes the need for close union between Sir Knights and the Christian Church. It adjures them to make principal in their lives the obligations solemnly avouched at many-fold altars. "Charting the Course" is a summons to the whole body of Templary to accept challenge and embrace opportunity for Christian service in this most critical period in national history.

In drafting this chart for a course, Sir Knight Brucker and his fellow officers of the Grand Encampment have hearkened to the injunctions of Templary's founders and patrons. They have reviewed the glorious history of the Order as it has been written on fields of honor and in periods of time which witnessed the finer hours of mankind.

To be informed about the past is to know the better how essential is a quickened role for Templary now, and for the future. A first requirement is that it grow and prosper. Would that every Sir Knight might really take on the character of the apostle—to which he was pledged—and in this role bidding to Templary's altar every qualified Christian Mason within his orbit. Let us marshal our ideas, our ideals and our resources to the imperative tasks of the day.

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A civilization never collapses because of outside attacks, but through spiritual failure within.—  
Arnold Toynbee.

# Christian Knights As Lights In Our Dark World

By DR. HOWARD R. TOWNE, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment

No thoughtful person can possibly look out upon our world today and not realize that this is a dark time. This is not because the commentators say so, but they do continually draw attention to the darkness by reporting the rattling of nuclear warheads, the spread of conflict, the wild kids on the beaches, the beatnik, the 300% increase in illegitimacy, the vandals, our enormous crime bill, our 7 million alcoholics and our 395,000 divorces granted in a single year. It is a dark time because the Communists are still dedicated to controlling this world and burying the United States. It is a time of darkness because the Chinese have the atomic bomb.

Ours, however, is not the only era of darkness known to mankind. The Roman world into which Jesus was born was one of history's darkest midnights, filled with the inky blackness of paganism. The dignity of the individual was practically nonexistent. Life was cheap and sordid. As the Man of Galilee matured and began his ministry, he looked out on this dismal setting, with its dark resignation and utter hopelessness, and cried, "I am the Light of the World, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life." On another occasion our great Captain said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world—Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Well, recall how that little band of disciples illuminated the dark world of their day. Some of them literally were burned as human torches for their convictions about the Light of the World. No time

has ever been darker than the century that followed Christ's coming. The blight of Caesar was upon the face of all things. The terrible persecution of the Christians drove them underground to escape annihilation.

Move on now to the 12th century. That was an era filled with the darkness of man's misdeeds. But the "light-bringers" of that time were the stouthearted Knights of the Temple who went out to rescue and hold Jerusalem against the Infidel and give protection to the poor unarmed Pilgrims traveling from Europe to worship at the Holy Shrine. The world has never witnessed a more unselfish service for Christ than that exemplified by those illustrious Crusaders, filled with the inner glow of the Master. Those devoted Christian Knights established Templary as an institution, resting firmly on a foundation which was secured to the Holy Bible. The light of Christ had broken through and transformed their lives.

The chief mark of a Christian Knight through the years has been that a new light shines in him. He is distinguished from others by a certain illumination of mind. He brings into every human situation the witness of a new spirit, and an influence which is like light shining in the dark. It has been a genuine concern on the part of Templary to carry out Christ's commission, "Ye are the light of the world" that brought the Knight Templar Eye Foundation into being. This wonderful project, national in scope, is one of the world's greatest humanitarian efforts. The foundation files are full of letters from persons brought from dark-

ness to light by this noble work.

However, as marvelous as this project is, every Sir Knight is also challenged to lead the spiritually blind into Christ's marvelous light. It is spiritual blindness today that causes men to reject the Gospel and to look on the preaching of the Cross as foolishness. In the Gospel there is a power which brings a man from darkness to light, from blindness into spiritual sight. Christian Knights working through the Church can know this rewarding experience. They can help the Church in its towering task. The glorious message of Jesus Christ is adequate and relevant today. Let us proclaim it and live it in the main stream of life.

Grand Encampment leaders have long looked at our contemporary scene with grave concern. Ours is the most civilized, the most Christian nation on earth, yet 37 million of our children receive absolutely no religious instruction. How we need to emphasize the light of the Word of God and indicate the part it has played in our American heritage. Knights Templar should strive to see that our religious heritage is taught in the framework of our culture, and endeavor to secure released time or shared time for religious study. What disturbs many today about the Supreme Court's ruling on prayer in public schools, is not the leaving out of prayers, as important as that is, but the leaving out of our heritage. How can our republic be understood apart from the beliefs that produced it?

Because of our concern for the young, which is brought out in our vows, every commandery needs to promote a plan to combat some of the frightening aspects among our country's youth. The lack of religious instruction is very evident

as we witness teen-age morals and the violent things that are done in cities and on certain college campuses. If Russia considers the indoctrination of her youth her most important task, surely our country cannot neglect such a task. Templary needs a closer cooperation with the Christian Youth groups in our country. There needs to be a forward thrust made in the Rainbow Girls, the Job's Daughters and the Order of DeMolay.

Another of the basic tasks of Sir Knights today is an effort to cope with the abnormal behaviour and immorality of our country. Will anyone deny that we face a moral crisis in America? Our crime bill is 20 billion dollars a year. Crime is increasing four times faster than our population is increasing. 300,000 are in our juvenile courts each year. Our nation has 7 million alcoholics, 3 and one-half million problem drinkers, affecting 25 million members of families. 8 million persons have been divorced in the last ten years. This is a small indication of our problem. But what is most disturbing is the flouting of the Ten Commandments by respectable people who are not considered lawbreakers by society. Immoral behaviour, indecencies and improprieties, which were frowned upon a quarter of a century ago, are now considered acceptable patterns of conduct. How we need to work to lift the level of morality in our country and awaken the American conscience. Charles Kingsley wrote years ago, "The age of chivalry is never past, so long as there is a wrong left unredressed upon the earth."

In "Charting the Course" our Grand Encampment leaders summoned the whole body of Templary

to Christian rededication in this most critical period of national history. We are well aware of the Communistic influence in our country. In Communism we vividly see the alternative to Christian civilization. The gospel of Communism believes there is no God and holds the faith with deadly seriousness. The battle is a battle of ideas. War we do not want, but today we are threatened by a seizure of values. We cannot surrender and must not yield as long as a single Knight is left standing. Communism today provides a mirror in which we can clearly see ourselves, and our own deflections from the Christian faith. Communism provides us with a motive, a rousing challenge, to witness to our Christian faith as never before. Although the world may be dark, the light that shines through Christian Knights can cause people to say once again, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Most of all, perhaps, it is important to bring light into the Temple itself. How necessary it is to bring a Christian emphasis into every Conclave. It has been suggested that the Prelate, or some Sir Knight selected, bring a brief dynamic message on Christian Templary just before going to the Altar during the full form opening. These should be straight from the shoulder talks on Christian Knighthood. They could do much to increase the attendance of the Sir Knights. Every meeting should bring out the values of Templary, so that the Sir Knights would feel that they were missing something of importance when they were not present. Templary has something to offer that no other organization in the world can give them and they must feel a desire to be present so that they will be enriched by these values.

The light of Knighthood must also extend beyond the Temple. We cannot be true to our vows unless our Christian charity is compassionate and personal. When Masonic charity is intimate and provides unusual blessing, the Sir Knight performing such acts should be asked to give a written report, not with the idea of publicizing them or seeking praise and approval, but to make evident what is being done and to move other Sir Knights to walk as sons of light and blessing.

When public appearances are planned on special occasions it is important that every Sir Knight be present, to witness before the world in full Templar uniform. Sir Knights in this way can radiate Christ's glory and illumine our dark world.

Robert Louis Stevenson frequently recalled a most memorable night of his boyhood. At dusk, one evening, as he stood at the window watching the darkness moving in on Edinburgh, an old 19th century lamplighter made his way down the street, lighting lamp after lamp. "Look," Stevenson cried to his nurse, "Look! there goes a man punching holes in the darkness!" Sir Knights, the militant crisis of this hour calls us to a mission of singular dedication. There must be no sitting back and enjoying the light. We are challenged to be transmitters of the light and the truth and the power of Christ. Christ, the Dynamic of Light and Life, pours into our hearts, however dull and cold, a fiery quickening and splendor. He enables every Christian Knight to be a lightbringer, punching holes in this world's darkness.

## South Central Department Feature



### Harvey C. Byrd, P.G.C., Texas

Department Commander  
South Central Department

Harvey C. Byrd was born at Grosvonor, Texas, on December 6, 1909. He and his wife, Mabel Posey Byrd, reside at 3101 Stewart Drive, Waco, Texas, and are members of The First Baptist Church in Waco.

Sir Knight Byrd received the Degrees of Symbolic Masonry in Thrifty Lodge No. 579 in 1933; then affiliated with Brownwood Lodge No. 279 on November 1, 1934 and served it as Worshipful Master in 1937. This was followed by appointment as District Deputy Grand Master in 1939 and 1946, and election to the Committee on Work of the Grand Lodge from 1949 to 1952. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge on December 4, 1952, an office he has filled since that date.

Sir Knight Byrd served as High Priest of Brownwood Chapter No. 141, R.A.M. in 1941, as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1946, 1948 and 1952 and as Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter in 1951. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Brownwood Council in 1941 and as Grand Visitor in 1947 and 1950.

The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon Sir Knight Byrd in Brownwood Commandery No. 22 in 1941 and he served as Commander in 1943. He was a member of the Templar Instruction of the Grand Commandery from 1947 to 1952, elected Grand Captain of the Guard in 1952 and served as Grand Commander in 1961-1962. He has received many honorary degrees and Orders of Freemasonry, among which are the following: Order of High Priesthood, Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Past Prior of Knights York Cross of Honour, Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, The Silver Trowel, Honorary Legion of Honor by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, and an Inspector General Honorary of the Thirty-Third Degree. He is a Director of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas, Inc., and a member of the Eastern Star, Grotto and Shrine.

Sir Knight Byrd holds a B.A. Degree from Texas Technological College and has done considerable graduate work. He was principal of Public Schools from 1930-1943, at which time he entered the United States Marine Corps, serving during World War II. He was Charter President of the Brownwood Junior Chamber of Commerce, has worked with the Boy Scouts of America, former Mayor Pro Tem of Brownwood, trustee of the Texas League of Municipalities, President of Brownwood Community Service Council, Director of Brown County Community Chest and Brown County Board of Health, President of Mid-Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, and served in other civic capacities.





**Sir Knight W. Lindsay Lane**  
Grand Commander  
Louisiana

Ormand B. Shaw was born at Bonanza, Arkansas, April 30, 1907.

He received his higher education in the University of Arkansas, the University of Oklahoma, at Norman, Oklahoma, and at Columbia University in New York.

He was admitted to the practice of Law in the State of Arkansas in 1931.

He was married September 28, 1938, to Miss Emily F. Smith of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and to this union was born one daughter, Emily G. Shaw, now age 14.

He served as Master of his Blue Lodge in 1949 and was elected Secretary in 1957 and continues to serve in that capacity. Presently serves the Grand Lodge as Grand Junior Warden.

He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, 1963; Grand Secretary from 1963 until present. Orator of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, 1962-64.

Grand Master of Grand Council, 1963; Grand Recorder, 1963 until present.

Eminent Commander, Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 3, Fort Smith, 1957; Recorder, 1957-63. Member, Holy Grail Tabernacle No. XI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

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Knights Commander, Court of Honour, Western Arkansas Consistory, 1955. Sovereign Trinity Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, 1956, and Recorder since 1950. Member, Albert Pike Priory No. 20, K.Y.C.H. Prior in 1962. Holder of Representative DeMolay Award, 1964; member of Amrita Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.

William Lindsay Lane was born in Ooltewah, Tennessee, May 2, 1901.

Business experiences encompass factory management, manufacturers' representation, Federal auditing, statistical analyst, and executive administration. In 30th year in present employment.

Member of The Propeller Club, Traffic Club of New Orleans, Administrative Management Society, Paul Morphy Chess Club, and Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans area.

Fratr Lane and Mrs. Lane are members of Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church of New Orleans.

#### MASONIC:

Raised a Master Mason in Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 59, F. & A. M. of Louisiana. Served as Worshipful Master in 1950 and since that time, except for one year, member and Chairman of Finance Committee.

Served as Commander of Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 2, K.T. of Louisiana in 1946 and as Prelate for six subsequent years.

1965-1966 Eminent Prior of Louisiana Priory No. 43, Knights of York Cross of Honour.

Member of Temple Guards of New Orleans.

Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans.

Line Officer in John of Patmos Tabernacle No. 42, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.



**Sir Knight Ormand B. Shaw**  
Grand Commander  
Arkansas



### Sir Knight Harold N. Painter

Grand Commander  
Missouri

Anson V. Grable served as Worshipful Master of Wyandotte Lodge No. 3, Kansas City, Kansas, in 1960; presided as High Priest over Wyandotte Chapter No. 6, R.A.M., 1921, was elected Secretary of the Chapter in 1937, continuing through 1951. He was Recorder of Wyandotte Council No. 6, R. & S. M., 1937 through 1951.

In 1925, he was elected Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, and became Recorder in 1937, serving through 1965.

Other Masonic and related activities include:

Abdallah Shrine Temple, Kansas City, Kansas, Sept. 3, 1918; Director of Ritualistic Divan, 1956 through 1959 and 1962.

Hyacinth Chapter O.E.S., April 7, 1921; Patron, 1924.

Ancient Toltec Rite, Oct. 28, 1922; Knight Commander, 1933.

Holy Order of High Priesthood, Kansas, Feb. 15, 1921; Most Excellent President, 1952.

St. Justin Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Charter Member, May 26, 1922; Viceroy, 1924; Sovereign, 1925; Recorder, 1937 through 1964.

River Jordan Tabernacle No. 38, 1958; Now 7th Pillar, 1965.

Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Kansas Priory No. 33, 1960.

Kansas City, Kansas Consistory, Valley of Kansas City, Nov. 19, 1925.

In business, Sir Knight Grable became a member of the Kansas City Real Estate Board in 1932; Associate Member, 1932; and Active Member, 1950. Insurance Agency, licensed, beginning in 1950.

Harold Painter, age 56, holds an A.B. degree from Southwest Missouri State College and an A.M. degree from the University of Missouri. He was raised in 1938 and knighted in 1942. He served as Prior of Mo. Priory No. 17, K.Y.C.H. in 1962-1963. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, Ararat Shrine Temple, and the Red Cross of Constantine. He was installed 98th Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri in May, 1965. His wife, Ruth, is a Past President of Sedalia Assembly No. 23, S.O.O.B., and a Past President of the P.T.A. The Painter's are Episcopalians.

"During my Templar Year I am stressing Templar Activities, in addition to festivals. It is my desire to extend the benefits of Templary to as many Masons as possible. For that reason we are conducting a vigorous membership campaign.

"One of the benefits we desire to extend to the membership is the Templar Service Award which we are giving to all of those Templars who have served Templary for many years—conferring orders and bringing in petitions. (Grand officers are not eligible to receive these awards.) It is gratifying to see so many Masons deeply appreciate their recognition by the Grand Commandery for their many years of service to Masonry."



### Sir Knight Anson V. Grable

Grand Commander  
Kansas



### Sir Knight Paul W. Alexander

Grand Commander  
Oklahoma

Sir Knight J. T. Sanders was born December 11, 1911, at Murchison, Texas. He and his wife, Martha, reside at 4701 Avenue R½, Galveston, Texas. He holds a LL.B. degree and is a member of the Board of Elders of Central Christian Church of Galveston.

Sir Knight Sanders is presently serving as Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 31-B of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and is a member of the Masonic Relations Committee of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of Eastern Star.

Sir Knight Sanders has received other Masonic honors, which are as follows: Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, York Rite Esoteric Association of Texas, York Rite College No. 14 of Texas, and Grand Cross of Color of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. He is a member of Scottish Rite Bodies in Galveston and has served as Wise Master Chapter of Knight of Rose Croix and other offices in the Scottish Rite Bodies. He is a member of the Shrine and Eastern Star.

A Four State Conclave of Knights Templar has been held in Texarkana, Texas, for the past three years. It is composed of Grand Commanderies of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Approximately 250 Knights Templar usually attend this outstanding conclave and it is agreed that it helps to strengthen Templary in those four states. This year it is to be the South Central Department Conclave.

Sir Knight Paul W. Alexander, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma became a Mason in 1941, being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Oriental Lodge No. 430 of Muskogee on May 28 of that year. He received all the degrees of York Rite in the same year; being exalted in Muskogee Chapter No. 3 on October 19; greeted in Muskogee Council No. 2 on November 11 and received the degree of Super Excellent Master on April 30, 1948. He was knighted in Muskogee Commandery No. 2 on November 10, 1941. Sir Knight and Companion Alexander has served all the York Rite Bodies as a presiding officer; the Chapter as High Priest in 1960; the Council as Illustrious Master in 1961; and the Commandery in 1955 as Eminent Commander. He was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine on May 22, 1942 and served Bedouin Temple in Muskogee as Illustrious Potentate in 1963. He is a member of McAlester Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and is a charter member of the Prince of Peace Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. His motto for his year as Grand Commander is "LET'S COME ALIVE IN 1965."



### Sir Knight J. T. Sanders

Grand Commander  
Texas

## Campaign Initiated For Life Sponsors To K. T. Eye Foundation — 10 Percent Quota

*General Order No. 8*

When the Grand Encampment inaugurated the Knights 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. The Constitution of the Grand Encampment says that our mission is the surgical treatment and hospitalization:

“. . . of 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 June 14, 1965, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation had processed 9,244 applications for surgery and hospitalization, of which approximately 8,744 had been approved and had their eyesight saved or restored. As of June 14, 1965, we had expended \$2,723,339.52 for the cost of surgery and hospitalization. In addition we had expended \$500,000.00 for research into the cause of diseases that bring about blindness.

We have long since realized that the one dollar 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 June 14, 1965, we had 4,302 Life Sponsors.

At the recent Grand Master's Conference of the Grand Encampment it was decided to launch a Campaign to increase the number of Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The quota was set at 10% of the members of each Grand Commandery and each Subordinate Commandery to become Life Sponsors. In order to meet this quota there would be a total of 39,000 Life Sponsors throughout the Grand Encampment. As 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 everyday life through this great humanitarian charity.

**ACCORDINGLY, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER AND AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED,** I hereby proclaim that there shall be a systematic and determined Campaign conducted throughout the Grand Encampment, in every Grand Commandery and in every Subordinate Command-

ery to increase the number of Life Sponsors so as to reach the Life Sponsor quota of 10% of the total members of each Grand Commandery and each Subordinate Commandery.

This Campaign shall be conducted by each respective Grand Commander under the supervision of the Department Commander of his Department. Each Grand Commander shall have the power, as well as the responsibility to see that this Campaign is successfully concluded in his Jurisdiction at the earliest possible time, commensurate with the importance of this task to the future of our great Order of Knighthood.

To this end, I hereby direct that the Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation shall furnish to each Grand Commander within the next 30 days the names and addresses of each present Life Sponsor; also, that the Executive Director shall furnish the name and address of each additional Life Sponsor to each respective Grand Commander at the end of each month thereafter throughout the duration of this Campaign. I further direct that the same procedure shall be followed with respect to each Subordinate Commandery. This Life Sponsor Campaign shall continue until the quota of each Grand Commandery and each Subordinate Commandery is reached, provided: That as rapidly as a Grand Commandery or a Subordinate Commandery shall have reached its quota a suitable certificate showing the date of such accomplishment shall be awarded by the Grand Master, to be issued under the seal of the Grand Encampment and forwarded to such Grand Commandery and Subordinate Commandery for its perpetual records.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Detroit, Michigan, this 16th day of June, A. D. 1965.

Courteously,

WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand Master  
JOHN TEMPLE RICE, Grand Recorder

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL REDEDICATION

*Dear Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for the splendor of the Summer Season. Open our eyes to the wonder of Thy creation that we may constantly see how greatly Thou hast blessed us. We are grateful for the blessings of knighthood that the past has put into our hands. We earnestly desire to be worthy of this heritage. Help us as Sir Knights to lead toward an authentic spiritual recovery in our homes and churches and communities. Cause us to realize that nothing is impossible when men have faith. Send us forth with firmness in the right. Give us the courage*

*to carry the flame of Christian love in our day that warmth may be kindled in hearts made cold by fear or sin. May our armor be truth and zeal and our feet be shod with the Gospel of peace. We pray that the growing influence of Christ's truth may become world-wide, and that people now in darkness and superstition may find the Light of the World.*

*Bless our beloved land, and may we as Christian Knights do our full part to elevate her standards, carry out her laws, develop her character, and establish peace and good will among men. We ask it in the name of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

—Dr. Howard Towne, G.P.

**OFFICIAL REPORT****York Rite Commission On Unity****By BRUCE HUNT, Secretary**

The latest meeting of the York Rite Commission on Unity was held at Chicago, Illinois, June 18 and 19, 1965. So important was this meeting that it was attended by General Grand High Priest William F. Clark, General Grand Master Donald D. Boudeman, and Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker—the three titular heads of York Rite Masonry. It should be emphasized that these three national Masonic leaders not only remained throughout the two-day meeting, but participated actively in the deliberations which came before it.

As is its custom, the commission carefully reviewed all work accomplished since its inception in 1963. The two important objectives established at the outset of the commission's work—long range and short range—continued to hold top priority in the minds of those present.

It is apparent that the several "short range" objectives presented to the York Rite Craft through the national heads of the organization have been received with enthusiasm almost without exception. Several jurisdictions have adopted progressive programs in the interest of York Rite Unity that far exceed the suggestions made by the commission. Certain other jurisdictions have adopted a more conservative attitude toward them. None has expressed opposition to a unified approach to a stronger York Rite of Freemasonry. The short range objectives, therefore, appear to have been realized to the point where attention should be transferred to the next step along the road to complete York Rite Unity. Brothers Clark, Boudeman and Brucker concurred in this be-

lief, and urged a finalization of certain long range plans.

This urgency for implementation of the so called "long range planning," brought forth certain reports concerning technical points of concern to all York Rite Freemasons. These were considered and requested to be finalized by the next meeting of the commission, probably not later than January, 1966. If they are adopted by the commission at that time, they will then be referred to the three national heads for their consideration.

It was noted that certain jurisdictions have adopted resolutions which not only indicate their willingness, but their desire, to consolidate the three bodies of the rite into one strong and effective York Rite of Freemasonry. Others approach unity by holding their annual meetings together, or as closely together, as their laws will permit. It was also noted that it is becoming more popular to issue the three annual proceedings under one cover, under the heading, "York Rite of Freemasonry." These and many other indications of a desire for greater unity are manifestly worthy of special attention.

The commission now directs its entire attention to the finalization of workable plans to unite the three bodies into one strong York Rite of Freemasonry. When these plans are completed, they will be submitted through the usual channels before being presented to the Craft generally. All must be done carefully and democratically, and while there is a recognized need for urgency, nothing must be done im-

pulsively and without just determination of its true value.

It is believed that certain jurisdictions are waiting for a workable plan to unify the York Rite. Others will consider it and eventually adopt it, while it will be cast aside by others. If it has real merit the plan will eventually bring together a long separated York Rite, which has experienced difficulty through the years retaining its position as a true Masonic Rite of Freemasonry.

The actual mechanics of the many phases of these plans for unification cannot be proposed until after further study and research and until the national leaders of the rite have approved them. It should be firmly stressed that in all that has been done and in all that will be accomplished by the York Rite Commission on Unity, complete harmony must be attained through the democratic processes that have characterized the Rite from its very beginning.

## In Memoriam

### California

Robert Brainerd Gaylord, Jr.,  
G.C., 1957—June 13, 1965

### Indiana

Marvin Miller Foulke, G.C., 1960  
—June 4, 1965

### Kentucky

Milford Purdy, G.C., 1953—June  
24, 1965

### Maine

Frank Everett Fleming, G.C.,  
1937—June 29, 1965

### Minnesota

Adolph Martin Loeken, G.C.,  
1953—June 7, 1965

### New York

Earl Leo Eaton, G.C., 1950—  
July 7, 1965

### North Carolina

Levon Mardiros Oglukian, G.C.,  
1965—June 26, 1965

### West Virginia

Dudley Edgar Cruise, G.G., 1965  
—May 25, 1965

The effectiveness of the Grand Master's filmed address, "Christians Awake," is indicated in a note received from Sir Knight Thomas MacGowan, Eminent Commander of Lewistown Commandery No. 26, Pennsylvania. After showing the 16 minute film to the Sir Knights and their ladies in June, MacGowan wrote:

*"What a wonderful message to guide our thoughts and actions as we close for the summer. May we ponder these words during the next two months and revitalize our efforts when we again convene in September."*

"Christians Awake," a 16 mm sound film, is available upon request to the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, Paul Rodenhauer, c/o WGAL-TV, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The only cost is the return Parcel Post shipping charge.

## Iowa: 101st Conclave

Returning to Templar Park, the Templar-owned resort hotel on Spirit Lake, after its Centennial celebration in Cedar Rapids, the Grand Commandery of Iowa again enjoyed its unusual and extended annual conclave, June 22-25 inclusive. The four morning sessions of the Iowa conclave are supplemented by a variety of activities, including instructions, conferences, receptions, parties, the evening retreat parades, a fun night, fish-fries, and the informal fellowship of long-time friends.

Important legislation included a special assessment for three years to finance co-hosting of the 1970 Triennial Conclave with another jurisdiction which has the facilities lacking in Iowa. There is no city in Iowa which can contain the conclave, but the Iowa Knights want a part in entertaining the Grand Encampment when their member, D. G. M. John L. Crofts, may be presiding.

Iowa eliminated the "waiting-period" on petitions, enlarged their Patriotic Activities program to include Civic Activities, authorized dual membership either within Iowa or in an Iowa Commandery and one in another jurisdiction, provided for the distribution of Rituals, and made important decisions leading to closer coordination with Chapter and Council programs.

The new Grand Commander is Claude K. Bradley of Temple Commandery, Des Moines. Elected Grand Recorder to replace his father, P. G. C. Emil J. Biasi, was C. George Biasi, popular P. C. of Siloam Commandery, Dubuque. The office address remains as before.

Donald E. Wolfe of Mt. Pleasant was advanced to Deputy Grand Commander. Because of a vacancy in the line, two new dais officers



**CLAUDE K. BRADLEY**

were elected, E. Russell Graham of Cedar Rapids as Grand Generalissimo, and Herbert Schwandt of Sioux City to the office of Grand Captain General.

Of special interest to Iowa Templars and many others is action taken on the special report of C. George Biasi, which is expected to result in a major program of modernization and improvements at the Iowa Templar Pride, Templar Park.

Long-time honorary member in Iowa, Department Commander Glenne R. McArthur, represented Grand Master Brucker, and the Deputy Grand Master was also present as a voting member.

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CONGRATULATIONS is in order for the Grand Commandery of *North Dakota* with a net gain in membership of 105 and *Nevada* with a net gain of 52 Sir Knights.



## From Our Readers

### MAINE TEMPLARS OBSERVE ST. JOHNS DAY

In an effort to boost Strathglass Commandery No. 21 in particular and York Rite Masonry in general, the annual St. Johns Day observance was held on June 19, 1965, in the Town of Rumford, Maine.

About 300 Sir Knights in uniform marched in a parade which included the heads of all York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies and the Potentates of both Anah Temple and Kora Temple.

Following the parade all Sir Knights journeyed to Rumford stadium where a smorgasbord style banquet was served under a huge tent. Music was furnished continually both during and after the meal.

While the men were thus entertained, the ladies were treated to a luncheon at the Hotel Harris followed by a fashion show, shopping tours and a trip to Andover to visit Telstar.

All agreed this was an outstanding event in Maine Templar history.

By **William A. Vincent, Corr.**

*Oklahoma* is planning a York Rite Festival for October 29-30, 1965, on the Consistory stage at Guthrie, Oklahoma, class to honor our P.G.C., Sir Knight John I. Taylor, who died the morning of our final session at Lawton. They are shooting for a class of 500, minimum. Work will start at 1:00 p.m., the 29th, with the Mark Master, all Degrees and Orders will be conferred (none communicated), but will probably use the new Ruberic's adopted at Philadelphia for the Red Cross and Order of the Temple. Hope that you may be

in this area at that time, and will be able to visit us.

**Frederick J. Smith, Corr.**

Robert A. Bruce, P.G.C., of *North Carolina* and Correspondent advises that it was necessary to hold a special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina on July 12 at which time Morris E. Burrington was installed as Grand Commander, Wallace Jackson as Deputy Grand Commander, and Robert L. Hall, as Grand Generalissimo. This action was occasioned by the death of Levon M. Oglukian who was installed as Grand Commander on March 8. Sir Knight Oglukian had served as Grand Commander for less than 4 months and had been most active in his work in having visited each of the ten divisions of the State during that time. The Grand Jurisdictions will miss this devoted and tireless worker.

### MOBILE COMMANDERY NO. 2 PARTICIPATES IN OPEN AIR RAISING

On June 5, 1965, at 7:00 p.m., Mobile Commandery No. 2's Blue Lodge Degree Team conferred the M.M. Degree in an open air meeting with Satsuma Lodge No. 899, F. & A. M., acting as Host Lodge. It was a great event and an opportunity to observe unity in action. Mobile Commandery had joined hands, so to speak, with a Blue Lodge to promote Masonic unity. All Blue Lodges in Mobile and surrounding counties were invited to attend this most unusual event. The attendance was wonderful; also several other Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Plans are to make this an annual affair.

**Wm. F. Atchison, P.C.**



### COLOR GUARD

A feature of the opening ceremonies of the 44th Annual International High Twelve Convention held in Kansas City, *Kansas* on June 27-30 was the presentation of the U. S. Colors by a color guard from Ivanhoe Commandery of Kansas City.

This is probably the first time in the history of the High Twelve International Organization that the Colors were presented and posted in such a manner.

It was largely through the efforts of K. Maynard Curtis, Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, and President of the Kansas City High Twelve Club that this presentation was made.

From C. H. McGill, Commander of DeMolay Commandery, Decatur, *Alabama*, we have a report that on May 20 they completed the Degree work on a class of 22 candidates which had started the Chapter work on March 25. The work was conferred on the regular Stated Conclave.

Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, of Fitchburg, *Mass.* observed its 100th Anniversary May 15-16. A history of the 100 years of the Commandery, a program, and other appropriate material were printed in a very attractive commemorative booklet dedicated to Charles E. Booth, P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of *Mass.* and R. I. Wallace Wazal is Commander of Jerusalem Commandery.

Congratulations to J. Fairbairn Smith, P.G.H.P., and the Committee on York Rite Co-Operation of the Grand Commandery of *Michigan*, on the very excellent York Rite promotional pamphlet "The Great Saga of the York Rite of Freemasonry." Anyone wishing a sample copy of this for the purpose of guidance in preparing similar York Rite booklets, should contact Abner C. Sager, 1863 Glendale, Saginaw, *Michigan*.



The above Sir Knights have the honor of being knighted on June 16 in the York Rite Class at St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3 at Grand Forks, *North Dakota*, in which three P.G.C.'s and the present Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery participated. The P.G.C.'s were Dr. Harry Tisdale, Elof A. Erickson, and Fred H. Goldstone. Fred C. Newland is Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery.

**ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, PRESENTED OUTSTANDING TELEVISION PROGRAM PRIOR TO GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE.** (From Report of Publicity Committee of Grand Commandery of Michigan at Grand Commandery Conclave, June 3-5.)

"We had ample opportunity on the evening of Thursday, June 3, to see the local Public Relations Committee in action when a full half-hour television program was televised between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. over station WKNX-TV.

The TV presentation was arranged by Past Commanders Fred E. Braun, A. Leslie Gould, and Judge Emmett Robinson and the very effective beginning consisted of the waving of the Grand Commandery banner to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Following that was a program moderated by Past Grand Commander R. Dewey Stearns and a word drama depicting Chivalric Masonry in action was unfolded by Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and Abner C. Sager, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan. A full description of the structure of Templary and the fact that it represents nearly 400,000 Christian Freemasons was amply stressed during

the program, as were the major benevolences of the Grand Encampment and the constituent Grand Commanderies.

A complete word painting of the dramatic work being performed by the Templar Eye Foundation was given by Grand Master Brucker and during an earlier part of the program he also presented the tremendous work of the Templar Educational Foundation since its beginning in 1923. Since then thousands of students have benefitted from almost \$25,000,000 which has been used to see that worthy students were able to complete college educations.

Grand Commander Sager gave a careful outline of the structure of Templary beginning at the local level and proceeding to the state and national levels.

This committee can surely state that this is the best televised program yet presented specifically outlining the functions of Templar Masonry both from the administrative standpoint and the organization's work in behalf of the country and struggling humanity."

Yes, we did produce a near perfect Republic. But will they keep it, or will they, in the enjoyment of plenty, lose the memory of freedom. Material abundance without character is the surest way to destruction.—Thomas Jefferson.

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As the Cross is the symbol of the Christian's faith, so is the Flag of the United States the badge of the American's political faith.

And as the Sign of the Cross is to the Christian a religious sacramental, so is the salute to the Flag the American's sacramental.

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