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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.

## THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

For centuries the word "teacher" and "scholar" have been terms of highest honor. When Nickodemus, the rich young ruler, sought out Jesus, he said to the Master in deepest reverence: "We know that Thou art a teacher come from God \* \* \*."

Early civilizations paid homage to such teachers as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and Gamaliel. In those days it was the dream of a lifetime to study under a prominent Preceptor and to become known as a "scholar." Originally this privilege was reserved only to the wealthy and the "Landed Gentry," but with the settling of the American Continent, there came a surge of young

people who were determined to get an education, no matter how little their resources, or how difficult the effort.

In a spirit of Christian brotherhood, the Knight Templar Educational Foundation was launched in 1922 to help worthy students complete their education. The fund was created by transferring \$100,000 from the Knight Templar Permanent Fund, augmented by an assessment of \$1.00 per year levied upon each Knight Templar for 9 years. Thus was established the first program sponsored by any fraternal organization in the United States to assist young people to get an education—and this has been going on continuously ever since—for 43 years! As of December 31, 1964, this revolving fund amounted to \$5,366,440.52—and as of that date 48,321 students had been assisted in completing their education and \$18,359,387.00 had been loaned to individual students.

In today's world, young people consider that higher education is a "must." Competition in the modern era is keen. Success depends largely on having the necessary education. It is significant in these days of huge Government grants of money, that there is still a healthy breed of young Americans who will apply for a loan "to help themselves" and to pay back the loan so that some other worthy young student may have a similar chance. The Grand Encampment is proud of its record in this field, but prouder still of the thousands of men and women all over the country who have obtained a student loan from our Educational Foundation and have made good in business or the professions, and have become fine God-fearing citizens. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar salutes them and will continue to help other needy Americans who are ready to struggle to complete their education.

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## What It Is — How It Works

In 1922 the Grand Encampment launched the Knights Templar Educational Foundation with these words:

*"We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to put into effect a plan which will provide educational advantages for the youth of our beloved Country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better citizens of this Republic."*

Knights Templar may be proud that we were the first fraternal order to establish a program to assist needy young men and women to complete a higher education. The money was raised by transferring \$100,000 from our Permanent Fund, augmented by a levy upon each Knight Templar of one dollar per year for nine years. As of December 31, 1964, loans have been made to 58,458 individual students in the total amount of \$18,550,198.62. At the present time the funds of the Foundation amount to more than \$5 million, and they are invested in student loans to the extent of approximately 69 percent. During the years 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation made a total of 7,157 loans aggregating \$3,829,892.94. This proud record will stand up favorably when compared with any similar project anywhere.

As can be readily observed, this Educational Foundation is a giant

revolving fund of about \$5,000,000, whereby new applicants can participate in getting a loan as soon as the money is paid back by previous recipients.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation publishes its general rules in a pamphlet called "Regulations and Standard Practice." Among these — (1) "Loans may be granted for vocational, professional training, advanced degree or post graduate work upon written approval of the majority of the Division (state) Committee; (2) the maximum loan will be \$1,550.00 when one scholastic year is required to complete the course, \$750 per year when two scholastic years are required to complete the course, \$750 each of last two years, when three or four years are required to complete the course; (3) loans shall be evidenced by a negotiable note and agreement for the amount loaned bearing interest at the minimum rate of 4% per annum from a time not later than the date of graduation or leaving college; (4) each applicant shall be carefully and thoroughly investigated by the Committee or Constituent Commandery Committee; (5) minimum repayments shall be 10% during the first year after the date of graduation, 20% during the second year, 30% during the third year, and 40% during the fourth year.

The Grand Encampment Committee says, "It is recommended and urged that each Constituent Commandery appoint a committee of not less than three from its

membership, for the purpose of acting in a liaison capacity between the State Committee and the local Commandery. This committee should cooperate in all matters pertaining to the Foundation in their community. They should publicize the policies of the Foundation, furnish information on eligibility of applicants, and assist in making investigations." To this official language, we would add these practical suggestions:

The local committee should be composed of members who have active and sympathetic contacts with young people within the Commandery jurisdiction, especially with DeMolay and other Masonic related groups. Information should go to school officials, our own members, and other Masonic bodies. The local committee should have in hand the basic application form and be ready to assist any worthy student in its preparation, and to make at the same time such primary local investigation as might be desired by the State Committee, thus expediting the loan process. In the event that repayment might later become delinquent, the local committee should assist the Division Committee as might be useful.



Sir Knight James M. Caviness, P.G.C.  
Chairman  
Grand Encampment Committee  
Educational Foundation

Sir Knight James M. Caviness was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Committee in April, 1931. He has been Chairman of this Committee since 1949. He was placed on the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee in September, 1949, and was appointed Chairman in August, 1955.

### A PRAYER FOR KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

*Our gracious Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the issues of life, in whose mind is the control of the world, and in whose heart is the love that passeth our understanding, we beseech Thee to hear our intercession for our companions as they strive to live as Christian Knights, to support the weak and aged, to help young men become stalwart, to assist every*

*agency that works for peace and decency in the community and to aid the forces of law and order build in our midst a Country that shall become more and more a watch-word for freedom, righteousness and honest dealing in this confused and troubled world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

AMEN

*Dr. Herbert Beecher Hudnut, D.D.  
Woodward Avenue Presbyterian  
Church, Detroit, Michigan*

## TESTIMONIALS OF APPRECIATION

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM JUST A FEW OF MANY LETTERS RECEIVED FROM TIME TO TIME FROM STUDENT BORROWERS EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE LOANS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THEM:

**From an attorney:**

"Please find enclosed my check which is to pay the balance of the money I borrowed from your organization to attend Law School. I now have a private practice of law and can say that I believe that my future looks very bright. Words cannot express how much I appreciate your organization and what it has done for me. School years were tough and meager but with your assistance we made the grade. After all, isn't that the American way? Incidentally, recently I received the most high honor of becoming a Knight Templar. Many, many thanks."

**From the Dean of Women of one of our senior colleges:**

"I never fill out one of these recommendations for the Knights Templar Educational Foundation without realizing all over again how important the Foundation was to me when I was struggling to get an education. I take this opportunity to say again, 'I do thank you for all of your help.'"

**From an electrical engineer:**

"Enclosed please find a check for the last payment on my note made several years ago. I wish to thank you for the way you have handled this loan and certainly appreciate all you have done for me. Without this loan my college education would not have been possible. The Knights Templar Educational Foundation is a credit to our state and country, and it is hoped that some day a donation from myself to your organization can be made."

**From a secretary:**

"My husband and I want to tell you how much we appreciate the wonderfully helpful and fair way in which the Foundation does business. Not only have its principles earned the gratitude of those it has helped, but other members of the business world have come to look up to it as well. A friend of mine recently considering applying for a loan, asked her banker for his opinion. He without hesitation told her that there were no better people to deal with anywhere. Thank you very much."

**From Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa:**

"I just want to thank you for the thing you helped me to do. I have in hand a Certificate of Honorary Membership; I am now a medical missionary and thanks to you I am doing a great deal more good than I could possibly have done in the States. We have a 44-bed hospital, leper colony and large out-patient department. Thanks again."

**From a physician:**

"This note is to express to you and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation my sincere thanks for your kind assistance in lending me money which greatly helped me in school, and in allowing me to pay it back over the past several years in small amounts. I really appreciate all your efforts on my account, and am deeply grateful to the Foundation for making this money available to me when I needed it so much but could not otherwise obtain it. May God bless and reward your efforts of service. If I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on me."

**From an IBM Corporation employee:**

"I would like to express my sincere and deep appreciation to the Foundation for the assistance you have provided me. Without this help the possibility of completing my degree at the time I did would have remained doubtful. I received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas in August, 1959. At present I am a member of the staff of the IBM Corporation Executive Development School in New York. Both of these accomplishments, I feel, are directly due to the assistance I was able to obtain from the K. T. Foundation. If at any time I am in a position to make a contribution to the Foundation or to a similar foundation for assistance to students, I shall hope to do so. I am personally convinced that student loans, rather than scholarships, are the best answer to the problems we are facing of financing education at higher levels."

# STATEMENT OF CONDITION

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

JANUARY 1, 1964 TO DECEMBER 31, 1964

### NORTH ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT

John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Commander

	Total Assets	No. of Loans	Amount Loaned	Cash & Securities
Connecticut .....	\$ 101,092.56	8	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 83,894.65
District of Columbia .....	60,459.09	5	3,500.00	28,317.67
Maine .....	140,648.11	45	24,150.00	36,363.69
Maryland .....	69,682.67	4	2,000.00	61,328.53
Massachusetts & Rhode Island ....	253,086.69	117	50,966.00	62,327.71
New Hampshire .....	40,079.91	7	6,050.00	4,396.47
New Jersey .....	74,827.64	12	11,000.00	36,286.00
New York .....	399,331.12	151	86,200.00	118,525.99
Pennsylvania .....	511,386.74	192	79,560.00	167,073.22
Vermont .....	35,898.72	11	6,440.00	7,967.73
	\$1,686,493.25	552	\$273,676.00	\$ 606,482.46

### NORTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

Samuel J. Chapman, Department Commander

Colorado .....	\$ 53,333.24	9	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,371.36
Idaho .....	35,872.65	13	8,900.00	5,652.40
Montana .....	38,617.36	8	5,400.00	7,117.93
Oregon .....	37,676.25	10	7,000.00	7,570.00
Washington .....	46,496.01	9	5,900.00	16,762.13
Wyoming .....	23,857.99	6	4,250.00	1,247.10
	\$ 235,853.50	55	\$ 35,950.00	\$ 47,720.92

### SOUTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

Robert M. Rewick, Department Commander

Arizona .....	\$ 10,480.54	1	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,831.03
California .....	159,205.79	40	30,000.00	3,061.46
Nevada .....	25,512.79	1	500.00	11,765.85
New Mexico .....	26,160.65	2	1,500.00	3,330.65
Utah .....	10,888.12	2	1,455.00	2,133.02
	\$ 232,247.89	46	\$ 34,205.00	\$ 22,122.01

### SOUTH EASTERN DEPARTMENT

William Melvin White, Department Commander

Alabama .....	\$ 71,540.06	12	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 30,446.98
Florida .....	31,266.42	12	11,000.00	11,460.58
Georgia .....	118,114.92	35	20,366.68	26,732.06
Mississippi .....	28,781.86	2	825.00	7,785.32
North Carolina .....	79,942.36	11	7,000.00	30,597.76
South Carolina .....	43,954.24	23	12,285.00	11,076.40
Tennessee .....	58,380.24	8	5,075.00	40,973.53
Virginia .....	100,354.07	41	28,800.00	8,049.90
	\$ 532,334.17	144	\$ 89,401.68	\$ 167,122.53

**SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT**

Harvey C. Byrd, Department Commander

	Total Assets	No. of Loans	Amount Loaned	Cash & Securities
Arkansas .....	\$ 38,359.75	12	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 17,226.33
Kansas .....	148,270.55	10	3,800.00	106,833.25
Louisiana .....	37,871.51	8	6,784.00	21,303.51
Oklahoma .....	108,463.11	45	16,669.00	54,023.80
Missouri .....	249,426.00	72	40,365.55	107,096.56
Texas .....	233,673.30	171	80,693.00	7,220.38
	<b>\$ 816,064.22</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>\$152,711.55</b>	<b>\$ 313,703.83</b>

**EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT**

Virgil Fletcher Kent, Department Commander

Indiana .....	\$ 197,399.31	59	\$ 48,250.00	\$ 54,708.32
Kentucky .....	84,867.66	43	19,946.40	26,701.57
Michigan .....	164,917.14	79	61,210.00	7,575.99
Ohio .....	452,884.85	222	82,991.00	69,486.51
West Virginia .....	69,364.14	27	13,060.00	19,119.18
	<b>\$ 969,433.10</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>\$225,457.40</b>	<b>\$ 177,591.57</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT**

Glenn Roy McArthur, Department Commander

Illinois .....	\$ 383,444.91	70	\$ 54,450.00	\$ 193,968.32
Iowa .....	140,425.42	76	57,800.00	2,766.10
Minnesota .....	98,466.74	4	3,750.00	49,282.77
Nebraska .....	48,096.92	6	4,550.00	6,354.65
North Dakota .....	24,249.21	3	1,500.00	17,399.66
South Dakota .....	50,436.63	10	4,400.00	19,541.63
Wisconsin .....	139,568.24	44	37,300.00	14,424.68
	<b>\$ 884,688.07</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>\$163,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 303,737.81</b>

**SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES**

St. John's Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware .....	\$ 14,411.27	2	\$ 570.00	\$ 13,841.27
Honolulu Commandery No. 1 .....	3,513.56			1,413.56
Canal Zone No. 1 .....	7,260.08			5,910.08
Anchorage Commandery No. 2 .....	647.53			647.53
Havana No. 1 (inactive) .....	1,667.51	(held by G.E.)		1,522.61
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,384,614.15</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>\$975,721.63</b>	<b>\$1,661,816.18</b>

With renewed emphasis on the purpose of this fund and with college and university enrollments increasing steadily each year, it would seem that each Knight Templar could work with renewed vigor toward keeping this fund active. By such action more deserving students may benefit by securing college degrees in the manner intended when this fund was inaugurated in 1922.

**KEEPING THIS FUND ACTIVE IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH KNIGHT TEMPLAR TO TAKE AS HIS OWN PERSONAL PROJECT THE CREATION OF MORE INTEREST AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FACTS CONCERNING THIS FUND IN HIS OWN AREA.**

The Committee of the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment is composed of the following:

- Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, M.E. Grand Master
- Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., R.E. Deputy Grand Master
- Sir Knight John Temple Rice, R.E. Grand Recorder (ex-officio)
- Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy, P.G.C. of Ohio
- Sir Knight Raymond D. Douglass, P.G.C. of Mass. & R. I.
- Sir Knight James B. Enochs, P.G.C. of Minnesota
- Sir Knight James M. Caviness, P.G.C. of Texas

## **Grand Commanders Ordered To Report On Inactive Commanderies**

### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 10**

Tens of thousands of loyal Knights Templar all over the country have become "membership-conscious" in the past year and are working harder than ever to strengthen and increase the membership of their Commanderies. In one Department of the Grand Encampment, which embraces 8 States, 7 have shown a membership increase, and that Department had a net membership gain of 940 this past year. All of our Departments have conducted Work-Shops at which Grand Commandery line officers, Past Grand Commanders and Committee Chairmen have worked hard to launch programs to stimulate enthusiasm in every part of our organization. We have all the indications of a membership gain, including a winning spirit and morale.

However, the sincere efforts of all these dedicated Knights Templar are being nullified and cancelled by the loss of membership in a few Constituent Commanderies which seem coldly indifferent and half-hearted about the important business of Templary. This attitude is grossly unfair to those Knights Templar who are giving unselfishly of their time and effort to bring success to our Christian cause. In short, the fine record of thousands of dedicated Templars to enlist recruits under our banner and to increase our membership, is being literally ruined by a relatively few Constituent Commanderies, who continually ignore all reasonable plans, programs and even personal requests to become active in the worthwhile work of our Christian Order of Knighthood.

When confronted with blight in a fruit tree, the prudent husbandman will not sit idle, but will stand ready to prune some of the branches in order to save the rest of the tree from destruction. It is high time that we took drastic steps to solve this problem of inactive Commanderies and to assist in rejuvenating any delinquent Commandery which shows a bona fide desire to recognize the seriousness of its responsibility and is willing to go to work.

**THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER AND AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED,** I hereby direct that a systematic program of rejuvenation shall be undertaken in each Grand Commandery to conduct an Investigation of each Constituent Commandery which has not knighted a candidate in the Order of The Temple during the past two years or more. This Investigation shall be conducted under the direct supervision of each Grand Commander within 30 days from the receipt of this Order, and a written Report shall be made by the Grand Commander to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on or before September 15, 1965, supplying the following information:

1. Name, number and address of each Constituent Commandery which has not knighted a candidate in the Order of The Temple during the past two or more years, and the name and address of the Eminent Commander and Recorder of such Commandery.
2. Whether any conclaves of such Commandery have been held within that period, and if so, how many.
3. Whether such Commandery has been inspected during such period



and, if so, by whom, giving the name, title and address of such Inspecting Officer.

4. Whether such Commandery is in default in any of its financial obligations to its Grand Commandery and, if so, in what respect.
5. Whether in the opinion of the Grand Commander, such Commandery can be rejuvenated.
6. Whether in the opinion of the Grand Commander, such Commandery should be merged with some other Commandery.
7. Whether in the opinion of the Grand Commander, such Commandery should have its Charter suspended until it gives satisfactory evidence of a sincere desire to get to work as an active Commandery.
8. Whether in the opinion of the Grand Commander, such Commandery is beyond rejuvenation and should have its Charter revoked.

The Department Commanders of the respective Departments of the Grand Encampment will offer their cooperation to the Grand Commander in carrying out this Order, but in no event shall the written Report of any Grand Commander to the Grand Master be delayed beyond September 15, 1965.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Detroit, Michigan, this 26th day of July, A.D. 1965. A.O. 847.

COURTEOUSLY,

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

### **“CHRISTIANS AWAKE” TO BE SHOWN IN TOKYO**

*Tokyo, Japan* will be one of a dozen or more localities to see “Christians Awake” during the month of September. Grand Master Brucker’s filmed address has had wide circulation since the first official showing at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri on May 14. However, the September 11 showing for Tokyo Commandery No. 1 will be the first booking beyond the continental United States.

The booking for Tokyo was arranged with the Grand Encampment’s by Sir Knight Clifford C. Topliff, P.G.C.

The film, featuring a 16-minute factual and inspirational address by the Most Eminent Grand Master, is available for Templar use upon request. Write Paul C. Rodenhauer, 1134 Manor Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512.

### **“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”**

*Florida* is highly pleased with the effect of their Grand Inspector General in making inspections and conducting schools of instruction. In this capacity, they recognize the yeoman service rendered by Sir Knight *William E. Tanner* since concluding his year as Grand Commander in 1963.

#### **New subscription rates to Knight Templar Magazine:**

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# 66,485 EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT SIR KNIGHTS STAY ALIVE IN '65

## MICHIGAN

. . . over 500 Sir Knights and Ladies literally "walked to Church," with police escort, at Conclave in Saginaw this year.

## INDIANA

. . . competitive drills are tops here. At least 15 teams competed in Conclave this year. Families with small children root for favorites.

## KENTUCKY

. . . is working on 50 new life sponsors for the Eye Foundation per year, for this Triennium.

## WEST VIRGINIA

. . . has activated extensive programs of Eye Foundation sponsorship, membership and public relations this year.

## OHIO

. . . always has a fine parade at their Conclaves. They conferred the Order of the Red Cross on a large class this year, and have launched upon an aggressive program of Eye Sponsorship. One Sir Knight secured 25 in the month of June. How about you?



Virgil F. Kent, P.G.C.

Department Commander  
East Central Department

Sir Knight Virgil F. Kent was born in Florence, Kansas, March 6, 1906, the son of Daniel Lyon and Selma Johnson Kent. He graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas, graduating with a B.S. Degree and in 1930 with a Masters Degree in Science. After graduation he was employed in research for the Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D. C., until 1933 when he entered private business with Concrete Products in Defiance, Ohio.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has been active as a Trustee, Ruling Elder, and member of the Choir. He is active in civic affairs of the City of Defiance and the surrounding community, having served as President of Defiance Rotary Club, Committeeman for Boy Scout Troop, President of Defiance Travelers Club and is active in the Red Cross.

He served as Worshipful Master in 1940; served as head of all the

York Rite Bodies, and Grand Commander of Ohio in 1959; and he is a worker in the Scottish Rite and in 1963 received the 33rd degree.

In describing a thumbnail highlight of the East Central Department, Sir Knight Kent writes:

"The East Central Department has been very active in the field of Drills. We furnished 10 of the 23 teams at the last Triennial. We have always stood high in our subscription quotas for the Knight Templar Magazine.

"Michigan, with a fine gain of 56 members, always has a full afternoon of exhibition drill at their conclaves. This year at Saginaw over 500 Sir Knights and ladies marched right down the center of the street—four abreast, in a line more than two blocks long—to attend Church.

"Indiana also is tops in competitive drills. At least 15 teams competed. Everyone is 'in the act'—with friends and families rooting for their favorites. Indiana, as well as Michigan, always has a very fine street parade to close their conclave.

"Kentucky has voted to shorten the Grand Line to four officers. Kentucky always has had an interest in the Eye Foundation, furnishing 6 percent of the cases for Eye Surgery, and working on a project of 50 new Life Sponsors per year during this Triennial.

"West Virginia had a loss—but only six—this year. West Virginia had launched into a program of Eye Foundation sponsorship in advance of the Grand Master's General Order No. 8.

"Ohio, in spite of the loss of Grand Commander John Rutschow, has rallied under the leadership of the new Grand Commander, Robert Schoedinger. The Grand Officers conferred the Order of the Red Cross upon a large class, expect to repeat the performance shortly. Ohio has an Eye Foundation sponsorship campaign; one Sir Knight secured 25 during the month of June."



**Robert B. Mackey, G.C.**  
Michigan

Sir Knight Mackey was raised a Master Mason February 15, 1930, at East Jordan Lodge No. 379, exalted a Royal Arch Mason September 23, 1932, at Ionia Chapter No. 14, and knighted June 29, 1945 at DeMolai Commandery No. 5, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Grand Commander is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fidelity Corporation of Michigan, a post he has held since April, 1940.

At the 109th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, Sir Knight Mackey's installation, because of a sudden illness, took place in his hotel room. He was installed by the Most Eminent Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker.

Installed at the Conclave to serve as Grand Commandery officers were: Edgar H. Clark, D.G.C.; Frederick G. Kirby, G.G.; Stanley H. Raidle, G.C.G.; Benjamin W. Wise, G.S.W.; Rex R. Brubaker, G.J.W.; Howard R. Towne, G.P.; Fred England, Jr., P.G.C., G.T.; Harold G. Copp, G.R.; Donald M. Krueger, G.St.B.; Maurice L. Johnson, G.Sw.B.; Max L. Clark, G.W.; Harold M. Elwood, G.C. of Gd.



James G. Frey, G.C.

Indiana

James G. Frey was born June 17, 1917 in Vincennes, Indiana. He was raised a Master Mason in Vincennes Lodge No. 1, June 8, 1944, serving as Master in 1956; he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason March 5, 1946 and served as High Priest of Vincennes Chapter No. 7 in 1948-49. He received the Royal and Select Masters degree in Vincennes Council No. 9 July 10, 1946; he was Illustrious Master in 1956-57 and in 1960-61.

Sir Knight Frey was elected Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery at Fort Wayne in May, 1956.

Other Masonic activities and memberships include: Past Patron of Vincennes Chapter No. 291, O.E.S.; Watchman of the Shepherds, Alice Shrine No. 18, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in 1954-55, 1957-58 (his wife, Charlotte, serving as Worthy High Priestess), and again in 1962-63; member Indiana Priory No. 8 and Robert Woods Priory No. 62; member St. Andrew Tabernacle XXXV, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests; member Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Evansville; member Hadi Shrine of Evansville.



Herbert D. Sledd, G.C.

Kentucky

Herbert Davis Sledd was born March 19, 1925 at Paris, Kentucky and now lives at 241 Woodspoint Road, Lexington, with his wife, the former Carolyn Gay McCann, and three children — Mary Miles, 16, Herbert Davis, Jr., 14, and Sarah Gay, 5.

During World War II, Sir Knight Sledd served in the United States Marine Corps.

Sir Knight Sledd took his pre-law college work at the University of Kentucky and was graduated in 1952 from Chicago-Kent College of Law; was admitted to the bar in Kentucky in 1952.

He was presented the first Henry T. Duncan Memorial Award, as the outstanding member of the Fayette County Bar Association for the year 1960. He is now President of the Kentucky State Bar Association.

Sir Knight Sledd is an Elder of the Central Christian Church; a member of the Jaycees, the Kentucky Society Sons of the Revolution, American Legion, University of Kentucky Alumni Association, Spindletop Hall, Lansdowne Club, Lexington Club, Country Club, Optimist Club, and President of the Lexington Pyramid Club.



James I. Carver, G.C.

West Virginia

James Iverson Carver was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on September 30, 1902. He is married to the former Nellie Irene Jamison of Washington County, Maryland.

The Carvers have one daughter and one son, Mrs. Bobbie Kerns, Annandale, Virginia, and James Iverson Carver, 2nd Lt. USAF.

Sir Knight Carver is a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has served as chairman of the board several terms and as Building Fund Treasurer for 32 years. He has also served as Sunday School Secretary for 25 years.

Masonic memberships include the Robert White Lodge No. 67; Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter; and he served as Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 2 in 1950. He is a member of Shenandoah Priory No. 32, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; life member Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour; and Osiris Temple, A.A.O.M.S.



Robert S. Schoedinger, G.C.

Ohio

Robert S. Schoedinger resides in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife, Suzanne. They have two daughters and three grandsons.

Sir Knight Schoedinger is president of Schoedinger & Co., Funeral Directors; vice president and director of the Franklin Federal Savings & Loan, Columbus; president of the Board of Trustees of the Pauline Home for the Aged; and president of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Association, Columbus.

He is a member of the Athletic Club of Columbus, Downtown Optimist Club, Executive's Club of Columbus, and St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church. His hobbies include a home workshop and model railroading.

He was knighted in Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus; served as Eminent Commander in 1950-51 and was installed as Grand Commander on February 27, 1965 to fill the unexpired term of Sir Knight John W. Rutschow.

Other Masonic memberships include: Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus; Aladdin Temple of The Shrine; and St. Jerome Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

## WACO, TEXAS DISTRICT MEETING



**Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (left) receives a \$5,000 check from L. W. Kelly, Eminent Commander of Waco Commandery.**

Waco Commandery No. 10, of Waco, Texas, was the host commandery for a district meeting of District 5 of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas, on Saturday, July 17th when the Mayor of Waco issued a proclamation designating it as Knight Templar Day. Waco Commandery sponsored a picnic starting at 4 P. M. and lasting into the evening with a continuous program from 4 to 6 P. M. It was open to the public and over 1,000 persons were served at the 6 P. M. Bar-b-que.

The high point of the program was the presentation, by L. W. Kelly, Commander of Waco Commandery, of a \$5,000 check to Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Waco Commandery made this donation in appreciation of the wonderful assistance that they have received from the

Knights Templar Eye Foundation in the Waco District.

Immediately after receiving the check, Sir Knight DeLamater gave the principal talk of the afternoon. The audience was so responsive that a spontaneous surge began and over 30 checks for life memberships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation were brought to the speakers stand and presented to Sir Knight DeLamater, along with one Sponsor Check for \$100.

During the ceremonies of the afternoon, Waco Commandery also presented a check for \$500 to the Home of the Aged Masons at Arlington, Texas. The Waco Council presented its check for \$500 to the Home of the Aged Masons, thus making the picnic truly a York Rite Affair.

In attendance at the meeting were Grand Commander J. T. Sanders, and all the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Texas. Also, all the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Officers of Texas were present.

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### In Memoriam

#### California

Noel Wayne Roser, D.G.C., 1965  
—July 17, 1965.

#### Illinois

Charles Hunt Toothe, G.C., 1939  
—July 17, 1965.

#### Michigan

Charles William O'Donnell, G.C.,  
1949—July 18, 1965.

#### Nebraska

Lewis Everett Smith, G.C., 1935  
—July 10, 1965.

## York Commandery Plants Acacia Tree As Part Of 100th Anniversary Observance

In the second of a series of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of York Commandery, an acacia tree was planted on the grounds of York Memorial Osteopathic Hospital.

The York Sir Knights were joined by Sir Knights from Baltimore, Md., for the ceremony.

The tree was presented by Steward L. Rohrbaugh, President of the Past Commanders and Line Officers Association of York Commandery. Accepting the tree for the hospital was Sir Knight David S. Hostler, Administrator of the Hospital. Following the planting of the tree a toast was offered by J. Harry Hoffman, Eminent Commander of York Commandery.

The address by Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C., traced the history of the acacia tree and the Knights Hospitaler and he concluded his address with the following remarks:

"There is a story of a man who once lived in the Holy Land which expresses very well the thought that concern for others helps everyone, including ourselves. This man, named Eliab, had been blessed with many earthly goods and he was also learned in all the wisdom of the East. Still he was full



Paul C. Rodenhauser

of sorrow and wished to die. Then an angel appeared to him and showed him an herb possessed of wonderful powers of healing, but Eliab said: 'What is that to me? I am healthy, but my soul is distressed. It were better for me to die.'

'Take the herb,' said the angel, 'it will do thy heart good. Heal seven sick men with it, and then thou mayest die if thou wilt.' Eliab took the herb and began to seek out misery in its hiding places. He healed seven sick people and he helped the poor with his riches. Then the angel appeared again to him: 'Here is the herb of death,' he said, 'now thou mayest die.'

But Eliab cried out: 'God forbid! I long no more for death, for now I understand the meaning and use of life.'

And may this ceremony today—among Templars and friends, remind us all anew of the meaning and use of OUR lives."



L. to r.: Harry N. Flavell, Jr., representing the hospital; Steward L. Rohrbaugh, P.C. and Line Officers Association; J. Harry Hoffman, C. York Commandery, and Julius A. Houser, Division Commander, Division No. 16.

## *From Our Readers*

### YORK RITE OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES WITH GOVERNOR (SIR KNIGHT) HAYDON BURNS



Pictured above is a portion of the more than 100 Blue Lodge Masons who received Chapter, Council, and Commandery Degrees and Orders at the Statewide Festival sponsored by the Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida and held in Jacksonville on August 6 and 7, 1965. The candidates are shown with York Rite Officers and Governor Haydon Burns, a 25-year Blue Lodge Mason, and a Knight Templar since 1952. The Statewide Festival was the first of its kind held in the 111-year history of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 of Royal Arch Masons. Past Illustrious Grand Master Steve B. Dimond of Palmetto served as Class Director for this event.—(By J. Frank Nettles, P.C. and General Chairman).

William A. Raddon, Past Grand Recorder of Utah, was recently honored by receiving a beautiful emblem denoting **Seventy Years** of Faithful Service for the advance of Freemasonry. This recognition was tendered by West Adams Lodge No. 565 F. & A. M., of California. Sir Knight Raddon was born in Salt Lake City, August 13, 1870, and was made a Master Mason July 13, 1895 at Unitah Lodge No. 7 of Utah.

He was a member of the group of Royal Arch Masons who petitioned the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment for a dispen-

sation to form a Commandery in Park City, Utah, which resulted in the formation of Malta Commandery No. 3 with a membership of 36 men in 1905.

The Grand Commandery was formed in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1910. Sir Knight Raddon was elected Grand Recorder of that body in 1911 and served in that capacity until 1924.

In 1926 he became a member of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 by affiliation where he was presented with a 50-Year Emblem in 1957.

**James F. Raymond, Correspondent**



## LEO C. DIMMER, P.G.C. OF ILLINOIS RECEIVES 50-YEAR RECOGNITION

One of the surprises of Leo reaching this milestone was the fine article by the feature writer, Willard Hansen, in his column "In Perspective" which appeared in the Champaign Sunday paper on August 1st, setting forth the various fraternal, civic, and community activities in which Leo had been active for fifty years. The resolution adopted by Champaign Commandery, which appeared in the article, in part reads as follows:

"We are proud to report he is an active worker for all the Grand Commandery projects, which include the K.T. Eye Foundation, Inc., the Student Loan Foundation, the Home for the Aged and Infirm at Paxton, Ill. Sir Knight Dimmer, having ascended to the summit of our sublime and royal art, is a great strength to the Commandery everywhere, particularly to Champaign No. 68. His wealth of knowledge and experience is always in demand; and of which he gives readily and whole-heartedly at all levels, from the most servile, to the most difficult; to commander, officers, members and candidates."

Illinois now has four P.G.C.'s that have attained 50-year status—Glen F. Coe, Edward A. Glad, Murray A. Stillwaugh, and Leo.

Grand Commander William D. Tucker, of California, is certainly on top of the projects which are being urged by the Grand Encampment. On July 23 he issued General Communication No. 2 to the Department Commanders of the State, Inspectors, and Commanders urging attainment of the quota of subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine, and stating "each Commander will receive a supply

of subscription blanks from our Grand Recorder and we ask that you mail one to each member with your next bulletin." He further requested each Commander to appoint a special committee to obtain subscriptions and each Grand Officer and Inspector to work on this project.

On July 28, Sir Knight Tucker issued General Order No. 5 which was mailed to all Grand Officers, Inspectors, Committeemen, and Recorders outlining a detailed campaign within his Grand Jurisdiction to meet the 10 percent Life Sponsor quota for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

## KIND OF LETTER THE GRAND MASTER LIKES TO RECEIVE

Dear Sir Knight Brucker:

Your letter of July 22, 1965, arrived a few days ago and the contents therein were carefully noted.

Referring to General Order No. 8 I am happy to inform you that Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, K. T. has now 56 Life Sponsors and 1 Patron out of a membership of 71, or 79% participation. This encourages us to try for as close as possible 100% enrollment.

Under the vigorous and enthusiastic drive of Sir Knight Ehrhardt, Chairman of the K. T. Eye Foundation Committee of this Commandery, we also appealed to other Masonic Bodies in this area and are most happy to report total voluntary contributions of \$1,150.00 as following:

Arabian Lodge No. 882	
A.F. & A.M. ....	\$250.00
Arabian Chapter No. 12,	
R.A.M. ....	200.00
Arabian Council No. 7	
R. & S.M. ....	200.00
Arabian Shrine Club .....	200.00
Al Hasa Commandery No.	
1, K.T. ....	300.00

Referring to General Order No. 9 I have appointed Sir Knight James E. Walter as Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee to have charge of the 150th Birthday Celebration here in Saudi Arabia. His address is Aramco Box 165, Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia. Please be assured of the wholehearted support of the Knights Templar in this area to plan and prepare for the celebration of this historic event next year. I am hopeful that some of our Sir Knights may be able to attend the celebration of the Grand Encampment in New York City on June 18, 1966.

Following your recommendations on York Rite Unity I am also pleased to inform you that the York Rite Bodies of Saudi Arabia, Chapter, Council and Commandery, have scheduled a York Rite Festival for September 9 and 10, 1965. The Chapter conferrals will commence at 8 A.M. and will be followed by the Council in the afternoon of Sept. 9. The conferrals for the Orders of Knighthood will begin in the morning of Sept. 10 and to be concluded with the Order of the Temple in the afternoon. We anticipate a class of 24 candidates for the Orders.

With knightly greetings,  
 LaVERGNE L. DeWEESE,  
 Commander.

### MARYLAND CONSTITUTES COMMANDERY

The Grand Commandery of Maryland is not only proud to show a gain in membership for the 1964-65 Templar year but also has constituted a new Commandery.

On Friday, June 4, 1965, York Commandery No. 16 was constituted at Camp Spring, Md. This is the first Commandery constituted in Maryland for forty-two years.

The ceremony was presided over by Grand Commander Frank F.

Smith who was assisted by the other Grand Officers of Maryland.

A public installation of the officers followed the constitution. Those installed were: Commander, Donald E. Cheville; Generalissimo, Berger M. Bankston; Captain General, Edward R. Saunders; Senior Warden, Richard H. Bussell; Junior Warden, William R. Odom; Prelate, S. Flory Diehl; Treasurer, Milton M. Brisco; Recorder, Dean D. Bowman.

The Captain General, Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders is the Grand Master of Masons of Maryland and we feel highly honored that he is taking so active a part in York Rite Masonry.—Albion A. Bailey, P. C., Maryland Commandery No. 1.

### SOUTH CAROLINA TOP GAINER

The membership report of Templary as of July 1, 1965 shows South Carolina heading the list, both as to percentage of gain with a net gain of 6.2% and as to total net gain, 331. Following in order of total net gain are Tennessee 193, Georgia 183, North Carolina 158, and the Subordinate Commanderies 106.

The full list of gaining jurisdictions, by percentages, is as follows: South Carolina, 6.2%; The Philippines, 5.3%; Arizona, 4.5%; Subordinate Commanderies, 3.2%; North Carolina, 2.4%; Arkansas, 2.3%; Tennessee, 2.2%; Nevada, 1.7%; Georgia, 1.6%; Mississippi, 1.2%; Maryland, 1.0%; Florida, 0.6%; Michigan, 0.5%; Nebraska, 0.4%; Wyoming, 0.4%; and Virginia, 0.2%.

Membership losses continue to exceed the gains, but by less margin than in the previous annual report. It is confidently expected that many other jurisdictions will join these winners in the coming year. Membership as of July 1, 1965 stands at 388,428.

# Knight Templar Magazine In Iowa

By JAMES F. MILLIGAN, Correspondent

Iowa is proud of its record subscription rise during 1964-1965, from a low of 20% to a high of 120% of Iowa's quota. I have been requested by Department Commander Glenn MacArthur to write how it was done.

The first step was personal contact at all Commandery schools and inspections where the various commanderies were requested to fulfill the quota of 10% of their membership. In most commanderies this meant only 25 to 30 subscriptions. The next step was to work through the recorders by sending them subscription blanks to be sent to their members with their dues notices, and asking each recorder to be certain that his commandery quota was met. Next the Executive Committee of the Grand Commandery was requested to send one year subscriptions to all Masonic Temple libraries in Iowa and to the larger hospitals in the state. The last step used was to ask commanderies to give a one year subscription to every candidate knighted. Temple Commandery of Des Moines thought so well of this idea that they sent a year's subscription to each man knighted in 1964 as well as to all future newly made knights. Several other commanderies in Iowa are now

sending the magazine to all new knights.

I would like to see the year's subscription to all newly made knights made mandatory. This would mean that we would not only hold our quota where it is but that we might possibly raise it and I feel sure that it would return full value for the money spent in increased interest, enthusiasm, and attendance. From this increase the commanderies would have a better selection of officer material which in turn would mean better commanderies. Everyone benefits from this idea, the magazine, the commandery, and the individual Sir Knight from being better informed.

I repeat: The two things needed are putting a Knight Templar Magazine in every Masonic library and be sure it is kept there and each new knight should receive the magazine for at least one year. This will pay dividends not only to the magazine but to the commanderies.

The life of man is made up of action and endurance; and life is fruitful in the ratio in which it is laid out in noble action or in patient perseverance. —H. P. Liddon

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