GRAND ENCAMPMENT
SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL
NEW YORK
JUNE 18, 1966

Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton
Grand Master
1816-1828

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker
Grand Master
1965-1967

Principal Address by

DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE
WHAT SHALL WE GIVE TEMPLARY ON ITS 150th BIRTHDAY?

Our everlasting thanks are due our stalwart forefathers who founded the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., in New York City in 1816. Christian Masonry existed in the Colonies prior to the American Revolution, but it was Governor DeWitt Clinton and his contemporaries who organized American Templary into the Grand Encampment, thereby launching the long and successful career of our great Order of Knighthood on this Continent. On June 18, 1966, we will celebrate our Sesquicentennial. It is customary to give birthday gifts. What shall we give Templary on its 150th Birthday?

THE GIFT OF SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CLASSES OF CANDIDATES.

If ever there was a significant time to recruit every Christian Mason for Templary, it is now—when we are celebrating our Sesquicentennial. It gives us a unique “talking point” that won’t come again for years and years. Do we fully appreciate what an outstanding event this really is? A Sesquicentennial Birthday Class of Candidates should be formed in every Commandery—of a size that will do justice to such an historic occasion. An opportunity like this comes only once in a lifetime! Every Commandery should plan now—so that it can be proud of its 150th Birthday Class.

THE GIFT OF LIFE SPONSORS FOR THE K. T. EYE FOUNDATION.

We have made a brave start toward our goal of 10%. Let us keep constantly in mind that this is our great humanitarian charity—the work of the Master—to prevent blindness. We will be tested not by words but by deeds when the roll is finally called! What a wonderful Birthday Gift it would be to complete our goal and go over the top!

THE GIFT OF EXPANDING TEMPLARY’S INFLUENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.

Daniel Webster once said: “Whatever makes men good Christians make them good citizens.” One of the secrets of Templary’s marvelous growth has been its wholesome Christian image throughout the country. The very name “Knight Templar” carries prestige. Let us expand our influence and increase our civic contribution beyond the boundaries of our Asylums by greater local citizenship participation and activity to raise the moral tone and ethical level of each community. What a gift this would be for Templary on our Birthday!

THE GIFT OF RE-DEDICATION TO OUR GREAT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE.

For a century and a half, Templary has stood four-square as the Exemplar of the Christian religion. May we never grow weary of this—our supreme dedication! Whether others may “compromise,” let Templary never fail in its staunch support of Christ and His Church. May Templary always be known as “The Protector of the Faith.” What a gift this will be toward charting Templary’s course in the decades to come!

As we enter our Sesqui-centennial year of Templary—and peer earnestly into the future—let us prayerfully ask the blessing of Almighty God upon the success of our great Order of the Knighthood. Let us remember the words of Tennyson: “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of!”
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to Celebrate 150 Years of Christian Service Next June

June 18, 1966, will be observed as the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

To commemorate this significant event in Knight Templar history, Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker has appointed the following Grand Encampment Sesqui-centennial Committee of enthusiastic Sir Knights, to plan an appropriate celebration in New York, the site of the Grand Encampment formation:

Sir Knight C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, Chairman
Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., R. E. Department Commander, North Atlantic Dept., Co-Chairman
Sir Knight William M. White, R. E. Department Commander, South Eastern Dept.
Sir Knight Theodore F. Voelter, Chairman, Committee on Drill Regulations, Liaison
Sir Knight George D. Barclay, P.G.C. of New York, Secretary
Sir Knight Raymond H. Wesner, P.G.C. of New Jersey, Treasurer.

Preliminary plans announced by Sir Knight Lear, Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee, indicate that the celebration highlight will be a gala banquet to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, Saturday, June 18, 1966, at 7:00 p.m.

The Banquet Program will feature a stimulating address by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, internationally famous Pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York, author of many inspirational books, President of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. Probably no other minister of our time has contributed so much to help millions of people lead a rewarding Christian life. See Page 7 for Dr Peale's biography.

Each Lady in attendance will be presented with an attractive gift; an interesting narration covering the 150 years of the Grand Encampment will be given; dinner music, entertainment by professional artists and musicians will round out the evening's celebration.

The charge will be ten dollars per person. Tables accommodating ten may be reserved thru the Vice Chairmen of the participating States, on and after January 15, 1966. Make your reservations early!

The 150th Anniversary Banquet is not limited to members of the Grand Encampment. The Committee is hopeful that every Grand Commandery will be represented at this outstanding event in Knight Templar history.

Comparison of the first and present Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, indicates that both men were endowed by our Creator with great leadership capabilities and warm personal qualities; that have contributed immeasurably to the sustained growth and vitality of Knight Templary, and enabled each to serve his state and nation
with distinction. For Example:

At the 1816 formation convention in New York, the distinguished DeWitt Clinton was elected the first Most Eminent General Grand Master. Sir Knight Clinton, the son of a Revolutionary War Brigadier General, was a prominent lawyer in New York City and a dominant force in New York politics. Successively he served in the State Senate, as the Mayor of New York for ten years, the United States Senate, and was elected Governor for three terms. As Governor he was a major factor in the building of the Erie Canal, which was completed in 1825.

Cited for bravery under fire at Chateau Thierry in World War I, our present Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, was awarded the Silver Star. After his discharge from the Army in 1919, as a First Lieutenant, he returned to Michigan, served as Saginaw County Prosecuting Attorney, as Attorney General of Michigan, as Governor of his state, then as General Counsel of the United States Department of Defense. He was sworn into the office of Secretary of the Army at Washington on July 21, 1955, serving in that capacity until 1961, when he returned to Detroit to join his son in the practice of law.

Sir Knight Brucker is an active Presbyterian churchman, a leading member of the American Bar Association, a Past National President of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division Veterans, and, in 1960, was the recipient of the Freedoms Foundation Leadership Award at Valley Forge.

The following Sir Knights have been appointed Vice Chairmen of the Sesqui-centennial Celebration and represent the States indicated:


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Dr. Norman Vincent Peale — Speaker for Sesqui-centennial Banquet

Probably no other minister of our time has a more far-flung pulpit than Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Through his books, radio and television programs, speeches and published sermons he has reached and is reaching millions of people throughout the world. From his pulpit at Marble Collegiate Church he preaches to some 4,000 people every Sunday. In the spring of 1965, Dr. Peale added to his wide service acceptance of the unanimous election as president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, which represents 1,700 churches in the metropolitan area.

Another—much older—aspect of Dr. Peale's ministry is the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry, which maintains an interfaith, interracial outpatient clinic licensed by the State of New York and provides counseling to about 500 troubled persons every week. Dr. Peale and a psychiatrist, Dr. Smiley Blanton, established the foundation, which also trains pastoral counselors, in 1937, and in 1965 it expanded into a national organization.

Dr. Peale has reached his largest "congregation," however, through his books, one of which, "The Power of Positive Thinking," is one of the most successful ever published, having sold nearly 2,500,000 copies. It was at the top of the best-seller lists for three years, has been translated into 30 languages and was recently issued in a paperback edition.

"Confident Living," his weekly column, appears in nearly 200 newspapers, and more than 1,500,000 subscribers receive "Guideposts," the inspirational magazine of which he is the editor-in-chief. More than 350,000 persons around the world receive publications every month from the Foundation for Christian Living at Pawling, N. Y., which Dr. Peale heads. Countless other individuals are reached through his crowded schedule of speech-making tours.

The life story of Norman Vincent Peale is known by now to many through his own writings, as well as books and articles and a motion picture biography, "One Man's Way," which appeared in 1964. For those who are not familiar with it, he was born in Bowersville, Ohio, the son of a clergyman, and was reared in the State of Ohio. Upon graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University, Dr. Peale worked for a time as a newspaper reporter and then enrolled in Boston University, where he received both his master of arts and theological degrees.

Every Sunday morning from October to April, NBC carries Dr. Peale's recorded devotional program, "The Art of Living." Films have been made of his sermons for distribution to television stations across the country, and his 30-minute film on "How to Be a Real Salesman," has been shown to the sales forces of many companies.

It is indeed a signal honor for Templary to have Dr. Peale as its banquet speaker at its 150th Anniversary Party.
South Pacific Department

With a total membership of over 29,000 Sir Knights in the five Grand Commanderies that comprise the South Pacific Department, aggressive action is being taken in all areas of the Grand Encampment Program, as outlined in “Charting The Course.” Sir Knight Robert M. Rewick, Department Commander, indicates that objectives will be attained during this Triennium; that all Grand Commanderies are well organized with enthusiastic Committees, who have the desire to contribute time and effort to improve the image of Knight Templar.

ROBERT M. REWICK
Department Commander
South Pacific Department

Sir Knight Rewick was born in Nebraska. His family moved to Denver when he was 10 years of age. He graduated from the University of Colorado in 1931 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He has successfully practiced as a Public Accountant in San Diego, California since 1939 and is presently a partner in the firm of Rewick, Miller & Associates, Accountants and Auditors.

Sir Knight Rewick has worked in all branches of Masonry on the local level and served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California in 1958-1959.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite and of the Shrine. He will receive the active Legion of Honor, DeMolay Degree in San Diego on October 23, 1965.

Sir Knight Rewick is a charter member of the North Park High Twelve Club, served as its fourth President and since that time has been Club Secretary. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is presently serving as Second Vice President of the North Park Lions Club, San Diego, is a charter member of the National Association of Public Accountants, and has served and is serving on the State level in the Society of California Accountants.

He has attended every Grand Commandery Triennial since 1949, is a past member of the Committee on Policy and General Purpose and is Past Chairman of the Committee on Membership of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Tucker was born in Glasgow, Scotland, December 24, 1902, and came to Salt Lake City with his parents in 1912. He moved to Los Angeles in 1922. He is now employed by the Industrial Wholesale Electrical Company of Los Angeles as sales manager.

He served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1941, High Priest of his Chapter in 1942, Illustrious Master of his Council in 1959, and Commander of Santa Monica Bay Commandery in 1949. Sir Knight Tucker is a member of the KYCH, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and the Red Cross of Constantine.
In speaking of his Grand Jurisdiction he says "Our objectives for the year are as stated at the installation in San Francisco:

1. To endeavor to carry on the programs of the Grand Commanders who preceded me.

2. To cooperate fully in the program of our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, in his battle to 'Build Templary' and 'Improve the Templar Image.'

3. To increase the number of subscriptions for the Knight Templar Magazine.

4. To increase the number of Life Sponsors for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to at least 2,500.

5. To give more than just lip service to the program of decreasing the number of suspensions in our Grand Jurisdiction and to cooperate in this endeavor with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council.

We are putting on a real sales campaign and calling for action—NOW!"

Sir Knight Pine was born in California, but has been a resident of Nevada practically all of his life. He graduated from the University of Nevada, at Reno, in 1935 with a B.S. Degree in Mathematics and Physics, and received his B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada in 1938, and a professional degree as Civil Engineer from the University of Nevada in 1956.

He has served as the presiding officer of the Blue Lodge and all of the York Rite Bodies in Reno. At present he is the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nevada. He has served as Prior of Nevada Priory No. 50, KYCH and Sovereign of Joan of Arc Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Pine has been active in civic affairs, having served on the Washoe County School Board, twice as its president. He is now serving as Commanding Officer of the 6316th Engineer Brigade (Reserve) as a Colonel. He has served as President of the Reno Y.M.C.A., is on the Board of Directors of Security National Bank, Reno, Past Director of Reno Chamber of Commerce, and has held a number of positions on the State level in his professional capacity as an engineer. He constructed many large highway projects in Nevada, California, and Arizona, and has been engaged in the opening of several large mining operations in the west, including one in Canada. He is now serving the University of Nevada as Director of Physical Plant.

Sir Knight Travis B. Watkins was born at Tupelo, Mississippi, on March 15, 1914. He is married and the father of two sons and a daughter. He is a partner in the Anderson & Watkins Gas and Oil Company, distributors of petroleum products.
TRAVIS B. WATKINS
Grand Commander
New Mexico

He served his home Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1954, High Priest in 1957, Illustrious Master of the Council in 1961, Eminent Commander in 1955, and is presently the Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Roswell, New Mexico. He has served on several important committees of the church during the past several years.

His interest in civic affairs is evidenced by the fact that he was President of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce in 1957-1958, President of the Roswell Kiwanis Club in 1958 and is still active in these bodies.

FRED P. MISAK
Grand Commander
Arizona

Fred Phillip Misak was born in Bluff City, Kansas, and graduated from Kansas State Teachers College with a B.S. Degree in Education in 1928. He taught school in Arizona for a number of years, after which he worked for the Greyhound Lines. He served as Clerk and Magistrate of the City of Safford and was Mayor of that city from 1938-1940. For a number of years he owned and operated a variety store in Safford. In 1962 he again entered the teaching profession and became a mathematics instructor in the Academic Department of the Arizona Industrial School at Fort Grant, a position he held for two years.

Sir Knight Misak has been very influential in forming and serving the York Rite Bodies at Safford. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1934. He received his Royal Arch Degree in Globe Chapter, Globe, Arizona, in 1945 and shortly thereafter became a charter member of Pinaleno Chapter at Safford and served as its first High Priest in 1946. He joined the Council in Globe in 1945, and again was active in the formation of Bonita Council No. 9 at Safford in 1950 and served as Illustrious Master in 1952. He served as Commander of Globe Commandery No. 5 in 1953 and was the first Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 9 at Safford in 1955.

Sir Knight Misak is a Past President of the Order of High Priesthood of Arizona, Past Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Arizona, Past Prior of Arizona Priory No. 3, KYCH, and Past Sovereign of Arizona Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Simons attended the University of California and the University of Utah, graduating with a B.S. Degree in 1932. In 1933 he started as a messenger at the Tracy Loan and Trust Co. and is now Vice President of said company, which is now known as Tracy-Collins Bank and Trust Company.

He has been active in civic and church affairs having served the First Congregational Church where he taught Sunday
A Prayer for the Fall Advance

O God, our Father, who in every generation hast gathered from the world strong men to do thy work and battle against evil, give us the spirit of high adventure as we endeavor to advance the cause of Templary. We praise Thee for the countless opportunities to serve in Thy name. Endow us with a new spirit for our new day. Discipline us that we may become strong and courageous, compassionate and sacrificial. Gird us as Christian warriors for the fierce struggle with evil in our day. Inspire us with unflagging enthusiasm for the Christian goals laid down in "Charting the Course." Lift us by far vision and inspire us with discontent when little is accomplished. Come to us, Thou Divine Strength, and help us to know the daily companionship of Christ, our Great Captain; give us His poise, His trust, His courage to face the deceits of this world. May we put on the whole armor of God as we march forth to advance the ideals of the Christian Faith and the Order of Knighthood. We pray in His holy name. Amen

Howard R. Towne, Grand Prelate

In Memoriam

Illinois
Glen Frank Coe, G.C., 1926 — August 19, 1965

Massachusetts and Rhode Island
Clarence Evan Booth, G.C., 1960 — August 14, 1965

Missouri
Curtis Jehu Neal, G.C., 1926 — September 5, 1965

Wisconsin
Lewis Anning Moore, G.C., 1933 — September 2, 1965
“A Uniformed Unit In Every Commandery” —
Goal Of Committee On Drill Regulations

(The following letter was recently sent by the Committee to all
Grand Commanders, Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies, and
all Department Commanders).

The Committee on Drill Regulations for Grand Encampment is in-
erested in promoting and furthering Competitive Drills held at each
Triennial Conclave, particularly the coming 50th Triennial to be
held in Detroit, Michigan, in August, 1967. However, we also have
a deeper interest in promoting Templary at the level of Constituen-
t Commanderies. To promulgate this interest, we hope to achieve—
“A Uniformed Unit in Every Commandery.” We particularly invite
your attention to the Official Communication, “Charting the Course,”
in which, on pages 23 and 24, are outlined a broad principle and defi-
nite objective. We further ask that you refer to the August, 1962,
issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, and, on page 3, an article,
“The Significance of Uniformed Units” in achieving Commandery
goals, as expressed by our Most Eminent Grand Master, Wilber M.
Brucker.

To assist in putting this project on the road, we urge that you refer
the project of “A Uniformed Unit in Every Constituent Command-
ery” to a suitable committee in your Grand Commandery, with in-
structions to start and implement the forming of such a uniformed
unit in each commandery that presently does not have one.

We feel confident that, through your initiative in promoting these
uniformed units you will inspire the Officers and Sir Knights of
your Grand Jurisdiction; that Templary at all levels will be fur-
thered; that, at the end of your tenure, the results will reflect
honor to yourself and credit to our Order.

The Committee on Drill Regulations stands ready and willing to
lend assistance in your promotion of this project.

Courteously and sincerely,
THEODORE F. VOELTER,
Chairman
Committee on Drill Regulations
374 Union Avenue
Belleville 9, New Jersey

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”

A feature of the state-wide program of Missouri Templars is
their directed Religious Activities, promoted strongly following the
appointment of a strong committee by Grand Commander William R. Robbins. In reporting,
Chairman Z. Willard Gunckel, D.D., says “We have encouraged
our Eminent Commanders and their Committees to seek to have
some minister of the Gospel observe the event (Ascension Day)
with the local Commanderies as co-workers in the several church-
es. To date, we know of no Com-
mandery that is doing otherwise. Furthermore—and this is highly
significant—not a few of the min-
isters who have consented to
unite with us in the observance
of Ascension Day, have no con-
nection with either Masonry, as
such, or Knight Templary. . . .
Who among us can fathom what
the ultimate results (of these con-
tacts) might be.”
Knight Templar Memorial Service

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7

At the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, much broader powers and duties were conferred upon the Committee on Religious Activities. Thereupon, I appointed the following members: Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, P.G.C., (Minnesota), Chairman; Sir Knight A. DeLeon Gray, P.G.C., (North Carolina); Sir Knight Charles B. Wolfertz, P.G.C., (Pennsylvania); Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, Grand Prelate, (Michigan).

Since that time, the members of this Committee have given attention to the task of preparing a ritual for a "Knight Templar Memorial Service" for deceased Templars. The Committee has expressed the widely-held conviction that in these modern days it is highly desirable to have an acceptable ritual for a Memorial Service which does not require or involve participation in a Funeral Service conducted by a Clergyman at the Church, or at the grave. The Committee believes that a "Memorial Service" to be held at the Funeral Home on the evening before the Funeral, would be much more intimate and impressive in character, and at the same time would assure a maximum attendance of Knights Templar. The "Knight Templar Memorial Service" prepared by the Committee is a beautiful and sacred memorial service which deserves the kind of wide acceptance and use which will enrich our great Christian Order in a deeply spiritual manner.

Accordingly, having had the benefit of the advice and counsel of the Committee on Religious Activities, I hereby proclaim that this "Knight Templar Memorial Service," which is attached hereto, shall be adopted by all Officers of the Grand Encampment, and by all the Grand Commanderies, and the Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies for use at such time and place as may be deemed appropriate for such "Knight Templar Memorial Service," upon request of the widow, or members of the family of a deceased Knight Templar.

Although the old "Funeral Service" used for the burial of a deceased Frater is not repealed, nevertheless this new "Knight Templar Memorial Service" is highly adaptable to modern needs and is recommended for universal use by all Knights Templar from and after this date.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Detroit, Michigan, this 27th day of May, A.D. 1965. A.O. 847.

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

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MEMORIAL SERVICE

COMMANDER:

We are gathered here in Christian sympathy to pay our last tribute of love and affection to the memory of Sir Knight........................................... knighted in.............................................Commandery No.............

Sir Knight...........................................(use first name) knew, as do all Sir Knights, that in the solemn ceremonies of our Christian Order, we have
often been reminded of the truth that we are born to die. The earthly remains of our beloved Sir Knight lie before us, and the light of the eye and his expressions of fraternal greeting have ceased for us on this earth. His sword, vowed to be drawn only in the cause of truth, justice and liberty, reposes in its scabbard, and our arms can no more shield or protect him. But as he rests in sleep and we bow our heads in sympathetic sorrow with those whose heart-ties have been thus broken; let us like the martyrs of old, proclaim with jubilance our triumphant faith. Christ's resurrection is not a fantasy or a dream, it is a reality! It is met at such a time as this that we should hear again the gracious words of comfort, consolation and hope found in God's Sacred Revelation. Let us be reverently attentive while the Prelate reads us a lesson from the Holy Scriptures.

PRELATE:

"Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth or the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God."

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Saint Paul testified: "And who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God; and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

LET US PRAY:

Almighty God, our loving Heavenly Father, we humbly lift our hearts to Thee. Remember in loving mercy these bereaved ones now before Thee. Be Thou at this hour the comforting Father of all who mourn. Administer unto them the consolation they so sorely need. Cause us to look above this scene of mortality to the life which lies in
Thy immortality. Lead us, by Thy grace and spirit, to seek those things which make for our everlasting peace, and fix our thoughts more devotedly on Thee, the only sure refuge in time of need; and at last when our earthly pilgrimage shall have ended, "when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken," wilt Thou, O Father, be indeed Immanuel—God with us. May the lamp of Thy love dispel the gloom of the dark valley, and may we be enabled by our faith in Thy Son to gain admission into the blessed temple above. Amen.

(The Junior Warden hands the sword to the Commander.)

COMMANDER:

Our departed Sir Knight was taught that the sword, in the hands of a true and courteous Knight, was endowed with three excellent qualities; its hilt with justice impartial; its blade with fortitude undaunted and its point with mercy unrestrained. He could never grasp it without being reminded of the attributes it symbolized, and to this lesson with its deep significance we renew our pledge. An inspired and heartening hope leads us to the comforting belief that he met the trying hour with fortitude undaunted, and waking in the dawn of a new day has received justice, tempered with mercy unrestrained, which is the glorious attribute of the Son of God, and entering through the gates into the City, has been admitted to the blessed companionship of just men, made perfect in the realms of light and life eternal.

(The Commander returns the sword to the Junior Warden who replaces it in its scabbard. The Commander then hands the Cross to the Prelate.)

PRELATE:

The Cross, that emblem so beloved by the Christian World, is beautifully described by these words:

"In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round its head sublime."

This symbol of the Christian's hope and trust, we again place upon the breast of our Sir Knight. Handed down to us through the ages, it will always remain the symbol of our faith and the mark of a Christian Knight. It calls to mind Gethsemane and Golgotha, but as Christian Knights we look at the Cross of our Lord through the open tomb. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a triumphant Cross. The Apostle Paul knew the Cross only from the resurrection side. If this inspired Apostle gloried in its truth, so ought we to rejoice in it as a conquering symbol, that death has been vanquished. May this hope expressed by the Cross have been the anchor to the soul of our Sir Knight, the token to admit him to the peaceful haven, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

To his mourning friends and loved ones who are most heart-stricken by the loss they have sustained, we tender our sincere sympathy. May your faith in our Heavenly Father bring you peace and hope. He, who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, looks down with infinite compassion upon these bereaved ones in their hour of desolation, and the same benevolent Savior who wept over the grave at Bethany, will enfold within
the arms of His bounteous love all those who put their trust in Him.

We are aware that man's life on earth, at its longest, is but a foot- 
print upon the sands of time. In his anguish, Job asked a question that 
is as old as death itself: "If a man die, shall he live again?" It is a 
question that is found in every sob of sorrow. It is a question that is 
really a prayer.

Into the ancient world with its questions came Christ's resurrection, 
declaring that life is mightier than death, and love can never lose its own. 
"Christ appeared in the splendor of the stars at Christmas and reappeared 
in the beauty of the lilies of Easter that we might know the truth of 
everlasting life." Therefore, in answer to Job's question: "If a man die, 
shall he live again?," the great Captain of our Salvation answers: "I am 
the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were 
dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall 
never die." Before our Lord entered into the tomb, all the footprints of 
humanity pointed toward the grave. But Christ, the great Savior of 
men, set His face in the other direction, away from the tomb, and now 
those who are His shall follow Him.

Forasmuch as the spirit of our departed Sir Knight has entered into 
the life immortal, we remember his knightly qualities and commend his 
spirit unto God. We can confidently leave him in the hands of a Being 
who has done all things well. Delivered from the limitations of this life, 
his spirit lives and abides in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ; 
whose life is the judgment of our works and whose resurrection is the 
pledge of our immortality. Sir Knight......................, farewell, and may 
the sunshine of Heaven beam bright on thy waking.

LET US PRAY:

(Pause and give the Commander time to order "Uncover.")

Almighty God, Thou whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our 
prayers on behalf of Thy servant departed, and fulfill his life in the land 
of light and joy, in the fellowship of Thy Saints, through Jesus Christ 
our Lord. Amen.

"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy 
Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us 
this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our 
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for 
Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

"Now the laborer's task is o'er. 
Now the battle day is past. 
Now upon the farther shore, 
Lands the voyager at last."

"There the tears of earth are dried, 
There its hidden things are clear. 
There the work of life is tried, 
By a juster judge than here."

"Father, in Thy gracious keeping, 
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine 
upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance 
upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. Amen."
Life Sponsors To Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., Is One Of 5,239

Sir Knight Leroy Gordon Cooper may well have been grateful as the vistas of our planet unfolded under his gaze during those days in the Gemini space capsule: He could see it all!

For earlier than many Sir Knights he had acted to insure that those whose sight was threatened might have it saved through the work of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

A year and a half before the M. E. Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, launched his campaign to enlist 10 percent of Knight Templar membership as Life Sponsors of the Foundation Astronaut Cooper was numbered among them. He contributed $30 to our great humanitarian charity in December, 1963.

As a Life Sponsor he was then exempted from the $1 annual assessment all other Sir Knights donate to help provide a priceless gift — sight-saving treatment for sufferers from eye damage or disease.

Without such gifts already some 9,000 Americans since 1957, unable to pay for hospitalization and surgery would be groping in darkness today.

There are other eminent Life Sponsors besides Sir Knight Cooper, of course. Among those on this roll of honor and charity are Associate Justice Hugo Black of the U. S. Supreme Court, former Secretary of the Treasury, John Snyder, and U. S. Senator John Sparkman of Alabama. But the Foundation, to be effective, must depend on the rest of us.

The Grand Master’s drive toward the goal of nearly 40,000 Life Sponsors by year's end has begun to roll. It will enable the Foundation to expand its work, meeting the desperate need of many more who face blindness.

Yet, if the goal is to be achieved, the Commanderies must greatly multiply their pace of enlistment. In the campaign’s first three months—the vacation period—the number of Life Sponsors has spurted from 4,100 to more than 5,240. This increase can be an encouraging spur to action with resumption of Commandery activities after the summer.

Some Grand Commanderies have been making marked progress and even some of our Subordinate Commanderies, notably Al Hasa Commandery No. 1 of Saudi Arabia with a membership of 71, have sent in 56 Life Sponsors (their goal being every member a Life Sponsor). In addition thereto they have been instrumental in having other Masonic Bodies in Saudi Arabia sending in liberal contributions.

Before you check on the list below where your area stood at publication date, consider: Can you think of a better way of practicing the Christian virtue of benevolence in the true spirit of Knights Templary? Your $30 will swell the invested funds whose income has helped remedy serious eye affliction for more than 9,700 Americans —without regard to race, class, creed, age, sex or color.

And of course your Life Sponsor contribution is deductible from income tax.

APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE SPONSORS RECEIVED
BY STATES
As of September 16, 1965
In The Darkness They Found Light
Alabama ........................................ 200
Alaska .......................................... 6
Arizona.......................... 10
Arkansas.......................... 56
California.......................... 148
Colorado.......................... 26
Connecticut.......................... 47
Delaware.......................... 8
District of Columbia................. 170
Florida.......................... 140
Georgia.......................... 60
Hawaii.......................... 5
Idaho.......................... 26
Illinois.......................... 49
Indiana.......................... 38
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Michigan.......................... 219
Minnesota.......................... 15
Mississippi.......................... 52
Missouri.......................... 148
Montana.......................... 36
Nebraska.......................... 12
Nevada.......................... 26
New Hampshire.......................... 38
New Jersey.......................... 80
New Mexico.......................... 41
New York.......................... 341
North Carolina.......................... 24
North Dakota.......................... 8
Ohio.......................... 100
Oklahoma.......................... 32
Oregon.......................... 49
Pennsylvania.......................... 112
Rhode Island.......................... 14
South Carolina.......................... 13
South Dakota.......................... 19
Tennessee.......................... 247
Texas.......................... 1,552
Utah.......................... 22
Vermont.......................... 28
Virginia.......................... 104
Washington.......................... 31
West Virginia.......................... 143
Wisconsin.......................... 55
Wyoming.......................... 25
Guam.......................... 4
Mexico.......................... 1
Canal Zone.......................... 4
Okinawa.......................... 18
Germany.......................... 7
Scotland.......................... 1
Japan.......................... 5
Saudi Arabia.......................... 56
Philippines.......................... 1
Total.......................... 5,239

TEN PERCENT LIFE SPONSORS POSSIBLE

In response to the article "True Soldiers of the Cross" in the June issue of Knight Templar, Lafayette Lyttle Commandery No. 77, Sixth Division, Ohio, took up the challenge and has shown what can be done to obtain Life Sponsors for our Knight Templar Eye Foundation. It seems, these days, that a spark plug is needed to start everything from jalopies to jets, and this is true in any effort a Commandery puts forth, whether it requires finances or membership. Our spark plug for this project was Sir Knight Lloyd Roulet, P.C. and incidentally the Senior P.G.C. of Ohio.

A letter was sent to each member, with a personal note penned on most of them, reminding the members of the opportunity of Life Sponsorship. With this letter, a brochure, explaining all phases of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and an application for Life Sponsor were also enclosed. To date, the results have been most gratifying.

In order to bring to the attention of the public, the work of our Knight Templar Eye Foundation, the Grand Commandery of Ohio will include a float, depicting its work, in their Annual Conclave Parade, held in Toledo, Ohio, on October 9, 1965.

By Parker G. Manning, G.C. of the Guard, Ohio.
Temple Commandery (Iowa) Knights Largest Class

By JERRY MARSENGILL

ALL EMPLOYEES FROM ONE COMPANY

On the dates of April 23 and May 7 Temple Commandery No. 4 of Des Moines, Iowa, knighted one of the largest classes ever seen in the State. All were employees of one company. The twenty-three newly made knights are all employed by Dahl's Foods, Inc., the largest independently owned chain of food stores in Iowa. One man sponsored all these petitions. Arthur Cox, General Manager of Dahl’s, took his York Rite work just one month before this class in order to bring in the petitions. He was aided in securing them by Past Commander Maurice J. (Pinky) Taggart, who was also instrumental in seeing the class exalted, greeted, and knighted as a group.

Ascalon Chapter sponsored a dinner for the newly made knights and at the dinner, W. T. Dahl, an enthusiastic Freemason himself, congratulated the group and presented them with lapel emblems.

Mr. Dahl, who employs approximately 450 persons in his chain of stores, tentatively promised another class of the same size for the York Rite in the fall. Art Cox, not so reticent, says that his motto is “65 for the York Rite in ’65.”

These two classes will make almost the entire management of Dahl’s, Inc., York Rite Masons.

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1965 CAMPERS AT CAMP CROSLEY

At the Grand Commandery Conclave in 1941, held at Gary, Indiana, the report of the Hospitaler Committee contained the following:

"A worthy Sir Knight, interested in a youth program, submitted the following:

'Suggest that Knights Templar send group of ten boys to Camp Crosley for a period of one week. Will agree to underwrite all expense of group for entire week while in Camp.'

State Committee has stressed importance of service that would create greater interest among youth in our Templar organization — A greater interest in them today will result in their having a greater interest in us in years to come.

Signed by the Committee,
Floyd L. Kresge, Chairman
Fred N. Prass
Howard F. Christner"

With the interest and enthusiasm of Sir Knight Kresge, P.G.C., who remained as Chairman of the Committee for several years, Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C., whose parents gave the Camp to the Muncie Y.M.C.A. and the Sir Knights of Indiana, this week at Camp Crosley has become an outstanding period both in attendance and personnel. The average annual attendance for several years is 200.

Since the organization of Camp Crosley Week in 1941 with 10 boys, Knights Templar of Indiana have sent a total of 4,653 boys to date.

For many of the boys it is their first opportunity to attend camp and in many cases their first opportunity to go boating and swimming. Most of the boys come from homes that could not afford to send them to camp.

The boys range in age from 10 to 14 and in the well diversified program of the camp, they participate in their own age group.

The Chapel Services and the Camp Fire Program are two of the opportunities that have stimulated the thinking of many of the young men. Letters have been received, testifying to the real impact of this week at camp.

Approximately 80% of the Commanderies sponsor boys each year to this camp.
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY KNIGHTED

From L. to R.: Harry A. White, P.G.C.; Arnold Gramhill, Commander of Darius Commandery No. 7, K.T., of which the Vice President is a member; Sir Knight Hubert H. Humphrey; Garrett H. Sohle, G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota; and James Joyce, G.R.

“On a recent visit to his home at Waverly, Minnesota, the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States of America, had the Order of the Temple conferred upon him by Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Minnesota, Garrett H. Sohle. He was also received and constituted a Noble of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine for North America by Illustrious Potentate Earl V. Ruedy of Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. Cuff links were presented to each of those taking part in the ceremonies, Sir Knights White, Gramhill, and Joyce.

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”

The Membership Committee in Maine notes the organization of the Chapters, Councils and Commanderies by areas for a concerted effort, and says “This more positive approach to the membership problem has encouraged your committee to feel that we are, at last, engaged on a plan with fine chance for positive results. . . . For the ensuing year, plans are being developed and coordinated to continue the basic logic of area and educational meetings, a drive for reinstatements and a development of the festival concept in the scheduling of total meetings at strategic locations in the state.”
Okmulgee, Oklahoma And The Oklahoma Grand York Rite Bodies

By JACK FREEMAN, Grand Captain of Guard, Oklahoma

The year 1965 marks a highlight in Masonry in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, which is seldom, if ever, attainable. Election of Sir Knight O. Kenneth Taylor as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma, makes the fourth successive year that a member of Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, Okmulgee, has headed one of the York Rite Grand Bodies. The four presiding officers are: Sir Knight O. Kenneth Taylor, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma (1965-66); Sir Knight Carson Scott, M.W. Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of the State of Oklahoma (1964); Sir Knight Jack Freeman, Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma (1962-63); and Sir Knight E. T. Ross, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma (1961-62).

Gethsemane Commandery No. 25 is also proud of the fact that its membership rolls list three living Past Grand Commanders and one Grand Commandery Officer, a record that can not be matched by any other Commandery in Oklahoma, and possibly can not be matched in any other Grand Jurisdiction.

The six Sir Knights pictured are all members of Okmulgee Lodge No. 199, A. F. & A. M.; Okmulgee Chapter No. 39, R.A.M.; Okmulgee Council No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, K.T. This article is not intended as a record of individual achievement, but as a record of members and officers of the York Rite Bodies working together in unity for the advancement of Fraternal Bodies which are dedicated to working for the betterment of their members as well as for community betterment.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

At the annual conclave in Auburn, Washington, Templars took a number of forward-looking actions, including reducing the elective line to six officers, adopting a Life Membership Plan based on actuarial figures, eliminating the waiting period on petitions, authorizing dual membership, and taking the lead in the formation of a York Rite Grand Council.
CATHOLIC PRIEST HELPS
PROMOTE KNIGHT TEMPLAR
CIRCUS IN DES MOINES, IOWA

From left to right: Very Rev.
Msgr. Paul Connelly, Director of
Catholic Charities; Robert J. Mc-
Burney, Commander, Temple Com-
mandery; James F. Milligan, Gen-
eral Chairman.

The Annual Circus sponsored by
Temple Commandery’s Drill Team
(Des Moines, Iowa) was aided at
the time of the circus on August 21
and 22 by Msgr. Connelly distrib-
uting free circus tickets to all de-
serving children of the Catholic
faith throughout the city. Sponsor-
ship of this circus is an annual
event for the Drill Team and this
year marked the 23rd Annual Cir-
cus. The Drill Team has endeavored
to work with the directors of the
various agencies and the clergymen
of different faiths in the commu-
nity to be sure that no deserving
child, regardless of creed or color,
misses an opportunity to attend as
a guest of the Drill Team and the
local business men who assist in
sponsorship.

Sir Knight James F. Milligan in
reporting this event states that
“This event was given wide cover-
age in both press and radio and
drew more space in the Des Moines
Register than any Masonic func-
tion has over the past years.”

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sion 40, for all particulars.

Grand Master Brucker was the
principal speaker September 25th
at Adams, New York, when a new
$3,500,000 school installation was
dedicated to his Department of the
Army friend, and distinguished
World War II leader, General Bruce
C. Clarke.

General Clarke, who became a
four-star General in 1958, served
as Commanding General of the
United States Continental Army
Command when Sir Knight Bruck-
er was Secretary of the Army.
Grand Master Brucker traveled to
Adams directly after the conclu-
sion of the Northeast York Rite
Conference at Albany, September
24-25, 1965.

GEORGIANS SEE
“CHRISTIANS AWAKE”

On September 11, DeKalb Com-
mandery No. 38 of Atlanta, Geor-
gia was proud to have the first
showing in the State of the Grand
Encampment film “Christians
Awake.”

At a gathering of over 120 Sir
Knights and their Ladies, some of
whom had traveled over 100 miles to be present, the film was received with acclaim. All present were most inspired by the fine address from the M. E. Grand Master.

Every Commandery in the world would definitely benefit from the opportunity of seeing this film.

—R. S. Sagar

FRED O. GOODELL CLASS RECENTLY KNIGHTED IN ARIZONA COMMANDERY NO. 1, TUCSON, ARIZONA

Fred I. Munker, P.G.C., states that they are planning another class during September and are looking forward to about 30 candidates which will show a nice gain in membership for them during the year.

He states: "I believe the aggressiveness of our Grand Master is doing a lot of good; I have heard good reports from the several Grand Jurisdictions I have visited."

GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE

This spring at the Masonic Temple in Baltimore, Maryland, Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar of Maryland, conferred the Order of the Temple on the Honorable George L. Radcliffe, who for many years was a United States Senator from the State of Maryland. "The Senator" as he is still known, is close to the ninety-year mark, and, it is reported, is the oldest Mason to have ever received this honor in the history of Templary in the State of Maryland.

It was most interesting and inspiring to learn from Senator Radcliffe exactly what receiving this degree meant to him. He had always imagined that stress was laid on the obligations and opportunities of a Knight Templar in the fashion which found precedent in history and tradition; but he had feared that giving formal organized expression to these doctrines and practices had robbed them of their charm.

He well knew that Templar concepts and functions are pleasing, as well as highly instructive and constructive; and their doctrine was one of the most sunny and happy aspects of Medieval life. He was very happy to learn that much of the charm of the doctrines and practices of Knights Templar are still with us, a direct link with the past. Deep-rooted in tradition, they continue to please and to benefit us greatly.

Walter G. Finch, Correspondent for G. C. of Maryland.
Left to right in uniform: Lester L. Williams, Commander of Patton Commandery; and Haldine Wesley Bean, Jr., P.G.C. John Border, in dark suit, age 92, was a candidate in this class.

The above class of candidates at the recent Mt. Vernon Festival, which was spearheaded by Patton Commandery No. 69 at Mt. Vernon, Ill., is an example of the activities of this Commandery in the town of approximately 16,000.

The success statistics speak for themselves:
Membership 1945 .................. 78
Membership 1961 .................. 160
Membership Today ................ 249
Knighted 1963-64 .................. 39
Knighted 1964-65 .................. 35
Knighted This Year ................ 9
Petitions on Hand .................. 7
Two York Rite Festivals in 1963-64
One York Rite Festival in 1964-65

Sir Knight Andrew Barton commenting on the success of Patton Commandery, states that "it has resulted from concerted effort on the part of all its officers with the full cooperation of the other Masonic Bodies, and the hearty support of the ladies organizations, particularly the Auxiliary." He further states that P.G.C. Clarence C. DeWitt has greatly aided the Commandery by his guidance and inspiration.

Norris E. Burrington, G.C. of North Carolina states that:
"A portion of the program of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina to increase the number of subscribers to Knight Templar Magazine in our jurisdiction includes the following recommendations.

1. A one year free subscription to all newly created Sir Knights.
2. A one year free subscription to all newly made Master Masons within the jurisdiction of the Commandery.
3. A one year free subscription to the entire membership of a Commandery."
REGULAR SCHEDULED TELEVISION PROGRAMS KEEP KANSAS MASON'S INFORMED

A requested report from Florian A. Rogers, editor and publisher of the Kansas Masonic Digest for more than twenty-five years, shows the fine work that has been and is being done in the field of communications and public relations in the State of Kansas. Sir Knight Rogers reports in part as follows:

241st Telecast on KTVH

"This picture (above) shows our TV set on May 23 which was our 241st telecast over KTVH, Channel 12, Wichita-Hutchinson. This is now also a part of the Kansas Broadcasting System and is received by more than 75% of the 105 counties in Kansas, every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Prior to this program, we had a similar program on KARD-TV, Channel 3, for two and a half years, and our program was the first regularly scheduled live program on that station besides their own news and sports programs.

We are proud of the reception that our program receives, for we carry news locally and throughout the state of all the important meetings of the Masonic and Associate groups in Kansas, with a membership totaling more than 300,000.

Since the inception of our program several years ago, we have been proud to have as our guests the presiding Grand Officers of all the Grand Masonic bodies in Kansas including the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, and such national dignitaries as the Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite from Washington, D.C.; Imperial Potentates; Supreme White Shrine presiding officers; Daughters of the Nile, etc.

The program is a 15 minute one, packed with pictures and news and information of interest to our membership. Usually we carry several pictures of the new presiding officers after they are installed, particularly when they cannot be on our program. Mrs. Rodgers, who is a very talented organist, plays the original theme song for the opening and closing of the program, and also a 3 minute organ solo in the middle of the program, which does add variety to the program.

The program, as well as our Kansas Masonic Digest, which has served Masonry for more than 42 years, is supported entirely by subscriptions and advertisement.

Prior to our television program we carried a Masonic news program of similar format on radio station KFBI for more than 20 years, which was received throughout the entire State of Kansas.

We have always been for publicity for all Masonic and Associate groups and assist in every way possible. We are able to get news announcements on radio stations here, television stations, and also in the weekly calendar appearing in the daily Wichita Eagle on Monday morning giving the entire week's activities.

Our idea is that we will have more interest and better attendance if the membership knows what is going on."
TEXAS DISTRICT MEETING

L. to R.—Dr. W. R. White; Dr. C. S. Woodard; Mrs. Nina Hedrick; and Mr. Robert King.

District Number Nine Knights Templar annual meeting was held at Paisano Baptist Encampment Grounds near Alpine, Texas, this year. This meeting was in the form of a family night for all Masons, their families and friends. A barbecue of beef and chicken was served to a very large attendance from all sections of Texas under the eating sheds of the camp on the evening of Saturday, August 7, 1965, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Heads of all Masonic bodies, including the ladies organizations, were given an opportunity to bring greetings from their respective body of Freemasonry. Eminent Commander Thomas Connor of Alpine Commandery No. 90, K. T. brought the welcome address, with J. T. Sanders, Grand Commander of Texas, bringing the principal address of the evening. A duet from the Rainbow Assembly of Alpine was on the program for two songs. An outstanding portion of the program was the presence of the superintendents of the three Masonic Homes of Texas who expressed their sincere appreciation for the great work done by the Masons of Texas in caring for our needy children and the aged Masons.

I feel this is the type of meeting that will build Masonry and especially Knights Templar. Tiled meetings are fine and we should have them, however, it seems to me that the time has certainly come when it is necessary that we also have meetings for the family and let them know something about the teachings of Freemasonry and the fine things Masonry is doing in the advancement of our American way of life, together with a knowledge of where the dues are being spent, and the fact we are caring for the helpless children and aged Masons. The wife and children need to know these facts. Here the non-Masons will find the answer to many of his questions regarding our teachings and the reason why we are Masons and how Masonry will be of benefit to them and their families.

Similar meetings are being held throughout Texas in each district.

—By Hal Burnett, P.G.C.
From an estimated membership of 500 Sir Knights in 1816, to 395,000 in 1965, Knight Templary has grown and prospered, survived all wars, panics and depressions, and has contributed substantially to the Christian welfare of our nation.

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