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President George Washington, wearing Masonic regalia and using silver trowel, laid the Capitol's cornerstone on September 18, 1793



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A Message From the Grand Master - -

Templary Salutes America On Veterans Day



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

Ever since the crusades of the 11th century mankind has acclaimed the unselfish devotion of those intrepid Knights Templar who forsook home and fireside to protect pilgrims on their way to rescue the holy places of Jerusalem. The period when knighthood was in flower was a high point in the middle ages—not so much for the gallantry of Knights Templar as for their completely unselfish service for God and humanity.

When America finally threw its weight into World War II and crossed the English Channel to crush and destroy Nazi tyranny, the highest tribute was paid when General Eisenhower called it "The Great Crusade."

Hence Knights Templar, the symbolic successors to the crusaders, recognize the unselfish service of our nations veterans, and we salute them—living and dead—as we commemorate Veterans Day.

Modern America needs strong men to defend her—now and in the future. No amount of oratory can take the place of stout-hearted men when our nation is in danger. No one knows better than Knights Templar the need for deeds rather than mere words.

Templary believes that on the home front there are battles to be fought against the entrenched forces of immorality and lawlessness that threaten the very foundations of our society. Templary wants nothing for itself but much for America.

Templary wants an America that stands tall in the world, not alone for its military might, but because America stands as the incarnation of human liberty; of the dignity of man; of justice and honor; and of faith in the wisdom and power of Almighty God.

Templary wants an America so constant in its ideals and principles and so true to its full responsibilities of free world leadership that our friends throughout the world will never have reason to regret the trust they place in us. We want an America ever ready to meet any challenge with high courage, moral resolution and constancy of purpose. We want an America whose citizenry recognizes that the true greatness of our nation does not lie in its high standard of living as much as in its high standards of life—an America that recognizes spiritual values and is determined to preserve them and pass them on to posterity.

Templary wants an America that understands the true meaning of the mortal struggle between our cherished ideals of freedom under God and atheistic communism which seeks to reduce man to the level of the beast. We want an America where college professors quit debasing their exalted profession by engaging in disloyal "teachin's," and where college students recognize their opportunity to prepare themselves to be responsible citizens instead of reviling their country's cause. We want an America of law and order—guided not by pressure groups but solely by appeals to sound reason, understandable logic and fair-play.

In short, Templary wants the kind of America in which every man—and woman—measures up to the high bench marks of character, morality, courage and dedication to the principles of old-fashioned American faith in God, established by our founding fathers.

THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 25, 1965; LET US BE GRATEFUL

By Burt D. Pearson, P.G.C., Virginia, Minnesota

For the Lord thy God bringeth thee unto a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive and honey;

A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig (copper) brass.

When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee.

—DEUTERONOMY 8:7-10.



This “good land,” so long ago glimpsed by the prophets, is indisputably the United States. Of a surety, Providence has favored this country above and beyond that of any other nation in the world. Does this not connote that those who owe it (the United States) allegiance have a torch to light and a banner to bear aloft in proclaiming to mankind that here is the “good land” whose destiny comports with the piety, diligence and the sacrifices of God-fearing Founding Fathers?

Thanksgiving Day—indeed, a Thanksgiving which spans all of the calendar—is a time in which Americans should pause to count their blessings and to express thanks and gratitude to the Triune God, even as did the Pilgrims of an earlier day.

In 1965, we are not compelled—as were the Pilgrim Fathers—to brave the wilderness with courage, fortitude and a faith that God would shield and strengthen them—until the harvest. The grave danger of our time, the present, may well be that we may forget the Giver of all gifts.

“Being grateful,” wrote one commentator, “can be one of man’s greatest achievements . . . if he would but realize it. It takes more than passive acknowledgment to show real gratitude. Real gratitude comes from ‘within.’ It is the test of true manhood . . . a humbleness and simplicity which seek no selfish interests . . . or self-imposed glory . . . to know the value of ‘sharing’ with others . . . and giving ‘thanks’ . . . as did those who founded America.”

It is generally accepted that the first Thanksgiving in the New World was observed by the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony in 1621, although there is information which suggests that the Jamestown colonists (Jamestown, Virginia), stepping ashore for the first time in 1607, knelt to “thank God for their safe arrival.” Again, in 1610, they held another “Thanksgiving Service” to celebrate the arrival of supplies following a period of want. Then, there is the affirmation which says the Berkeley settlement, up the James River from Jamestown (Virginia),

held a "Thanksgiving Day" on December 4, 1619.

Purely religious thanks ceremonies have been common through all of time—for thousands of years. These have had both Christian and pagan auspices. But, it has remained for the United States to place a call to thanksgiving on the calendar, the fourth Thursday in November, in this action summoning the entire nation to express both collective and individual gratitude to God for incomparable bounty and blessings. These exhortations to prayer and thanksgiving emulate the theme so vigorously proclaimed by the Pilgrims of Plymouth in 1621. The Puritans gave thanks for a harvest which provided a minimum survival larder. Indeed, their fervent thanks were for blessings so minuscule that today's Americans receiving them would write to mayors and congressmen for relief—and get it.

Meagre though the fare and humble the shelter—by minimal standards—the Pilgrims lived each day in gratitude to God. They knew hunger and deprivation—yet, as they ate in somber mood on that first Thanksgiving Day, they were thankful for the opportunity to do as they pleased (within the bounds of the common pact), whether in addressing themselves to their Maker, or in exercising a citizenship ideal which was not subordinate to a super-state. This type of thankfulness may not be understood by present-day Americans, surfeited as they are by material things, and grown so complacent that the surges of the spirit are virtually canceled out.

But for the untiring zeal of a woman, Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, it could well be that there would be no official Thanksgiving Day in America today. As far back as 1827, Mrs. Hale appealed for an annual observance of a uniform day throughout the United States, a day on which to manifest thanks for the goodness and bounty of the year. It is noted that for 36 years, she wrote editorials and letters in mobilizing sentiment for a national Thanksgiving Day. In 1863, these efforts were rewarded when President Abraham Lincoln—after passage of a resolution by the United States Senate—issued the first nation-wide Thanksgiving Proclamation, setting apart the last Thursday in November as the day to be observed.

Earlier, in 1789, President George Washington ordered a day of thanksgiving for the adoption of the United States Constitution. In 1815, President James Madison set a day of thanksgiving for peace—however, to Mrs. Hale, President Lincoln and the United States Senate go the credit for Thanksgiving Day as we now celebrate it.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt advanced Thanksgiving Day in November of 1939, in an experiment related to spurring pre-Christmas shopping, which stirred controversy. Acting to thwart future tinkering with the date, Congress passed a joint resolution in December, 1941, specifying the fourth Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day in 1965 begs of Americans to live by the great words and deeds of the country's patriots. Patriotism, loyalty, decency, honor, work, self-respect and heed for God's commands, these are the attributes which have made this nation a beacon light to mankind.

Templary begs of its membership and the families which it touches that this mighty bulwark and anchor to economic and spiritual windward in America take up the Pilgrim role in earnest in 1965, and forever after, in proclaiming thanks and devotion to the Triune God for the bounty and blessings bestowed upon this "good land."

Revolution, the Individual, and You

The Right Reverend Joseph M. Harte, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Arizona and Imperial Chaplain of the Shrine, delivered an address this summer at the Imperial Council Session of the Shrine that deeply impressed Sir Knight Charles A. Howard, Jr., Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities. With the permission of Bishop Harte, a condensation of his address follows.

You are afforded the high privilege of living at one of the great times in history. But with privilege comes responsibility. Let me put it like this, with sober startling frankness and clarity: It may be that God has entrusted you personally and individually with a particular mission to perform.

It may make a difference to all eternity what you do!

In the differing days ahead for each of you, there will be problems. Let no one try to tell you that life is meant to be easy. Life is not easy, and it is not perfectly ordered.

Let me tell you a story. You didn't read this in your history books. I don't know why. And I think it a shame that every American citizen doesn't know what happened to the inspired men who risked everything at the time of our Nation's history when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and were tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plan-

tation owners, men of means, well-educated. These men were not swept up in any delusion of security or comfort.

They signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They really did pledge their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the sea by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over his home for headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed and he died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

Lewis Morris was about to sign, when he received word the enemy was at the gates of his Long Island home, but that his property would be spared if he would withhold his vote for liberty. "There are plenty of homes," he said, "but only one country!"

Somehow we avoid talking about the sacrifices of the American Revolution. But these were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians.

They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged:

". . . for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor!"

A PRAYER FOR THE THANKSGIVING SEASON

Father of mercies, we are moved by the return of the Thanksgiving Season to pour out our gratitude for the good things of life. We thank Thee this day for the heritage Thou hast entrusted to us. May this treasure we have received be safe in our hands. Since Thou hast called us to live in this tremendous age and have endowed us with freedom and power, save us from the awful fate of those who have broken their trust with Thee. Help us to enrich and to enlarge the glorious heritages which are ours.

We, also thank Thee at this time, O God, for all the valiant warriors for righteousness who are pressing the battle to victory against the forces of darkness. As we fight our battles remind us daily that we belong to Knights of old and to our fellow Templars in all parts of the world today. Grant that we may hold sacred the trust that has been reposed in us. Strengthen our sense of duty. Fill our hearts with the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial. May we be able to say, "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Give us faith and daring to do right though the heavens fall. May our hearts that are pitched to the keynote of gratitude at

this season be increasingly grateful through all the days of the years, unto that glad day when we shall know Thee as Thou art and praise Thee as we ought. This we pray in the name of our Great Captain, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

—Howard R. Towne, Grand Prelate

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The Ladder, York Rite official publication in Manila, reports on the 1965 meetings of the York Rite in the April-June issue. Of particular interest to Templars we note (1) A ten percent gain in membership reported (2) Dispensation issued May 13, 1964 to form *Negros Occidental Commandery*, located in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, P. I. (3) Dispensation issued May 13, 1964 to form *Cavite Commandery*, located in Cavite City, Cavite Province, P. I. (4) By recommendation of Okinawa Commandery, approval by a special committee and Grand Master Brucker, the Knight Templar Cross of Honor awarded to Grand Commander *Wallace Hoge Morris* for his meritorious work, especially in connection with the formation of the Grand Commandery of the *Philippines*, while acting as the Special Representative of Grand Master Moore.

S U S P E N S I O N S

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11

The Grand Master has received the official report of membership of the Grand Encampment as of July 1, 1965, which shows that the loss from suspensions last year was 6,156. One medium size Grand Commandery lost 486 Knights Templar last year by suspensions. This was almost 5% of its total membership.

Such a wholesale loss is evidence of either a gross misunderstanding, or shocking indifference. To dismiss this unpleasant subject of suspensions by saying that they are simply the result of poor leadership, begs the question and avoids the real issue. We must quit pretending that the problem does not exist and we must drag the whole subject out in the open where we can analyze it and decide what to do about it. Either Templary must "lick" this matter of suspensions or it will "lick" us! All of our good work in knighting 14,536 members last year is being nullified and cancelled by this sinister and destructive process of suspensions.

The following considerations should be impressed upon all who have any part in Commandery activities:

1. Suspension of a Knight Templar is terribly serious, and should never be undertaken except as a last resort.

2. Grand Encampment law permits suspensions to be made by the local Constituent Commandery. This means that the problem arises and must be handled upon the local level. The Recorder of the local Commandery plays a leading part and is the key officer in the suspension process. The ingenuity and genuine interest of a good Recorder can go a long way toward solving the problem at its inception when delinquency first occurs. On the other hand, a Recorder who is coldly indifferent can aggravate the problem and cause increased suspensions.

3. The Commander is required by Templar law to supervise all officers and functions of his Commandery, and none is more important than his obligation to review the status of members, and especially the functioning of his Recorder with reference thereto. While the Commander usually holds office for only one year, and the Recorder is generally re-elected for several years—this circumstance does not alter the requirement that the Commander must assume the responsibility for supervising the Recorder as well as the entire process of suspensions.

4. The Commander should at the outset investigate and determine whether it is advisable to remit the dues of a delinquent member because of illness or financial inability. The Commander should never hesitate to recommend to his Commandery the remission of dues, if reasonably justified. It must be remembered that the Sir Knight in question has once knelt at the Triangle and the Commander should err on the side of Christian charity.

5. If the Commander finally decides he cannot conscientiously recommend remission of the dues of a delinquent member, the next step is to appoint a Committee of at least two Sir Knights to make a **personal call** upon the delinquent member and visit with him about his reason for delinquency. If possible, one of the Committee members should be the Sir Knight who signed the Petition of the delinquent member when he joined the Commandery. It should be pointed out to him at this juncture

that he is one of our noble band of Christian Warriors and that he needs us just as much, or more, than we need him.

6. The Commander should personally review the report of the Committee which has called upon the delinquent member, and should satisfy himself that any other approach would be fruitless before allowing the matter to go further. The Commander should not hesitate to go himself and call upon the delinquent member if it might save him for Templary.

7. If after the visit of the Committee and the review of the Report by the Commander the delinquent member still does not pay his dues, then the legal process of suspension may be undertaken but not before.

8. Thereupon the Commander should make sure that the Recorder sends a **certified** letter to the delinquent member at his last known address, giving the official notice of intention to suspend the member, including the date when the suspension proceedings will be brought before the Commandery for action.

9. When the time arrives for the suspension proceedings to come before the Commandery for action, the Commander should first inform his Commandery of all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding such delinquent member, and should exhibit the **return receipt** for the **certified** letter to the delinquent member before any action for suspension is allowed to be undertaken.

10. If suspension of a member results after all of the foregoing steps have been taken, the Commandery should place the suspended member upon a separate record, containing the names of all such suspended members, and should make every effort to restore them to active membership at the first opportunity. When a member is suspended for non-payment of dues there is still a chance that he may some day be restored to the Templar fold. There is a mistaken belief that a suspended member is forever lost to Templary, as though he had been "cast into outer darkness." It is time we opened our eyes to the fact that a former member may be anxious to come back after a while, and we should be willing to consider his Petition for restoration.

When the Constituent Commandery has completed its suspension process, there is another mistaken belief that the Grand Commandery has no alternative but to accept without any question, whatever a Constituent Commandery decides to do in this field. On the contrary, the action of each Constituent Commandery on the matter of suspensions should be the subject of constant supervision and review by the Grand Commander, who is charged by the Grand Encampment with responsibility for the conduct of all Constituent Commanderies. It would be highly appropriate for an outgoing Grand Commander to review suspensions during his year and before he goes out of office. However, if he does not do so, it still remains the duty of his successor—Grand Commander to follow-through and investigate this important subject of suspensions. Only in this way can corrective action become effective.

The Grand Master recognizes that the time has come to deal with this subject of suspensions if Templary is to have a chance to wax strong and perform its Christian mission. Appropriate action to solve this problem is long overdue and we should try to be of assistance to all those Local and State Officers who are sincerely trying to do their duty.

THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER AND AUTHORITY

IN ME VESTED, I hereby direct that the Grand Commander of each Grand Commandery of the Grand Encampment that has suspended 1% or more of its total membership, as shown by its latest Annual Report to the Grand Encampment, shall cause an investigation to be made thereof and the following written report shall be made by such Grand Commander to the Grand Master within 90 days from the receipt of this Order.

1. Name, number and address of each Constituent Commandery showing suspensions of 1% or more of its total membership within the last year, giving the number of suspensions with respect to each such Commandery.
2. Whether such Constituent Commandery has been inspected within such period and, if so, by whom.
3. Whether such Constituent Commandery has had suspensions of members in the previous three years and, if so, how many in each year for each such Commandery.
4. Whether such Constituent Commandery has remitted the dues of any member in the past year and, if so, how many with respect to each such Commandery.
5. Whether in the opinion of the Grand Commander any such Constituent Commandery should be reorganized or rejuvenated and, if so, the name of each Commandery.
6. Whether in the opinion of the Grand Commander any such Constituent Commandery should have its charter suspended until it satisfies the Grand Commander that it can conduct Commandery activities in such a manner as to retain its members without excessive suspensions and, if so, the name of each such Commandery.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, at Detroit, Michigan, this 2nd day of August, A.D. 1965, A.O. 847.

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

SUGGESTED LETTER FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT DUES

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to all Commanders in California by G.C. William D. Tucker together with a General Communication on Collecting of Delinquent Dues. This is the time of year that all Commanderies on an annual basis should be giving consideration to collection of dues. A similar letter followed up by a personal contact should be considered by every Commandery NOW.)

Dear Sir Knight:

I feel sure that you have enjoyed your membership in our Commandery. We are certainly pleased to count you one of the members and will always appreciate your support and active participation in the affairs ofCommandery.

It has been called to my attention that you have not paid your dues for the year amounting to \$..... Your check in the amount of \$..... will place you in good standing for the current year.

Our earliest teachings in Masonry point out our duty to pay our dues so that our great Order may live and progress. Your Commandery

needs your regular support to carry on its program. Feeling sure that there is some very good reason why you have not been able to make payment, or that it is an oversight on your part due to demands on your time, this is written to advise you of our concern for the status of your standing in our Commandery.

If there are any reasons, based on personal hardship or extenuating circumstances which have prevented you from keeping your dues on a current basis, please do not hesitate to tell me so in order that proper steps may be taken to relieve you of this responsibility until you are in a position to reassume your obligations.

Your Commandery is interested in your welfare and of course would like to have you attend our meetings when it is possible for you to do so. If you are unable to attend your own Commandery, we hope that you will visit with the Sir Knights of the Commandery nearest to you.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience and look forward to seeing you in
Commandery in the very near future.

Courteously yours,

(Signed)

Commander (or Recorder)

**DR. HOWARD TOWNE, GRAND PRELATE OF THE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, HONORED BY HIS COMMANDERY**



CLASS NAMED IN HONOR OF DR. TOWNE

Traverse City Commandery honored its most distinguished Sir Knight on September 25 by having a class of candidates named after him. Not only is Dr. Towne the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, but he is also the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, as well as the Prelate

of his local Commandery. Testimonial speeches were made by Robert B. Mackey, Grand Commander of Michigan, and J. H. Van Eenenaam, P.C. of Traverse City Commandery. Most of the Grand Line Officers of Michigan as well as other distinguished guests were present for the occasion.



William M. White, P.G.C.
Department Commander
South Eastern Department

Sir Knight White was graduated in 1933 with a B.S. Degree from Presbyterian College at Clinton, South Carolina. He worked in the Peoples National Bank for the next eleven years; since which time he has operated the White Printing Company.

He served in the Pacific as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy in World War II. He has been actively engaged in civic and church affairs of his community. He is a member of the Rotary Club, a Past President of Rock Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce, and an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Sir Knight White is a Past Grand Commander of South Carolina, a Past Prior of Palmetto Priory No. 54, K.Y.C.H., and a member of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Since being appointed Department Commander he has been most active in organizing and working in the Department Conferences in the Southeastern Department.

South Eastern Department Reports Great Enthusiasm and Positive Action

IT IS A FACT that the South Eastern Department is promoting all Grand Encampment programs, as outlined in "Charting The Course," aggressively, and they're getting results.

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IT IS A FACT that the South Eastern Department had a net gain of 940 members last year—and that South Carolina had the largest gain of any State in the Grand Encampment.

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IT IS A FACT that the South Eastern Department had the privilege of having the original Department Conference on York Rite Unity last year. Held in Atlanta, it was a tremendously helpful beginning toward closer cooperation between the Chapter, Council and Commandery.

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IT IS A FACT that space has run out—but watch the South Eastern Department. They're going places—how about you?

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Ernest M. Moore, Jr., G.C.
Virginia

Sir Knight Moore is a member of the K.Y.C.H., and has served his Constituent Commandery not only as Commander, but as Recorder. He is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A., Research Lodge No. 1777, A.F. & A.M., the Shrine and many other Masonic organizations. He has served the Methodist Church of which he is a member in many official capacities.

News From Grand Commandery

Scott Commandery of Gate City, operating under Dispensation since January of this year was granted a Charter, given the number 13, and assigned to the 8th District. The Charter was presented and the Commandery constituted by the Grand Commander, June 19th and a fine class of candidates were knighted. The Sir Knights of Scott are continuing to work and have knighted almost one-half again their Charter Membership. They also have purchased complete regalia for all three orders.

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The Grand Commandery is holding Knight Templar Festivals in all areas of the State and every Constituent Commandery is working toward a gain in membership for the year. The Grand Commander is offering a trophy to every/any Sir Knight who is the first line



Goebel B. Buchanan, G.C.
Florida

signer on five or more petitions.

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The campaign for Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsors is going very well and we in Virginia expect to double the number of Virginia Life Sponsors this year.

Sir Knight Buchanan was born in Kentucky, educated in Ohio, and has resided since 1943 in Miami and Valparaiso, Florida.

As well as being a member and worker in all York Rite Bodies, he is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Royal Order of Scotland, Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, and Shrine.

He says, "The Grand Commandery of Florida is sailing, directly on the course, as prescribed by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in 'Charting The Course.'

Membership, Life Sponsors, and Knight Templar Magazine are my special responsibility. Progress on ALL fronts is being made. All quotas set by the Grand Encampment will be exceeded.

I, as Grand Commander, sincerely hope ALL Knights Templar—wherever dispersed—are of like mind.

On that road lies VICTORY."



W. A. Patterson, G.C.
South Carolina

Sir Knight W. A. "Pat" Patterson was born July 10, 1911, in Howardsville, Virginia, moved to South Carolina at an early age and was educated in the public schools of Spartanburg, South Carolina. He and his wife, Ella, reside at 228 Lanford Road, Spartanburg, S. C.

He was raised a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 333, F. & A.M., Spartanburg, in 1944. His Masonic achievements include the K.Y.C.H., 32° Scottish Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member of Hejaz Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He has served the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of South Carolina as Grand Tiler and as District Deputy Grand Master.

Under his leadership South Carolina has six particular goals in view:

1. A closer and stronger unity of the York Rite Grand Bodies and of York Rite Masonry within the Jurisdiction.
2. Increased activity by the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Loan Fund.
3. Continuing the drive for increased membership which has been realized in each of several years.
4. Projecting a better image of York Rite Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction.



James C. Slaughter, G.C.
Georgia

5. Increasing the number of Life Sponsors for the Eye Foundation.

6. Appropriate observance of the Sesqui-Centennial of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Slaughter spent much of his life working for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, from which he is now retired.

He served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1940, High Priest of Brunsworck Chapter, Illustrious Master of Ballard Council and Commander of Elmo Commandery. Grand Commander Slaughter expresses his ideas of the work of Templary in Georgia as follows:

"We, as Knights Templar in Georgia are dedicated first to the service of God, through Faith in Jesus Christ, his teachings and examples; In love, kindness, and service to our fellow Sir Knights, our Brethren, and our fellowmen. We are committed to the task of closing ranks — checking suspensions and demits and raising the sights of York Rite Masonry in our State; To increase our membership, to increase our subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine and life memberships in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. We have already begun and are making progress in this Noble and Glorious work.



Norris E. Burrington, G.C.
North Carolina

Let us, in the words of The Apostle Paul, 'forget the things that are in the past, and press on to the Higher calling of God which is Christ Jesus.'—in service to those for whom he had compassion. It is time for Christians to awake to the duties and responsibilities that are before us in this hour; Yesterday is gone; Tomorrow may be too late; If we would do service to humanity in Emanuels name, let us do it with adoration, pride, and courage. And let us do it now."

Sir Knight Burrington retired from Western Electric, Inc. after 41 years of service and is now devoting his time to his Masonic duties particularly in the Commandery and to working in the New Friendship Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, where he is chairman of the Planning and Building Committee, member of the Finance Committee and teacher of the Men's Bible Class. As well as working in York Rite he is an active worker in the Scottish Rite and is Director of the Scottish Rite classes in the Valley of Winston-Salem. He is a member of the K.Y.C.H., K. T. Priests, Royal Order of Scotland, honorary member of the Order of DeMolay, member of the Shrine, the Red Cross of Constantine, and



Louis Hengen, G.C.
Mississippi

other Masonic affiliated organizations.

During his tenure as Grand Commander he is endeavoring to publicize Templary and to increase Templary membership through the promotion of Festivals and York Rite Classes. A concerted effort is being made by direct contact with the Commander of the Constituent Commanderies to reduce suspensions due to N.P.D. to the lowest possible minimum.

An extensive effort is being made to attain the quotas established by Grand Encampment on subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine and Life Sponsors for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Active committees are being established in each of the Constituent Commanderies to canvass the entire membership and maintain the necessary records associated with the handling of these very important programs. All subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine are being processed through the office of the Grand Commander and all Life Sponsor applications to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., are being processed through the Grand Commandery Committee Chairman in order to have an up to date record of progress and status on these programs at all times.

Sir Knight Hengen is a graduate of the University of Mississippi Law School, Class of 1935, and is engaged in the practice of civil law in Biloxi. His childhood was spent on a farm and he is still a lover of the great outdoors, especially fishing in Back Bay.

He entered the Military Service in the Second World War as a Private in 1941 and was discharged as a Major in 1946. He served with General George S. Patton's 3rd Army in Europe.

Sir Knight Hengen has devoted much time to the Rainbow for Girls in his State, having served as a member of the State Executive Board for more than 15 years. He also served as Chairman of the Advisory Board of DeMolay at Biloxi for 14 years.

He is a member of the K.Y.C.H., Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, and the Shrine.

At the Annual Conclave of Mississippi on March 24-25, 1965, a detailed work program was outlined by Sir Knight Hengen which stressed Life Sponsors for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, obtaining subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine, furthering loans for the Knight Templar Educational Foundation, and other projects of the Grand Encampment. He particularly urged a strict adherence to the principles set forth in "Charting The Course." He proposed a plan of action to re-instate members and to minimize suspensions, as well as a program for increasing membership.

He further stated as follows:

"The Grand Commandery of Mississippi is very proud of its active support and participation in the construction of a new cottage at the Grand Lodge of Mississippi Masonic Home for Children, 2414 23rd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. The Grand Commandery has agreed to donate \$30,000.00 to the Home, \$20,000.00 of which has already been paid. The cottage is to be known as The York Rite Cottage."

To date Sir Knight Hengen has visited more than one-half of the Constituent Commanderies in Mississippi and plans to visit every Commandery in the State before the next Annual Conclave to be held at Biloxi on April 6-7, 1966.



Lowell G. Hays, G.C.
Tennessee

Sir Knight Hays has for many years been engaged in the wholesale jewelry business in Memphis. He is affiliated with the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital of Memphis for several years.

He is a member of the K.Y.C.H. in Tennessee Priory No. 15 at Nashville, and is a member of Zaman Groto, Memphis, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

In speaking of his service as Grand Commander he states that he has served only two months of his tenure of office, and further states as follows:

"It is with pride and humility that I am serving as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, and I shall make a special effort to enlighten the Masonic Fraternity from the Blue Lodge through both the Scottish and York Rite in regard to our great humanitarian program, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

I want all Shrine Temples, Eastern Stars, DeMolays, Rainbow for Girls, and Grottoes to know how we are bringing to every person who is unable to pay surgery and treatment for the restoration and preservation of sight.



Charles L. Campbell, G.C.
Alabama

This is a soul satisfying work and makes one realize that being of service to others is an important part of being a Christian Knight.

Let us not forget that the days of miracles may be past, yet through our dollars, the hands of fine surgeons and prayer, we can still save many from a life of darkness."

Sir Knight Campbell is delivery supervisor of the Western Union

Telegraph Company of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and has been connected with this company for more than 41 years. From childhood he has been an active worker in the Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa.

He is a Past Prior of Alabama Priory No. 31, K.Y.C.H., a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, and an honorary member of International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay. He is Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Alabama, and is a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Alabama.

Sir Knight Campbell states: "We have had 191 knightings reported to date (September 24); our Life Sponsors for the Eye Foundation now totals 180 and we have secured 188 new subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine. We had a York Rite Festival in Montgomery on September 11 and a two-day Festival at Dothan on September 24-25. We have several Commanderies that have scheduled classes for October and November.

My plan for the rest of the Templar year is to keep pushing for Life Sponsors to the Eye Foundation, subscriptions for the Knight Templar Magazine, minimize suspensions for N.P.D. and to do something about the inactivity of some of our small Commanderies."

North East Area Joint York Rite Conference

A keynote call to action and co-operation by Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master, officially opened the productive Joint York Rite Conference of the North East Area Friday, September 24, at Albany, New York. Sir Knight Brucker's address was directed to 93 Masonic leaders in attendance from the states of the North East Area. Sixty were Grand Commandery officers and Past Grand Commanders from the North Atlantic Department; eighteen were Grand

Chapter officers and Past Grand High Priests from 8 northeastern states, and 15 were Grand Council officers and Past Grand Masters from the northeastern area.

Following the joint luncheon program highlighted by Grand Master Brucker's address, the afternoon hours were devoted to separate workshops under the respective auspices of the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council and the Grand Encampment. The General Grand Chapter Workshop was directed by Joseph

C. Richmond, M. E. General Grand Senteniel of General Grand Chapter; C. Elwood Smyrk, R. P. Deputy General Grand Master, conducted the General Grand Council Workshop. The Grand Encampment workshop sessions were under the direction of John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Commander.

Sir Knight Cottrell presided for the joint dinner session at 6:30 p. m. At this combined gathering, the group was addressed by Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, and by other York Rite leaders, including Joseph C. Ryan, III, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master of Maryland. Sir Knight Crofts also addressed the Templar Workshop group Friday afternoon, and moderated the additional Templar session the following Saturday morning. The closing summary of the Conference was presented by Sir Knight Brucker.

"Leadership, Motivation and Program" was the triple theme of the sessions, implementing and augmenting the policy theme adopted at the Grand Master's Conference in Detroit last year. As he closed Friday's dinner meeting, Department Commander Cottrell's words indicated the tone of the gathering: "To me, this entire day has meant simply this—a reaffirmation of my very firm belief that when each of us was made a Master Mason, we were set apart from other people, and when we were made York Rite Masons, we were further set apart. But at no time in our Masonic career were we clad in a cloak of comfort . . . but rather . . . with a robe of responsibility."

Highlight quotes from the York Rite Conference follow:

"Our lines are too long. Today a Sir Knight, to be a Commander

is most cases, must give up 10-11 years, and if he wishes to go through the Grand Commandery, he must give up 10-11 years more. . . . Let us cut the elective offices to the four Dais Officers, plus Treasurer and Recorder, in our Commanderies and Grand Commanderies. Let us have competition for these offices and pick the best men for our leaders."—SIR KNIGHT GUY I. ROBB, P.G.C., Connecticut, speaking on "Leadership."

"Let us revolt against those who lack the courage to halt the corruption, greed and immorality which is leading us step by step down the path of decadence to destruction. . . . May we rise to the challenge of our times by the practice of the Christian virtues . . . stamp out the bitterness, hatred and selfishness which threaten to seal the doom of our democratic way of life."—SIR KNIGHT G. BURTON LONG, D.G.C., Mass. and R. I., reporting on "Religious Activities."

"Let us rediscover both for ourselves and for our Masonic associates the true meaning of Freemasonry. . . . Let us select, elect and install capable administrative officers so that our Commanderies will be properly and efficiently governed. . . . Let us seek out competent, dedicated ritualists and form them into zone or district teams to insure that all candidates will receive the best possible portrayal of our beautiful degrees and orders."—SIR KNIGHT GORDON J. BRENNER, P.G.C., New Jersey, summarizing his report on "Masonic Ritual and Its Presentation."

"Membership Drives are and always will be—WORK. There is no easy way."—SIR KNIGHT FRANK F. SMITH, G.C., Maryland, closing his remarks on "Membership."

HOOSIER YORK RITE UNITY



ROY E. HORTON
Grand High Priest



CHARLES R. WALTS
Grand Master



JAMES G. FREY
Grand Commander

The York Rite Association of Indiana was formed in 1950 and during the first ten years of the Association's existence it served mainly as a forum for discussing mutual problems, suggesting solutions therefor, and as a means of acquainting the top officers of the York Rite with each other.

A most significant step was taken in March of 1960 when the Association started publishing the "York Rite News," a publication printed on good grade paper, 4 pages—8½x11, on a ten months basis and mailed free of charge to every York Rite Mason in Indiana. Each Grand Body contributes 10c per member to pay for said publication. In 1960 the Association also took a forward step in dividing the State into 9 divisions and appointed a Group Leader for each Division. Various programs were planned and channeled through the District Organizations. All work, however, was done by non-paid personnel—generally the Grand or Past Grand Officers of the various York Rite Bodies.

In 1964 the Association was en-

larged to include the 6 top officers in each of the Grand York Rite Bodies as well as others appointed for specific purposes. Committees were formed and work was delegated to the committees.

The year 1965 will undoubtedly be a banner year in York Rite co-operation in Indiana, in that the presiding Grand Officers of the three York Rite Bodies have placed the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery squarely behind the York Rite Association and the York Rite unity program. For the first time in Indiana, and probably the first time in any Grand Jurisdiction, the York Rite program **has a full time paid person to devote his full time and effort to York Rite work.** Indiana is most fortunate in having Lloyd W. Young, P.G.H.P. and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council for a number of years, to direct its York Rite activities. The Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master have each issued instructions to Sir Knight Young "to omit all inspections of Chapters and Councils for this

fiscal year in order to devote his full time to this new program."

The present program consists in part of organizing the York Rite areas into which the State is divided and seeing that they function. A feature part of the program is sponsoring, preparing for, and supervising York Rite Festivals. To date festivals have been sponsored in the Chapter and Council Degrees. One of these was the **Quarry Festival** held at Bloomington on September 11, at which time the Mespotamia Royal Arch Chapter Association presented a dramatic portrayal of the Mark Master Degree. It rained all day requiring the moving of the barbeque and degree work to Indiana University Field House rather than giving it at a stone quarry just outside of Bloomington. In spite of this, the occasion was most successful.

The main project for the balance of this year will be to assist the Commanderies over the state to confer the three Orders by December 31 upon all candidates who have received their Chapter and Council degrees during the festivals this fall.

During the first two quarters of

1966 each area will hold promotional meetings for prospective candidates and will also hold festivals conferring Chapter and Council degrees in preparation for the Grand Encampment sesqui-centennial class which will be held on March 11 and 12, 1966, at Muncie, Indiana. Each area's class will be designated "The Grand Encampment Sesqui-Centennial Class" and will be taken to Muncie on March 12 for one of the largest conferrals of the Orders of the Commandery ever performed in Indiana.

The program further provides for each area to meet at least once each quarter at a dinner meeting with entertainment and an annual social function to include wives.

The long range plan, among other things, provides for one individual to serve the three York Rite Bodies in the field of public relations and promotion and for the holding of a joint annual meeting of the three Grand York Rite Bodies.

I will be glad to furnish upon request by-laws of group organization, stated purposes and objectives etc. W. M. Avery, P. O. Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana.



DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT BLOOMINGTON QUARRY FESTIVAL



CANDIDATES THAT RECEIVED MARK MASTER DEGREE

Activities In Detroit Commandery No. 1

RED CROSS BANQUET

The Baking Beauties of Job Daughters baked 100 cakes for a 50th birthday party.



John A. Downs, Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar; Janet Hollis, Junior Princess; Karen Landeck, Honor Queen; Nancy Crumb, Guide; Jane Rahn, Senior Princess; Roberta Wiggle, Marshall.

The newly instituted Bethel of Job Daughters, Southfield, Michigan, baked 100 delicious and decorative desserts for the 50th birthday celebration of John A. Downs, Commander of **Detroit Commandery No. 1.**

The cakes were served to nearly 800 Sir Knights, their ladies, and friends at the Red Cross dinner on September 17 in the Fountain Room of the Masonic Temple in honor of 51 new candidates of the Commandery.

The Honored Queen and her escort were the guests of the Eminent Commander at the dinner.

HOSPITALERS DAY SERVICES

Three hundred Sir Knights of **Detroit Commandery No. 1**, under the leadership of John A. Downs, Commander, participated in the Hospitalers Day Services at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 17, 1965, at Christ Church, Cranbrook. Among

the distinguished Knights Templar who marched with Detroit No. 1's famed Drill Corps was the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker (former Secretary of War in President Eisenhower's Cabinet, former Governor of Michigan, and presently the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment) and Judge Edward Piggins (former Chief of Police of Detroit and serving currently as the Grand Juror.) Sir Knights Piggins and Brucker are Past Commanders of Detroit Commandery No. 1; both are also Past Grand Commanders of Michigan.

Three hundred marching uniformed Templars are a magnificent sight. This same Drill Corps participated in several Easter Sunrise Services at Arlington Cemetery, President Eisenhower's Inaugural Parade, and many National as well as State Conclaves.

FALL INFORMAL DANCE

The man who wrote "Remember Pearl Harbor," who has invited thousands of people from all walks of life to step up and "lead a band," and has become world-famous for his "Swing and Sway" style, will be featured at the Fall Informal Dance held at the Detroit Yacht Club on Saturday, November 6.

The world-renowned Sammy Kaye who walked off with billboard's No. 1 "Sweet" band honors many times will bring along Marc Allen and Faye Dean to entertain the Sir Knights and their ladies.

It will be an evening of fine music that will bring back fond memories of the Big Band days yet zip along with today's best.

Sammy Kaye is well remembered as one of the finest musical groups of the country whose show ran on the ABC radio network for years.

Knights Templar Cross of Honor Awards to September 27, 1965

Name of Grand Commandery	Name of Commandery	Name of Recipient	Place of Residence	Date of Authorization By Grand Master Brucker
Arkansas	Damascus No. 8	Oryson Verno Hopkins	Pine Bluff, Arkansas	March 22, 1965
Michigan	Bay City No. 26	Stewart M. Powrie	Bay City, Michigan	April 15, 1965
Dist. of Columbia	Washington No. 1	William Ernest Barkman	Washington, D. C.	April 18, 1965
Oregon	Ivanhoe No. 2	Max G. Cogill	Eugene, Oregon	April 19, 1965
Washington	Bethlehem No. 19	Donald L. Dresser	Seattle, Washington	April 20, 1965
Idaho	Twin Falls No. 10	G. Paul Bragg	Ketchum, Idaho	April 24, 1965
Kentucky	DeMolay No. 12	Wylie Brodbeck Wendt	Louisville, Kentucky	April 26, 1965
Georgia	St. Omer No. 2	Preston Young Luther	Griffin, Georgia	April 28, 1965
Utah	Utah No. 1	Thomas Guy Wadsworth	Salt Lake City, Utah	April 29, 1965
Oklahoma	Duncan No. 46	Alfred Sumner Bryan	Duncan, Oklahoma	April 30, 1965
Vermont	Malta No. 10	James Clement Ford	Newport, Vermont	May 6, 1965
Pennsylvania	Lincoln No. 91	Roscoe McDowell Dunning	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	May 10, 1965
Indiana	Knightstown No. 9	Branson C. Barton	Charlottesville, Indiana	May 6, 1965
Maryland	Beauseant No. 8	Harry Miller Wagner	Baltimore, Maryland	May 17, 1965
West Virginia	Kanawha No. 4	James Mitchell Craigo	Charleston, West Virginia	June 2, 1965
Tennessee	Tokyo No. 1	William Raymond Lepper	Tokyo, Japan	June 14, 1965
Illinois	Dyersburg No. 18	Richard Jarrett Akin	Newbern, Tennessee	June 26, 1965
Arizona	Urbana No. 16	Arthur Kenton Hamlin	Urbana, Illinois	July 20, 1965
South Dakota	Scottsdale No. 12	W. Lynn Dixon	Scottsdale, Arizona	August 2, 1965
Colorado	St. Bernard No. 11	Oscar R. Link	Mitchell, South Dakota	September 7, 1965
Wyoming	Ivanhoe No. 11	Milford E. Shields	Durango, Colorado	September 20, 1965
	Hugh De Payen	William L. Marion	Lander, Wyoming	September 27, 1965

From Our Readers

ST. LOUIS COMMANDERY NO. 1 HONORS A MEMBER



L. to R.: Com. Robert B. Lauck; Ill. Potentate Robert W. Conradi, Moolah Temple; and James H. Cockerham, Grand Gen. of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Missouri's oldest Commandery, St. Louis Commandery No. 1, chartered by the Grand Encampment, September 18, 1847, honored its member, Sir Knight Robert W. Conradi, presently serving as the Illustrious Potentate of Moolah Shrine, Missouri's largest Temple.

The occasion was developed around a dinner served in the large Masonic Temple at St. Louis. The meeting was held with the families of the Sir Knights on September 20, 1965, as a grand kick-off for the fall season. All officers as well as numerous members and guests wore the dress uniform of a Templar. All bodies of the York Rite

of Freemasonry were represented by various grand officers.

The evening was highlighted by a Masonic talk delivered by Illustrious Potentate Conradi, who is also a Past Master of his lodge.

A REAL SUCCESS STORY

Report of York Commandery, U.D., Camp Springs, Maryland. For Year Under Dispensation, 1964-1965.

Commandery organized with 99 Sir Knights.

Completely equipped the Commandery, officers have both Templar and fatigue uniforms.

22 Life Sponsors for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, 13.7% of membership.

44 subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine, 27% of membership.

Drill Team with approximately 19 Sir Knights.

Knighted 28 and affiliated 35 with one death, no demits, and no suspensions.

Total membership—161, making an increase of 62%.

At the 8 stated and 2 special conclaves, there was an average attendance of 49 Sir Knights.

Cash balance on hand—\$2,732.16.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland served as Captain General, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council was the Commander under dispensation and is now serving as Prelate.

EDITOR'S NOTE: John B. Vrooman, P. O. Box 402, St. Louis, Missouri, would appreciate a copy of the following Knight Templar magazines: Volume 1, No. 4; Volume V, No. 1; Volume VII, No. 1,

2, 3 and 4. Sir Knight Vrooman is the editor of the Philalethes and an outstanding Masonic scholar. He soon will be submitting a series of articles for the Knight Templar Magazine. Any assistance that you would give him will be greatly appreciated.



P.G.C. of California, Eggert Rohwer of Dixon recently received a gold lapel button in recognition of 50 years of membership in the Masonic Fraternity. The presentation was made at a gathering of approximately 500 Masons. In attendance were William Tucker, G.C.; Harold N. Richards, Grand Lecturer of the California Grand Lodge; Marion Pedlar, P.G.C.; and many other past and present Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery officers. Sir Knight Rohwer served as Grand Commander in 1951 and just this year concluded a most successful term as Grand Illustrious Master of the California Grand Council. He is also a trustee of the Grand Encampment, K.T. of the U.S.A.



Governor George Wallace

Montgomery Commandery (Alabama) held a most enthusiastic patriotic meeting in their new Temple at 215 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, on August 20. There were 151 Sir Knights present and the speaker was the Honorable George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama. Among those in attendance were the following distinguished guests: Charles L. Campbell, G.C.; Arlis R. Fant, P.G.M.; E. E. Jackson, P.G.M.; Gordon Evat, P.G.Sec.; and Donald F. McAtee, D.G.G.M. of the Gen. G. Council in the Canal Zone, R. & S. M.

James Joyce, Grand Recorder of Minnesota reports that probably their oldest Knight Templar, Edwin A. Mills, who was born in Canada on February 10, 1863, and who was a member of Constantine Commandery No. 20 at Crookston, Minnesota, recently passed away. Sir Knight Mills was 102 years of age and had been a Knight Templar for more than 65 years.

ARIZONA COMMANDERY NO. 1 (TUCSON) KNIGHTS CLASS OF 35



Floyd I. Manker, P.G.C., in reporting the above activities states that the class was named "Sabbar Temple Class of 1965" in commemoration of the institution of the Shrine Temple by that name in Tucson.

"We are very proud of this class of candidates because it is the largest class ever dubbed at once by any of our active members with the possibility of being the largest ever in our Commandery and possibly in the State."

WHY WE SEND BOYS TO CAMP

The following is an excerpt from a letter recently received by Sir Knight J. Frank Nettles of Jacksonville, Florida, and is a result of using money which remained from the recent Florida State Wide York Rite Festival in Jacksonville, to send two DeMolay boys to Leadership Camp in North Carolina.

"Dear Mr. Nettles,

I want to express my sincere appreciation to you and to the York Rite for sending my son to DeMolay Leadership Camp.

"I cannot possibly tell you just how much this meant to my son.

"I drove to Lake City to meet his bus on his return. He told me on the way home that night that he had two experiences while there

that he would never forget as long as he lived. One of them was the night the boys re-dedicated their lives. His voice was choked with emotion as he spoke in detail of the ceremony and his feelings. He said, 'I'll always regret that I did not write my thoughts down that night, mother.' After the ceremony he said there was hardly a dry eye left and the boys were all so touched that they sat silently for a long time afterwards on the porch in the rocking chairs. He also talked about the service conducted by the Grand Chaplain on top of the mountain—in his words, 'the most beautiful thing I have ever seen and heard.' This is something that I could not have given him, Mr. Nettles. He had experiences and

good impressions made on him that will go through life with him, made possible through the York Rite's generosity."

GEORGIA PLANS FOR SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

With Georgia's 39 Commanderies and 12,000 Knights Templar, plans and enthusiasm for next year's Sesqui-Centennial celebrations are maturing fast.

An elaborate program has been proposed. The State has been divided into three "Encampments" and we are trying for a class of at least 150 candidates in each Encampment. Prospects look good.

This will also be used as an opportunity to increase our Knight Templar Magazine circulation, with every Commandery being asked to give a year's subscription to each Sir Knight dubbed during the celebrations.

—R. S. Sagar, Correspondent



Winston Commandery, New York, has about 20 Sir Knights on its roster who have been members for 50 years or more. Recently six of them attended a dinner in their honor and are pictured above. A number of other Sir Knights from the Commandery were also present.

It was indeed a happy occasion to receive a letter from A. D. Leon Gray, P.G.C. of South Carolina and a member of Oxford Command-

ery No. 39, in which he included a check to the Knight Templar Magazine in the amount of \$128.00. His letter in part read as follows:

"Our Constituent Commandery decided to send the Knight Templar Magazine to each member as a gift this year in the hope of enlarging Templarism in introducing them to this fine magazine."

The Florence, Alabama, area is now represented by four Grand Officers representing respectively the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., and the three Grand Bodies of the York Rite. This is the second time that a single area has been represented in Alabama in all four Bodies.



Left to right: T. D. Sharp, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Ala.; G. H. Gadd, G.K. of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Ala.; F. S. Zimmerman, I. Gr. C. of C. of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Ala.; and B. W. Phelps, D.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Ala.

IN MEMORIAM

New Mexico

Horace Wilson Keenan, G.C.,
1945—September 19, 1965.

HAMMOND COMMANDERY (Ind.) HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL INSPECTION



Front row, l. to r.: Russel Huffington, P.G.C. of Ind.; Charles L. Rothe, E.C. of Hammond Commandery No. 41; James Frey, G.C. of Ind.; George Wilber Bell, G.G. of Grand Encampment; Sigurd Jensen, P.D.C. of the Grand Encampment; Andrew Barton, G.G. of Ill.; and Kenneth McCarty, G.St.B. of Ill. Back row, l. to r.: Alvin L. Crump, P.G.C. of Ill.; Howard M. Scnapp, P.G.C. of Ill.; Alfred E. Braam, P.G.C. of Ind.; Leo C. Dimmer, P.G.C. of Ill.; Haldane W. Bean, P.G.C. of Ill.; and Alfred E. Kock, P.G.C. of Ill.

On September 18, 1965, Hammond Commandery No. 41 held its Annual Inspection. A record number of over 300 Sir Knights and Ladies were in attendance.

Forty Commanderies were represented from the States of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and New Jersey. Also in attendance were representatives from St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery of Sarinia, Canada.

The principal speaker for the evening was George Wilber Bell, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

The public inspection was held during the evening and a drill team from Ottawa Commandery No. 10 of Ill. gave an interesting exhibition.

Other distinguished guests not pictured but present were Omar E. Hager, G. Std. Bearer (Ind.), Inspecting Officer.

From the Grand Commandery of Ill.: Charles E. Bostick, G.G.; David E. Wennerstand, D.G.C.; Stuart Stone, G.C.G.; Thomas Richards, G.J.W.; J. Emerson Miller, G.Sw.B.; Seth Flanders, P.G.C.; and C. McCann, P.G.P.

From the Grand Council of Ill.: Augustus S. Alderman, G.P.C.W.

From the Grand Chapter of Ill.: Robert M. Diebold, P.G.H.P. and Oscar Ankarberg, P.G.H.P.

From the K.Y.C.H.: F. K. Gwinner, Em. Prior of Ind. Priory No. 8.

From the Grand Chapter of Ill., Order of Builders: Milton Bowers, Grand Master Builder.

The Name Of Our Foundation — Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

It is not uncommon for us to receive many communications that refer to our project not as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., but merely as the "Eye Foundation," or even as the "Eye Bank."

Every effort must be made to correct or call attention to what the real name of our Great Humanitarian Charity is. It is true in this age of abbreviation that many of our own Sir Knights or even our Masonic friends feel that when they refer to the so called Eye Foundation, or Eye Bank, that of course they mean and everyone understands that they refer to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Our charity is becoming very well known within and without Templary, and it can be confusing, especially to the public and those who are not Knights Templar.

Furthermore ours is a project of the Knights Templar, and they are entitled to receive the credit for the humanitarian accomplishments of our charity so that anywhere in the world, or in any place, we must always publicize the words "Knights Templar" as such, and their relationship in helping afflicted humanity, and those possibly doomed to a life of darkness. If the tendency to abbreviate our name to the elimination of the

words "Knights Templar" grows we could in time lose our identity.

It is for that reason that we must encourage the use of our full name "Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc."

One more angle to be considered is that the uses of the full name is bound to be a factor in building templary; we have had some of those working on our project become Knights Templar.

The Shrine never grew by referring to their charity as Crippled Childrens Hospital, but as the "Shriners Hospital For Crippled Children."

KY. YORK RITE COUNCIL

At the last meeting of the **Kentucky York Rite Council**, held at Diamond Caverns, Park City, Kentucky on Saturday, July 10, 1965, it was unanimously agreed upon that the York Rite Bodies in Kentucky should have at least one "ALL STATE" York Rite Festival each year, preferably in the fall of the year, and at least one District Festival in each of the nine festival districts.

Present plans are being drawn for the **SECOND ANNUAL ALL STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL** to be held in Louisville, Friday and Saturday, November 12-13, 1965.

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Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the oldest of American Holidays. It was Governor William Bradford of Plymouth who issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation in November 1621—just 334 years ago—to less than 100 Pilgrims struggling in the wilderness—upon the occasion of their first harvest. Calling them “to gather with one accord for Thanksgiving unto the Lord.”

In all recorded history there is no more glorious saga of religious fervor, high idealism and an iron strength of character than was found in our pilgrim fathers. Exiled by religious persecution from their native land, they found succor at Leyden, Holland, until on September 6, 1620 they set sail on the Mayflower from Southhampton to find religious liberty in the new world. Landing at Plymouth Rock as Winter approached, they began a terrific battle for subsistence in the wilderness, in the midst of wild beasts and savages. One of their first acts was to erect a log church where they worshiped God under the protection of their trusty muskets. Their burning zeal for religious freedom must have fed their souls and sustained their spirits until the first harvest brought the blessing of food.

As we Americans gather in our comfortable and warm homes on Thanksgiving Day 1965, may we not only give thanks to Almighty God for our material blessings, but may we also thank the Lord that pilgrims with determination to have religious freedom at any price, established this fundamental ideal for America—by virtue of which we ourselves enjoy religious freedom today.

WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand Master

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