Templar Influence World-Wide

Meet Our Subordinate Commanderies

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A Message From the Grand Master - -

TEMPLARY’S “FINEST HOUR”

During World War II there was a time when the Nazi’s had conquered the continent of Europe and were poised to invade the British Isles and wipe out the last resistance. It was then that the sheer courage, fortitude and determination of the British—ready to fight “on the beaches and at the hedge-rows”—turned the tide. Winston Churchill described the gallant defense of Britain by her people as England’s “Finest Hour.”

As it is with nations, so it is with men and institutions—in times of peace as well as war—which have determined their destiny. This has been true of the church as well as our own Christian Order of Knighthood.

In 1816 Templary was still grappling with the problem of separate, local “Encampments” which abjured all efforts to consolidate into one national body—as the colonies had done to form the American Union. Continuance of such separation threatened to sap the energy of Christian Warriors who ought to close ranks and face the common foe of society together. It was then, under the leadership of Governor DeWitt Clinton of New York, that success finally came on June 20, 1816, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., became the national organization of Christian Masons upon the American continent.

As we celebrate our 150th Birthday in 1966 we will undoubtedly refer to this event as Templary’s “Finest Hour.” However, I believe that our Founding Fathers would be the first to disclaim any monopoly upon Templary’s “Finest Hour.” They would join us in saying that Templary still has its “Finest Hour” in the future! It is still our job to meet the enemies of religion, morality and lawlessness “on the beaches and at the hedge-rows” in our every-day community life, and stand resolutely for law, order, decency and the Christian religion in our day. 1966—with its historic Sesqui-Centennial will be one of Templary’s “Finest Hours”—if we make it come true by our resolute conduct and belief in our Christian Cause.

As we peer into 1966, let us heed the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Phillipians:

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”
The Subordinate Commanderies

By John Lawton Crofts, Sr., D.G.M. of the Grand Encampment, K.T.

... are subordinate to and under the direct supervision of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.
... have a voice in Grand Encampment conclaves, through their elected duly officers, as do the Grand Commanderies.
... are located where no Grand Commandery exists, presently in the states of Delaware, Alaska and Hawaii, in U. S. Territories, and in foreign countries.
... may be compared in importance to the new green growth on a mature tree.
... have played a most important part for 150 years in the progress of Templary.

FORMED GRAND ENCAMPMENT

The Grand Encampment (known until the 1850s as the General Grand Encampment) was nominally formed by the Grand Encampments of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and New York, or, perhaps more accurately, by a number of then existing Encampments located in those states or recognized by them. But the whole organization might well have failed if a growth had not been established at once by the addition of Encampments located elsewhere, both by chartering new bodies and by recognizing established groups. Our present established national stature as an organization did not appear at any one moment, but rather through a half-century of development, during which the part played by the Subordinate Commanderies was certainly a major role. For example, at the time of the tenth Triennial Conclave at Columbus, Ohio in 1847, the Grand Encampment was composed of four Grand Commanderies and nineteen Subordinate Commanderies, which were:

Massachusetts & Rhode Island
New York
Connecticut
Ohio
Maine
Maine
New Hampshire
Pennsylvania
District of Columbia
Virginia
South Carolina
Georgia
Alabama
Mississippi
Louisiana
Tennessee
Illinois
Kentucky

Grand Commandery
Grand Commandery
Grand Commandery
Grand Commandery
Maine No. 1 at Portland
Portland No. 2 at Portland
DeWitt Clinton No. 1 at Portsmouth
Pittsburgh No. 1 at Pittsburgh
Washington No. 1 at Washington
Wheeling No. 1 at Wheeling
South Carolina No. 1 at Charleston
Georgia No. 1 at Augusta
Washington No. 1 at Marion
Mississippi No. 1 at Jackson
Indivisible Friends No. 1 at New Orleans
Nashville No. 1 at Nashville
Apollo No. 1 at Chicago
Webb No. 1 at Lexington
FORMED GRAND COMMANDERIES

While Grand Encampment authorized the Grand Commanderies (except those forming Grand Encampment in 1816), the foundation for each was the then established Subordinate Commanderies. The latest example of this was the formation of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines in 1963.

17 OF 210 NOW REMAIN

Our records list a total of 210 Subordinate Commanderies. A few failed. Most went to form Grand Commanderies. It is expected and hoped that the number will be further reduced by the formation of Grand Commanderies in Alaska and Hawaii, and perhaps in Delaware, though many feel that Templary there might be best served, for geographical reasons, by combination with Maryland. But there will also be new Subordinate Commanderies so long as our Christian devotion continues.

It certainly must be inspirational to every Knight Templar to know that groups of Christian Masons are functioning successfully in such far places as Mexico, Germany, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Italy, as well as in the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico. Of these, as of the 1964 reports, St. John's of Wilmington was the oldest and Al Hasa of Dahran the youngest, Honolulu No. 1 the largest and Heidelberg No. 2 the fastest growing. Here is the complete list:

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The world-wide influence of Knight Templary is best exemplified by the fine work being done by our Subordinate Commanderies. It is fitting and proper that we enter 1966, the year in which we will celebrate our 150th Anniversary, and accelerate the growth we presently enjoy, that sincere tribute be paid to the creative leadership and enthusiasm of all Sir Knights who have contributed to the organization, growth and progress of our Subordinate Commanderies.

At the present time activities reports have not been received from two of our Subordinate Commanderies in Alaska, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Mexico City, Honolulu Commandery No. 1, Hawaii, and the Commandery which is now being formed in Milan, Italy. When this information is received, it will be published in a future issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.

St. John’s Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware

For almost a century, St. John’s Commandery was the only Subordinate Commandery within the Continental United States. A dispensation was issued March 10, 1866 by Grand Master Henry L. Palmer for St. John’s Commandery.

The first meeting “Under Dispensation” was held March 14, 1866. It was October 20, 1868, when the Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight John W. Simmons, constituted the Commandery and presented its Charter.

Plans for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Commandery are underway, according to Sir Knight James R. Hanna, Eminent Commander.

St. John’s Commandery was honored by an appointment in Grand Encampment in 1922, when Sir Knight William S. Highfield was installed Grand Warder.

The records show that a memorial page was set aside by St. John’s in 1901 for Sir Knight William McKinley, President of the United States, who had been killed by an assassin.

At the 75th Anniversary of the Commandery, October 14, 1943, Sir Knight Henry S. Young presided as Eminent Commander. Sir Knights Paul Yearsley and F. Irving Crow, presently Treasurer and Trustee, were respectively Senior and Junior Wardens at that time.

Sir Knight Hanna concludes, “We are looking forward with much pleasure to our Centennial Celebration.”

Canal Zone Commandery No. 1, Panama Canal Zone

The Panama Canal Zone is truly the “Crossroads of the World.” On November 6th a class of fifteen candidates for the Orders of Knighthood included a member of a chapter in Bombay, India, and another from a chapter in the State of Wisconsin.

Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, was founded more than 50 years ago, even before the Panama Canal began its operations as the “funnel of world commerce.”
At its peak after the Second World War, this Commandery had a membership of approximately 500. With reductions of work forces in the Canal and military organizations related to the Canal, this membership gradually dwindled over the years to a little less than 400, of which about two-thirds live off the Isthmus.

During the current year, 25 candidates have been knighted and will probably result in a small increase in membership. We attribute the modest success of the current year to an intensified unification of the activities of the four York Rite bodies in this area (2 Royal Arch Chapters, Council and Commandery).

Last year, the Committee on Membership assessed its situation as requiring, first, an improvement in the presentation of the work of the Orders. During the latter part of last year, these degree teams began to function, but the work was done one Order at a time as we have been doing for many years.

In 1965, all three orders were put on in one day in the spring and again on November 6. Some 25 men assisted in this work each time, giving a wider participation than has been enjoyed for many years past. This latter presentation of the Orders was the continuation of the Chapter and Council work which was performed under like circumstances during the six weeks preceding the 6th of November.

We are already planning our two festivals of the several York Rite degrees and Orders for the next year. Another step which is under consideration is the selection of a common business meeting night when all the three Pacific side bodies will meet. In this way many common items of business can be accomplished with a minimum of duplicative actions and discussion.

Although the future of the Canal Zone is still somewhat clouded, in time it appears there will be no future here for American citizens. Nevertheless, we are facing the next few years confidently expecting to maintain our membership at least at the present level or with some modest increase.

**Puerto Rico Commandery No. 1, San Juan, P. R.**

Sir Knight Howard C. Wheeler, Eminent Commander of Puerto Rico Commandery No. 1, writes: "Our Commandery is the only one on the Island and whereas we have a fair sized membership (151), a great many of our members do not live in Puerto Rico any more, but are scattered throughout the world. Many, Knighted in our Commandery, are in the armed forces, or are assigned here for two or three years, then transferred back to the States or to some country in South or Central America.

"Puerto Rico is a small island thirty-five miles wide by one hundred miles long. The central part is mostly mountainous and not densely populated. The city of San Juan, where the Commandery is located, is a large city of nearly 600,000 persons. The natives usually go through Masonry by the Scottish Rite rather than the York Rite, as these are all in Spanish, the native tongue here.

"We have only a very select few Puerto Ricans in our Commandery, which is in English, as are our Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter. We . . . put through those who are of state side birth or training. Therefore, our growth is slow—usually three to six every year."
Sir Knight Wheeler notes that the Grand Encampment brochures, "Charting the Course," have been received and distributed in Puerto Rico Commandery No. 1.

Tampico Commandery No. 1, Monterrey, Mexico

The recent history of Tampico Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, properly begins with a letter from the Most Eminent Grand Master Walter Allen Delamater dated July 23rd, 1957, signifying his approval of the Commandery being transferred from Tampico (Mexico) to Monterrey (Mexico). Arrangements eventually were completed and on October 31st, 1958, the first Conclave was held in Monterrey, the industrial "Pittsburgh" of Mexico, the center of steel production, 150 miles south of Laredo, Texas.

Tampico Commandery No. 1 still retains its original name, however, and still remains the only Conclave of Knights Templar in the north of Mexico. Monterrey has been the site of Blue Lodge activities in the English language since 1898, and in addition is the home of the largest membership of any Spanish-speaking state Grand Lodge in that country.

The Commandery works in English, although nearly half of the resident Sir Knights are Mexican companions. All are members of the Spanish-speaking Chapter of Royal Arch Masons located in Monterrey.

Activity has been continuous since 1958, and many classes of candidates have been received between then and 1965, the last being a class of six Royal Arch Masons who received the Order of the Temple on October 2nd, 1965.

No mention of the Monterrey activities of Tampico Commandery can be made without acknowledging the many visits of Sir Knight Harold E. Phelps who has made almost yearly visits from his home in Florida to attend our conclaves, to counsel and train the companions in the work, and at times to preside. His truly generous enthusiasm has earned him a place in the hearts of this Mexican Commandery that will be never lost to memory.

Anchorage Commandery No. 2, Anchorage, Alaska

Anchorage Commandery No. 2, K. T., a subordinate Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was issued a Dispensation on the 1st day of July, 1920, authorizing Anchorage Commandery to work and continued under said Dispensation until a Charter was granted on the 27th day of April, 1922.

In 1963, a holding company was formed, by a group of dedicated Masons, for the purpose of financing and constructing a York Rite Temple. The following year, on Good Friday of March 1964, an earthquake rocked the foundations, cracked the walls and so weakened the Temple to make it unsafe for use. Our Temple was, however, spared the complete destruction experienced by hundreds of other buildings in the earthquake area.

Representatives of our York Rite bodies then convened in council for the purpose of discussing plans for
the rebuilding of the Temple. With the completion of the plans, Knights Templars, Royal Arch Companions, Blue Lodge Brothers and DeMolay boys from all walks of life and with their various crafts and skills volunteered to help and assist in the rebuilding. The foundation was made stronger and more quake resistant. The lodgeroom walls were finished in matched birch peneling that added the character and dignity found only in a house of worship. A beautiful blue rug covers our asylum floor and carpeting of deep rich red covers the dais of the stations in the East, West and South. The ceiling is finished with a soft white sparkling texture resembling a star decked canopy.

Our York Rite Temple now provides a permanent home for the following Masonic bodies and Masonic sponsored orders; one Eastern Star Chapter, three Rainbow Girls Assemblies, one Chapter of DeMolay and the Supreme Chapter of DeMolay of Alaska, one Blue Lodge of F. & A. M., one Royal Arch Chapter and a Council of R. & S. Masters, and our own Knights Templar Commandery.

Appreciation is acknowledged to the following for their generous financial assistance in our cause; the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the U.S.A., the Grand Lodge of Washington, F. & A. M. and the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Wisconsin.

Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Tokyo, Japan

Tokyo Commandery No. 1, located in Tokyo, Japan, may seem an unlikely place to find an Order based upon chivalric organization out of the history of Europe. Nevertheless, situated in this far corner of the eastern world, in the middle of a culture far older than that from whence it sprang, is a Christian Order of Knighthood dedicated to all the ideals for which it stands. However, if it is realized that Masonry in Japan is one hundred years old, then the presence of a Commandery of Knights Templar here becomes more understandable. Truly Masonry in all its facets is universal.

Tokyo Commandery No. 1 was organized under dispensation December 21, 1955, and Constituted March 27, 1959. There was a time when sticks were used for swords and uniforms consisted of black gowns, but you never saw any more zeal and sincerity in all your life. Stout hearts and undying enthusiasm kept a dream alive until members and dollars teamed up to permit the full exemplification of the Orders in full costume and paraphernalia, along with attendant pride and satisfaction.

Membership is primarily composed of temporarily assigned military and DOD civilians in the area, some commercial entrants and foreign residents and a very few Japanese Nationals. Somewhere around two to three hundred Japanese Nationals are Master Masons and an even smaller number have progressed through the Scottish and York Rites. To understand the problem in proper perspective, just consider how many of us would be members of the Craft if we had to join a Lodge of resident foreigners and work in their foreign tongue? Why, we can't get the majority of our members to learn the work in their own tongue let alone a foreign language.

The Grand Lodge of Japan does have several Lodges working in the mother tongue of the country so there is hope for the future. As our military commitments vary around the globe, so do the numbers of personnel vary,
and the classes in Tokyo have become smaller and fewer, but we do have a small core of resident members that will keep Tokyo Commandery No. 1 alive for the day when the local culture embraces Templary and maintains it as a part of the Masonic way of life in Japan.

Bavaria Commandery No. 3, Munich, Germany

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

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

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

The officers spare no effort to assure the high quality of our ritual work, and are constantly striving to improve the appearance of our asylum so that the solemnity of the Orders and integrity of our ideals will in no manner be minimized. Our asylum is the best equipped in Europe. Our ritualists second to none. Other Commanderies less fortunate in these endowments send us a constant stream of candidates for courtesy work, which we are always pleased to accomplish.

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

Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Germany

The Masonic Background is common to the three Commanderies established in Germany during the last decade. These are Heidelberg Commandery No. 2 and Bavaria Commandery No. 3, the latter in Munich, plus the
Hermann Von Salza Commandery which I have the honor of commanding.

The spiritual climate in this country, conditioned to the constant materialist challenge from its communist neighbors in the east, is favorable to our cause. This is felt by the members of the U. S. Armed Forces serving here who readily respond to our call. Yet, they can seldom stay on long enough to give us resident Sir Knights the measure of continuity needed for the rewarding but also exacting teamwork which distinguishes an active body of Knights Templar.

The resident members are of various nationalities but mostly have a ready command of English. Among German Freemasons, recruitment into the York Rite holds better promise where the ritual is enacted in their own language.

We have gradually come to realize that no single Commandery could hope to assemble and keep intact the working knowledge or the paraphernalia wherewith to perform the full rites of the Chivalric Orders. Much the same may be said of the Chapter and Council with which we are so closely united. In fact, we all decided to pool resources of precious time and manpower.

By much unsparing effort of the usual few, we instituted a single, integrated York Rite Festival. This is to be held, at the invitation of one of the constituent bodies, in any city where we would be able, in the company of our ladies, to receive and enjoy hospitality to embellish the few moments of leisure snatched from a long weekend of Masonic endeavor.

Our first Festival happily fulfilled our expectations in Kaiserslautern, a beautiful and ancient city west of the Rhine. There, well over one hundred York Rite Masons of many nations attended the Masonic Temple of "GallieI" Lodge from October 7 to 10th. There they witnessed the full ceremonies of the capitular and cryptic degrees, which culminated in the conferral of the chivalric Orders on forty-seven candidates.

To enact this in due and dignified fashion would not have been possible without the painstaking organization and the spacious premises so kindly put at our disposal by the united "Craft" in Kaiserslautern, built up over some fifteen years by the common effort of German and American Freemasons.

Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, Germany

Like most of the York Rite Bodies in Europe, Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, K.T., is made up predominately of members of the United States Armed Forces. Those members who are stationed in Heidelberg-Mannheim area form the backbone of Heidelberg Commandery. However, they are supplemented by civilian members who live in the area also.

During its almost ten years of history, Heidelberg Commandery has earned a reputation throughout the Continent for its ritualistic work, hospitality and friendliness. Among its membership can be found natives of Germany, Italy, Greece and The Netherlands, as well as those from the United States and Canada.

The meeting place (a German Lodgeroom) is exceedingly small; the membership is transient, but the warm feeling of Christian fellowship is one of the main prides of Heidelberg Commandery; the members gather round
the festive board at the Hotel Ritter (translated from the German means "Knights Hotel") in the shadow of the famous Heidelberg Castle. Frequently, German, English, Italian and Danish can be heard around the table. But language forms no real problem for the Sir Knights, as they are bound together by ties that know no barrier.

If you ever get to picturesque Heidelberg, be sure to enjoy the beautiful Neckar River, the famous Heidelberg Castle, the Konigstuhl (King's Seat) and the warm welcome you will get if you visit Heidelberg Commandery and other York Rite Bodies.

St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, Dover, Delaware

Sir Knight Samuel A. Wise, Past Commander, points out that St. Andrew's Commandery has achieved several goals in its short but colorful history. The most significant, of course, was the granting of a Charter at the Grand Encampment Triennial, Philadelphia, August 24, 1964. Four days later, Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master, constituted the Commandery in the Asylum of the Masonic Temple, Dover, Delaware.

Following the constituting, Grand Master Brucker, in a public ceremony, installed officers in the Senate Chambers of the Legislative Hall of Delaware. Distinguished Templars were present from six Grand Jurisdictions for the occasion.

The first major goal had been the granting of a dispensation on May 1, 1962, by Grand Master Paul Miller Moore. During dispensation, equipment was secured, the ritual was memorized, and the Orders were conferred upon a class of more than thirty candidates.

The third great step is now in progress. As Sir Knight Wise writes, "Our dedication to Christian Religion and Principles must be exemplified in our lives and in the whole glorious future which lies ahead of us."

A Ladies Auxiliary—formed in 1963 under the guidance of Mrs. Charles B. Wolffertz, wife of the Past Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department—is flourishing. Further additions have been made in the equipment of St. Andrew's Commandery, the Treasury carries a substantial balance and membership is increasing steadily.

All who come in contact with Sir Knights from St. Andrew's are impressed with their enthusiasm, their De- Molay activities, their fellowship and their specific dedication to Templary. St. Andrew's Commandery always is well represented at the Easter Sunrise Services at Washington, in fact, at any kind of gathering of Knights Templar.

Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Saudi Arabia

Since publication of the article entitled "Templary on the March in Saudi Arabia" on page 9 of the June, 1965, issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, has continued to make rapid progress in every field of Templar activity. Al Hasa knighted 25 more candidates at its York Rite Festival on September 10, 1965—thus bringing its membership up from 71 to 96. On April 6, 1965, it contributed $300.00 from its own Commandery funds to the Knight Templar Eye
Foundation and obtained the assistance of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Shrine of Saudi Arabia, so that a total of $1,150.00 was sent to Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. In addition, Al Hasa Commandery No. 1 has procured 76 Life Sponsors and 1 Patron for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation out of its membership of 96. As of this date, Al Hasa had sent in 73 subscriptions for the Knight Templar Magazine. As for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, the following excerpt is taken from the report of Sir Knight James E. Walter, Chairman:

“Several months prior to the month of May, one Sunday a month we shall march together and attend church in a group. In early May we plan to have a Conferral of the Orders of Knighthood featuring ‘The Sesquicentennial Class’ followed with a banquet honoring the newly elected Knights.

“As Saudi Arabia is strictly Moslem we must confine our advertising to the American camps, but be assured that every desirable candidate in these camps will have heard many times about Knights Templary and its 150 years of meritorious achievements.

“Around June 15, 1966, following the installation of new officers, we plan as a grand climax to our advertisement and celebration to hold a Masonic Dinner inviting all Masons, wives, Eastern Star and any other affiliate bodies or guests. Needless to say, this affair will be called ‘The Knights Templar Sesquicentennial Dinner’ and will feature an oration on the history, progress and good works of our Christian Knights.

“An informative booklet concerning the highlights of Knights Templary—its birth, history, present day membership, benevolent foundations, substantial contributions to society, etc., will be edited, printed and distributed to each guest in conjunction with the evening’s program.

“Our potential membership in Saudi Arabia may be limited but our possibilities are many and we are planning and looking forward to spreading Knighthood even if it should become necessary to attempt the conversion of Moslems!”

Havana Commandery No. 1, Havana, Cuba

Havana Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar is now inactive. However, it only awaits the day when freedom will again come to Cuba, whereupon it will become active again as a Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Its charter has never been suspended but still remains in full force and effect. However, Templar work is impossible under present circumstances. The members of Havana Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, are dispersed in many foreign countries. Some members have written to Sir Knight John Temple Rice, the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, sending them their annual dues and have received an official receipt therefor. It is manifest that other members are unaware of their right to maintain their membership by paying their dues direct to the Grand Encampment. The Grand Master has ruled that any member of Havana Commandery No. 1 may have a demit upon payment of his dues or may petition another Commandery of Knights Templar to affiliate with the latter upon showing that his dues in Havana Commandery No. 1 have been paid to the Right
Eminent Grand Recorder in the interim. When Havana Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, becomes active again all of its Sir Knights who were members at the time of the Castro revolution, will be welcomed back into the fold and individual accreditation will be possible upon proper identification.

PENNSYLVANIA INITIATES MAGAZINE INSERTS

With this edition of the Knight Templar Magazine, the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania becomes the first Grand Jurisdiction to utilize the magazine for a four page center insert devoted to news of the Grand Commandery and Constituent Commanderies of the State.

Late last year, arrangements were completed to permit the addition of jurisdictional sections at a nominal cost. The procedure calls for a state editor to compile news, information and directives, and to forward the material to the printer of the magazine by the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication. This jurisdictional supplement—of four to eight pages, as desired—is then stapled in the center position of the magazine. All copies of the Knight Templar Magazine mailed to the jurisdiction’s subscribers automatically include the special insert.

The supplemental sections will not affect the use of news and features from the various jurisdictions in the general portion of the magazine. The inserts, however, will permit the use of more specialized and localized material from each jurisdiction, material which in most cases would not be newsworthy for overall distribution.

In a memo of information released October 30, 1965, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master, formally announced the new plan. His release is quoted in part:

“Realizing the need for and the advantages of a four-page or eight-page insert within the Knight Templar Magazine for the use of a state jurisdiction, and with the approval of the Most Eminent Grand Master, the Editor, and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, we quote the following cost estimates furnished by the Publisher:

Four-page insert, per month (engravings additional) — 250 copies, $37.00; 1,300 copies, $49.00; 2,500 copies, $66.00.

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This proposes that the transaction would be between the Publisher and the Jurisdiction, that the mailing would be to all regular subscribers to Knight Templar Magazine giving mailing addresses within the jurisdiction, and that full editorial prerogatives and responsibility would lie with the jurisdictional editor.”

In Memoriam

Massachusetts and Rhode Island
Elliott Norris Holley, G.C., 1959 —November 14, 1965

Nevada
Roy George Coverston, D.G.C., 1965—September 23, 1965

New Jersey
Willard Alton Barney, D.G.C., 1965—December 1, 1965

Tennessee
Patron And Associate Patron To K.T. Eye Foundation
—A Challenging Opportunity

By Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director

The time has now come for us to begin a determined campaign to get individuals and other Masonic groups to become Patrons and Associate Patrons upon the payment of $100.00 and $50.00, re-

FLASH!

Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., announced that on December 24th at 4:00 p.m., the 8,000th Life Sponsor Certificate was processed.

spectively. We believe this is a very “fertile field to plow” and one that ought to produce a hearty response from individual Masons, as well as Blue Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Shrine Temples, and other allied men’s and women’s organizations. Hardly any Masonic group exists anywhere that cannot well afford to contribute this small amount for our great humanitarian charity and become a Patron or Associate Patron. They would welcome the opportunity and the privilege of having a part in this great humanitarian work.

All of the money received from Patron and Associate Patron members goes into the Permanent Endowment Fund; the income from which helps finance our ever-expanding need for surgery and hospitalization.

You can make a great contribution by launching an energetic effort to obtain as many Patrons and Associate Patrons as possible. Remember, to be a Patron one does not need to be a Knight Templar. We want to build a strong financial background which will enable us to assist many more people who are desperately in need of our assistance. After all, this is, in reality, Christ’s work. Your enthusiastic cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Applications, promotional and explanatory material are available upon request. Write Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Box 248, Rhinebeck, N. Y. 12572.

Patron and Associate Patron applications as of December 28, 1965 are as follows: (The first number following the state is Patron and the Second number is Associate Patron) Alabama 4, 1; Arizona 1, 0; Arkansas 2, 0; California 6, 2; Colorado 1, 0; Connecticut 1, 1; Dist. of Columbia 2, 2; Florida 11, 5; Georgia 7, 2; Illinois 2, 1; Indiana 3, 3; Iowa 2, 0; Kansas 4, 2; Kentucky 3, 0; Louisiana 2, 0; Maine 1, 0; Maryland 4, 6; Massachusetts 18, 1; Michigan 4, 3; Minnesota 1, 1; Mississippi 13, 3; Missouri 5, 2; Montana 5, 1; Nevada 2, 0; New Hampshire 1, 0; New Jersey 4, 3; New York 14, 2; North Carolina 1, 0; Ohio 6, 1; Oklahoma 1, 1; Oregon 1, 2; Pennsylvania 3, 1; Rhode Island 6, 0; South Dakota 0, 1; Tennessee 14, 1; Texas 12, 10; Utah 1, 0; Virginia 5, 1; Washington 1, 1; West Virginia 10, 1; Wisconsin 1, 2; Wyoming 6, 3; Saudi Arabia 6, 0; Japan 1, 0; Guam 1, 0; Germany 2, 0; Canal Zone 1, 0. Total Patron 201 and Total Associate Patron 67.
Now-the Pennsylvania Story!

With this edition of your Knight Templar Magazine, the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, by authority of the R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., is delighted to be the first Grand Commandery jurisdiction to be represented with its own special news department in the magazine. The Pennsylvania "insert," which will be mailed to approximately 1,200 Pennsylvania subscribers (the number is growing), will be devoted to specific news and Templar information for Pennsylvania subscribers—another "first" for the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA’S ROLE IN THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

Many Pennsylvania Knights Templar and their ladies will attend the Grand Encampment’s 150th Anniversary Observance at the Waldorf Astoria on Saturday evening, June 18. Many more will be participating in Grand and Constituent Commandery activities arranged to mark a century and a half of Grand Encampment history.

Both types of participations have been facilitated by special committees. The New York City banquet and program are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment Committee, with Sir Knight Paul Rodenhauser, P.G.C., as vice-chairman for Pennsylvania. Reservations for this event can be arranged through Sir Knight Rodenhauser, 1134 Manor Street, Columbia, 17512, by forwarding a check at $10.00 per person.

Harvey Moore, V.E. D.G.C., chairman in charge of arrangements. Sir Knight Moore has been in touch with each Eminent Commander and Division Commander in Pennsylvania, asking their cooperation in conducting Sesqui-Centennial Celebrations. His directive calls for the Division Commanders to serve on the Sesqui-Centennial Committee for Constituent Commandery Celebrations and to aid each local Commandery, when requested, in carrying out its own method of celebrating the Sesqui-Centennial.

Sir Knight Moore also has advised the Commanderies to hold their own local celebrations, combine with one or more other Commanderies, or observe the anniversary on the Division level.

Vice-chairman for the General Committee of Grand Encampment is Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.G.C. (Pa.), now serving as Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department of Grand Encampment.
(Left to Right) Charles J. Gotwalt, Past Commander; J. Harry Hoffman, Eminent Commander; S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander; Emory C. Gardner, Eminent Grand Marshall and General Chairman, 100th Anniversary Committee.

Sir Knight Charles J. Gotwalt, 91, Oldest Past Commander, Cuts 100th Anniversary Cake of York Commandery No. 21, York, Pennsylvania

450 Sir Knights, their ladies, and distinguished guests from Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia jurisdictions, enjoyed the 100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet of York Commandery No. 21, October 2, at the Yorktowne Hotel, York, Pa. Highlights included an anniversary address by Sir Knight S. Blair Sponeybarger, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, cutting of the Birthday Cake, presentation of attractive gifts to the Ladies, and a copy of the book “History of York Commandery No. 21, 1865-1965” to each Sir Knight, and, of course, a sumptuous banquet.

A Typical Pennsylvania Reception

With Sir Knight John H. Johnston, Division Commander, in charge of a varied and impressive program, Division No. 7 of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania staged a highlight Reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander Saturday, November 27, at the Marko Towne House, Ashland, Pennsylvania.

Attendance at the Reception in Division No. 7, one of the smaller Divisions of the State, totaled 264. Sir Knight S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., Grand Commander, described to the Sir Knights and ladies a number of Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery projects, including the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, the Eye Foundation and
the Easter Sunrise Service. He urged their increased participation and complimented the officers and Sir Knights of the Division for their interest and enthusiasm. Appropriate presentations, showing the skill and handiwork of the area, were made to the Grand Commander and to Mrs. Sponeybarger.

In addition to the Grand Commander and his lady, there was a large complement of Grand Officers on hand for the Reception, including: D.G.C. J. Harvey Moore and Mrs. Moore; G.C.G. G. Calvin Dyson and Mrs. Dyson; P.G.C.s Allan C. Williams and Paul C. Rodenhauser, with Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Rodenhauser; G.S.W. Charles R. Eurich and Mrs. Eurich; G.J.W. William D. Geesey and Mrs. Geesey.

From the appointive ranks: G.S.B. W. Earle Troutwine and Mrs. Troutwine; G.S.W.B. Robert E. Martz and Mrs. Martz; and the Marshal of G.C., Sir Knight Emory C. Gardner and Mrs. Gardner.

In addition to Sir Knight Johnston, nine Division Commanders were present to salute Pennsylvania’s Grand Commander—from Divisions No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15 and 17. Three former Division Commanders attended.

Sir Knight Lando Emerich, Eminent Commander of the host Commandery, Prince of Peace No. 39, shared introduction duties with Sir Knight Johnston. Mrs. Emerich represented the ladies of the Division in the presentation to Mrs. Sponeybarger.

It was a fine Reception—typical of Pennsylvania Receptions—with many highlights, one of which was the welcoming address of Sir Knight Johnston, a gem of sincerity and dedication.

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**ASCALON COMMANDERY WORSHIPS AT GLENSHAW**

Sir Knights representing seven Commanderies in the Pittsburgh area, augmented by DeMolay members of McMann Chapter, assembled at the Glenshaw Presbyterian Church in November for the annual Church Attendance of Ascalon Commandery No. 59. Ascalon’s Eminent Commander is Sir Knight Earl Sailade. Minister of the Glenshaw Church is Sir Knight and Doctor G. Mason Cochran, former Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, also of the Grand Encampment. Grand Commandery officers present included Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, G.G.; Sir Knight Channing M. Galbreath, P.G.C.; Sir Knight Perry L. LaBarr, P.G.C., Treasurer; Sir Knight Frank A. Arturo, Herald; also the Division Commander of Division No. 2, Sir Knight Cameron A. Wlan.
Sir Knight Raymond D. Beaver of Midland, Pa., wrote to The Craftsman (serving the York Rite in Erie, Pa.) as follows—"In your recent publication of The Craftsman there appeared an article written by S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pa. The title ‘Could You Not Watch With Me One Hour’ was an inspiration which resulted in a poem written by my mother, Eva Beaver. I am enclosing a copy of this poem and hereby dedicate it to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr."

**CALLING ALL TEMPLARS**

Watch with me one hour Sir Knight,  
This is a call to arms,  
Away with apathy and indifference  
And heed the world alarms.

It’s time to stand and be counted  
And your strength put to good,  
As you bind yourselves in honor  
In true Masonic brotherhood.

The world’s in distress and turmoil,  
Full of contention and strife,  
And the value is far too low  
That is put on human life.

From assaults and ravages of time  
Only protected truth can survive.

And on your journey Eastward  
Knight Templar, keep it alive.

We walk the earth a little span,  
Than out of human view,  
Caught in the orbit of our time  
As we go erring through.

Vulnerable to all the heartaches  
That life has strewn around,  
It is time we faced the facts of life  
And know where we are bound.

Knowledge, not belief, will save the world,  
Arm for the fray, Sir Knight,  
Sword of truth, shield of faith  
Are the weapons for the fight.

—Eva Beaver in The Craftsman

**DIVISION NO. 1 PLANS FOR JUNE 18th, 1966**

The First Division plans to have a “package deal” for those desiring to attend the Sesqui-Centennial Banquet of Grand Encampment to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria, New York City, Saturday evening, June 18th, 1966.

Busses will leave Saturday afternoon, rooms will be provided at the hotel for changing, reservation for the dinner and return transportation the same evening, for the tentative cost of $15.00 per person.

Those interested should immediately send request to the Division Commander, Sir Knight Charles W. McDermott, 1 Lizbeth Lane, Berwyn, Pa., or notify your Commander.

**VISITATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**


February 5, 1966 — Division No. 1, Reception, Germantown.

February 15, 1966 — Mountain Lodge No. 281, Speaker, Altoona.

February 26, 1966 — Mountain Commandery No. 10, Reception, Altoona.

March 4, 1966 — Division No. 10, Reception, Ridgway.

March 12, 1966 — Division No. 14, Reception, Bloomsburg.

March 19, 1966 — Division No. 3, Reception, Ardmore.

March 26, 1966 — Division No. 8, Reception, Butler.
EDITORS NOTE:

We are most fortunate in having John Black Vrooman, P.C., editor of the Philalethes, Box 402, St. Louis, Missouri 63166, and an outstanding Masonic scholar submit a series of articles for the Knight Templar of which this is the first.

There has been much emphasis given lately to York Rite Public Relations and justly so, for there has never been a time when Freemasonry has so much needed such emphasis, both for its own good and for the good of the community.

VISTAS OF TEMPLARY
by
John Black Vrooman
(P.C., Missouri)

Too often Freemasonry has turned the other cheek when the Craft has been on the defensive, and when it has been attacked by its critics. It is full time to make use of the principles of Freemasonry to the credit of the Fraternity, and make our efforts count for good will, well-being and the betterment of our human relationships.

Two things are important in our endeavor to bring light to the good works of Freemasonry; first, that York Rite Freemasonry should be brought to togetherness and unity that will be forward-moving and militant, showing the World may take notice of the interesting, colorful and fundamental history, traditions, legends and good works of Ancient Templary, so that we may be ready to tell this story in a simple, accurate and interesting narrative that will stimulate further interest in our Ancient Knightly Orders, bring them to proper focus in our relation to their antiquity, and show how modern Templary has risen from the ashes of the past to become a powerful, active group, taking its place in the tempo of modern living to use the tenets and principles of the Order to inspire confidence in our good works for all Mankind.

The Craft degrees are to Freemasonry what Reading, Writing and Arithmetic are to the student—the basis for the further study and enlightenment of our Craft. These degrees are the foundation of Freemasonry and must never be forgotten.

In the Craft Degrees, the Word is lost, and a substitute replaces it.

In the Chapter of the Royal Arch, the Word is recovered.

In the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Word is preserved, and in the Commandry of Knights Templar, the Word is made flesh and dwells among us. This makes a perfect continuity!

By a careful study and understanding of the principles of the York Rite of Freemasonry, each of us can become a better Freemason, and can learn to make use of those Masonic tenets in our daily lives.

Realizing that Templary has been a Fraternal Light in the World for many centuries, and that during the Crusades our Order took its place in the vanguard of civilization, we must realize also, that Templary and the Knightly Orders rose, flourished and fell with the passing of time. We must not try to make modern Templary a direct child of the Ancient Knights, nor give the chivalry of the past a continuity and preservation into the present, but rather, emphasize the glory of the years gone by as the basis for the reno-
vation and resurrect the Templars of the present, as their image and their pattern of action.

So-called modern Templary can be traced from the early Seventeenth Century in Europe, about 1769 in America, and for its national organization, we know that the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States was formed in 1816.

It is going to be our task to bring some of the facts of Templary to light, to tell the story logically, and make us as Knight Templars, proud of our rich heritage.

What is written here is not original. It is our fond hope to use all the material given us by many learned and dedicated writers, so that facts may speak for themselves. We shall try to give proper credit to all whom we quote.

Those books in particular to which our readers are referred as the greatest source of accurate information, can be briefly listed as follows:

Highlights of Templar History, by Dr. William Moseley Brown—1944.

Thumb Nail Sketches of Mediaeval Knighthood, by Harold V. B. Voorhis—1945.

History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, by Dr. F. J. Scully.


And, of course, the various Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., in full, which give much detailed and interesting information to the person who needs it.

The great amount of Masonic misinformation that has been written in the past few years makes us feel sure that the time is now come when we must not only remedy that sad situation, but that we must correct the mis-statements of the past, bring to notice the good things which Templary represents, and, with greater accuracy, interesting and factual information, make the public in general and Templary in particular, aware of the impact of our Order and Freemasonry in general.

Chivalry, the Military Orders, the Crusades, and the history of the past are intensely interesting. To link our Order with the progress of civilized fraternalism makes us feel that we are beset with many things which would make our task an easy one.

Chivalry and Knighthood—the Crusades and the struggle for world domination have thrown a cloak over the real purpose of the Order. We shall try to show that the Knightly Orders were first formed to give protection to the Pilgrim, assist in the recovery of the Holy Land, and perpetuated in Charity, Benevolence and Good Works.

The Templars were, from the first, wanderers, and found their activity in many lands. These we shall trace in a sketchy way, to show the growth of the Orders. The era of greatest activity, and the fall of the Order with the martyrdom of Jacques DeMolay are mileposts in our narrative.

The unstable and unwritten facts surrounding the dispersal and activities of the Order after their suppression by Philip the Fair and Pope Clement have brought many solutions, none of which can be proved. We shall give some of the theories, recently related by Masonic historians, and try to give authentic and factual material that will stand the light of research.

Finally, it will be our hope that we can bring from the depths of mediaeval superstition and ignor-
Chartering The Grand Commandery Of The Philippines

Tuesday, December 31, 1963, was an historic day in the history of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. On that day a Charter was issued to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines. This was the first Grand Commandery to be chartered by the Grand Encampment since April 15, 1918 (a period of almost 46 years), when the Grand Commandery of Nevada was chartered. It was also the first Grand Commandery to be chartered outside of the continental limits of the United States.

Acting under the authority of a Special Dispensation issued on October 28, 1963, by Most Eminent Grand Master Paul Miller Moore, a special conclave was called in Manila, Philippines, on Saturday, November 30, 1963, by Wallace H. Morris, Past Commander of Okinawa Commandery No. 1, to organize the Grand Commandery of the Philippines, adopt a Constitution for its government, and elect its first Officers. The first Grand Officers elected were Antonio Gonzalez, Sr., G.C.; Wallace H. Morris, D.G.C.; Lloyd O. Haig, G.G.; and Primo I. Guzman, G.C.G.

The Grand Commandery was originally composed of three subordinate Commanderies in the Philippines — Far East Commandery No. 1, Manila; Asian Commandery No. 2, Olongapo; and Kalaw Memorial Commandery No. 3, San Juan, Rizal—plus Guam Commandery No. 1, Agana, Guam, and Okinawa Commandery No. 1, Machinato, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. 17 representatives of these 5 Commanderies were present in Manila for the organizing conclave.

Since the organization of the Grand Commandery two additional Commanderies have been chartered—Negros Occidental Commandery No. 6, Bacolod City, and Cavite Commandery No. 7, Cavite City. The Grand Commandery started with 607 Sir Knights on its rolls. The present membership is approximately 700.

The Grand Commandery is actively supporting all the programs of the Grand Encampment. It is maintaining more than 10% subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine. Many Sir Knights have purchased Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The sum of 200 pesos has been appropriated for the General Grand Chapter D e M o l a y Endowment Fund. Each of the constituent Commanderies hold Easter Services, most of them Sunrise Services, and Christmas Church Parades. Most of the Commanderies hold “Festival” type conferral of the Orders, working in conjunction with the Royal Arch Chapters and Royal and Select Master Councils in their areas.

The present Grand Commander is Lloyd O. Haig of Guam Commandery No. 4, Agana, Guam, and the Grand Recorder is Antonio Gonzalez, Sr.

—Wallace H. Morris, P.G.C.
Oklahoma's first statewide conferral of all the York Rite Degrees and Orders added 84 new members to the York Rite membership rolls. The John I. Taylor Class in the period from 1 p.m., Friday, October 29 to 8 p.m., Saturday, October 30, 1965, witnessed the degrees and orders conferred in a most impressive manner, and all were enthusiastic in their praise of the work. The Festival was concluded by a stirring and impressive address by Sir Knight James C. Taylor, son of P.G.C. John I. Taylor, to whose memory the class was dedicated.

Roy W. Riegel, G.C.G. of the Grand Encampment, K.T. of U.S.A. was presented to the class and commended everyone who had a part in the preparation and presentation of the work exemplified during the two-day session. Other out-of-state visitors included S. Lewis Smith, P.G.C., Kansas; Ormand B. Shaw, G.C., Arkansas; and Glenn E. Ward, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, Arkansas. Also addressing the members and candidates present were M. Ross Hardin, G.H.P.; O. Kenneth Taylor, G.II.M. and Paul W. Alexander, G.C., all of Oklahoma.

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Bodies were most gracious hosts on this occasion, placing all of their facilities at our disposal.

Seated in the first row are the York Rite officials and class officers, as follows: George W. Wright, G.K., Grand Chapter, Class Director; Paul W. Alexander, G.C.; Roy W. Riegel, G.C.G., Grand Encampment; Orin Shipp, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.; W. C. "Tex" Evans, President; James R. (Bob) Creason, Sec.-Treas.; Grover Knight, Historian; and O. Kenneth Taylor, G.II.M. We regret that M. Ross Hardin, G.H.P., was not present when the picture was taken.
A special Chapter "penny" was minted for this class. A few of these pennies are available at $1 each from the Grand Secretary-Recorder F. M. Lumbard, P. O. Box 1037, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402.

In addition to the class picture and penny, each candidate was furnished board and room in the Consistory Dormitory, and a one year subscription to each of the following: "The Knight Templar," "The Royal Arch Mason," and the "Oklahoma York Rite News."

Plans are being made for the second annual statewide festival in 1966.

(Frederick J. Smith, D.G.C., Cor.)

NORTH CAROLINA YORK RITE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 23, 1965, saw the largest number of candidates to ever assemble in the State for the York Rite Degrees and Orders gather in Washington with a total class of 85. Of this number 70 were Exalted to the Royal Arch Degree; 75 were Greeted as Select Masters in the Council; and 77 were Knighted as Knights of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple.

Plans for this one day Festival were made some time ago and on May 5, 1965, representatives from the following York Rite Bodies—Elizabeth City, New Bern, Washington, and Greenville, met to formulate plans. At that time a steering committee from each city was appointed, and we were on our way for the first York Rite Festival to be held in North Carolina. Each of the sponsoring bodies agreed to make an all out effort in publicity and to secure a total of fifty candidates. It was known that this was an experiment and that we were pioneering in a new field, but those present were determined in their efforts and the above results is evidence of the labors made. Follow up meetings were held and letters written by the General Chairman, A. O. Latham, Grand Warder, of Washington, N. C., asking for progress reports and offering help.

It is amazing how many persons were in attendance all day long for this York Rite Festival. When 300 persons gather to take part in this great work it is an experience never to be forgotten.

Major General Herman Nickerson, Commanding General, Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Base, one of the largest such bases in the
world, was the active candidate for the Order of the Temple and was very high in his praise of the excellent work and the very impressive lessons presented.

The York Rite Festival was truly a milestone in Eastern Carolina and plans are already underway to carry this a step farther and next year have at least five one-day Festivals in North Carolina.

(Nelson Banks, New Bern, N. C.)

MASONIC TEMPLE—PORTLAND, MAINE—DECEMBER 4, 1965

The second Templar Festival for the southern half of the State was blessed with good weather and a large attendance. Portland Commandery No. 2 of Portland exemplified the Order of Red Cross, St. Alban Commandery No. 8, also of Portland, the Order of Malta, and St. Amand Commandery No. 20 of Kennebunk, the Order of the Temple. One hundred fifty Sir Knights attended with twenty-five candidates. The Festival was under the personal direction of Sir Knight Frank L. Bourke, Right Eminent Grand Commander. The asylum was superb and the ritual outstanding. The candidates were tremendously impressed with the quality and conduct of the Festival which portrayed Templary as it was intended to be.

ARKANSAS YORK RITE FESTIVALS

Arkansas had a series of Knight Templar Festivals this fall. Festivals were held in Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Fort Smith, Blytheville, El Dorado and Texarkana.

Sixty-five new Knights Templar were created in these fall Festivals. Much interest and enthusiasm was manifested by the Templars in the various sections of the state. A number of the candidates were younger men, who will be worked into various assignments in their respective Commanderies. In Texarkana, the Festival was held in conjunction with the four-state Commandery meeting, which is an annual affair. The Grand Commanderies of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma conduct this great meeting. The Sir Knights from all of the four states converge in Texarkana for this one-day highlight of Commandery activities.

Arkansas has found that the spring and fall Knight Templar Festivals have helped considerably in stimulating Commandery enthusiasm and activities.

(Kenneth C. Johnson, P.G.C., Cor.)
KENTUCKY HOLDS ITS 2ND ALL STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL IN THE SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE, LOUISVILLE, NOVEMBER 12-13

There were 36 Chapters representing 37.8% of the total Chapters; 22 Councils, 44% of the total Councils; and 19 Commanderies, 55.9% of the total Commanderies within the State. The highest attendance was 193 on Friday evening at which time the Super X Club exemplified the Super Excel-

lent Master Degree to 60 candidates. All of the York Rite Degrees and Orders were given at the Festival.

Almost all of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery officers were in attendance.

GEORGIA HONORS PAST GRAND MASTER

In November, Atlanta held its 16th York Rite Festival in ten years. The class was named for Past Grand Master J. Wilson Parker, who is also Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

A fine class of 66 candidates received the Order of the Temple, the exemplar candidate being O. H. Sheppard, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Ma-

sons of Georgia.

Our State is getting well into its stride for the Sesqui-Centennial, and is now aiming at a goal of 600 candidates. An interesting feature is that the Order of the Temple will be conferred by Grand Commandery Officers, with the Triangle Guard, Escort and Hermits to be filled by Past Grand Commanders.

—R. S. Sagar, Correspondent

NEW JERSEY STATE-WIDE FESTIVAL

On October 30 the Grand Commandery of New Jersey sponsored its 22nd state wide Festival at the Masonic Temple at Trenton by conferring the Orders of Red Cross and of Malta upon 53 candidates. 238 Sir Knights were in attendance.

The Festival was held in honor of P.G.C. George W. Grant.

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, Thou who art the Lord of all the years, we thank thee for the gift of a New Year. Teach us to understand that in Thee all things are agelessly new. In Thee and Thy newness is our hope for all the years to come. We realize that the years of our lives have gone forever into the tomb of time and we confess that we did not always do well with them. So we are grateful for the New Year that comes as a new white book without any stain upon it.

We do not know what another year may bring to us. Our times and lives are thine and are in Thy hands. In Thy hands we wish them always to be. We are grateful, however, that Thou hast given us another chance to serve Thee better than in the past, gain more knowledge of Thee, and make more progress in charting our course. We soberly resolve so to number our days that we shall daily apply our hearts unto wisdom. Enable us as Sir Knights to become strong
through the discipline of service and self-control. School us to heroism in daily living. Teach us to transmute the red fires of passion into the white flame of love—love for Thee and love for all humanity. Make us high-minded citizens. Send us forth this year to our several tasks and battles and ordeals with the courage and faith that belong to Knights of the Cross. This we pray in the name of Him, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, even Christ our great Captain.—Amen.

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.

From Our Readers

The Hugh dePayen Horse Patrol (Wyoming)

This horse patrol came all the way to Sheridan, Wyoming, for the Grand York Rite meetings on September 11th, 13th, and 14th. Just before the opening of the Grand Council, a white convertible loaded with dignitaries was escorted by this beautiful horse patrol. They traveled sixteen blocks down the main street of town then turned off for a block and a half to the Shrine Temple where the meetings were held. This performance was repeated for the opening of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. On Sunday, September 12th, this horse patrol put on a show at the fairgrounds for the general public at no charge. It was a huge success. On the morning of September 14th, at the Grand Commandery Conclave, lines for reception were formed in front of the Temple to properly receive the honored guests. The Horse Patrol escorted the following dignitaries: Samuel J. Chapman, Department Commander; George W. Bell, G.G. of the Grand Encampment; and Edwin D. Coolidge, G.C. of Montana.

The Grand Commandery of Wyoming voted to send the Horse Patrol to Detroit in 1967 when the Grand Encampment holds its meeting.
The idea of a horse patrol to stimulate interest was developed at a "no quorum" meeting of the Hugh dePayen Commandery No. 7 at Lander, Wyoming. This idea became a reality in the spring of 1965 and is known as the "Hugh dePayen Horse Patrol." The members are: Albert Cross, P.G.C., Dubois; Ralph Drury, G.W., Riverton; William L. Duncan, S.W., Lander; Arnold Bowman, C., Fort Washakie; Louis Twitchell, Fort Washakie; Evan Holt, Warder, Fort Washakie; Leon Cook, Sent., Dubois; and Dean Metzger, Dubois.

This horse patrol is made up of seven Sir Knight horsemen in full uniform, each wearing a buckskin glove and emblem of this unit. There are six black, matched Morgan horses with white bridle reins and white saddle blankets with red crosses of the Order on the corners. There is also one white Morgan stallion with black reins and saddle blanket.

MISSOURI CONTRIBUTES $1,000.00 TO DeMOLAY

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri contributed $1,000.00 to the Order of DeMolay. This amount was divided equally between the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri for the promotion of this great order for boys.

Harold N. Painter, Grand Commander, made the formal presentation on October 28, 1965, while making an official visitation to Westport Commandery No. 68, located at Kansas City. By coincidence, this is the Commandery in which William J. Tobler, Deputy Grand Commander, holds membership. Sir Knight Tobler is also an active member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay and the Executive Officer in the Western District of Missouri. The contribution was received by Sir Knight Tobler with proper and words of gratitude for this evidence of support of the Order of DeMolay by Missouri Templars.

This gift was deemed peculiarly appropriate because DeMolay had its origin at Kansas City, Missouri, some 46 years ago, through the good offices of an outstanding Missouri Templar, Sir Knight Frank S. Land.

ST. ELMO COMMANDERY NO. 12, K.T., HYATTTSVILLE, MD.

St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, K.T., Hyattsville, Md., has recently held twin celebrations which were outstanding.

On November 5, 1965, it celebrated its 70th birthday. The head of the four York Rite bodies in Maryland were present for the occasion, Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Sr., Grand Master of Masons; Sir Knight Harry F. Luckabaugh, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; Sir Knight S. Flory Diehl, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal
and Select Masters; and Frank Foster Smith, G.C. of the Grand Commandery.

Also present were Sir Knight Morris F. Hewitt, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, and Andres E. Moynolo, G.C. of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia. There were over 140 Sir Knights present for the Birthday Celebration.

The speaker of the occasion was Hervey G. Machen, Jr., a member of this Commandery and a member of Congress from this district. His subject was “Masonry and Patriotism.” It was both interesting and inspiring.

Prior to the conclave a dinner was served by the ladies of the Hyattsville Chapter of the Social Order of the Beauseant with all present as the guests of the Commandery. A social hour with coffee and cookies followed the evening’s activities.

Just about a month later on December 3, 1965, the Grand Commander and his staff of Grand Officers paid their official visit to St. Elmo Commandery. There were approximately 100 Sir Knights present to greet the Grand Commander among whom was the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Sr.

Reports from the Committee Chairman indicated that St. Elmo Commandery continues its 5 year record of showing a net gain in membership — except the year when it sponsored a new Commandery and granted demits to a total of 135 Sir Knights. The Commandery is already beyond the 10% of membership as Life Sponsors of the K.T. Eye Foundation.

When the Grand Commander spoke of the Sesquicentennial Cele-

boration he said that he had originally set his goal as 10 tables in New York next June, but since that goal has already been reached a higher goal is being set. Of the 10 tables already reserved St. Elmo Commandery has 3.

The Eminent Commander, Sir Knight W. Dale Myers, announced that as a result of rehearsals being held all during the summer months it is now possible to announce that a Drill Team has been formed, and the neighboring Commanderies were invited to join with St. Elmo if they should be unable to establish Drill Teams.

In 1963, for the only time in its history, St. Elmo Commandery was the No. 1 Commandery in the State of Maryland. It confidently expects to be No. 1 again in May of next year when the Grand Commandery holds its annual Conclave.

(Leighton E. Harrell, P.C., Rec.)

Warren E. Hearns, Governor of Missouri, will be a York Rite candidate on April 2, 1966, when Missouri will hold a one-day York Rite Festival at Jefferson City. This class is being held in connection with the Sesquicentennial observance by Missouri. A quota of 1,000 candidates has been set for the class.

Albany York Rite College No. 24, New York, recently conferred the Royal Arch Degree on a class of candidates at Hudson Chapter No. 6. Participating in the degree work were Warren H. Deck, G.C.; John A. Barringer, G.M. of the Grand Council; and Lowell H. Bryce, P.G.C. Robert L. Dod, G.R. Arch Cap., addressed the class, which was dedicated to York Rite unity, on the principles and beauties of the York Rite.
Zone 5—New York held its 6th Annual Zone Ball with approxi-
mately 125 Sir Knights and their ladies in attendance to enjoy the
fine social evening. Grand Commander Deck was the guest of
honour and principal speaker for the dinner preceding the Ball.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

In keeping with the order of the Grand Master most Commanderies
held a Christmas Observance. Some of these reported to the Knight
Templar follow:

New Haven Commandery (Con-
nnecticut) held its observance in
the Asylum on Wednesday, Decem-
ber 15, with more than 200 Sir
Knights, ladies and friends in at-
tendance. Invitations were sent to
the Masonic and Masonic Allied
Bodies. Elaborate preparations
were made including a fine printed
program, a white cross on the
floor of the asylum 30 feet in
length, and floral designs consist-
ing of carnations, gladioli, roses,
chrysanthemums and sprigs of hol-
ly. Sir Knight William Campbell,
Most Worshipful Grand Master of
Masons in Connecticut gave a most
inspiring message. This was the
first endeavor to observe Christ-
mas by New Haven Commandery
in this manner and the success of
the same indicates that a similar
observance may be held next year.

(Carroll F. Lewis, Commander)

Ivanhoe Commandery (Oregon)
was host Commandery to a joint
Christmas observance with Cerro
Gordo Commandery at Eugene on
Sunday, December 19. The Rain-
bow for Girls, Order of the Eastern
Star and DeMolay all dressed in
their robes and formal dress added
greatly to the candlelight cere-
mony. There were 350 in attend-
ance from the various Masonic
organizations and friends, not
counting the Sir Knights in uni-
form.

(Max G. Cogill, Correspondent)

Only for the second time has an
area in Alabama been represented
at the same time in all four Grand
Masonic Bodies. At this time the
Florence area is represented as
follows:

L. to R.: Clifford J. Turner, J.W.,
Grand Commandery; Luther E.
Stephens, G.P.C. of W., Grand
Council; Sidney B. Morris, G.C.H.,
Grand Chapter; and Fred W.
Vaughan, G.M. of the Grand Lodge,
F. & A. M. of Alabama.
HEAR THIS!
Apollo Commandery No. 8, Casper, Wyoming, with a membership of 519, is sending a 1 year subscription to the Knight Templar Magazine to its entire membership. THANKS!

K.Y.C.H. MEMBERS
In the December issue we asked if any Commandery had a larger number than 11 K.Y.C.H. members. We received these reports:

ALABAMA

(Robert W. Martin, Reporter)

OREGON
Temple Commandery No. 3 has 16 K.Y.C.H. members.

(W. Walter Stuart, Jr., Reporter)

INDIANA
Tipton Commandery No. 52 has 22 K.Y.C.H. members.

SOUTH CAROLINA
Rock Hill Commandery No. 15 has 15 members of Palmetto Priory No. 54, K.Y.C.H., and 2 members who will become eligible on December 27, 1965, who will present petitions for election to the Order at the next Conclave.

In 1964 this Commandery knighted 110 and made a net gain in membership of 102. In the past ten years it has more than doubled in membership and has become the third largest Commandery in the jurisdiction. A further gain will be reflected in the annual report for 1965, soon to be made. All Knights of the Christian Order in the Palmetto State are immensely proud of the achievements of Rock Hill Commandery.

(Hugh N. Layne, G.R., Corres.)

A large number of the above named K.Y.C.H. members have served as Grand Officers in the Grand Lodge and the Grand York Rite Bodies.

CAN ANY COMMANDERIES BEAT THE ABOVE RECORD?

CORRECTION!
Watertown Commandery No. 11 of New York is the Commandery that has approximately 20 Sir Knights on its roster who have been members for 50 years or more. On page 25 of the November issue of the Knight Templar, the Commandery was erroneously referred to as Winston Commandery.
GRAND MASTER BRUCKER
SPEAKER AT DAMASCUS
COMMANDERY INSPECTION

L. to R.: Richard M. Strauss,
Com.; Wilber M. Brucker, Grand
Master of Grand Encampment;
Percy H. Williams, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Mich.;
and Robert B. Mackey, G.C., Grand
Commandery of Michigan.

The Annual Inspection of Da-
mascus Commandery No. 42, K.T.
of Detroit, Michigan was held on
Monday, November 29, 1965 with
Robert B. Mackey, G.C. of Michi-
gan as the Inspecting Officer. He
was accompanied by most of the
line officers of the Grand Com-
mandery as well as many Past
Grand Commanders.

At 6:30 P. M. approximately
300 persons gathered in the Cryst-
al Ballroom of the Masonic Temple
for dinner with the ladies.

Murray D. Wilson, P.G.C., and
a member of Damascus Command-
ery, presented Sir Knight Mackey
with an Honorary Membership in
Damascus Commandery. The Grand
Commander responded with grate-
ful appreciation and in concluding
his remarks left with the Sir
Knights some of the philosophy of
life from which he had patterned
his own life.

The Most Worshipful Grand
Master of Masons in Michigan,
Percy H. Williams, a P.C. of High-
land Park Commandery, was in-
trduced and he stressed the fact
that we should not rest upon the
deeds and accomplishments of our
forefathers, but that everyone
should work toward the goal of
making our Fraternity a vital and
moving force for the good of all
humanity.

Wilber M. Brucker, Most Emi-
nent Grand Master of the Grand
Encampment, was presented as the
Speaker of the evening. The heart
of his message was—that when we
are called to service by our respec-
tive Commanderies we should an-
swer the call with unfailing loyalty
and in a spirit of self-sacrifice and
complete devotion. He went on to
say that when we are given an as-
signment we should not ask—"How
shall I accomplish the mission you
have assigned to me," but rather
to say—"Yes, I will accept the re-
ponsibility you have delegated to
me," and then go out and do it!

His address was received with
enthusiastic applause and everyone
felt an awareness that NOW IS
THE HOUR for every Knight
Templar to do everything within
his power to further the cause of
this great Order, and to help make
this a better place in which to live
for all mankind.

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March 4-6, New Jersey......Atlantic City Rep. Wilber M. Brucker
March 6, North Carolina......Charlotte Rep. Roy W. Riegle
March 14, South Carolina......Greenville Rep. G. Wilbur Bell
April 4-5, Louisiana......New Orleans Rep. Wilber M. Brucker
April 6-7, Mississippi......Biloxi Rep. Wilber M. Brucker
April 11, Oregon......Medford Rep. John L. Crofts
April 16-19, Texas......Galveston Rep. Roy W. Riegle
April 21-22, Nebraska......Lincoln Rep. John L. Crofts
April 23, Philippines......Manila Rep. Wallace H. Morris
April 24-25, North Dakota......Williston Rep. Roy W. Riegle
April 25-26, Oklahoma......Muskogee Rep. G. Wilbur Bell
April 28-29, California......San Diego Rep. C. Byron Lear
April 29, Missouri......Kansas City Rep. G. Wilbur Bell
May 2, Maine......Portland Rep. Wilber M. Brucker
May 3-5, Kansas......Kansas City Rep. Virgil F. Kent
May 9-10, Utah......Price Rep. Robert M. Rewick
May 11, Maryland......Baltimore Rep. John L. Crofts
May 11-12, Georgia......Brunswick Rep. William M. White
May 12-14, Virginia......Petersburg Rep. William M. White
May 13-14, Indiana......Vincennes Rep. Virgil F. Kent
May 15-16, Florida......Daytona Beach Rep. Wilber M. Brucker
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May 24-25, Pennsylvania......Altoona Rep. Wilber M. Brucker
June 5-6, Vermont......Rutland Rep. G. Wilbur Bell
June 10-11, Montana......Virginia City Rep. Roy W. Riegle
September 12-13, South Dakota......Watertown Rep. Willard M. Avery
September 13, Wyoming......Cheyenne Rep. Roy W. Riegle
October 9-10, Ohio......Toledo Rep. G. Wilbur Bell
October 24, Arizona......Yuma Rep. John L. Crofts

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