GEORGE WASHINGTON IN PRAYER AT VALLEY FORGE

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A Message From the Grand Master

GEORGE WASHINGTON—PERSONIFICATION OF
FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE

George Washington might be called the "Patron Saint" of Masons, because he was not only the Master of his Masonic Lodge, but he personified every moral virtue associated with Masonry.

For nearly 2 centuries history has been busy with the life and character of George Washington. He has been called "The Father of his Country." Schools and streets all over America have been named after him, and countless books extol his matchless record. No man in the 13 Colonies in 1775 could approach his military prowess or civilian stature. It was only natural that the Continental Congress, when threatened with war, instinctively turned to Washington to command the little Army that was formed by 10 companies of infantry marching to Boston. It was Washington who turned his back on a life of ease and comfort at Mt. Vernon, and accepted the tough and dangerous mission of trying to carve out a military victory for his countrymen against stupendous odds.

History records that during the Revolutionary War Washington's Army was always badly outnumbered and could fight only defensive battles—and then retreat. He was constantly stalked by defeat from overwhelming forces. And, as if this were not enough, one of his trusted Generals, Benedict Arnold, betrayed him and delivered his battle strategy to the enemy. Another General undermined him with politicians in the Continental Congress and plotted to gain his Command. Promises of guns, ammunition and food for his "ragged regimentals" turned out to be faithless—and his men were miserably clad, ill-equipped and often went hungry. A man of less determination might have quit—but not George Washington—who in the depth of despair took his cause to a Higher Power. In the bitter cold winter at Valley Forge, Washington knelt in the snow and prayed to Almighty God to give him the wisdom and courage to fashion victory for his countrymen.

The crossing of the Delaware at Trenton on Christmas night, gave the first taste of success. Finally at Yorktown in 1782 came the glorious victory—snatched from the jaws of defeat—and America became a Nation—Under God! Washington lost nearly every battle, but he won the war! He was truly the personification of faith in God and perseverance in the cause of right.

184 years have passed and America is now confronted by frustrating problems at home and abroad that try men's souls. All sorts of evil, lawlessness and downright disloyalty assail us, and seem sometimes to overwhelm us. The forces of righteousness seem to be feeble, inarticulate and sometimes cringing. Let us never lose heart. Faith in God and perseverance in the cause of right—although trampled upon at times, cannot be defeated in the end. Temporary reverses must not be allowed to discourage real Americans from pushing on to "win the war" against the forces of evil. The spirit of George Washington still lives. Whatever others may choose to do, let Knights Templar raise our banner IN HOC SIGNO VINCES!
All Sir Knights Urged To Note Grand Encampment Anniversary

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The monuments of noble men are their virtues.—EURIPIDES

Saturday, June 18, 1966, is a glorious day in the history of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, a day and an occasion to be celebrated in vigor and in spirit wherever Sir Knights of this allegiance abide. It is the sesquicentennial (the 150th anniversary) of the Order as an organized authority and functioning fraternal entity.

It was in its beginning, as it is now, a protagonist of all that is praiseworthy in the aspirations of a human society which is not ashamed to make obeisance to Almighty God and the Great Captain of Our Salvation, Jesus Christ.

Knights Templar were, to be sure, integral members of the American community from the very early days in the founding of this country, but they were not joined in bonds which had a relationship to a supreme, a national, authority. Efforts to accomplish such an amalgam had been attempted from time to time but without much success, except to keep the urge alive.

Communications were not what they are today. Distance was often a barrier to mobility, as was the scattered population, except as it had spotty concentration in certain urban centers. All of these hurdles were discouraging factors, but not insurmountable in the end.

Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton
First Grand Master
1816-1828

Sir Knight Thomas Webb Smith, the first Grand Master of the "Grand Encampment of Rhode Island" (1805), was a tower of strength in achieving the unity of action which was a prerequisite to the decision to establish an all-embracing "General Grand Encampment." It is noted that state or commonwealth jurisdictions in those days were titled "Grand Encampments."

In any event, 1816 was the year of decision in a momentous action. Then came to fruition the proposal to give unity and solidarity to Templary and to increase its effectiveness as a good citizen in a challenging land. Sir Knight Smith attended the first 1816 gathering of Knights Templar in Philadelphia which sought union. Despite the
logic and eloquence of Sir Knight Smith’s exhortations, the Philadelphia meeting ended disappointingly. No matter, it paved the way for the success which was flowered in a New York City “conclave” a few days later.

In New York City, in Masons’ Hall, in a two-day (June 20 and 21, 1816) representative assembly of Knights Templar determined on unity, and unwilling to brook further delay, the action was taken which brought into being “The General Grand Encampment of the United States of America.” Templary had achieved consolidation and a new estate on the American scene.

No name in the United States of 1816 loomed more illustriously on the horizon than that of Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton. He was the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of New York (1814-27), a Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York, a governor of his commonwealth and in his time a mayor of New York City. He was a statesman of renown. Inevitably, he was chosen the first “Grand Master of The General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.”

Templary was thus committed to a new and expanding role in the United States. Sir Knight Thomas Webb Smith, who had played so vital a part in preparing the Order for an increased responsibility in the affairs of men of good will, was selected as the Deputy Grand Master, a recognition which rewarded a man of singular attainments and distinction.

Inspired leadership and a general membership roster which included the cream of the Republic’s citizenry gave to Templary (and to Masonry) positive stature in all of the areas served by men (and women) of good will. It was deemed an honor and a challenge to belong to the Order and to Freemasonry. Growth was not to be denied fraternal institutions so clearly patriotically, morally and spiritually motivated. Sacrifice in the common good was so characteristic of the membership as to be a landmark.

But skies were not always bright. There was a time in the nation’s history whose pages are sullied, beginning in 1826 and culminating in 1832, when torrents of anti-Masonic screed were loosed upon America by ignorant critics, depoolers, and self-servers. It was a time to try the souls of strong men. Masonry and Templary experienced travail. However, the calibre of Masonic and Templary leadership—buttressed by the solidarity of consecrated members—enabled the forces of reason and good will to triumph, and thus was surmounted an evil day in American history.

Governor (Grand Master) Clinton, at the height of the ruckus fomented by rabblerousers of loud voice and bile, stood up for all of America to see and hear him as a witness for Templary and Masonry. Because of the great prestige which was his in the nation, he made climactic and convincing the following stirring pronouncement (a tremendous factor in routing the irresponsible defamers of Templary and Masonry):

“I know that Freemasonry, properly understood and faithfully attended to, is friendly to religion, morality, liberty and good government. I shall never shirk under any state of excitement, or any extent of misapprehension, from hearing testimony in favor of the purity of an institution which can boast of a Washington, and a
Franklin and a Lafayette, as distinguished members—which inculcates no principles, and authorizes no acts that are not in accordance with good morals, civil liberty, and entire obedience to the government and the laws."

If anything were needed to omen the demise of the anti-Masonic (and anti-Templary) movement, it was baldly proclaimed in the national election which in 1832 named Andrew Jackson the President of the United States. President Jackson frankly admitted Masonic membership. He scorned the bigots, as did the people at the ballot-box.

In that year (1832), Sir Knight William Sewell Gardner, the Most Eminent Grand Master, in a moving address to the fifth conclave of the Order (at Baltimore) was constrained to say:

"The power of anti-Masonry culminated in 1832, and when the General Grand Encampment assembled here in the waning days of autumn and found the fires around which the national council of anti-Masons had been held (the nominating convention of the political party opposed to Masonry), and read by their uncertain and unsteady light the strength and weakness of anti-Masonry in the Union, they knew that the battle had been fought and that the night of agony was over—the nation had repudiated anti-Masonry and had elected as President, Andrew Jackson, an acknowledged, outspoken, well-known Freemason."

"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, moves on—" Time brings Templary and Masonry to the fratricidal War Between the States, a period of sore trial for those of good will, North and South. Let it be said for the record that Sir Knight Benjamin B. French (New Hampshire), Grand Master in 1859-65, in anguished pleas urged Knights Templar (and their kith and kin) of South and North to resolve their differences lest failure so to do engulf all of America in bloodshed.

If heartrending was the plight of Sir Knights in the Civil War holocaust, the contributions which Templary made to ameliorating the ravages of that catastrophe give it lustre on the pages of time. In binding up the wounds and the aches in the reconstruction years which followed the war, Templary again acquitted itself heroically and in the larger national interest. So much so that in 1874, in the General Grand Encampment conclave held in New Orleans, Sir Knight John Q. A. Fellows, Grand Master, could say in words of authority:

"All of this great land has seen enough—too much—of blood, too much hatred, too much wrong. The animosities engendered by fratricidal war have survived too long. It is high time the people, North and South, should recognize the purpose of the Almighty in molding and preserving this government, and spreading out before it a future of concord, happiness, power and glory...

If and when the times accent storm and trial, it is almost as though a supernatural power raises leadership able to cope with adverse tides, all of which is confirmed in the roster of those who have served Templary as its Most Eminent Grand Masters, or Grand Masters. Besetting economic woes, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the depression, the Korean War, the corrosion of affluence, and Viet Nam, all begat and beget problems, even tribulation. Something to recall in the
present: Templary’s roster stood at 500,000 in 1927.

Today, in a period of challenge (and a lulling prosperity)—and a national population of more than 190 million—Templary is charged to throw off lethargy, even complacency, and to get in tune with its responsibilities in what many believe to be the most critical time in world annals. From soap box, from despots and from the misguided, the gullible, the cunning and the conniving, mankind is blatanly told to forswear righteousness and to embrace permissiveness—and to deny God and Christ. Integrity is low, even in America.

Sir Knights can rise to stature, or go with the maudlin crowd. They must choose. Templary, of a surety, cannot be oblivious to the injunctions which come out of its illustrious past. Now marshaled under the Christ-banners waved aloft by Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knights everywhere—if they be worthy of their inheritance—will respond to the high call of this hour.

Sir Knight Brucker—statesman, patriot, the good citizen, his superlative qualifications, office by office, comparable to the dynamic and heroic proportions of a DeWitt Clinton and all of the greats of Templary’s magnificent yesterdays—is giving the Order a measure of devotion, sacrifice and competency in leadership which is building a fairer tomorrow for America. If we fail him, we fail in our obligations to everything which is worthwhile. If we rise behind him and enlist the potentials which are ours, Templary will the more nobly serve the legitimate interests of mankind, as these come to humanity from on High.

If everywhere, Sir Knights—with their families or in conclave—celebrate and ponder the intrinsic significance of the Grand Encampment’s 150th anniversary, the Republic will once more be on the march to its appointed rendezvous with destiny.

Another voice out of the shades of 1816 speaks to us in the present, that of Commodore Stephen Decatur, who, addressing himself to a Norfolk audience (in April, 1816) said in all fervency and devotion:

“Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right, but our country, right or wrong.”

It is in 1966 that Americans (and especially Sir Knights) must hearken to the lessons of history. The United States is living proof of the importance of dedicated human beings, an informed and determined citizenry. Bright is the chapter in the present which is being written in the performance of Americans in overseas combat zones. They are the hope of this land. Sir Knights will of a certainty want to emulate their dedication to God and Country.

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GARDENER IS MASTER
OF TEDDY’S LODGE

When Theodore Roosevelt was President, he took his equally great Secretary of State Elihu Root of Oyster Bay for a short rest. Walking round the gardens he turned and asked, “Elihu how long is it since you have sat in a lodge?” “Not for a long time, Theodore,” replied the Secretary. “Then let’s you and I go to a Lodge tonight. The gardener of my neighbor is the Master, and they say he is a good one.” Mr. Root agreed, and that night the humble gardener sat as Master while the President and Secretary of State of the United States sat as side-line members.
Vignettes Of A Mason

He was weary mentally and physically. Seven years of warfare, marked by retreats, disappointments, near starvation and the constant threat of total defeat, had made inroads upon his strength.

Finally, in October of 1781, when Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktowne, General Washington and his friends, following the surrender ceremonies, felt the justifiable need for celebration.

That evening, the General—taking Lafayette and other friends and officers with him—celebrated in typical fashion. He spent the evening at a Masonic Lodge!

That one significant event, in a life brilliant with highlights, tells the story of Washington, the Mason. There are others that add to the story.

For example, in 1777, a number of Lodges in Virginia met and agreed to form a Grand Lodge. After a convention session on June 23 of that year, the representatives recommended that George Washington be named the first Grand Master.

Washington’s response was that he “did not consider it Masonically legal that one who had never been installed as Master or Warden of a Lodge should be elected Grand Master.”

Another Masonic highlight: In 1788, Alexandria Lodge, after working under a charter from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, decided to transfer itself to the Grand Lodge of its own state. With his consent, General Washington was chosen to be the first Worshipful Master under the new charter. He was installed on April 28, 1788, and was reelected the following December. He was still Master of his Lodge when he took his oath of office as President of the United States, April 30, 1789.

Washington’s inauguration ceremonies in New York City were strongly Masonic. On each step of his journey to New York from Mt. Vernon, he was attended by distinguished Masons in public office. Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, administered the oath. General Jacob Marston, who succeeded Livingston as Grand Master in 1801, served as Marshal for the occasion. Another future Grand Master, General Morgan Lewis, was Washington’s personal escort for the inauguration.

When ceremonies were held in 1793 to lay the cornerstone of the new Capitol at the site of the City of Washington, President Washington set the stone with a gavel carved from a stone for the building, and trowel still in the possession of the Alexandria Lodge. He wore a Masonic Apron given to him by Lafayette—which is preserved in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

When Washington lay dying in December of 1799, he was attended by three physicians. Each was a Mason; one was a Worshipful Master. The Masonic ceremonies following his death were in charge of his own Lodge.

A resolute fighter, a courtly gentleman; a devout and inspired leader; a rich man who risked his wealth and his life for his country; a man of honor and conviction beyond man’s ability to measure, George Washington was a Mason. He believed in Masonry. He conducted himself Masonically in all that he did. He lived and died—a Mason!
One Man's Decision Made The Difference

No one needs to be reminded that the establishment of our Republic in large measure was created through the ability, resourcefulness, character and constancy of Brother George Washington. Lesser known is the specific action of Washington in dealing with the urgent request of his officers that he become the monarch of the struggling young country. His response could be the reason we have a Republic, not a Monarchy, today.

Conditions in the Army reached a crisis after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. To the Congress, the war was over and the soldiers were practically forgotten.

The troops were ill-fed, ill-clothed, discouraged and bitter. The prospect of peace brought them small consolation, because it was evident that the Congress had little inclination to pay them or even thank them.

There were secret meetings and discussions. In April of 1782, Col. Lewis Nicola, one of Washington’s ablest officers, wrote a confidential memorandum to the Commander in Chief setting forth in logical form the many advantages to be gained by forming a monarchy with Washington as king. It echoed the sentiments of the complete staff.

With the support of his officers and men, and with the prestige and respect he enjoyed everywhere, it would have been an easy matter for Washington to accept a crown. Many persons believed it was the only way to save the country.

But Washington possessed a deeper faith and a greater dedication to the principles for which he and his countrymen had fought. His letter of reply was direct and decisive. Although there was a second attempt to influence him to change his decision a year later—March, 1783—his original sentiments prevailed.

In part, the letter to Nicola read: “Be assured, sir, no occurrence in the course of the war has given me more painful sensations than your information of there being such ideas existing in the army. . . . I am much at a loss to conceive what part of my conduct could have given encouragement to an address which to me seems big with the greatest mischiefs that can befall my country. If I am not deceived in the knowledge of myself, you could not have found a person to whom your schemes are more disagreeable. . . . If you have any regard for your country, concern for yourself or posterity, or respect for me . . . banish these thoughts from your mind, and never communicate, as from yourself or any one else, a sentiment of like nature.”

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

For the first time, the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina are published in a single volume. It has also been proposed that the laws of the three bodies be presented in a single loose-leaf binder.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The York Rite Expansion Committee of the New Jersey York Rite Combined Committee is preparing a statistical report on the distribution of members of the several bodies in the jurisdiction, for the purpose of more closely coordinating the efforts of the several Grand Bodies and their unified efforts.
How North Atlantic Department's
77,277 Sir Knights Promote Our
“Charting The Course” Program!

The North Atlantic Department, the area
that gave birth to Grand Encampment, is
hard at work preparing to celebrate the
Sesquicentennial Anniversary of that event.

The Knights of this Department, steeped
in tradition, solemn and sober in their dedi-
cation to the Christian principles of Templar,
have been shaken and awakened by
the dynamic leadership of our Most Eminent
Grand Master and the impending An-
niversary of our Grand Encampment.

Great strides have been made in this
Templar year, in Membership, in Life
Sponsorship of the Knights Templar Eye
Foundation and in Subscriptions to the
Knight Templar Magazine.

This Department, always a leader in the
Knight Templar Educational Foundation,
is progressing even further with more loans
being made and additional Scholarship
Programs being planned.

Proud of their role in founding Grand
Encampment and of their continuous al-
legiance to the principles of Templary, the
North Atlantic Department and its more
than 77,000 Sir Knights salute the Grand
Encampment on its 150th Anniversary.

Meet Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr.,
Department Commander, and the ten Grand
Commanders who make the North Atlantic
Department tick, on the following pages.
John B. Cottrell, Jr., was born August 7, 1910, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and was married in July, 1933, to Miss Charlotte A. Wohrnus. A member of the Presbyterian Church of Media, he is a Past President of the Board of Deacons and is a Ruling Elder. A Senior Cost Analyst of the Philadelphia Electric Company, a member of the Quarter Century Club and a Past President of the Philadelphia Coin Club.

His Masonic record includes: Member and Past Prior, York Cross of Honor. Member and Past Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine. District Deputy, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Member of Committees in Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. Member, Benjamin Franklin Consistory, A.A.S.R. Member, Lulu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Member, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Pennsylvania College. Life Member, Masonic Homes Corporation of Pennsylvania. Member, numerous Square Clubs and Honorary Member of Several Grand Commanderies.

He has attended every Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment since 1949 in San Francisco. Was Vice-Chairman of the 49th Triennial Conclave in Philadelphia and served as Grand Senior Warden at that Conclave. He will receive the active Legion of Honor, DeMolay Degree in Chester, Pennsylvania, on February 19, 1966.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Upon graduating from Williams College in 1930, Sir Knight G. Burton Long became associated with the New England Brick Company of Boston, Massachusetts, wholesale and retail building supplies, where he has been employed ever since except for three years in the U.S.N.R., two of which were spent in Northwest Africa. He was raised a Master Mason in Good Samaritan Lodge, Reading, Massachusetts, in March, 1946. So deep an impression was made by the tenets of Masonry that he has devoted all available time to the promotion of the York Rite. He is a member of the K.Y.C.H., Connecticut York Rite College No. 17, Scottish Rite Valley of Boston and Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

We believe that the time is at hand for this Grand Commandery to emphasize the basic fundamentals of Templary. To accomplish this we stress the three point program which follows:

1. We are attempting to improve the image of the Knight Templar by instilling a pride of membership and by exemplifying the qualities of leadership in our daily living through the practice of the Christian virtues.

2. We are trying to encourage our inactive members to participate in our Templar activities. We are joining with the Chapter and Council to hold the first York Rite Festivals ever presented in this jurisdiction. We hope to encourage new members by demonstrating that the Knight Templar is a vital and forceful influence in our various communities.

3. Our forbears were best known for their “deeds of charity and pure beneficence.” We believe that we too can be revered and respected throughout the world if we will but work for our great humanitarian charity, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and by our efforts help bring our less fortunate fellowmen “From darkness to light.” We are making a special effort to obtain 100% of our fifty commanderies as Patrons and not less than 10% of our membership as Life Sponsors in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation this Templar year.

New York

Sir Knight Deck was graduated from Iowa State University in 1940 with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. For over 25 years, he has been employed by the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y. Presently, he is Manager—Instruction Books for the Company.
He has been active in Y.M.C.A. work and is a member of the Official Board of the Scotia Methodist Church. A Senior Member of the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers, he served as program chairman for the society in 1961 and as a director in 1964. He has also been on the guest faculty of several universities.

He is a member of Tri-Luminar Lodge No. 18, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and the following bodies in Schenectady, N. Y.: St. George’s Chapter No. 157, R.A.M.; St. George’s Council No. 74, R. & S.M.; St. George’s Commandery No. 37, K.T.; Sigma Bodies, A.A.S.R.; and the Schenectady Shrine Club. In 1953, he served as Commander of St. George’s Commandery.

In Albany, N. Y., he holds membership in Cyprus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Arab Patrol of Cyprus Temple; Albany Court No. 77, Royal Order of Jesters; and the Past Commanders Association of Central New York. He is serving as Governor of Albany York Rite College No. 24, and is an officer in Trinity Tabernacle, XXIV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

While a Line Officer of the Grand Commandery, he was responsible for a new edition of the Sword Manual, a revision of the Tactics, the 150th Anniversary program containing a 25-page history of the Grand Commandery of New York, and for conducting Zone Schools of Instruction in the 13 Zones of New York.

At the 153rd Annual Conclave, next June, St. George’s Commandery will observe its 100th Anniversary. Sir Knight Deck will be the first Grand Commander to represent St. George’s Commandery, one of the largest Commanderies in New York.

Each month the Grand Commander issues a two-page Newsletter to remind the Council Officers and Recorders of the goals for the year and to report progress. In addition, a four-page list, “66 Ideas to Improve Your Commandery,” has been issued.

Our goals for 1965-66 are in keeping with the Grand Encampment programs: to meet our quotas on Life Sponsors and subscriptions for the Knight Templar Magazine, to reduce our losses from demits and suspensions, to increase the number of Drill Teams competing at our Annual Conclave, to increase our participation in other Masonic functions and patriotic activities, and to plan our Conclaves so that more of the Sir Knights will want to attend. We are making good progress on these goals.

New York City, the birthplace of the Grand Encampment, will be the scene of the Sesquicentennial Celebration on June 18, 1966. We expect a large delegation of Sir Knights from New York to attend. Early in 1966 we will have a series of Templar Festivals in the various Zones to Knight members of the 150th Anniversary Classes.

Vermont

Edward Sanborn Pike was born July 28, 1911, in Rutland, Vermont, where he has resided ever since. He was raised a Master Mason by his grandfather in Rutland Lodge No. 79, February 15, 1933, and was elected Master of the Lodge in April, 1940. He has presided over all of the York Rite Bodies and is a Past Prior and present Registrar of Vermont Priory No. 45, K.Y.C.H. He is a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

In addition to serving as Grand Commander at this time, Sir Knight Pike is also Secretary and Recorder of his Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery and is Recorder of Cairo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., the third generation in succession of his family to hold these offices.

Sir Knight Pike has been active in the insurance business since 1929. He is a member of the Congregational Church and has served the church as a Deacon and as Treasurer. He has also been active as a Rotarian and Chamber of Commerce member.
Feeling that an increase in the number of Knights Templar in Vermont can only be obtained from an increase in the number of Master Masons raised each year, Sir Knight Pike is attempting to arouse the interest of Vermont’s Constituent Commanderies in the Blue Lodges which form the basis for Commandery membership, at the same time publicizing the work being done by the Commandery in the fields of education and restoration of eyesight.

**New Hampshire**

Sir Knight Minot was born in Bath, New Hampshire, attended the schools of that town and graduated from high school. He is a member of the Congregational Church. In 1926 he married Wilhelmina B. Oakes, who passed away in 1955.

In 1930 he enrolled in Wentworth Institute of Boston, Massachusetts, served as president of his class and member of the Student Council. After graduating and working in New York and Philadelphia, he returned to New Hampshire in 1940 and commenced work at Scott and Williams, Inc., of Laconia, makers of circular knitting machines.

He is a member of New Hampshire Priory, K.Y.C.H.; Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, holds the office of Herald; Palestine Tabernacle No. XLI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, holds the office of 2nd Pillar; New Hampshire Council, Order of High Priesthood; New Hampshire Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, holds the office of Steward; Grand C. of C. of the Grand Council of New Hampshire; member of New Hampshire Society of Veteran Freemasons; member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Past Patron; member of Bektash Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; member of New Hampshire Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32°, Valley of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Two projects in which Sir Knight Minot is endeavoring to make a good showing during his year as Grand Commander are obtaining Life Sponsors in the Eye Foundation, and working for new members. He feels that both can be accomplished by cooperation and hard work.
Connecticut

Sir Knight Ungerer has spent nearly forty years in the banking business and is presently Manager of the Stonington Office of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company. Although not a resident of Stonington, he is Treasurer there for the Salvation Army, Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Connecticut, Stonington's Chamber of Commerce, and the Cancer Fund Drive. He serves as Treasurer for Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116 of Masons and Palestine Commandery No. 6. He also serves as assistant treasurer of the First Church of Christ Congregational in New London.

The Grand Commander’s drive for membership has moved slowly, in spite of an offer of an award by the Grand Commander to the Commandery making the greatest percentage of gain in membership.

Connecticut, however, is ranking fourth nationally in subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine.

If Connecticut makes a creditable showing of sponsors for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, it is due to a one man dynamo from Washington Commandery. Single handed John W. Colody has acquired one hundred sponsors and is after more.

New Haven Commandery is also starting to show gains in sponsors.

It is with pleasure that the Grand Commander learned of the joint charity efforts of Washington Commandery and the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from this February 5th dinner-dance will go to Oak Hill School for the Blind. This is brotherhood of the finest order.

Maine

Sir Knight Bourke was born in Portland, Maine, November 20, 1904. He progressed through to his sophomore year in high school in his native city when a lingering illness interrupted his education for six years. Recovered, he returned to preparatory school and on to business college. With an accounting background, he entered the Department of Defense at Fort McKinley, Maine, and has been with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service since 1930. His current assignment is Exchange Officer (Civilian) of the Dow Air Force Base Exchange in Bangor. He is married to the former Elizabeth P. Rolfe and they reside in the North Deering Section of Portland.

Sir Knight Bourke is an ardent outdoorsman and has been a registered Maine guide for many years. He is active in civic club work and has held most local and district offices of his service club.

His Masonic career extends over thirty years, during which he has become past officer in the four York Rite Bodies, Past Sovereign of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Maine. He is a member of Put Stevens Court No. 107, Royal Order of Jesters; Shrewsbury Priory No. 4, K.Y.C.H.; the Past Officers’ Association; Scottish Rite Bodies; Shrine; and numerous honorary bodies.

He is a member of the Officers Club and Tarratine Club in Bangor and the Woodford’s Club in Portland.
This is the second edition of the Knight Templar Magazine featuring a special supplement of Templar News from Pennsylvania. Through this medium, accounts of activities and information from the Grand Commandery are distributed to the approximately 1,200 Knight Templar Magazine subscribers from the Pennsylvania jurisdiction. Individuals and Constituent Commanderies are urged to assist in acquiring more Pennsylvania subscribers, so that an ever increasing number of Pennsylvania Sir Knights can be well informed on Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery and all Templar projects reported in the pages of the Knight Templar Magazine.

PITTSBURGH YORK RITE FESTIVAL, MARCH 26, APRIL 2

A combined class of Chapter, Council and Commandery will take place at the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, which will consume just two days — successive Saturdays — March 26 and April 2, 1966.

This will be an expanded version of the highly successful festival which was held in 1965—enlarged to include more divisions and districts.

The Districts of Grand Chapter involved, will be Numbers: 16, 17, 18, 19 and 24. The Districts of Grand Council will be Numbers 1 and 4. The Grand Commandery Divisions will be Numbers 2 and 4.

However, the Committee invites Chapters, Councils and Commanderies from anywhere in the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction to partake of the benefits and economies of working together. Details are available by contacting the co-chairman, Sir Knight Frank A. Arturo, 109 Emerson Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215, or Sir Knight Earl A. Zimber, 9220 Willoughby Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION STANDING

Sir Knight S. Blair Sponeybarger, G.C., points out that Pennsylvania subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine stand at slightly under 50% of quota. Approximately 1,200 Sir Knights in the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania now subscribe.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander feels strongly that every Templar in Pennsylvania should receive the monthly issues of the magazine. The inclusion of the Pennsylvania Supplement now makes the publication doubly valuable to Pennsylvania Knights Templars.

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER
MAY 22-MAY 25
113th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA ALTOONA
PENNSYLVANIA PLANS FOR EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania Committee for the 36th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service of the Grand Encampment is in the midst of arrangements for another large attendance at Washington.

As in the past, a Package Plan is available for Pennsylvania Knights Templars, their families, and their friends. Those who wish to attend this inspiring and rewarding Templar weekend at Washington are requested to make their reservations without delay through the committee named by Sir Knight S. Blair Soneybarger, Jr., G.C.

For the Easter Weekend of April 9-10, 1966, the following group arrangements are offered:

Plan 1—Per Couple, $38.50
Plan 2—Per Single, $21.50

The rates include: room at the Willard Hotel, officially from 3:00 p.m., Saturday, to 3:00 p.m., Sunday; hotel assessment of 50c per person for luggage; tax; Saturday evening Pennsylvania Banquet in the Willard Ballroom; the Easter Morning Breakfast at the Willard, and all ticket details related to amphitheater attendance Easter morning.

Travel charges from home points to-and-from Washington, of course, are not included in the Grand Commandery Package Plan. However, many Divisions and Constituent Commanderies have group bus or train arrangements at special rates to cover this phase of the project.

The Pennsylvania Grand Commandery Committee for the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery, with Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C., as chairman, includes:

Harry M. Palmer (36)
Earl Edwards (36)
Charles R. Frasch (34)
Emory C. Gardner (21)
Russell R. Robison (25)
Sibbitt C. Rees (48)
Henry C. Geissler (42)
Donald E. Wells (87)
John M. Smouse (10)
Charles R. Minemyer (33)
Penrose H. Hagerty (82)
S. Guy Dreese (85)
Ruben H. Learn (12)
James E. Bauer (42)
Francis R. Black (75)
Samuel H. Verner (1)
William D. Geesey (14), G.J.W.

Official forms have been distributed to all committee members. The forms can be used for individual or group attendance. Committee members Frasch and Gardner will be on duty throughout the Easter Weekend at the Willard to provide on-the-scene assistance and correlation.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN THE KEYSTONE STATE

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will enter its one hundred fiftieth year of service in 1966. In answer to a call for the celebration of our 150th birthday sent out by R.E. Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania are busy making plans for their celebrations on a local or Divisional basis. Sir Knight J. Harvey Moore, Deputy Grand Commander, is in charge of local observances in Pennsylvania.
JURISDICTIONAL DATES AND EVENTS

The Sir Knights of Reading Commandery No. 42 will entertain present and past members of the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Commandery at a Dinner and Entertainment Saturday, March 19.

The 112th Anniversary of DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Reading, will be observed with a special program at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, February 12.

The Spring Meeting of the Northwestern Past Commanders and Line Officers Association is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at Sharon. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., D.S.T., followed by the Association meeting. Rebecca Commandery No. 50 will be the Host Commandery.

Public Installation of the officers of the five Commanderies of Division No. 16 will take place Saturday evening, April 2, at the Masonic Temple, Columbia. Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C., will serve as Installing Officer. Sir Knight Julius A. Houser is Division Commander. The Commanderies of the Division include: York No. 21, Cyrene No. 34, Gethsemane No. 75, Gettysburg No. 79 and Bethel No. 98. The ceremonies will follow a dinner in the social hall.

Kadosh Commandery No. 29, Philadelphia, will receive an official visitation from the Division Commander of Division No. 1, Sir Knight Charles W. McDermott, February 24. Sir Knight Dallas F. Bullock, P.G.C., is Recorder of Kadosh Commandery.

Receptions for the Right Eminent Grand Commander currently are scheduled as follows: Mountain Commandery No. 10, Altoona, February 26; Division No. 10, Ridgway, March 5; Division No. 14, Bloomsburg, March 12; Division No. 3, Ardmore, March 19; Division No. 8, Butler, March 26.

More than 140 Pennsylvania Sir Knights and ladies will attend the Grand Encampment’s 150th Anniversary Banquet and Program at the Waldorf Astoria, June 18. Reservations near the one hundred fifty mark as this issue of the Knight Templar Magazine went to press.

THE GRAND COMMANDER REMINDS US—

Petitions in the 89 Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania are running 85 ahead of last year’s pace at this same time. However, we have a long way to go to be able to show any net gain for the year.

Pennsylvania, at this writing, has 214 Eye Foundation Life Sponsors—up 100 from September 1, 1965. This is a fine gain, but we need more.

The Grand Commander, as of January, had received only two recommendations for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. “There should be a recommendation from every Commandery in Pennsylvania,” says Sir Knight Sponeybarger. February is Patriotic Month and should be so celebrated in the Commanderies. It is the Grand Commander’s wish that every Commandery have a Patriotic theme or observance during the month.

March 25 and 26—All degrees of Chapter and Council and the Order of Commandery will be conferred in Harrisburg, Pa., under the Direction of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

And—A special reminder from G.C. Sponeybarger that the M.E. Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, will be in attendance May 24-25 for the Pennsylvania Grand Conclave at Altoona.
PROGRESS THROUGH CORRELATION

A Commandery school of instruction was instituted September 1, 1965, by popular request in Division No. 2 at Pittsburgh. The Sir Knights have been hungry for this opportunity to become “comfortable” in their stations. The attendance has averaged around 50 and enthusiasm is increasing.

The seven Commanderies within the Division found that there had been much variance in the many routines of the asylum ritual. Five short months have caused complete agreement on all of these differences.

Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, the school, headed by the Division Commander, Sir Knight Cameron A. Wian, is divided into two sections — drill and tactics, with Sir Knight Raymond Schrempf in charge, and ritual — headed by Sir Knight John C. Reichenbach.

The first five months have been devoted to general drill and comportment details, such as the correct handling of the sword, what to do in each station, plus the full form opening. As a result, every Commandery is driving to perfect its asylum work and interest and attendance is increasing—particularly among the newer members.

It is hoped by the Grand Commandery officers, that this idea can spread and ultimately result in a coordinated state-wide school effort with a detailed manual available for all to answer those many questions now unanswered.

By Harold E. Stokely, G.G.

NEW MEMBERS ARE IMPORTANT

As this issue goes to press, we have just entered a new Calendar Year and the ninth month of this Templar Year. There is so much to be done and so little time to do it. In retrospect, it can be seen there are many Commanderies that went to work early last May with real sincerity and have consistently followed through to show progress this year. For these we are truly grateful. Conversely, many others apparently are not concerned, or expect that by some miraculous “wand waving” they will “dock their ship” come April 30th before it founders. To these we say “wishing won’t do it—consistent planning and persistent follow through will” and it’s later than you think.

Sir Knights, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania has a history of which we can be justly proud. However, we cannot live on past history nor can we stand on past glories. They are useful only so far as they urge us on to greater effort and broader horizons. The future of your Commandery and of this Grand Commandery depends on what we do today. Petitions are the life blood that should be flowing through the veins of every Commandery. Will YOU furnish the “blood” for a transfusion for your Commandery, to the end that this Grand Commandery shall again show an increase in its ranks, rather than a decrease, during this Sesqui-Centennial Year of Grand Encampment?

By G. Calvin Dyson, G.C.G.
Sir Knight Sponeybarger has been actively engaged in Masonic work for many years. He is a member of the K.Y.C.H., Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, Member of the Shrine, Scottish Rite, Order of Scotland, Allied Masonic Degrees, Rosicrucian, and many other Masonic organizations.

By profession, he is a civil engineer and has more than 30 years service with the Pennsylvania Electric Company. He belongs to many of the societies of Professional Engineers.

He is a worker in the Lutheran Church, Boy Scouts, Historical Society, etc.

Statement from the G.C.: "We have adopted as our theme for this Templar Year 'Could You Not Watch With Me One Hour,' and have asked that each Sir Knight in Pennsylvania devote one hour per week for the good of his Commandery. We feel that there are five areas which need immediate attention and improvement and so we placed five designs upon the Trestleboard. They are Uniform Procurement, Ritual Improvement, Asylum Escort, Commandery Activities and New Members. We asked that each Sir Knight direct his one hour per week into any one of these designs.

With the hope that Pennsylvania Knights Templar can provide Grand Encampment with a 2.6% net gain in membership as a 150th Birthday Gift from our State, we have established new member quotas for each of the 89 Commanderies. Already 5 Commanderies have met or exceeded their quotas.

Two State-wide York Rite Festivals or Assemblies are being planned. One is to be held in Harrisburg on March 25 and 26, 1966 and the other is to be held in Pittsburgh on March 26 and April 2, 1966. The combined goal for these two Festivals is 450 candidates.

We are planning to have the largest delegation of Sir Knights ever from Pennsylvania attend the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery. Plans for this pilgrimage are under the direction of Paul C. Rodenhauer, P.G.C.

From all reports throughout the State, Templary is on the move once again in Pennsylvania. Our hope is that we will show a modest increase in membership as well as meet the quotas assigned to Pennsylvania as Life Sponsors in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine.

Since September 23, 1965, I have logged more than 7,000 miles on my automobile attending Commandery Conclaves and various meetings and receptions in connection with the affairs of Grand Commandery. The good feeling evidenced at all these affairs augers well for the future of Templary in Pennsylvania."
New Jersey

Harold Alan Peterson was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, on May 9, 1907, and graduated from Ursinus College in 1928. After teaching for five years, he began a career with DuPont, which has now reached 30 years. He is a member of Shrewsbury Priory No. 2, K.Y.C.H. He now is Viceroy of St. Stephen’s Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Past District Deputy of both the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Council of Royal and Select Masters. He is Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Sir Knight Peterson is also active in Scottish Rite, presently serving as Senior Warden in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem in the Excelsior Scottish Rite Bodies. He is an active Shriner, and finds time for many other Masonic organizations.

Sir Knight Peterson has, for many years, directed the Senior Choir of St. Paul’s Methodist Church in Penns Grove, N. J., and has been a leader in the musical activities of the community.

During his year as Grand Commander, he has stressed the religious side of Templary. On September 26, 1965, a State-wide Templar Church Service was held in the Grand Commander’s Church. One hundred and fifty uniformed Knights Templar paraded from the Masonic Temple to the church, where they and their families provided an inspiring sight, as they worshipped together in a beautiful new church. One-half of the offering was sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. A concerted campaign has been conducted toward the 10% goal of Life Sponsors for the Eye Foundation.

At the Annual Templar Festival on October 30, 1965, a class of 52 candidates were given the Illustrious Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta. The Festival honored S.K. George W. Grant, P.G.C.

Maryland

Sir Knight Smith retired after 31 years in the Transportation Industry, and is now serving as Comptroller in a Construction Company.

He settled in Maryland in 1929, after having migrated from Connecticut. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has served in civic affairs as President of Parents Teachers Associations in elementary, junior high school and senior high schools, as well as President and Vice President of two Citizens Associations. He is a member of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the District of Columbia. He is married, with four children and nine grandchildren.

Sir Knight Smith has served his Chapter as High Priest and then Secretary for 11 years. As Thrice Illustrious Master of his Council, Commander of his Commandery and Preceptor of Emanuel Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member of Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and the Transit Square Club.

**Activities: Theme for the year:** "What are you doing for Templary? As an individual? As a Commandery?"

**Membership:** Promoting a determined campaign to show a net gain, using membership drives, York Rite Classes, etc.

**Life Sponsorship of Eye Foundation:** A continuing campaign to meet the Grand Masters quota, using talks, messages in Constituent Commandery Bulletins, Newsletters, etc.

**Promotion of Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of Grand Encampment:** We are pushing this to the hilt, particularly the Grand Event in New York on June 15th, 1966. Also State and Local Celebrations are being arranged by a very active State Committee.

**Publicity:** We are urging each Commandery to publicize its doings in their local news media at every opportunity. Some results are beginning to show.

**Templar Law Classes:** This year Classes or Schools in Templar Law for the Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Instructors of the Constituent Commanderies have been inaugurated. Every Commandery in the State will be covered. So far, attendance has been good and keen interest has been shown.
Sir Knight Moynelo was born July 25, 1917, in Atlanta, Georgia, and moved to Washington, D. C., in 1923, where he attended public schools. He also attended the University of Maryland for three years. He served three years during World War II in the Marine Corps Aviation as a commissioned warrant officer, 14 months of which time was spent in the South Pacific with the 1st Marine Air Wing.

He has been engaged in the wholesale distribution of electronic parts and equipment since 1937. In January, 1960, he founded his own company and is now serving as its president.

Sir Knight Moynelo points to the following as some of the accomplishments of his jurisdiction:

1. Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsors: 195 to date which is in excess of our quota of 10% of membership as of the beginning of the Templar year. There are only about 6 States with over 195 sponsors.

2. Knight Templar Magazine Subscriptions: Have been for some time over our quota, although due to mailings to the nearby States of Virginia and Maryland, the publisher is unable to give an actual number of subscriptions by our own Sir Knights.

3. Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service: You, of course, know the facts concerning the planning and supervision of this great Templar Service by the members of the D. C. Grand Commandery.

4. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation's New Cooperating Division, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, with its over 3,000,000 members throughout the world: This activity of the Order of the Eastern Star is being directed on a national and world wide basis by its general chairman, Harry L. Beach, Past Grand Patron, and Past Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery, District of Columbia.
Templar Festival — Bangor, Maine

Held in Masonic Temple, Bangor, Maine, November 27, 1965. Portland Commandery No. 2 of Portland exemplified the Order of the Red Cross, St. John Commandery No. 3 of Bangor, the Order of Malta and Palestine Commandery No. 14 of Belfast, the Order of the Temple. The Festival was under the direction of Frank L. Bourke, Grand Commander, and was the first of its kind held in Maine. The worst storm of the season, dropping twenty inches of snow in some sections of the area affected attendance of both candidates and members but proved to be a successful start.

A PRAYER FOR GREAT SOULS

Gracious God, in this month when our minds are moved by the memory of stalwart souls, we come to thee with deep thanksgiving. We give thee special thanks for George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln and all the rest, who founded and preserved our great nation. Grant we beseech thee, that in this challenging day in which thou has given us to live there shall arise men of like stature to guide the nations aright. Since in thy providence thou has called our country to a position of world leadership, pour out upon our people a measure of thy Spirit equal to this hour. Grant that the cry of great need in this generation may not be unanswered. Choose from among our Sir Knights and call them to greatness in leading thy people from darkness into light. May they be inspired to seek those qualities of self-discipline and generous self-giving which are the marks of great men. Give them faith and daring to do right though the heavens fall. And having given us the vision of faithful discipleship to our great Captain, do thou grant us the power to become indeed sons of the Most High. This we ask in his blessed name. Amen.

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.
What They Say About The
Knight Templar Eye Foundation

(Letters recently received by Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director)

Dear Mr. DeLamater:

I am writing to express my personal feelings toward your organization. I am sure that my feelings are shared by many other ophthalmologists in the country. I want you to know that I have great admiration for the efficiency and generosity of your organization. Many needy people have been able to see again thanks to your efforts.

I wish you and your associates much success in the New Year and many years to follow. I hope that you will all have a deep feeling of personal gratification for your good work.

Very truly yours,
H. J. Shaner, M.D.
Orlando, Florida.

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Dear Sir Knight DeLamater:

On December 22, 1965, I received a call about 12:25 a.m. from one of our members informing me of an accident to the right eye of Mr. Molitor and that he was in need of emergency surgery. From the little information we had, it appeared the family was in need of assistance. I called you at 12:35 a.m., December 22, to explain the case and received instructions to have the doctor proceed. I immediately proceeded to the hospital to confer with the boy’s mother. She completed the forms and I stayed with her until Robert was returned from surgery about 3:00 a.m.

I visited with Robert, Christmas afternoon and he is in excellent spirits, he can see with the injured eye, although the bandage has not been removed. He doesn’t know when he will be able to go home, but he indicates the doctor feels the sight was saved.

The original contact with the doctor to inform him of the Foundation was made about a week before this case and by a Sir Knight of less than 90 days that became very enthused with the work of the Foundation.

It is impossible to express the feeling of relief of the boy’s mother when we informed her of the Foundation. The definite need of the family coupled with the time of year has made it doubly hard for them.

We shall await further instructions from you. I again must apologize for calling you at such an early hour on December 22. I do want you to know that the kind and fast service that I received was greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of achievement of the goals our Most Eminent Grand Master has set for the Foundation. With Christ as our leader we will conquer.

Courteously yours,
D. James Childs,
Commander
Robert Macoy Commandery
No. 3, Madison, Wisconsin

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”

The Carson York Rite Library Fund of North Carolina was credited as “the sustaining force through which we have been able to build the efficiency of our library” by the Superintendent of the Oxford (Masonic) Orphanage. During the year, York Rite bodies contributed $780. The library contains more than 8,400 books, and during the year six sets of World Book Encyclopedias were placed in the high school cottages.
Chivalry and the Crusades
(Second in a Series)

The late Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary - Recorder of the York Rite Bodies of Missouri, wrote in 1950:

"Rarely does one connect Chivalry with Freemasonry, yet there is one branch of the Fraternity which places greatest stress on Chivalry and those virtues which go to make up a chivalric character. We refer to that great Order known as Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar.

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

The original Knights of the Temple were Christian warriors; they were men of Faith, inspired with love of God and the Church. The story of their exploits, their adventures, their self-sacrifice and their accomplishments read as a page from a story book.

There is nothing so appealing in all history as the story of these great Crusades, fostered by the Catholic Church but actually carried on through the great chivalric orders of that day. The object of the Crusades was to wrest the Holy Land and Sacred Spots of Christianity from the Moslem.

The Crusade period marked a new era in the life of the world. It brought the Eastern and Western Worlds together. The evils and virtues of the East were brought to the West, and vica versa. But the greatest thing which emerged through these conflicts of Christian and Saracen was the virtue of Charity. The Knights of the Temple and the Knights Hospitaler were the American Red Cross organization of that day. For the first time in the history of war, men began to think of aiding others...

There were seven Crusades, extending from 1095 through 1275 and there were also other important crusades, but these, the battle against the Infidel Saracen, are the historic legend of Chivalry.

The Knightly Orders were especially active at this time, the Order of Knights Templar being created in 1118, the other well-known Orders being formed at different dates. All participated actively in the forays of the time. It is probable that the Military Orders, especially the Templars, were active throughout all of the Crusades, but in particular, they took a leading part in the first three, from 1095 through 1192.

The Seige of Jerusalem, the Battle of Ascalon, both in 1099, were highlighted by the bravery of Godfrey de Bouillon, one of the founder members of the Order of Knights Templar. The part of the Templars in the other action in the Holy Land makes wonderful reading, and exemplifies in true spirit, the inspiration and dedication of our Order.

The Crusades have been variously and critically described, and their purpose, aim, accomplishments and history, can best be summarized by Michaud, who wrote in his "History of the Crusades," published in three volumes in 1859, who sums up the opinions of history by writing that...
"There can be no doubt that the Crusades form one of the most important sections of history... and (the reader) will behold men of powerful and ambitious minds, seizing upon the worst passions of various ages—superstition, cupidity, and cruelty—and wielding the energies of incredible multitudes, in endeavors to work out their own ends and views."

Continuing, he contends that however horrible the plan and execution of the Crusades, it considerably advanced the happiness of mankind.

The Knightly Orders were the foundation of the Crusades, and in a later article we shall try to trace their origin, development and sad demise.

Editor of the Knight Templar Magazine from 1955-1959.

By profession Sir Knight Pancoast was a public relations man, editor, and writer. For one-half century he was busily engaged in his profession in Chicago and New York, having served on the staffs of the Chicago Tribune, New York Times, and Liberty Magazine. He was promotional manager for the Hotel Lexington, McAlpine, New Weston, and others.

He published some 20 books and pamphlets; some of them relating to Templary are The Modern Templar, Templar Tales, and Wealth—You Can Enjoy Always.

For the last few years, Sir Knight Pancoast resided at the Ohio Masonic Home, Springfield, Ohio. Templar services were conducted by St. Luke’s Commandery, Newark, Ohio, at 7:30 p.m., on January 1, 1966.

Connecticut
Clifford Frank Rowland, D.G.C., 1966—December 19, 1965

Georgia
Walter Matthew Housch, G.C., 1952—December 23, 1965

Maryland

South Dakota
Elmer Ray Heaton, G.C., 1945—November 24, 1965

In Memoriam

Chalmers Lowell Pancoast

With the death of Sir Knight Pancoast on December 30, 1965, Templary lost one who gave much of his talent and energy to its cause. He was a member of the Couer de Lion Commandery No. 23 of New York City; served as Grand Commander of New York in 1937-38; was appointed Official Reviewer of the Grand Encampment in 1946; Editor of the Grand Encampment Review from 1947-1955; and

By Harry L. Beach, P.G.C., Correspondent

On Armistice Day, November 11, 1965, the Officers of the Grand Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple upon a class of six candidates, including Major General Carl C. Turner, a courtesy candidate of Junction City Commandery No. 43, Junction City, Kansas. The Orders were conferred on three successive evenings, November 9-10-11, by a selected cast of ritualists from the District of Columbia Commanderies, and the Officers of the Grand Commandery. The ritualistic work was excellent and the General was very deeply impressed by the Orders and the manner in which they were conferred. He delivered a stirring talk following the ceremonies.

The class also included Major William T. McGinness of the U. S. Air Force, as a courtesy candidate of St. Bernard Commandery No. 10, of Independence, Kansas. Major McGinness is the son of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, Sir Knight Charles S. McGinness. However, the Major could not be present for the Order of the Temple, and it will be conferred upon him at a later date.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia considers it an honor and a privilege to confer the Order of Knighthood upon the candidates of other Grand Jurisdictions who are stationed here in Washington, D. C., as members of the U. S. Armed Forces.

The six newly made Sir Knights are pictured here with the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the other Officers of the Grand Commandery who conferred the Order of the Temple upon them. Major General Carl C. Turner is in the front row at the right of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Andres E. Moynelo.
FLORIDA DeMOLAY HONORS M.W. GRAND MASTER OF MASONs

M.W. Brother Clyde A. Gleason, Grand Master of Masons in Florida was honored by the largest DeMolay class in the history of Florida DeMolay. The state class of 500 candidates was sponsored under the auspices of Duncan L. Gray, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Florida and was held in Orlando at the Shrine Temple on December 28-29. The 99 DeMolay Chapters of Florida labored for several months obtaining petitions to make the affair a most successful one.

Approximately 900 were in attendance at the banquet following the work.

On the following morning there was a work shop on DeMolay for the class and others in attendance.

ASHLAND COMMANDERY NO. 28 (KENTUCKY)

The officers and members of Ashland Commandery No. 28, K.T., Kentucky, joined in the parade on November 28, 1965, in the cornerstone laying of the new Fred M. Gross Lodge No. 953 in Westwood, in full dress uniform. This was an open ceremony and many people gathered to witness the event.

Sir Knight George E. Hobbs, Eminent Grand Captain General, and Sir Knight Charles W. Willis, Eminent Commander of Ashland Commandery, headed the parade and were highly commended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Brother Thomas Burchett, Jr.

CLASS OF 32 RECENTLY KNIGHTED

Evanston Commandery, in the Chicago, Illinois, area, continues to show what can be done in a large metropolitan area. It has had an annual net gain in membership every year since 1945 when the Commandery had 193 members to its present membership of 771. Forty-two have been knighted since June 1. Alvin L. Crump, P.G.C., says: "We are planning a class of not less than 50 for our special Sesqui-Centennial Observance."

Montgomery Commandery No. 4 (Alabama) sent the collection taken at its Christmas Observance program held on Christmas Day to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

CORRECTION

Grand Commandery Conclaves: New York will hold its Annual Conclave on June 10-12.
California will hold its Annual Conclave on April 21-22.

The 10th Division Council for Templar Advancement (Ohio) held its Fall meeting at the new Masonic Temple in Clarington with a special part of the program being devoted to honoring all members of the KYCH. Twenty-one KYCH members were in attendance to enjoy the meeting and a talk given by Theodore A. Ehni, KYGCH.

Harold N. Painter, G.C. of Missouri, in reporting Templar activities in Missouri, states that all Commanderies are eligible to work for the E-Award which will be given to each commander for having four basic activities, viz.: 1. open installation in full uniform; 2. participate in a regional festival or hold a local festival; 3. have a Christmas party and an Easter Service or Ascension Day Service; 4. have a patriotic program.
IMPERIAL POTENTATE ATTENDS YORK RITE FESTIVAL

Sir Knight Barney Collins, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, took time from his busy schedule of visits throughout the North American Continent, and beyond the seas, to attend a York Rite Festival at St. Louis, Missouri.


He was accompanied by the Illustrious Potentate of Moolah Temple, located at St. Louis, Missouri, Sir Knight Robert W. Conradi, an active Templar in the St. Louis area. Both Illustrious Sirs were heartily welcomed by Harold N. Painter, Grand Commander of Missouri. The Templar portion of the Festival was under the direct supervision of James H. Cockerham, Grand Generalissimo of Missouri, who resides in St. Louis.

Congratulations certainly are in order to Apollo Commandery No. 26, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the beautiful golden program and invitation to attend the dinner and joint installation of the officers of the Commandery and Social Order of the Beauceant. The Order of DeMolay served the banquet.

Christmas observances in Atlanta, Georgia, was under the auspices of Coeur de Lion Commandery with joint services with Atlanta Commandery (Atlanta), Constantin Commandery (Marietta), and DeKalb Commandery (Decatur).


Greenfield Commandery No. 39 (Indiana) Drill Team repaired toys and distributed them to 51 needy children in Hancock County. Several organizations joined with the Drill Team and donated gifts for the project.

KYCH

Willard A. Vincent, correspondent to the magazine, from Maine, sent the following letter under date of January 14:

"The article in the December issue of K.T. Magazine concerning 11 KYCH members in one Commandery has caused us to search our records in the Past Officers Association.

Our Past Officers Association had its inception in Rockland, Maine, in 1909 and was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine in 1912.

Our requirements are the same as for the KYCH, namely being a past officer of all the York Rite Bodies."
Our present records reveal the following Commanderies with a living membership of 11 or more. Palestine Commandery No. 14, Belfast, 19; DeMolay Commandery No. 10, Skowhegan, 18; Lewiston Commandery No. 6, Lewiston, 11; Trinity Commandery No. 7, Augusta, 11; Claremont Commandery No. 9, Rockland, 11; and St. Omer Commandery No. 12, Waterville, 11."


Nine of these Sir Knights have served as Prior of Shenandoah Priory No. 32, KYCH. Many of them have served or are serving as Grand Officers of Masonic Grand Bodies.

Harold N. Painter, G.C. of Missouri, reports relative to KYCH members in his jurisdiction:

"Saint Omer Commandery No. 11, Missouri, has more K.Y.C.H. members than any other commandery we know of. The living members are Knights Aulgur, Coffelt, Judd, Kennon, L. Kirkpatrick, McNeil, Pahlow, Painter (P.P. and G.C.), Plumlee, Ray, Smetana, Staubli, and White. Two are deceased, Hurtt and G. Kirkpatrick; there is one candidate, Rudd, and one prospect, Meyers (now E.C.)."

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Grand Commander Charles E. Bostick (Illinois) remitted these sponsorships to the Foundation. He further reports that the Inspecting Officers in all the Districts within the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois are stressing the Life Sponsorship Campaign in their official visits to the 78 Constituent Commanderies.

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At the farewell dinner for C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment, before his removal to his retirement residence in Arizona, he was presented a Certificate of Honorary Membership in each of the 25 Commanderies comprising the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey, duly signed by all of the Commanders of that jurisdiction.
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