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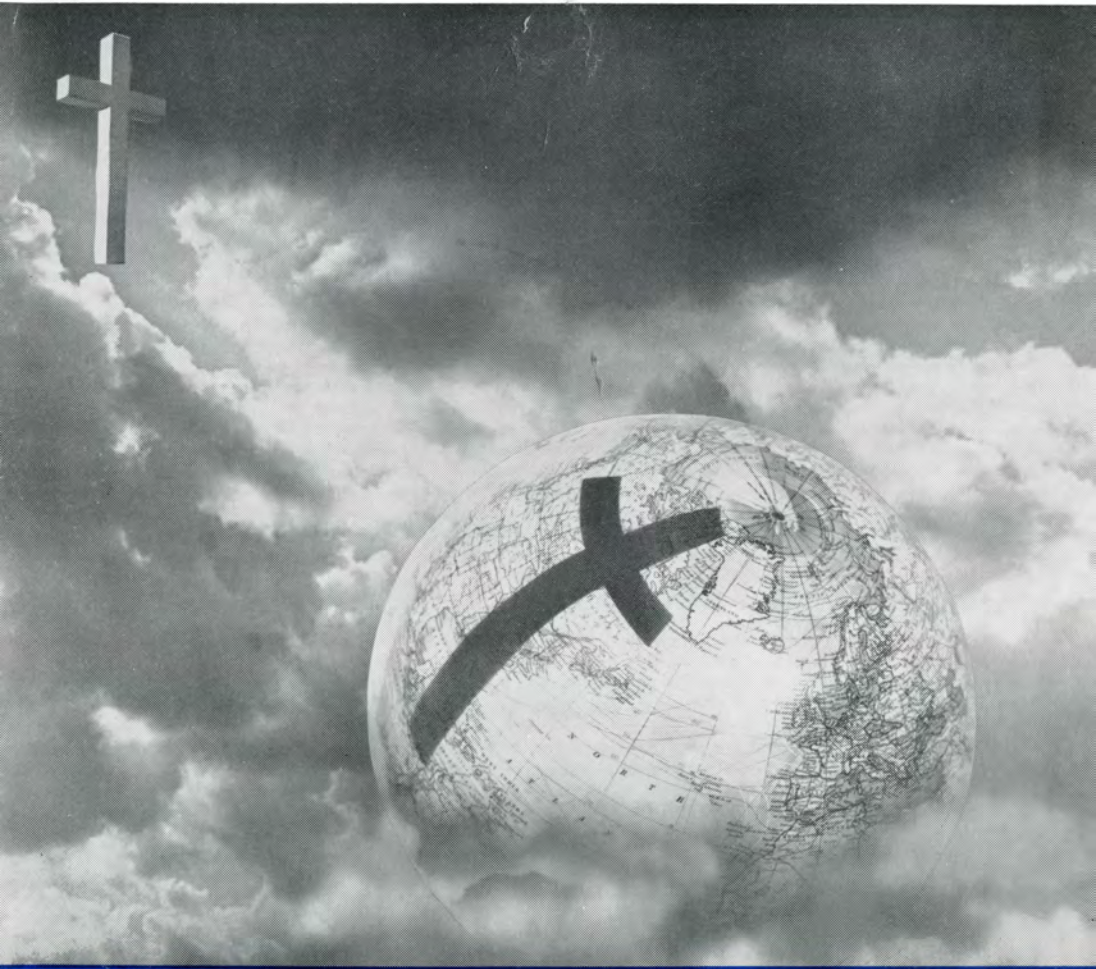


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A Message From the Grand Master - -

EASTER AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



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

Easter is the high point of the Christian faith. The Risen Christ is the hope of all mankind. What could be more symbolic of Christ's resurrection from the dead than to hold our great Easter festival of faith at sacred Arlington National Cemetery where stands the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—and where lie in eternal glory tens of thousands who served their country in time of war?

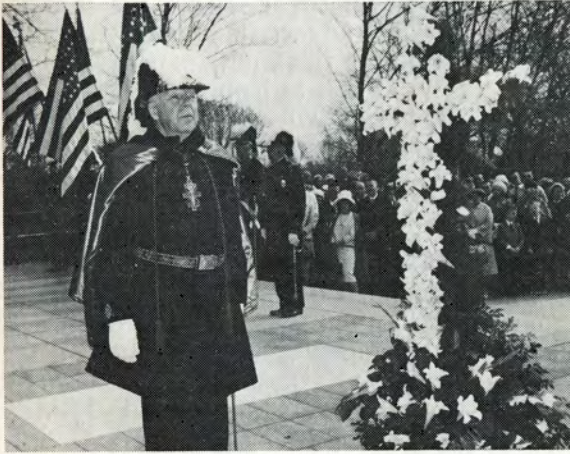
For 35 years, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar has been afforded the privilege by the Government of conducting its official Easter Sunrise Service at this historic spot. We commemorate the greatest event in Christendom—the fulfillment of Christ's promise of immortality and divine assurance of life beyond the grave. Thousands of visitors at our nation's Capitol at Eastertime have worshipped with us and been stimulated in their faith by this majestic service.

At the first streak of the rising sun on Easter morn' our white-plumed host of Christian warriors, enter Arlington National Cemetery from the West Gate and follow the United States Marine Band to seats in the center of the beautiful Amphitheatre. Then follows the traditional service, with sacred music by the Army Chorus, and an inspiring Easter Sermon, channeled over a national broadcast so the nation may share this great religious service. Afterwards, the large 7-foot Cross-of-Lilies is carried by selected Knights Templar, through an arch of steel, to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the top of the hill overlooking the Potomac River, where it is placed at the head of the Tomb by the Grand Master as the testimonial of our faith in immortality and life beyond the grave. The sounding of Taps seals our high resolve to return each year as the Christian representatives of a great nation that has not forsaken its Christian faith, and has not forgotten its Honored Dead who sleep in Arlington until the last trumpet shall sound.

I summon all Knights Templar who can do so to make the pilgrimage to Arlington at Easter this year. Let none stay away because of any of life's trivia. This service demands the loyalty and presence of every Knight Templar who can make the pilgrimage—either alone or with his Commandery.

To those multitudes of our 400,000 Knights Templar who cannot conveniently travel to Arlington, let me admonish you to attend your own Easter Service at home—without fail! Easter is the time for all Templars to “show their colors.” Every Templar worthy of the name should make his plans now to join in homage to Christ, the Great and only Captain of our Salvation, on Easter Morning, 1966.

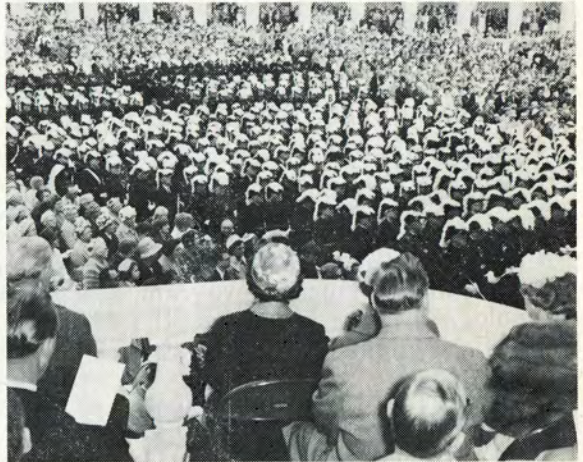
The Event of Easter



“Easter at Washington” is always a magic phrase to Knights Templar. It identifies a weekend atmosphere in which mingle the zest of Christian friendships, the happiness of festive pre-holiday gatherings, the heartfelt realization that Knights Templar and their families are Christian gentlefolk, united in bonds of faith and zeal.

Easter 1966—our Sesqui-centennial year—will bring to all Templars an even greater awareness of our Christian heritage, and an even greater desire to worship together at Arlington, shrine of America’s deepest and most significant memories.

With Grand Master Brucker again leading us in our devotions, let us prove by our attendance that we, as Knights of the Temple, are Christians in fact as well as in name. Let us give to the world a picture that reflects the daily purpose of Templary—to grow in Charity, Benevolence, Education, and Christian Principles.



Sesquicentennial PUBLICITY Is Urgent Business For YOUR Commandery

Whether you are a Commander of a Grand, Constituent or Subordinate Commandery, it is **your responsibility** to help gain as much **local publicity** for the Grand Encampment Sesquicentennial Celebration as possible. And the reason is plain.

During the past 150 years, Knight Templary has enjoyed sustained growth, made great strides in Christian Service to God and Country. The magnitude of Knight Templar service is enormous. Every citizen of our nation should know about it. With your help, all will. For most of us, it will be the only time in our lives when we can participate, actively, in such a meaningful event in Knight Templar history.

If you do not have a Sir Knight in your Commandery experienced in publicity work—and do not consider it feasible to retain local professional counsel—ask a friend in a local advertising agency, public relations firm, newspaper, radio or TV station to help you. Your Commandery will benefit. The public image of Knight Templary will be enhanced.

Good publicity is one of your Commandery's most valuable assets. Let's all act now to tell the 194,000,000 Americans what 400,000 Knights Templar and 150 years of Templar service stand for—under such distinguished and dedicated leaders as Grand Master Brucker.

Suggestion Forms For Observing The 150th Anniversary Of Grand Encampment

By PAUL C. RODENHAUSER, Chairman,
Committee on Public Relations of the Grand Encampment, K.T., U.S.A.

1—Hold Anniversary Banquet, if possible, on or before June 18, with a special program highlighting the history of the Commandery and of Grand Encampment.

2—Arrange a musical program, chronologically highlighting the history of Templary through dated compositions.

3—Utilize, if availability permits, the Most Eminent Grand Master's filmed address, "Christians Awake." Although not prepared specifically for the anniversary observance, this 16-minute sound film reviews Templar history and current Templar projects.

4—Plan a church attendance, in uniform, with Knights Templar

history and/or Grand Encampment's 150th Anniversary as the suggested theme.

5—At a Stated Conclave, arrange an attractive display for the flags of the United States from 1816 to the present.

6—Hold a Press (newspaper-radio-television) Dinner for representatives of the media in your area. Prepare fact sheets on the history of your own Commandery and of Grand Encampment for their information. Arrange the dinner as a "recognition night" for their services. Have a capable representative speak to them (briefly, please!) on the tenets of Knight Templary, its officers, etc.

7—Present an “Anniversary Recognition Program,” at a Stated Conclave or especially planned separate event, to salute members of your own Commandery with historical connotation. For example, recognize Fifty Year Members or Past Commanders, developing the Templar events which occurred when they were Knighted or served in office.

8—As a publicity and informational feature arrange for an interview—in newspaper, on radio or TV, or a Templar quiz program in your own Commandery.

Select questions from your own sources, or make use of Commandery, Grand Commandery, and Grand Encampment records for your questions.

Leading questions:

When was the General Grand Encampment formed—and where? **June 20-21, 1816—New York City**

Who was the first General Grand Master? **Governor DeWitt Clinton**

What was his profession? **Attorney, Senator, Mayor, Governor**

When did your Commandery (Grand or Subordinate) become a part of Grand Encampment? (Or when was your Constituent Commandery constituted?)

How many members in your Commandery? (Grand Encampment?) **Latter—nearly 400,000**

What, in your opinion, is the purpose of Templary?

Upon what historical and religious background was Knight Templary founded? **Crusades**

What does the phrase, “Anno Ordinis,” mean? **In the year of the Order—or 1118**

When was the original Order suppressed? **1312—DeMolay burned at stake, 1314**

Grand Encampment holds a Triennial Conclave. What does “triennial” mean? **Three year event**

When and where will the next Triennial Conclave be held? **August 19-24, 1967, Detroit, Michigan, 50th Triennial**

Who is the Most Eminent Grand Master during the current triennium? **Wilber M. Brucker, former Secretary of the Army**

Name the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General. **John Lawton Crofts, George Wilbur Bell, Roy Wilford Riegle**

What is the location of the Grand Encampment’s Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service? **Arlington National Cemetery**

Who became Governor of Michigan at the age of 36? **Wilber M. Brucker**

9—Secure and distribute Sesqui-Centennial Commemorative metal identification cards for candidates during the anniversary year—or the cards of similar design for all Sir Knights.

10—Check the Sesqui-Centennial issue of the Knight Templar Magazine (Volume XI, Number 12) for details of the metal identification cards and Sesqui-Centennial lapel buttons.

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”

Two outstanding Easter Services are held in **California**. One, held at the Hall of the Crucifixion in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, was attended by more than 2,250 persons, with Job’s Daughters, Rainbows and DeMolays attending and assisting. An outstanding program was planned, to be held at the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio—the rains came. Nevertheless, a large delegation placed a Cross on the grave of the Unknown Soldier with appropriate ceremonies.

NORTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT

. . . *IS ON THE MOVE*
 . . . *WILL ACCOMPLISH GOALS*

By SAMUEL J. CHAPMAN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

North Pacific Department

Here in the North Pacific Department, where the Knights live in a beautiful setting it may have been that the majesty of the mountains, the sweep of the plains, and the caressing of the ocean have made us a passive group. Things are not hurried here and we live a life that enjoys every minute of our setting. There is no sense of urgency here, not a grain of sand of time has created a rash. This life has made these Sir Knights great in stature, great in their power to accomplish deeds of outstanding luster. This life has lulled us in the Northwest into a sense of security but when the facts were brought out that our Order was being threatened by indifference and laxity, as a man, they have risen and are working together as a team. This is the same togetherness that made this country great. In Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, we do not have the population concentrations. We have miles of road and few people. It is nothing to know of many who travel 60 to 100 miles to attend a conclave, but this distance also created a bond that only those in the West can realize. We are not going to set the world on fire and we probably won't win all of the trophies, but when the chips are down and the final accounting is in we will be right there with the best of the departments.

In each State, programs are being carried out and "Charting the Course" objectives have been outlined and the work is being carried on in the true Templar spirit.

MONTANA

In addition to the programs outlined by the Grand Commander to the Commanderies, two programs are being pushed to their ultimate goals. Many years ago the Grand Commandery purchased an island in beautiful Flathead Lake which they have leased to the Boy Scouts of America. This island is being studied to give more youth in this great movement a chance to enjoy its potentials. The Knights in Montana have undertaken a project to build a chapel at the Masonic Home in Helena. This means raising money to do the job so that our Brothers and Sisters at the home can worship their God in a truly beautiful building.

WYOMING

A horse patrol, complete with all of the fittings of our ancient fraters was established. The first patrol made its appearance at the Grand Conclave of the Wyoming Grand Commandery in September of this year. The interest aroused has pointed the way for other Commanderies in that State to follow suit and the result will be that Wyoming has hit upon an idea no other State has. Memberships are coming in and the State will be ready to show its colors at the Grand Encampment in Detroit in August, 1967.

COLORADO

In a beautiful setting in the Colorado Mountains, scenes are enacted, complete with chariots and horses. Knights for miles around come to this setting and witness the orders being conferred. They bring with them their candidates and everyone that has taken a part in this ceremony carry it back with them to their asylums and are much more ardent workers for Templary.

IDAHO

Many local Commanderies are working toward more youth programs and have instilled in the hearts and minds of our youth a deeper understanding of Knights Templar.

OREGON

The Grand Line Officers are working in youth movements, creating impressions and securing more workers in our ranks.

WASHINGTON

A system of securing candidates has been worked out that is the inspiration to all Commanderies. Youth movements, and programs have been devised that strike at the delinquency problems in metropolitan areas of that State. These, when worked out may well be a criterion for all to copy.

Every State is working in every field, we are on the move, and we will accomplish our goals.

These activities, sponsored by Grand Commanderies of the North Pacific Department, enhance the stature of Knight Templary. Congratulations, Sir Knights!



Sir Knight Samuel J. Chapman
Department Commander
North Pacific Department

Samuel J. Chapman was born at Lincoln, Nebraska, on September 23, 1914, and went to Montana with his parents in 1917 when his father homesteaded at Willard in Eastern Montana. He attended Gooding College for two years, then transferred to Intermountain College, at Helena.

Sir Knight Chapman has held a number of responsible positions in Montana. In August of 1963 he was named director of the Montana State Planning Board as director. He is responsible for the economic development of Montana's Resources for Industry.

He has given much of his time to community affairs, having been active in the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Elks, Toast Masters, and other clubs and organizations of the community. He has been active as a member of the local school board.

He has served as Worshipful Master and Secretary of his Lodge and Commander and Recorder of his Commandery. He served Montana as its Grand Commander in 1961-62.

Sir Knight Chapman is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, has served on the Rainbow for Girls Board, and received the Grand Cross of Colors. He was Commander of St. Paul Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in 1963. He has also been a member of the DeMolay Advisory Board. He belongs to the Shrine at Billings, and is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine.



EDWIN D. COOLIDGE
Grand Commander
Montana



ORA HELMS
Grand Commander
Wyoming

MONTANA

Sir Knight Coolidge was born at a gold mine near Maiden, Montana, on June 17, 1919. He attended schools at Great Falls and the Colorado School of Mines. He is now Superintendent of the Hardrock Oil Company and Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbia Gas Company. He resides in Shelby, Montana.

Sir Knight Coolidge has been very active in all branches of Masonry on the local as well as the state level, having served as head of his Blue Lodge and of the local York Rite Bodies. He has been active in DeMolay for many years. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, and an honorary member of the Great Priory of Canada.

He is a member of the Shelby Methodist Church and serves on the Church Board of Trustees; is a member of the Elks; served as Treasurer of Kiwanis for 6 years; has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Department since 1954; and is also a Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Sir Knight Coolidge states, "Montana will do its utmost to comply with Grand Master Brucker's orders pertaining to Membership, Life Sponsorships, and K. T. Magazine subscriptions. Active committees are hard at work to attain the requested goals. We already have a 'Project for 1966' which is the building of a Knights Templar Memorial Chapel at the Montana Masonic Home located near Helena. This project is to be financed by voluntary contributions from the Montana Sir Knights."

WYOMING

Sir Knight Ora W. Helms was born in Des Moines, Iowa, July 22, 1905. His family moved to Laramie, Wyoming, when he was one year old. He and his wife, Marjorie, live at 105 South Badger, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Sir Knight Helms was raised a Master Mason in Senate Lodge No. 456, Glens Falls, New York, November 16, 1937; affiliated with Big Horn Mountain Lodge No. 43, Sheridan, Wyoming, and served as the Worshipful Master in 1950; is a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, also the Shrine and the Royal Order of Jesters; is a member of the Knights York Cross of Honour, Priory No. 44, of which he is a Past Prior; is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wyoming, a Past Sovereign of St. Deny's Conclave No. 40, Red Cross of Constantine, a Past Patron of Naomi Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star; and is a member of the Grand Guardian Council of Wyoming, International Order of Job's Daughters.

He served as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming for five years.

He has been in the lumber and hardware business for 27 years and is serving as President of the Sheridan Cash-Way Lumber Co., a business he started in 1941. He is serving his second term as Chairman of the City Planning Commission.



LOVILLO H. FAGAN, JR.
Grand Commander
Colorado



ROY V. DURAND
Grand Commander
Idaho

COLORADO

Sir Knight Fagan was born at Longmont, Colorado, May 18, 1919, and has resided in the State since his birth. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a B.S. Degree in business administration.

He states as follows:

"My father died in my junior year at the University of Colorado and since my mother was teaching school to send my two sisters and myself to school, it appeared that one of us must wait for a time. However, I secured a loan from the Knight Templar Educational Fund which enabled us to get over the hump. The value of this fund can only be known to the recipient."

He was made a member of the York Cross of Honour in 1965. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and of the Shrine.

Sir Knight Fagan is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has served as President of the Board of Trustees. He is manager of the Little Thompson Valley Water District in Berthoud, and has farming interests. He states that this avocation is music.

IDAHO

Roy Victor Durand was born in Salmon, Idaho. He graduated from Idaho State University with a B.S. degree in Pharmacy in 1944. He served in the Navy after which he went into the retail drug business in Salmon. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has served as a trustee and ruling elder.

He is active in civic and community affairs serving on the City Council, volunteer fireman, and past president of Rotary.

He has served as Worshipful Master of Lemhi Lodge No. 11, High Priest of Salmon Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Commander of Salmon Commandery No. 9, life member of Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood of Idaho, and a member of Mystic Shrine in El Korah Temple at Boise, Idaho.



JOHN R. POND
Grand Commander
Oregon



PAUL W. SWEET
Grand Commander
Washington

OREGON

Sir Knight Pond was born at LaPlata, New Mexico, on September 13, 1900. He later lived in Phoenix, Arizona, and is now a resident of Medford, Oregon. He has been active in all Masonic affairs on the local level, having served as the 100th Master of Warren Lodge at Jacksonville, Oregon, in 1954. He is a member of the K.Y.C.H., a charter member of St. Janus Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and is a member of the Shrine.

He was installed Grand Commander of Oregon by Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker on April 12, 1965, at the conclave in Portland.

Sir Knight Pond states that one of the activities of his Grand Commandery is an annual presentation of an award to the outstanding DeMolay boy of Oregon. His project for the year is an increase in membership and he plans to make numerous visits and encourage the Order of Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters, and DeMolay. He also is deeply interested in sponsoring the activities of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

WASHINGTON

Sir Knight Sweet was born at Selleck, Washington, on February 12, 1913. He received his M.D. degree from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, in 1941, and is now serving as an officer in the State of Washington in the following year. Almost immediately he was called to active duty in the Armed Forces where he served until 1947 when he was discharged with the rank of Major.

He is a member of the K.Y.C.H. and is now serving as Warder in Evergreen Priory No. 41. He is also serving as an officer in the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Sweet has served on the Advisory Board of the Centralia Chapter, Order of DeMolay, for the past 10 years.

Dr. Sweet now resides at Centralia, Washington, with his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Department Conferences

SOUTH EASTERN DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

By WILLIAM M. WHITE, Department Commander

"Neither sun, nor rain, nor sleet, nor snow" kept the South Eastern Department from having a very fine conference in Birmingham, Alabama, on January 28-29, 1966.



L. to R.: Harvey C. Byrd, Dept. Comm.; Wilber M. Brucker, G.M.; and Roy W. Riegle, G.C.G., of the Grand Encampment.

In spite of the terrifically bad weather, we had thirty representatives from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. There were several others who had made definite plans to attend but were snowed-in in North Carolina and Virginia; therefore, we did not have a representative from Virginia.

The temperature was 4° on the outside but it was exceedingly warm and cordial on the inside of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel. We had fine social contacts and we believe that we had a most profitable conference covering Suspensions N.P.D., Reinstatements, Improved Ritualistic Performance, Eye Foundation Life Sponsors, Loss of Interest in Masonry generally, How We Can Appeal More Forcefully to the Professional Peo-

ple, Membership, What We Can Do To Promote York Rite Masonry and Knights Templary In Particular, Educational Loans, Scholarships—Especially By Local Constituent Commanderies, Public Relations — More in the Realm of "Doing" than "Talking," Recognition of Specific Objectives and the Means By Which We Can Accomplish These Objectives; Extent and Methods Used in the Various Jurisdictions of Promoting A Well-Rounded and Orderly and Active Local Program. In short—what are their communications, objectives, state programs? We know that the purpose of our grand bodies is to promote the welfare of the local bodies and to direct their efforts. Question—how are they doing it and how can it best be done? Drill Teams, Knight Templar Magazine, Sesquicentennial. An efficient method for the dissemination of General Orders to Constituent Commanderies. There should be immediate and complete coverage; Apparent apathy and/or lethargy of Commanderies in the carrying out of General Orders, Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery Projects; Shortening Grand Commandery and Constituent Commandery elective officers to the dais officers, Records and Treasurers to obtain better leadership.

As you will already understand, this was a very comprehensive agenda but we believe that we had a very profitable discussion of each of these subjects.

One of the most significant points in connection with our de-

partment conference was that every person in attendance took active part in discussions by standing on his feet for comments at least once during our discussion period. We had a business session lasting about two hours on Friday night and a second business session lasting about three hours on Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon, we had a very informal discussion without any particular agenda. This was led by John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Commanders present were Louis Hengen, **Mississippi**;

G. B. Buchanan, **Florida**; Charles L. Campbell, **Alabama**; Lowell G. Hays, **Tennessee**; N. E. Burrington, **North Carolina**; also present representing the Grand Commander of their respective states were V. P. Patterson, D.G.C., **South Carolina**; J. E. Moseley, G.R., **Georgia**; together with a very fine representation of line officers, Sesquicentennial Chairmen and other interested Past Grand Commanders and distinguished Sir Knights.

We hope that all who were present will take back and put into practice what we learned in our discussion together.

SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

By **FREDERICK J. SMITH, D.G.C., Oklahoma**

With Harvey C. Byrd, Department Commander, presiding, a highly successful workshop was held for the Dais Officers of the South Central Department. The meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Friday, January 14, 1966. Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., was present and took an active part in the meeting. For a while Sir Knight Brucker was afraid that for the second year in a row "weather" would prevent his attending the department meeting, however, with luck and slight modifications of airline routings, he was able to evade the storm areas between Detroit and Tulsa.

Space will not permit listing all those who attended. Representing the Grand Encampment, in addition to Sir Knights Brucker and Byrd, was Roy W. Riegle, G.C.G. Heading the representatives of the various Grand Jurisdictions were the following Grand Commanders, with the number of others from

each jurisdiction:

Arkansas: Ormand B. Shaw (3); **Kansas:** Anson V. Grable (13); **Missouri:** Harold N. Painter (13); **Oklahoma:** Paul W. Alexander (42); and **Texas:** J. T. Sanders (7).

We regret that Louisiana was not represented. The press of business forced W. Lindsay Lane, G.C., to forego the meeting, and sickness developing on Thursday prevented Frank T. Norman, D.G.C., from attending and delivering his paper on "Membership."

Sir Knight Byrd arranged for an outstanding series of papers. Time was allowed for discussion following each talk, which enhanced the value of the workshop. Speakers, and their subjects, were:

Wilber M. Brucker, G.M., "Key-note Address;" Harold N. Painter, G.C., "Religious Activities;" Ormand B. Shaw, G.C., "Knight Templar Eye Foundation;" Richard T. Porter, G.C.G., Texas, "Drill Teams;" Bruce H. Hunt, G.R., Missouri, "Interim Report of the York Rite Unity Commission;" Charles

S. McGinness, G.R., Kansas, "Suspensions and Demits;" James M. Caviness, P.G.C., Texas, "Knight Templar Educational Foundation;" S. Lewis Smith, P.G.C., Kansas, "Sesquicentennial Celebration;" and Frederick J. Smith, D.G.C., Oklahoma, "York Rite Festivals."

A fine steak dinner was served to the 115 Sir Knights and ladies attending the workshop by the Tulsa Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Highlight of the dinner hour was the stirring ad-

dress delivered by Grand Master Brucker. Many of the ladies present were heard to remark that they could have listened to Sir Knight Brucker all night, an opinion with which we heartily agreed.

Sir Knight Byrd was ably assisted in preparations for the meeting by Willis H. Gorey, G.S.W., Oklahoma, a Tulsa resident. Sir Knight Gorey made all the local arrangements, and his efforts were in great measure responsible for the smooth functioning of the workshop.

Senator and Governor of Indiana to be Candidates In Observance of Sesquicentennial



U. S. Senator Birch Bayh



Governor Roger D. Branigin

Indiana is observing the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Encampment with a series of festivals in the Chapters and Councils throughout the State, and a state-wide festival in the Commandery, to be held at Muncie on March 12. The Grand Officers will confer the Order of the Temple

on Senator Bayh and Governor Branigin and a large class of candidates.

The observance will feature a banquet following the work with Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, as the speaker.

Now-the Pennsylvania Story!

GRAND OFFICERS MEET 113th ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Grand Commander S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., presided over the Conference of Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders at Philadelphia, Friday, February 4, when discussions covered a wide range of subjects—including a possible recommendation for a new type of Templar uniform to be submitted to the Sir Knights of Pennsylvania at the 113th Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery at Altoona in May.

A prayer offered by P.G.C. Perry L. LaBarr, Grand Treasurer, opened the session at 9:30 a.m. Deliberations continued well beyond 4:00 p.m.

Membership needs, 150th Anniversary observances and attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service at Washington received prominent attention during the Conference. During the meeting, announcement was made of the complete sellout of tickets for the 150th Anniversary Banquet and program at the Waldorf Astoria. At the time, the committee had on hand a backlog of approximately 35 additional requests from Pennsylvania.

This is the third issue of the Knight Templar Magazine to carry a Pennsylvania Supplement. Each of the jurisdiction's 1,200 subscribers is urged to encourage his fraters to subscribe by sending \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.25 or \$4.00 (for subscriptions of one to five years, respectively), to KNIGHT TEMPLAR, P. O. Box 477, Greenfield, Indiana 46140.

Printed copies of the tentative program details of the 113th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania have been distributed to all Constituent Commanderies of the jurisdiction. One of the changes this year will affect the Annual Conference of Officers with the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

Normally, there is one such conference. This year, Grand Commander Sponeybarger and Deputy Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore have changed the format to permit the exchange of more specialized instruction and information. On Monday, May 23, the Deputy Grand Commander will meet with all Division Commanders and all Recorders of Constituent Commanderies at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., the conference will be enlarged to include the Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains General of the Constituent Commanderies, plus Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders.

Officers of both the Grand and Constituent Commanderies are reminded by Grand Commander Sponeybarger that their attendance at the Grand Conclave is requested and expected. The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, will honor Pennsylvania's Conclave with his presence and participation, thus offering officers and Sir Knights generally an even greater opportunity to acquire essential Templar information and inspiration.

Activities at Altoona will begin on Sunday, May 22, and extend through Wednesday, May 25.



COTTRELL TALKS TEMPLARY TO MASONS

On a day that marked the east's "worst snowstorm of the century," 260 members of Club Sixty-Two, Reading, journeyed to our nation's capitol for a full schedule of tour highlights, including a banquet address by the North Atlantic R. E. Department Commander of Grand Encampment, John B. Cottrell, Jr., representing Grand Master Brucker.

The day was January 29. Club Sixty-Two, a social club of Lodge No. 62, F. & A.M., Reading, is headed by Past Master James E. Bauer, who also is a Past Commander of Reading Commandery No. 42. Noted for its pilgrimages to centers of historic and Masonic interest, Club Sixty-Two decided to visit Washington and the George Washington National Memorial Lodge at Alexandria.

President Bauer made the appropriate arrangements. Six buses transported 260 club members to Washington early Saturday morning. They were met by Congressman George M. Rhodes, of Lodge

No. 42, for a tour of the capitol; enjoyed lunch in the Sam Rayburn Building, visited the Department of Commerce Chambers for a lively talk on Masonic history by Senator and Brother Yarborough, of Texas, then traveled to the Memorial for a 5 o'clock banquet served in the Memorial Dining Hall by colonial-costumed members of the Martha Washington Chapter No. 42, O.E.S.

Sir Knight Cottrell was the speaker for this occasion. He outlined the tenets of Christian Masonry and encouraged the club members, mostly Blue Lodge Masons, to attend the Templar Easter Sunrise Service April 10 at Arlington Amphitheater.

Sir Knight Bauer is in receipt of a letter of commendation from Grand Master Brucker, congratulating both him and the club for the scope and nature of their visits and, in particular, commenting on the interest of the club members in attending the Easter Sunrise Service.

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**CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR—
MAY 22-25 FOR THE
113th GRAND CONCLAVE**

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**JOIN THE TEMPLAR FAMILY
AT WASHINGTON—APRIL 9-10**

COLORFUL OBSERVANCE AT OLD SWEDES CHURCH

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church, Philadelphia, was the scene of the Christmas Observance sponsored by the Line Officers and Past Commanders' Association of Division No. 1. The observance consisting of an afternoon service in the historic colonial church on Philadelphia's historic waterfront, followed by the traditional toasts in the parish hall, was attended by 250 persons.

Sir Knight George F. Held, Second Vice President of the Line Officers Association, was chairman. The Reverend John Craig Roak, D.D., pastor of Gloria Dei church, conducted the service and addressed the group on "Preparing For Christ's Birth." Other members of the committee: Sir Knights Carl L. Betsch, P.C., Prelate; S. Henry Mauldin, P.C.; Louis T. Seegar, P.C., Adjutant; Harry M. Palmer, P.C.

Officers of the Association in attendance included Sir Knights Wilbur R. Parker, P.C., President; Earl Edwards, P.C., First Vice President; Samuel B. Black, P.C., Treasurer; and John B. Patterson,

P.C., Secretary; also the throne officers of Commanderies No. 4, 29, 36, 54, 82, and 92, which comprise Division No. 1.

The association's observance was honored by the presence of representatives of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania—Sir Knights G. Calvin Dyson, Eminent Grand Captain General; John W. Laird, Eminent Grand Recorder; John A. Roth, Trustee; and Charles W. McDermott, Division Commander.

Boys from the Order of DeMolay acted as ushers. The processional, under the direction of Sir Knight Louis T. Seegar, was an impressive sight as the Sir Knights in full Templar uniform marched into the church, which has remained much the same as it was when the first Swedish colonists established it in the very early days of this country.

At the completion of the inspiring religious service the uniformed Sir Knights processed to the parish hall, beautifully decorated for the season. The traditional toasts were led by Sir Knight Held with participation by officers of all the Commanderies of the Division.



THE EMINENT COMMANDERS SPEAK

Abram G. Shoener, Eminent Commander of Melita-Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 17, Scranton, in the February notice writes: "The invitation to Christian Masons should come from Templars. We should not be smug or stand idly by and assume that Christian Masons will storm at our doors to join, simply because our cause is noble, even though we have something they need. We ourselves should be the ones to initiate the selective process, by extending an individual invitation to each Christian Mason."

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The notice of Rebecca Commandery No. 50, Sharon, carries a thought-provoking "Reflection:" "The man who claims he never made a mistake in his life has a wife who did."

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Eminent Commander Virgil L. Wynn, Kensington Commandery No. 54, Jenkintown, points out in his February message: "We are planning to take a bus to the Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington, Virginia, this year. Get your reservations in now! Let's fill a bus!"

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From Constans Commandery No. 133, Bellefonte, comes this message by Eminent Commander Stanley F. Gulbernat: "Every Master Mason should be a member of a Commandery of Knights Templar, because many men have testified that their eyes have been opened and their souls inspired by the beautiful work of the several Orders. This is important, but not nearly as important as the fact that instruction has been received in the most im-

portant area of man's experience: his responsibility for his fellows."

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In a recent "Commander's Message" of Allegheny Commandery No. 35, Pittsburgh, Eminent Commander Carl W. Dillon says: "Our Masonic Fraternity, particularly the Order of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, is doing a great work in fostering the activities of the Order of DeMolay, a work that needs the encouragement of every Freemason, for it is in the preservation of the ideals of America in the minds and hearts of our youth that the evils of materialism will be thwarted and overcome. It is only through the moral and spiritual forces of righteousness and of God that our civilization can be protected and maintained."

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Eminent Commander Maximilian M. Biffart, Cyrene No. 34, Columbia, through the thoughtfulness of Sir Knight A. Raymond Mullin, P.C., and former Recorder of Centennial Commandery No. 55, Coatesville, is in receipt of a ninety year old membership jewel from an early Sir Knight of Cyrene—Charles F. Gilmore, who was instrumental in establishing Centennial Commandery in 1876. The jewel has been placed in Cyrene's display of "items of historical significance."

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To the Sir Knights of Mount Olivet Commandery No. 30, Erie, Eminent Commander John Vander Weele, relays a reminder applicable to all Knights Templar: "Sir Knights, we need your help to make this 150th year the best ever. Working for Templary, you work for GOD and COUNTRY!"

Ancient Orders of Knighthood

(Third In A Series)

When we come to the need of narrating the interesting story of the Ancient Orders of Knighthood, we again find ourselves beset with a wealth of information — too much, in fact — by which to tell the story.

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

Rather than to *hack* the writings of such outstanding Masonic students and historians as Harold V.B. Voorhis, Wylie B. Wendt, Dr. William Moseley Brown, Dr. F. J. Scully, and others, we shall assume the prerogative of giving our readers the very best of the writings of these Sir Knights, whose kind and helpful permission we have to use excerpts and extracts from their works.

First, let us state that there were three principal Orders of Knighthood in which we, as Freemasons, are interested. There were, of course, other such groups, but the three in which we find the crux of the activities of the Crusades were *The Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta*, afterwards the *Knights of Malta*; and the *Knights Templar*, or as their full name designates them, *Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon*, and the *Order of Teutonic Knights of St. Mary of Jerusalem*.

“One of these,” writes Wendt, “the Order of the Temple, was organized as a Military and Re-

ligious Order, while the others were established as Hospitalers, or Orders of the Hospital, and the military feature was added at a later date.” In the order of their formation, we learn that the Hospitalers date from 1046, the Templars from 1118, and the Teutonic Knights from 1198. Before progressing further it may be well to note that the history of each of the Orders intermingled intermittently with that of each of the others, and that in the later part of the existence, some of the groups at least partially merged.

THE HOSPITALERS

Voorhis writes in his *Thumbnail Sketches of Medieval Knighthood*, concerning The Hospitalers, that . . . “Centuries ago, a small group of Italian merchants from Amalfi met in the house of a mutual friend in the distant city of Jerusalem, and organized a society for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a hospital (The Hospital of St. John) for the care and relief of pilgrims to the Holy Places. From this small, and what may be termed insignificant beginning, grew the first of three Chivalric Orders of the Middle Ages.”

Voorhis continues by saying that after the first fifty years of the Order, it took up the Sword as well as hospital work, and in 1113 Pope Paschal II by Bull, placed the Order under his immediate protection.

The Order moved to various parts of Europe during the seven hundred fifty years of its existence, and Voorhis says that the Order of Malta ceased to be an

important organization of Knight-hood on the loss of the Island of Malta. He lists the names by which the Order has been known, as follows:

Knights of St. John of Jerusalem
—1048-1191

Knights of St. John of Cyprus—
1292-1309

Knights of Rhodes—1310-1522

Knights of Malta—1530-1798

*Order of Malta—1798 to date.

*(Wendt says that the Ancient Order of Malta ceased to func-

tion as the Ancient Order in 1798, when Napoleon took possession of the Island of Malta.)

We also learn that the Hospitaler's occupation of Malta almost simultaneously came with the Protestant Reformation, and that in addition to their charitable and philanthropic work, that they patrolled the Mediterranean Sea and lanes of sea travel, fighting pirates and mauraunders, and acting in the capacity of law-enforcement officers.

A LENTEN PRAYER

Gracious God, all our days should be full of thee but we give thee thanks for the special days that come, affording us an opportunity to strengthen our holy habits. We stand in constant need of prompting. In the Lenten days that lie before us help us to consecrate them to the renewing of our souls.

Turn our thoughts in these important weeks toward Christ. Let the warmth and beauty of his personality stir our lives as it stirred those other disciples of long ago. Let the observance of these holy days be rich and deep and alive. May they mean for us a pilgrimage of remembrance as we follow our Great Captain once more through his burdened and distressing days; follow him into the wilderness to do battle with the Evil One, watch him ease the misery of the afflicted in the dusty streets, climb the hilltop to hear his words of wisdom, and struggle with him through the hours of his passion until we reach the summit of Golgotha, where he died. May the grace of the Cross empower us to offer our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, a spiritual

service. So stir us, as Sir Knights, by the death of Christ that we may possess a new and deeper self-dedication.

O Lord Christ, so may we walk with thee the way of the Cross, and find with thee the Crown of life. In thy name we ask it. AMEN.

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.

In Memoriam

Arkansas

Charles Addison Gordon, G.C.,
1928—December 13, 1965

Nathaniel Dallas Moon, G.C.,
1932—December 11, 1965

Nebraska

Malcolm Ney Holm, G.C., 1946
—January 8, 1966

North Carolina

Charles Bailey Newcomb, G.C.,
1938—December 20, 1965

North Dakota

George Henry Russ, G.C., 1926
—January 9, 1966

Virginia

William Moseley Brown, G.C.,
1935—January 8, 1966

Washington

Harry Washington Stees, G.C.,
1946—January 7, 1966

What My Commandery Means To Me As A Minister And A Baldric Knight

The Commandery means to me a comradeship with men who have set for themselves the highest ideals on earth. They are men who are trying with the help of God and one another to live by these ideals. This gives rise to a fellowship of the highest order. Men have fellowship based on business relations, on social friendship and on patriotism. The fellowship which I enjoy within the Commandery grows out of the ideals which we hold in common.

Now men are bound together in many fraternal organizations and service clubs by the high ethical standards to which they are loyal. However the reason the Commandery means so much to me as a Minister and a Baldric Knight is that here our ideals are distinctly Christian. There is complete unanimity between the ideals to which I subscribe as a Baldric Knight and the ideals to which I subscribe as a Christian minister. In fact they are one and the same.

This means that our fellowship within the Commandery has in it something akin to that of the disciples. What we have in common with them is Jesus Christ, our Lord. He bound them together, and it is Christ who holds us together in the Commandery. Our aim in our fellowship with one another, and with all men, is to follow the path laid down by Christ.

What the Commandery means to me as a Minister and a Baldric Knight has been highlighted by two things.

First, when I knelt in our asylum before the Triangle it was one of the deepest spiritual experi-

ences of my life. In fact it was second only to the time when I knelt and took my ordination vows to the ministry.

Secondly, my fellowship with Masons, and especially with those who are Sir Knights, is the finest fellowship that I have known outside of the Church. I believe there is a reason for this. The Commandery is an extension on a broader basis of the fellowship which begins in the Church. Here we come from our respective churches into a deep fellowship with one another at the foot of the Cross.

Think for a moment of the two great symbols of the Commandery.

First, the Cross. What do we see when we look at the Cross? We see the perfect revelation of the love of God.

Leslie Weatherhead tells of standing on board a ship one dark night in the Mediterranean. They were passing near the ancient, volcanic island of Stromboli. Suddenly a great burst of flame from the volcano lit up the ocean for miles around. The darkness gave way to light. Then gradually the volcano subsided and it was dark again. What did it mean—there had been revealed for a few moments the fire that burns constantly in the heart of that mountain.

The Cross reveals the love that burns constantly in the heart of God. As we see Christ on the Cross, and realize that He was dying for us; as we hear his words of forgiveness even for those who put Him there; we realize that the Cross is a window through which we can see into the heart of God.

*"I sometimes think about the Cross,
And shut my eyes, and try to see
The cruel nails, and crown of
thorns,
And Jesus, crucified for me.*

*But even could I see Him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which like a fire
Is always burning in His heart."*

Let me remind you that the symbol of the Commandery is the Cross, not the Crucifix. The Crucifix is the symbol of the death of Christ. If we stop with the Crucifix we have only a dead Christ; One who died two thousand years ago. The Cross, you see, actually reminds us that we do not have a dead Christ. He died on the Cross for our sins, but He was taken down from the Cross, and buried, and the third day He rose again from the dead. The Cross is our eternal reminder, not of a dead Christ, but of our living Lord.

The second great symbol of the Commandery is the Crown. The crown reminds us of the sovereignty of the living Lord. He is Christ the King of our lives; our supreme commander-in-chief; our eternal sovereign.

The loyalty of the Commandery to the sovereign Lordship of Jesus Christ, symbolized by the Crown, challenges us to a crusade in our time that is infinitely more crucial for mankind than the crusades of old.

Our belief in the sovereignty of

God, in the tradition of the Reformation, is expressed in these words, "God alone is Lord of each man's conscience." This belief in the sovereignty of God is the basis of democracy. It is the basis of our conviction that there are great areas of life in religion, in the home, in government where man must be free to follow the dictates of his conscience under God. The Crown reminds us in the Commandery that we bow the knee only to the Sovereign Lord, Jesus Christ.

My friends, this places us squarely in the midst of the battle ground of the twentieth century. Today the belief that God alone is the absolute sovereign of man is challenged on every side. It is challenged at home by a materialistic way of life that does not even recognize that there is a God. The Crown, the sovereignty of God, is challenged by the Communists who claim that not God, but the State is the absolute sovereign; not God, but the state is the Lord of each man's conscience. Sir Knights, this is the challenge: the battle is being fought and the issue decided in this decade. If there was ever a time for Masons to rally around the reality of which the crown is the symbol, the sovereignty of God, and to defend that reality, now is the time.

*Sir Knight, Seth C. Morrow, D.D.
Lansing Commandery No. 25
First Presbyterian Church
of Lansing*

"Christians Awake" To Be Shown In Saudi Arabia

When Sir Knight James E. Walter returns to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in June, he will take with him a film print of Grand Master Wilber Brucker's address, "Christians Awake."

Sir Knight Walter, Generalissimo of Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, in the states on vacation, wishing to show the film at a Templar banquet "open to all Masons in our area in Saudi Arabia," but unwill-

ing to rely upon the mails and customs, he arranged with the Committee on Public Relations to carry a print with him when he returns to Saudi Arabia. The film will be returned in similar fashion when another member of Al Hasa Commandery comes to the United States for a vacation in July.

Sir Knight Walter also expects

to make additional use of "Christians Awake" during the Commandery's program activity through June.

Since May of 1965, when the film was completed, the Grand Master's feature has been scheduled for more than 75 showings, not including a televised presentation on Christmas Eve.

United York Rite Council Formed In Minnesota

By RALPH W. BELL, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The United York Rite Council of Minnesota, Inc., was formed in Minneapolis, on February 3, 1966, for the purpose of creating a framework within which the twelve York Rite Bodies of Minneapolis can work cooperatively to their mutual advantage.

The seven Royal Arch Chapters of Minneapolis have been members for some forty years in the United Council of Royal Arch Masons of Minneapolis, Inc., and, as such, have built a strong cooperating inner core which has administered that city's seasonal Chapter Festivals. For the past two years, it has been the thinking of this group that some way should be made to allow a fuller cooperation with the several Councils and Commanderies. With this thought in mind, the corporate change was made to change the name to The United York Rite Council of Minnesota and also permit the three Commanderies and two Councils to participate in the work.

The corporation, at the present time, is made up of the three principal officers and the Secretary or Recorder of each subordinate or constituent body in the city. Ex. Comp. William Ward McMasters, the President, states that he has great hopes for the ability of his

organization to fulfill the much needed function as overall York Rite Coordinator. Also, he goes on to say, the new corporation is not restricted to Minneapolis membership alone but may also take members from elsewhere in the State. He also hopes that his organization can serve as the foundation upon which can be built a future total unification of the York Rite in Minnesota. He also states that the new corporation has the full blessing and support of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

A new and simplified Joint York Rite Petition has been developed and will shortly be placed in use.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Under Grand Commander Joseph Martin, Kentucky made significant strides toward York Rite unity. He sparked the formation of a York Rite Grand Council and served as its first chairman. The Grand Commandery changed its time of meeting from May to September to make possible joint annual meetings with Grand Chapter and Grand Council, with the resulting identical terms of office, and the way seems clear for the establishment of identical York Rite districts.

Knight Templar Cross Of Honor Award

J. Howard Haring, P.G.C. of New Jersey, as chairman of the Committee on Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award of the Grand Encampment in urging all constituent Commanderies to give consideration to making nominations for this coveted and outstanding award says:

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 237½ of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, a meritorious Award known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor may be conferred by the Grand Master upon a deserving Sir Knight of each Grand Commandery once each year.

Each Constituent Commandery of each Grand Jurisdiction may make a nomination for the Award. It is to be noted that this Award is to be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or Member. It should also be noted that generally no elected Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment Officer, past or present, should be considered for this Award. This honor is for the Sir Knight of your Commandery whom you consider has been, or is, outstanding in his Chivalric labors."

(4) The procedure to be followed for making nominations for this Award are as follows:

a. Any Constituent Commandery desiring to make a nomination shall first adopt a formal resolution, setting forth the full name of its nominee, and the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based;

b. The Commander of such Constituent Commandery shall thereupon cause to be filled-in a Nomination Form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of his Grand Commandery, giving the date, full name of the nominee, address, Templar rank, name of his Commandery and a statement of the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based;

c. Such Nomination Form shall be signed by the Commander of such Constituent Commandery and shall be forwarded by him to the Grand Commander of his jurisdiction for consideration;

d. Such Grand Commander shall consider all nominations made by Constituent Commanderies of his Grand Commandery upon Nomination Forms and shall select only one nominee in any one year; upon making such selection, the Grand Commander shall affix his written approval to such Nomination Form and shall thereupon send the same to the Grand Master;

e. Any Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination for this award shall follow the same procedure as is set forth above for Constituent Commanderies, except that such Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination, shall forward the Nomination Form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and the same shall bear the written approval of the Commander of such Subordinate Commandery before being sent by him to the Grand Master.

From Our Readers

**SIR KNIGHTS OF ASCALON COMMANDERY (St. Louis)
INSTALL OFFICERS OF DeSOTO COMMANDERY (Mo.)**



Louis F. Heger, P.D.C., and Chairman on Ritualistic Matters of the Grand Encampment (center front row) and the Sir Knights of Ascalon Commandery (pictured above) of St. Louis again performed their customary function of installing the officers of DeSoto Commandery. W. E. Evans, Recorder, reports that "this was the 23rd time that they have braved the elements to perform this necessary ceremony."

SESQUICENTENNIAL ENTERTAINER

Versatile Larry Douglas—singer, actor, spokesman—will be a featured entertainer at the 150th Anniversary Observance of Grand Encampment at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, Saturday evening, June 18.

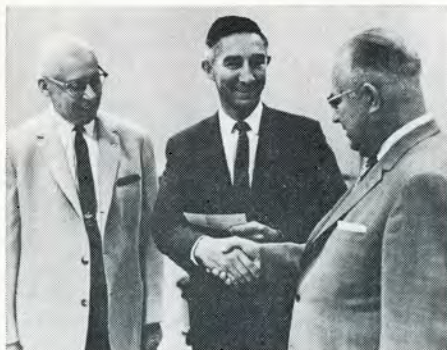
Douglas, who has been starred in Broadway, television, radio and motion picture productions, will be joined for the occasion by the popular and talented songstress, Phyllis Arick.

C. Byron Lear, General Chairman for the Grand Encampment celebration, will offer a full evening of entertainment and anniversary attractions. In addition to Larry Douglas and Phyllis Arick, one of the highlights will be a

narrative capsule of Grand Encampment history.

Lansing Commandery No. 25, Lansing, Michigan, conducted a "Life Sponsor" campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation during December and January. On the occasion of their 35th inter-Commandery Competitive Drills held January 27th, they presented Robert B. Mackey, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan, with 105 Life Sponsors which were forwarded to the foundation. This was nearly 200% of their quota and is the largest percentage of any Commandery in Michigan.

Research into the causes and treatment of eye diseases at the University of Rochester School of



Dr. Albert C. Snell (center), professor of ophthalmology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, received a \$5,000 research grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Presenting the check on behalf of the Foundation were James C. Corbett (left) and Dr. Ward L. Ekas of Rochester, both Past Grand Commanders of the Knights Templar in the State of New York.

Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, New York, has been enhanced through a recent grant of \$5,000 from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Dr. Ward L. Ekas and James C. Corbett, both Rochesterians and P.G.C.s of Knights Templar in the State of New York, presented the grant to Dr. Albert C. Snell, professor of ophthalmology at the school.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has contributed about \$500,000 to eye research since its organization in 1957. Another \$3,000,000 has been allocated for the treatment of patients suffering from eye injury or disease. A total of 10,299 individuals have been assisted through the foundation.

George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder and P.G.C. of Mass.-R. I., sent

to the editor a most interesting program of a recent meeting of Brotherhood Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Boston, Mass., in which Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, was the speaker. The newspaper account of this meeting, among other things, states that "It was the first time a prince of the Roman Catholic Church had been a guest of the Masonic Lodge in the 232 year history of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CHAPMAN'S FATHER AND TWO BROTHERS KNIGHTED



Front row, L. to R.: Jay Chapman; John W. Chapman; Daniel Chapman. Back row, L. to R.: Paul W. Sweet, G.C.; David Davis; Samuel J. Chapman, Dept. Com.

The father and two brothers of Samuel J. Chapman, Department Commander of the North Pacific Department, were knighted in a Special Conclave of Sunnyside Commandery, Washington. The Conclave was attended by a number of Grand Officers and Sir Knights from various Commanderies throughout the State. Grand Commander Paul W. Sweet and Sir Knight Chapman participated in the knightings.

K.T.'s ENTERTAIN K.C.'s



L. to R.: John A. Stead, P.C.; Frank Kirkpatrick, Past Grand Knight; Gordon Brenner, P.C.; John Dangler; Edgar Corby, C.; and William Brown, Past Grand Knight.

Lafayette Commandery, New Jersey, held a historic meeting at its recent installation of officers ceremony in Rutherford at which time it entertained members of

three area Knights of Columbus Councils. This was the first time, at least in this part of the country, that a Catholic organization had attended a Masonic function of this nature.

TWIN BROTHERS HEAD COMMANDERIES AND CHAPTERS IN 1965

During the year 1965, Harold E. Wheeler was Commander of Watertown Commandery, New York, and High Priest of Watertown Chapter; during the same year his twin brother, Howard C. Wheeler served as Commander of Puerto Rico Commandery No. 1, San Juan, P. R., a Subordinate Commandery, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and High Priest of Borinquen Chapter No. 1, San Juan, P. R., under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. QUITE A RECORD!

Lloyd Landgren, P.G.C. of Wisconsin, and P.D.C. of the North

Central Department, was received by his son, Richard L. Landgren, Commander of Kenosha Commandery, Wisconsin, at the annual Inspection and Homecoming on February 5th. Nine Wisconsin Commanderies and one Illinois Commandery were represented at the Inspection. Irving L. Heller, P.G.C., was among the distinguished guests.

Racine Commandery, Wisconsin, closed its Centennial year on January 8 with its annual Homecoming and Inspection. Several programs were given throughout the year with the highlight being the York Rite Unity Program at which time G. Wilbur Bell, G.C.G. of the Grand Encampment, was the prin-



L. to R.: Orville S. Joslin, Com., and Harold F. Knowlton, S.W. and Centennial Chairman.

cial speaker. Another program of the Centennial Celebration was a special Christmas play featuring Templary, and the significance of the Templar uniform.

ZION COMMANDERY, MINNEAPOLIS, CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

Garrett H. Sohle, G.C., Arthur G. Peterson, D.G.C., Lester P. Fitting, S.B., Ed Sroder, G.C. of G., Harry White, G.T., James Joyce, G.R., and William Spry, P.G.C., were among the distinguished guests at a recent banquet held at the Ambassador Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in commemorating their Centennial.

Clyde K. Branch is shown wearing the uniform of 100 years ago and Mrs. Branch is modeling a dress of the same period. In relating some of the past history of



Sir Knight and Mrs. Branch the Commandery, it was pointed out that in the year 1865 the initiation fee was \$100.00. It was also shown in the early minutes that Zion Commandery contributed \$200.00 to the distressed brethren in Chicago as a result of the great fire.

Charles L. Campbell, G.C. of Alabama, reports that Tuscaloosa Commandery No. 13, combined its Ladies Night Program on Thursday, January 20th, with a Patriotic Activities Observance at the Trinity Methodist Church. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. David A. Higginbotham, Grand Prelate of Grand Commandery. The occasion received full coverage in the local newspaper.

Edmond Pine, G.C. of Nevada, reports an unusual and gratifying experience in being permitted to install the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nevada, Frank Logar, Jr., as Junior Warden of Lohenton Commandery of Fallon, Nevada. Earl White, P.G.C. of Nevada, acted as Warden and Frank Woodliff, P.G.C., as Prelate in the installation ceremony.

KYCH MEMBERS

Hugh Henderson, Commander of Apollo Commandery, Casper, Wyoming, reports that his Commandery has 13 Sir Knights who are members of the KYCH, one who is now eligible and two more that will be eligible in June. The members are Clifford Goodnight, Nils Nelson, Dana Van Burgh, Henry Boffer, Frank Blehr, Mack Grantt, Dee Baker, Ralph Crowe, Robert Ferguson, Martin Eggert, Carl Gustafson, Jack Lilly and Frederick Sims.

Apollo Commandery had a membership of 219 in 1952—its present membership is 519. It was the first Commandery in the State to subscribe to the Knight Templar Magazine for its entire membership, and is continuing to do so.

E. Ray Choney of Wooster Commandery, Ohio, reports that this Commandery has 16 living members who belong to the KYCH as follows: Clyde L. Moody, C. W. Ellenwood, Ralph E. Fisher, Milton O. Switzer, C. Paul Anderson, Franklin J. Folk, Howard J. Reed, Laird I. Kerr, Glendon F. Smith, Harold O. Pennell, E. Ray Choney, George Immel, Fred C. Forney, Joseph Presznick, Luther A. Wise, and Paul R. Jamison.

The present Commander will be eligible upon completion of his year's work.

Ivanhoe Commandery, Van Wert, Ohio, has on its membership roll 15 members of the KYCH, one of whom is a Past Grand Master, F. & A. M. of Ohio, another a P.G.H.P., and another the present Grand Treasurer and P.G.M. of R. & S. M. of Ohio. Two of the members have the honorary 33° of the Scottish Rite. Two other Sir Knights will be eligible after this

year and two others within two years.

Thirteen members of Newport Commandery, Kentucky, are members of the KYCH, according to their Recorder, George W. Fisher. A number of them have or are serving the Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky. The Sir Knights holding this honor are: Chester Bush, James D. Carmichael, George W. Fisher, Donald E. Freer, Albert C. Hanson, George R. Justice, Frank W. Lampe, Herman O. Levine, Frederick E. Phillips, Charles M. Pommering, Elmer W. Swope, Fred W. Swope, and Ira B. Truesdell.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Utah shortened the line of elective Grand Officers from six to four, by an interesting device. The Grand Wardens serving at the time of the resolution will have a right to advancement, but these only.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Washington has an annual All-Masonic Dinner in Olympia, to which all members of the legislature and state government who are Masons are invited. The Grand Commandery n a t u r a l l y participates.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Friends in many jurisdictions will be pleased to know that Kentucky selected Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt for their first Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Kentucky reduced its "elective line" to the first four officers only.

Knight Templar Subscriptions Pass 29,000 Mark

Departments	Member- ship July, 1964	Quota	Subscrip- tions Feb. 28	Per- centage
NORTH ATLANTIC				
Pennsylvania	25,981	2,598	1,157	44.5%
New York	13,331	1,333	1,495	112.1%
New Jersey	3,422	342	393	114.9%
Connecticut	3,389	339	484	142.7%
District of Columbia	1,910	191	124	*
Maryland	4,704	470	641	136.3%
Vermont	2,515	252	116	46.0%
Maine	5,692	569	311	54.6%
New Hampshire	1,670	167	122	73.0%
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	14,663	1,466	610	41.6%
SOUTH EASTERN				
Virginia	6,593	659	568	86.1%
North Carolina	6,713	671	776	115.6%
South Carolina	5,363	536	763	142.3%
Georgia	11,739	1,174	852	72.5%
Florida	7,892	789	641	81.2%
Mississippi	6,818	682	501	73.4%
Alabama	9,918	992	400	40.3%
Tennessee	8,980	898	369	41.0%
EAST CENTRAL				
Michigan	11,787	1,179	1,645	139.5%
Indiana	13,117	1,312	1,456	110.9%
Ohio	26,937	2,694	1,510	56.0%
West Virginia	6,125	613	456	74.3%
Kentucky	8,519	852	804	94.3%
NORTH CENTRAL				
North Dakota	2,150	215	112	52.0%
South Dakota	3,235	324	182	56.1%
Nebraska	5,471	547	205	37.4%
Minnesota	10,513	1,051	677	64.4%
Iowa	11,005	1,101	1,235	112.1%
Wisconsin	7,174	717	785	109.4%
Illinois	16,972	1,697	1,252	73.7%
SOUTH CENTRAL				
Louisiana	4,150	415	329	79.2%
Arkansas	3,503	350	265	75.7%
Missouri	14,801	1,480	662	44.7%
Kansas	11,691	1,169	884	75.6%
Oklahoma	5,342	534	468	87.6%
Texas	30,357	3,036	1,320	43.4%
NORTH PACIFIC				
Montana	3,567	357	268	75.0%
Wyoming	2,541	254	544	214.1%
Idaho	2,045	205	196	95.6%
Washington	5,363	536	377	70.3%
Oregon	5,035	504	261	51.7%
Colorado	4,482	448	224	50.0%
SOUTH PACIFIC				
California	23,153	2,315	1,564	67.5%
Nevada	751	75	183	244.0%
Utah	1,236	124	146	117.7%
Arizona	1,538	154	317	205.8%
New Mexico	3,215	322	207	64.2%
OTHER			344	
TOTALS	387,068	38,708	29,201	75.4%

*—Over quota, but many addressed outside district.

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How about your eyesight? Do you take it for granted? What would life be like if you were blind?

In the first seven years of its existence the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has processed thousands of applications for surgery and hospitalization, and nearly Three Million Dollars has been expended for such assistance by this Great Humanitarian Charity. In addition, a Half Million Dollars have been allocated for research in the field of Ophthalmology. Our opportunity for service to humanity is limited only by our resources. You can assist us to increase these by participating in the promotion of our Patron Fund.

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What a challenging opportunity? Why not act on it today?

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California is active in support of educational programs. All of their Educational Foundation funds are loaned to students, and in addition they continue their special assessment of \$1 per member, which, with additional voluntary donations, provided funds for disbursements of \$24,900 during 1964, paid in scholarships and other support to five California divinity schools. And, with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, they give strong support to the Public Schools Week program of the Grand Lodge.

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Millions of Christian Masons and their families will attend Easter Church Services throughout the world to pay tribute to the most significant event in the history of the world.

Every Templar is urged to make a special effort to participate in the Knight Templar Easter Sunrise Service at the Arlington National Amphitheatre in Washington, Sunday, April 10. Let us, in this joyous Sesquicentennial year, have the largest number of uniformed Sir Knights in our ranks, in the history of this meaningful Knight Templar annual service of Christian Worship.

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