MARTYRDOM

Christians, "unafraid and faithful to Christ's cause," were torn by lions in the Coliseum at Rome during persecutions by Diocletian and other emperors.
A Message From the Grand Master

Are We Doing Our Part?

Soon after Christ’s resurrection, St. Paul began his missionary travels. Converts began to join the little band of Christians. Nowhere were they more zealous than in Rome where they were compelled to meet secretly in caves and catacombs to worship Christ. Nero, the cruel and licentious Roman Emperor, in an effort to excuse himself for burning Rome, falsely attributed the fire to the Christians and persecuted them with unrelenting cruelty. Nero ordered every Christian to be imprisoned, and promised the mob that he would throw the Christians to the lions in the Roman Colosseum. Christians were seized and herded into crowded dungeons under the Arena in preparation for the spectacle. Nero thus sought to drown the memory of the conflagration in the blood of the Christians.

On the appointed day, a lustful Roman mob sat in the Arena and listened with pleasure to the roar of the hungry lions, from whom food had been withheld for several days. In a gilded box high up at the front of the Arena sat sadistic Nero, in all his pomp. At his command, the prison doors were opened. Into the Arena came the poor Christian victims, singing their hymns—with radiant faces, kneeling in prayer in the center of the Colosseum—faithful to Christ even unto death. Then from Nero came the signal to open the doors of the lion cages. Out sprang the wild and savage beasts, leaping upon the Christian Martyrs and tearing them limb from limb. History has never recorded a more infamous day.

Nineteen centuries later, Knights Templar constitute a noble and dedicated band of Christian warriors, charged with loyalty to the Faith of Our Fathers in spite of dungeon, fire and sword. We are expected to be “Protectors of the Christian Faith.” Fortunately, we live in a free land and are not at the mercy of a Nero or a blood-thirsty mob in a Roman Colosseum. However, we face the enemies of Christ in one of the lowest eras in human history. We need to put on the whole armour of God and clothe ourselves with the same sense of urgency that characterized those early Christian Martyrs. We must never forget their supreme sacrifice for Christianity. We need to be reminded every now and then that we represent the Greatest Cause in the world—the Religion of Jesus Christ. We are not members of a mere social or fraternal group—dealing in trivial frivolities and empty phrases. Templary is engaged in a great Crusade to proclaim Christ before men.

In this spirit let us dedicate our 150th Sesquicentennial Birthday to the important task of recruiting Christian Masons to join Templary. Let us strengthen our ranks by getting recruits who will furnish the “life blood” that comes from vigorous, young manhood—unafraid, and faithful to Christ’s Cause. Some may call it a Membership Campaign—but I prefer to call it “Recruiting for Christ’s Kingdom.”
Head in the Clouds — Feet on the Ground

There are as many formulae for building membership as there are members. "Go out and ring doorbells," says one. "Impress worthy Blue Lodge Masons with the beauty and significance of our Christian Message," advises another.

As every Templar truly knows, successful and consistent building of membership calls for each of these approaches—and more! Door by door selling fails if the salesman does not believe in his product. Similarly, all the dedication in the world cannot attract others if that dedication is so meek, mild and negative—lacking energy and contagious conviction—that it is never demonstrated.

What we need is a combination of practical vigor and inspirational appeal. Sir Knight H. B. Willard, P.G.C., Iowa, Chairman of the Committee on Membership for the Grand Encampment, is looking, not for suggestions, but for action. He is seeking, not ways and means, but members—members worthy of an Order of which Christ is King and world progress through Christianity is the eternal goal!

Sir Knight Willard calls for Templars with the ability to sit down, list names and plan their campaign; Templars whose lives exemplify the meaning of our Christian Order; Templars with the zeal to be participants, not observers. The two things Sir Knight Willard needs to find among us to create recruiting action are Inspiration and Work!

Those to whom this is addressed already are Knights Templar. Sit down with the Membership Chairman for a minute and let him review a few points about our mutual background.

Writes Sir Knight Willard: "You became a Mason a few years ago of your own free will and accord. You received more light when you were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. You were impressed with what you had learned and sought further light by petitioning for the degrees of Chapter and Council. With each, your interest was stimulated to continue your studies.

"Your next step brought you the beautiful ceremonies of the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta, and you reached the ultimate goal when you knelt at the altar and were dubbed a Sir Knight in the Order of the Temple.

"While you professed to be a Christian, you now gained a new concept of the Word. Religion and church took on new meaning. Your family came closer to you; friendship with your fellowman was more significant."

That, in essence, is the experience of each of us. Let us make that progress through Templary a reality for other Christian Masons. We don’t want to pound on doors if we don’t know what we’re pounding about, so let us start by evaluating our own dedication, then go out on our mission armed with Christian strength and honest conviction.

Chairman Willard continues: "We started to talk about membership. Let’s go to Webster and see what he says about it. ‘MEMBER—A part of a whole; an independent constituent of a body; one of the persons composing a society; an individual who belongs to an association or club.’ ‘MEMBERSHIP—The status of being a member.’

"You and I are part of the whole. Each of us is an independent constituent of a body and one of many persons composing a society. A society exists and prospers only to the extent that each member performs his individual task. Our task is to recruit good and worthy Masons into our Order.”

Sir Knight Willard and the Grand Encampment need the interested and intelligent cooperation of all Sir Knights if our Order is to prosper as it deserves, and if other Christian Masons are to have the opportunity to enjoy the pursuit of a Templar life.

Knight Templar is a vibrant force wherever it exists. Increase its vitality by adding yours to it!

—COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS
Planned And Systematic
Membership Program Necessary
By ROBERT E. BILLINGS, G.C., Wisconsin

The repetitive use of a well planned and systematic membership program by each of our Commanderies is necessary if we are to attain our goal of "Every Christian Mason a Knight Templar." We have need for bold planning in order to direct our efforts in such a way as to gain the greatest success. In business we find that we cannot expect success upon the first introduction of a new product, but rather it takes a minimum of seven to ten exposures before the prospective buyer will show any interest. How can we expect to interest new members in Commandery if we do not again and again expose them to Templary with its excellent precepts. This calls for a Commandery program of action; to frame the need for new members in clear terms, take nothing for granted, accept facts no matter how unpalatable, to collect data from experience and observation and draw preliminary conclusions. Above all we must denote that our Order is based upon the principles of Christianity and Brotherly Love. Specifically this means that Templary and its activities must be made known to the Masonic world in a positive manner. On a local level activities sponsored by the Commandery must be publicized, as well as making known the philanthropic activities of our Order on a state and national level.

No matter how commendable the philanthropic activities and how fine the base of our Order, the impact of the membership activities must be based upon the positive thinking and action of the local members. In reviewing the results of the membership activities of our Commanderies during the past few years, it becomes obvious that the majority of the Commanderies which have had substantial membership growth, have experienced this because they have established goals and had an over-all plan to attain these goals. In addition to the goals and the planning their members have been enthusiastic and have translated the planning into reality. They have made a survey of all eligible petitioners and have systematically contacted those men regarding Templary.

Each Grand Commandery Officer will visit the Commanderies in the district he represents. This is an effort to develop a closer rapport in Commandery thinking and planning, stressing those aspects pointed toward membership growth. Our concern is not only to secure new members and maintain the interest and activities of the present membership, but also to reactivate those members who have been suspended or have taken demits.

There is no one answer or overall panacea for membership increment. It must be planned and planning cannot be put off or ignored without damage or danger. A Commandery without planning is like a lump of modeling clay in a kindergarten which each day assumes a different shape according to the personality of the child who expresses himself through it. Vital Commanderies prepare and plan their futures. They take the measures necessary to influence and insure the culmination of their aims.

Masonic Tidings—Wisconsin
A Dazzling Sunburst on a Darksome Road
By DR. HOWARD R. TOWNE, Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment

The most momentous morning the world has ever known, the morning of the Resurrection, had come and gone and itsafterglow was beginning to spread over the earth. However, two sad and weary pilgrims trudging along the highway to Emmaus were utterly unaware of its radiance. Seven miles is not a great distance but that day it seemed a never-ending journey. Tragedy was written on the faces of the two travelers. As is common with heavy-hearted people, they scarcely knew where they were going.

They were deep in conversation about the terrible things that had happened to the Master, and the strange ending to His ministry. They had seen their Lord crucified. They felt that the most glorious life of all was over and done with; that the feet which had traveled the star road from the manger to the Cross would travel no more. After the crucifixion they had walked the streets of Jerusalem and visited among the broken-hearted disciples. Only that morning they had heard, just as they were leaving town, a wild story that some women had actually seen the Master, but they believed it simply a street rumor.

Suddenly, as out of nowhere, they were joined by a striking Stranger. He asked them what they were discussing with such sad hearts. Their faces reflected the sorrow in their souls. And so they discussed at length with Him the recent events which greatly puzzled them. This unusual Stranger entered into their conversation and gradually explained the tragic events in the light of the Sacred Scriptures. It was the first Easter sermon and what a matchless Teacher. Then, though they did not recognize Him as He talked, they felt a strange warmth burning in their hearts. Their despair began to disappear, and a new hope blazed within.

While Christ was still speaking to them, they came to the home of Cleopas. The sun was now aglow in the west over the Mediterranean and darkness would soon settle over the land. So Cleopas urged the Stranger to be their guest at the evening meal. After a moment of restraint He agreed to share their plain fare of bread and water. Later, as they were seated, Cleopas gave Him the bread and asked Him to bless it. As He held it in His hands and blessed it and broke it they saw the nail-prints. Amazed, they sprang to their feet trembling with emotion, for they knew it was their Risen Lord. Those marks, those scars, those wounds in His hands. It was the Master!

He made Himself known to them in the breaking of the bread, and after one look of rapturous joy He vanished out of their sight.

Now it was all clear. How could they have been so blind? And they said one to another, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" How clear He made the mysterious promises of the Scripture. "Isn’t it strange that we did not recognize Him until he broke the bread?"

Sir Knights, the Risen Presence of Christ was the secret of their glowing hearts and illumined minds. He brought a sunburst of splendor to that darksome road. He gave His disciples a threefold
assurance that He was alive; the revelation of the head, through the Scriptures, the revelation of the heart by its burning, and the revelation of the hand for they saw the nail-prints. Christ became to them again on that journey and in their home, an unmistakable, communicating, vivid Presence. And because of it those men were changed, and went forth to “turn the world upside down.”

Nearly two thousand years have rolled over that Syrian grave wherein Jesus was entombed. But it matters not today whether Christ’s tomb be in the hands of Christian or Saracen or Arab for He dwells not there. As well guard the chrysalis after the beautiful butterfly has winged its flight. Men in this twentieth century are still perplexed about the accounts of Christ’s death and resurrection. They weigh the evidence and are not always satisfied by the findings of the intellect, but he who walks by the side of the Lord finds his heart burning within him. How we need to face the enemies of Christ and proclaim this truth, for we live in one of the most depraved eras of history. It is a great tribute to our Faith if people say of us, “that Sir Knight is a warm-hearted Christian”—for ours is the religion of the burning heart, like our Master’s.

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**East Central Department Holds Conference**

First row (l. to r.): Sledd, Mackey, Avery, Kent, Brucker, Towne, England, Frey, Schoedinger, Hobbs, McGAughey.

Second row (l. to r.): Copp, Hackett, Clark, Sager, Hinshaw, Hagan, Demlow, Mauck, Calaway, Auburn, Freer.

Back row (l. to r.): Ragler, Kirby, Coffman, Loree, Rankin, Thomas, Hoolihan, Unger, Raidle, Emmons, Smith, Manning, Cline, Johnson, Davidson, Ingham, Brown, Looker, Malone.

The major points of discussion at the East Central Conference at Columbus, Ohio, on February 5th and 6th related to York Rite Unity, Membership Promotion, Sesquicentennial 1966, Festivals, DeMolay, Eye Foundation, Knight Templar Magazine, Educational Foundation, Ritual, Civic Responsibilities, Communications, Public Relations, Shorten Lines of Grand Commanderies, Drills and Drill Teams, Grand Encampment in Detroit, 1967, and Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award.

Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master, attended the entire conference. The address of the evening following the banquet was delivered by Hon. John W. Bricker, former Senator from Ohio.
Who Is A Knight of the York Cross of Honour?

By ALVIN LOUIS CRUMP

He is one who has presided over a Lodge of Symbolic Freemasons, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and a Commandery of Knights Templar.

By the richness of his experience and knowledge, he has learned the real meaning of Freemasonry, and by his adherence to the Principles of our Masonic Art, he has added inestimably to the knowledge of what Freemasons should practice.

The experience of guiding the destinies of his Masonic Bodies has given him rich and beneficial knowledge of the things which can make Freemasonry helpful, both to the Fraternity, the community in which he lives, and to the World.

By the practice of this experience he can better participate in Masonic activity and be helpful to his fellows in the interests of all.

The honor of becoming a Knight of the York Cross of Honour is not only a tangible recognition of his ability and service, but is — or should be — an added incentive to inspire him to be of even greater service in lending his knowledge, experience and ability to strengthening Freemasonry in his community.

His leadership, as a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, should enable him to take a place of leadership among his companions, assume added responsibilities, and above all, use his knowledge to help those in authority to make Freemasonry better and stronger.

By his wisdom and experience, a Knight of the York Cross of Honour can inspire greater effort and activity among the Masonic Bodies of which he is a member, assist in promoting better work, and in every way making Masonry more dynamic and forceful.

Far from interfering with the officers, it is the duty of a Knight of the York Cross of Honour to make himself a steadying and stabilizing influence, using his knowledge, zeal, and enthusiasm to leaven and enrich the whole Masonic structure where he lives.

The governing body of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour is the Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, International. Their jurisdiction is, as the name implies, international and they have Priors (which is the state organization) in the United States of America, including Priors in Hawaii and Alaska, various Provinces of Canada, Mexico, and the Philippines. The Convent General Conclaves are held annually at a place designated two years in advance. The conclave this year will be in Evanston, Illinois, Orrington Hotel on October
14th and 15th and all the Priories will be represented at this Annual Conclave.

The Knights of the York Cross of Honour is one of the Masonic groups in which membership must be actually earned and even then there is no guarantee of election. Entrance to the Order is by invitation and possession of the minimum qualifications as a Past Presiding Officer of Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery, however, does not automatically entitle a man to the rank and dignity of a Knight of the York Cross of Honour.

The York Cross of Honour Medical Research Foundation is, at the present time, providing funds for research in leukemia. This Research Fund is made possible solely by voluntary contributions of members and their friends, as there is no assessment or per capita tax supporting this Foundation.

In summing up, the objects of this Order shall be to further and encourage friendship, helpfulness, friendly intercourse and loyalty among its members, and with zeal and fidelity promote the welfare of the York Rite and the whole system of Freemasonry.

During this Grand Encampment Sesquicentennial Year, it is imperative that all members of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour revitalize their efforts in promoting Festivals and offering their valued services on committees to eliminate the loss by demit and suspension which is plaguing all our Lodges and affiliated organizations. A dedicated member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour should have in his circle of influential associates and friends the ability to inspire and promote interest in all our organizations. He should be the leading influence in his Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery, as well as in civic affairs, and particularly in his Church. As a Knight Templar, he should be a dedicated Christian and as such he should be back of his pastor six days of the week and on the seventh he should be in front of him.

May I again appeal to each of you, as dedicated members of an Order founded strictly on service, to rededicate yourselves to all our Masonic organizations in promoting the greatest character-building organization outside of the Church and the greatest charitable organization outside of the Shrine. Be proud of your Masonic affiliation and let the world know that you are a Knight Templar. Finally, if you fall short of this, you are not a dedicated member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour nor are you worthy of the honor of being numbered among the Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

In Memoriam

Illinois
Rufus Stanley Druley, G.C., 1953
—January 27, 1966
James Norris Finn, G.C., 1941
—February 16, 1966
Andrew Martin Uhl, G.C., 1944
—February 8, 1966

Minnesota
Ransford Raymond Gould, G.C., 1954—February 1, 1966

New Hampshire
William Wood Bond, G.C., 1953
—February 6, 1966
Claude Adams Putnam, G.C., 1942—February 11, 1966

South Dakota
James Marion Runnings, G.C., 1946—December 30, 1965
Ancient Orders of Knighthood

Teutonic Knights

The Order of Teutonic Knights of St. Mary's Hospital was formed to care for Teutonic pilgrims who came to the Holy Land to worship, or to fight against the Saracens.

There is a difference of opinion about the date at which the Order was formed. Sir Knight Harold V. B. Voorhis and Dr. William Moseley Brown say that it was in 1198, but Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt says that the date was 1128. It is stated with authority that the Order became military in 1198, so perhaps we may accept Wendt's statement, and allow for events to show mitigating circumstances to prove one or the other of these dates as authentic.

VISTAS OF TEMPLARY

by John Black Vrooman
(P.C., Missouri)

The military successes of the Order of Teutonic Knights, strange enough to relate, were mostly in Europe, rather than in the Holy Land. All of its members were of German noble birth, and these Knights, in addition to their usual monastic vows, also bound themselves to tend the sick and wounded and wage incessant warfare upon the infidels.

In their military organization the Teutonic Knights followed the rules of the Templars, but in their religious life they adopted the rule of St. Augustine, like the Hospitallers. Their mantle was white with the black Teutonic cross, and Mackey says that attempts have been made to incorporate the Teutonic Knights into Freemasonry, but certainly, as is suggested by Sir Knight Wendt, history does not show the slightest connection between the Teutonic Knights and Freemasonry.

When all of Palestine fell under the yoke of Islam in 1291, the Teutonic Knights, with the Templars and the Hospitalers were dispersed.

Voorhis says that the Teutonic Knights gathered mostly in Prussia, where various Christian groups were endeavoring to convert the pagans, and in Poland, where a Polish duke offered the Knights property and estates for their help in his wars. But colonization and political changes were not to their liking, and they changed their residence from Venice where they had temporary headquarters to the Castle of Marienburg, in Prussia, from whence they continued their efforts to convert the pagans until the Grand Duke Jagellon finally cut down more than six hundred of the Knights in the Battle of Tannenburg, which was followed by another war, in which the remaining membership was cut in two, and cost them half of their territory.

The Grand Master of the Order was forced to move his residence to Konigsberg, capital of Prussia, but the loss of Prussia to Napoleon, practically did away with the Order.

Our interest in this Order is that there are many accounts of Templars fighting in their forces around the Baltic in the fourteenth century. The Order was, at least, contemporary with the Templars and the Hospitalers, and Voorhis
has suggested that it is not impossible that in some way the Order may have been a contributing factor to the transmission of Templarism through the centuries when Templarism was suppressed.

There are so many parallels and unity among these Orders, that in our study, we may perhaps, find facts that will enable us to lay a straight line between the prominent Orders of the past.

HIGHEST HONOR

John B. Cottrell, Jr., and John L. Crofts.

Demolay's highest honor — the Legion of Honor Degree — was bestowed upon a distinguished Templar February 19, at Chester, Pennsylvania. The recipient was John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Commander, North Atlantic Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 36, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The conferral was made by the Chester Chapter of the Order of Demolay, in the presence of 330 members of Demolay and their guests, and personal friends and Masonic associates of Sir Knight Cottrell.

John L. Crofts, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, an active member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of Demolay, and a holder of the Legion of Honor Degree, was on hand to felicitate the honored recipient and to stress the relationship of Templary and Demolay. "I am present," he said, "because of my interest in Knight Templary and the Order of Demolay, and because of my friendship for Jack Cottrell and my appreciation for his high principles and abilities."

AN EASTERTIDE PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven, we praise Thy name for the ineffable glory of Eastertide. How glad we are for the springtime when all the out-of-doors is awakening. We rejoice in the blooming flowers, the budding trees and the singing birds. But even more do we rejoice in the fact that above and beyond the awakening of life at our feet, there is within us an assurance of Life Everlasting.

O Father, separate us from all hypocrisy and delusions and evil desires so that the life of the Son of God, our great Captain, may have full sway within our hearts. Help us as Sir Knights to lay bare our dying and failing lives to the Everliving Spirit of Him who burst the bonds of death. Grant unto us the gladness of finding the stone rolled away from the tomb of our dead selves. May the discarded wrappings of all our vain desires be left behind in mute evidence that we have been released from the bonds of materialism.

As Thou dost grant us grace to stand upon the mountain top of Eastertide, suffer us not in days to come to forget the glow of our eternal hope. May the voice that once was stilled be heard again in amplified form, and may the message of New Life declared in Joseph's garden, find new Sir Knights to proclaim it. So, may the kingdoms of this world become indeed the kingdom of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.
York Rite Merger Proposed

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE COMMISSION ON UNITY

The *Knight Templar Magazine* is pleased to present to our readers the following material, which was mailed on April 1 to all voting members of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, and Grand Encampment, so that a larger number of York Rite Masons may have complete and correct copies for their consideration.

In a letter to your Editor, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on York Rite Unity, states "While many questions may be asked, it is my opinion that all may be answered by reference to the Report, Concordat, Protocol and Resolution.

"It is important to understand," says Sir Knight Crofts, "that the proposal is for the establishment of The York Rite of Freemasonry, and not for its government except the minimum number of provisions thought essential to the proposal. Thus, the bulk of the Laws and Regulations would remain to be considered and acted upon by the General Assembly of The York Rite of Freemasonry, if and when the present York Rite Bodies by positive and affirmative action, may have given life to The York Rite of Freemasonry, as proposed."

WILLARD M. AVERY, Editor

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION (FEBRUARY 10, 1966)

Your Commission met frequently and regularly since its appointment in October, 1963. We have carefully studied and considered the "State of Rite" of our respective bodies and concur with the findings which prompted the adoption of the Resolution appointing the Commission.

Each of the three York Rite bodies "have been operating almost entirely independently with very little sustained cooperation or coordination—notwithstanding sincere and well intentioned efforts made by officers of each York Rite body from time to time, to cooperate in the common effort and work more closely together." We too believe, after serious consideration, "that the time has come to do something concrete, definite, and constructive, upon a broad and lasting basis to close ranks and actually achieve through unification one great York Rite brotherhood, which can and will work together under one York Rite banner." We were directed to consider strengthening our fraternal objectives so that our efforts would be coordinated and unified with each other thereby creating one strong York Rite brotherhood.

Your Commission unanimously found and concludes that the need for such action is now far greater than when said resolutions were adopted nearly three years ago.

In January, 1964, your Commission
determined to pursue two objectives—One SHORT RANGE and the other LONG RANGE. In this you concurred and joined with us in suggesting to your representative Grand Jurisdictions that they immediately form York Rite Councils on both Grand and Local levels to carry out cooperative planning, promotion, and execution of York Rite programs within their respective areas. We find that this has been adopted and is now the practice in the majority of the jurisdictions.

At our meeting in January, 1965, it was our conclusion that since the establishment of this Commission there was widespread support and implementation of the recommendations for York Rite unity on a voluntary basis; as a result, we found an urgent need for extending this voluntary unity into organizational integration for the benefit of Masonry in general and the York Rite in particular. We therefore adopted the following resolution:

“We recommend the re-organization of the York Rite, as it presently exists, by the establishment of one new sovereign York Rite organization, into which shall be merged the Chapter, Council and Commandery, together with all Degrees and Orders presently conferred by them, and whose jurisdiction shall not be less than the United States of America.”

The Resolution adopted by your Grand bodies further directed your Commission to “recommend any necessary action to bring about a unification of these three general Grand York Rite bodies under such terms and upon such conditions as shall be approved by each representative sovereign York Rite body.” We therefore, during the past year, studied and conceived a suggested plan of organization to carry out the text of the foregoing resolution, a copy of which is hereto attached and is made a part hereof.

This plan, called a CONCORDAT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY, is a suggested constitution of the proposed new body from which a more complete organization including by-laws can be devised. It also includes a PROTOCOL FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCORDAT OF YORK RITE UNITY and a Resolution which can be adopted by your representative bodies at the next triennial sessions.

CONCORDAT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY

York Rite Masonry (in addition to the Sovereign Grand Lodges of the World) presently by the Grace of God consists of:

(1) THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONs, its subordinate Chapters chartered where no Grand Chapters exist, and the GRAND CHAPTERS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONs, operating either independently or as members of the General Grand Chapter, together with their Constituent Chapters,

(2) THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, INTERNATIONAL, its Subordinate Councils chartered where no Grand Councils exist, and the GRAND COUNCILS, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, operating either independently or as members of the General Grand Council, together with their Constituent Councils,
(3) The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, its Subordinate Commanderies operating where no Grand Commanderies exist, and its constituent Grand Commanderies, together with their Constituent Commanderies.

(4) Such other York Rite Bodies operating throughout the world wholly independent of the York Rite Bodies named above, and which are in no way affected by this Concordat.

It is deemed desirable now to unify the York Rite by organizing hereby a new International Masonic Body, constituted and to be known as The York Rite of Freemasonry, into which are hereby to be merged The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and all of its Grand Commanderies, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, International, and all of their subordinate bodies, together with such of the Grand Chapters, Grand Councils and Great Priories throughout the World which likewise so desire.

Accordingly, It Is Agreed:

I.—Organization & Name

1. There is hereby created, organized and established one Sovereign York Rite Organization, to be known and designated as "The York Rite of Freemasonry."

2. The jurisdiction of The York Rite of Freemasonry shall be universal, excluding, however, such areas wherein York Rite bodies comparable to any of the merging bodies are now regularly exercising jurisdiction.

3. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, International, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Grand Chapters, Grand Councils and Great Priories subscribing hereto, including their respective rights to confer all of the Degrees and Orders of these bodies and of the bodies pendent thereto, are hereby merged into The York Rite of Freemasonry; and the independent existence of each hereby terminates.

II.—Membership

The members of The York Rite of Freemasonry are and shall be:

1. Permanent Members:
   a. All past General Grand High Priests, General Grand Masters, and Grand Masters of the three merging Bodies, and all Past General Grand Masters of this Body.

   b. All Past Grand High Priests, all Past Grand Masters and all Past Grand Commanders of the respective merging Bodies.

   c. All Past Presiding Officers of Grand York Rite Bodies established in accordance with Article VIII hereof.

2. While in Office:
   a. The incumbent Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapters and the incumbent Grand Masters of the Grand Councils affiliated with the merging organizations, the other elected dais Grand Officers of each of such Bodies, and the incumbent Grand Commanders and the other elected dais officers of Grand Commanderies, until formation of a Grand York Rite Body pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

   b. The three incumbent senior dais officers of each newly chartered Grand
York Rite Body shall likewise become members.

c. The High Priests, Masters, and Commanders of Chapters, Councils and Commanderies chartered by and subordinate to the merging General Grand Bodies.

III.—JURISDICTION & POWER

1. The York Rite of Freemasonry is hereby invested with supreme legislative, judicial and executive power, and with jurisdiction over the Degrees and Orders heretofore and now conferred by the merging Bodies. It shall have the sole and exclusive power and authority to formulate and promulgate the rituals covering the rites, ceremonies and work of the Degrees and Orders under its jurisdiction. Grand Jurisdictions may continue to use their present rites, rituals, and ceremonies. The promulgation and issuance of rituals and the work of conferring the Degrees and Orders shall continue to be limited and restricted to those who have received the particular Degree or Order, and the work shall continue to be conferred only upon qualified candidates. The tenets of Capitular Masonry and Cryptic Masonry and the Christian principles of Templar Masonry shall continue to govern their respective members, Degrees and Orders.

2. Among its powers, prerogatives and duties, not, however, to be construed as any limitation thereof, are the following:

a. It may adopt such Laws and Regulations, not contrary to or inconsistent with this Concordat, as it may consider necessary for the good of the Rite.

b. It has the exclusive power to constitute and charter upon the consent of the present Grand Jurisdictions therein, Grand York Rite Bodies within any State or Territory of the United States or in any country in which there is a York Rite Body chartered by or subordinate to any of the General Grand Bodies merged herein.

c. It may create or establish charitable, educational and ecleemosynary projects in the name of The York Rite of Freemasonry and shall continue to exercise the power and authority which the merging Bodies now have over any of the existing charitable projects, publications and pendent Orders of the merging Bodies.

IV.—OFFICERS AND HIGH COUNCIL

1. The following officers shall be elected by the General Assembly: The General Grand Master, A Deputy General Grand Master, A General Grand Chancellor, A General Grand Treasurer, A General Grand Secretary.

2. The elected officers shall constitute the High Council of the York Rite of Freemasonry, which shall administer the affairs of the Rite in the interim between General Assemblies of the membership.

3. A Regional Commander shall be appointed by the General Grand Master for each of the Regions into which the High Council may group the Grand York Rite Bodies and subordinate Bodies.

4. The General Grand Master shall also appoint a General Grand Prelate.

5. Elective officers shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and installed, but may be removed for cause by the General Grand Master with the concurrence of a majority of
Now-the Pennsylvania Story!

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA

By S.K. J. Harvey Moore, V.E.D.G.C.

While the principal Sesquicentennial Celebration of Grand Encampment is to be held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, Saturday, June 18, 1966, with a banquet and an address by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the Pennsylvania Observances began in March and will continue into June.

First to hold a Sesquicentennial Observance in the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was Division No. 10, in conjunction with a reception for Sir Knight S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander. Knapp Commandery No. 40, Ridgway, was the Host Commandery.

Reports received from other Divisions list the 150th Anniversary Celebrations as follows:

MARCH 19—Division No. 3, combined with Reception for Grand Commander.

MARCH 31—Division No. 15, anniversary program and Annual Ladies Night, St. John's Commandery No. 8, Carlisle. Dr. Herbert Wing, P.C., speaker.

APRIL 2—Division No. 16, combined observance and Public Installation of Officers, Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia. Banquet, entertainment, and the "Christians Awake" film.

APRIL 14—Division No. 15, Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg. 150th Anniversary Observance and Past Commanders Night.

APRIL 16—Division No. 6, anniversary banquet and program, plus installation of officers. Address by Deputy Grand Commander Moore; installation under direction of Grand Commander Sponeybarger.

APRIL 28—Division No. 15, Lancaster Commandery No. 13. The Rev. and Sir Knight Charles E. Wonderly will speak on history of Lancaster Commandery and Grand Encampment. Also—the "Christians Awake" film.

MAY 7—Division No. 2 plans for special anniversary program in connection with a salute to successful York Rite Festival Class held March 26 and April 2.

MAY 18—Division No. 14, Bloomsburg. Anniversary celebration and Spring Meeting of Past Commanders and Line Officers Association. Master Masons invited. Film, "Christians Awake."

JUNE 11—Division No. 12, Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30, Erie, Host Commandery for 150th Anniversary Banquet.

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Division No. 1 is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City to attend the banquet at the Waldorf Astoria. Rooms have been secured at the Waldorf for the Sir Knights and ladies to use as dressing rooms. To date, they have obtained 59 banquet reservations and have 25 additional requests on hand.

Germantown Commandery No. 82, with 125 members, has named a class of 14 candidates the Sesquicentennial Class and is securing for these men gold metal cards to signify their Knighting during the anniversary year.

An additional anniversary celebration will be observed by Divisions No. 15 and No. 16 at Allenberry May 11 under the sponsorship of the South Central Pennsylvania Past Commanders and Line Officers Association, Walter B. Wilson, president.

Division No. 11 has plans for an Anniversary Banquet and Church Service on a date yet to be announced.

Grand Encampment has authorized Sesquicentennial Commemorative Metal Identification Cards and Lapel Buttons. Writes Sir Knight Moore: "I urge the presentation of the gold Identification Card for all candidates Knighted in the anniversary year and I feel it is especially important that all Commandery Officers and Chairmen of Observance Committees wear a Commemorative Lapel Pin during the year."

AN ELECTION THOUGHT

In another month a new Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will be installed at Altoona. In the preceeding eleven months, Sir Knight S. Blair Sponeybarger, through the force of his determination, character and leadership, has brought remarkable gains to the jurisdiction. The records at the 113th Annual Conclave in May will tell the statistical story, but figures and listings do not reveal the energy and hours expanded by a Right Eminent Grand Commander during his tenure.

Be present at Altoona to show your Templar appreciation for Sir Knight Sponeybarger, and to display a meaningful pledge of support to his successor. Both deserve your presence and participation. So does Knight Templary!

LEGION OF HONOR DEGREE

Noted in the general pages of the magazine is the honor conferred upon Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., by Chester Chapter of DeMolay. Sir Knight Cottrell, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, R.E. Department Commander of Grand Encampment, and a District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is an active and tireless Templar. His fellow Past Grand Commanders, and all Pennsylvania Sir Knights, join in congratulating him on his receiving the Legion of Honor Degree—DeMolay’s highest tribute—at Chester in February.
PITTSBURGH'S YORK RITE FESTIVAL GROWS IN SCOPE

From Sir Knight Harold E. Stockley, Grand Generalissimo, came a terse but encouraging note several weeks in advance of the event: "Southwestern York Rite Festival petitions at this moment—103!"

Pennsylvania, one of the largest and finest jurisdictions in the Grand Encampment, needs to prove its dedication and virility in three specific ways: 1—by gaining worthy new members; 2—by increasing its number of Life Sponsors for the Eye Foundation; 3—by meeting its quota of subscribers for the Knight Templar Magazine.

There may be other intrinsically more important measures of Templar devotion and interest—but, without these three obviously-needed improvements, the others will not mean much. Individual reverence for Masonry's Christian Order, unless supported by numbers, will have little about which to be reverent!

FORWARDING OF NEWS MATERIAL FOR PENNSYLVANIA INSERT

News for the Pennsylvania Supplement may be forwarded for the next issue to Paul Rodenhauser, 1134 Manor Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512. For inclusion consideration, material must be received by the 8th of the month preceding the month of issue. Information for the May magazine must be received by April 8.

PROGRAM AT ALTOONA

The following is the tentative schedule of events for the 113th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, May 22-25, 1966. All events on Daylight Saving Time.

Sunday, May 22, 1966

Registration—Oneida Room, Penn Alto Motor Hotel—12:00-6:00 P.M.
Reception to the officers of Grand Commandery by all Sir Knights and Ladies—1:30-3:30 P.M.—Logan Room, Penn Alto Motor Hotel.
4:30 P.M.—Division No. 3 Dinner—Holiday Inn.
6:45 P.M.—Assemble for Religious Parade—Parking Lot, 11th Ave. and 13th St.
7:30 P.M. Sharp—Religious Parade.
8:00 P.M.—Divine Service—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
9:30 P.M.—Social Hour—Dining Hall, Jaffa Mosque.

Monday, May 23, 1966

Registration—Front Lounge, Jaffa Mosque—8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
9:00 A.M.—Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander will meet with Division Commanders and Recorders, 22nd St. Lounge, Jaffa Mosque.
10:00 A.M.—Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander will meet with Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains General—Scottish Rite Room, Jaffa Mosque.
10:00 A.M.—Ladies Entertainment—First Methodist Church, 12th Ave. and 13th St.

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12:00 Noon—Cafeteria Style Luncheon—Dining Hall, Jaffa Mosque.
12:00 Noon—Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Luncheon—Dining Hall, Jaffa Mosque.
12:00 Noon—Ladies Luncheon—Logan Room, Penn Alto Motor Hotel.
2:00 P.M.—Rehearsal of Grand Commandery Officers and the Official Escort—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
3:30 P.M.—Rehearsal Installation—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
6:30 P.M.—Grand Commandery’s Banquet—Banquet Hall, Jaffa Mosque.

Tuesday, May 24, 1966

7:30 A.M.—Breakfast for Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knight Masons of Ireland, Royal Order of Scotland and York Rite College of North America—Logan Room, Penn Alto Motor Hotel.
Registration—Front Lounge, Jaffa Mosque—8:30 A.M.
9:30 A.M.—Tours—Leave from Jaffa Mosque parking area.
10:00 A.M.—Convening of Grand Commandery, Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
12:00 Noon—Division Commanders Association Meeting—Scottish Rite Room, Jaffa Mosque.
12:00 Noon—Sir Knights and Ladies Cafeteria Luncheon—Dining Hall, Jaffa Mosque.
12:00 Noon—Luncheon, Invited Guests of Mrs. S. Blair Speny barger, Jr.—Leave Penn Alto Motor Hotel by charter bus.
12:30 P.M.—Division Commanders’ Association Luncheon—Dining Room, Jaffa Mosque.

2:00 P.M.—Reconvening of Grand Commandery—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
2:30 P.M.—Ladies Entertainment and Tea—Logan Room, Penn Alto Motor Hotel.
5:00 P.M.—Recorders’ Association Dinner and 45th Annual Meeting—Dining Room, Jaffa Mosque.
8:00 P.M.—Sequicentennial Program—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
9:00 P.M.—Grand Tournoi and Ball—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque. (Full Templar Uniform without sword will be required for the Grand March.)

Wednesday, May 25, 1966

8:30 A.M.—Registration—Front Lounge, Jaffa Mosque.
9:00 A.M.—Reconvening of Grand Commandery—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
10:00 A.M.—Election of Officers of Grand Commandery—Auditorium, Jaffa Mosque.
1:00 P.M.—Farewell Luncheon, by Reservation—Dining Hall, Jaffa Mosque.

A Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will be offered at the 113th Annual Conclave as follows:

Necessary sections are to be amended, or additional sections added, to provide for a “lapel type dress coat,” to be optional. If approved, other parts of the optional uniform are to be in keeping with the style selected and specifications are to be written to conform with the style selected.
the High Council. Other officers shall serve during the pleasure of and may be removed by the General Grand Master.

6. Each officer shall be a member of a Chapter, Council and Commandery, and with the exception of the General Grand Prelate shall be a member of THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY. An appointive officer shall be ineligible for an elective office or for reappointment during the biennium immediately following of his appointment, except for the office of General Grand Secretary or General Grand Treasurer.

7. Before entering upon the exercise of the duties of his office each officer of THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY shall make solemn vow to support this Concordat and the Laws and Regulations of THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY, and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Master to:

   a. Preside over the General Assembly of THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY, and over the meetings of the High Council.

   b. Exercise and discharge the executive functions of THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

   c. Require the attendance of and information from any General Grand Officer respecting his office; fill vacancies in appointive office; and fill vacancies in elective office with the approval of the High Council.

   d. Convene or visit any York Rite Body, Committee or Agency under the jurisdiction of THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY, preside over and inspect its proceedings, and require conformity to Masonic law, usage and custom.

   e. Execute and issue charters when authorized by the General Assembly or by this Concordat, and issue replacement charters where the originals are lost by fire or otherwise.

   f. Issue dispensations and perform such other duties and exercise the other powers and prerogatives appertaining to the office; and submit a report of the official action taken by him to the General Assembly of the Rite.

2. The Deputy General Grand Master, in case of the absence or disability of The General Grand Master, shall perform the duties of his superior, and shall become particularly familiar with and give attention to the charitable and educational projects of the Rite.

3. The General Grand Chancellor shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the General Grand Master, shall perform the duties of his superior in the event of his absence or inability to perform the duties of his office, and shall become particularly familiar with and give attention to the fraternal and foreign relations of the Rite and the work of the subordinate bodies.

4. The General Grand Treasurer shall pay particular attention to the fiscal affairs of the Rite, and shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Laws of the Rite, or are requested of him by the General Grand Master or the High Council.

5. The General Grand Secretary shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Laws of the Rite, or are requested of him by the General Grand Master or High Council, including particularly
matters pertaining to relationships with the respective Grand Bodies, which may give information of or be conducive to the general good of the Rite.

6. Regional Commanders and other officers shall perform such duties as may be requested of them by the General Grand Master, by the High Council, or by applicable Laws of the Rite.

VI.—COMMITTEES

1. Immediately following his installation the General Grand Master shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of five members, one to be designated Chairman, to serve until the next General Assembly: a. Appeals and Grievances. b. Charitable Activities. c. Educational Activities. d. Finance. e. Foreign Relations. f. Jurisprudence. g. Publications. h. Public Relations. i. Ritual. j. Subordinate Bodies. k. Youth Activities.

2. Not later than six months prior to the next General Assembly, the General Grand Master shall appoint the following General Assembly Committees, each to consist of not fewer than five members, one to be designated Chairman: a. Assembly Arrangements. b. Credentials. c. Memorials. d. Reports of General Grand Officers.

3. The General Grand Master may appoint such other committees as circumstances may require.

4. Upon these Committees shall devolve such duties as may be required by the Laws of the Rite, or as may from time to time be required by the General Grand Master or by the High Council.

VII.—GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

1. The Stated General Assembly of The York Rite of Freemasonry shall be held biennially, at such time and place as may be designated for that purpose by the General Assembly before its close; otherwise by the High Council. The High Council may for proper cause change the time and place of a particular Stated General Assembly.

2. Special General Assemblies may be called by the General Grand Master upon the request of the High Council, and shall be called upon the request of the presiding officers of at least ten Grand York Rite Jurisdictions.

3. Timely notice of the purpose, time and place of a General Assembly shall be given by the General Grand Secretary to all members of The York Rite of Freemasonry. No business shall be transacted unless at least ten Grand York Rite Jurisdictions shall be represented therein. The business of a special General Assembly shall be limited to that specified in the Call.

4. Each member of The York Rite of Freemasonry shall have one vote, which must be exercised personally and not by proxy.

5. Supreme authority over The York Rite of Freemasonry, subject to this Concordat, shall be vested in the General Assembly of the Rite. There shall be promulgated by the General Assembly, Laws pertaining to the work and operation of The York Rite of Freemasonry and for its subordinate Bodies, and Regulations for the Grand York Rite Jurisdictions, which shall include provisions for raising the funds necessary for the operation of the Rite.

VIII.—GRAND YORK RITE JURISDICTIONS

1. When both the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of a present Grand Jurisdiction of the York Rite shall ap-
prove and subscribe to this Concordat, a Grand York Rite Body for that jurisdic-
tion shall be formed under the direc-
tion of and by virtue of a Charter issued
by the incumbent General Grand Mas-
ter, who shall report his action to the
next General Assembly.

2. Until this Concordat becomes ef-
effective, and until all Grand Bodies with-
in such Grand Jurisdiction subscribe to
this Concordat, each Grand Body shall
continue to work and operate in the
same manner and with the same powers,
prerogatives, duties and responsibilities
as at present.

3. General Regulations pertaining
to the organization and operation of the
Grand Jurisdictions shall be promul-
gated by action of the General Assembly
of The York Rite of Freemasonry. Until so promulgated, each Grand Body
shall continue to work and operate
under the Regulations presently applic-
able to it and under its own Constitu-
tion and By-Laws.

IX.—AMENDMENTS

Upon ninety days’ notice to the mem-
bers, amendments to this Concordat may
be made at any stated General Assem-
by, by affirmative vote of three-fourths
of the members present and voting; provided that the proposed amendment
shall first have been referred to and
reported upon by the Committee of Jurisprudence. If no report is submitted
by the Jurisprudence Committee, the
proposed amendment may be called up
by action of three-fourths of the mem-
bers present and voting, and shall be
acted on as if such report had been
made.

X.—WHEN EFFECTIVE

This Concordat shall become effec-
tive when:

1. It has been approved by the Gen-
eral Grand Council and General Grand
Chapter, referred for ratification to and
by their constituent Grand Councils and
Grand Chapters, and has been subscrib-
ed to by the General Grand Chapter
and General Grand Council.

2. It has been approved and sub-
scribed to by the Grand Encampment,
Knights Templar.

3. It has been approved and sub-
scribed to by at least two-thirds of the
constituent Grand Councils and Grand
Chapters of the General Grand Council
and General Grand Chapter.

PROTOCOL FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF CONCORDAT OF YORK RITE UNITY
(Submitted by York Rite Commission on Unity)

1. Submission of Concordat Draft of
January 22, 1966, together with pro-
posed Protocol for Adoption, to pres-
tent International York Rite Body mem-
bers for consideration, together with the
Report of the York Rite Commission on
Unity.

2. Consideration of Concordat, Pro-
tocol and Committee Reports at Boston
next October 10-15, 1966, by General
Grand Council and General Grand
Chapter.

3. Consideration for adoption of Con-
cordat by Grand Encampment at Detroit
on August 19-26, 1967.

4. Consideration by each of the vari-
ous Grand Councils and Grand Chapters
for appropriate action within the two-
year period of reference from October,
1966, through October, 1968.
5. Convening of first Stated General Assembly of The York Rite of Freemasonry at time and place to be set by the then presiding officers of the three merging International Bodies, for purpose of adopting proposed Laws and Regulations, election of General Grand Officers, and taking such other action as may be appropriate to implement and complete the merger.

6. Convening thereafter as rapidly as feasible the first Stated Assemblies of the several new Grand York Rite Jurisdictions in order further to implement the proposed merger.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, International, hereby approves and adopts the report of the Joint York Rite Commission on Unity, and refers with approval the Concordat of January 22, 1966, to each of its constituent Grand Councils for consideration and deliberation, and for determination within the next two years from the date of adoption of this Resolution of the question as to whether the particular Grand Council will itself approve and subscribe to said Concordat.

The General Grand Recorder is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to submit a copy of the Concordat, of the Protocol for Adoption, and of the Report of the York Rite Commission on Unity, to each Grand Council for such action.

When approved by two-thirds of the constituent Grand Councils, the General Grand Council, through its General Grand Master and General Grand Recorder, is authorized and directed to subscribe to the Concordat and to participate in the formulation of The York Rite of Freemasonry by appropriate action.

(Similar Resolution for General Grand Chapter.)
The glorious history of the Knights Hospitallers unfolded in the asylum of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 on November 18, 1965, as the Greater Order of Malta in full and historical form was presented to a class which included three father-son pairs. As one by one the altar candles were lit, purging the chamber of darkness, this exemplification of the Order of Malta once again showed how the nine dedicated Knights kindled a light that spread and blazed over Europe for 700 years.

This dedication to principle which sustained the ancient Hospitallers was indeed evident as Arthur Burgan and his son, Geoffrey, Alfred Gebhardt and his son, Gary, and Armenak Harabedian and his son, Richard, stood shoulder to shoulder, accepting the challenge of the Crusaders and reciting the vows of knighthood. How proud these fathers must be to have their sons cherish those ideals and beliefs that have sustained their elders over the years.

It is a greater pleasure to note that Art Burgan is the Assistant Rabban of Al Malaiakah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and in 1967 will be the Potentate of the largest shrine in the world. Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 wishes Art Burgan continued good health and fortune as he prepares for the strenuous duties as Potentate of Al Malaiakah.

To each father: Burgan, Gebhardt, and Harabedian, our congratulations on bringing these fine young men into Templary. To each son, welcome to Los Angeles Commandery No. 9.

(By Steve Brussa)
IVANHOE COMMANDERY NO. 2 CONFFERS THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD ON INTERNATIONAL CLASS OF CANDIDATES

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, a Subordinate Commandery working under the Grand Encampment conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon a class of nine candidates on December 2nd and 3rd, last. Five of the candidates were from Mexico City, three were from Guatemala City, and one from the Canal Zone of Panama.

Through a special Dispensation from Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, the Commandery in Mexico City was authorized to receive and ballot upon a group of petitioners from Guatemala. Unfortunately because of sickness, three of the petitioners found it impossible to make the trip at the last minute, but three were able to be present.

Earlier in 1965, Ivanhoe Commandery found it necessary to request knightly assistance in conferring of the Orders by courtesy upon a group of ten petitioners for the Orders who were residents of the Tijuana-Mexicali region of lower California. The sheer distance made it materially impossible for the Mexico City Sir Knights to journey over 2,000 miles in order to confer the Orders. The Grand Commandery of California, U.S.A., came to the rescue, and their Constituent Commandery located at El Centro, California, with the assistance of Commanderies of San Diego, conferred the work.

Following are the names of the principal officers of Ivanhoe Commandery who participated in the conferral of the Order of the Temple: William Webber, E.C.; Charles R. Quick, Gen.; George P. Friedmann, C.G.; Reginald E. Clevett, Prel.; Jose C. Orozco, S.W.; Francisco Noriega, J.W.

Candidates were: Robert J. Easter, Robert E. Johnson, Leslie R. Watkins, Walter P. Riley, Frederick A. Koch, Jr., all of Mexico City; Hugh J. Meharry, Johannes Van Beusekom, Marvyn F. Rodman, all of Guatemala City; and William A. Solemente, Canal Zone, Panama.
Feast of Balshazzar Intrigues Ladies

By G. BURTON LONG, G.C., Mass. and R. I.

The Sovereign Master and his court together with the Excellent High Priest and his council dressed in the colorful robes of their particular office marched into the banquet hall of DeMolay Commandery No. 7, Boston, Massachusetts, amid the applause of the assembled members and their ladies. The cast of the full form Illustrious Order of the Red Cross were seated at a huge table made in the form of a cross covered with red tablecloths.

The “Feast of Balshazzar” has long been associated with DeMolay Commandery No. 7 when the work is the Order of the Red Cross. The big difference on the evening of January 26th, 1966, was that ladies were present at the feast, complete with all its traditional ceremonies.

Seated at the separate head table were G. Burton Long, G.C., and Mrs. Long; Gordon Player, G.G., and Mrs. Player; Warren F. Noyes, Commander of DeMolay Commandery, and Mrs. Noyes; and Raymond D. Douglass, P.G.C.

Also in attendance were Presiding Commanders of other Commanderies in the Eastern Massachusetts area who had brought candidates to participate in the degree work which is performed at all times in an outstanding manner by the several casts of DeMolay Commandery.

The applause of the ladies present and the enthusiastic response of the wives of the candidates who were present was evidence of their approval of the whole idea. The Sovereign Master, John J. Mick, and the Excellent High Priest, Chester G. Parsons, state that the truth is that women made quite a difference!

SEATTLE YORK RITE CLASS

Knights in uniform (l. to r.) are: Frank W. Schnell, Commander of Seattle No. 2; Charlie Ball, Commander of Rainier No. 28; W. Lloyd Lyons, D.G.C.; Arnold W. Peterson, Commander of Bethlehem No. 19; Robert K. Richards, Commander of University No. 23.

The four city Commanderies of Seattle, Washington, recently concluded their York Rite Festival by knighting the above class of candidates.
Scottish-York Rite Unity in California


Second and back rows, except Mancuso, constituted the Class.

During February, the Sacramento York Rite Bodies conducted a special class through the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees and the Orders of the Knights Templar. Employing degree teams of Scottish Rite members of the York Rite, the Degrees and Orders were conferred upon a class consisting entirely of members of the Scottish Rite.

Among the members of the class were Harold Richards, Grand Lecturer; Richard Rylander, Junior Grand Deacon; and District Inspectors Edward Seagle and Daniel Cameron of the Grand Lodge of California. Several of the class are officers of the Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies. Participating in the ritual ceremonies were P.G.C.s Eggert Rohwer and Marion Pedlar.

The class was knighted by California’s Junior Past Grand Master, Ted Meriam, himself a Past Commander of Chico Commandery. Also present were Past Grand Commander G. R. Milford, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason; Grand Council Deputy Master Theo. Tower; General Grand Royal Arch Captain William C. Leeson; and Past Grand Master Leslie E. Wood.

Each of the new Sir Knights was presented with a “Sesquicentennial Knight” certificate by Gordon Pannell, Grand Sword Bearer of California.

Reports on state and local Sesquicentennial celebrations of the forming of the Grand Encampment and ‘‘PLANS FOR SAME’’ should be sent to Willard M. Avery, Editor, Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana, at once. These reports will be featured in the May issue of the Knight Templar.
From Our Readers

NEW JERSEY SHORTENS ELECTIVE LINE —
ASSIGNS SPECIFIC DUTIES TO OFFICERS

By George W. Grant, P.G.C., Correspondent

At the 106th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New Jersey, held in Atlantic City, March 4-6, 1966, amendments to the Constitution were adopted which resulted in shortening the progressive line from nine, starting with Grand Warder, to four, starting with Grand Captain General. Specific ex-officio duties were assigned to several officers by amendments.

Permissive legislation was also passed to enable a Constituent Commandery to shorten its line of elective officers to four, in addition to its Treasurer and Recorder, if it so desires. At the same time, strong recommendations were made to guide committees of the Constituent Commanderies.

Approximately 500 Sir Knights and ladies were present at the Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders' Association on Friday evening, March 4th, and at the Grand Commander's Banquet on Saturday evening which was followed by the Installation of Officers. Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was the featured speaker Friday evening. The Grand Encampment was also represented by John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department. In addition to the Grand Encampment, eleven Grand Commanderies, extending from Maine to Virginia and Ohio, and all of the Masonic Bodies of New Jersey were represented at the Annual Conclave.

L. to r.: Warren H. Deck, G.C.; Ernest B. Wardell, outgoing Commander; and Albert B. Lamb, newly installed Commander.

Warren H. Deck, Grand Commander of New York, had the honor of installing the officers of his Commandery that will serve during its 100th Anniversary year. Sir Knight Deck is the first member of St. George Commandery to serve in the capacity of Grand Commander during the 100 years of existence of this Commandery.

Maryland Commandery No. 1, Baltimore, Maryland, journeyed to Stevenson Commandery No. 8 in Staunton, Virginia, on February 12 and installed one of its honorary members, Walter M. McCracken, as Commander. Fifty-nine Sir Knights and Ladies made this journey in 2 chartered busses leaving Baltimore at 9:15 a.m. and arriving back at the Temple in Baltimore at 11:30 p.m. The trip was 192 miles each way.
Members of Tyrean Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Vineland, N. J., aid in promoting Knight Templar magazine.

Members of Tyrean Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Vineland, N. J., cooperated with the Grand Commandery of New Jersey at its recent conclave by promoting the Knight Templar Magazine as shown in the photograph. They also held themselves in readiness for such service as they might be called upon to perform. The DeMolay boys profited substantially by enrolling many Sir Knights as honorary members of their Chapter.

L. to r.: Lincoln L. Shreve, P.G.C.; G. Ross Simpson, newly installed Commander of Damascus No. 5; Donald E. Wolfe, D.G.C.; and Norman J. Young, P.G.C.

Damascus Commandery No. 5, Keokuk, Iowa, recently installed their Centennial Officers. Donald E. Wolfe, D.G.C., joined by the above P.G.C.s performed the installation service.

The newly installed officers are planning a Centennial celebration on May 14, with a parade, dinner, and open meeting and program.

Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, made a pilgrimage to Phoenix Commandery No. 3 (Arizona) on Saturday, March 5, at which time they conferred the Order of the Red Cross with the “King’s Banquet.” The California State Champion Drill Team from Golden West Commandery also made this pilgrimage and gave an Exhibition Drill for the Arizona Sir Knights. DISTANCE IS NO OBSTACLE TO INSPIRED AND DEDICATED SIR KNIGHTS!
Dolliver Chapter, Order of DeMolay for boys, recently dedicated a class in honor of Merlin S. Rufer, P.G.C., for his help in establishing the DeMolay Foundation in Iowa. Sir Knight Rufer of Fort Dodge asserted that "he was personally very much interested in establishing the Foundation in Iowa" and represented the Grand Commandery at the initial meeting of interested Masonic leaders when the Foundation project was first introduced a few years ago. With Sir Knight Rufer are Robert DeKock, master councilor; Kurt Hanson, a member of the class initiated and a brother of Don Hanson, state master councilor; and State Master Councilor Hanson of Fort Dodge.

Knights Templars of the Grand Encampment recognizing problems of the future are strong supporters of the Order of DeMolay for boys. They see in the Order an opportunity to secure for Masonry a bright future. In Iowa in the past year, the Iowa DeMolay Foundation was initiated through efforts of the Grand Commandery of Iowa with an executive director, Don Rasmussen, assisting DeMolay Chapters throughout the state. The present objective of the Foundation is either to organize or re-activate some 60 chapters in the state. A majority of Iowa communities once had active DeMolay Chapters but lack of Masonic leadership is felt responsible for their decline. Grand Commander Claude Bradley of Des Moines with the aid of such men as Marion Miller, P.G.C., and Merlin S. Rufer, P.G.C., hope to promote the steady growth of DeMolay in Iowa.

CONNECTICUT KNIGHTS AND MASONS JOIN FORCES

Honored guests William Campbell (left), Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, his wife and John McDevitt (right), supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, and his wife, tunneled their way through sworded honor guards of Washington Commandery and the K of C.

Connecticut Masons and Knights of Columbus combined forces Saturday night, February 5th at the Hartford Club and attended the first annual Charity Dinner-Dance for the benefit of the Oak Hill School for the Blind. The joint
venture and mutual cooperation between the Knights of Columbus and the Masons has proven to the public that they are united as brothers in service to mankind.

More than 150 couples, including Herman H. Ungerer, G.C., attended the event that was co-sponsored by the Knights Templar and the Knights of Columbus.

NEW YORK

Neil R. Baker, G.G. of the Grand Commandery of New York, was the Inspecting Officer at the recent Inspection of Otsego Commandery No. 76 (N. Y.), and Little Falls Commandery No. 26 (N. Y.). One-half of the offices were filled by each of the Commanderies.

Applications for Life Sponsor Received by States
As of March 15, 1966

“In the Darkness They Found Light”

Alabama ........................................ 288
Alaska ........................................... 11
Arizona ........................................... 61
Arkansas .......................................... 83
California ....................................... 723
Colorado ........................................... 77
Connecticut ..................................... 273
Delaware .......................................... 13
District of Columbia ............................ 202
Florida ........................................... 210
Georgia ........................................... 137
Hawaii ............................................ 13
Idaho ............................................... 40
Illinois .......................................... 118
Indiana .......................................... 124
Iowa .............................................. 100
Kansas ............................................ 68
Kentucky .......................................... 227
Louisiana .......................................... 40
Maine ............................................. 55
Maryland ......................................... 326
Massachusetts .................................... 324
Michigan ......................................... 616
Minnesota ........................................ 21
Mississippi ....................................... 121
Missouri .......................................... 197
Montana ........................................... 100
Nebraska ......................................... 15
Nevada ............................................ 44
New Hampshire .................................. 44
New Jersey ....................................... 140
New Mexico ...................................... 89
New York ......................................... 609
North Carolina .................................. 103
North Dakota .................................... 9
Ohio .............................................. 270
Oklahoma ......................................... 67
Oregon ............................................ 94
Pennsylvania ..................................... 292
Rhode Island .................................... 56
South Carolina ................................... 35
South Dakota ..................................... 50
Tennessee ......................................... 334
Texas ............................................. 1,882
Utah .............................................. 32
Vermont .......................................... 29
Virginia .......................................... 246
Washington ....................................... 79
West Virginia ..................................... 172
Wisconsin ......................................... 166
Wyoming .......................................... 40

GUAM .............................................. 10
MEXICO ............................................ 1
PHILIPPINES .................................... 3
OKINAWA ......................................... 18
CANAL ZONE ...................................... 7
GERMANY .......................................... 9
SCOTLAND ......................................... 2
JAPAN ............................................. 14
SAUDI ARABIA .................................... 80

Total ............................................ 9,609
St. Lucie’s Yes Club

"St. Lucie Commandery No. 17, Fort Pierce, Florida, is on the march!" So says Eminent Com-
mander George E. Petrie, and so he proves in a succession of cards
and letters to the Grand Encamp-
ment’s Chairman of the Committee
on Public Relations.

Sir Knight Petrie’s special theme
is Life Sponsors for the Eye Foun-
dation. As he puts it, “Our aim is
to be one of the first Commander-
ties to go 100%. We have a very
special York Rite Club. To get into
the club, a Sir Knight must say,
‘Yes, I will be a Life Sponsor.’ The
name of the club is the Y.E.S. Club
—standing for York Eye Spon-
ship."

St. Lucie Commandery has 117
members. Eminent Commander
Petrie’s first release in February
listed 44 Life Sponsors—then, pro-
gressively, 50, 62, 71, 81. His latest
card, at deadline time for the mag-
zine, shows 94 Life Sponsors.

Everyone will be delighted, but
not surprised, when St. Lucie hits
the 100% mark!

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The “baby Commandery” of
California, Valley No. 73 of San
Fernando, constituted April 30,
1964, reported 122 affiliated and
109 knighted during Dispensation
and the eight months of 1964, and
three lost by death, two by demit,
for a total membership of 226.

TOMORROW

He was going to be all that mortal
should be—tomorrow
No one should be braver nor kinder
than he—tomorrow
A friend who was troubled and
weary he knew,
Who’d be glad of a lift and who
needed it too.
On him he would call and see
what he could do—tomorrow.
Each morning he stacked up the
letters he would do—tomorrow
And thought of the folks he’d fill
with delight—tomorrow.
It was too bad, indeed, he was busy
today,
And hadn’t a minute to stop on
his way;
More time he’d have to give to
others, he’d say—tomorrow
The greatest of workers this man
would have been—tomorrow.
But the fact is—he died and faded
from view
And all he left here when living
was through,
Was a mountain of things he in-
tended to do—tomorrow.

(Recently ran in The Templar
[Mass.] George A. Weeks, G.R.,
Editor.)

Annual income twenty pounds,
annual expenditure nineteen six,
result happiness. Annual income
twenty pounds, annual expendi-
ture twenty pounds ought and
six, result misery.—Mr. Micawber
in David Copperfield by Charles
Dickens.

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The Sesquicentennial and Membership

The Anniversary spirit is everywhere. From Grand Commanderies, Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies have come descriptions and accounts of a wealth of Sesquicentennial events — banquets, musical programs, addresses, historical features and commemorative activities of every variety.

These reflect excellent interest and enthusiasm by the Sir Knights now privileged to be members of the Order, but are we using the Anniversary for the good and practical purpose of recruiting others to enjoy that privilege? Are we emphasizing Anniversary Classes of Candidates? In brief, are we "honoring our founding forefathers in deed? — or merely with oratory at some dinner table?"

True, Sesquicentennial publicity and special programs do serve to attract favorable attention to Knight Templar, but something more is needed. That additional "something" is practical recruitment.

Grand Master Brucker says: "Now is the time for every Templar worthy of the name to become excited about his own part in actually getting a candidate — and doing it at the easiest time in our existence, when we are celebrating an historic anniversary, and when the country is so prosperous that few can urge the old economic argument."

—Committee on Public Relations