



The ERIE Special 1816

WEDDING OF WATERS PREDICTED



Wedding of the waters: Clinton pours Lake Erie water into New York Bay.



DeWitt Clinton

The opening of the canal was the end of the war. From Buffalo down the Hudson River the celebration. New York had ferries, and steamers the boat. The firework celebration with pride had the much-al. The transportation could not be done without it.

NEW YORK 1966 MAN ORBITS EARTH



Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker
Grand Master
1965-1967

WHAT SHALL WE DO ON ITS 150th BIRTHDAY?

Our everlasting thanksgiving to our forefathers who founded the City of New York in 1624. In 1790, prior to the American Revolution, it was Governor DeWitt Clinton who organized the Grand Encampment of the Order of Knighthood on June 18, 1866, we will celebrate its centennial. It is customary to give gifts. What shall we give on its 150th Birthday?

THE GIFT OF SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CLASSES OF CANDIDATES.

If ever there was a gift, it is now—

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT
SESQUI-CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION
WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL
NEW YORK
JUNE 18, 1966**



A Message From the Grand Master - -



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

What Can Report To Our Founding Fathers?

There is something gripping about the way Paul organized the early Christian Church. He combined zealous conviction with intense realism. He had no time for day-dreams. His missionary trips were planned just as a general maps his military campaigns. He planted leaders in various localities and continuously nourished them with letters and personal visits. He had a passion for urgency and frequently referred to his work in terms of running a race. Truly Paul was a Knight Templar at heart and in spirit.

Nineteen centuries later our biggest job is to energize those who profess to be Christians, and get them to work at it. Most certainly this was foremost in the minds of our Founding Fathers who organized the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in 1816 for the express purpose of upholding the Christian religion and practicing the Christian virtues. As we celebrate our Sesquicentennial Anniversary in 1966 we are being challenged to demonstrate an even greater sense of urgency and a more demanding dedication to Christian Knighthood than ever before.

As I travel about the nation, I detect the emergence of a new spirit of Templar team-work. We are meeting quotas and passing goals that previously seemed impossible. Our K.T. Eye Foundation goal of "10,000 Life Sponsors by Easter" was reached and passed on Good Friday. Our next goal is "20,000 Life Sponsors by Christmas." This is a giant step, but the momentum already generated for our great humanitarian cause is tremendous. Likewise we are so close to our quota of 10% of our members as subscribers to the K.T. Magazine that a mere 5 additional subscribers per Commandery will put us over the top. If every Commandery will underwrite this small difference this job will be behind us.

The 100-yard dash is a spectacular race—but Templary is involved in a long "relay race" that requires team-play by every last Knight Templar. It is exciting to "enlist" Christian Masons. There's nothing wrong with Templary that hard work and inspired leadership won't cure! I can truly report to our Founding Fathers—as well as to posterity—that in its 150th year Templary is on the course. In addition to a deepening of our faith we are valiantly intensifying our program of "good works."

The Sesquicentennial! — A Tribute to the Past, An Inspiration for the Future!

Milestones of the past will be highlighted at the Grand Encampment's official anniversary gathering at the Waldorf Astoria on Saturday, June 18, but one of the greatest benefits of the celebration will be an impetus for Templary's growth—in value, in membership, in prestige and in good works. Sir Knights will look at the past to better prepare for a future of Templar progress and achievement.

Under the chairmanship of C. Byron Lear, R.E. Past Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment, plans and arrangements for the June 18 observance have been successful beyond everyone's fondest hopes—except those of Grand Master Brucker. The Most Eminent Grand Master stated from the start that the Waldorf Astoria ball room would be filled to capacity and that Knights Templar throughout the Grand Encampment would join wholeheartedly in celebrating the anniversary with Sesquicentennial Classes of Candidates, and with appropriate anniversary programs and promotions. The Grand Master's directives met with enthusiastic compliance. 1966 will long be remembered as a year of rebirth, rededication and renewed energy and vitality for Knight Templary.

Chairman Lear and his committee have all phases of the official observance of the Sesquicentennial in readiness for June 18. The 1,500 in attendance will hear an address by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, will witness entertainment by outstanding artists, and will be inspired by



SIR KNIGHT C. BYRON LEAR
Past Grand Generalissimo of the
Grand Encampment, Knights Tem-
plar of United States of America.

the presence and message of Grand Master Brucker.

The variety of features will begin with the serving of the Anniversary Banquet at 7:15 p.m. The doors to the Grand Ball Room will open at 6:45 p.m.

The Grand Encampment Committee for Public Relations urges Knights Templar, wherever located, to inform their area's newspapers, radio and television stations, and other media, of the forthcoming Sesquicentennial gathering at the Waldorf Astoria. The observance is a milestone of interest and significance for all Masons, and for the general public as well.

GRAND MASTERS — Then and Now!

Silhouettes of our first and present Grand Masters

— compiled by the Committee on Public Relations

The cover illustration for this issue bridges the past and the present. By highlighting the hope for an Erie Canal in 1816 and the actuality of space flights in 1966, it emphasizes the vast changes which have occurred in the world in the intervening 150 years. But in picturing the first Grand Master, DeWitt Clinton, and today's Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, the illustration also emphasizes there is no change in principle, no change in quality, in ethics or Christian meaning.

Burt D. Pearson, P.G.C., Minnesota, whose research and incisive Templar writings long have provided readers with scholarly and inspirational information, reviews the attributes of DeWitt Clinton:

"In this year of the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, it is assuredly in order that something more than token information about the Order's first Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton (1769-1828), be revealed, for he was in his time one of the nation's most prominent and revered citizens. He was born in Orange County, New York, March 2, 1769. He came from a line of American patriots. He graduated at Columbia College in 1786, and in 1790 was admitted to the bar.

"He was an ardent participant and leader in the civil, public, economic, religious and fraternal life of the country which then had but recently emerged victorious in the costly Revolutionary War. From

1790 to 1795, he served his uncle, George Clinton, governor of New York, as private secretary, and was a leader in what was then known as the Republican Party. On his own account, he entered the New York Senate in 1798, serving until 1802. Records relate that he became an influential factor in New York politics. Indeed, he was recognized as a statesman without peer in the following quarter century. He was adamant in the cause of good government.

"Sir Knight Clinton became a member of the United States Senate in 1802. However, he resigned in 1803 to become Mayor of New York City, an office which he filled with singular distinction for 10 years. While mayor, he was also a member of the State Senate (New York), also serving as the lieutenant governor of the Empire State. In 1812, he was the candidate of his party for the Presidency, but lost in a close race to James Madison. He was a member—a principal—of a commission to study the feasibility of a canal between Lake Erie and the Hudson River, a project commenced and finished during his lifetime.

"He was governor of New York in the period of 1817-1823. As the foremost champion of the Erie Canal, he braved strong opposition. So much so that it had the effect of summoning him to the gubernatorial hustings and election in 1825 by an overwhelming majority. Governor Clinton died in office in Albany, New York, February 11, 1828. He had brought the Erie Canal to completion. It gave

the state tremendous progress and economic vitality. He was an author and wrote many books and treatises, all of the first order. It is noted that he opposed slavery and the principle of imprisoning people for debt. He was a principal in giving solid footing to free public schools. The public school, he believed, was a cornerstone in America. He once declined the post of minister (ambassador) to the Court of St. James.

“Although by common consent adjudged one of the nation’s greatest citizens, it was in his role as a Mason and Templar that his complete consecration to the finest aspirations of God-fearing men and women was most illustriously made manifest. Worshipful Master of his Blue Lodge (Holland No. 16, now No. 8) by election in 1793, he was chosen Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York in 1806, serving until 1819. He was elected General High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York when it was formed in 1798, and was twice returned to this office.

“This man of brilliant and purposeful mind, his life devoted in service to mankind—and yet a patrician—was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York (state jurisdictions were then called Grand Encampments). It is disclosed in the Grand Recorder’s files that he contributed mightily to its growth and standing. He was knighted in 1792, the record says.

“Truly, Statesman and Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton was a giant in moral, spiritual, civic and intellectual stature in his day. Yet, no man, no matter how great, can serve mankind unless he can beget dedicated followers.”

And Sir Knight Pearson (P.G.C., P.D.C., and chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities), who exemplifies the high purpose of which he writes, says:

“In 1966, the transcendent need is for highminded and purposeful men and women who will follow consecrated leadership in all walks of life.”

In Templary, we have the leadership of which Sir Knight Pearson writes in the person of Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker.

Wilber M. Brucker, former Governor of Michigan, was sworn into office as Secretary of the Army at Washington, D. C., on July 21, 1955, following his nomination by President Eisenhower. He served as General Counsel of the Department of Defense from April 23, 1954, until the time he assumed the office of Secretary of the Army.

He was born June 23, 1894, in Saginaw, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1916 with an LL.B. degree.

Sir Knight Brucker has a background of Army experience extending back to enlistment in the Michigan National Guard in 1915 and service on the Mexican Border as a member of the 33d Infantry, Michigan National Guard in 1916. Immediately following the entry of the United States into World War I, he attended the First Officers’ Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He served in France with the 166th Infantry of the famous 42d (Rainbow) Division, in all the Division’s engagements, including Chateau Thierry, Champagne-Chalons, St. Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne. Cited by General Headquarters,

American Expeditionary Forces, for bravery under fire at Chateau Thierry in July, 1918, he was awarded the Silver Star. He was discharged as a First Lieutenant June 18, 1919.

Upon his return from World War I, he was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Saginaw County, Michigan, from 1919 to 1923; Prosecuting Attorney from 1923 to 1927, and Assistant Attorney General of Michigan until he became Attorney General on February 18, 1928. On November 5, 1930, he was elected Governor of the State of Michigan at the age of 36 and served until January 1, 1933. Thereafter, to the date of his appointment as General Counsel of the Department of Defense he was a practicing lawyer in Detroit, Michigan. He is a member of the Detroit, Michigan State, Federal, and American Bar Associations, and was Chairman of its Committee on Professional Ethics.

Sir Knight Brucker is married to the former Clara Hantel. They have one son, Wilber M., Jr., and three grandchildren. The family home is at 56 Vendome Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. He is an Elder of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit. He is Past National President of the 42d (Rainbow) Division Veterans, and in 1960 received the Freedoms Foundation Leadership Award at Valley Forge.

He left the Office of Secretary of the Army at the end of his term of office—January 20, 1961—and returned to Detroit, Michigan, where he joined his son in the practice of law under the firm name of Brucker and Brucker, 2200 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

Sir Knight Brucker has had a long Masonic career. He was raised

as a Master Mason September 15, 1915, in Salina Lodge No. 155, F. & A.M., of Saginaw, Michigan. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1924. During his tenure as Worshipful Master, a new Masonic Temple was built to house his Lodge.

He is a member of the Chapter, Council, and Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Moslem Temple of the Shrine.

He was crowned with the Scottish Rite thirty-third degree (33°) at New York City in September, 1952.

He was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery No. 16 of Saginaw, Michigan, in March, 1923. After leaving the Governor's office, Sir Knight Brucker transferred his membership to Detroit Commandery No. 1 in 1933 and became the Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 in 1943. During his year as Eminent Commander, he knighted 150. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan in June, 1951. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Encampment from 1949 to 1957, at which time he was appointed Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA: A net gain in membership of 293 for the year 1965 and a consecutive gain in membership for the last 24 years. 200% of quota subscription to the Knight Templar Magazine.

In Memoriam



PAUL MILLER MOORE

Funeral services were conducted on April 12 for Paul Miller Moore, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sir Knight Moore, age 89, died Good Friday evening in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

He was appointed Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment in 1943 and progressed through the various appointive and elective offices, culminating in his election and installation as the Most Eminent Grand Master in 1961.

He served three years as Most Eminent Grand Master from 1961 to 1964, and presided over the 49th Triennial Conclave in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

With the passing of this distinguished Sir Knight we have the passing of an era in the Grand Encampment in whose Grand Line he gave his kind, devoted, and outstanding service for 21 years.

California

Charles Malcom, G.C., 1924 —
March 19, 1966

Minnesota

Oscar Andrew Gravrock, G.C.,
1939—March 11, 1966
Clarence Edward Krahrmer, G.C.,
1946—March 18, 1966

Nevada

Lawrence William Semenza,
G.C., 1943—February 26, 1966
Edward Charles Peterson, G.C.,
1952—February 7, 1966

Utah

Glenn Brubaker Walker, G.C.,
1938—March 2, 1966

Virginia

Carl Frank Wood, G.C., 1955, and
G.R.—March 31, 1966

YOUNG PEOPLE

Perhaps the following is not the whole answer, but it does contain some worthwhile thoughts. It is quoted from the bulletin of a small church:

"Always we hear the spoiled, plaintive cry of the teenager: What can we do; where can we go?"

"I can make some suggestions. Go home!"

"Paint the woodwork. Mow the lawn. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job!"

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your community does not owe you recreational facilities.

"The world does not owe you a living.

"You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents. Help your pastor, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. And when you are through—and not too tired—read a book." —Contributed.

—Taken from Oklahoma Mason
April, 1966

Sesquicentennial Observances Throughout the Grand Encampment

Huge York Rite Festival In Missouri — More Than 1,000 Knighted

By Bruce H. Hunt, G.R.

Probably the largest class of candidates ever assembled in the history of the Ancient York Rite of Freemasonry received all of the Degrees and Orders on April 2, 1966, at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Named the Governor Warren E. Hearnes Class, in honor of the chief executive who headed the long list of distinguished names in the class, more than 1,000 candidates from all parts of the state gathered in

the early morning hours to begin the history making journey through the several Degrees and Orders of the entire Ancient York Rite of Freemasonry. The work of the Royal Arch Chapter began promptly at 9:00 a.m., continued through the Degrees of the Council and the Orders of Templary until near the hour of 6:00 p.m. when Most Eminent Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker assumed command



Attending the large York Rite Festival in Jefferson City, Missouri, April 2, 1966, were, left to right: John L. Crofts, Sr., D.G.M., Grand Encampment, K.T.; Clovis E. Collier, G.M., Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Missouri; Bert Casselman, G.H.P., Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Missouri; A. Basey Vanlandingham, G.M., Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Missouri; Bruce H. Hunt, G.S., G.R., York Rite Bodies of Missouri; Wilber M. Brucker, G.M., Grand Encampment, K.T.; and Harold L. Painter, G.C., Grand Commandery, K.T., of Missouri. Present, but not pictured, was Roy W. Reigle, G.C.G., Grand Encampment, K.T.



A PORTION OF MORE THAN 1,000 CANDIDATES IN GOVERNOR WARREN E. HEARNE'S CLASS, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

and personally knighted Governor Hearnes.

The ritualistic work was conferred by some 200 specially trained and rehearsed members from all parts of the jurisdiction. Although the work was done in the new, large high school gymnasium, the staging was excellent with attractive costuming, makeup, lighting effects and special musical arrangements. More than 2,000 spectator members enjoyed adequate seating accommodations in the spacious surroundings.

The festival was climaxed with a victory banquet to celebrate the occasion as a proper sesquicentennial observance of the founding of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The banquet began promptly at 7:00 p.m. in three dining rooms which were necessary to accommodate the attendance, the largest of which seated 800. After the meal, others crowded in to the main room to hear the program. Only three speakers were heard. Sen. A. Basey Vanlandingham, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, was the master of ceremonies. He commented briefly as the titular head of

Masonry in Missouri, presented Governor Warren E. Hearnes for a short address, and followed with the presentation of Grand Master Brucker for the principal and final address. The entire festival closed at 9:00 p.m.—just 12 hours after it began.

In addition to Sir Knight Brucker, the Grand Encampment was represented by John L. Crofts, Sr., D.G.M., and Roy W. Riegle, G.C.G. Many other distinguished members of the craft and civic leaders were in attendance, both as candidates and members.

It was noted with pride that there was complete harmony of thought and purpose between all branches of the fraternity on this most important occasion. Not only did all levels of Chapter, Council, and Commandery work hand in hand to accomplish the end result, but they were pleased to accept and work with the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite, and the several Shrine Temples in Missouri. How better could the importance of York Rite unity be demonstrated?

"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Highlights Of Indiana Sesquicentennial



INDIANA CLASS OF 442

Indiana marked its Sesquicentennial Observance with a most successful series of York Rite Festivals culminating at Muncie on March 12. 442 were knighted at Muncie; 1,500 attended the evening banquet and heard the principal address given by Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. Grand Commandery Officers conferred the Order of the Temple.

The festival was promoted through the York Rite Association of Indiana. Festivals and conclaves were held in eight groups throughout the state prior to March 12. These festivals generally were all day Saturday or two or more successive nights, plus the Muncie meeting. All Degrees and Orders were given.

420 received work in the Chapter and 417 in the Council prior to the Muncie Sesquicentennial Commandery Festival.

As of April 14 more than 600 petitions for the Commandery have been received in Indiana during 1966.

Plans for the Sesquicentennial year also include a Quarry Festival (state wide) to be held at Bloomington with work in the Mark Master Degree to be given in a quarry. A barbeque and entertainment for the ladies are scheduled for the August 27th Quarry Festival.

Fall Festivals in all York Rite work will be held in 9 groups throughout the state following the Bloomington meeting.



(1) Grand Master Brucker, Principal Speaker (2) Part of 1,500 Attending Banquet (3) Indiana York Rite Leaders and Grand Master Brucker (l. to r.) James G. Frey, G.C.; Roy Horton, G.H.P.; Wilber M. Brucker; Don Burton, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Indiana; Charles Walts, Grand Master of Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Indiana; (4) Two of the Candidates—Congressman William Bray (left), and Senator Birch Bayh with Grand Master Brucker; (5) Lloyd W. Young, P.G.H.P., Coordinator and Director of Work, and Willard M. Avery, P.D.C., General Chairman.

Iowa (Temple Commandery)

By Jerry Marsengill

Temple Commandery No. 4 has completed plans for its celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment. The celebration will be held on June 4, with a parade, a banquet and the conferring of all the Orders of the Commandery as the feature attractions. The Orders will be conferred by selected degree teams from the fifth district. The ladies are invited and entertainment has been planned for them throughout the day.

The parade will assemble at 3:00 p.m. and begin at 3:30 p.m. throughout downtown Des Moines. After the parade the ladies and knights will be free until 5:30 p.m. at which time they will again assemble at the Masonic Temple and the Knights will confer the first section of the Order of the Temple. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Temple after which the knights will return to the asylum to continue their work while selected entertainment will be provided for the ladies.

Plans have been made to have the Mayor, Brother George Whitmer, declare the week of June 4th, Knight Templar Week in the City of Des Moines. The local radio and TV stations have promised their cooperation and coverage and it is planned to have the Grand Commander, Claude K. Bradley, himself a member of Temple Com-

mandery, appear personally on many of these programs. The local newspapers have also given their assurance that the celebration will be well covered and the committee is making plans to see that the best public image of Templary is presented. Each knight belonging to the Commandery will be furnished with a bumper strip advertising the sesquicentennial and requested to display it on his automobile. Banners will be placed across the downtown streets and displayed on the Masonic Temple for a period of about two weeks before the sesquicentennial. Ted Cutler, the Potentate of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, has offered to see that a cold sands ceremonial is forthcoming for all candidates knighted in this class and has promised the help of his membership committee in securing petitions for the class.

A gift of a sesquicentennial card, suitably engraved, will be given to each member securing one petition, while those securing ten or more will be given their choice of a hand made, hand tooled, sword case or a hand made billfold with appropriate engraving.

The three Chapters of Des Moines have also offered their help in holding Chapter Days immediately prior to the event if necessary to assist in producing the maximum number of candidates for this class.

Maryland

The Fifth Annual York Rite Banquet jointly sponsored by the Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council, will observe the Sesquicentennial of the Grand

Encampment on May 10, preceding the convening of the 96th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery on Wednesday, May 11th, at Baltimore.

California

William G. Tucker, G.C., in General Order No. 8, says "Following up our General Order No. 4, announcing the appointment of Sir Knight Williard G. Cartwright, P.G.C., as chairman of the Sesquicentennial Celebrations in the Grand Jurisdiction of California, I am pleased to announce that plans are going forward 'full steam' in each Department, not only for the celebrations which are to take place around the birth date of our Grand Encampment (June 18th), but also for the 'Knight Templar Crusades' at which large classes of candidates will be inducted into our Order. These 'Crusades' will be put on twice during the Sesquicentennial year, 1966, one in the spring and one in the fall. It has been suggested that the Orders be conferred by a team of the best ritualists available within each department, such teams to be selected by the Committee on Ritual and Tactics, assisted by the Inspectors.

"There is no stereotyped pattern for these celebrations or crusades. The Department Commanders have been appointed General Chairman in their respective Departments and each will organize their programs on their own initiative."

On June 9, 1966, as a part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, U.S.A., *Los Angeles Commandery No. 9* will present the

Order of Malta in exemplified form. The entire Southern California jurisdiction of Commanderies of K.T. are being invited to recruit a special class in commemoration of this milestone in American Templary.

Rounding out the Sesquicentennial celebration will be a special Order of the Temple, performed by a blue ribbon cast of Sir Knights within the southern California jurisdiction. This Order of the Temple will be presented in the Scottish Rite Temple on Wilshire Boulevard. This will be one of the few occasions this most solemn of orders will be performed outside of an asylum.

Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles started its observance of the Sesquicentennial with a pilgrimage to Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday, March 5, at which time the Order of the Red Cross with the King's Banquet was conferred. 84 Sir Knights and their ladies boarded a Western Airlines plane for Phoenix, leaving at 11:20 a.m., and arriving at 3:30 p.m.

John H. Padgett, G.C. of Arizona, and William D. Tucker, G.C. of California, as well as the Drill Team of Golden West Commandery were present on the occasion. Approximately 80 candidates from throughout the State of Arizona and 14 candidates from Golden West Commandery received the Order of the Red Cross.

Florida

J. Frank Nettles, Sesquicentennial Chairman, reports in the Florida April issue of the *York Rite Light* that plans are now underway for celebrations in Miami, Fort Pierce, Eustis, Panama City, Melbourne, and Bradenton-Sarasota.

Festivals and Sesquicentennial classes are generally a part of these observances.

The York Rite Bodies in Area 5, which consists of Palatka, St. Augustine, Lake Butler, Live Oak, Lake City, Fernandina, and Jacksonville,

have set plans and schedules for their Sesquicentennial Celebration, as announced by Sir Knight Floyd Marquis Crippen, Area 5 Coordinator.

Area 5's version of this celebration will begin with the Chapter Degrees being conferred on Saturday, June 11, 1966, by Ritualistic Casts from Duval Chapter No. 48 and Jacksonville Chapter No. 12. The Council Degrees will be conferred on Thursday, June 16, 1966, by Degree Teams from Gainesville

Council No. 27. The Orders of the Commandery will be conferred on Saturday, June 18, 1966, by Degree Teams from Damascus Commandery No. 2.

The highlight of the celebration will be a catered banquet to be held in Morocco Temple at Monroe and Newman Streets in Jacksonville at 6:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 18, 1966, immediately after completion of the conferring of the Order of the Temple in the York Rite Temple at 1237 South McDuff Ave.

Alabama

By Ray B. Hartwell, G.C.G.

Mobile Commandery No. 2 is observing the Sesquicentennial by having concluded a class on April 5th and is planning a commemorative class for May 13th.

Each candidate participating in either class will receive a York Rite ring, a Sesquicentennial Salem Cross lapel pin, and the metal Identification Card commemorating this 150th anniversary celebration. Each first line signer of an accepted petition will also receive the Salem Cross lapel pin.

On April 15, a Sesquicentennial Banquet will be held at Bayley's Steak House. An invitation has been sent to each Sir Knight and his lady to attend this banquet.

Also invitations have been sent to all of the Scottish Rite Officers of the Valley of Mobile, the first three officers of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, all of the Grand Commandery officers of Alabama, all of the elected Divan of Abba Temple, the first three officers of Al Hassan Grotto and the first three officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Alabama, and their ladies.

The featured speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Jack Edwards, Congressman from the District. A large crowd is expected to attend this banquet and enjoy a most pleasant evening.

Pennsylvania

As reported in the March issue of the *Crusader* there were at that time 12 or more planned and/or executed Sesquicentennial celebrations for the state. In the planned programs were included receptions for S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., G.C., public installations, favors, Annual Ladies Night, Past Commanders Night, showing of the film, "Christians Awake," etc.

Division No. 1 is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City to attend the banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. They are planning also to have rooms available in the Waldorf for the Sir Knights and their ladies to relax and change clothes. To date they have obtained 59 reservations for the banquet, and at the present time have 25 additional requests.

Now-the Pennsylvania Story!

SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA SESQUICENTENNIAL CLASS

One hundred fourteen Pennsylvania Masons were dubbed "Sir Knight" Saturday, April 2, when Commanderies from two Divisions joined to present the order of the Temple to their candidates. The prevalent comment from the candidates was, "Why didn't somebody tell me about this before?"

Co-chairmen Frank A. Arturo and Earl A. Zimber guided the successful affair which was made possible through the combined and expert efforts of literally hundreds of informed Sir Knights.

Teams to confer the Orders were selected from many Commanderies in the newly formed "Commandery School of Instruction" headed by Division Commander Cameron A. Wian with John C. Reichenbach as ritualistic chairman. Participating Commanderies were: Order of Red Cross—Lincoln No. 91, Ascalon No. 59, Chartiers No. 78; Order of Malta—Uniontown No. 49; Order of the Temple—Allegheny No. 35, Pittsburgh No. 1, Duquesne No. 72. The Host Commandery was Tancred No. 48.

The timing of the class during the Easter Season added to the impact of the nearly flawless work.

A very pleased Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., was part of the endeavor from start to glorious finish. His words expressed deep appreciation to all for a job well done.

Says Grand Generalissimo Harold E. Stokely, a prime figure in the festival, "Plans for the next festival are already under way. 1965 Class 82. 1966 Class 114. 1967 Class?"

DeMOLAY ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED AT CARLISLE

The 47th anniversary of the founding of the Order of DeMolay was observed at the annual "Devotions Day" father and son breakfast March 20 by the Carlisle Chapter, Order of DeMolay, with Fuhrman F. Bailey, Past Potentate of Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, as the speaker. Speaker Bailey, now retired, is a former Assistant Superintendent of Lancaster County Schools. The event was held at Allenberry, Boiling Springs.

Joseph H. Breitenbach, DeMolay Week advisor for the Carlisle Chapter, served as chairman for the breakfast which annually attracts more than 100 fathers, sons and guests. Chapter officers are: Dennis Leone, Master Counselor; Thomas Kennedy, Senior Counselor and Gary Shullenberger, Junior Counselor.

A beneficial amount of newspaper publicity was given to the event. The Sentinel of Carlisle, a week in advance of the breakfast, devoted several columns to the purposes of the Order of DeMolay and to its history. Quoted from the March 12 Sentinel: "DeMolay membership is open to any boy of good character who is between 14 and 21 years of age. Although chapters are sponsored only by Masonic bodies or by individual Masons, a boy need not be the son or relative of a Mason in order to join. . . . The organization is not an advocate of any particular creed, but teaches only a profound faith in God." The newspaper wrote of the martyrdom of Grand Master DeMolay in 1314 and pointed out that the goal of the Order is to make better citizens.



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Pennsylvania participants in the Easter Weekend events at Washington were saddened to learn when they arrived Saturday, April 9, that death had claimed the Dean of Templary in Pennsylvania and the honored Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Paul Miller Moore. Sir Knight Moore's long and distinguished Templar and philanthropic record, inadequate and incomplete in printed form, appears elsewhere in the Knight Templar Magazine. The respect and affection in which Paul Miller Moore was held by Pennsylvania Knights Templar and their families are shared by all who knew him throughout the Grand Encampment. His death marks the close of an epic volume of history—and the end of a Templar era.

Grand Master Brucker, speaking at the Pennsylvania dinner at Washington, summarized the sentiments of those close to Sir Knight Moore by pointing out that his had been "the kind of Templar dedication and love which commanded us to carry on in Knight Templary" to ever greater heights of accomplishment. He reminded all that renewed and devoted service to the Order was the finest tribute which could be offered to honor the memory of Paul Miller Moore.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

Pennsylvania's was a prominent role in the Washington Easter Sunrise Service activities. The Pennsylvania Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Saturday evening was attended by 218, including Grand Master and Mrs. Brucker; Grand Generalissimo and Mrs. Bell; Grand Captain General and Mrs. Riegle; and other special guests.

The uniformed Sir Knights from Pennsylvania in the Easter morning procession numbered 110; 200 were present for the breakfast at the Willard following the Easter Sunrise Service.

Announcement was made at the Pennsylvania Dinner that Robert A. Sweigard, Commander-elect, Northwestern Commandery No. 25, Meadville, would celebrate his birthday April 26, the day of his installation—also the birthday anniversary date of Grand Captain-General Riegle. Charlotte Cottrell, wife of Department Commander Cottrell, had observed her anniversary April 8.

Grand Generalissimo Stokely and Grand Junior Warden Geesey presided over the musical portion of the Pennsylvania Dinner—with "Stoke" at the piano and Bill conducting the singing and adding a special touch with his trumpet accompaniment. His playing of "Taps," following Past Grand Commander LaBarr's expressive prayer for Paul Miller Moore, was especially effective and meaningful.

Earl Edwards, Past Commander, Mary Commandery No. 36, Philadelphia, already has been "booked" to add his vocal talent to next year's Pennsylvania gathering.

SALUTE TO SAM McHENRY

Samuel R. McHenry, Past Commander of Hutchinson Commandery No. 32, and a former Marshal to the Grand Commandery, was honored March 19 when Grand Commander S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., presented him with a 50-year certificate and extended him a special expression of appreciation for his years of service to Templary.

The occasion was the Division No. 3 reception to the Right Eminent Grand Commander in the form of a banquet and Sesquicentennial program at the Tally-Hotel Motel, King of Prussia, with 250 Sir Knights and ladies in attendance. Deputy Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore presided over the cutting of a birthday cake.

In addition to Grand Commander Sponeybarger and Sir Knight Moore, speakers included: John B. Cottrell, Jr., R. E. Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department; C. Kenneth Gennaria, Division Commander; Ralph O. Ott, Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 97, Ardmore, and the other Commanders of Division No. 3 Commanderies. Mrs. Gennaria, representing the ladies of the Division, presented a gift to Mrs. Sponeybarger. Albert A. Ware, Prelate of Ascension Commandery, pronounced the benediction.

Other dignitaries present were: Grand Captain-General Dyson, Grand Recorder Laird, Grand Senior Warden Eurich and Grand Junior Warden Geesey.

The appointed officers of Grand Commandery were represented by W. Earle Troutwein, Standard Bearer; Robert E. Martz, Sword Bearer; Roman B. Wilson, Captain of the Guard, and Emory C. Gardner, Marshal.

MARSHALL S. MILLER IS SALESMAN FOR TEMPLARY

Several months short of ten years ago, Marshall S. Miller was Knighted in Cyprus Commandery No. 93, Oxford. It has been a rewarding and productive ten years for Sir Knight Miller—and for Knight Templary.

In March of this year, he presented to his Commandery the fifty-first petition for which he was the prime sponsor. In the same month he presented his thirty-seventh petition to Oxford Royal Arch Chapter No. 223.

Marshall served Cyprus Commandery as Eminent Commander in 1960-61. Grand Captain-General G. Calvin Dyson, a frequent visitor to Cyprus, feels that Sir Knight Miller continues to serve his Commandery in a manner that can be used as an example by all Knights Templar.

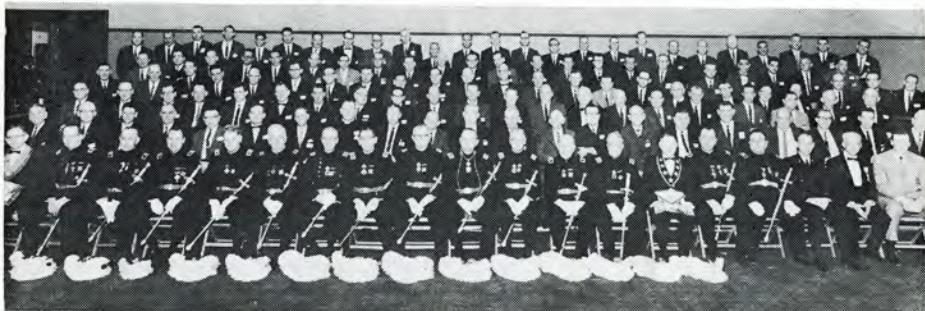
His record is even more imposing when it is remembered that Cyprus Commandery had a membership of 190 at the close of the 1965 Templar year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The 100th Anniversary of the constituting of Baldwin II, Commandery No. 22, Williamsport, will be observed Saturday, September 17, 1966. J. Harvey Moore, presently Deputy Grand Commander, is the scheduled speaker. Baldwin was constituted September 13, 1866. Present Commander is George C. Meck.

May 1 was the date for the annual Ascension and Memorial Service of Divisions No. 15 and 16 at the Gettysburg National Cemetery, Gettysburg. Division Commanders of the Divisions are Leroy C. May, 15, and Julius A. Houser, 16. The service, revived in 1957, features an afternoon parade to the cemetery, an outdoor service, then a social hour and refreshments at the United Church of Christ.

Last call—113th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania — Altoona — May 22 through May 25.



A proud Grand Commander, flanked by Grand Officers and special guests and participants, poses for an official picture with the 114 members of the Sesquicentennial Class of Southwestern Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh. The Orders were conferred March 26 and April 3 by ritualistic teams from Divisions No. 2 and No. 4.

Illinois

Charles Ellis Bostick, G.C., in his Special Order No. 1 reports in part as follows:

"As only a small percentage of Illinois Sir Knights will make the pilgrimage to New York, it is urged that Constituent Commanderies plan their own observances on a local or area basis, possibly combining with neighboring Commanderies in their districts. No more appropriate observance can be planned than one that would include the knighting of a special class of candidates—the very best way we can demonstrate our belief in Templary, and honor its 150th birth-

day. A special Sesquicentennial membership card for those knighted in 1966 will be available through the Grand Recorder's office.

"It is also suggested that the cooperation of other York Rite bodies be solicited, to organize community or area festivals either during the remainder of the current Templar year, or for the fall season, during which our Sesquicentennial celebration will still be in progress. Adequate local publicity is suggested, that the public may be aware of the noble and glorious traditions, as well as the manifold good works of our great Christian Order."

Rhode Island

MEMORIAL SERVICE—THOMAS SMITH WEBB

A Memorial Service will be held at the graveside of Thomas Smith Webb June 19, 1966. This prominent Mason was a dominant figure in the formation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. He also was: One of the Founders of St. John's Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, 1802, First Eminent Commander; One of the Founders of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1805, First Right Eminent Grand Commander; Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., 1816, until his death; One of the Founders of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, served as General

Grand High Priest; and Grand Master of Masons, State of Rhode Island, 1814.

A parade will form at the entrance to the North Burial Ground on the corner of North Main Street and Branch Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, at 2:15 p.m., and will proceed to the graveside of this prominent Mason for a Templar salute during this Sesquicentennial year of the Grand Encampment. The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., Wilber M. Brucker, will attend.

At the conclusion of the service a buffet supper will be served at the Shrine Mosque on Broad Street, Pawtuxet.

Kansas

A York Rite Sesquicentennial Festival was held at the Scottish Rite Temple, Fort Scott, Kansas, on April 22 and 23 for Southeastern Kansas.

James G. Duff was General

Chairman, Armond H. Bishop, Festival Chairman, and Devere Love, Class Director for all the work.

Work in the Chapter was conferred by Chapters at Independence, Fort Scott, Fredonia, Neodesha,

and Pittsburg; the Council work by Iola and Independence Councils; and Orders of the Commandery by the Commanderies at Coffenville, Oswego, and Fort Scott.

Carroll C. Arnett, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Commander, and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chap-

ter, O.E.S., was the speaker for the banquet to which the ladies were invited.

The festival was arranged with the utmost cooperation of the Scottish Rite at Fort Scott, who made their splendid facilities and equipment available for the occasion.

By Charles S. McGinness

South Dakota

April 26th was the day set aside by St. Bernard Commandery No. 11, South Dakota, for the observance of the Sesquicentennial.

The Mitchell Commandery observed this great event in Templar history with a banquet and program for all Masons and their wives from Mitchell and its surrounding area.

Principal speaker for the banquet was Robert Benton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota. United States District Judge Fred J. Nichol, a Past Commander of St. Bernard, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Many of the state's leading Masons from all four of the York Rite

Bodies were in attendance at the banquet.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a 60-Year Certificate from the Grand Commandery of South Dakota to Andrew Ellwein, the oldest living Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery, having served in that post in 1917-1918. Presenting the certificate to Sir Knight Ellwein on behalf of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota was Gerald Ross, Grand Generalissimo.

The annual Easter Breakfast observance of St. Bernard Commandery was also dedicated to the Sesquicentennial.

Georgia

The State of Georgia is building up enthusiasm rapidly, for its Sesquicentennial Celebrations.

Three main classes will be held. In the South, there will be a one-day class, starting at 9:00 a.m., at which all Chapter and Council Degrees and Orders of Knighthood will be conferred; all in long form.

In the Central part of the state, a class will obtain their Chapter and Council Degrees in their local bodies, but the Orders of Knighthood all on one Saturday.

In the North, all Chapter and Council Degrees will be conferred on one Saturday and the Order of Knighthood on the following one. The Commandery work will take

place in an auditorium, upon a stage with scenery, and with the Order of the Temple conferred by the Grand Commandery Officers.

We believe this way we have offered something for everybody and hope to increase our numbers by at least 500 members. Every candidate at the main classes will receive a year's subscription to the "Knight Templar Magazine;" one of the metal cards; and a special diploma.

We propose no challenges to other states, but believe that Georgia will be able to hold its head high when all the results are known.

By Richard S. Sagar

Kentucky

Nine area Sesquicentennial celebrations are being planned in Kentucky for Saturday, June 18, to co-ordinate with the celebration being held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Fern Ivy of Madisonville, is the State chairman planning these celebrations. Most of these plans are complete and will include a

telephone hook-up for the address of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker.

Large display signs are being planned for the use of all Commanderies and other organizations that desire to participate in the celebration under the auspices of the Grand Commandery.

Utah

Commandery Orders were conferred on a distinguished class of 11 Utah Masons — including top Utah Grand Lodge officers — Saturday, March 17, at the Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City. The ceremonies, conducted by Utah Commandery No. 1, constituted a part of the Sesquicentennial Celebrations.

5 at Provo.

Members of the class included Howard E. Dorst, Grand Master; Francis W. Douglas, Deputy Grand Master; and Harvey L. Riggle, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Utah.

The occasion ranks as one of the most outstanding events ever undertaken in the annals of York Rite history in the State of Utah. In attendance were such prominent Masonic leaders as Lincoln G. Kelly, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Utah for the A. & A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction; Calvin A. Behle, General Grand Captain of Host of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; ten Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge; eight Past Potentates of the Shrine; and numerous Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Illustrious Masters, and Past Grand Commanders of the York Rite.

Each member of this outstanding class was presented with a card and lapel button commemorating the 150th Anniversary.

By Paul B. Pickering



L. to R.: Howard E. Dorst, G.M.; Francis W. Douglas, D.G.M.; Harvey L. Riggle, S.G.W.; and Blaine M. Simons, J.G.W. and G.C.

Approximately 150 Sir Knights participated in the ceremonies, including representation from El Monte Commandery No. 2 at Ogden, and Ivanhoe Commandery No.

Ohio

Warren W. Gerber of Cleveland reports that a 4-Star first class evening will be staged at Cleveland by the York Rite Committee on Saturday, May 7th, for the York Rite Festival of Northeastern Ohio.

He lists the four major "stars" in the program as: Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master, speaker for the occasion; fine banquet; entertainment and dancing; and favors and decorations.

The event is designed to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, the 150th Anniversary of Ohio Royal Arch Masonry, the 100th Anniversaries of Cleveland Council No. 36 and Conneaut Council No. 40, Royal

and Select Masters, and several Silver, Golden, and Diamond Anniversaries of Blue Lodges and other Masonic bodies in the area. Special recognition will be given to each local, state, and national organization which is celebrating a special anniversary this year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The preceding are some typical reports of observances throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions of the Grand Encampment. Other reports will be welcomed and given consideration as future news items in this magazine.

Banners Of Our Orders

*We have seen the flow of our bosom's blood,
And gazed with undaunted eye;
We have borne the RED CROSS through fire and flood,
And think'st thou we fear to die?*

In 1146 the Templars unfolded the Red Cross Banner on the field of battle, and Pope Eugenius III permitted them to wear the Red Cross upon their garments. This was in distinction from the Knights Hospitallers, who wore the White Cross upon the back, front and left shoulder. The Beauseant or battle-flag of the Templars was adopted A.D. 1167. It became their sacred insignia whereby they were distinguished when in battle, and was carried in every engagement with the Saracens. It was of woolen stuff; the upper part of the banner was black and the lower half white; black to typify terror to foes, and white that the Knight walked in the innocence and purity of Christ. Beauseant was also the war-cry of the Templars. Each Templar swore never to turn his back on three enemies, but should he be alone, to fight them if they were infidels. It was their custom to say that a Templar ought either to vanquish or die, since he had

nothing to give for his ransom but his girdle and his knife.

In due time, the Order, from its immense increase of members, became very complicated, and was divided into three classes: Knights, Chaplains, and Serving Brethren. There was also a fourth class—not, however, living in the bosom of the Order—who were called the Affiliated. These were persons of various ranks and of both sexes, who were recognized by the Order, though not openly connected with it, as entitled to its protection, and admitted to a participation in some of its privileges.

There was also a class called Donates. These were either youths whom their parents destined for the service of the Order when they had attained the proper age, or adults who had bound themselves to assist the Order so long as they lived, solely from their admiration of it, and a desire to share its honors.

*From an 1883 historical account compiled by the
Wilcox Silver Plate Company, Meriden, Connecticut.*

Ancient Orders of Knighthood

Knights Templar

The Knights Templar, or, to give them their full name—*Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon*—was the most spectacular and powerful organization which developed during the occupation of the Holy Land.

The history of the Knights Templar is the history of the Crusades and of Chivalry itself.

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

The noted historian, the late Dr. William Moseley Brown tell us that the Order was organized by eight Knights, under the leadership of Hugh de Payens, in 1118, attracting the attention and admiration of Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, who sanctioned it and assigned quarters in a building on the site once occupied by King Solomon's Temple, hence part of their name.

Baldwin II recognized the importance of Eccleasical sanction, and enlisted the support of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, the most powerful churchman in the West.

Eccleasical sanction was granted at the Council of Troyes in 1128, which gave the Orders the needed authority by which to secure recruits and financial assistance.

Sir Knight Frank H. Wilson, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in speaking of the Order of the Temple, wrote that originally, the Order's principal objective was to protect pil-

grims on their way to worship at the Sepulchre of Jesus at Jerusalem but subsequently its objective became the defense of the Christian Faith and the Holy Sepulchre against the Saracens.

Their territory was divided into two provinces: in the East were Jerusalem, Antioch, Tripoli, and Greece, and in the West were France, England, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, Aragon, Castile, Upper and Central Italy, Opulia, and Sicily. The Grand Master's headquarters were first in Jerusalem, but in the year 1187 A.D., transferred to Acre in Palestine.

When the City of Acre fell in the year 1191 A.D., they returned to the Island of Cyprus which they purchased from Richard the Lion Heart, King of England.

That exact historian, Sir Knight Harold V. B. Voorhis writes that at the Council of Troyes in 1128, at which Hugh de Payens assisted, and at which St. Bernard was the leading spirit, the Knights Templar adopted the Rule of St. Benedict, which had recently been formed by the Cistercians. They also adopted the white habit of the Order, to which Pope Eugenius III added a Red Cross to be worn on the breast.

He states further, that there were never more than four hundred full Knights in Jerusalem at the zenith of their prosperity. There were hundreds of *serjeants*, however, who formed a light cavalry. It has been said that in less than two centuries of their existence as an Order, almost twenty thousand Templars of these two classes perished in war.

Dr. William Mosely Brown, in describing the activities and regulations of the Order, says that they assumed vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience, and as membership increased, with the accrual of valuable property, an elaborate *Rule of Conduct* was prepared, which regulated every act of each individual Templar, whether he was in the house or on duty in the field.

Only the *Master* of the house

could excuse a member from participation in Divine Service. Some Sacred Book was read during each of the two meals permitted, and each Knight was required to hold himself and his equipment in readiness for instant service in the field.

As its influence and wealth increased, admission into the Order became restricted, and great care was exercised in the selection of members.

A SPRINGTIME PRAYER

Eternal God, our Father, who dost cover the dark arms of the trees with living green leaves each year, we thank thee for Thy life-giving power. Every springtime thou dost fill the air with the scent of flowers and bring back the song-birds with their carols. We praise thee for thy gift of springtime. Somehow on these beautiful spring days, when everywhere there are the evidences of new life springing from the dead of winter, it is easy for us to believe in the resurrection of Christ. May the seeds of immortality planted in our souls in this season burst forth into bloom, in lives more devoted to things of the spirit, in a warfare more dedicated to service in thy name.

Come into our hearts by thy Holy Spirit and give our souls their spring housecleaning. The basements of our lives are often cluttered with petty and evil thoughts; clean them with thy gospel and let the pure wind of thy truth come in to air them out.

At this season we would also remember all that great cloud of witnesses who have been the soldiers of thy kingdom since the days when our Great Captain walked

the earth. Many there are who have "climbed the steep ascent of heaven through peril, toil, and pain." Raise up in this difficult and challenging day, we pray, stalwart soldiers of the Cross whose stature is equal to its needs. Grant us spiritual resources equal to our tasks, and let us never cease to grow spiritually until we have attained the fullness of the measure of Him, in whose name we pray, thy Son, our Risen Lord. AMEN.

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC PARKING FOR ROYAL ARCH MASONS

A District No. 4 meeting of Royal Arch Masons was held April 23 at Columbia, Pennsylvania. In advance, District Deputy Grand High Priest William W. Wright and Host High Priest Max Biffart had but one problem—parking for visitors during a busy shopping day for Columbians.

The solution was provided by the pastor of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of this community of 12,000 persons. He offered, and Companions Bill and Max accepted, the Holy Trinity Catholic Church parking lot for the visiting Masons.

From Our Readers

DETROIT COMMANDERY NO. 1 AT ARLINGTON EASTER SERVICE

Wilber M. Brucker, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., and John A. Downs, Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, led the procession of white-plumed Templars from all across America into the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery for the annual Easter Sunrise Services. This is the thirty-fifth year the Knights Templar have conducted the service. One hundred seventeen Sir Knights, their ladies, and families from Detroit Commandery No. 1 were the first contingent in the parade following the United States Marine Corps Band.

The Templars' Easter Celebration began with a stirring address at the Statler Hotel (Detroit) by Sir Knight Fred Piggins on the "Arrest and Trial of Jesus Christ."

This Tre-Ore service is an annual affair of the Noontide Club, the oldest luncheon club in longevity of service in the City of Detroit.

Following the Statler Good Friday Service, the Templars flew to Washington and were housed at the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel. On Saturday special conducted tours included the National Cathedral, the House of the Temple, the George Washington Masonic Memorial, the National Headquarters of the Eastern Stars, and the Arlington National Cemetery.

The Easter services were conducted with the placement of a huge cross of white lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Sir Knight Brucker. While the uniformed Templars and thousands stood at silent respect, taps were played by a soloist from the Marine Band.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN COMMANDERIES TO OBSERVE ASCENSION DAY

The twenty Commanderies of Knights Templar in the metropolitan area will gather on Morning-side Heights on May 22 to celebrate their 39th Ascension Day Parade and Church Service.

The parade will step off from Claremont Avenue, Manhattan, shortly after 3 p.m., and will proceed down Broadway to 110th St. and up Riverside Drive to the Riverside Church, where the church service will be held, beginning at 4:00.

The march will be led by the Kismet Temple Shrine Band. Many Masonic dignitaries will participate, including Warren H. Deck,

G.C., K.T., State of New York, and his staff, and Frank C. Staples, (incoming) Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., State of New York, and his staff.

Along with several hundred Knights in full Templar uniform, contingents from local Chapters of the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Triangle Girls will march in the parade and later take part in the ceremony of "Blessing the Banners" in the church.

The public is invited to attend the service, and all Masons, with their families and friends, are especially urged to participate.

By J. F. Foster

JACKSONVILLE (FLA.) YORK RITE FESTIVAL HUGE SUCCESS



The recent York Rite Festival held in Jacksonville honoring Past Grand High Priest Wilbur Welling Masters, Jr., was a huge success. The excellence of the ritualistic work is attested to by the expressions of sincere regret from members of the class that the festival was concluded. An overflow crowd attended the banquet honoring Sir Knight Masters, with Grand High Priest Roy Richardson Wright and many other dignitaries from all over *Florida* being in attendance.

Solid gold Knight Templar rings

were presented to each member of the class at a special ceremony immediately following the conferring of the Order of the Temple. This ceremony was composed by and delivered by Past Commander Arthur J. Wissler, Sr. These rings are a band of yellow gold with a blood-red passion cross and a black crown on the face with the Knight Templar motto, "In Hoc Signo Vinces," engraved on the inside. This motto is engraved toward one edge of the ring, leaving space for any commemorative engraving the recipient may desire.

GRAND JURISDICTIONS OF ARKANSAS AND ILLINOIS COOPERATE IN PRESENTATION OF 50-YEAR AWARDS

Sir Knight William J. Mueller of Columbia Commandery No. 63, Oak Park, *Illinois*, was presented his special 50-year service pin and card by Sir Knight Lawrence C. Wheeler of Mizpah Commandery No. 73, Chicago, in a special Conclave at Rogers, *Arkansas*, Commandery.

A number of Sir Knights were in attendance for this special presentation. Sir Knight Mueller ex-

pressed his extreme thanks to his own Commandery for this award, together with his appreciation of the fraternal cooperation of Rogers Commandery No. 24 in making this special event possible. Sir Knight Mueller is now making his home in northwest Arkansas. This is another example of the wonderful fraternal relationship that exists throughout the Grand Encampment jurisdiction.

GEORGIA PAST GRAND COMMANDER HONORED

A highlight of the Annual Inspection of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 10, K.T., was a presentation to the Commandery of a portrait to the Commandery of a portrait of Sir Knight William Thomas Bateman.

"Tom" was a Past Commander of Ivanhoe No. 10; served a number of years as Grand Secretary-Recorder of all the *Georgia* York Rite Bodies, and was elected Grand Commander in 1962. He died in 1964.

His memory will remain fresh in our hearts for many years, and it is a pleasure still to see Mrs. Bertha Bateman at so many functions.

(By Richard S. Sagar)



On March 13, 1966, Golden Gate Commandery (*California*) presented Ceremonial Swords to the Knights of Dunamis, an Honor Society of the Eagle Scout of Boy Scouts of America. These swords are used to knight their candidates.



From l. to r.: Eminent Commander Melvin Cherry, Commander Rush Hoag of Chapter 59, Commander Tom Abrego of Chapter 2, and Captain General George K. Buss, Golden Gate Commandery.

The recent correspondence regarding the **K.Y.C.H.** is interesting. There are two Pories in *Georgia*, both very active.

St. Omer Commandery No. 2 has 14 K.Y.C.H. out of a total of about 430 members, with their new Past Commander now being eligible.

DeKalb Commandery No. 38, the second youngest in the state with just over 260 members, has six K.Y.C.H., with their new Past Commander now qualified. Out of their present line of floor officers, all but one will be eligible by the time they reach the East. A good record for a Commandery less than 9 years old.

(By Richard S. Sagar)

Jerusalem Commandery, Fitchburg, *Massachusetts*, following a recent State Conclave, welcomed to its midst Joseph E. Boothroyd, Master of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, *Massachusetts* District No. 2, and suite.

P.G.C. HUBERT SCHOUTEN IS HONORED BY COMMANDERY FOR 50 YEARS SERVICE

Hubert Schouten, P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of *Iowa*, was presented with his 50-year certificate as a Knight Templar before a large group of Sir Knights and Ladies at the Masonic Temple recently.

A brief introduction and resume of his Templar activities was given by Arthur Miller, G.S.B. of the Grand Commandery of *Iowa*.

Sir Knight Schouten was invited to the East by the Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 5, G. Ross Simpson, who presented him with his 50-year certificate and gave a poetic tribute to his 50 years of service to Templary.

He was installed as Grand Commander of *Iowa* in 1937 and has been Treasurer of Damascus Commandery for many years, which office he still holds.

By G. Ross Simpson



**Hubert Schouten, P.G.C. (left),
and G. Ross Simpson, Commander.**



Sir Knight James M. Braley, second oldest Past Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 14 of Belfast, Maine, for whom a class of seventeen candidates was named on November 17, 1965, is congratulated by Grand Commander Frank L. Bourke. Enjoying the distinction of a successful event are Sir Knight Charles S. Brown, Eminent Commander, and the exemplar of the class.

At the time of the Easter Service of Springtime Commandery No. 4 of Dunedin, *Florida*, the offering was taken for the benefit of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the local Commandery's Hospitalers Fund. The Hospitalers Fund "provides flowers, fruit, and other comforts for sick fraters and families."

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Eminent Commander George E. Petrie and to the approximately 115 members of St. Lucie Commandery No. 17, Fort Pierce, *Florida*, who are all now Life Sponsors to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Petrie reported as of April 12: "WE ARE NOW PLEDGED 100% —IT TOOK 8 WEEKS!"

MO. PLANS SPECIAL CLASS

On May 14, 1966, Palestine Commandery No. 17 of Independence, Missouri, will hold a special class for candidates of the Orders, to be sponsored by ex-president Harry S. Truman, a member of Palestine Commandery for 42 years. The exemplary candidate will be William J. Randall, member of Congress from the 4th Congressional District of Missouri.



WILLIAM J. RANDELL

Members of Palestine Commandery and the York Rite Bodies of Independence have given distinguished service to the Grand York Rite Bodies of Missouri. David W. Wallace, father-in-law of President Truman served Palestine as Commander in 1887, and Grand Commander of Missouri in 1892. Robert Burns Strader, a distinguished lawyer of Independence, was Commander in 1923 and Grand Commander in 1936. Elvin K. Luff served the Grand Chapter as High Priest in 1953. Leslie R. Cox, Jr., Past Commander of 1962 and present Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Missouri in 1965. Guy Manlove, Jr., is the present Commander of Palestine and the Recorder of Ararat Temple.

WHO ORIGINATED THE YORK RITE FESTIVAL?

According to Walter E. Beisecker, G.G. of the Grand Commandery of *North Dakota* (Box 49, Fargo, N. D.), Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Master of the General Grand Council from 1930-1933 was the originator of the modern York Rite Festival. He further states that the first festival was held in Fargo, North Dakota, on December 3, 4, and 5, 1923, and that the practice has continued to the present day.

EDITOR'S NOTE: (If any other jurisdiction claims a prior festival date for the above, we would appreciate hearing about it).

David E. Wennerstrand, D.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of *Illinois*, led the procession of Sir Knights at St. Elmo (Ill.) Commandery Easter observance at which time there were representatives present from St. Bernard, Lincoln Park, Illinois, and Austin Commanderies as well as some 40 Nobles from Medinah Temple. The offering at the service was donated to the Knight Templar Home for the Aged and Infirm, at Paxton, Illinois.

By Anton A. Schamber

Ohio Commanderies with 20 or more K.Y.C.H. members: Pilgrim No. 55, East Liverpool, 28; Defiance No. 30, Defiance, 23; Jackson No. 53, Jackson, 23; Fremont No. 56, Fremont, 23; Hope No. 26, Bridgeport, 22; Wooster No. 48, Wooster, 22; Cambridge No. 47, Cambridge, 21; Ivanhoe No. 54, Van Wert, 21; Norwalk No. 18, Norwalk, 20; and Ironton No. 45, Ironton, 20.

What Grand Commandery can beat this record?

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| New Jersey | 148 | Total | 10,536 |
| New Mexico | 97 | | |

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| Connecticut | 3,389 | 339 | 484 | 142.7% |
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| Maryland | 4,704 | 470 | 661 | 140.6% |
| Vermont | 2,515 | 252 | 115 | 45.6% |
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| Virginia | 6,593 | 659 | 597 | 90.5% |
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| Georgia | 11,739 | 1,174 | 893 | 76.0% |
| Florida | 7,892 | 789 | 656 | 83.1% |
| Mississippi | 6,818 | 682 | 596 | 87.3% |
| Alabama | 9,918 | 992 | 415 | 41.8% |
| Tennessee | 8,980 | 898 | 372 | 41.4% |
| EAST CENTRAL | | | | |
| Michigan | 11,787 | 1,179 | 1,731 | 146.8% |
| Indiana | 13,117 | 1,312 | 1,333 | 101.6% |
| Ohio | 26,937 | 2,694 | 1,707 | 63.3% |
| West Virginia | 6,125 | 613 | 457 | 74.6% |
| Kentucky | 8,519 | 852 | 796 | 93.4% |
| NORTH CENTRAL | | | | |
| North Dakota | 2,150 | 215 | 114 | 53.0% |
| South Dakota | 3,235 | 324 | 196 | 60.4% |
| Nebraska | 5,471 | 547 | 214 | 39.1% |
| Minnesota | 10,513 | 1,051 | 616 | 58.6% |
| Iowa | 11,005 | 1,101 | 1,229 | 111.6% |
| Wisconsin | 7,174 | 717 | 813 | 113.3% |
| Illinois | 16,972 | 1,697 | 1,274 | 75.0% |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | |
| Louisiana | 4,150 | 415 | 339 | 81.6% |
| Arkansas | 3,503 | 350 | 273 | 78.0% |
| Missouri | 14,801 | 1,480 | 697 | 47.0% |
| Kansas | 11,691 | 1,169 | 899 | 76.9% |
| Oklahoma | 5,342 | 534 | 577 | 108.0% |
| Texas | 30,357 | 3,036 | 1,320 | 43.4% |
| NORTH PACIFIC | | | | |
| Montana | 3,567 | 357 | 280 | 78.4% |
| Wyoming | 2,541 | 254 | 591 | 232.6% |
| Idaho | 2,045 | 205 | 198 | 96.5% |
| Washington | 5,363 | 536 | 435 | 81.1% |
| Oregon | 5,035 | 504 | 263 | 52.1% |
| Colorado | 4,482 | 448 | 246 | 54.9% |
| SOUTH PACIFIC | | | | |
| California | 23,153 | 2,315 | 1,805 | 77.9% |
| Nevada | 751 | 75 | 191 | 254.6% |
| Utah | 1,236 | 124 | 154 | 124.1% |
| Arizona | 1,538 | 154 | 310 | 201.2% |
| New Mexico | 3,215 | 322 | 212 | 65.8% |
| OTHER | | | 440 | |
| TOTALS | 387,068 | 38,708 | 31,719 | 81.9% |

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From the Chairman of the Committee on Religious Observance

In 1966, in this year of the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the transcendent need is for highminded and purposeful men and women who will follow consecrated leadership in all walks of life, in the civil forum, in the church, in the market place and in the fraternal precincts, including Templary. Templary's dedicated leadership is calling on all Sir Knights and their households for enlistment in the greatest challenge of all time, the task and the opportunity to save a nation and its people for a rendezvous with a glorious destiny.

Only an unreserved commitment to Christian and patriotic action will suffice in this, the Sesquicentennial year of the Grand Encampment.

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