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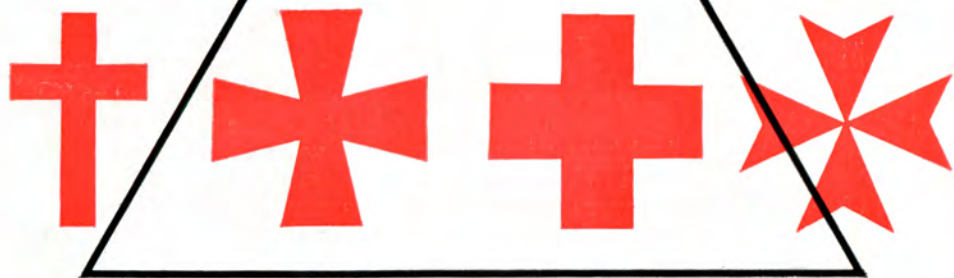
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A Message From the Grand Master - -

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

While it is glorious to celebrate our 150th Birthday in June, 1966, all over the Templar World, the lasting significance of our great Sesquicentennial will rest in the knowledge that the roots of Templary go down deep into the soil of America. In this cut-flower age, superficial and transitory things seem to be having their little day. What a contrast with the origins of the Grand Encampment—an organization of substance and proven value—with a century and a half of constructive progress—reaching back to the early days of our country.

Heritage has always meant a great deal in the life of a family. Just so in the life of an institution. Templary acquired a matchless heritage from our Colonial ancestors and our Founding Fathers who met in June, 1816, with a sense of destiny. They built for time and the future. They were not attracted by passing fancies. They were interested in the fundamentals of life and the hereafter. They recognized that the Christian religion was indispensable to their brand of Masonry, and they proceeded to sink the foundations of Templary so deep and so solid that a glorious superstructure could be erected thereon as time unfolds.

However, this is only part of Templary's heritage. We trace our symbolic lineage back to the 12th Century when knighthood was in flower—when bold Crusaders took vows to protect Pilgrims and to secure the Holy Places in Jerusalem from defilement by the Saracens and the Infidel. No period in history is more replete with courageous deeds of valor for a cause than in those stirring medieval days when the roots of the Christian religion were being protected against destruction.

Still further back in history we trace our ritualistic lineage to the days when St. Paul journeyed across the Mediterranean, visiting the Islands of Rhodes and Malta on his way to Rome. We glorify his early missions which were the roots of the Christian religion of those early Apostolic days.

In exemplifying our ritualistic work we go back all the way in our sacred relationship to Christ—going with Him to the Garden of Gethsemane, remaining with Him at Calvary, being with Him at the resurrection and going with Him all the way to His glorious Ascension.

No man can be a genuine Knight Templar who does not revere the depth of the roots of Templary and the magnificent heritage which our forefathers bequeathed to the Grand Encampment 150 years ago. May our 400,000 Templars fully appreciate their illustrious heritage—which is as much a part of their equipment as their uniform and sword. As we peer into the next 15 decades, may we solemnly vow to keep—forever spotless and undefiled—the faith of our great Founding Fathers.

Sir Knight Thomas Smith Webb— One of Templary's Early Greats

By BURT D. PEARSON, P.G.C., Minnesota

Men of heroic stature morally, spiritually, economically, fraternally and in acumen dotted the national scene in this country's founding days. They have always provided direction and example in the practice of the virtues which are in the higher and more noble echelons of American citizenship. Of a surety, the national well-being is tied to that segment of the population which embraces the verities taught by the Blessed Emmanuel, the very woof and warp of Templary and the creed in gospel and citizenship of all dedicated Sir Knights.

Because of what Templary has meant and continues to mean in the evolution of the great American Dream, we take time and occasion to honor its self-sacrificing architects of a yesterday, as well as those builders of today who keep the faith an expanding and meaningful catalyst for good in the nation. This will to recognize competent and wholesome leadership gives genuine vitality to celebrating the 150th (sesquicentennial) anniversary of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Templary is mobilized in all of its parts for an exalted place in humanity's mainstream. Knights Templar of 1966 owe much—indeed, an astronomical debt—to those early-day founders of Commanderies, Encampments and, the crowning finale, and consummation, on June 21, 1816, in New York City, the General Grand Encampment (now the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America).

In reading a few of the illuminating pages out of the past, as these are chronicled in a dramatic history of Saint John's Commandery No. 1 (established August 23, 1802), Providence, Rhode Island, it is noted that Sir Knight Thomas Smith Webb was a principal in the formation of the General Grand Encampment. He was a member and a moving force in the founding of St. John's Commandery. But for the persuasive zeal and ability of Sir Knight Webb, it is very likely that 1966 would not be, as it is, the sesquicentennial for our beloved Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Saint John's Commandery (of Providence) is said to be the oldest Commandery in the United States, when weight is given to its continuity as an organized entity or body. Incidentally, the history composition was produced in 1952 to commemorate St. John's 150th (sesquicentennial) anniversary. Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle, Providence, was chairman of the jubilee event committee. A Past Commander of St. John's, he was the Grand Commander of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Grand Jurisdiction in 1954.

Saint John's superb historical volume pays deserved tribute to Sir Knight Thomas Smith Webb, an excerpt from an address by Bishop

Randall (Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts during 1852, 1853, and 1854), delivered on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of Saint John's Lodge (Blue Lodge), Providence, Rhode Island, June 24, 1857, saying of him:

"Saint John's Lodge, about the beginning of the present century (1800 A.D.), received an important acquisition in the person of Thomas Smith Webb, to whom, without disparaging the great claims of others, may be assigned a place among the brightest of the constellations of the Masonic firmament."

But, it was Templary which challenged Sir Knight Webb, Saint John's historical volume says—he was a member of all of the Rites. "It was a labor of love for Webb to shape, as he did, the ritual and ceremonies of the Orders," the book reveals, "and to adapt them for impressive illustration. As an organizer, he found in Templary a large field for the exercise of his special gifts.

"He was the founder of Saint John's Encampment, in Providence, the prime mover and most potent factor in the establishment of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and also of the General Grand Encampment of the United States. He was Commander (Grand Master) of St. John's Encampment (Saint John's Commandery No. 1) from the date of its organization in 1802 to the time of his removal to Boston in 1815.

"He was Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island from the time of its constitution, in 1805, to 1818, and he was Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment from 1816 to the time of his death in 1819. The fact may not be gainsaid that his name is inseparably linked with the organic life of Templary in this country." He died in Cleveland, Ohio, July 6, 1819.

Templary's role as the handmaiden of every Christian and citizenship virtue was sealed in the leadership of such Sir Knights as Thomas Smith Webb. Extremely talented and a business success, he found time and effort to give to the Order. He was a tall tower of matchless strength to Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton, the first Grand Master, to whom he was Deputy Grand Master. Saint John's Commandery No. 1 does well to perpetuate his deeds and memory in a history volume worthy of repose on every library shelf in the land.

Sir Knight Webb gave to Templary in his time—in a fine hour in its annals—a great, glorious and incomparable gift in works and leadership, the impact and influence of which carries on into the 20th Century.

Grand Master Brucker will attend and speak at the Graveside Memorial Service for Thomas Smith Webb to be held Sunday, June 19, by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, G. Burton Long, Grand Commander.

A parade will form at the North Burial Ground, North Main Street and Branch Avenue, Providence, at 2:15 p.m., and will proceed to the graveside of this prominent Mason for a Sesquicentennial tribute.

Sesquicentennial Observances Throughout the Grand Encampment

Virginia Knight Templars Celebrate Sesquicentennial

By JOE R. HARRIS, P.G.C.



L. to R.: H. Bruce Green, D.G.M. of Masons of Va.; Former Governor, now Congressman William M. Tuck; Methodist Bishop Walter C. Gum; George E. Kidd, G.M. of Masons in Va.; Henry C. Eley, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Va.; Ernest M. Moore, Jr., G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Va.; W. C. Vaugham, Chairman of the Celebration; and Congressman Richard H. Poff.

The Sesquicentennial birthday of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was celebrated by the Sir Knights of Virginia in a most magnificent manner at Lynchburg, Virginia, on April 30th.

A class numbering 203 candidates, was dubbed and created Knights Templar. This was the largest class in the history of York Rite Masonry in Virginia.

The Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, H. Bruce Green, Bishop Walter C. Gum of the Virginia Methodist Conference, Congressman and former Governor William M. Tuck, Congressman Richard H. Poff, and several other prominent Virginia Masons were members of the class. Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight King Lattimore, travelled from his home in Oklahoma to knight his son-in-



VIRGINIA SESQUICENTENNIAL CLASS

law, Bryce Harlow.

29 of the 31 Commanderies in Virginia were represented, 26 of which had candidates for this celebration.

The Orders were conferred in the E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg in a most impressive manner. DeMolay Commandery No. 4 of Lynchburg was the host Commandery.

The Order of the Red Cross was conferred by Lynn Commandery No. 9 of Marion, Va.; the Order of Malta by Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 of Portsmouth, Va.; and the Order of the Temple by Arlington Commandery No. 29 of Arlington, Va.

The work started promptly at 9:30 a.m., lunch was served following the Order of Malta. After the last pilgrim was created a Knight Templar, a banquet was served at the Virginian Hotel. Among those present were the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, George E. Kidd of Williamsburg, several Past Grand High Priests and Past Grand Commanders and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Virginia, Ernest M. Moore, Jr.

A great deal of credit for the huge success of this affair is due William C. Vaughan, DeMolay Commandery No. 4, Chairman of the 1966 Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Orangeburg, S. C., Observes Sesquicentennial

By HUGH N. LAYNE, Correspondent

Observance of the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America was held by Orangeburg Commandery No. 9, K.T., Orangeburg, S. C., on April 15, 1966. A sumptuous banquet had been prepared and was served in the dining hall of the Orangeburg Shrine Club. About 150 Sir Knights and ladies attended the meeting.

V. P. Patterson, M.D., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of S. C., attended and during the evening spoke briefly to those assembled. Other distinguished guests included Grand Commandery Officers; W. Jay Horne, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of S. C.; the Grand Recorder; and several Past Grand High Priests and Past M.I. Grand Masters.

A splendid program had been

planned by a committee who had given much time and thought to preparations.

An Honor Guard with crossed swords stood solemnly while certain distinguished Sir Knights of Orangeburg Commandery were presented, saluted by the Presiding Officer and given citations. Those honored were: W. M. Richardson, Sr., only living active charter member of Orangeburg Commandery, who has served for many years as Recorder; Joe Edmonds, P.G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter; George Mackay Salley, K.Y.C.H., whose services to the Commandery and York Rite Bodies have been outstanding. The sister of deceased Sir Knight Clarence Clifton Stroman was escorted to the foot of

the line, a sword was draped in mourning, a salute given in honor of Sir Knight Stroman and the citation of his outstanding devotion to the York Rite of Freemasonry presented to her. Following these ceremonies a portrait of these four outstanding Masons was unveiled and placed in a prominent part of the hall.

C. Blake Smith and Andrew C. Gramling, Jr., presided at different times during the evening.

A highlight of the evening was a historical address by a member of this Commandery, A. J. M. Wannamaker, P.G.C., P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge, P.G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter, and P.M.I.G.M. of the Grand Council.

South Dakota Honors Oldest Living Past Commander



J. Gerald Ross and Andrew Ellwein.

Andrew Ellwein, oldest living Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 11, Mitchell, South Dakota, was the honored guest of his Commandery on April 26 when a banquet was held celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. Sir Knight Andrew Ellwein who was Commander in 1917-18 was presented with a sixty year membership certificate in both the Chapter and Commandery. Presenting

the certificate for the Chapter was A. Earl Crook, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter.

The certificate from the Grand Commandery was presented by J. Gerald Ross, G.G. of the Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Ross is also a member of St. Bernard Commandery and was acting as a personal representative of the Grand Commander, Viron F. Schumaker.

The program in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America was attended by 90 Masons and their wives, with many distinguished guests from all over the state. United States District Judge Fred Nichol, a Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery acted as master of ceremonies.

The guest speaker, Sir Knight Robert Benton, Grand Master of Masons of South Dakota, addressed the anniversary event with the subject: "Calling for a Modern Crusade Among Masons."

—John G. West, Correspondent

Grand Master Brucker Cuts the Cake in Maine



L. to R.: Cottrell; Minot, G.C., N. H.; Brownson, G.C., Conn.; DuVall, G.C., N. Y.; G. Burton Long, G.C., Mass. and R. I.; Ahrens, G.C., N. J.; Frank Smith, G.C., Md.; Frank Bourke, G.C., Me.; Moynello, G.C., D. of C.; Pike, G.C., Vt.; Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master; and in the background, Earl Webster, G.C., Me.

One of the highlights of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of **Maine** was the cake cutting ceremony. Sir Knight Brucker in reporting the affair says that: "The large Sesquicentennial cake was made in the form of a medieval castle of the period of the 12th Century and is historically vouched for by the librar-

ian of the City of Portland. As you can see, it contains towers and battlements, as well as the entrance from the moat. I was allowed to cut the cake and can assure you that this was a happy, as well as a historic ceremony. The figure 150 above the cake was a part of the Salem Cross that appeared in purple on a white background, directly back of the speaker's table."

Sesquicentennial Observance in Iowa

Monday, June 20, will be a full day of celebration of the Sesquicentennial at the 102nd Annual Grand Commandery Conclave of **Iowa** at Templar Park. Knightings will be conducted during the day and a banquet will be held in the evening with a reception following in the rotunda of the Templar Hotel.

Many Sesquicentennial programs

are being planned throughout the state to be climaxed with the June 20th celebration to be held at Templar Park. Some of the celebrations already completed are Holy Cross Commandery No. 10, Clinton, April 23rd; Columbian Commandery No. 18, Sioux City, and Apollo Commandery No. 26, Cedar Rapids, on April 29th and 30th.

—Bulletin No. 10—Iowa

New Mexico Holds Festival and Celebration

Chapter and Council Degrees were given on the 15th of April, followed by the Sesquicentennial Banquet, at which time addresses were given by Alfred C. Anderson, Jr., G.J.W., and George A. Stracke, P.G.P. There were 158 in attendance at the banquet.

After the banquet the Sir Knights and ladies went to the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and witnessed the dramatic section of the Super Excellent Degree of the Council. This was the first time in New Mexico that the wives and widows of the

Council members were permitted to witness the outstanding presentation by Hiram Council No. 1 of Albuquerque.

Twenty candidates were knighted and each received the Salem Cross Lapel Button from the hand of Grand Commander Travis B. Watkins.

In addition to Sir Knight Watkins, Marvin J. Baker, G.H.P., and Albert Hudson, Ill.G.M., were in attendance and all took part in conferring of the Degrees and Orders.

—Lawrence F. Manker, Sr., G.C.G.

600 Pennsylvania Knights Celebrate Sesquicentennial

Nearly 600 Knights and ladies of Division No. 2, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, assembled in Gothic Hall of the Oakland Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, on Saturday evening, May 7, to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment. Each newly-installed Eminent Commander in the Division was present: Almer C. Hemans, Pittsburgh No. 1; William L. Munro, Allegheny No. 35; Lawrence B. Fagan, Tancred No. 48; Harry Riley, Ascalon No. 59; Charles A. Garnes, Duquesne No. 72; Robert L. Crum, Chartiers No.

78; and Henry P. Platt, Lincoln No. 91. Uniontown No. 49, of Division No. 4, was represented by Charles L. Lewellyn, Jr. Grand Commandery officers and other distinguished guests included: G.G. (now D.G.C.) Stokely; P.G.C.s Wolfertz (also P.D.C.), LaBarr (G.T.), Galbreath; also Frank A. Arturo, G.H.; Past Puissant Grand Master Herbert C. Smith of the Grand Council (also Treasurer); James D. Smith, Grand Scribe of Grand Council; and William G. Bailey, Division Commander of Division No. 4.

The operative Mason builds an edifice; the speculative Mason builds a character or builds human society; the Knights Templar and the other Christian Orders associated with Freemasonry use the ideas of pilgrimage and warfare for the purpose of expressing by allegory what they set out to teach. A Knight Templar is a soldier of the Cross, but he is not at war with

men or nations, but with the materialism, or if you like it better, the evil within himself. His battlefield is his own heart.

It is definitely a specialized presentation of Masonic teaching on a Christian basis.

From: The Lodge of Research No. 218, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Ancient Orders of Knighthood

Gathering Clouds

(Sixth of a Series)

As the Christian forces fell back in Palestine, the Templars fell back with them, and Acre only, remained in the hands of Latin Christians.

It is known that the Templars were the greatest professional soldiers of their time. They seemed arrogant, and excited the enmity

VISTAS OF TEMPLARY

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

of both Church and State officials, which finally led to their downfall, but basically, their so-called arrogance was no more than a fierce pride in their professional ability as soldiers.

Everywhere, the Templars for more than two hundred years, were engaged in battle against the Infidels. Their success as a military force, their great influence in settling down in their several headquarters, each with rigid and severity of conduct, all gave them tremendous prestige and power.

Jacques DeMolay, of whose early life we know practically nothing, stood forth as a leader, both in military and administrative activity. His election as Grand Master was hailed by all but a few jealous foes as the peak of excellence.

DeMolay was anxious to arouse Europe to another Crusade to expell the Saracen, once and for all, from the Holy Land. He had powerful allies, but likewise, the treachery and double-dealing of Baron

and Churchman, prevented the launching of such a Crusade.

Unfortunately, the Church and the Secular Rulers of Germany, France and other European countries were engaged in a giant struggle for power, which militated against the Order and stunted its activities.

DeMolay steadily built the forces of Templary by attention, both to the fundamentals of warfare, and the preservation of a firm organization of dedicated, intelligent men. His wisdom was proved in the long life of the Order.

The several headquarters or Houses of the Order was models of efficiency. Rigid and inflexible Rules of Conduct were enforced, and each member of the group was personally responsible for bodily service in the field. No exemptions were granted.

But dark clouds were on the horizon, and religious and political powers, jealous of the growth of the Order, soon brought to a climax the long and colorful history of Ancient Templary.

Philip IV, King of France, was, by political maneuver, able to secure the election of a French Cardinal, as Pope Clement V. Both Philip and Clement were jealous of the power and wealth of the Templars, and combined to suppress the Order by summoning Jacques DeMolay, Grand Master, and his officers, to Paris for a conference, in 1307.

All were immediately thrown into prison, charged with all sorts of crimes, and under the severest physical torture by Medieval jail-

ers, forced to confess to the crimes of heresy, witchcraft, and other horrible practices, which allowed Philip and Clement to formally order their suppression.

The proceedings against the Templars lasted five years, before the Order was formally made extinct by the Papal Bull *Ad Provid-*

am, May 12, 1312, which transferred the properties of the Templars to the Knights of St. John of the Hospital.

On March 14, 1314, DeMolay and his leaders were publicly burned at the stake on an Island in the Seine, in Paris, and Ancient Templary, as such, became extinct.

IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AT GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVES

In recognizing the importance of attendance of the delegates at the Grand Commandery Conclaves, Grand Master Brucker issued General Order No. 15 under date of April 25, which in part reads as follows:

“By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I hereby recommend and call upon each Grand Commander to consider this vital matter of attendance and take the following appropriate action to secure attendance at the Grand Commandery Conclave:

1. To appoint a specific Dais officer of the Grand Commandery to act as ‘Attendance Officer’ for the ensuing Templar year;

2. The Attendance Officer should have charge of seeing to it that at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery a personal communication is sent to each eligible member of the Grand Commandery (Past Grand Commander and Past Commander) giving the time and place of the next Annual Conclave thereof, and urging attendance by each such eligible member;

3. The Attendance Officer should send a separate notice at least 30 days before each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery to each Dais officer (Commander, General-

issimo, and Captain General) of each Constituent Commandery advising him of the time and place of the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery and advising such officers that Section 67 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment requires the personal attendance of each Dais officer of each Constituent Commandery;

4. That the Attendance Officer, after conferring with the Credentials Committee of the Grand Commandery, shall make a separate report at the end of each Annual Conclave regarding attendance, which report shall be printed with the proceedings of the Annual Conclave so that an accurate record may be kept of attendance.”

In Memoriam

California

Nels Peter Carlsen, Jr., G.C.,
1948—March 30, 1966

Maine

Arthur Howard Lander, G.C.,
1941—April 27, 1966

Ohio

Chesterfield James Holley, G.C.,
1952—April 3, 1966

The Social Order Of The Beauceant — (Report From Cleveland Assembly No. 15)



Left to right: first row, Mrs. Charles J. Kluckhohn; Mrs. George Klippel; Mrs. Elmer V. Rogers, Sr., P.P.; Mrs. Fred Kozak, P.; Mrs. Robert Witte; Mrs. Harry Reichard; Mrs. George D. Reebel, P.P.; second row, Mrs. Jesse G. Bettis; Mrs. Arthur Heisner; Mrs. Richard Wolf; Mrs. Ben Green; Mrs. Fred G. Metzger, P.P.; Mrs. Mel W. Gray; Mrs. William Wallace; Mrs. Frank C. Nelson, P.P.; top row, Mrs. Frederick J. Cosgrove; and Mrs. Russell Boaeuf.

The Social Order of the Beauceant is an organization of Christian women whose membership is limited to the wives and widows of Knights Templar. It was founded in Denver, Colorado, February 20, 1890. The first suggestion for uniting the wives and widows of Knights Templar in a Society or Order was given by several Sir Knights in 1889, after the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar decided to hold its twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave in Denver in 1892. There were about nine hundred Templars in Colorado at that time and only one Commandery in Denver, with a membership of less than three hundred. The Templars needed

and invited their wives' assistance in entertaining the thousands of Sir Knights and their ladies during the coming Conclave.

"S. O. O. B. Society" was the name adopted and very brief Ritual was used. Then a second Ritual was adopted which explained the meaning of the mystic letters as "Some of Our Business to make this Society an attractive center from which shall radiate bright, joyous and happy influences, to make life purer, better and sweeter for others." The members at once unanimously agreed to create a fund of their own to assist the Knights Templar during the Conclave and soon were working to accomplish it. The meetings

were held in the homes of the members until the new Masonic Temple was completed. Then, by invitation of the Temple Trustees, the S. O. O. B. moved into the Temple.

This Order came into existence when there were few women's clubs or organizations. Consequently the officers and members (about sixty) were inexperienced, but their hearts were warm and enthusiastic, and their hands were willing. From the start the Order stood for loyal, unselfish service. The meetings at first were held monthly, then twice a month, then weekly, to work for a bazaar. The Bazaar netted over two thousand dollars, also frequent parties were given to increase the fund, until it was twenty-five hundred dollars.

This enabled them to donate one thousand dollars to the Triennial Committee, leaving sufficient funds for all expense for the Ladies Headquarters which were next door to the Temple. During the Conclave, open house was kept, day and night; hospitality was so happily dispensed, that it attracted the favorable consideration of the Templars, which the Grand Commander of Colorado courteously expressed to the S. O. O. B. by official letter. The visitors frequently declared that the twenty-fifth Triennial surpassed all previous Conclaves in its unbounded hospitality, in which our Order had its part.

The great incentive to activity being over, the Order continued as a small Society of friends without any special effort to increase its membership. Beginning its first year, it regularly performed worthy charitable work. Throughout its years it has been a place of happiness, of close association, en-

during friendships, high ideals, recreation and entertainment.

In 1913, the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment K. T. was again to be held in Denver, and that was the spur which aroused the S. O. O. B. to action and the ultimate end of making it a splendid national organization. The changing of the name was considered, but S. O. O. B. was so dear to the members and so well and favorably known, they decided not to change it, but to retain the letters and give them a more significant and appropriate meaning, one that would appeal to the Templars.

S. O. O. B. was then interpreted to mean Social Order of the Beauceant, a name derived from the ancient Knights Templar banner. A new Ritual, emblematic robes, banners, paraphernalia, etc. were adopted. A By-Law was enacted which permitted the degree to be conferred upon wives of Sir Knights during the encampment, so that when they returned to their homes they might organize Assemblies in their cities. Consequently a large class was initiated at that time, which later brought results.

That year the Order had a prominent place in the Triennial Conclave and was assigned to quarters in the A.A.O.N.M. Shrine Temple, there to have open house and entertain a vast throng of Sir Knights and their ladies, all expense being borne by Denver Assembly No. 1.

The above is not recorded in a boastful spirit, but simply to relate how the Beauceant has endeavored earnestly through all its years to be a useful, helpful, happy Order and prove worthy of the respect and good-will of the

Knights Templar, upon which its success so largely depends.

On November 11 and 12, 1920, at the Masonic Temple, Denver, Colorado, the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant of the World was organized with great enthusiasm and interest by representatives from Assemblies previously organized by Denver Assembly No. 1, the Mother Assembly. Representatives were present from cities in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado, to organize the only Supreme Order in existence, whose membership is composed exclusively of wives and widows of Knights Templar.

The Ritual is beautiful, impressive, and helpful in every day life, its theme being Faith, Loyalty, and Love for God, the Order of Knights Templar, and each other. It has a strong, true elevating influence. Because the Order has proved to be so popular and such a source of pleasure and benefit to its members for many years, and has received encouragement, good-will and moral support of Sir Knights wherever established, it seems most desirable and appropriate that the wives and widows of Knights Templar in every city should be united in an organization, which undoubtedly results in promoting sociability, friendship, happiness, and a deeper appreciation of Templary.

As the Order of Knights Templar is composed of the flower of Masonic Christian manhood, so their wives and widows are, as a class, among the fine Christian women in their community. The wives and widows of Knights Templar are more interested in the success and happiness of their husbands than any organization not so closely related. For this

reason the Social Order of the Beauceant is so limited in its membership, and should receive a most cordial welcome in co-operating with the Commanderies.

As may be seen from this brief history, the mission of the Order is to promote loyal friendships among wives and widows of Knights Templar and to aid Commanderies when requested to do so. It is now organized in many states.

Cleveland Assembly No. 15 of the Social Order of the Beauceant has the distinction of being the first S. O. O. B. assembly organized east of the Mississippi River. It was during an Order of the Eastern Star inquiry the visitor asked whether a Social Order of the Beauceant Assembly was in the area. There being none at the time, proceedings were immediately instituted and Cleveland Assembly No. 15, composed of wives and widows of Sir Knights of six Commanderies, was constituted by an officer of Denver Assembly No. 1 on February 22, 1921 and the Charter presented.

To date, there are approximately 204 Social Order of the Beauceant Assemblies, with a total membership of 20,570. In a few years, S. O. O. B. will reach its half century mark. During this time, many worth while activities have been organized and flourished; they proved a source of common interest, conducive to lasting friendships, enhancing the rights and privileges to membership in the Social Order of the Beauceant. The S. O. O. B. is represented in almost every State, one of the latest Assemblies is in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"The Song of the Beauceant," written by Mrs. Mason B. Martin,

Now-the Pennsylvania Story!

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Message From The Right Eminent Grand Commander

On May 25, 1966, I accepted the office of Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar with mixed emotions of humility and gratitude. The honor you have conferred upon me is a great one and will be remembered the rest of my life. These are trying times when all the qualities of constructive leadership are put to a test. The responsibility of directing the affairs of our great Order is never to be lightly undertaken. You have placed an obligation upon my shoulders and at the same time imposed a trust upon me. The obligation is welcome, the trust, I assure you, will be fulfilled.

May we all lend our best efforts to bring prosperity to our Beloved Order, dedicated to the Christian Faith and the practice of the Christian virtues. Thus we will increase our endeavors to mankind and live up to our obligations as Templars. Templary must grow in spiritual strength and in numerical strength. We can meet our obligations today, only if we continue to enroll the finest Christian manhood. We must witness to the world our faith in our crucified and risen Lord by exemplifying His way. We possess great PRINCIPLES . . . we must therefore MAKE AN EQUALLY GREAT PRACTICE.

To every Sir Knight, I am asking each of you to help me make this a year of service and a year of true work for Templary in Pennsylvania. I have confidence in the officers and in every Templar of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. We have fine leadership on all levels, but we need to work harder. The degree of success which our Grand Commandery will enjoy for the coming year depends on the efforts put forth by the local commanderies and the individual Sir Knights.

We held two conferences at our Annual Conclave in Altoona and went over our program for the year. Also, at this time an Information Kit was given to all those in attendance containing available Knight Templar brochures and suggestions. The intended purpose of the conferences was: First, to increase interest and to embark upon a renewed effort of setting up an organizational structure which can focus directly



J. HARVEY MOORE
R. E. Grand Commander

upon Templary problems as a **primary responsibility of all**. Second, to direct maximum emphasis toward areas and operations in which immediate attention was needed.

I have no magic formula for the coming year. Our program will take the active cooperation and keen interest of every Knight coupled with hard work to carry us on. We must show an intense interest, an optimistic spirit that will speak well of our Commanderies. To be worthy Knights, we must fulfill our duties and obligations. One of the most important duties we have is to create real Templars and interest them. I am of the opinion that many members might still be with us had our spirit of friendship and brotherly love been more intense. Our duty to our Order consists not only in securing new members, but also a very important factor, of retaining what members we have.

To exemplify the teachings of Templary through our own lives is the supreme responsibility of every Knight Templar. Templary advocates true Christian principles in teaching and practice. Our Order stands for freedom, justice, equality, and brotherly love, ideals indispensable in human relations. We are challenged to give these ideals to the world through our own character and lives.

Due to the inspired leadership we have enjoyed over the years, we are making gains. A good membership level can be met and kept only by the hearty cooperation on the part of every member and a willingness to work. **THIS IS OUR CHALLENGE**, and we will meet it. We will continue to be a valiant Order, true to our noble traditions. We will perform as valiant Knights — Christian Knighthood must continue its **ONWARD MARCH**. I have full confidence that in your devotion to Templary, you will continue your support and earnestly endeavor to increase our strength and expand our influence.

We have committed ourselves and **DEDICATION** follows commitment. Come labor on, Beauceant forward.

J. HARVEY MOORE,
Grand Commander

First to pass their 10% quota in Life Sponsors for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation was Bethel Commandery No. 98, Hanover.

Division No. 9 scheduled its observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment, Sunday, June 5, at 2:30 p.m., in the Asylum of Bethlehem Commandery No. 90, Wyandotte and Brighton Streets, Bethlehem, with religious services conducted by Dr. A. Augustus Welsh, United Church of Christ, and the Rev. David A. Fife, Methodist Church, and music by the Youth Choir of the Moravian Church.

a charter member and past president of Cleveland Assembly No. 15, was presented by the Topeka Chorus at the Supreme Assembly in 1923, then adopted as the National Beauceant song. The Song of the Beauceant was heartily accepted and is cherished for its beauty and philosophic significance, it expresses the true spirit of the Beauceant:

*"Live for those who love you true,
And the good that you can do
Out in this world of ours.
Keep your face with sunshine lit—
Gloomy shadows then will lift,
Darkness turn to bowers;
Build with deeds for human needs
Our Holy House,
Its cornerstone is kindness shown.
Cast thy bread upon the waters,
Far and wide the treasure strew,
To thyself be ever true.*

CHORUS

*The colors of the Beauceant, the
Black, the Red, the White—
The cross we bear, the flag we love,
Leads ever to the right—
Give a friendly hand to the friend-
less,
And aid to those who want;
Come keep your solemn vow, come
Greet your sisters now.
Keep faith with the Beauceant."*

Each Assembly sponsors its own humanitarian projects; for instance, Cleveland Assembly No. 15 is converting men's ready-to-discard shirts into hospital gowns for the leprosy missions throughout the world; also, bandages are prepared and distributed to the leprosy missions. All materials are solicited by the membership, the work is found to be most rewarding and inspiring, resulting in spiritual and social growth.

The Universal endeavor of the S. O. O. B. is supporting the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. For the year 1964 alone the Social Order of the Beauceant contributed some \$18,531, and the amount has been increasing with the years. We are aware this program calls for individual initiative, although universal in scope. The dignity of this labor provides spiritual development and embraces all the qualities of Christian endeavor.

The ritual of the Social Order of the Beauceant is exceptionally beautiful and impressive. The ideals of the Order are strictly Christian and the teachings cannot be classed as denominational. The Social Order of the Beauceant paraphernalia is symbolic of the highest and loftiest moral and spiritual attainment possible. The deep respect for Templary exemplifies the uplifted thought of a sincere Beauceant. Our aim is to promote loyal friendships and help the needy in our midst. Our motto is

"Take Time to be Kind."

Every Knight Templar wife should be a Beauceant. A cordial welcome awaits you!

Mrs. Mel W. Gray, S.O.O.B.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Ernest B. Quigley, Eastport, **Maine**, recently wrote to the Committee on Public Relations to express appreciation for the use of the film, "Christians Awake." As a postscript of general interest, Sir Knight Quigley noted, "Ours is the most eastern Commandery in the United States." The map bears him out.

The Strathglass Story

By FRANK L. BOURKE, G.C. of Maine

The epic struggle of a small Commandery in a paper mill community nestled deep in the wooded hills of Maine, mostly French-Canadian descent and ninety-one percent Catholic.

Joe settled back pensively in the somewhat rickety old chair in the anteroom of the asylum and his thoughts reflected the disconsolate attitude of the rest of the group. There were Ralph, Phil, Al, the new Commander, Les, and one or two others. There were the faithful; the ones who had tried to keep it going but the odds had become just too great.

Well, the die had been cast. The decision to give up the charter had been made and the preliminaries to the division of membership to the nearest Commanderies had been taken. The long struggle was at last in its final stage but inexplicably, instead of welcome relief, Joe felt a deep unrest almost akin to guilt. As if to rid his mind of foreboding, Joe's thoughts went back over the past few years of hopeless effort almost to defend his conscience against any charge of weakness and blame.

There were the years of steady erosion both in active members and officer material. There was the scarcity of candidates and the difficulty of trying to get together a team to do the work when a candidate occasionally happened along. Fellows like Art and Harry who had always been able and dependable were gone; one to meet the Great Redeemer and the other to another climate. And so it went, year after year, the faithful growing less and less and the others not seeming to care.

Joe recalled the bitter disappointment the year that after a heroic effort to bring together enough of a team for inspection, the inspecting officer had refused to accept the work and threatened to pull the charter unless satisfactory work could be presented. And then the crowning embarrassment of the next year when Joe, as Commander again, was the only one to meet the inspecting officer on the night scheduled for inspection. True, it was a stormy, bitter cold night but Mainers in that part of the country were used to the weather and Joe knew that this wasn't the reason for their absence. Last year, there was no inspection at all for even Joe gave up.

And so it was, even with the oldsters who had come down occasionally because it was some place to go. The four flights of steep steps in the old, antiquated building had become too much for them; the effort was too great so even they stayed away and it seemed as though there just wasn't any purpose in struggling any longer. They finally notified the Grand Commander and met with the Sir Knights of Pilgrim and Oriental Commanderies, a hundred miles on either side, to divide the membership. Still, Joe was plagued with gnawing doubts. He realized that once dissolved, Templary would probably never again be revived in Rumford. This was a serious defeat for York Rite.

As if to mirror Joe's thoughts, Al remarked that as hopeless as it all had been, he wished it didn't have to happen. "What do you think Joe?" Joe looked around the group, recognizing that everyone

felt pretty bad about it and said slowly, "I wonder if we have done everything we could have done." As if that thought was in the minds of everyone, conversation suddenly flowed and in the next hour, a plan was born and the faithful once again went to work.

Some one hundred invitations were sent to carefully selected Blue Lodge prospects to attend a dinner and York Rite Information Night invitations were addressed to well-known Grand Officers of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery to tell the story of York Rite. On one of the stormiest nights of late fall with snow and freezing rain falling, about eighty-five Blue Lodge Masons and one Grand Commandery officer made it. No one can ever be sure of just what element made it click but the affair proved to be the turning point. In the ensuing months, Strathglass has shown a net membership gain of twenty; all young and already participating in asylum work.

To recognize the work of the faithful, one was selected for a Grand Commandery appointment so that Strathglass would have

representation in the Grand Line. Through an unanticipated and unexpected conflict in dates between the Shrine and Saints John Day, the Commandery Observance was moved from the City of Portland, home of the Grand Commander, to Rumford. It seemed particularly appropriate to display the banners of uniformed Knights marching in strength to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" once more in a community which had not seen the proud standards of Templary in forty years. Three hundred Knights Templar paraded in Rumford on June 19, 1965, in one of the most successful and outstanding observances in many years. Strathglass has just passed inspection on December 2, 1965, with a high point total and the praise of the inspecting officer.

And so, once again the simple basic formula for success has been proved. Faith and hard work and dedication to the sublime principles of our Order can work the miracle. The Strathglass Story could be emulated many times if those two virtues would be applied, faith and hard work.

A PRAYER FOR FRUITFUL SUMMER DAYS

Our gracious God, we thank Thee for the summertime of life, for its freshness and beauty. Somehow in these days of splendor when fragrance and fruitfulness speak of Thy love, we are challenged to greater moral beauty in our lives. We would that all the powers with which Thou hast endowed us might be consecrated to Thee.

Grant, O God, that the hours of release and rest which the summer brings may not make us forgetful of our daily Christian duty. Strengthen us to fight more valiantly as followers of Thy Son. May we think His thoughts, look out on

our troubled world with His eyes, take His estimate of life's values and more nearly live lives to match the glory of the Gospel. Let the glow of Christ's Cross through us lighten the hard paths of suffering and sacrifice. Help us to walk among men, O Christ, as Thy stalwart knights, Thy witnesses, Thy warriors in the cause of a better world order of life in the world that we may win for Thee the victory and gain from Thee the Crown. Thou hast called us to be good soldiers. Help us to put on "the whole armor of God."

We ask it in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies Keep Grand Master's Filmed Address in Busy Circulation Around the Globe

May, 1966, marked the first anniversary of the filming of Grand Master Brucker's address, "Christians Awake." The first Grand Commandery to present the film was the Grand Commandery of Missouri at its Annual Conclave, May 14, 1965. Since that time bookings by Grand, Subordinate, and Constituent Commanderies have totaled 184. These, plus a Christmas telecast of the address, are estimated to have had a total audience exceeding 80,000 persons.

The Committee on Public Relations maintains a circulating library of six prints at all times. Bookings can be arranged by writing to the chairman, Paul Rodenhauser, 1134 Manor Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512. A number of Commanderies made arrangements through the committee to purchase prints for their own use. In addition, each R. E. Department Commander has a print of "Christians Awake" for special use within his Department. The black and white, 16 mm soundfilm runs 16 minutes in length. It was designed for showings to groups of Templars and friends of Templary.

The widespread use made of the film indicates strongly that Constituent Commanderies, wherever located, are actively interested in having the opportunity to enjoy the film-presence of Grand Master Brucker. They seek Templar program material and are eager to give fullscale dissemination to Knight Templar information. They prove in this respect, as in others, that Constituent Commanderies are indeed the "strength and stability of Knight Templary."

The bookings show an interesting cross section of Templar activity. Constituent Commanderies arranging showings include: Lewistown No. 26, Lewistown, Pa.; Tancered No. 48, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Snyder No. 69, Snyder, Tex.; Schrader No. 9, Rapid City, S. D.; Akron No. 25, Akron, O.; Columbus No. 69, Columbus, O.; Howell No. 28, Howell, Mich.; Cyrene No. 34, Columbia, Pa.; DeMolay No. 9, Reading, Pa.; Chartiers No. 78, Carnegie, Pa.; York No. 16, Clinton, Maryland; El Monte, Brigham City, Utah; Trinity No. 68, Flushing, N. Y.; Amarillo No. 48, Amarillo, Tex.; Coeur d'Alene No. 5, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Ivanhoe No. 19, New Orleans, La.; Merced No. 69, Merced, Calif.; Damascus No. 58, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Constantine No. 26, Atlanta, Ga.

Showings, in addition to those listed above, have been given in Scranton, Pa.; Miami, Fla.; Nashville, Tenn.; Decatur, Ga.; Washington, D. C.; Glassboro, N. J.; Beloit, Wisc.; Las Cruces, N. M.; Sunbury, Pa.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Louisville, Ky.; Needham, Mass.; Duluth, Minn.; Los Angeles and Fresno, Calif.; Battle Creek and Haslett, Mich.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Hutchinson, Kan.; Montrose, Ia.; and Montgomery, Ala.

Among the Subordinate Commandery showings was a presentation by Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Tokyo, Japan. It also has been shown by St. John's Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware. A print currently is in the hands of Sir Knight James E. Walter for a series of showings by Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Dhahran, Sau-

di Arabia.

Sir Knight Walter M. McCracken, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, and the Commander of Stevenson Commandery No. 8, Staunton, Virginia, wrote from the Staunton Military Academy May 11, 1966, to express his opinion of the Stevenson Commandery showing.

"Thank you so much for sending us a copy of *Christians Awake* for our Conclave last night. As you can see from our April and May bulletins, we closed Commandery a little early, and then invited in the ladies and visiting men to see the film. This was followed by refreshments in the banquet hall.

Both at the solo showing in the

afternoon in my bachelor quarters, and again at the Commandery showing, I was greatly impressed with the material and with the way in which the Grand Master presented it. Favorable comments were made to me by many of our guests, and by all our members present.

We could have wished all non-Templar Masons in the county could have seen it. I am happy that our own members could have such a chance to learn so much about their own Order in so short a time. I believe one non-Mason visitor, who also attended our first public installation in February, will shortly petition for the degrees so that he can become a Knight Templar."

What They Say About The Knight Templar Eye Foundation

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

Dear Knights:

It's hard to find words, that would thank you and show my appreciation to your organization.

I think you have the most wonderful organization in the whole world. Just try being practically totally blind for 2 years, and have 3 little girls to educate and support, ages 8, 10, and 13 years of age.

Just imagine what would be passing through your mind when you cannot see what kind of vegetables or food the wife puts on your plate to eat. I had bad luck with operations on my right eye 4 years ago.

(Editor's Note: The K. T. Eye Foundation was not involved in this operation.) So all I have left is part of my left eye, your organization helped me with, which I appreciate so much.

I am very very thankful to you people and the good Lord, I have

this much sight left. I can see to read and write now, as I write this letter.

Before this operation, I had to be led across the streets, I could not read the largest sign in Charleston. This eye is worth a million dollars to me.

So how can I thank this organization enough, for the help you gave me, as it would have been most near impossible for me to of had this done myself.

This is a wonderful Christmas present to me, from you folks, so I want to thank this Foundation, again and again.

I also want to wish the Knights Templar Foundation and all of their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The world was made for Love.

I Respectfully thank you,
Lawrence Clifton Smyth
Charleston, West Virginia

Doors Will Open 15 Minutes Earlier For Sesquicentennial

C. Byron Lear, R. E. Past Grand Generalissimo and General Chairman for the Sesquicentennial at New York City, has offered several points of special information for those who will attend the Waldorf Astoria celebration.

The ball room doors are now scheduled to open at 6:30 rather than 6:45 p.m. This quarter hour advance was arranged to insure that all would be seated when the introductions of those at the head table begin at 7:00 p.m.

All officers and committeemen occupying places on the dais are requested to wear full Templar uni-

form less sword and chapeaux. Sir Knight Lear says, "Wherein the wearing of the uniform by the Sir Knights not occupying the dais is encouraged, tuxedo or mufti will be perfectly acceptable."

Various Commanderies in sections of the states of Kentucky and Minnesota have arranged telephone line hook-ups and amplification in order for Commandery groups, meeting simultaneously to observe the Sesquicentennial, to hear the proceedings of the 150th Anniversary Celebration at the Waldorf Astoria June 18, 1966.

"THE CRUSADER" (PA.) TO BE PUBLISHED AS SUPPLEMENT TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

(Editor's Note: The following is an announcement from the **Crusader**, a monthly magazine which has served **Pennsylvania** Templary for many years under the able guidance of Charles B. Wolfertz, P.D.C., its editor.

We sincerely hope that the change in form of receiving the local Templary News by the **Pennsylvania** Sir Knights will be acceptable and we invite their suggestions at any time.)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

"Beginning with the June, 1966, issue, The Crusader will be published in a new form. Arrangements have been made with the Knight Templar Magazine to include our own Crusader publication

as an insert in this Grand Encampment publication. Advance subscriptions to The Crusader will, as of the June issue, be transferred to the Knight Templar Magazine. If a Sir Knight already subscribes to the Knight Templar Magazine, the money he paid in advance for The Crusader will be used to extend his subscription to the Knight Templar Magazine. Thus, we will be continuing our own Crusader and combining it with the Knight Templar Magazine, so, that one subscription will provide you with news and information from all Jurisdictions of the Grand Encampment as well as provide you with the usual activities of Templary in our own Grand Commandery. — **Crusader**, May, 1966."

Templary — Today And Tomorrow

By OLIVER S. WILLHAM, P.G.C., Oklahoma,
Chairman, Committee on Condition of the Order of Grand Encampment

The time has now arrived for each of us to prepare for the Triennial Conclave to be held in Detroit in 1967. What can you do as a Knight Templar to insure its success and make it "the best we have ever had?" The answer is work hard in your own Commandery. Time is of the essence. If you have not already started on your hard work, you are late.

Every Knight Templar should have a deep interest in the future of Templary. This should be particularly true of the membership of the Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment. Templary has a great heritage which should be preserved for generations to come. Is this great Order living up to its heritage? If it is not, then many of us are not living up to those solemn vows we took when we were installed in our various offices. Every Sir Knight should think seriously upon the responsibilities of any office in Masonry that he accepts.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America cannot do its job properly unless it has the wholehearted support of all the Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within its jurisdiction. Neither can any Grand Commandery be successful without the wholehearted support of the Constituent Commanderies in its jurisdiction. The Constituent Commanderies cannot give this essential support unless they are in a healthy condition.

The condition of any organization can be judged by certain criteria. The following represent a few of these criteria:

1. An organization that is healthy should be growing unless its membership is restricted to a certain size.

2. A healthy organization must be doing something worthwhile for mankind in the community where it is located. Any organization that does not perform some worthwhile function should be disbanded.

3. It is necessary for most worthwhile organizations to cooperate with other such organizations if much is to be accomplished.

4. A healthy organization must have prestige. In order for it to have prestige it must have members who have prestige.

5. It is vital for any organization to keep modern. It must be in tune with the era in which it is serving.

6. The average age of the membership of an organization is extremely important to the welfare of that organization. The average man tends to become more conservative as he grows older; whereas young people, on the whole, are looking for things that are dynamic.

7. In a free society, as we operate, any organization must be ruled by love and persuasion and not by force.

8. Any organization must have the respect of the general public, as well as of its members, if it is to persist. This respect can only come as a result of a job well done by its membership.

It is interesting to apply these criteria to Templary in the United States of America in 1966. In some places our Order is healthy and thriving, but in far too many places it is in a rather unhealthy condi-

tion. The population of the nation is increasing at an astounding rate. There are now over one hundred ninety-two million people in the U.S.A. The membership in our great order has been static or decreasing during recent years. The great Christian lessons in Templary are not being carried to a large enough number of people. There has never been a time in the history of the U.S.A. when these Christian lessons were more needed. The world also needs these great Christian lessons.

Templary can never be substituted for religion, but it can work hand in hand with it. It is always impressive to see a large group of Sir Knights in full uniform attend a local church service. This attendance should not be restricted to those special seasons such as Easter or Christmas.

Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in the world today. Are we as Sir Knights good renters?

There are many ways in which we can be of service to God and our fellowmen. There is no greater reward in this world than that which comes from seeing sight restored to a person who has been forced to live in darkness for many years. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation provides every Sir Knight in this country with the opportunity to participate in this great humanitarian work. There are two good ways for every Sir Knight to participate: One is to support the work financially; the other is to help discover those individuals who are living in darkness and then bring them to light through help from the Foundation. This is truly a service to mankind.

Another most rewarding experience is to help some young person who has the ability and desire but

not the finances to receive a college education. Here again, Templary furnishes each Sir Knight with the opportunity through its Knights Templar Educational Foundation. Every Sir Knight can assist worthy students in getting in touch with the local committee for the Knights Templar Student Loans.

Many other local worthwhile projects can be sponsored by Constituent Commanderies. There are many youth organizations that need sponsors.

There are always a few who are leaders in any community. This is true even in the very primitive communities of the world. If any organization wants to work effectively in a community, it should strive to enlist the support of the leaders. If a Constituent Commandery is unable to enlist such leaders, it should examine itself closely and ascertain the reason.

Any progressive organization must always be looking forward. As the late Dr. Chas. Kettering said: "The past is gone and static; nothing we can do will change it, but the future is before us and dynamic; everything we do will affect it."

Too often at Grand Commandery Conclaves most of the time is devoted to a review of the year's happenings and transactions. It would seem best to arrange the program in order to have some time devoted to plans for the year ahead. Since officers are regularly advanced each year, this could easily be done.

Ordinarily, people are not interested in any organization that looks backward, unless it is an historical organization. "This is especially true of our young people today. This applies to the regular meetings of Constituent Commanderies. If their programs are the same, meeting

after meeting, attendance is bound to decline. It would be both interesting and challenging to have a brief report at each meeting of what is happening in Templary. The Knight Templar Magazine would come in handy here. It would be a great boost for Templary if every Sir Knight received regularly this official magazine. It would also add greatly if every Commandery would send interesting news items to Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, editor.

Change is one of the most commonly-used words in our society today. It is used as we converse about nearly every subject. Organizations today must change if they are to persist and perform their respective functions. Unfortunately, people tend to resist change as they grow older. They would like for the world to remain static so long as they have to reside in it. There are exceptions to this, but the exceptions constitute a very small percentage. If an organization allows the average age of its members to increase markedly, it will become conservative and stop changing. This will make it very difficult to recruit young members, because they are attracted by a dynamic organization.

The Commandery that has young officers working their way through the line is almost invariably healthy and growing. On the other hand, one that has most of its stations filled by past commanders is headed for trouble. Sooner or later their charter may have to be taken up. A Commandery needs its senior members. They are essential to its welfare. Their Masonic wisdom is valuable to the Commandery, but any Commandery needs a combination of the young and the old.

A Commandery must be respected by its members and by the general public if it is to grow and be

healthy. True respect comes only as a result of outstanding service. Our organization must render a service to God and to mankind if it is to be healthy.

Everything in this universe must have a renewal process going on continually. This is true of the human body, as well as of civilizations, societies, and organizations. Templary is no exception. It must continually undergo renewal if it is to meet the challenges of the present day. In our society in the U.S.A., there have been some marked changes in recent years. There has been a large increase percentage-wise in two age groups, under 21 years and over 65 years. The people constituting the age group 21 to 65 represent a smaller percentage of the population than they formerly did. This nation has changed from a rural background to a nation based on technology. It is largely industrialized. The nation is struggling to adjust itself to technology. This change is causing people to become more and more dependent upon other people. Our young people are a dynamic group. They can see automation and technology eliminating all unskilled jobs. They also realize that education is a must for survival in our new society. This education must go to a higher level than it did previously.

When you couple the above with the fact that marriage comes at a much younger age in recent years, the young man finds it very difficult to start his Masonic work before he is 30 years of age. The young man in his 20's spends several years in graduate school, and when he finally completes his terminal degree, he has considerable indebtedness. Templary finds that there is much competition for the young man's time and money today. Of the two, time is the more

critical. Fathers today are finding it very difficult to have enough time to spend with their children. This problem can be solved, but it means more work than it has required in the past.

In order for an organization to be successfully renewed, it must develop respect for each of the individuals that make up its membership. It must develop each one of these individuals to the limit of his ability and see that he works. Precedence should be forgotten. Too often, it makes the organization too rigid and finally drags it

down. Too often, organizations are unable to cut through the web of vested interests. If this happens, the organization is doomed. Every member must be motivated and have clearly in mind the objectives of the group.

Conformity of behavior is a must and this is made possible by the constitution, statutes, rituals, laws, regulations, and by-laws. Conformity of thought should never be a must. Every Sir Knight is free to think of new ways to make our Commanderies dynamic within the above framework.

From Our Readers

DeMolay Class Dedicated To Sir Knight Ted Cutler



On April 30 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, a class of 18 candidates of Dolliver Chapter, Order of DeMolay for boys, was dedicated to Sir Knight Ted Cutler of Des Moines, currently serving as Potentate of Za-Ga-Zig Temple. Sir Knight Cutler is a member of Temple Commandery of Des Moines. Dad advisor of Dolliver Chapter is Sir Knight Tom W. Murphy, a member of Calvary Com-mandery No. 24. Three other mem-

bers of the advisory council to Dolliver Chapter, currently termed the No. 1 Chapter of Iowa due to the fact it is the holder of the state efficiency plaque, are Past Commander Richard F. Nekvinda, Sir Knight Frank Johnson, and Sir Knight Max P. Marthinson. With this induction of the class, Dolliver Chapter exceeded its membership quota for the year by two.

100 Years of Templary

By JAMES F. RAYMOND, Correspondent



L. to R.: John B. Nye, P.C.; Wm. W. Hymer, Gen.; Paul O. Gooder, Captain General; and Manuel F. Castro, Com.

Center: Award Recipients: Robert S. Jamieson, Washington Commandery No. 15 (Oregon); and Addison E. Kinzer, Calvary Commandery No. 25 (Iowa).

Long Beach Commandery, California, endeavored to actively answer the call of the Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, to join in the 150th Year Celebration. In his call he stipulated, these ceremonies, must not laud or extol the events of 1816 but, "rather stress the realities" of the present, that of "enriching the fraternity with new members" and honoring the Templars, whose lives exemplify the meaning of the Orders of the Temple. Two such Sir Knights are pictured above and were so honored, as recipients of awards, testifying to their 50 years of membership as Knights Templar.

Robert S. Jamieson was knighted in Washington Commandery No. 15 of Oregon. Addison E. Kinzer was knighted in Calvary Commandery No. 24 of Iowa. Each of the respective Grand Commanderies, advised Manuel F. Castro, Commander of Long Beach Command-

ery of the presence of these Sir Knights in the City of Long Beach and solicited the presentation of the awards when convenient. The Commander, Manuel F. Castro, acknowledged their request and John B. Nye, P.C., and presently the Grand Senior Warden, California, officiated in the presentation. The Drill Corp formed the lines for the reception of and for the presentation to the recipients.

Keystone State Briefs

J. Harvey Moore, Aliquippa, was elected and installed Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania at the 113th Annual Conclave held May 22-25 at Altoona. He succeeds S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., Altoona. The new Grand Commander distributed to each of the 89 Eminent Commanders of Pennsylvania's Constituent Commanderies a kit containing information on "Planning For A Successful Year as Commander," and including the admonition: "Activity is the Key! Have enough of the right kind of activity in the Commandery to attract and maintain the interest of enough of the members to make it a live organization."

Earl L. Gerfen, 2019 Oreville Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, became the 50th member of Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, to subscribe to the Knight Templar Magazine. Sir Knight Gerfen subscribed for a five year period at the standing rate of \$4.00. Cyrene, with a membership of 248, now has more than 20 percent of its members as Knight Templar subscribers.

MISSISSIPPI HOLDS 105TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE



L. to R.: Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master; John B. Wheelis, G.C. of Mississippi; and Louis Hengen, retiring G.C.

The Grand Commandery of Mississippi held its 105th Annual Conclave at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi, with Louis Hengen, Grand Commander, presiding. The report of the Grand Commander showed that considerable progress was made in the program for Mississippi adopted in May, 1965. There

GEORGE K. WOO, JUNIOR PAST COMMANDER



L. to R.: George C. Lazenby, P.C.; Rocco J. Gorman, P.D.C.; and George K. W. Woo, Junior P.C.

Most Commanders of constituent Commanderies serve near the place of their birth, but certainly such was not the case with Sir Knight George K. Woo, who recently com-

were knighted during the year 385 and the report showed a net gain for the year of 146, the highest gain in 7 years.

Mississippi had 153 Life Sponsors, 24 Patron Certificates, and 4 Associate Patron Certificates at the time of the conclave to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The entertainment of the ladies was in charge of Mrs. Jamie W. Hengen, wife of the Grand Commander.

The highlight of the meeting was the inspiring address of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Wilber M. Brucker, who addressed the annual banquet in the Hurricane Room of the Buena Vista Hotel. More than 200 Sir Knights and their ladies attended.

At the close of the sessions the Grand Master installed the newly elected Grand Commander, John B. Wheelis of Laurel, Mississippi.

pleted his service as Commander of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, West Virginia. He was born about 70 miles south of the City of Canton in China. He came to the United States in 1918 and has lived in Charleston since that time. He graduated from V.M.I. in 1934, did graduate work in chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh, and has worked for the last twenty years with the National Lead Company at Charleston and is at present its chief chemist.

Sir Knight Woo has been active in civic affairs, being a member of the County Executive Committee, member of the House of Delegates of the West Virginia Legislature, Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church, etc.

—Robert H. Bowlby, G.R.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE HELD IN MEMPHIS MEMORIAL PARK



Approximately 5,000 attended this service sponsored by Memphis Commandery No. 4, St. Elmo Commandery No. 15, and Park Avenue Commandery No. 31, Tennessee. Memphis Memorial Park and the Churches of East Memphis also participated. Grand Commander Lowell G. Hays gave the welcome address.

GRAND COMMANDER KNIGHTS SON

Edward S. Pike, Grand Commander of Vermont, was indeed privileged to confer the Order of the Temple on his son, Edward C. Pike. This privilege was given him on March 29 when the Commander of Killington Commandery No. 6 of Vermont, Bruce R. Griffin, relinquished his command to Grand Commander Pike.

The officers of the Grand Commandery of Kansas personally open in full form the Grand Commandery at its annual session. Virgil F. Kent, Department Commander of the East Central Department was the personal representative of Grand Master Brucker at the Kansas Conclave and reported that he had seldom if ever seen this done and certainly never in such near perfect manner.

—New Letter, May 10, Charles S. McGinness, G.R.

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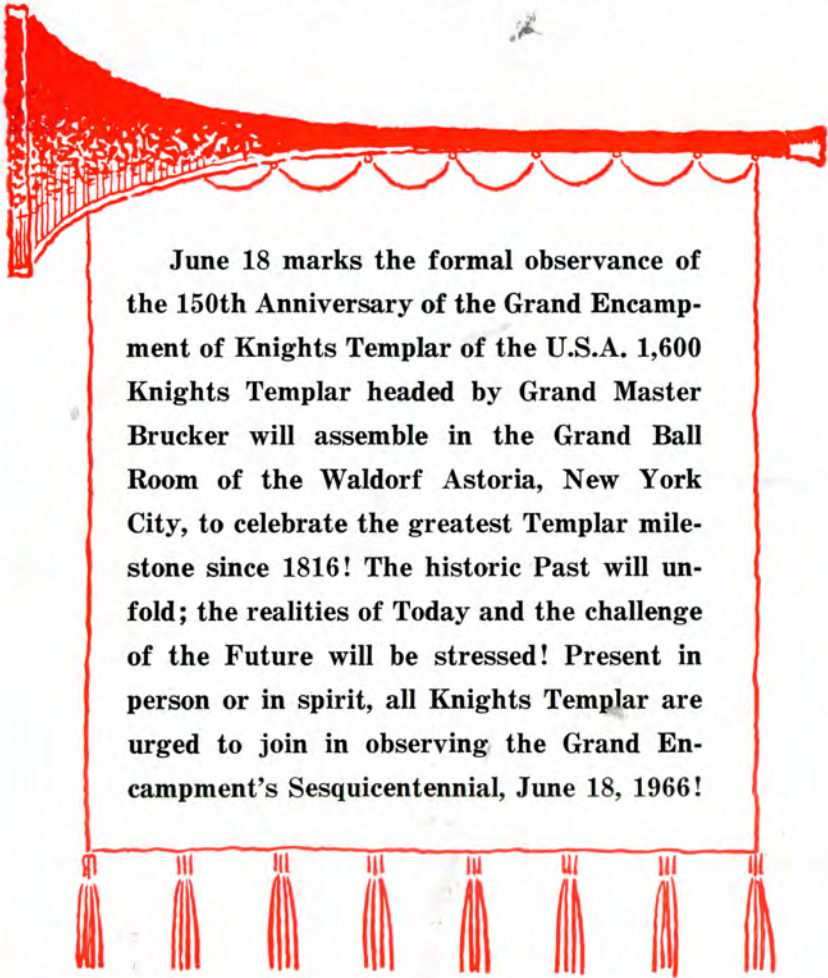
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June 18 marks the formal observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. 1,600 Knights Templar headed by Grand Master Brucker will assemble in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf Astoria, New York City, to celebrate the greatest Templar milestone since 1816! The historic Past will unfold; the realities of Today and the challenge of the Future will be stressed! Present in person or in spirit, all Knights Templar are urged to join in observing the Grand Encampment's Sesquicentennial, June 18, 1966!

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