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# A Message From the Grand Master - -

## THE FUTURE OF TEMPLARY

[Text of the Most Eminent Grand Master's Address at the Sesquicentennial Banquet in New York City on June 18, 1966.]

On this happy 150th Birthday Anniversary, I bring hearty greetings from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to every Sir Knight and his Lady throughout the Templar World. Templary has now rendered a century and a half of service to God and Country. We have just reason to be proud as we assemble on this historic occasion.

Proof of our gratitude will be reflected in our determination to build the future of Templary even greater than the past. It is to the future with its high hopes, its challenging problems,

and its ever-changing membership that the Grand Encampment must look for ultimate success. Templary's job will never be finished. Templary is a continuing crusade from decade to decade. This is the very essence of our support of Christ's work here on earth.

However, there are some very tangible and definite goals to which our energies should be directed:

**FIRST:** We must strengthen and develop our great humanitarian charity, the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, to the maximum of its potential. We have ministered in Christ's name unto over 10,000 suffering men, women, and children who have been saved from a life of darkness. We have plainly shown the world that Knights Templar care about suffering humanity, and are doing something about it. We must tell our story to the nation as well as to our Masonic brethren. We should double the half million dollars of our Permanent Endowment Fund by the time we hold our next Triennial Conclave in Detroit in August, 1967.

**SECOND:** We must strengthen our magnificent Order of Knighthood by recruiting additional manpower—particularly young men—from the 3 million Christian Masons in America. To succeed, we must raise our perspective. We must think in bigger terms than ever before. In these terrible days of moral and religious depravity, we must rally men "who will serve against unnumbered foes." We must throw the weight of an increasingly dynamic Templary into the scales on the side of decency, wholesomeness, and upright manhood in America.

**THIRD:** The future of Templary depends upon the quality of its leadership. We must constantly cultivate and elevate the kind of leaders, at all levels of Templary, who sincerely believe in the way of life that draws men closer to Christian ideals and purposes. The Bible says: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It makes a tremendous difference whether able leaders are selected who are devoutly motivated so they can inspire others. In no other way can we develop the kind of "followership" that Templary deserves.

On behalf of nearly 400,000 Knights Templar throughout the world on this Sesquicentennial Anniversary in 1966, I hereby salute the Founding Fathers, who formed the Grand Encampment in June, 1816. To them goes the unqualified gratitude of our generation of Christian Crusaders. As their humble successors—may we be ever worthy of the high calling of "Knights Templar"—men who seek no greater distinction than to serve the great Captain of our Salvation by word and deed.



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



## One Hundred Fifty Years of Grand Encampment History Highlighted With Gala Gathering At Waldorf Astoria

Grand Master Brucker presents 50-Year Pin to Merchandising Pioneer, Sir Knight J. C. Penney.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale thrills sixteen hundred Sir Knights, Ladies and Guests with his Message on Hope, Faith, and "The Power of Positive Thinking."

Past Grand Generalissimo C. Byron Lear presided over what was undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable and impressive milestones in the history of the Grand Encampment when he served as toastmaster for the June 18 gala observance of the Grand Encampment's Sesquicentennial Observance at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City.

The grand ballroom, beautifully decorated and lighted, formed a classic setting for the procession of

anniversary program features. Three tiers of tables for officers, guests, and their ladies filled the stage portion of the ballroom; tables for others in attendance were located on the main floor and the balconies. Batteries of spotlights swept over the assembly and highlighted the entrance of the officers and distinguished guests as they took their places, promptly at 7:00 p.m., when individually introduced by Chairman Lear.

One of the highlight features



Grand Master Brucker welcomes Dr. Norman Vincent Peale as the 150th Anniversary Speaker at the Waldorf-Astoria June 18.





**Noted business leader, Sir Knight J. C. Penney, receives 50-Year Pin and Certificate from the Most Eminent Grand Master as 1,600 look on.**

was Grand Master Brucker's presentation of a 50-year pin and an official anniversary wallet card to the distinguished and legendary merchant, Sir Knight J. C. Penney. Sir Knight Penney, roundly saluted by the throng of Sir Knights and ladies, was described as a man who exemplified "Horatio Alger" rise to fame and success. Another surprise feature was the presentation of leis to Grand Master and Mrs. Brucker by Sir Knight Harold H. Kent, representing Honolulu Commandery No. 1, Hawaii, and his lady, to express the greetings and congratulations of Hawaiian Sir Knights.

Anniversary greetings and a framed citation were presented to Grand Master Brucker by Illustrious George A. Newbury, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. A huge anniversary cake was symbolically cut by Grand Master Brucker as another of the evening's ceremonies.

The program portion of the evening began at 8:30 p.m. with an historical narration prepared by the Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations, Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C., Pa., and read by Sir Knight Rodenhauser, Grand Commander G. Burton Long, Mass.-R. I., and Sir Knight Lear.

Special guests, in addition to those otherwise noted, included: Maurice A. Hammer, Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; Walter L. Fowler, Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; Mrs. Romaine H. Siedels, Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauseant; Chester A. Hogan, representing Imperial Potentate Collins, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Donald D. Boudeman, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters; Walter W. Montgomery, Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada; William F. Clark, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chap-



ter, R.A.M.; and Illustrious Luther A. Smith, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment officers present were: Deputy Grand Master Crofts, Grand Generalissimo Bell, Grand Captain General Riegle, Grand Treasurer Ball, and Grand Recorder Rice, P.G.M.

The Rev. Howard R. Towne, D.D., Grand Prelate, offered the invocation and benediction for the observance. Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., occupied a position of honor. Representatives were present for the Grand Lodge of New York and for Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. and Illustrious Norman Vincent Peale and Mrs. Peale were introduced by Sir Knight Brucker, and Dr. Peale addressed the group in a manner and with a content equally inspiring and enjoyable. He

paid tribute to the leadership of Grand Master Brucker and to the aims and accomplishments of Christian Masonry. His general theme emphasized that "troubles do exist in the lives of all," but the "Power of Positive Thinking" can and does solve them.

It was a highlight occasion in every respect. Special guests, music, entertainment, and anniversary program features combined to make the 150th Anniversary Observance a memorable and meaningful experience for every Knight Templar, lady, and guest present.

The committee, headed by Sir Knight Lear, included: Co-chairmen John B. Cottrell and William Melvin White; George D. Barclay, secretary; Raymond H. Wesner, treasurer; and Theodore F. Voelter, liaison. Fourteen Past Grand Commanders from eastern jurisdictions, and one Past Commander of a Subordinate Commandery, served as vice-chairmen for their respective jurisdictions.



The Grand Master symbolically cuts the Grand Encampment's Official Birthday Cake as a feature of the Anniversary Observance.



## Other Sesquicentennial Observances

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMANDERIES HOLD JOINT SESQUICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES

The three commanderies of the District of Columbia, Washington No. 1, Columbia No. 2, and Potomac No. 3, joined with the Grand Commandery in promoting several Sesquicentennial Observances during May, 1966. These included a Sesquicentennial Class, Banquet and gala entertainment following the Grand Conclave and Ascension Day Services.

The Order of the Red Cross was conferred on the Sesquicentennial Class by Columbia Commandery on Thursday evening, May 12, with the Eminent Commander, William E. Gibbs, Jr., serving as Sovereign Master. This was immediately followed by the conferral of the Order of Malta, by the Malta team of Washington Commandery, with the

Eminent Grand Warder, Robert H. Simmons, as Eminent Prior. The Order of the Temple was conferred on the Sesquicentennial Class of twenty candidates by a selected cast, consisting primarily of Grand Commandery Officers, on Friday, May 13, with Frederick L. Freeman, the Grand Instructor General, serving as Commander and William E. Barkman, the Deputy Grand Commander, serving as Generalissimo. Colonel Percy A. Matthews, the Exemplar candidate in the Order of the Temple, and others, responded most appreciatively on behalf of the class for the very impressive and proficient manner in which all of the Orders were conferred.

—Ernest C. Barker, Correspondent

### BAHIA SHRINE TEMPLE, ORLANDO (Fla.) OBSERVES SESQUICENTENNIAL OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

The Shrine in Orlando established a precedent in 1963 in Masonic relations by being host to the famous York Rite Astronaut Class of 403 Sir Knights, the largest single class known up to that time. This Temple established another landmark in Masonic relations by holding the Spring Ceremonial in Leesburg, Fla., on May 6 and 7 and naming the class the John L. Crofts class in observance of the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of U.S.A. P.M.III.G.M. of the Grand Council of Maine, now resident of Florida, and member of Bahia Temple, introduced Sir Knight Crofts at the time of his remarks at the banquet.



Left to right: Harold W. Kelley, P.G.I.M. of the Grand Council of Maine; John L. Crofts, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; and Ill. Potentate Lloyd W. Shaver.



### 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT BILOXI (Miss.)

Coast Commandery No. 19 at Biloxi celebrated the Sesquicentennial on May 26 with John B. Wheelis, G.C., as the honored guest. This was also the time of the official visit of Grand Commander Wheelis. A number of distinguished guests from Alabama were also present upon this occasion. Nineteen candidates were knighted.



Back row in K.T. Uniform, l. to r.: Louis Hengen, P.G.C. of Miss.; John B. Wheelis, G.C. of Miss.; and Grover B. Garner, E.C. of Coast Commandery No. 19, Biloxi, and Sesquicentennial Class knighted on May 26, 1966.

### SESQUICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE AT YORK RITE CONCLAVE IN MARYLAND



Although 1966 was not the year for the Commandery to sponsor the York Rite Banquet at the Conclave, the other York Rite Bodies relinquished their turn in order that they might join with the Grand Commandery in celebrating the Sesquicentennial. There were some 490 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance at this banquet on May 10.



### THIRD DIVISION—GRAND COMMANDERY OF OHIO— COMMEMORATE SESQUICENTENNIAL



On May 7 the Commanderies of Cincinnati, Calvery, Hanselmann, Miami, Wilmington, Highland, Hamilton, Trinity, and Middletown joined in forming an outstanding ritualistic cast for conferring the Orders of Templary upon 21 candidates. George H. Thomas, P.G.C., and Cecil J. Pierce, P.G.C., participated in the Sesquicentennial Observance on this occasion.

### OREGON HOLDS SESQUICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL



Robert Fletcher Wagoner, J.W. of the Grand Commandery, directed the Sesquicentennial Festival held in Roseburg on May 28. Ascalon Commandery of Roseburg was the host Commandery, Jesse J. Fox, Commander. Twenty candidates were knighted in this class in which a number of Commanderies of the area participated in both giving the work and in attending the Festival.



## ZONE 3 (NEW YORK) CELEBRATES SESQUICENTENNIAL



Front row, l. to r.: Robert A. Joffe, E.C., Yonkers Commandery No. 47; Sidney E. Friar, G.S.B. and Zone Officer; Charles S. Borger, P.C., Bethlehem Commandery and Zone Commander; and Roger D. Patterson, E.C., Westchester Commandery No. 42.

Standing behind these officers are the 40 candidates.

The Commanderies of Zone 3 of the Grand Commandery of New York met in the asylum of Crusader Commandery, White Plains, N.Y., on May 21 and conferred all of the Orders culminating with a class of 40 for the Order of the

Temple. Sixty-six Sir Knights were in attendance. The Sir Knights of Yonkers Commandery conferred the Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta by Crusader, followed by Bethlehem Commandery conferring the Order of the Temple.

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## GEORGIA CELEBRATES SESQUICENTENNIAL

The three main classes have now been held, and together with the work done in individual Commanderies, more than 260 candidates received the Orders of Christian Knighthood.

New enthusiasm has been generated throughout the State, particularly due to the support of our Grand Commandery and the Grand

Encampment, the latter being typified by the time and trouble taken by John Crofts, Deputy Grand Master, in travelling to Atlanta to be present at one of the classes.

Georgia has also just held its 105th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and reports a net increase in membership for the third consecutive year.



**CYRENE COMMANDERY, BIRMINGHAM (Ala.)—  
1ST SESQUICENTENNIAL CLASS**



A second class was later held and a banquet was held on June 18 for both classes, at which time each newly made Sir Knight received a metal identification card commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment and an 8½x11 certificate printed in gold showing that he was a member of the Sesquicentennial Class.

Front row: H. E. Moore, George Middleton, Glen C. Durbin, Harry E. Wallis, Harry C. Harless, Carl E. Dunagan. Second row: M. S. Lee, L. W. Gray, T. W. Oliver, M. L. Griffith, Joe S. Dorough, R. M. Collins, George E. Tremelling, Preston C. Teer, James B. Holder, Gordon W. Apperson, Frank W. Barnes, A. Murray Weems. Back row: R. H. Scarbrough, Jr., G. W. Sorrell, M. D. Wood, L. C. Drinkard, E. W. John, Frank L. Craven, D. M. Lee, Joe D. Lee, Wm. L. Naff, A. V. Jannett, James T. McRae, T. A. McNickle, R. H. Carmichael.

Damascus Commandery, Keokuk, Iowa, celebrated its 100th Anniversary together with the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment on May 16. The speaker's table was decorated with a three layer birthday cake topped with an emblem of the Cross and Crown and placed on a rotating stand. Claude K. Bradley, G.C., and most of the Grand Line Officers were present for this occasion as well as many P.G.C.s.

The film "Christians Awake" narrated by Grand Master Bruck-

er, was one of the features of the Centennial and Sesquicentennial program.

All of the nine districts of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky held celebrations with a telephone hookup of the Sesquicentennial address of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Grand Master Brucker, being the highlight of the observance. Most of the districts celebrated the occasion with a banquet prior to the addresses.



## NORTH DAKOTA CELEBRATES WITH UNIQUE CEREMONY

By Albert G. Tverberg, G.R.

To testify to York Rite unity and its relationship to the sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., the honorary degree of "Knights of the Triple Tau" was conferred at the 77th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota, at Jamestown, March 17, 1966, upon Most Worshipful Brother Alfred P. Underdahl, Grand Master of Masons of North Dakota; Most Excellent Companion Thomas H. Rappley, Grand High Priest; Most Illustrious Companion James G. Fogeles, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters; and Sir Knight Ben J. Westdal, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of North Dakota; all of them were presented with lapel buttons in the form of a Salem Cross, the official emblem of the Grand Encampment, by Sir Knight Albert G. Tverberg, chairman of the sesquicentennial celebration in North Dakota, who directed the activities.

This ceremonial celebration culminated at the annual conclave of

the Grand Commandery, K.T. of North Dakota, Williston, April 25, 1966, when the history, philosophy and accomplishments of the Grand Encampment were dramatized by the distinguished guests.

Harold R. Kaiser, P.G.C. of South Dakota, recalled the historical events of June 4, 1890, when Dakota territorial Templary was divided into North and South Dakotas. To perpetuate this event he re-invested Grand Commander Westdal with the Grand Commander's jewel issued by Dakota Territory and Grand Commander Westdal reiterated the words of appreciation spoken by L. A. Rose, the first Grand Commander of North Dakota, spoken June 4, 1890. (All the Grand Commandery jewels were given to North Dakota.)

The ceremony ended with the enthusiastic rendition of the militant hymn:

"Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things;

As Templars, thousands strong,

Fight to suppress the wrong!"

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"SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR FESTIVAL CLASSES, KNIGHTINGS, AND CELEBRATIONS WILL CONTINUE DURING THE ENTIRE BALANCE OF 1966. THERE ARE DOZENS OF FESTIVALS AND SESQUICENTENNIAL CLASSES THAT WILL FORM DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR."

—WILBER M. BRUCKER, GRAND MASTER.

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### In Memoriam

#### Illinois

Elmore Fisher Whitman, G.C.,  
1958—May 2, 1966

#### Maine

Albert Edward Anderson, G.C.,  
1942—May 12, 1966

#### Massachusetts and Rhode Island

George Alfred Weeks, G.C., 1947,  
and G.R.—May 29, 1966

#### Oregon

Fred Albert Inman, G.C., 1928  
May 12, 1966



# Michigan Dedicates A Statue of George Washington

The gentle legions of Freemasonry marched more than 7,500 strong in Detroit, Saturday, May 21, to commemorate ten centuries of world Masonry and to dedicate and unveil a magnificent Masonic statue to the memory of George Washington.

The music of massed bands, the impressive gathering of symbolic lodge Masons, the colorful Shrine units, the stately Knights Templar platoons, quickened the pulses of the onlookers, who, according to Detroit Police Department estimates, numbered 25,000.

A fitting climax to the stirring unveiling ceremony was the masterful dedicatory address of Most Eminent Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, who stressed a quotation from Daniel Webster concerning this great man: "America has furnished to the world the character of Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind."

The magnificent bronze statue is the work of noted American sculptor Donald DeLue, and is a copy of one originally commissioned by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Louisiana, now standing in front of the City Library in New Orleans. It depicts Washington in the garb of Worshipful Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 of Virginia, an office he held while President of the United States.

Heroic in its lines and stately in its proportions, it is truly a craftsman's piece, incorporating every element of beauty and strength



At the right of the statue, left to right: John F. Langs, P.C., Chairman of Statue Committee; Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Percy H. Williams, Grand Master of Masons; George E. Gullen, Jr., Chairman of the Michigan Commission to Celebrate Ten Centuries of Masonry. At the left, l. to r.: Thomas M. Snediker, Charles L. Thorn, Cass V. Miller, James O. Lunsford, J. Fairbairn Smith, Clifford W. Jex, and Harry Etienne.

which is characteristic of America's greatest statesman. A symbol of brotherhood and of the fruition of the ideals which the Craft has traditionally nurtured through the ages, it stands in Detroit's beautiful Civic Center on Jefferson Avenue near Randolph, near Old Mariners' Church on which site the first Detroit Masonic Temple once stood and where the Grand Lodge,



F. & A. M. of Michigan was formed in 1826.

The formal presentation to the City of Detroit on behalf of Michigan's Masons was made by Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, Percy H. Williams, and accepted by Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh.

The parade moved from Masonic Temple at 3:00 p.m., headed by Grand Master Williams and his staff, marching nearly two miles to the dedication site, where formal ceremonies began at 4:30 p.m. Following in order were first the Blue Lodge Masons, and behind them the affiliate and appendant bodies, the DeMolay Boys, the Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters, then the Knights Templar, and finally the Shrine units.

Chairman of the parade was a man with much experience to his credit, former Captain General of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Robert Brooks.

It was truly an historic event for Michigan Masons and one which will stand tall in the annals of their history.

—(James Fairbairn Smith,  
Editor, *The Masonic World*, Mich.)

**The following is an excerpt from Grand Master Brucker's Dedication Address:**

"George Washington more than any other man gave solid, lasting substance to the new nation. It was no coincidence that he was unanimously elected the first President of the United States. Upon taking the oath of office he sealed his covenant by voluntarily adding to his acceptance oath these historic words: 'So help me God.' He unflinchingly supported the civil authorities because he was determined that America should not fall into that awful pitfall of revolution—the creation of a dictatorial, military State. He left nothing un-

done to build firm foundations for the new Republic—a sound administrative system, financial stability, domestic respect for the authority of the central government and worldwide respect for the United States as a responsible member of the Society of Nations. Out of disconnected fragments he molded a noble country. He achieved his country's independence by war, but he maintained its independence by resolute peace. He finally established both his country and its freedom in an enduring frame of constitutional government, fashioned to make liberty and union one and inseparable. These four achievements constitute the unexampled achievement of George Washington.

He practiced the profound diplomacy of truthful speech. He relied upon Providence which helps men by giving them high hearts and hopes to help themselves with the means which their Creator has put at their service.

His final patriotic service is contained in his famous 'Farewell Address,' which reads like a Last Will and Testament. He departed for his dearly beloved Mt. Vernon, never again to return to our Nation's Capital.

Our country needs the spirit of George Washington in our every day life. He had the will to lose his own life if necessary for the life of a larger cause. He held his personal sufferings of no account. We will have to find a similar spirit in the civil life of our people—the same pride, spirit and courage which characterized the unselfish devotion of George Washington. We need a view of the future that says:

Our country's strong,  
Our country's young  
And her greatest songs  
Are still unsung."



## District of Columbia Commanderies Exceed Goal For K.T. Eye Foundation Life Sponsorships

At the Seventy-First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, K.T. of the District of Columbia held in Washington, D. C., on May 14, 1966, it was announced that each of the three Commanderies of the jurisdiction had exceeded the ten percent goal for Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The 3 Commanderies, Washington No. 1, Columbia No. 2, and Potomac No. 3, had a combined total of 231 Life Sponsorships which represented 13½ percent of the membership. The Life Sponsorships of Columbia Commandery No. 2, represented 15 percent of its membership. The K.T. Eye Foundation's

Certificate of Award, in recognition of this achievement, was presented to each of the three Commanderies by Department Commander, John B. Cottrell, Jr.

It was also reported by Committee Chairman Harry L. Beach, P.G.C., who is also the General Chairman of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Cooperating Division of the K.T. Eye Foundation, that the District of Columbia Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star had contributed more than \$10,000.00 to the Eye Foundation in the past fifteen months.

—Ernest C. Barker, Correspondent

### A PRAYER OF PATRIOTISM

*God of our Fathers, whose Almighty hand hath made and preserved our Nation, we thank thee for the inheritance that is ours. We are grateful for our founding fathers, who were able to withstand persecution and who thus founded our Republic for the glory of God and in the name of human freedom. We praise thee for all the stalwart souls who have consecrated their strength to our country's highest good and who have helped to usher in the brighter day in which we live.*

*As we behold the stars and stripes floating in the sunlight may we ever dedicate ourselves to live in loyalty beneath it, remembering the men whose blood and heroism consecrated it and whose vision and sacrifice preserved it. As Thou did'st lead Israel of old with a*

*pillar of flame through the wilderness, so lead our Nation under our glorious emblem through this dark night. Give us a firm resolution to walk in Thy ways, never proceeding without thought and regard to Thy will.*

*Grant, that as Sir Knights, our lives may become the planks and bolts and spars of the Ship of State. Since Thou hast called us to live in this tremendous age, increase our sense of truth and justice. Give us faith and daring to do right though the heavens fall. Set our hearts on fire with a high resolve to keep our Nation under God. May Thy mercy keep us faithful; for His sake who was faithful completely, even Christ, our great Captain.*

AMEN.

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.



# Ancient Orders of Knighthood

## Templary Underground

(Seventh of a Series)

For more than six and a half centuries Masonic historians have been debating the question **What Happened To Templary After De-Molay Was Executed?**, and as yet, no one has come up with a logical or accurate answer, and we are trying to solve the enigma.

### VISTAS OF TEMPLARY

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

No doubt, thousands of Templars escaped arrest and the terrible fate that awaited those arrested. It has been estimated that forty thousand members of the Order escaped arrest in France alone. What happened to the others?

Now, let us consider the character of these men. The finest professional soldiers of the Age, Dr. William Mosely Brown suggests the improbability that kings, so badly needing fighting men, would unhesitatingly cast them into prison. He also shows why an intimate connection exists between ancient and modern Templary is not only possible but probable.

Noting the Name, the Ritualistic ceremonials, the battle cry and the symbolism of the medieval Knights, as so definitely exemplified in modern Templary, Brother Brown rightly concludes that further research will, sooner or later, find the so-called **missing link** between the dim past and the present.

In his **Highlights of Templar History**, Dr. Brown gives several

important theories showing the connection between ancient and modern Templary. Briefly summarized, they are as follows:

1. That Secret Pories continued in England (and elsewhere) after the suppression.
2. That the Templars entered the Masons Guilds and preserved their ritual in these groups.
3. That the Templars who entered the Order of Christ preserved their ritual, and subsequently permitted it to become a part of Freemasonry.
4. That fugitive Templars under John Marc Larmenius organized a Grand Priory and eventually became the Ordre du Temple in France.
5. That fugitive Templars fled to Sweden and under Pierre d'Aument organized a Grand Priory and were absorbed eventually by Freemasonry as the **Rite of Strict Observance**.
6. That the Hospitalers who entered the Order of St. John of the Hospital in Scotland, dominated that Order and at the time of the Reformation joined the Freemasons.

After war, the participants united to keep alive the friendships and ideals of their association. The Templars may have united in such an organization, ever remembering that the Papal Bull made such an association **secret**.

During the Crusades, leaders temporal and spiritual, lords and citizens, united themselves together to restore the Temple of the Christians in the Holy Land. Whether the Guilds, Steinmetzen



and Cathedral Builders of the Middle Ages were in any way associated with Templary is questioned. It is possible.

Dion II, King of Portugal, refused to suppress Templary. Instead, he created a new Order, called the **Order of Christ**, an order that Pope John XXII approved by a Papal Bull in 1319.

The pretended Charter of Transmission whereby Jacques de Molay passed on the leadership of the Order through successive Grand Masters to John Marc Larmenius is one of the greatest frauds of Masonic history. We have little evidence of the actual existence of this document, and its shaky authenticity and validity makes interesting reading but poor history.

The **Rite of Strict Observance**, advocated both by Pierre d'Aumont and later by Baron von Hund, states that d'Aumont fled to Scotland with many of the persecuted Knights, joined the forces of Robert Bruce, fought at the Battle of Bannockburn, and continued their Templary in that locality.

The advocates of Baron von Hund claim that he received the Orders of Knighthood at Clermont, France, and that he established the Rite of Strict Observance there. An ardent supporter of the Stuarts, he supported the two Pretenders. His group was of the **vengeance** variety; closely associated with the Jesuits, who also advocated the return of the House of Stuart. There are some points of truth in this theory, which needs much more careful study and delineation.

Parallel thinking is also found in the theories of those who suggest the perpetuation of Templary by those Templars who fled to Scotland as an independent organization and became a part of the Order of St. John of the Hospital.

It is said of them that in the year 1560, the Preceptor of the Hospitalers, with others, assisted by some esquires and serving brethren, met and formed a Chapter at Sterling.

This statement led James Fairbairn Smith, Editor of the **Detroit Masonic World**, to make the statement that there are now two further sources of investigations by which the continuity of Templary may be traced—the first, the recent excavations in Israel, where Templar records and relics have been uncovered, and second, that the old records of the Masonic Lodge at Sterling, Scotland, dating back well into the sixteenth century, may also bring to light further discoveries and information on ancient Templary.

On my own part, I have found numerous references to Templary in the Transactions of **Research Lodge No. CC of Ireland**, in which we can surmise that through the old Irish Lodges—especially in the Military Lodges, both of Ireland and of Scotland, we may find illuminating data which will give us a different viewpoint in considering the whole question of Templary. It is entirely probable that these new vistas will shed light on facts that have been, till now, obscure. It is something that Masonic students may find to be a well of information, and we hope, effective factual evidence.

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**“WE WILL NOT DROP VISITATIONS TO THE GRAND COMMANDERIES BY GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS, ET AL. IN 1967, BUT WILL COVER THE GRAND COMMANDERIES IN THE ‘THIRD YEAR’ JUST AS WE DID IT IN 1965-1966!”**

—WILBER M. BRUCKER,  
Grand Master



## July—Month of Decision 190 Years Ago

### Glimpses of the Masonic Patriots Who Risked “Lives, Fortunes and Sacred Honor”

In the City of Philadelphia on the evening of July 4, 1776, a vote for adoption of one of the world's great documents was carried unanimously. On that evening, 190 years ago, Brother John Hancock of Massachusetts, President of Congress, affixed his signature to the Declaration of Independence in large, bold letters “so that King George III may read it without putting on his glasses.”

Brother Hancock was one of many Masons whose names and fortunes were identified with that immortal document. All had far more to lose by signing this “proclamation of liberty” than to gain. Almost without exception they were men of family, property and prestige.

Hancock was born January 12, 1737, in what is now Quincy, Massachusetts. He died in Quincy on October 8, 1793, living barely long enough to see his country safely embarked upon the sea of independence under a responsible and efficient government.

He was a graduate of Harvard, later its Treasurer. He was a successful merchant and, in addition to other public offices, became the first Governor of Massachusetts from 1780 to 1785, and again from 1787 until his death. He was named a Major General in the Massachusetts Militia in 1776.

Brother Hancock became a member of Merchants Lodge No. 277, Quebec, January 26, 1762, and affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, nine months later. As a Masonic patriot he had few peers. The name of Hancock to this day remains a symbol of fraternal regard and zealous love of country.

There were others. Benjamin Franklin, the only “old” man in the resolute group, had a Masonic record as long and distinguished as his list of accomplishments as an editor, philosopher, inventor, and statesman. His words at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, like Hancock's, are well remembered: “Indeed we must all hang together. Otherwise we shall most assuredly hang separately.”

William Ellery, Rhode Island, was a Boston Mason whose fine home later was burned to the ground by the British. At the signing, he recounted later, he worked his way close to the secretary's desk so he could observe the faces of his fellow patriots as they signed the document. He saw some write quickly, some slowly, some with a dramatic flourish, but he could detect no real fear on any face. His Rhode Island colleague Stephen Hopkins (not a Mason himself) said as he signed: “My hand trembles, but my heart does not.”

Brother Joseph Hewes was a signer for North Carolina. He died in Philadelphia while still a member of Congress, apparently from strain and overwork. Another North Carolina Mason, William Hooper, a Bostonian who moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, to practice law, returned to his adopted state after his service in the Continental Congress and died in 1790 at the age of 48.

Robert Treat Paine, a Massachusetts Mason, later was a founder of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Brother Richard Stockton, New Jersey, was seized



by Torries and imprisoned a few months after the signing.

George Walton, whose home and Masonic membership were in Georgia, was twice Governor of his State and served as a United States Senator briefly in the 1790's. He was a courageous soldier as well as a distinguished jurist. After the signing, he took to the battlefield. Wounded and captured in 1778, he was exchanged in 1779.

Signer William Whipple, New Hampshire, became a Brigadier

General in 1777 and saw "considerable" active service. He was raised in St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, in 1752.

These and others who pledged their "Lives, Fortunes, and Sacred Honor" almost two centuries ago are never to be forgotten. Their examples become especially meaningful and inspiring to every Mason—and to all Americans—during this, the birthday month of our nation.

## Oliver S. Willham . . . as an Educator

Oklahoma's Past Grand Commander, Oliver S. Willham, has completed a remarkable career as a professional educator in his state.

He retired on June 30, 1966, as President of Oklahoma State University under the university's policy of mandatory retirement at age 65, thus completing 43 years of service to higher education in Oklahoma.

Sir Knight Willham was chief administrator of Oklahoma State University for the past 16 years, including 14 years as President and the preceding two years as Executive Vice-President.

During his presidency, the university at Stillwater, Oklahoma, doubled its enrollment to more than 18,000 students, constructed forty million dollars worth of buildings, granted 35,00 graduate and undergraduate degrees, enlarged its international education programs to Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Japan, and the South Pacific, and achieved unusual cooperation and stability in faculty, student, and alumni relations.

All of his professional career as an educator was at two Oklahoma institutions, the university at Still-

water for 31 years, and Panhandle A&M College at Goodwell, Oklahoma, for 12 years.

He is the first graduate of his alma mater ever to serve as its President and the first President of Oklahoma State ever to retire in office.

Likewise, Sir Knight Willham has a distinguished Masonic record. He is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and is a Past Department Commander



Oliver S. Willham



of the Grand Encampment. He is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Omer Chapter, Oklahoma City. A member of India Temple Shrine, Oklahoma City, and a K.C.C.H. member of the Scottish Rite Consistory, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

As a nationally known educator, he contributed leadership to many organizations. He is a Past Chairman and Past Secretary of the Council of Presidents for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He is a Past President of the Southern Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He is a Past Secretary and member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Education Board. He is a Past Director of the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest.

He is a Past Deputy Chairman and Publicity Director for the Tenth District Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, Mo.

He is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, is a Past President of the Oklahoma Council of Churches, was an Oklahoma Delegate to the National Council of Churches, and received the 1966 "Man of the Year" award

from the Oklahoma chapter of the National Council of Christians and Jews.

In his special field of interest in agriculture, he is a Past President and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Agricultural Hall of Fame, Kansas City, and a member of the Board of Governors of the American Royal Livestock Exposition, Kansas City, and a Trustee of the American Farm Foundation of Chicago.

In his own state he has been a Vice-President of the Oklahoma Frontiers of Science Foundation, a Director of the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art, a Trustee of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, a Trustee of the Oklahoma State Safety Council, a Past President and Trustee of the Will Rogers Council, Boy Scouts of America, and 1963 Campaign Chairman for the Oklahoma State Heart Association.

He is a Past President of the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Sir Knight Willham's outstanding record as a professional educator in Oklahoma is completed, but his service to his fellowmen will continue for many years to come.

## *From Our Readers*

### **Detroit Commandery Men Busy**

Arthur Churchman, Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1, K. T., led 16 platoons of their famous Drill Corps onto the parade grounds at Marquette, Michigan, Saturday, June 18, 1966, for the Grand Commandery Conclave of all Michigan Templars held June 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Louis J. Asmus, Past Command-

er is the Captain General of the Drill Corps who has performed for presidents, and coast-to-coast to the delight of millions.

The Knights Templar conclave in Marquette was the first official visit to the Upper Peninsula in fifty years. Because of the great interest and continual growth of Freemasonry in the Upper Penin-





### THE DETROIT COMMANDERY NO. 1, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, FAMED PASSION CROSS ON PARADE

sula, the white-plumed Knights of Michigan chose to convene in Marquette this year. The nearly 1,000 mile round trip was enjoyed by nearly 250 Knights Templar of Detroit Commandery alone. Many families took advantage of the conclave site to visit the beautiful country to the north, travel-

ing by car, special buses and planes.

Detroit Commandery No. 1's famed Drill Corps has been the leading force in Detroit's 115 years of continual service to mankind. In 1947 they paraded at the Inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower in Washington, D. C.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WALTER

Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, and executive director and founder of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., was invited to spend his 86th birthday in Galveston, Texas, and attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas.

On his birthday which was April 18th, 1966, and celebrated on the evening of the Annual Banquet of

the Grand Commandery of Texas, he was presented with a lovely birthday cake and candles, with about 2,000 singing "Happy Birthday."

The real surprise of the evening was the presentation of 149 Life Sponsors, 7 Patrons, 1 Associate Patron and a donation of \$500.00 from the Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls of Texas in the total amount of \$5,720.00.

The birthday cake was cut during the evening and many Sir Knights and their ladies enjoyed partaking of same.



## Athelstan Commandery (Ill.) Confers DeMolay Degree



L. L. Lockard Chapter, Order of DeMolay honored William E. Barnes on May 31, with the conferring of the Degree of Chevalier. The degree was conferred by members of Athelstan Commandery No. 45, Danville, Illinois, who are also officers of the three local ancient craft lodges, and DeMolay Advisors. All are members of the Scottish Rite and a number of them hold offices in both York Rite and

Scottish Rite bodies. The Grand Commander was Bill's father, William B. Barnes, who is Chapter Dad.

Bill is a Past Master Councilor, holding the Meritorious Service Award. He is a member of the Knighthood Priory in Moline, Illinois, and at present serves as Jurisdictional Scribe and District Governor. He will attend the University of Illinois this fall.

The degree was attended by many Masons who are active in their local lodges and many of whom are 33°. Following the investiture a fellowship hour was held with the Mothers Club serving light refreshments.

An Honor Guard was composed of Commandery members, led by Otis L. Kinney, Eminent Commander.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PARTICIPATE IN WEDDING CEREMONY FOR THEIR COMMANDER



L. to r.: Mrs. Deck, Grand Commander Deck, Mrs. Shaver, and Sir Knight Shaver.

On March 19, the Sir Knights of Temple Commandery, Albany, New York, participated in the wedding ceremonies for their Commander, Charles E. Shaver, Jr., to Janet F. McDowell. The wedding was under

the direction of John J. Bahn, P.G.C. The ceremony was held at the West End United Presbyterian Church in Albany and was a candlelight ceremony. A number of Sir Knights under the direction of Earl E. Ashworth, P.C., served as an honor guard. The Line Officers of the Commandery acted as ushers. Warren H. Deck, G.C., and Mrs. Deck were among the many distinguished guests.

### THE DUTIES OF A GRAND COMMANDER?

The following is a quote from a letter to the Editor under date of May 26 from Frederick J. Smith, G.C. of Oklahoma:

"Last Saturday the Shawnee York Rite Bodies were hosts for a Chapter-Council Field Day to get a class of candidates ready for a



Sesquicentennial Class to be held in Oklahoma City on June 4th. I had charge of 'stage work' for the degrees, and while trying to lower myself into the 'vault' to arrange the 'deposits,' I tore the biceps muscle in the upper right arm loose at the elbow. Will enter the hospital (Oklahoma City) Monday, the 30th, for corrective surgery on Tuesday. Will be in the hospital for a week, and will have arm in cast for 6 weeks. Depends on type of cast as to how active I will be able to be during those weeks."

### 103 YEAR OLD "JOINER"

Probably the oldest person to become a Knight Templar is William E. Hine, who recently became a member of Holy Grail Commandery of Hazel Park, Michigan. Sir Knight Hine became a member of Harmony Masonic Lodge in New Milford, Connecticut, on March 4, 1889, some 77 years before he was knighted.

He became a member of the Shrine this year at which time he responded to his introduction with a brief speech which brought a standing ovation from more than 1,500 diners.

Sir Knight Hine is 5' 5", weighs approximately 100 pounds, and rode in his first parade during the Ten Centuries of Freemasonry Celebration in Detroit on May 21.

### NEW 3-WAY YORK RITE PETITIONS AVAILABLE FOR OKLAHOMA MASONS

Attractively printed new 3-way York Rite petitions are now available through the Masonic Home Print Shop at \$3.50 per hundred or 4c each in lesser quantities, and in the forms as approved by the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma. Each petition for Chapter, Council or Commandery is included, and can be detached for separ-

ate filing if desired. On page 4 of the new petition forms is an outline of the benefits to be received by a Master Mason petitioning for the York Rite. When you place one of these petitions with your Master Mason friend, you tell him the reason why he should receive the York Rite and provide him with the petitions for doing so. We recommend the use of these 3-way petition forms. If you desire a sample of the form, write the Grand Secretary-Recorder, P. O. Box 1037, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401. —(Oklahoma York Rite News, June, 1966.)

### ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

Ascension Day Religious Services were held at the Church of the Pilgrims, Presbyterian—U. S., Washington, D. C., on Thursday evening, May 19. A large number of uniformed Sir Knights from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia formed in procession and marched into the church. Visiting Sir Knights from West Virginia, Michigan, and Missouri also attended this service. The sermon was delivered by Dr. John Randolph Taylor, minister of the church. Assisting in the services were Sir Knight Samuel T. Farmer, P.G.C. and Grand Prelate; the Reverend and Sir Knight James H. Brown, minister of the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church; and the Reverend and Sir Knight Charles E. Niner, minister of the Hiss Methodist Church of Baltimore. These services were most impressive in every respect.

—Ernest C. Barker, Correspondent

### CORRECTION

W. King Larimore, Dep. Grand Master General of Convent General, K.Y.C.H., was incorrectly referred to in our last issue. Our apology.



## **Fiftieth Triennial Conclave — Detroit**

**(General Order Number 16)**

The Fiftieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will convene in the city of Detroit, Michigan, upon the invitation of the Grand Commandery of Michigan on August 19-24, 1967, inclusive.

The headquarters for the Fiftieth Triennial Conclave will be at the Statler-Hilton Hotel located on Washington Boulevard, at Grand Circus Park in the city of Detroit, Michigan. The Statler-Hilton Hotel is completely modern. Every room is air-conditioned. All of the hotels where the Sir Knights will be housed are air-conditioned.

The office of the Fiftieth Triennial Conclave Committee—the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, the Right Eminent Grand Captain General, the Registration desk and the meeting rooms for various Committees—will be at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Detroit.

The Conclaves of the Grand Encampment will be held at the Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Avenue, on the days and at the hours hereinafter set forth.

### **THE HOST CITY—DETROIT**

The Fiftieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment to be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 19-24, 1967, will be unusually attractive, entertaining and interesting to every Sir Knight, his wife and family.

Detroit is located on the Detroit River—which connects Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair—two of the Great Lakes. Across the Detroit River is Canada with the enterprising city of Windsor. Many people like to come to Detroit where they can go to a “foreign land” in 5 minutes by way of a tunnel under the river, or over the large Ambassador Bridge. Also, many people from inland areas like the opportunity to see the Great Lakes and tour both Peninsulas of Michigan, as well as to visit Canada.

Detroit has an historic background. It was founded in 1701 by a Frenchman named Cadillac, and was originally known as Fort Ponchartrain deTroit—meaning “The Fort of The Straits.” Later the name was shortened to Detroit.

Detroit is a city of friendly, warm and cordial people. It is a city of homes, churches and public parks. Its new Civic Center on the Detroit River front is the pride of the Middle West. It contains Cobo Arena and Cobo Hall, which are supplemented by Ford Auditorium. Detroit is an industrial center, where you will see the automobile and other products being manufactured, while the products of tomorrow are being designed. You will have an opportunity to see Henry Ford’s Greenfield Village, with its early Americana and all its rare museum exhibits. You will see the cultural side of life at the new, large art museums, the libraries, the famous Zoo, Cranbrook and Wayne University, with one of the greatest medical centers in the world. Detroit has entertainment in abundance and restaurants with good food.

Detroit is the “Arsenal of Democracy” and is known world-wide as “Detroit the Dynamic.” In 1805 Detroit was entirely destroyed by fire. Symbolic of the spirit of its people, it was rebuilt, and out of that re-



building came the motto of Detroit: "SPERAMUS MELIORA: RESURGET CINERIBUS"—"We hope for better things—it shall rise again from its ashes." Detroit is a wonderful city and will be a splendid host city for our great Christian Order of Knighthood. Detroit will welcome you when you and your wife and family come in 1967.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Saturday, August 19, 1967**

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will reconvene in its Fiftieth Triennial Conclave on Saturday, August 19, 1967, at promptly 12:00 o'clock Noon in the Consistory Cathedral on the First Floor of the Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Avenue. Full Templar Uniform and Sword will be worn. Distinguished visitors and guests will be received at the beginning of the Conclave. The Grand Master's Report, as well as the Reports of the Right Eminent Grand Recorder and the Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, will be received, and such other business transacted as shall come before the opening session of the Triennial Conclave. The Conclave will remain in session until 4:30 P.M.

The Triennial Parade, which is always a highlight of every Triennial Conclave, will be held on Saturday evening, August 19, 1967, at 7:00 P.M., over downtown streets of Detroit, terminating at the City-County Building—a distance of 1½ miles in length. The Grand Marshal of the Triennial Parade will be Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, who will issue the necessary detailed Parade Orders in due time. Full Templar Uniform with sword will be worn by all participating.

#### **Sunday, August 20, 1967**

Divine Service will be held at Cobo Arena in the Civic Center at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, under the leadership of the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, D.D.

Cobo Arena is completely air-conditioned and has a seating capacity of 12,500. The lower floor will be occupied exclusively by Knights Templar in full Templar Uniform, with sword. Seats on the lower floor will be arranged in the form of a huge Cross of Salem. Wives and members of Templar families and friends are invited to sit in the spacious balconies. Due to the large crowd of Masons and their friends from Detroit and elsewhere in Michigan who will attend, it is suggested that our visitors come early so as to get good seats.

At 6:30 P.M. the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan will tender a Buffet Supper to the Most Eminent Grand Master, the Distinguished Guests, Grand Encampment Officers, Department Commanders, Grand Commanders and other members of the Grand Encampment and their Ladies, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The attire for the Grand Master's Buffet Supper will be fatigue uniforms and informal for the ladies. This Buffet Supper is what has been termed for many years as the "Family Party."

#### **Monday, August 21, 1967**

The Triennial Conclave will reconvene at 9:30 A.M. at the Consistory Cathedral of the Detroit Masonic Temple. The fatigue uniform will be acceptable attire. The business session will continue until 12:00 o'clock Noon, when there will be a recess, during which time there will be a complimentary lunch for all members of the Grand Encampment. This



lunch will be served in the Fountain Room of the Detroit Masonic Temple, beginning at 12:15 P.M. The Grand Encampment will reconvene at 2:00 P.M. and continue until 4:30 P.M. There will be reports of officers and committees throughout the day, including the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence upon all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and such other business as may come before the Conclave.

Commencing at 9:00 A.M. Drill Competition will be held at Cobo Arena, and will continue throughout the day under the supervision of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations, which will issue the necessary detailed Drill Competition Orders in due time. Fatigue uniform with cap will be acceptable attire for all Grand Encampment officers and members and Distinguished Guests. There will be a Grand Encampment Officer, or Personal Representative of the Grand Master present at all times during the Drill Competition at Cobo Arena.

Commencing at 8:00 P.M. an Exhibition Drill will be given by the famous 16-Platoon Drill Corps of Detroit Commandery No. 1 at Cobo Arena, to be followed by the Triennial Grand March. The attire for members of the Grand Encampment and guests will be full Templar Uniform without sword.

#### **Tuesday, August 22, 1967**

The Triennial Conclave will reconvene at 9:30 A.M. at the Consistory Cathedral of the Detroit Masonic Temple. Fatigue uniform will be acceptable attire. The business session will hear the report of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and reports of other Committees, together with such other business as shall come before the Conclave. The business session will continue until 12:00 o'clock Noon. At that time there will be a recess, during which time a complimentary luncheon will be served for all members of the Grand Encampment at the Fountain Room of the Detroit Masonic Temple, beginning at 12:15 P.M.

The Grand Encampment will reconvene at 2:00 o'clock P.M. and continue until 4:30 o'clock P.M., during which time the balance of all Committee Reports will be received, including the Grand Encampment Committee on Credentials.

The Triennial Drill Team Luncheon will be held at Cobo Hall at 12:00 o'clock Noon. This will be a complimentary luncheon for all participating Drill Teams and Templar Bands and their Ladies. At this time all prizes and awards will be made by the Grand Master.

#### **Wednesday, August 23, 1967**

The Grand Encampment will reconvene at 9:30 o'clock A.M. at the Consistory Cathedral of the Detroit Masonic Temple. In compliance with section 115 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, the first Order of Business will be the election of officers to serve during the next Triennial Period of 1967 to 1970. The remaining business of the Fiftieth Triennial Conclave will be conducted throughout the entire day. The business session will recess at 12:00 o'clock Noon. At that time there will be a complimentary luncheon for all members of the Grand Encampment, beginning at 12:15 o'clock P.M. at the Crystal Ballroom of the Detroit Masonic Temple.

The Grand Encampment will reconvene at 2:00 o'clock P.M. and continue until 4:30 o'clock P.M., during which time the remaining busi-



ness of the Triennial Conclave is expected to be conducted.

The Triennial Grand Master's Banquet will be tendered to the Most Eminent Grand Master to be held at Cobo Hall, beginning at 6:30 o'clock P.M. The attire for the Grand Master's Banquet will be full Templar Uniform—without chapeau or sword. There will be a delightful musical program and a talk by a national speaker.

**Thursday, August 24, 1967**

The Grand Encampment will convene at 9:30 o'clock A.M. for the conclusion of all business. At 11:00 o'clock A.M. there will be the Installation of the incoming Most Eminent Grand Master and other incoming Grand Encampment officers and Department Commanders.

This Installation will be a large public ceremony and all Templars and their Ladies and families are invited to attend. A complimentary buffet lunch will be served immediately after the Installation Ceremony at 12:15 o'clock P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Detroit Masonic Temple—to which all present at the Installation are cordially invited.

### SPECIAL INFORMATION

The Committee on Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America, consists of Sir Knight Fred England, Jr., P.G.C. of Michigan, as Chairman; Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, P.G.C. of Indiana; and Sir Knight John Temple Rice, Most Eminent Past Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Recorder, as members.

The Chairman of the Triennial Conclave Committee of 1967 is Sir Knight Rex R. Brubaker, Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan. A non-profit Michigan corporation, known as the Knight Templar Fiftieth Triennial Corporation, has been formed and will carry out all administrative arrangements under the supervision of the Committee on Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

All requests for information should be directed to Sir Knight Rex R. Brubaker, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

All requests for room reservations and housing should be addressed to Sir Knight Virgil J. Leech, P.C., Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

Several Grand Commanderies have indicated a desire to be hosts to a breakfast or luncheon. Arrangements for all such breakfasts and luncheons will be made through Sir Knight Virgil J. Leech, P.C., before the hotels, Masonic Temple or Cobo Hall can enter into any final agreement. When approved by Sir Knight Leech, the sponsors for such breakfasts or luncheons will issue their own invitations, designating the time and place of such events and shall keep Sir Knight Leech informed of any changes that may occur.

The Triennial Conclave Committee of 1967 will, in due time, issue a detailed program of all entertainment, and particularly the entertainment for the Ladies throughout the Triennial Conclave. Also the Triennial Conclave Committee of 1967 will furnish detailed information as to transportation and all other matters affecting the courtesy, hospitality and entertainment of all who attend the Fiftieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

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Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights



Templar of the United States of America, at Detroit, Michigan, this 20th day of June, A.D. 1966, A.O. 848.

Courteously,  
WILBER M. BRUCKER,  
Grand Master  
JOHN TEMPLE RICE,  
Grand Recorder

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## Templar Gleanings

Although at this writing definite availability cannot be assured, plans have been made to offer recorded excerpts of the 150th Anniversary Observance to Grand and Constituent Commanderies for program use later in the year.

The recorded highlights, in audio tape form, are expected to range from 20 to 30 minutes in length. The purpose is to make portions of the official celebration of the Grand Encampment's Centennial available for Sir Knights and ladies who could not attend the function at the Waldorf Astoria on June 18.

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### Words To Live By:

"We live in memories and anticipation—in the past and in the future. The present is the threshold." (Grand Master of Masons in Maryland—at May 10 Annual York Rite Banquet, Baltimore)

"We carry the Christian Banner; we have a mission. In business and government there is not the old fashioned morality there should be. Bring it back!" (Deputy Grand Master John L. Crofts—at Maryland's Annual York Rite Banquet)

"Where are now your boundaries? The distinction between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New

Yorkers, New Englanders are no more. I am not a Virginian but an American." (Patrick Henry—speaking to the First Continental Congress)

"Your Grand Master is of the belief that the job of strengthening our Templar membership takes top priority—Obtaining petitions takes work—hard work—but it pays off if we stay on the job day-in-and-out until the job is licked." (Grand Master Brucker in his June 3 Newsletter)

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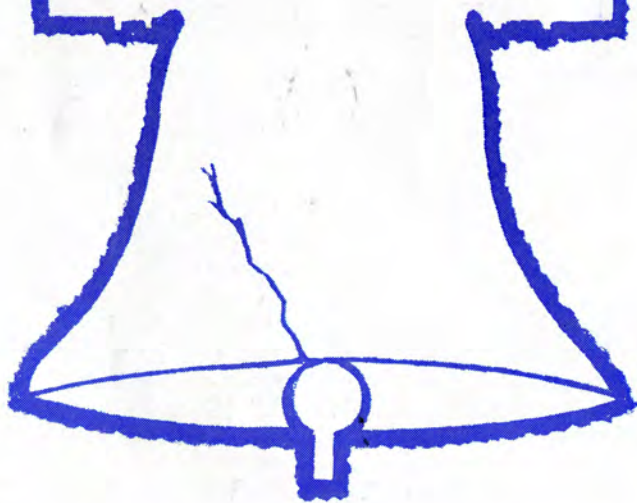
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Washington's Farewell Address  
—1796



Illustrated on the front cover is the heroic  
George Washington monument dedicated  
Saturday, May 21, 1966, at Detroit, Michigan.  
Thousands of Masons, from Michigan and  
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