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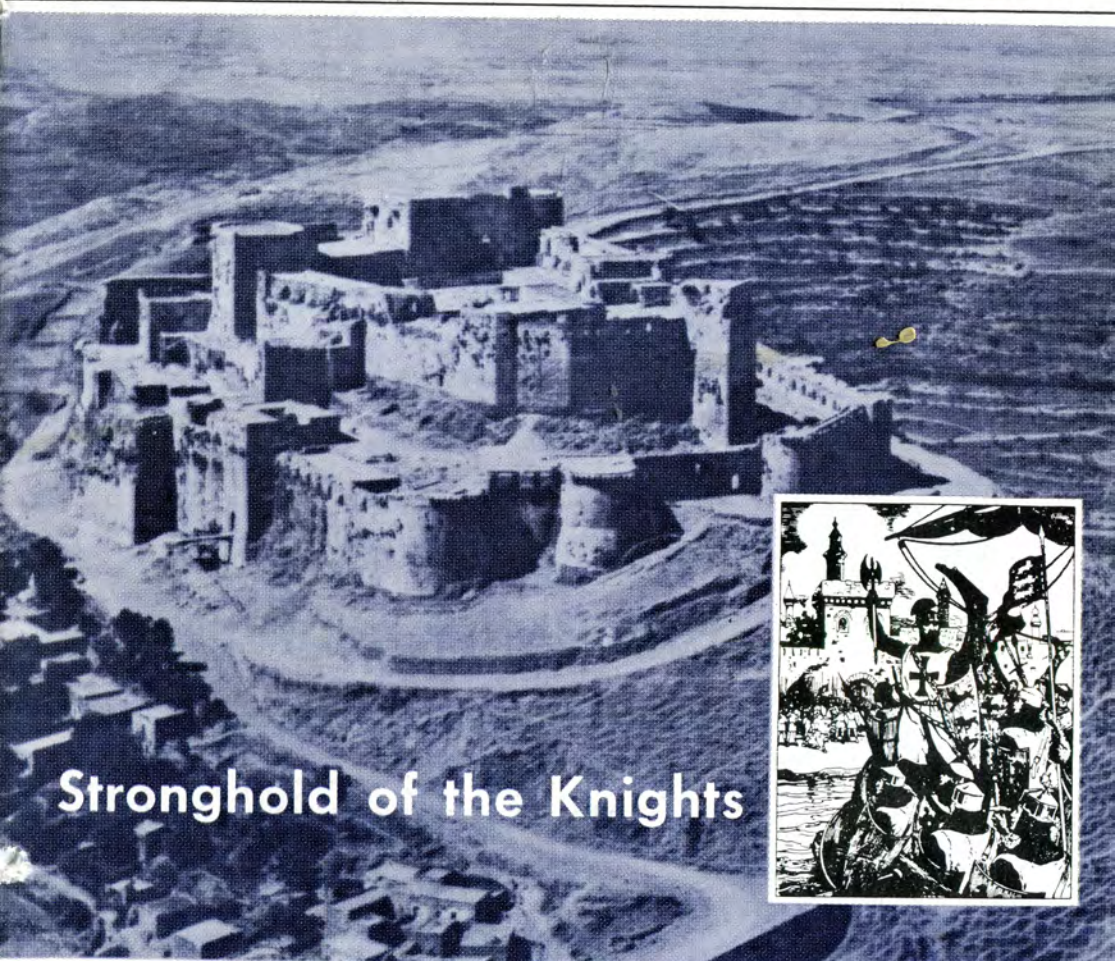


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A Message From the Grand Master - -



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

LET'S TAKE THE COMMANDERY TO OUR AILING TEMPLARS

While so many people are talking about how to solve world problems, let us get down to earth and consider our first duty to our own ailing Templars.

It is the Christian duty of every Knight Templar to visit and comfort the sick—especially our own Christian warriors who become sick or are hospitalized. Nothing brings more consolation to a stricken Knight Templar than a cheerful visit, or even a “get well card” from a fellow Templar, who understands his language and can lend encouragement to him at a time when he needs a “pat on the back.”

Every Commandery ought to have a Sick Committee. No Committee is more important. Members of the Sick Committee should be selected for their sense of compassion, as well as their willingness to take over this indispensable responsibility. The only danger in hav-

ing a Sick Committee is that the rest of the Commandery may get the impression that this excuses them from any responsibility toward the sick. The purpose of the Sick Committee is to make sure no sick Templar is overlooked—but that doesn't relieve any Sir Knight from becoming personally concerned—and making it his business to visit his fellow Templar when he becomes sick or hospitalized.

Then, too, let us remember that there are Templars who have grown old and are bedridden at home. Some of them have lost their dear wife. Some are terribly lonely and in low spirits. Some are in nursing homes. Some are impoverished. To each of these we owe the same Christian duty of visitation to cheer them up and let them know we still care. Instead of constantly asking why some Sir Knights do not visit our Commandery asylum, let's take the Commandery to our ailing Templars. If you have ever been sick and hospitalized you will know how one longs for companionship. Let's think of how we would cherish a little “milk of human kindness” if the situation were reversed.

Then there is another group—the widows and the fatherless of our deceased Templars. Let's never forget them. They are still a part of the Commandery family. My own mother was a Commandery widow and I recall with poignant memory the measure of her sorrow and loneliness. What a wonderful thing it would be if strong and vigorous Templars, and particularly their wives, would make it their business to visit and comfort Templar widows—many of whom are sick and hospitalized. How can anyone feel that he is a true Christian warrior unless he does his full share toward relieving this kind of distress? It is my earnest prayer that my message will find a place in your heart and that you will cheerfully respond in these terms:

“If any lift of mine may ease
The burden of another
God give me love and care and strength
To help an ailing brother.”

TEMPLARY AND CHRISTIAN CHURCH SHARE COMMON GOALS

Report of the Committee on Religious Activities
of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Burt D. Pearson, Chairman

(Grand Encampment Conference, June 18, 1966)

Presumably, anything in the way of a report to this New York Assembly in behalf of the Committee on Religious Activities of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America must answer questions which relate to its purposes, or reasonably so, at least. One query might well be: "In what manner does it (the committee) serve its time and Templary?" Another question could be: "Is it useful and does it do a good enough presentation to challenge Knights Templar?"

In the minds of those who compose the Committee on Religious Activities, there is a belief—a strong belief—that it promotes, or helps to promote, a principal tenet in Templary, and this in the realm of Christian fellowship, an exalted type of ecumenicity. It strives, and this without ceasing, to give vitality to the moral and spiritual landmarks of the Order, and accepts as fundamental the obligation of every Sir Knight to identify himself and his family with the Christian Church.

Members of the committee hold to the opinion that there should be total rapport between the body of Templary and the various denominations which make up the Christian Church—the followers of the Great Captain of Our Salvation. The Grand Encampment, every Grand Commandery and all Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies should make loyalty to Christ and His Church a transcendent

commitment, and not a lip-service avowal, more honored in the "breach" than in the substance.

Religion pure and undefiled has—if we read Templary's printed word aright—a priority place in the Order. However, if this plain duty to the Christian Church is to express meaning in a manner which shall give vigor and growth to the Order of Knights Templar and a concurrent lift to the co-operating sects within the body of Christ's Church, Sir Knights and their households must work more diligently than ever before—in flaming dedication—to advance this kind of ecumenicity. It cannot be a delegated task.

To be sure, your committee recognizes that there are other Templary objectives and projects to be prospered as these relate to the whole duty of a thoroughly Christian Knight. Among these are the Eye Foundation, the Education Foundation, love of country, safety of person in the streets of the nation, good citizenship—indeed, the entire range of those purposes and ideals which are accepted by responsible Americans.

Yet, the matter of practicing the Christian verities is a first necessity, a first responsibility of those Knights Templar who would achieve and hold stature in the national community. The Christian religion is a first priority, a fundamental commitment. We cannot in conscience be a lesser breed than is required by the obligation of decency at its best. In some instances, we

are failing to measure up to the exalted part which the Order adjures.

It is indicated in certain statistics that membership in the Christian Church is on the uptrend. Of a surety, this bodes well for America. However, some analyses of these "growth" figures seem to say that membership ties are very loose—hardly to be considered firm attachment in the dedicatory sense. Here is a specific area in which consecrated Knights Templar can and should be challenged. They should make more meaningful their own membership ties and in so doing take on leadership roles in both Templary and church. This could be an exciting and rewarding experience, good for Templary and good for organized religion.

Other statistics, those which chronicle crime news and the trend in this country to wholesale lawlessness, give attest to the conclusion that the United States sorely needs a mammoth resurgence of the great verities come down from the Founding Fathers, if the future for America as a nation hospitable to Christianity is to be reasonably assured. Evil is riding herd in the mainstream of American life today.

The America of a happier day must be reborn. Certain things in life are so final, one of these, the inexorable Judgment. If Knights Templar and their kith and kin can be challenged, perhaps Templary can be the catalyst to spearhead a great crusade for the soul of this land. Templary has the leadership. The call of the hour is for followers, doers, workers, Sir Knights on fire. Only a Templary charged to herald its basic beliefs and commitments can recruit those additions to its ranks which are so

needful in a critical time in nation and world.

When the famous French statesman, De Tocqueville, visited the United States in 1831, he found a vibrant America, a country on the rise because the foundations were firmly secure in the bedrock of those eternal values which gave this nation birth and strength.

This is what the renowned De Tocqueville said following his 1831 visitation to our shores:

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there . . . in the fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce . . . and it was not there. . . ."

"Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.

"America is great because she is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Knights Templar and the Church of Christ, in union with all citizens of good will, must pull the fangs of this country's arrogant underworld, enthrone integrity in every elective and appointive office and move in force—at the ballot box—to stamp out those rebellions which harass so many sectors of life in the United States today.

History relates that "on a dusty road to Damascus, the Apostle Paul saw the vision which launched a new church into a movement that shook the world."

If Knights Templar open their eyes they, too, will see great visions.

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT GIRDS FOR 1967 TRIENNIAL AT DETROIT

This month we pay a **Knight Templar Magazine** visit to the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, Virgil F. Kent, R.E. Department Commander. The Department consists of some 67,000 Sir Knights in the Grand Commanderies of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

Sir Knight Kent says, "Detroit is the site, and the Grand Commandery of Michigan is the official host, but the other Grand Commanderies of the East Central Department are actively preparing for 1967, and the Department will again furnish 10 or more drill teams for Triennial competition."

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

"The East Central Department," reports Sir Knight Kent, "led in Knight Templar Magazine subscriptions for 2 years and has now been replaced by one percentage point by another Department. We accept this as a challenge and will again return to first place!"

MEMBERSHIP

To continue the Department Commander's report: "This year we expect to hold all losses and start making up for the 700 lost over the past five years. A successful Festival of more than 400 candidates in Indiana may point the way."

EDUCATIONAL LOANS

As of June 30, this Department had made a total of 160 Knight Templar Educational Loans. Funds

of \$258,000 are still available to applicants. The Commanderies expect to show an added activity and effort in utilizing the fund for its purpose.

YORK RITE UNITY

Great strides toward unity of Chapter, Council, and Commandery are reported by Sir Knight Kent. He expects expanded effort and increased benefits.

DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

The Department Commander points out that two successful Department Conferences have been held — with representatives from the entire Department. A third is planned for early 1967.



VIRGIL F. KENT
Department Commander



HAROLD R. HOOLIHAN
Grand Commander

than a Commandery problem, we must give wholehearted support to the York Rite Association of Indiana. One of the greatest weaknesses in any organization the size and type of the Grand Commandery of Indiana is the communication between its officers and those who are expected to carry out the programs of the organization." Sir Knight Hoolihan feels this can be improved by greater use of Constituent Commandery officers and Past Commanders in Grand Commandery committee work.

KENTUCKY

Orville T. Hagan, born in Evansville, Indiana, 1905; attended school in Sturgis, Kentucky. Now resides in Madisonville. Married Mary E. Morgan, 1936; one son, one grandson. Distribution Manager, Island Creek Coal Sales Company. Member, First Baptist Church. Recorder, St. Bernard Commandery No. 29 for 14 years; Past President, Madisonville Hi Twelve Club and K.T. Records Association of Kentucky. Member, Rizpah Shrine Temple. Honorary Member, Ionic Chapter No. 161, R.A.M., Detroit, Michigan.

Grand Commander Hagan writes: "Starting September 18, 1966, the York Rite Bodies of Kentucky will meet on consecutive days. The Grand Commandery Conclave will meet on Sunday and Monday, Grand Council on Tuesday, and Grand Chapter on Wednesday. On Wednesday evening a dinner will close the York Rite Unity session. Our spring York Rite festivals were the most successful that we ever held. York Rite Unity is on the move in Kentucky. Kentucky observed the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment on June 18th by a telephone hook-up for the nine districts to hear the addresses of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker."

INDIANA

Harold Robert Hoolihan, born 1909, in Litchfield, Michigan, attended Albion College and University of Michigan, receiving B.A. from former, and M.A. from latter. Began teaching at Holly Freshman College in 1934; married teaching colleague, Beatrice Rachel Norton, 1937. Now Assistant Dean, School of Business Administration, Tri-State College. Air Force service 1943-45. Son —Dennis. Past High Priest, Past T.I.M.; Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Red Cross of Constantine, Fort Wayne Consistory.

"Our trend in membership must be reversed," says Grand Commander Hoolihan. "As this is a York Rite rather



ORVILLE T. HAGAN
Grand Commander

MICHIGAN

Edgar H. Clark, Battle Creek, is a graduate of Argubright Business College; continues his studies with College of Advanced Traffic of Chicago; manager of distribution services of southern region for Kellogg Company; both he and Ada, his wife, are members of Kellogg's 25-Year Club. Member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Elks Club. Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Commander, Council member; Past Governor, York Rite College, Consistory, and Shrine membership.

Says Grand Commander Clark: "I am stressing membership—must have a net gain of 3% or more. Our life sponsorship must exceed 10% of Michigan's membership. Our Knight Templar Magazine subscriptions must return the East Central Department to first place." Above all else, Sir Knight Clark emphasizes his desire—and the determination of all Michigan Sir Knights—to have the best attendance and the best schedule and program in Templar history for the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave at Detroit, August 19-24, 1967.



EDGAR H. CLARK
Grand Commander



ROBERT S. SCHOEDINGER
Grand Commander

OHIO

Robert S. Schoedinger with wife, Suzanne, lives in Columbus. Two daughters, three grandsons. President of Schoedinger & Co., Funeral Directors. Officer, Franklin Federal Savings & Loan; President Trustees, Pauline Home for the Aged; President Trustees, Masonic Temple Association, Columbus; Director, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. Served several terms as Chairman of Official Board of St. John's (United Church of Christ). Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Commander. Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine. 33°.

Because Sir Knight Schoedinger's term ends shortly, he has given Deputy Grand Commander Herbert E. Rogler the opportunity to mention Ohio's future program. Says Sir Knight Rogler: "The theme for 1966-67 — IMPROVE THE 'IMAGE' OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR." He plans to prepare a folder of his complete program for each Commander, Grand Officer, and Past Grand Officer, with Eye Sponsor and Eye Patron applications, with three letters from Past Grand Master DeLamater and the recent issue of "Darkness Unto Light." Sir Knight Rogler's will be a forceful, well-planned "Ten Point Program."



HOWARD W. BALL
Grand Commander

WEST VIRGINIA

Howard W. Ball, born in Toronto, Ontario, moved at early age to England. Returning after death of father, served in Canadian Army, 1914-15, and in American Army, 1918-19. Moved to Charleston, West Virginia, entered practice of Public Accounting. Married, father of one daughter. Member St. John's Episcopal Church. Raised in Charleston Lodge No. 153, exalted in Tyrian Royal Arch Chapter No. 13, Knighted in Kanawha Commandery No. 4; Commander, 1958-59. A Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Beni Kedem Temple.

Grand Commander Ball looks for a fine year. He says, "We started our

year with a Special Grand Conclave in the city of Clarksburg, June 11th, held in honor of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary, where we had present 254 Sir Knights and Ladies. A class of 27 candidates were knighted by Commanderies from all over the State. We are making a special drive for candidates this year. We are also working on subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Educational Fund are also being stressed and each inspecting officer has been instructed to emphasize these at each inspection."

A PRAYER FOR THE FALL INGATHERING

Eternal God, before whose face the centuries rise and pass away, we praise Thee for the countless opportunities to serve in Thy name. We thank Thee that Thou hast gathered from the world strong men in every generation to do Thy work and battle against evil. Give us the spirit of high adventure as we endeavor to meet the fall challenge and advance the cause of Templary. Gird us as Christian Warriors for our God-given mission.

We thank Thee in this time of crisis that there are ties of Christian Knighthood reaching over the whole earth. Teach us ever to walk with one another as comrades of Christ in a great cause. Grant us the gift of spiritual vision that we may see the splendor of our task.

Make us willing to fail ere we refuse to try; shame us or defeat us, but deliver us from apathy.

May we have courage squarely to meet the moral issues that daily test our devotion to Thee. Bless our land and may we as christian citizens do our full part to elevate her standards. May our universal hunger for peace, be matched by an equal desire for justice and human freedom.

Since Thou hast called us to live in this tremendous age inspire us with holy zeal and clothe us with the whole armor of God as we march forth to a great ingathering for Templary. Hear us, for we pray in the name of Him who is our mighty Captain, Jesus Thy Son. Amen.

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.

TEMPLARY COMES TO NORTH AMERICA

(Ninth of a Series)

There will always be discussion about early Templary, its **firsts**, its **origins**, its **spread**. It will always be asked—where first did Templary have its movement from medieval time to modern activity? Yes, when?

VISTAS OF TEMPLARY

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

We are told that the first clearly authenticated evidence of the conferring of the Order, under sanction, in the United States is found in the record of Saint Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge, Boston, the following entry appearing under date of August 28, 1769:

"The petition of Brother William Davis coming before the lodge, begging to have and receive the parts belonging to the Royal Arch Mason, which, being read, was received, and he unanimously voted in and was accordingly made by receiving the four steps, that of Excellent, S u p e r -Excellent, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar."

It is extremely interesting to notice, too, that at the very next meeting of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge, namely, on December 11, 1769, the Orders were conferred on Paul Revere, a great American, Past Grand Master, and patriot. Then too, at the next meeting, May 14, 1770, the Orders were conferred on Joseph Warren, Past Grand Master, who lost his life at the Battle of Bunker Hill. There were giants in those days, and

Freemasonry did not fail to appeal to good men and true.

Harold V. B. Voorhis, in **Thumb-Nail Sketches of Medieval Knight-hood**, writes—"St. Andrew's was a Royal Arch Lodge, which later became St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter. It was probably independently formed two weeks before the meeting at which the Templar Order was conferred."

It is told that at this meeting (at which the first Order of the Temple was conferred) there were present, members of three **Military Lodges**, these being Fourteenth, with Antient Lodge No. 58, **England**; Twenty-Ninth with Lodge No. 322, **Ireland**; and Sixty-Fourth, with Lodge No. 106, **Scotland**. It is commonly thought that the members of the **Irish Military Lodge** were directly responsible for introducing the Templary Order into the Boston body.

As we have said many times previously, it is very probable that **Military Lodges**, and their wandering members, have been more directly responsible for Freemasonry on the North American continent than any other one factor. Especially is this true of the so-called higher degrees and orders.

It has been interesting to note that in the early day, most, if not all of the work in these so-called higher degrees and orders, was done under **Craft Warrants**. It was not until much later—probably after the formation of the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, that these degrees and orders were relegated to their respective sources of activity.

Templary on the North American continent spread with vigor, and became a very important factor in the established structure of Freemasonry. Especially is this true of the United States. It is hoped that at this, the Sesquicen-

ennial of the Grand Encampment, that we can take inventory of its good works, and implement its philanthropic and benevolent functions to their proper status and worth.

Differences Between the English and American Ceremonies of Templary

By R. S. Sagar, Georgia

It may come as a surprise to most Knights Templar to know that there are many differences between the English and American work, and in the requirements for a candidate.

The name "Commandery" is not used in England, the bodies being called "Preceptories;" the "Commander" is the "Preceptor;" and the supreme body is "The Great Priory."

Qualifications are strict; a candidate must be a Master Mason of 1 full year and a Royal Arch Mason. However, the Order tends to be exclusive and in a great many cases is by invitation only. Frequently the invitation is reserved for Past Masters of a Lodge, or Master Masons who, though not Past Masters, have devoted decades of work to the Craft.

The ceremonial is reversed; the Order of the Temple is given first, and the Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta follow at a later date. The Order of the Red Cross is not worked; in Scotland it is strictly part of the Council ceremonies and the writer has no knowledge of it in England.

Classes are small and frequently only one Candidate; the largest class the writer ever saw in an English Preceptory was three. Ceremonies are sometimes held on Sunday mornings, and the annual

election and installation of officers takes place on a date according to the by-laws; it is not confined to Good Friday only.

All members are required to wear their own uniforms, which are entirely different to ours. A white knee length tunic with a plain red Latin cross is worn; then a black silk ribbon from right shoulder to left hip; and finally a full white mantle with hood. The cap is similar to our Malta cap but of plain crimson velvet. The crosses, colours of hoods and decorations on the black ribbon vary according to rank.

There is a very exclusive honour of Knight Grand Cross, limited to fifteen members, with one honorary member to be absorbed when there is a vacancy.

The Officers of a Preceptory are entirely different and comprise a Preceptor; 1st and 2nd Constables (roughly equal to the Senior and Junior Warden); Chaplain; Treasurer; Registrar (or Recorder); Marshal (nearly always a Past Preceptor); Captain of the Guard (equal to Warden); and Guard (Sentinel). Other optional officers may be appointed.

Only the Preceptor and Treasurer are elected, all others being appointed by the Preceptor, but he and the two Constables are specifically charged under the Great

Priory Statutes with the responsibility for, and the good conduct of, the Preceptory.

The ceremonies are very different from our own, and most beautiful; it is a pity that this is not a proper place to put fuller details. Nevertheless there can be mentioned, the clothing of a candidate in full armour; the symbolism of the Lamb, the Dove and the Cock; and that the dubbing of a new Knight is considered important enough to receive him with Grand Honours.

For the Order of Malta, a candidate has to be re-elected and it is virtually treated as a separate Order. The Officers are as listed on Page 85, Section (2), of our own ritual.

The Officer's uniform is almost identical to the American, except the cap is black. The Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta both are very similar to ours, though with different Words and Signs.

The Banners, Standards and Beauceant follow ours, but the Grand Standard is called the "VEXILLUM BELLI" Banner

(roughly "The Mounted Banner of War"). It is the same shape and size as the Beauceant, with a red cross with splayed ends on a silver background; there is no wording on it. In well-equipped Preceptories, it is not unknown for the Preceptor to have his own banner (similar to the Vexillum Belli but with his own Coat-of-Arms on the Cross) while the Knights have swallow-tailed pennons.

It is hoped that without disclosing matters which should be left confidential, an idea has been given of some of the differences which exist. And yet, despite these, and the even greater disparities in the Order of the Temple ritual, the sublime principles of our valiant and magnanimous Order are evident on both sides of the Atlantic. Every Sir Knight visiting England should communicate with the Great Chancery, Mark Mason's Hall, London, for advice as to where to visit and see these Orders conferred. Disinterested friendship and boundless hospitality will undoubtedly be extended.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

God said, "Let there be light," And there was light!

Behold the virgin beauty of the night!

Behold the splendor of the radiant skies!

Behold the glory of earth's paradise!

Some eyes must lose this brilliant gift of God;

Some eyes must lose sight's precious staff and rod;

Some eyes must lose their scintillating spark;

Some eyes must wait in dead and leaden dark.

With love's donation and increasing lift,

Let us prepare here to renew God's gift;

Let us re-echo His, "Let there be light,"

Restore these eyes to glory that is sight!

**Milford E. Shields, Poet Laureate,
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Colorado.**

SITES TO VISIT AT DETROIT TRIENNIAL, AUGUST 14-19, 1967

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The Logan County Courthouse at historic Greenfield Village is one of the sites Knights Templars and families will be visiting in Detroit for the Grand Encampment Triennial, August 14-19, 1967. In this building Abe Lincoln practiced law and earned the title of "Honest Abe." You'll also see an unusual exhibit of President Lincoln's furniture including the chair he sat in at Ford's Theater on the fateful night, more than a century ago.



Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Laboratory and the greatest collection of his fabulous works will be yours to see. This is one of the most popular exhibits at Greenfield Village, where over a million visit annually.

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Grand Master's Newsletter

(Mailed to the Grand Encampment Officers, Department Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Committee Chairmen with instructions to pass on information to all Sir Knights.)

With full knowledge that these are "Vacation Days," I still want to keep you posted as to Grand Encampment activities.

First: The Sesquicentennial Celebration at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on June 18, 1966, will live in Templar history as the crowning event in 150 years of our great Order of Knighthood! It was carried out upon a very high plane. The hundreds of Sir Knights who were privileged to be present, manifested the kind of enthusiasm that augurs well for the future of Templary.

Second: The entire balance of calendar 1966 is still a part of our Sesquicentennial year. Classes knighted during the balance of this entire calendar year are entitled to the honor of being included.

Third: To clear up any misunderstanding, there will be Visitations by Grand Encampment Officers, Department Commanders, and others, as Personal Representatives of the Grand Master, at each of the Grand Commandery Conclaves during 1967.

Fourth: The next big event of the Grand Encampment will be the 50th Triennial Conclave to be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 19-24, 1967. An advance announcement from the 50th Triennial Conclave Committee will go in the mail as of August 19, 1966—one full year in advance! This Committee is hard at work making arrangements in expectation that Templary will witness the biggest attendance in years when we gather in Detroit next year. These bro-

chures will be mailed to every Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commandery in an effort to "cover the field."

Fifth: Knight Templar Magazine. Little by little we are making progress toward our goal of 10% of our members as subscribers. There were 32,736 subscribers as of June 30, 1966. We are getting so close to our national goal that it is frustrating to so many who have worked so hard. Right ahead of us is "the promised land" of 40,000 subscribers—and it would not take but an average of 5 subscribers per Commandery to go over the top. Just think of it—if each local Commandery would send a \$5 bill with the names and addresses of 5 Sir Knights who are not now subscribers, the job would be over—that's how close we are!

Sixth: Knight Templar Life Sponsors. As of July 15, 1966, we had 11,816 Life Sponsors. We need to step up our efforts. There are hundreds of Knights Templar who would become Life Sponsors if someone would only speak to them about it. The Recorder of each Commandery is required to keep an up-to-date record of everyone who is a Life Sponsor. A comparison of this list with the roster of the Commandery will reveal numerous Sir Knights who can well afford to pay \$30 to become a Life Sponsor. A half dozen volunteers in each Commandery could contact these Knights Templar within a few days. Let's keep them coming—don't let vacations stop us from pressing on toward our goal. Blind-

ness doesn't take any vacation—and we need a steady flow of Life Sponsors to help carry on our great humanitarian charity.

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With knightly greetings.

Courteously and fraternally,
WILBER M. BRUCKER
 Grand Master

Suspensions and Demits

(From Grand Encampment General Order No. 11)

"Suspension of a Knight Templar is terribly serious and should never be undertaken except as a last resort. Grand Encampment law permits suspensions to be made by the local Commandery. The Recorder of the local Commandery plays a leading part and is the key officer in the suspension process. The ingenuity and genuine interest of a good Recorder can go a long way towards solving the problem by aggressive action when delinquency first occurs.

"The Commander is required by Templar law to supervise all officers and functions of his Commandery and should review the status of his members. He should, without fail, follow our established procedures of appointing a Committee, one of whom if possible should be a signor of his petition who will make a personal call upon the delinquent member. The Commander and Committee should at the outset determine the advisability of remitting the dues of a delinquent member because of illness or financial inability. The Commander should never hesitate to call upon the delinquent member if it might save him for Templary. If, after the visit of the Committee and review of the report by the Commander, the dues are not paid, then the legal process of suspension should be followed. Non-resident members should be contacted by mail by the Committee and Commander. The Recorder then sends a certified letter to the delinquent member giving official

notice of intention to suspend the member and date of action of suspension proceedings. When the time comes for the suspension action, the Commander should inform his Commandery of the pertinent facts and exhibit the return receipt for certified letter to delinquent member before action is taken. If suspension results after the foregoing steps have been taken, the Commandery should place the name of the suspended member upon a list of suspended members and efforts should be made to restore them at the first opportunity. The action of each Constituent Commandery in matter of suspensions should be the subject of constant supervision and review by the Grand Commander.

"The Grand Master recognizes that the time has come to deal with the subject of suspensions if Templary has a chance to wax strong and perform its Christian mission. Appropriate action is long overdue and we must all assist the local and state officers who are sincerely trying to do their duty."

In an effort to increase subscriptions to the **Knight Templar**, Karl A. Crane, G.C. of Wisconsin, recently sent to all the lapsed subscribers in his Grand Jurisdiction a letter under the signature of Grand Master Brucker together with a subscription renewal form and postage paid reply envelope urging them to renew their subscriptions.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

York Rite Membership Action Spearheaded At Uniontown Meeting

Fifty-seven Grand, Past Grand, and subordinate officers, heeding the Grand Commander's call for immediate membership action, assembled in Uniontown's Masonic Building on July 23 to plan a practical and productive blueprint for a stepped-up membership campaign during the 1966-67 Templar year.

Vernon M. Stambaugh, Grand Warder, served as chairman, with William G. Bailey, Division Commander, Division No. 4, as co-chairman. Noteworthy was the attendance, in addition to specific Templar leaders, of Arthur S. Ward, Director of Work, and George A. Chapman, District Deputy Grand High Priest, both of District 19, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Harold E. Stokely, Deputy Grand Commander, spoke on Grand Commandery aims, plans and procedures. Frank A. Arturo, General Chairman of the Southwestern Pennsylvania York Rite Festival Committee, called for increased support and participation in Festivals. Maurice A. Hammer, Past Grand Commander, expressed a

"get to work" directive and asked for a true increase in petitions for Chapter, Council and Commandery. Sir Knight Hammer is currently serving as Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Present and participating were the Commanders of all Division No. 4 Commanderies: Harry Killen III, Jacques DeMolay No. 3, Washington; John S. Edwards, St. Omer's No. 7, Brownsville; Frank H. Spriggs, Kedron No. 18, Greensburg; Charles L. Lewellyn, Jr., Uniontown No. 49, Uniontown; Thomas E. Sims, McKeen No. 80, Charleroi; and Charles E. Redman, McKeesport No. 86, McKeesport.

Royal Arch Chapters No. 164, 165, 192, 272, 283, 290, and 309—of the 19th District, and Chapters No. 150 and 149 of the 17th Capitular District were represented.

Lewis M. Caton, Past Commander of Uniontown Commandery and present Recorder, served as Recorder for the meeting. He reports the gathering "productive" and indicative of "a closer fraternal relationship among the York Rite Bodies in this area."

Participation—Now!

The beginning of a new Templar year is an opportunity to strive for additional enthusiasm, interest, and to begin working on a constructive program. General Order No. 1 outlined our responsibilities. To achieve our goals we need to shoulder those responsibilities and go to work. The commitment to Templary is rigorous and has always been so.

The duty of strengthening our membership remains our foremost task. Our concern is not for mere "numbers." It is for the well-being of Templary. GROWTH is vital for Templary to develop in freedom, to remain sound, and to exemplify Templar Principles. One of the greatest aspects of continuous growth is the service which we can render to mankind.

Our membership goal for the year is set at 10% of our membership as of May 1, 1966. **There is only one way to spearhead a successful membership drive—through an interesting, challenging, workable program. It is most**

heartening to know that most of the Commanders I had the privilege of meeting in Altoona were leaving nothing to chance. They had a program; they were **WORKING ON IT.**

If we are to meet our goal and create more Sir Knights in 1966-67, we need the cooperation of every Sir Knight. The success of our program will depend on the individual Sir Knight—his feeling for Templary, his purpose in becoming a Sir Knight, his desire to serve, and his enthusiasm. No matter how many degrees we take, until we start giving of ourselves by practicing the teachings of those Degrees, they are of no use to us. A successful and satisfying relationship to our Commandery begins with **PARTICIPATION.** As we begin the year, let's include the will to work and our progress will be limited only by the goals we set.

Come, labor on. Beauceant Forward.

J. HARVEY MOORE,
Grand Commander

Pennsylvania Gains In Knight Templar Subscribers

Pennsylvania readers can take pride in the degree of Templar interest displayed through their subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine. As of August, Pennsylvania led all other jurisdictions in the number of subscribers, although not in percentage. In January, 1965, Pennsylvania had 537 subscribers to the magazine. Now, a year and a half later, the number has increased to a total of 1,948. The assigned (and accepted) quota for Pennsylvania is 2,533. At present the state is at 77% of quota.

Total subscriptions throughout the Grand Encampment currently stand at 32,231. It is Grand Master Brucker's aim to exceed 40,000 subscriptions during this, the final year of the Grand Encampment Triennium. And it is one of Grand Commander Moore's major aims to have Pennsylvania reach and surpass its quota. Past Grand Commander Sponeybarger heads the 1966-67 committee charged with promoting Pennsylvania subscriptions.

Grand Commander's Visitation Schedule—1966-67

1966

September 10—Division No. 7, Pine View Acres, Pottsville, Pa.

September 14—N.W. Pa. Past Commanders and Line Officers Meeting.

September 17—Baldwin II 100th Anniversary.

September 22—Chartiers No. 78, Carnegie, Pa.

September 24—Packer No. 23 100th Anniversary.

September 25—Third Division Religious Service, Phoenixville, Pa.

September 26—Tancred No. 48, Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 1—Division No. 8.

October 8-9—Grand Commandery of Ohio.

October 15—Division No. 2.

October 22—Division No. 10.

October 29—Division No. 13.

November 5—Division No. 3.

November 12—Division No. 1 York Rite Festival, Philadelphia, Pa.

November 19—Division No. 6, Clearfield, Pa.

November 19—Membership Committee Meeting.

November 26—Division No. 12.

December 10—Divisions No. 15 and 16, Combined Reception.

December 11—Annual Templar Christmas Breakfast and Observance, Division No. 16, Cyrene Commandery, Columbia, Pa.

1967

February 3—GRAND OFFICERS' CONFERENCE, Philadelphia, Pa.

February 4—Division No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa.

February 25—Division No. 11.

March 4—Division No. 14, Danville, Pa.

March 9—Blue Lodge, Charleroi, Pa.

March 25-26—Easter Weekend Pilgrimage, Washington, D. C.

March 31—Division No. 4.

April 8—Division No. 5.

WINNING COMMANDERIES

G. Calvin Dyson, Grand Generalissimo, in his Membership Report to Grand Commander Moore, lists the following Paul Miller Moore Membership Awards for consecutive gains:

No. 11—Pilgrim (Div. No. 15), 5 years.

No. 61—Oriental (Div. No. 6), 6 years.

No. 83—Bethany (Div. No. 10), 7 years.

Red Ribbon Certificates for 10% membership gains in 1965-66 went to:

No. 69—Potter (Div. No. 10), 10.00%.

No. 97—Ascension (Div. No. 3), 10.24%.

No. 38—Rose Croix (Div. No. 12), 10.25%.

No. 88—Brandywine (Div. No. 5), 11.02%.

No. 82—Germantown (Div. No. 1), 11.20%.

No. 81—Samuel S. Yohe (Div. No. 9), 12.50%.

No. 50—Rebecca (Div. No. 8), 13.86%.

No. 49—Uniontown (Div. No. 4), 14.64%.

Rebecca No. 50 also received a Silver Certificate for second high in the state, while a Gold Certificate went to the leading Commandery, Uniontown No. 49. The awards were made at Altoona during the 113th Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery.

ASCENSION COMMANDER ISSUES CALL TO ACTION

Frank G. Woodson, Jr., Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 97, Ardmore, writes a message of Templar challenge to the Sir Knights of Ascension specifically, and to all Sir Knights generally: "Dear Fraters:

A Sesquicentennial—150 years—A very long time when we look forward; a very short time when we review the past. These years included the Gold Rush, the Chicago Fire, Lindbergh's Flight, jet planes, and weather satellites. All these and many more amazing and awe-filled developments have been recorded. What is ahead? Will we experience interplanetary travel, disposable clothing, a banquet in a pill, and the absence of disease?

Greater than all these ideas is the quiet steady growth of Templarism. Many great men have enjoyed and shared its companionship, and fraternalism. Many great men in the future will know this fellowship. Let us set an example by living the highest ideals of Christianity. One or two men cannot bear the burden alone, but all of us working together under the banner of our Order can and will ensure the future.

The Grand Conclave in Altoona was colorful and exciting and a richly rewarding experience. Everyone enjoyed it. No. 97 was known to be on hand. Sir Knight Ralph Ott, P.C., received the 10 percent certificate. Best of all—Grand Commandery gave unanimous support to our own Sir Knight Jack Cottrell, P.G.C., as a candidate for the office of R.E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. Plan to be in Detroit in August, 1967, to cheer for Jack, even though we may not have a vote."

FRANK G. WOODSON, JR.

WHERE IS THAT COUNTRY WE USED TO KNOW

From Capitular Masonry comes a question posed by James F. Rendle, High Priest, Kingston. Companion Rendle wrote:

"Where is that country we used to know?

In the America of yesterday you paid your debts as quickly as possible, and went without things, to do it.

You disciplined your children—but disciplined yourself first.

You spent less than you earned, and demanded your government do the same.

You went to Church, your children to Sunday School, you held daily prayers—and no court would have dared to interpose any law into your private religion.

You would have been horrified at (and quick to change) men in high places who made 'deals.'

You expected to prosper only by doing a better and better job.

You obeyed the law—but took active part in government to see that the laws were just.

You 'walked softly but carried a big stick.'

And that was the character which brought this country victory in three wars in your lifetime, built it back from a shattering depression, and fed and saved the civilized world.

Is there enough of it left, to do it again?

George Washington said: 'It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.'

Let us work for our Church—our Lodge—our Country."

JAMES F. RENDLE
High Priest

Sesquicentennial Observances



RAY J. WHITE YORK RITE CLASS—IDAHO

Lewiston Commandery recently held a Festival honoring Ray J. White, a 50 year member. Sir Knight White's two sons, Robert and John, were members of the class of 22 Sir Knights and were knighted with their father's sword by Robert A. Somerville, P.G.C.

All the Degrees and Orders were conferred starting at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 10:00 p.m. Orville F. Sheneman is the Commander of Lewiston Commandery. The Commandery now has a membership of 222 including the newly made Sir Knights.

NORTH PENNSYLVANIA YORK RITE BODIES TO HOLD YORK RITE ASSEMBLY

On Saturday, October 8th and Saturday, October 22nd, 1966, the North Penn York Rite Assembly will be held in the Masonic Temple in Lansdale.

The assembly is jointly sponsored by Lansdale Chapter No. 301, Fort Washington Chapter No. 220, Cryptic Council No. 51, and Damascus Commandery No. 95.

During the assembly the degrees of a Royal Arch Chapter and the Council will be conferred on the

candidates on October 8th starting at 10:00 a.m. Degrees of the Council will be conferred starting at 6:30 p.m. Luncheon and dinner will be served to those participating.

On Saturday, October 22nd starting at 10:00 a.m. the Commandery will confer the Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple. The festivities will end with a banquet starting at 5:30 p.m.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY, DICKINSON, N. D., HOLDS FESTIVAL



Glen M. Robertson, G.S.W., recently presided in the East and Arthur H. Davis as Prelate in conferring the Order of the Temple on 7 candidates of a total Sesquicentennial Class of 10. Philip M. Davison, Jr., and Dr. Harlan C. Larsen received the Chapter Degrees and Commandery Orders at Jamestown, courtesy of Adoniram Chapter and Wi Ha Ha Commandery. Don Harris was unable to be

present at the time the work was given in Temple Commandery and the work was conferred through the courtesy of Tancred Commandery at Mandan.

The ten newly dubbed Sir Knights were presented with metal lapel buttons "150" and metal identification cards designating that they were knighted during the Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

—Glen M. Robertson, G.S.W.

CALIFORNIA SESQUICENTENNIAL TO CONTINUE

Henry J. Weisser, G.C., reports that all the sesquicentennial celebrations held in the various departments throughout the state were very successful affairs.

Sir Knight Weisser further advises that California will actively enjoin with the directive of Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, quote, "Sesquicentennial year festival classes, knightings, and celebrations will continue during the entire balance of 1966."

The Grand Master further offered reason and guide lines saying, "We have just reason to be proud, as we assemble on this historic occasion. Proof of our grati-

tude will be reflected in our determination to build the future of Templary, even greater than the past."

California was represented at the Grand Encampment celebration, by the attendance of Henry J. Weisser, G.C., and Mrs. Weisser; Ralph H. Slocum, P.G.C., and Mrs. Slocum; William H. Rememsperger, P.G.C., and Mrs. Rememsperger; Robert Rewick, Dept. Commander.

Each of the distinguished Sir Knights and their ladies express appreciation for the many courtesies extended during the celebration.

James F. Raymond, correspondent

AMARILLO COMMANDERY (TEXAS) FESTIVAL CLASS

P.G.C. W. L. Brown says:

"It is our belief in Amarillo Commandery No. 48, K.T., that we pioneered the festival idea in Texas in 1950. It has been in large measure the reason for the growth of

our Commandery during the past sixteen years.

During the sesquicentennial year every Sir Knight dubbed is given one of the metal cards indicating that he was knighted during that period."

**AL HASA COMMANDERY NO. 1, SAUDI ARABIA,
SESQUICENTENNIAL CLASS ENROLLS 100% AS LIFE SPONSORS**

Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, K.T., Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, observed the Sesquicentennial Celebration by conferring the Orders of Knighthood upon nineteen worthy candidates during an eight hour conferral on June 16, 1966. All nineteen newly created Sir Knights are now Life Sponsors of the K.T. Eye Foundation and thereby increasing Life Sponsor membership to 111 or 95% of Al Hasa Commandery's total membership of 117. Goal: "Every member a Life Sponsor." In addition there are seven Patrons and one Associate Patron of the K.T. Eye Foundation in Saudi Arabia.

One hundred seventy Knights Templar, Masons, and Ladies attended the Sesquicentennial Banquet, heard an inspiring address on "The Partnership of the Church and the Knights Templar" by Dr. Paul Hackett, the minister of the Protestant Fellowship and viewed the film, "Christians Awake," and part of the film on the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. A historical booklet on Templary and Al Hasa Commandery as well as other favors, were given to those in attendance. The program concluded with a formal dance.

—Warner F. Ehrhardt, Chairman, Committee of K.T. Eye Foundation of Al Hasa Commandery.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, SESQUICENTENNIAL BANQUET

A sesquicentennial banquet, honoring the 150th anniversary of the Grand Encampment is scheduled by Sacramento Commandery No. 2, for Saturday, September 24th to be held at the Masonic Temple. The affair will be open to all Sir Knights and their families and friends. In addition to a special banquet menu, and an interesting

and knowledgeable speaker from the Grand Commandery, an evening of entertainment will be provided for the Sir Knights and their guests. An attendance of over 200 is expected, according to Sir Knight Robert E. Wood, J.W., who is in charge of reservations. Overall plans are under the guidance of Sir Knights George Broehan, G., and James K. Wilson, C.G.

SECOND ANNUAL OKLAHOMA FESTIVAL AT GUTHRIE

Grand Commander Frederick J. Smith is the general chairman and stage manager for the Festival. All Degrees and Orders will be conferred in their entirety utilizing the stage and scenery of the Scottish Rite Temple at Guthrie, as well as the robes and make-up facilities of the Scottish Rite. The work will commence at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. J. Blan Loflin,

Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma, has voiced his full support and approval of this definite move for progress.

The class will be known as the Robert H. Jelly Class in memory of Sir Knight Jelly, who was the Deputy Grand Commander at the time of his recent death.

A most attractive explanatory memorial booklet and program has been prepared for this occasion.

N. H. CELEBRATION

The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire held their Sesquicentennial celebration on June 19, 1966, at Laconia, N. H. The program started at 2:30 p.m. with a parade of three-quarters of a mile to the St. James Episcopal Church. There were two hundred Sir Knights and Blue Lodge members, and twenty eight Knights of Columbus, in full uniform led by their Grand Knight. The local Chapter of DeMolay also marched.

The sermon was delivered by Wallace S. Webb, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire. After the church service everyone gathered at The Laconia Tavern Hotel for a social hour, which was followed by a banquet at 6:30 p.m. After the banquet, Donald B. Tabor, Grand

Knight of Laconia Council, Knights of Columbus, gave a short inspiring talk.

Sir Knight Edwin H. Newell acted as toastmaster.

—Archie B. Minot, G.C.

In Memoriam

California

George Lewis Edmondson, G.C.,
1944—July 13, 1966

Georgia

John Wilson Parker, G.C.G., 1966
—July 27, 1966

Mississippi

John Blanks Wheelis, Sr., G.C.,
1966—July 14, 1966

New Jersey

Frederick Henry Stigale, Jr.,
G.C., 1950—July 14, 1966

DIAGRAM OF YORK RITE MASONRY →

"The chart on the next page, prepared and illustrated by Sigurd R. Jensen, P.D.C., of Chicago, Illinois, contains a graphic diagram showing the steps in York Rite Masonry that should be taken by a Blue Lodge Mason in his search for further light in Masonry. A Blue Lodge Mason has no conception of the important and beautiful lessons of the Chapter and Council. He does not have the slightest idea of the grandeur that awaits him in the Commandery of Knights Templar, which is based upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. Members of the York Rite are salesmen, who should use this diagram to convince Blue Lodge Masons that they should not stop on the threshold, but should take the Degrees and Orders of York Rite Masonry if they sincerely desire to further their Masonic education. Copies of this diagram will be available by writing the Knight Templar Magazine, P. O. Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana."

1816—"The Year In Which There Was No Summer"

A search through Almanac accounts of 1816, the year Grand Encampment was founded, reveals that it was a year of exceptionally unusual weather. The summer months were so cold that widespread fear existed that the sun was cooling off; some individuals were apprehensive that another ice age was approaching.

The opening and closing months of 1816, when snow and low temperatures were expected, turned out to be quite mild, but cold and unseasonable weather ruled the summer months. Sections of the nation, accustomed to pleasant days in May, reported inch thick ice and frozen buds and fruits. June in 1816 was reportedly the coldest on record, with frost, ice, and snow the rule. July also brought ice and frost. New England, New York, and parts of Pennsylvania reported ice the thickness of "common window glass" on July 5.

August was even more wintry. Ice a half inch thick formed in areas where hot and humid weather normally prevailed. There were two generally mild weeks in the

middle of September, but the rest of the month was cold and blustery.

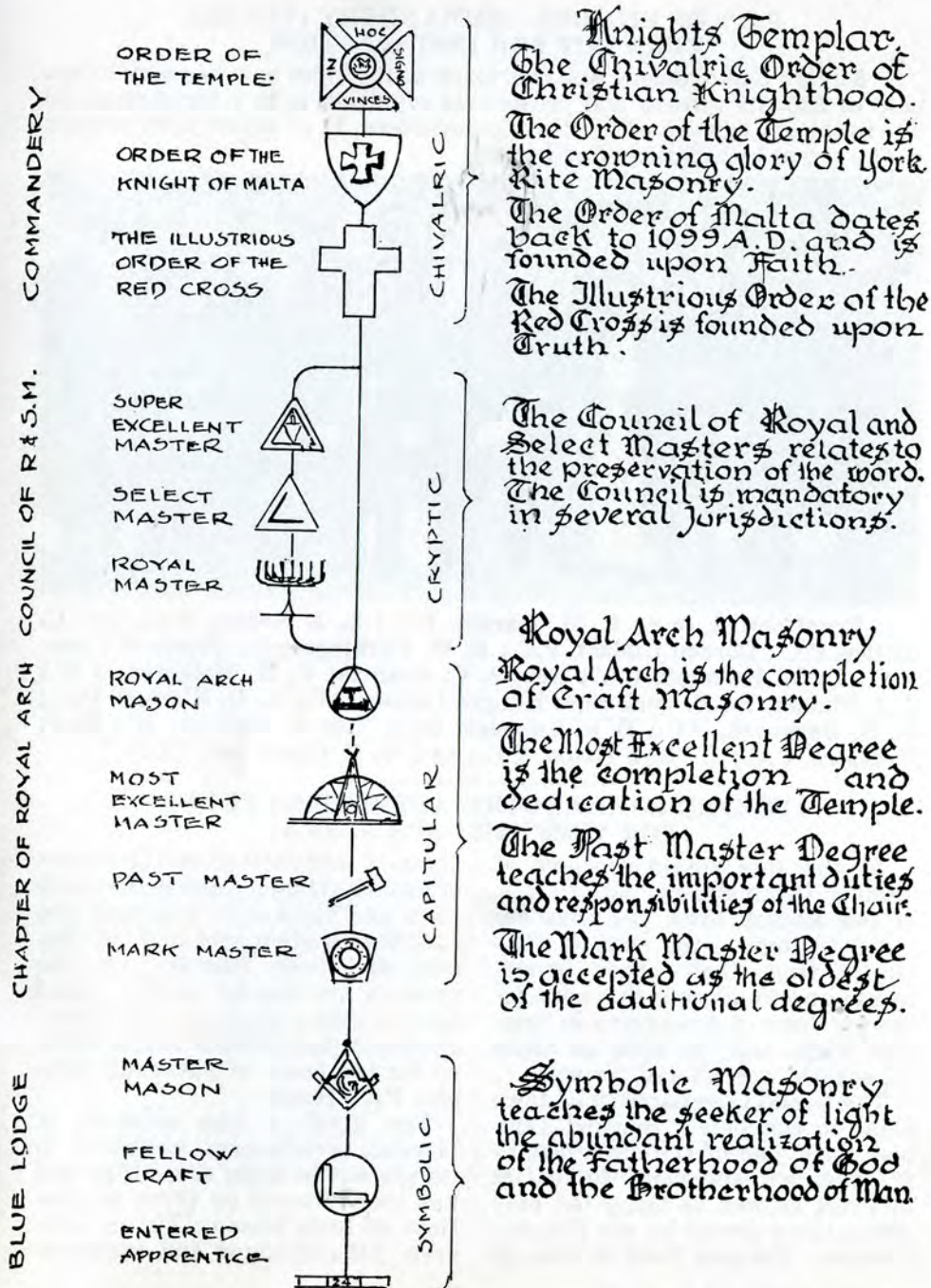
Perhaps sunspots caused the highly unusual weather of 1816. Records show that there was a sunspot maximum in that year—a year which marked among other highlights the formation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Obviously, our Templar forefathers 150 years ago did not allow preoccupation with the weather to dampen their effort and enthusiasm for Knight Templar unification.

David Paton, M.D., Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, wrote the following letter under date of July 22 to Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.:

"Thank you so much for your letter of July 21st. Your kind cooperation in Mrs. Effie Cox's case is just another indication to me of the value of your organization."

Diagram Of York Rite Masonry



From Our Readers

P.C.'s OF KILGORE COMMANDERY (TEXAS) TURN OUT FOR INSTALLATION

Kilgore Commandery was chartered in 1950 and now has a membership of 226. Its growth and prosperous condition is in a large measure due to the active work of its Past Commanders, 11 of whom were present at the recent installation of officers.



Front row, l. to r.: C. W. Harder, P.C.; L. J. Nelson, P.C.; Coy C. Butler, P.C.; Gordon Gildart, P.C.; E. W. Flickinger, G.; Frank P. Cline, E.C.; D. M. Holcomb, C.G.; Rev. S. C. Guthrie; C. M. Holloway, J.W.; J. J. Nichols, Sw.B. Back row: Keegan Carter, P.C.; L. D. Kimball, P.C.; M. S. Upchurch, P.C.; E. S. Sweeden, P.C.; Tom G. DeWitt, W.; R. F. Hartman, P.C.; J. Floyd Baton, P.C.; and W. C. Carpenter, P.C.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY AUTHORIZES FUNDS FOR TEMPLAR PARK—IOWA

At the July stated conclave of Temple Commandery No. 4, K.T. of Des Moines, Iowa, the members voted to remove the sum of \$10,000.00 from their other investments and to allocate this sum for the purchase of debentures in Templar Park, Inc., as soon as these debentures are offered for sale.

The Grand Commandery of Iowa plans to completely remodel Templar Park, one of the most beautiful vacation spots in the entire midwest as well as being the only one entirely owned by the Knights Templar. Templar Park is over 20

acres of land located on the shores of beautiful Spirit Lake in northern Iowa and since 1883 has been the favorite vacation spot of Iowa Masons and their friends. On the grounds are located shuffle board courts, tennis courts, a golf course, childrens playgrounds and a marina for the boats of guests at Templar Park Hotel.

The hotel, a fine example of Moorish architecture, has stood in its present location since 1919 and has been enjoyed by three generations of Iowa Masons. Times, however, have changed and vacation-

ers have changed with them. The committee of Templar Park felt that they must offer their guests the things that belong with modern living and in order to do this in 1965 they organized Templar Park, Inc., an Iowa corporation to administer the affairs of the park and the hotel.

The board of directors consists of the four dias officers of the Grand Commandery, the Grand

Recorder and the three trustees of Templar Park. The decision was to completely remodel the hotel and to furnish the finest vacation facilities to the Masons of Iowa and their friends. In order to do so they will soon offer debentures for sale and Temple Commandery No. 4 is to be commended for being among the first to allocate funds to purchase them.

—James F. Milligan, correspondent

WISCONSIN-CALIFORNIA REUNION AT FESTIVAL



Once in a lifetime, opportuned, by a York Rite Festival, held in Long Beach, California, provided the setting for the un contemplated reunion of Don of Santa Barbara and Charles of Paramount, California, the sons of Sir Knight Clarence J. Dockendorf of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Senior Dockendorf, by invitation of son Charles of Paramount intended to be present during the Festival, but sudden illness of his wife cancelled his plans. Neither Charles or Senior Dockendorf were aware that son Don of Santa Barbara would be in the Festival class, hence the reunion that lasted two days and included an exchange of experiences since the Dockendorf boys answered the call "Go West Young Man."

James F. Raymond, correspondent

UNIQUE INSTALLATION



LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, G.C.

At the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, Sir Knight Louis V. Sylvester, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was installed as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in his state.

Sir Knight Sylvester is a Past Eminent Prior of Sir Gallahad Priory No. 7, K.Y.C.H., of Nebraska, a Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, and is presently serving as Grand Captain of the Guard in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska.

COAST COMMANDERY (BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI) DRILL TEAM



Seated: Ernest C. Melvin, G.; T. R. Stewart, P.C.; Grover B. Garner, E.C.; James H. Garner, C.G. Standing, 1st row: T. S. Konz, P.C.; Bowman Brodnax, P.C.; Carlyle B. Abel, S.W.; Paul Conrad; Wallace Jacquet; John A. Cox, St.B.; Wallace A. Bowers; Aldean Guthrie; N. W. Schauer, P.C. Standing, 2nd row: Max E. Blackmon, W.; R. R. Lunstrum, Sw.B.; Larry Corban, Jr.; Cleo Thum, E.C., Gulfport Commandery No. 32; Leon Parker; James Stevens; E. E. Burt, P.C.; and Joe N. Sullivan, Jr., R.

This drill team opened the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, K.T., in long form at its 105th Annual Conclave held recently in Biloxi, Miss., at the Buena Vista Hotel.

FOUR SOUTH DAKOTA KNIGHT TEMPLARS RECEIVE 50-YEAR CERTIFICATES



L. to R.: Dr. Lyle Hare, Ralph Kamman, Hubert Dickey, and Jesse Driskill.

Black Hills Commandery No. 23, Spearfish, South Dakota, honored four of their members with 50-year certificates this spring.

These Sir Knights, in the past

have devoted many years of service to the various Masonic bodies and this honor is well deserving.

By John G. West, Correspondent



Albert S. O'Quin received his Fifty-Year Pin from San Angelo Commandery No. 28 (Texas). From the left: W. C. Whitt, James A. Scott, Jr., O'Quin, and B. Cecil Arthur. O'Quin also received the rank of honorary past commander.

FIFTY-YEAR PRESENTATION



Otto B. Roepke, P.G.C. of the District of Columbia presents Alfred B. Crossley (left) with both the Fifty-Year R.A.M. and K.T. Emblems. Presentation was as a courtesy to the Grand York Rite Bodies of Kansas.

At the June 22, 1966, Conclave of Washington Commandery No. 1, K.T., Alfred B. Crossley was presented with both the Fifty-Year R.A.M. and K.T. Emblems. These presentations were made by the District of Columbia Grand Commandery as a courtesy to the Grand York Rite bodies of Kansas, where Companion and Sir Knight Crossley holds his current memberships.

Otto B. Roepke, P.G.M., P.G.H.P., P.G.I.M., and P.G.C. of the District of Columbia, and himself the holder of similar Fifty-Year Emblems, made the presentations to Sir Knight Crossley. The Grand Master of Masons, the Grand High Priest, the Grand Illustrious Master, and the Grand Commander of the District of Columbia were present to witness these presentations.

GREETS 1,000th MEMBER



Sir Knight Ted Cutler of Des Moines, Potentate of Za-Ga-Zig Temple (right), had the opportunity of greeting the 1,000th member inducted into Dolliver Chapter, Order of DeMolay for Boys, Fort Dodge, Iowa. The youngest member of the Fort Dodge Chapter, Steve Sears (second from left), is showing Sir Knight Cutler and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Sears, a letter of congratulations from Iowa's governor, Harold Hughes of Des Moines. Sir Knight Hughes is a personal friend of the Sears family. Sir Knight Tom W. Murphy is Dad Advisor of Dolliver Chapter.

 YORK RITE UNITY
IN KENTUCKY

For the first time in the history of the York Rite of Freemasonry in Kentucky, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery will hold their annual meetings in the same city during the same week. The place will be Louisville.

The Knights Templar will attend church services on Sunday evening, September 18, and Grand Commandery will convene on September 19, ending with a banquet in the evening. The Grand Council will meet on September 20, and the

Grand Chapter will meet on September 21, closing with a York Rite banquet in the evening.

This new arrangement of the program necessitates the elimination of competitive drills during Grand Commandery, but a military Field Day is planned for some time in June at which time drills will be held by drill teams in the three classes of A, B, and C, ending with a formal battalion dress parade.

—Wylie B. Wendt, correspondent

Appreciation certainly is in order for the Knightly devotion of Ransford R. Gould, P.G.C. of Minnesota, who died in February of this year. The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., under date of August 10 received a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 in payment of the specific bequests in the will of Sir Knight Gould.



Samuel C. Baker of St. Omer Commandery, Toledo, Ohio, Superintendent of bridge maintenance in the City, was influential in having erected the above sign at the entrance of a park on the banks of the Maumee River at the foot of Madison Avenue, Toledo. A picture of the sign recently appeared in the Toledo newspaper, with a short write-up, starting out "THANK THEE, we will . . ."

YORK RITE-SCOTTISH RITE AMBASSADORS OF UNITY—(CALIF.)

The definition of "Unity"—all for one, was exemplified during the Spring and Mid-Year Crusade of Departments 5 and 6 and part of Department 7. Through the courtesy of Ellsworth Meyer, Venerable Master, Los Angeles Scottish Rite Bodies, provided their cathedral and facilities for conferring the Order of the Temple and the Scottish Rite purveyors prepared and served the evening dinner.

The principle speaker at the dinner was James Whitcomb Brougher, Jr., Grand Chaplain of Royal and Select Masters of California.

According to John B. Nye, G.C.G., the Fall Crusade will be held in Long Beach and the essence of Unity will again prevail through the courtesy of the Long Beach Scottish Rite Bodies and their Venerable Master, William Crabtree,

who also is Recorder of Long Beach Commandery No. 40.



L. to R.: Ralph H. Slocum, G.T.; Allan S. Mason, D.G.C.; Ellsworth Meyer, Venerable Master, Los Angeles Scottish Rite Bodies; Rev. James W. Brougher, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of California; William D. Tucker, P.G.C. Back row: Sidney J. Goodfellow, G.St.B.; and John B. Nye, G.C.G.

Thomas Smith Webb—A Further Report

By John J. Bahn, P.G.C. of N. Y.

The name of Thomas Smith Webb is revealed by Masonry in the Albany, New York, area, for it was here that he established himself as a student, instructor, and organizer in Masonry. It was the writers privilege to present the history of his Blue Lodge, Temple Lodge No. 14 of Albany, N. Y., when it celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 1946, also, at the 150th Anniversary of Temple Commandery No. 2, Albany, N. Y., on September 29, 1947. May I quote some historical data which has reference to Thomas Smith Webb.

Thomas Smith Webb, born in Boston, Mass., October 13, 1771, later to become known as the Father of American (York) Rite Masonry, was raised in Rising Sun Lodge at Keene, N. Y., in 1792. About 1795 he moved to Albany and opened a book store. He, together with John Hamner, and others, was very active in Masonry. He assisted in organizing Temple Lodge, Temple Chapter, and Temple Encampment in 1796. Early records of Temple Encampment were lost, probably during the Morgan affair. The Encampment was instituted independently and without charter in 1797.

Temple Lodge No. 53 was instituted November 11, 1796, by Robert J. Livingston, Grand Master of Masons in New York. In the warrant the Grand Master authorized and empowered Brother John

Hamner to be Master, Brother Thomas Smith Webb to be Senior Warden, and Brother Gideon Fairman to be Junior Warden. Temple Lodge was renumbered No. 14 in June, 1839.

The history of the system of pure Knightly Orders begins in June, 1816, at which time the delegates of eight Councils and Encampments of "Knight Templar and Appendant Orders," assembled in the city of New York and formed, adopted, and ratified a Constitution.

From the records of the General Grand Encampment of the year 1816, we find the names of these organizations:

Boston Encampment, Boston, Mass.; St. John's Encampment, Providence, R. I.; Ancient Encampment, New York City; Temple Encampment, Albany, N. Y.; Montgomery Encampment, Stillwater, N. Y.; St. Paul's Encampment, Newbury Port, Mass.; Newport Encampment, Newport, R. I.; Darius Council, Portland, Me.

The moving spirit of the whole affair was the learned and zealous "Thomas Smith Webb" of Temple Encampment, who was installed as the Deputy General Grand Master.

I write this that possibly it may be added to the prior article by Burt Pearson and to establish some of the historical background of Temple Commandery No. 2 of Albany, New York.

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