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# A Message From the Grand Master - -

## PLAIN TALK ABOUT A TOUGH PROBLEM



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

At the famous Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Grand Encampment at the Waldorf Hotel in New York City on June 18, 1966, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said:

"Let's not be afraid of the fact that we have some problems! . . . Problems constitute a sign of life. . . . I wonder what's come over this land of the free and home of the brave. We are the descendants of a once great breed of men who had problems, and they had them aplenty. But did they whine and whimper and crawl through life on their hands and knees, piteously holding out their hands to some so-called benevolent Government, asking that they be taken care of? Not on your life! They took care of themselves. And they built here, with Freedom under God, the mightiest National in the history of mankind!"

Everyone knows that Templary has problems and the toughest of all is the problem of membership. America is in the midst of a serious moral decline. Templary stands by the principles of Christianity at a time when we need all the strength we can muster. The way to lick our biggest problem is to get more candidates. There is no alternative to getting petitions if we are to succeed. It is as simple as that! Either a Commandery will get candidates and go ahead or it will fail miserably. While some Sir Knights still persist in talking about generalities, others are out in the community leading a vigorous campaign—"beating the bushes"—and getting Christian Masons on the dotted line—all over our great country.

I have detected a curious reluctance on the part of some Templars to ask their friends to become Knights Templar. Some act downright apologetic in speaking to their own intimate Masonic friends about joining the Commandery. What kind of pride in Templary do you call that? A Templar can't get very far unless he is convinced that Templary offers a wonderful opportunity for a Christian Mason to reach the top rung of the Masonic ladder by becoming a member of our great Order of Knighthood. Instead of being apologetic we should be exulting over the wonderful advantages of our great Christian branch of Masonry.

An Eminent Commander has such a short time to make good—only 12 short months out of a lifetime! Other matters have a way of crowding in on this short period. He is apt to become confused by petty details instead of putting first things first. Unless he keeps his eye on the membership ball he will lose out. Some may counsel him to "delegate membership activity and forget it." Nothing could be more fatal at the end of the road. An Eminent Commander cannot delegate the important matter of membership. He will find to his sorrow that the *responsibility* is his, whether he likes it or not. He must learn that **CANDIDATES REMAIN THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON THE COMMANDERY AGENDA.**

As we go into the Fall program, let every Knight Templar face *membership*—Templary's toughest problem—and feel the surge of new power as thousands of recruits are encouraged to swell our ranks. There is no more soul-satisfying feeling a Templar can experience than to bring in a petition, and become a part of the team that is building a greater Templary for the future.

# LEADERSHIP IN PARTICULAR

By Sir Knight JOHN L. CROFTS, SR., D.G.M.

In general, *leadership* ranks as one of the three primary needs of Templary, flanked on the one side by the need for identification, or inspiration, or motivation, and on the other side by the need for constructive and meaningful programs. These needs are not, we hasten to say, limited to the Templar Order, but on the contrary are evident in religious, political, service or fraternal organizations of all sorts. Willing and able leadership is a scarce commodity and has many choices among worthy existing organizations as to where it will donate its efforts, and in some situations such efforts will produce also real monetary gains. Thus, it is accepted as a fact by Templary's national officers that Templary, and all of Freemasonry for that matter, is in competition with all sorts of organizations for the essential and scarce commodity of leadership.

More particularly, Templary needs to use the best available leadership at the Grand Commandery level. There was a comfortable time when it was sufficient to let elevation to Grand Commandery office be a reward for past service or a recognition of the existence or activity of one of the constituent bodies, when Grand Officers were not really expected to produce any real result. *These days are gone.* We expect more active and more directive service from those who have been placed in positions of top leadership in our jurisdictions, and we carefully examine their records of performance. At the same time, many are thoughtfully considering our organizational habits as to the efficiency of our methods of selecting

our leaders, as to whether they are as effective as possible for placing in top positions those who have the most to contribute.

We contend that able and effective service has, for instance, little to do with the individual's ability as a ritualist—rather that a better indicator of potential is his total experience in positions of leadership. We should be convinced, of course, of his devotion to the purposes and personnel of Templary. However, other experience such as exceptional performance in business or profession, church, service, eleemosynary, other fraternal or even political organizations will be valuable when applied in a willing and devoted manner to the advancement of Templary.

Even more particularly, the principle subject of this discussion is our actual *method* of selecting and advancing those who will become our Grand Officers—our Grand Commanders. What is it now? What can it best be?

## RECENT SURVEY

Our general laws provide that the four principal officers of a Grand Commandery and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder must be elected by the members of the Grand Commandery, and that the other officers may be either elected or appointed by the Grand Commander, as the laws adopted by the members of the Grand Commandery may provide. There is a wide variety of practice, which suggests on the face of it that there is little agreement as to which *method* may be best.

Eight jurisdictions now elect only the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain Gen-

eral, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and actually elect the Grand Captain General *from the floor*, that is, consider any member of the Grand Commandery eligible to be elected in the practical sense. Four other jurisdictions elect only the same officers, but they routinely advance (*escalate*) the member who has advanced to and has served the office of Grand Senior Warden by appointment. Five elect the officers down to and including the Grand Junior Warden, and do not escalate those below; thirteen elect only the same officers, but do escalate. One also elects the Grand Standard Bearer and routinely advances appointees. For five Grand Commanderies, the rule is that officers are elected including the Grand Warden, which is an actual election; three others elect the same officers, but the escalator works for the Captain of the Guard (appointed). Nine jurisdictions elect the Grand Captain of the Guard and advancement is the rule. Thus, it appears that in 27 jurisdictions an officer enters the "line" by election; and in 21 the actual selection is by the appointment of the then Grand Commander. To serve the progressive line in eight cases takes four years; in five, six years; in five, nine years; in thirty, ten successive terms of office.

### THE ISSUE

We think it is useful to pose two questions, viewing the above information. First: what is the optimum number of years of continuous service which should be contemplated when a Grand Officer is selected? Second: should he be selected by election or by appointment?

To the second question, we answer (as a personal opinion) that the choice should be made by election. It is a cherished characterist-

ic of the York Rite that in all essential ways it is democratic. The majority may be mistaken, but we hold that it is the right of the majority to err, and that in most cases the action will be wise. At the least, the action will have the support of the majority of the members, and they may be expected to give loyalty to those they have selected. Let us assure you, also, that it is of great value to an officer to know that he commands by popular choice. Now, let's examine the first question!

### PRESENT TRENDS

In 1961, Iowa reduced her progressive line to the first four officers only. In 1962, South Carolina reduced the elective line to four, and Wyoming to seven officers. In 1963, Florida and Tennessee went to the minimum number of elected officers. South Dakota reduced the elective line to six in 1964. The trend was stronger in 1965, Kentucky, Nevada, and Utah deciding to elect only the top four (plus Treasurer and Recorder), and Washington reduced the elective line to six. 1966 has produced five similar actions, New Jersey, Mississippi, and New York going to the "four man line," and Louisiana to six, while Indiana eliminated the Grand Captain of the Guard from the "line." All of these actions are in the same direction. However, the true results vary considerably, as in five cases it is understood that no candidate has a "right" to be elected because of prior service—in three of the above jurisdictions the *escalator* does not appear to have been interrupted at all—seven have adopted some form of agreement by which those in the line at the time of the action will continue to advance, but those appointed afterward will not necessarily do so.

## OFFICIAL OPINION

Following the recommendation of the York Rite Commission on Unity, Sir Knights William F. Clark, General Grand High Priest; Donald D. Boudeman, General Grand Master; and Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of Grand Encampment, have said in a joint statement for publication—" . . . It is suggested that the total years of service, as an elective line officer, be not more than four years. Further, it is recommended that the appointive officers of the Grand Bodies should be selected on a geographical basis with the district assignment in mind. Such appointees should not be eligible to succeed themselves or to advance by appointment or election for the following term." To this, we give unqualified support.

### WHY?

1. *An advancing or continuous term of service of not more than four years will tend to attract more able and busy men having leadership experience and ability.* It should not be said that such as might be thus attracted are unwilling to serve our Order for a greater total number of years—rather, an able and busy man will hesitate to commit himself for a longer continuous period, realizing the personal changes which may occur in, say, a ten-year period.

2. *One or more trial periods are provided, during which neither the individual nor the organization is committed for more than one year.* The usual practice, where the short line is in effect, is that a Sir Knight will serve one or two appointive offices and one or more years on important committees, before election to the "line." A fine local worker may or may not be effective at the district or state level—he may or may not find satis-

faction in the work. One or more trial periods will reassure both parties.

3. *More individuals may be offered and may enjoy service in a larger area than the local commandery.* It tends to continue and to enlarge the interest of Past Commanders to a much greater degree if, say, six new Grand Officers are appointed each year, rather than only one.

4. *Officers appointed by the Grand Commander tend to show more energetic loyalty to the Grand Commander and his program.* Those so chosen "team up" more naturally.

5. *All districts can be given representation.* Where there is an open election, it is not known which districts will not have elective Grand Officer representation. A larger number of appointive officer stations gives the Grand Commander opportunity to be sure that each district may have a well-known and respected Templar close to each local situation, for the mutual benefit of the local and grand bodies. Since the division of Grand Commandery jurisdictions into districts, or divisions, or departments for administrative purposes is becoming the usual practice, good distribution of officers becomes more necessary.

6. *Officers with experience in administration at the district level make good committee members.* Today's tendency is for a number of committees of Grand Commandery to have an active promotional function. These committees need experienced Templars.

7. *There is less chance that an officer chosen will become fatigued or disabled during his service.* Every Grand Commandery has had the experience of seeing a Grand Officer become less enthusiastic

or aged or ill on the long way up to being Grand Commander. In the traditionally forgiving fashion, it is the rule that the officer will not be removed, but rather the Grand Commandery will suffer from his disability. A shorter-term commitment reduces this risk; the Grand Commandery enjoying a comfortable expectancy that the officer elected will arrive at the time of his major service in full health, vigor, and zeal—the officer chosen may reasonably expect that he will be able to perform the service to which he has committed himself.

#### A CURRENT QUESTION

The Grand Encampment in triennial session at Philadelphia de-

feated a proposal that the elective line of Grand Commanderies include not more than four officers. Nevertheless, many jurisdictions have moved in the direction suggested, and the question is still in the minds of many. Also, the question of whether appointive officers should be routinely advanced when once chosen is being actively debated. One frequently hears the two questions among groups of Grand Officers: "How long should the progressing line be?" and "Is the Masonic *escalator* good for Templary?" But, we think that more Templars might well be concerned about the subject we have titled "Leadership in Particular."

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### AN AUTUMN PRAYER FOR DYNAMIC DEDICATION

*O Eternal Father, Thou Creator and Ruler of the Universe, Thy majesty is proclaimed in all the earth. The hills and the trees in many colors speak of Thy grandeur. Every flaming sunset and every crimson, glorified maple tree show forth Thy beauty. Yet nowhere is Thy splendor revealed as in the life of Jesus, Thy Son. Above all earthly things, He stands as the link between earth and heaven.*

*We give thanks, O Lord, for the freedoms which we enjoy—freedoms which have been won for us by Stalwart Souls whose trust in Thee gave them the courage, the zeal and the heroism necessary for victory. Give us, we beseech Thee, in our day and time the courage to follow in the steps of the Great Christian warriors of the past, constantly reviewing the effectiveness of our Order, as an instrument of Thy purpose. Inspirit us with unflagging enthusiasm for the Christian goals laid down before us. May we labor in the spirit of the eager searcher for truth. Give us a dynamic dedication to Templary.*

*And finally, our Father, in the perplexities of a world still rent by quarrels and tortured by hatred, and of a country confronting grave problems but unprecedented opportunities, we turn to Thee. Thine arm has never failed us and Thy strength has been sufficient for our every need. Grant unto us a faith which will enable us to trust our lives to Thy leadership. Grant us grace to say sincerely, "Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow not with fears." So pray we in our great Captain's name. AMEN.*

—Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.

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"You don't begin to realize, maybe, how important you are. The founders of the Grand Encampment 150 years ago were men, hard-bitten in their faith, who were strong to solve the problems of their day. And, they have passed this responsibility down to you. Under your great leader, I believe that you have what it takes."

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale  
—Sesquicentennial Celebration

## SOUTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT ON THE MOVE

First, the statistics on Life Sponsorships for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in the South Pacific Department as of April 21, 1966:

<i>Grand Commandery</i>	<i>10% of Membership</i>	<i>Actual Number of Life Sponsors</i>	<i>% of Quota</i>
Arizona.....	161	65	40%
Utah.....	120	36	30%
New Mexico.....	320	97	30%
Nevada.....	76	55	72%
California.....	2,306	732	32%

The Knight Templar Magazine subscription figures are as follows, as of August, 1966:

<i>Grand Commandery</i>	<i>10% of Membership</i>	<i>Actual Number of Subscriptions</i>	<i>% of Quota</i>
Arizona.....	161	306	190%
Utah.....	120	147	122%
New Mexico.....	320	210	66%
Nevada.....	76	215	283%
California.....	2,306	1,843	80%

One of the highlights of our Department has been the constituting of a new Commandery in the State of Nevada, the first since 1931. This Commandery is known as the Edward C. Peterson Commandery No. 8 at Carson City, August 13, 1966. Several very distinguished visitors were present including the Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank Logar and the presiding officers of the other York Rite Bodies.

California is having several Knight Templar Crusade classes during the Sesquicentennial year in all of the eight departments and we are sure that the membership will show a substantial increase.

During this year, Arizona, due largely to the presence of our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, last October at the Grand Conclave, has had an inspiring year with increases in all phases of Templar Activities, particularly in membership growth.

New Mexico had a picture of a window display in the August issue of the Knight Templar Magazine advertising the sesquicentennial activities in April. The Grand Officers of this state have pledged themselves to increase activities in all respects.

Utah has pledged themselves to a sincere effort to Templary projects, and we are looking forward to a report of their activities at the end of this year.

"The South Pacific Department," says Sir Knight Rewick, "is determined through dedication and leadership to make our Department the leader in the Grand Encampment."



**ROBERT M. REWICK**  
Department Commander

## ARIZONA



**John Hubert Padget  
Grand Commander**

John Hubert Padget, born April 20, 1907, Washington, Indiana; attended public schools and Settle Business College; moved to Phoenix in 1944. Married Ruth Baker (deceased), 1929. One daughter, Leah Jean Blann; two adopted children, Brian and Kevin. Presbyterian. Business, wholesale paper, custom printed paper. Past High Priest, currently Sentinel Grand Chapter; Past T.I.M., Past Commander. High Priesthood, Silver Trowel, Red Cross of Constantine, El Zarihah Shrine, Rainbow Girls Grand Cross of Color, Past Head Arizona Shrine No. 1, White Shrine.

Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, as guest speaker and installing officer at Arizona's 1965 Annual Conclave, challenged the Grand Commandery to set

its goals high on membership, Eye Foundation Life Sponsors and Knight Templar Magazine subscriptions. The challenge was met. Spring and Fall Festival dates were set; Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, came to Phoenix March 5 to confer the Order of Red Cross with the King's Banquet; another Festival was held June 3-4 with 16 candidates. Eye Sponsors have increased, although still under quota. Magazine subscriptions are at 190% of quota!

## UTAH

William Frank Sessions, Sr., born in 1906, Bingham Canyon, Utah; Mining Engineering and Prospective Arts diplomas, San Jose, California; Human Relations in Industry, Business and Labor, University of Utah. With wife, Barbara, operates Wee Haven Baby Home for 35 handicapped children, Orem, Utah. Past Master, charter member and Past Prior, Utah Priory No. 47, K.Y.C.H. Scottish Rite Mason, member El Kalah Shrine, Past Patron Eastern Star, Past Wiseman White Shrine, Associated Guardian Job's Daughters 5 terms.

The Grand Commandery of Utah aims under Grand Commander Sessions are: To gain 10% in membership; to reach 248% of magazine subscription quota (now stands at 218%); to continue to work to exceed quota; to establish an active publicity committee in each Commandery to keep public informed; to hold Salt Lake City Workshop; to arrange for Easter Sunrise Services; and to work together for gains in every phase of Templary.



**William Frank Sessions, Sr.  
Grand Commander**



## NEW MEXICO

Phil Witherspoon, born at Carlsbad, New Mexico, attended public schools there, then moved to Arizona, where he met and married Flora L. Fitch, daughter of Frank C. Fitch, later G.E.H.P., R.A.M. Received his Masonic work in Arizona, returned to New Mexico and affiliated with Las Cruces Masonic Bodies. Past High Priest, Past T.I.M., Past Commander. Presently Grand R.A. Captain, Deputy Grand Master. Scottish Rite member. Served as Deacon and on Board of Trustees, First United Presbyterian Church.

Grand Commander Witherspoon says the major emphasis this year is on publicity, endeavoring to bring the message of York Rite Masonry to less informed brethren. Plan will be under the direction of a State Publicity Chairman and a York Rite Reporter in each Commandery. Sir Knight Witherspoon invites the entire South Pacific Department to join in this campaign. Says the Grand Commander, "We have the best product, the best teachings; let everyone know who we are, what we are doing, and when we are doing it."



**Phil Witherspoon**  
Grand Commander



**Frank J. Gorman**  
Grand Commander

## NEVADA

Frank J. Gorman, born at Gold Hill, Nevada, near the Virginia City home of DeWitt Clinton Commandery chartered in 1867. Married in 1912; one daughter, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren. Western Pacific R. R. locomotive engineer at 21, later entered the heating-air conditioning business, retired in 1960. Grand High Priest 1949-50, Grand Master of Council 1958-59. Patron Nevada O.E.S. 1935. Thirty year member Reno Lions Club, Sight Conservation Chairman several years.

At a Sesquicentennial Festival in May, Nevada knighted 52 new Sir Knights. Grand Commander Gorman's plans call for another good Festival and a big drive for Life Sponsors and Patrons. One highlight of the year was the

August 13 constituting of Edward C. Peterson Commandery, U.D., at Carson City—the first new Nevada Commandery since 1931. Sir Knight Gorman was especially honored because it was "named for one of Nevada's greatest Masons and a very dear friend who passed on last February at the age of 92."



**Henry Joseph Weisser**  
Grand Commander

membership drives—with additional emphasis upon Life Sponsorships and Knight Templar Magazine subscriptions. Sir Knight Weisser is creating interest in having the Commanderies form A and B teams and C teams, consisting of 12 Sir Knights, for the smaller Commanderies, all to compete at the annual York Rite Conclave. He is encouraging the formation of glee clubs and small bands in the Commanderies. Says the Grand Commander, "Good ritual, appearance and dress are being particularly stressed."

## CALIFORNIA

Prominent in banking, civic affairs, and Masonry, Henry Joseph Weisser was born in New York City, 1904, attended public schools in San Francisco, the American Institute of Banking, majored in Accounting at Golden Gate College. Married Evelyn S. Gardiner, 1937. Associated with Crocker-Citizens National Bank 45 years, now Vice President in the California Business Development Department. Honored as active participant in Templary, Red Cross of Constantine, Shrine, Jesters; Past Patron Casimir Chapter O.E.S., many other offices and recognitions.

Grand Commander Weisser gives special attention to promoting the image of Templary through Sesquicentennial Celebrations, Crusades and Festivals for

## FIRST ABORTIVE ATTEMPT AT UNION

(Tenth of a Series)

Ever since the formation of the several Grand Encampments of Knights Templar, late in the 18th and early in the 19th Centuries, there have been several attempts to form a supreme governing body, to which each state group could look for unity and good will.

### VISTAS OF TEMPLARY

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

to be found in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, South Carolina, and several other places. Each was in the process of expansion and each had a great activity, but none were strong enough to carry on the work of the Order in greatest efficiency because of distance, lack of knowledge of essential action, and uncoordinated duplication of effort.

Several calls had been made on the part of these individual Grand Encampments to establish a unity and carry on the work in a more uniform manner.

The principal Grand Encampments (now called Grand Commanderies), then in existence, were

F. J. Scully, in his **History of the Grand Encampment**, summarizes

the situation as follows—**Massachusetts and Rhode Island**—at a meeting on May 15, 1816, three delegates were appointed from that Grand Encampment to meet and confer with others on the formation of a national body. Thomas Smith Webb and Henry Fowle of Boston, and John Snow of Providence, were appointed.

**New York**—appointed Thomas Lowndes to attend the convention to consider the formation of a national body was instructed that—“provided that the General Grand Encampment of U. S. should be formed, it should recognize this Grand Encampment in its present powers, and supreme over the state of New York, and,” adds Scully, “it is to be noted that the Grand Encampment of New York did not intend to give up any of its power in the event of a national body being formed.”

**Pennsylvania**—after listing the details of the second Grand Encampment of the state in 1814, named William McCorcle, A. Hamilton, Benjamin Edes, and Alphonse C. Ireland as delegates.

The convention met at Philadelphia on June 11, 1816. No records can be found of this convention, but Scully states that—“after several days of fruitless arguments and failure to come to a satisfactory agreement, the delegates from New York and New England adjourned to New York City.”

What then, was the source of the disagreement? It is well-given in Thomas Smith Webb's report to the New York and New England delegation, June 25, 1817, substantially as follows—

“. . . the delegates think it unnecessary to state more than two obstacles . . . to defeat the object in view, the first of which is that

the Encampments in Pennsylvania avow themselves to be in subordination to and under the Grand Lodge of Master Masons; the second is their unwillingness to the arrangement or order of succession in conferring the degrees as practiced by us, and especially, they object to the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master as unnecessary and not belonging to the system of Masonry. . . .”

Failing in their design to unite, the New England delegation withdrew and again met in New York City.

Further pursuing these differences, Brother Scully states that in addition to the fact that the Templars in Pennsylvania seemed to be under the control of the Grand Lodge, and that they also objected to the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees, another great point of difference was centered about the **Order of the Red Cross**, which the Pennsylvania Fraters did not accept nor like.

Thomas Smith Webb, Lowndes, Snow, and others, who had been most active in the formation and promulgation of the rituals, both in Craft, Capitular and Chivalric Masonry, had, shall we say, **dominated** this field of activity, and perhaps some jealousy and misunderstanding had resulted.

Whatever the cause, it was sufficient, with the other items which have been mentioned, to prevent the actual formation of the Grand Encampment at the Philadelphia meeting. This was to be accomplished at a later meeting in New York, some of the circumstances of which were equally strange and seemingly out of place. These matters will be considered in our next article.

## Detroit Will Host the 50th Triennial Conclave

By Ralph Dawson



### FABULOUS DETROIT WATERFRONT

The fabulous waterfront of the port of Detroit, Michigan, is one of the most attractive and richly endowed sections of America's fifth largest city. From this waterfront, Woodward Avenue, in downtown Detroit, runs directly North, leading to modern expressways that go the entire length of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan to the Straits of Mackinac.

Cobo Hall and Cobo Arena, which are the two large buildings at the far left of the picture, will be the scene of many of the Golden Triennial Conclave events of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar between August 19-24, 1967. The beautiful Veterans Memorial Building is the white marble building just to the right of Cobo Arena. Two Bob-Lo Island excursion boats have been reserved exclusively for Tuesday night, August 22, 1967, for Knights Templar,

their families and friends. They are moored at the dock just below the Edsel Ford Auditorium, which is named after the son of famous Henry Ford, who made this magnificent hall possible for all to enjoy.

To the right of the Ford Auditorium is the entrance of the Tunnel to Canada. Just to the right of the Tunnel entrance is Old Mariner's Church, where the statue of George Washington was erected and dedicated to the City of Detroit by the Masons of Michigan in May, 1966. In the background of this picture the large hotels, banks and office buildings are clearly discernible—as well as other portions of the famous Civic Center.

Detroit—a great friendly city—has much to offer all visitors. Detroit is teeming with life and ac-



**BOB-LO ISLAND EXCURSION BOAT**

tivity—it is the hub of America's economy, and the nerve center of the industrial world. Detroit is anxiously awaiting the Golden Tri-

ennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, United States of America, August 19-24, 1967.

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## Commandery Day Held At Creston, Iowa

By Jerry Marsengill

Saturday, September 10, 1966, a class of 22 candidates received the Orders of the Commandery in a one day session held at Creston, Iowa. There were 11 candidates from Bethany Commandery No. 29 at Creston, with the balance coming from other commanderies in the area. The Order of the Red Cross began at 12:30 p.m., the Order of Malta at 3:00 p.m., and the Order of the Temple at 4:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., Bethany Commandery was host at a delicious smorgasbord dinner. After dinner the Order of the Temple was resumed and the work was concluded at 8:30 p.m. The affair was planned and executed by James F. Miligan, G.St.B., and John R. (Fat) Carlson, Commander of Bethany

Commandery. The day was under the supervision of Robert Mullenger, G.S.W., ably assisted by Dale L. Pieart, Inspector in Charge of the Fifth District. Degree Teams were secured from Temple Commandery No. 4 of Des Moines for the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta and Commander Carlson, himself, conferred the Order of the Temple.

Due to a previous commitment, Donald E. Wolfe, G.C., was unable to be present but he was represented by Robert Mullenger, G.S.W. Other distinguished guests in attendance were James J. S. Mitchell and Claude K. Bradley, P.G.C.s, and Marion L. Charlton, G.M. of the Second Veil, R.A.M. of Iowa.

## Patrons of Knight Templar Eye Foundation - A Fertile Field To Plow and Sow

The Patron field has been disced and is now ready for plowing and sowing. The fertile soil holds great promise of a hearty crop, and careful sowing of the seeds will more than double the crop production of past years.

The harvest of 1965 produced some excellent crops, and indicated the possible future potential of this field. In addition to individuals were: Order of the Eastern Star; Shrine Temples; Blue Lodges; Commanderies; Chapters; Councils; York Rite Associations; Tall Cedars; Triangle Girls; Social Order of the Beauceant; Grand Commanderies; DeMolay; Scottish Rite Valleys; and numerous commercial organizations.

It is important not to compare the crops of Life Sponsors with those of Patron and/or Associate Patron, as they are entirely separate fields. Life Sponsors are limited to Knights Templars only, whereas Patrons are open to any individual or organization whether they are identified with Templary and Masonry or not.

An individual or organization can become a Patron upon the payment of \$100.00, or an Associate Patron upon the payment of \$50.00. All of the money received from Patron and Associate Patron members goes into the Permanent Endowment Fund. . . . The income from this fund is used year after year for the assistance of those in need of surgery and hospitalization. Contributions to the Patron Fund are tax exemptible.

Most of the burden for plowing and seeding the Patron field will be in the hands of Knights Templars throughout the country. They

must "man" the tractors and spread the word, or seed, of our great humanitarian charity. These seeds must be scattered to all persons showing an interest. Organizations and individuals alike must be enlightened in the objectives and policies of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Once sown, the fertile Patron crop will begin to grow. The results of this careful plowing and seeding may not be immediate, but the growth of the Patron crops will soon outnumber those around it. The efforts applied in the continual care, watering and cultivation, will bring satisfaction to the worker as the crops will be more plentiful, from more varied areas, and more and more in demand.

Present the potentials of this Patron field to various organizations and people. Show them how they too can contribute to our outstanding Foundation, by buying a share and becoming a Patron member.

The Patron harvest of 1966-1967 can be the largest yet, IF each Knight Templar contributes some of his time to help with the needed plowing and seeding. Each seed passed to an individual or organization can develop into a plant, and rows of plants will culminate into the desired crop. Start sowing your seeds today.

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### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Not first in size—but first to report all commanderies over quota for Life Sponsors of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. At the annual conclave in May, all three commanderies of the District of Columbia were awarded certificates.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

# THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

## The Grand Commander and "Motivation"

Motivation is the primary responsibility of the Constituent Commandery—to provide inspiration and training which will impel a Sir Knight to put into practice in his daily life the Principles expressed in the Ritual and teachings of Templary.

The local commandery must impress on each newly created Sir Knight, and constantly review for all members, the total significance of enlistment under the Templar banner. Membership in a commandery is a stern challenge and a great responsibility. It is up to each local commandery to put this idea across. This task must be constantly and persistently followed up. Each commandery should conduct its affairs to provide the proper atmosphere in which a Sir Knight may develop over the years to become thoroughly rooted in the Principles of Templary.



J. HARVEY MOORE  
Grand Commander

It is vital that the commanderies retain the interest of each Sir Knight, keep him coming back to each Stated Conclave. One of the most important considerations is GOOD PROGRAM—*compact, appealing, and meaningful*, geared to the interest of those attending. This calls for change of pace, variety, and takes concerted effort. A good program should uplift, ennoble, educate, and entertain so that we may know, understand, and exemplify.

The effectiveness of our Order is the sum total of the daily witness of its members. We must deepen our understanding of Templary and plan how to make our witness more effective in today's world. I urge all commanderies throughout the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to undertake with renewed vigor the challenge of offering interesting and adequate programs at the Stated Conclaves.

## Off To A Good Start

Northern Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, Towanda, Pa., reported 14 petitions for the Orders of Knighthood on their conclave notice for September. Eminent Commander is Sir Knight Orville C. Eddy.

Also, noted at random, are 2 petitions in the September notice of Ascalon No. 59, Pittsburgh (Harry Riley, Commander) ; 6 in the notice of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Pittsburgh (Charles A. Garnes, Commander) ; 6 for Jacques de Molay No. 3, Washington (Harry E. Killen, III, Commander) ; 1 petition for Bethlehem No. 90 (Glenn A. Walter, Commander) ; 3 for Philadelphia-St. John's-Corinthian No. 4 (Harry A. Evangelides, Commander) ; 2 for Kadosh No. 29 (Robert W. Castner, Commander) ; and 2 in the September notice of McKeesport No. 86 (Charles E. Redman, Commander).

There are others throughout the state, giving indication that Knight Templary in Pennsylvania is on the move under Grand Commander Moore.

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## Pennsylvania News Material

Grand Officers, Officers of the Constituent Commanderies of Pennsylvania, committee chairmen and other active Sir Knights, are reminded that the Pennsylvania Supplement of The Knight Templar Magazine welcomes news-information relative to coming events and special Templar activities. In making plans for recognitions, receptions, York Rite Festivals, or any special program or project, interested participants are invited to relay the appropriate information to: Paul C. Rodenhauer, 1134 Manor Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512. Brevity and accuracy are virtues which will be appreciated.

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## John B. Cottrell, Jr., Speaks At 110th Anniversary of Lancaster Commandery No. 13

John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Commander of Grand Encampment, was the featured speaker for the 110th Anniversary Banquet of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, Thursday, September 29, at the "Plain and Fancy Farm and Dining Room," east of Lancaster. Lancaster Commandery, constituted in 1856, is headed by Gust S. Diamantoni, Eminent Commander. Other officers for 1966-67 are: Charles E. Landis, Generalissimo; Howard C. Frontz, Captain-General; Walter R. Mull, P.C., Treasurer; Leroy C. May, P.C., Recorder. Sir Knight May also is Division Commander of Division No. 16.

A capacity gathering of Sir Knights and ladies heard Sir Knight Cottrell in an interesting word-picture of Templar background and Templar principals. It was recalled that a similar gathering was held in 1956 in celebration of the Commandery's 100th Anniversary. At that occasion, Sir Knight Dallas F. Bullock, then Grand Commander, was the speaker of the evening.



## Midway Reminder



The sea of white plumes and the throng of spectators at the 1966 Knight Templar Easter Service, Arlington, are a picture-reminder from Sir Knight Lawrence S. Guth, Reading, that we are at the midpoint between the 1966 and 1967 service.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania again will have a special plan and special arrangements for Pennsylvania's participation in Easter weekend activities at Washington, D. C., March 25-26, 1967. Information will be released through the Pennsylvania Supplement and the members of the committee in the near future.

Grand Commander Moore has appointed the following Sir Knights to the Easter Sunrise Service committee: Harry M. Palmer, James P. Miller, Charles R. Frasch, Emory C. Gardner, Russell R. Robison, James E. Bauer, Samuel H. Verner, Harvey O. Nielson, George C. Meck, Seth P. Grodivant, Ralph H. Ott, S. Guy Dreese, Reuben H. Learn, Harvey E. Hoover, Wayne G. McFarland, Emerson F. Hauer, Maximillian M. Bifart, and Paul C. Rodenhauser.

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Gethsemane Commandery No. 75 plans a York Rite Festival for Saturday, November 19, and Saturday, November 26. Eugene A. Yeater is Commander.

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Earl H. Supplee, Commander, Centennial No. 55, Coatesville, writes: "Ninety years ago on October 18, 1876, Centennial Commandery was constituted, and 20 years ago on October 24, 1946, our Ladies' Auxiliary met for the first time."

# Grand Commander's Revised Visitation Schedule

1966

October 8-9-10	Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio .....	Columbus
October 15	Division No. 2 Reception .....	Pittsburgh
October 22	Division No. 10 Reception .....	Bradford
October 29	Division No. 13 Reception .....	
November 5	Division No. 3 Reception .....	
November 12	Division No. 1 York Rite Festival .....	Philadelphia
November 19	Division No. 8 Reception .....	Beaver Falls
November 26	Division No. 12 Reception .....	
December 7-8	Grand Lodge .....	Philadelphia
December 10	Divisions No. 15 and 16 Combined Reception .....	
December 11	Annual Templar Christmas Breakfast and Observance .....	Columbia

1967

February 3	Grand Officers' Conference .....	Philadelphia
February 4	Division No. 1 Reception .....	Philadelphia
February 25	Division No. 11 Reception .....	
March 4	Division No. 14 Reception .....	Danville
March 9	Blue Lodge .....	Charleroi
March 18	Division No. 6 Reception .....	State College
March 25-26	Easter Weekend Pilgrimage .....	Washington, D. C.
March 31	Division No. 4 Reception .....	
April 1	Division No. 9 Reception .....	East Stroudsburg
April 8	Division No. 5 Reception .....	

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Says Eminent Commander Wilson G. Varcoe (Mizpah No. 96, Doylestown), to his constituents: "There are approximately 730 hours in a month. I hope that you will be able to take two of them and join your fellow Sir Knights at our conclave."

## As Seen By The Camera – Sesquicentennial Celebration Of Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Saudi Arabia

*(An earlier report of this event appeared in the September issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.)*

In sending these pictures to the editor, Grand Master Brucker stated: "They never fail to inspire me—to realize that in that outpost we have such zeal for Templary."



**SPEAKERS TABLE**



**CLASS OF CANDIDATES**



**AL HASA COMMANDERY SESQUICENTENNIAL BANQUET**

# Knights Templar Cross of Honor Awards - September 27, 1965 to September 6, 1966

Name of Grand Commandery	Name of Commandery	Name of Recipient	Place of Residence	Date of Authorization By Grand Master
Missouri	Oriental No. 35	Marvin D. Sherman	Kansas City, Mo.	Dec. 8, 1965
Florida	Olivet No. 4	Chester Orlando Cornwall	Orlando, Fla.	Dec. 19, 1965
New Jersey	Triumph No. 74	Thomas Rankin Pritchard	Arlington, N. J.	Jan. 5, 1966
Virginia	Appomattox No. 6	Leibert Gurley Archer	Petersburg, Va.	Jan. 11, 1966
Louisiana	Jacques de Molay	Charles Edward Rupp	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 11, 1966
Wisconsin	Rhineland No. 52	Frank K. Campbell	Rhineland, Wis.	Jan. 24, 1966
South Carolina	Florence No. 10	Obed Leo Johnson	Florence, S. C.	Jan. 25, 1966
Mississippi	Cyrene No. 9	Mays Doyle Wheelchel	Meridian, Miss.	Jan. 14, 1966
North Carolina	Calvary No. 25	Joseph Frederick Keyes	Plymouth, N. C.	Feb. 14, 1966
Michigan	Muskegon No. 22	William Leonard Eyrke	Muskegon, Mich.	Feb. 17, 1966
California	Valley No. 75	Christen L. Christensen	San Fernando, Cal.	Feb. 8, 1966
Alabama	Cyrene No. 10	Alexander Murray Weems	Birmingham, Ala.	March 1, 1966
New York	Trinity No. 68	William G. Wittcke	Elmhurst, N. Y.	March 1, 1966
Texas	Colorado No. 4	John Charles Eckert	Austin, Tex.	March 1, 1966
Maine	St. Alban No. 8	Charles Henry Dinsmore	Westbrook, Me.	March 4, 1966
Maryland	Montgomery No. 13	Rowan Fowler Erb	Rockville, Md.	March 15, 1966
Nebraska	Mt. Moriah No. 4	Dean L. Robertson	Lincoln, Neb.	April 1, 1966
North Dakota	Crusader No. 16	Clifford E. Roth	Williston, N. D.	April 1, 1966
Connecticut	New Haven No. 2	Arthur Harold Jobs	New Haven, Conn.	April 1, 1966
Oregon	Malta No. 4	John T. Weisel	Medford, Ore.	April 4, 1966
Georgia	Coeurde Lion No. 4	Ira Regional Huffaker	Atlanta, Ga.	March 29, 1966
Kentucky	Shelby No. 32	Clayton Abernathy Compton, Jr.	Crestwood, Ky.	April 11, 1966
Washington	Catact No. 3	Guy Branaman Stigar	Spokane, Wash.	April 11, 1966
Indiana	Raper No. 1	Lloyd Weyman Young	Plainfield, Ind.	April 11, 1966
South Carolina	Anderson No. 11	Samuel Arthur Bannister	Starr, S. C.	April 11, 1966
Utah	El Monte No. 2	Lloyd Newton Taylor	Ogden, Utah	April 19, 1966
Arkansas	Hugh de Payens No. 1	Charles Ehrler	Little Rock, Ark.	April 28, 1966
Germany	Bavaria No. 3	John Guilford Warren	APG, N. Y. Germ.	May 3, 1966
Dist. of Columbia	Potomac No. 3	Robert Benjamin Hudson	Washington, D. C.	May 5, 1966
Iowa	St. Simon of Cyrene No. 9	Charles Lewis Mooney	Bettendorf, Iowa	May 11, 1966

Kansas	Emporia No. 8	Frank E. Pennington	Emporia, Kan.	May	5, 1966
Nevada	Malta No. 3	Wilbur H. Handley	Las Vegas, Nev.	May	20, 1966
Montana	Cyrene No. 10	Guy Thompson	White Fish, Mont.	May	11, 1966
Pennsylvania	Dieu Le Vent	Peter G. George	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	May	9, 1966
Tennessee	St. Elmo No. 15	Ray Herman Phipps	Memphis, Tenn.	May	24, 1966
Idaho	Idaho No. 1	Merlin Forrest Purcell	Boise, Idaho	May	24, 1966
Vermont	St. Aldemar No. 11	Frederick A. Inglis	Barre, Vt.	May	27, 1966
Minnesota	Nazerene No. 24	William Wayne Harrison	Osakis, Minn.	May	21, 1966
West Virginia	Kanawha No. 4	Gilbert Eustace Griffin	Charleston, W. Va.	May	31, 1966
Illinois	Melita No. 37	Frank Perry Layne	Tuscola, Ill.	Feb.	7, 1966
South Dakota	Cyrene No. 2	Amerigo Raimondi	Sioux Falls, S. D.	July	20, 1966
Ohio	Mansfield No. 2	Walter Burrier	Mansfield, Ohio	July	29, 1966
Wyoming	Apollo No. 8	Martin L. Eggert	Casper, Wyo.	Aug.	1, 1966
Massachusetts	Springfield No. 6	William Joseph O'Neil	Agawam, Mass.	Aug.	29, 1966
Arizona	Columbine No. 9	Garland Alton Bull	Safford, Ariz.	Aug.	31, 1966
Colorado	Highlands No. 30	Howard F. Roerig	Denver, Colo.	Sept.	6, 1966

## Knight Templar Cross of Honor

A meritorious award was established at the 49th Triennial Conclave at Philadelphia to be known as the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

This award is presented to Sir Knights in recognition of exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order far beyond the call of duty.

The award, which includes both a jewel of distinctive design in the form of a Patriarchal Cross and a suitable certificate, is given by the Grand Master.

The list of names which appear on these two pages is the second list thus far published.

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## In Memoriam

### Arizona

Ernest Ray Updike, G.G., 1965  
—August 10, 1966

### Iowa

Thomas Elmer Brobyn, G.C.,  
1959—June 20, 1966

### Ohio

Clayton George Cousino, G.C.,  
1956—July 27, 1966  
Sydney Charles Partridge, G.C.,  
1960—August 16, 1966

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“This great structure of civil and religious liberty and freedom under God, personified by those glorious structures along the Potomac, could also crumble away, under the noxious breath of 20th century America. What is the cure? To give this Nation a bath of the pure religion of the Lord Jesus, under which it was founded, and to wash it clean—and it will never pass away!”

*Dr. Norman Vincent Peale*  
—*Sesquicentennial Celebration*

## Twelve States and District of Columbia at Conference Of North Atlantic Templar Leaders at Philadelphia

10 Grand Commanders and 9 Deputy Grand Commanders Among 52 Templars Attending Two-Day Conference

Templar projects and topics of a wide variety were methodically but enthusiastically reviewed by Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery leaders from the North Atlantic Department at the Bellevue Stratford, Philadelphia, September 16 and 17, under the presiding guidance of Department Commander John B. Cottrell, Jr.

Deputy Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Jr., journeyed to Pennsylvania from Florida to attend and participate in the sessions. He was accompanied by Stephen B. Diamond, G.J.W., Grand Commandery of Florida, and member of the Committee on York Rite Unity. Another active participant was Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, New York.

High on the list of subjects which received considerable attention and discussion was the Knight Templar Educational Foundation. A number of changes were advocated. It was suggested that the allowable minimums be increased to \$3,000, that an easier rate of interest be adopted, and that it be permissible to grant loans starting with the sophomore year. It was generally agreed that standard regulations would be acceptable by all jurisdictions.

A surprise feature during the Friday evening dinner was a resolution proposed by the Grand Commander of Maine, Charles H. Peterson, that the conference go on record in endorsing the candidacy of Department Commander Cottrell for the post of Grand Captain General at the 1967 Triennial Conclave in Detroit. He addressed his

resolution to J. Harvey Moore, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania. Attempts to speak in seconding the resolution—made by Past Grand Commander Gordon J. Brenner, New Jersey, and Grand Commander Edward J. Warwick, Maryland, were almost stifled by the acclamation with which Sir Knight Peterson's resolution was received.

The two day conference concluded at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, September 17, when Sir Knight Cottrell summed up the subjects discussed and the sentiments expressed, and thanked the 52 Templars for their constructive work. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Deputy Grand Master Crofts answered a question from the floor on what latitude a Grand Commandery officer has in administering to his jurisdiction and in instituting activities. Sir Knight Crofts emphasized that it is his "deep interest and great desire that Templary should progress," and concluded by saying, "if it is not un-Christian or un-Masonic, then do it!"

Those in attendance were:

**Maine:** Charles H. Peterson, G.C.; George E. Berry, D.G.C.

**New Hampshire:** Archie B. Minot, G.C.

**Vermont:** Franklyn H. Churchill, G.C.; Frank W. Bailey, D.G.C.; Peter Butynsky, G.St.B.

**Massachusetts & Rhode Island:** G. Burton Long, G.C.; George C. Patton, D.G.C.; Gordon C. Player, G.G.; Norman Stavelly, G.C.G.; Jack R. Baker, G.S.W.

**Connecticut:** David B. Brownlow, G.C.; Edwin W. Raymond, D.G.C.;

Ralph L. Kalp, G.G.; Carroll A. Campbell, P.G.C.; Phillip S. Jones, P.G.C.; John W. Colody, G.W.; William F. Olson, G.C.G.

**New York:** Raymond C. DuVall, G.C.; Neil R. Baker, D.G.C.; Ralph J. Ely, G.C.G.; Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M. of Grand Encampment; Edward Holloway, P.D.C.; George D. Barclay, P.G.C.; George Lang, P.G.C.; Frederick H. Staal, P.G.C.; Warren H. Deck, P.G.C.

**New Jersey:** Ortgies Ahrens, G.C.; William T. Green, D.G.C.; Raymond Holtz, P.G.C.; Theodore F. Voelter, P.D.C.; Gordon J. Brenner, P.G.C.; Charles W. Freeland, G.C.G.

**Pennsylvania:** J. Harvey Moore, G.C.; Harold E. Stokely, D.G.C.;

G. Calvin Dyson, G.G.; Charles R. Eurich, G.C.G.; Perry L. LaBarr, P.G.C.; Paul C. Rodenhauer, P.G.C.; William D. Geesey, G.S.W.; Ewart Roberts, G.J.W.

**Maryland:** Edward J. Warwick, G.C.; Harry N. Reimuller, D.G.C.; Oscar C. Helmar, G.G.; Alton G. Billmeir, G.C.G.; Conrad J. Raider, P.G.C.; Roland S. Marshall, P.G.C.; Frank F. Smith, P.G.C.

**District of Columbia:** William H. Barkman, G.C.; Eston E. Burge, D.G.C.; Harry L. Beach, P.G.C.

**Delaware:** Samuel A. Wise, P.C., St. Andrews Commandery No. 2.

**Florida:** Stephen B. Dimond, G.J.W., member York Rite Unity; John L. Crofts, Sr., D.G.M., Grand Encampment.

## Most Successful Myron L. Lingle Festival Held At Springfield, Illinois

More than 500 attended this festival at which time 112 candidates became York Rite Masons.

The Chapter and Council work was given by a presentation of a symbolic drama entitled "The Word" which was prepared by Sir Knight Myron K. Lingle, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. This drama is an arrangement in chronological order of the events concerning "The Word." With the approval of the three Grand York Rite Bodies it was made possible for the large class of Master Masons to witness the play and take binding obligations to become members of the Chapter and Council.

The Commandery Orders followed the other York Rite work and was ably presented by Peoria Commandery conferring the Order of the Red Cross, Beaumanior Commandery the Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta, and Elwood

Commandery conferring the Order of the Temple.

The only disappointing feature of the entire activity was that Sir Knight Lingle, after putting in much work, instruction, and coaching of the cast was unable to be present because of illness.

"A positive thinker is a rough, tough individual mentally, who views every problem and sees it realistically; but he is not licked by it, because he knows that in every difficulty Almighty God has hidden an inherent good, and he means to find that good. He is a practitioner of that form of philosophy known as optimism, which holds that at long-last, the evils of the world are over-balanced by the goods thereof, and he believes that mankind has greatness in him!"

*Dr. Norman Vincent Peale*  
—*Sesquicentennial Celebration*

## York Rite Association of Indiana Sponsors Quarry Festival—1200 Attend

The Indiana York Rite Association got its fall schedule off to an excellent start with an outstanding dramatic exemplification of the Mark Master Degree conferred by the Mesopotamia Royal Arch Chapter Association in a stone quarry at Bloomington, on August 27th. Approximately 1,200 companions, ladies, and candidates were served a bounteous barbequed ribs dinner at the quarry site prior to the degree work which was conferred on a class of 182 candidates.

The ladies enjoyed a presentation limited to and presented especially for them of "The Glass Menagerie" by the Indiana University players at the University Theater during the conferral of the degree work. The theater was filled to capacity. The ladies were transported from and to the quarry by chartered busses.

In addition to the regular officers, 73 companions made up the cast and many others participated in serving the meal, setting up the bleachers, preparing for the work, etc. The cast was most ably direct-

ed by Lloyd W. Young, P.G.H.P. and a salaried York Rite co-ordinator for Indiana. Introductions were held to a minimum and the work moved with dispatch from its start at 8:00 p.m. to its conclusion at 10:30 p.m.

The weather was perfect—the moon almost full, and the Sir Knights in full Templar uniform spotlighted and stationed at various places on the perimeter of the stone quarry as guards added greatly to the spectacular setting for the excellent ritualistic work.

The General Grand Chapter was represented by Chas. K. A. McGaughey, Grand Recorder of the General Grand Chapter, who was flown from Kentucky to Bloomington by Roger K. Becker, P.G.H.P., for the occasion.

The Indiana York Rite Association has detailed plans well under way for the remainder of this year. York Rite Festivals under specific direction of Sir Knight Young will be held in the 9 districts of the state.

### Grand Jurisdictions Announce Candidates for Grand Encampment Line

The following Grand Jurisdictions (there may be others) have passed resolutions that they will submit the following named Sir Knights as candidates for the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment next year at the Detroit Triennial:

CALIFORNIA—Ralph H. Slocum

INDIANA—Willard M. Avery

PENNSYLVANIA—John B. Cottrell, Jr.



## Sesquicentennial and Tri-City Joint Installation (Ore.)

Temple Commandery of Albany, DeMolay Commandery of Salem, and Bruce Commandery of Corvallis, Oregon, recently met at the Masonic Temple, in Corvallis, for the installing of their officers. Merle W. Frisbie, P.G.C., was the Installing Officer, assisted by T. Leland Morgan, G.P., as Installing Chaplain, and Edward W. Norton, P.G.Ill.M., as Installing Marshal. This was a public installation and appropriate music was used throughout the ceremony.

Immediately following the installation, Charles L. Willey, G.C., presided at the commemorative program, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Encampment. The principal speaker for the occasion was Sir Knight Vilas J. Brown of Portland, Oregon. Sir Knight Brown has been prominent in York Rite Masonry, not only in Oregon, but has been in constant contact with Ma-

sonry all over the world. He is a P.G.H.P. of R.A.M. of Oregon; local secretary of Quatour Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of London, England, for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana; member of Correspondence Circle Research Lodge No. 100 of Ireland, and United Masters Lodge of Auckland, New Zealand; Past President of Hodson Council, Order of High Priesthood of Oregon; Allied Masonic Degrees. His address was most inspiring for the occasion.

A reception followed the program, and the ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant outdid themselves with a beautiful decorated reception room, using a large white Passion Cross surrounded with red and white roses and red candles.

A large number of people were in attendance and declared it one of the nicest Templar functions they had ever witnessed.



JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (OREGON)

## Yes Club—A Sesquicentennial Crusade

In October of 1965 we had a very distinguished guest of honor at our Commandery dinner. This person was Goebel Buchanan, G.C., State of Florida. After the dinner he was asked how he liked the dinner. Calling a spade a spade, he said he enjoyed the social part—but what was the dinner for? He liked dinners to celebrate something—and not only that—St. Lucie Commandery was one of the few Commanderies without one single Life Sponsorship to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. This was the first planting of see's of great things to come.

In November of 1965, election time took place and George E. Petrie was elected to the highest station of York Rite Masonry in Fort Pierce, Florida—that of Eminent Commander, even though he would be gone from May to October to run a summer business in Burlington, Wisconsin.

About January 5th, George received a letter congratulating him on his new station, and informing him also that this was the Sesquicentennial Year of Knights Templar and asking him what extra special deeds could be performed by St. Lucie Commandery to celebrate the event. This brought to mind Goebel Buchanan's pet subject. So George went out and started asking the Sir Knights to join up. The first ten said yes! This made George very enthusiastic and he began to concentrate on the job. Then one night he had a dream—that YES stood for York Eye Sponsorship and his Commandery formed a YES club and signed up all the Sir Knights, 119 strong, in St. Lucie Commandery No. 17. Then it spread to all the Commanderies in the State of Florida; from

there all the other Commanderies in the world were getting started—when George woke up! Realizing this was a God given dream, George got up and wrote down his dream.

In a couple of days George brought this up at his Commandery and said, "Let's go for 100%." A few said it could not be done—impossible—wait—council. That night George called Goebel Buchanan and told him of the YES club plans. He said, "Do it now—today—waste no time." George, with the able assistance of Peter Camancho, Henry Bengel, and James Banketas, went to work asking each Sir Knight to sign up. They had the whole Commandery signed up 100%—from the bottom to the top in eight weeks.

In Fort Pierce we like to think of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation as a sleeping good giant, and all we did was to give it a hot foot.

On April 30, 1966, St. Lucie Commandery had another dinner to celebrate the Sesquicentennial Year, honoring all 119 YES club members.

The guest of honor was Goebel Buchanan, G.C., whom we believe, was the happiest Grand Commander in the whole world.

In talking to the Sir Knights in Fort Pierce we found that 90% of the Sir Knights never heard of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. The other 10% said they had not joined up because no one ever asked them to.

What can your Commandery do in the short time left in our great Sesquicentennial Year? Please shoot for the moon—it's not impossible, you know.

## "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The special articles "We Note In Review" are submitted by John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master, from his reading of various Grand Commandery Proceedings and will also appear in future issues.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

In his farewell as Grand Commander, Sir Knight Billings of Wisconsin quoted Dr. Albert Schweitzer—"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will really be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Georgia has a nice custom of electing a Grand Orator, usually a minister and always a Knight Templar, to deliver the message at the Divine Service which will be a feature of the following annual conclave, following a committee recommendation. This establishes and recognizes the importance of the assignment.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The Grand Commandery of Michigan took several actions with regard to the Triennial Conclave 14 months ahead, and it seems plain that they intend to be the best hosts ever, leaving nothing undone for the comfort and entertainment of all who will attend.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

It should be more widely known that the present Grand Commander in South Carolina, Dr. V. P. Patterson, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1933, can list among other past service, 13 years in China as a medical missionary under the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. The Pattersons are "Family of the Year," selected by the citizens of Chester, South Carolina.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The Grand Commandery of New Mexico approved by resolution a proposed single petition form for Chapter, Council, and Commandery, also a dues receipt form covering all three bodies.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

By voluntary contributions sent in from the Constituent Commanderies, Nebraska supports the Medical Fund for residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home, in amount of considerably more than \$1,000 per year.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

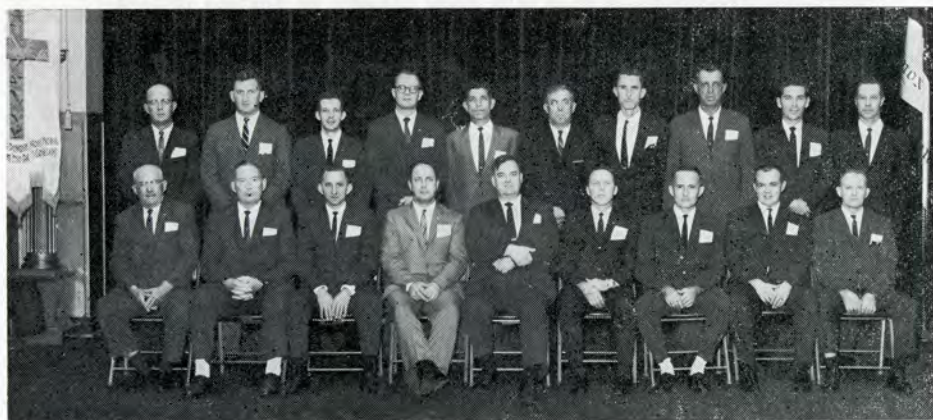
Georgia, through it's own Knight Templar Educational Foundation, made possible through bequests and gifts, continues to support the education of senior ministerial students by grants. At the 1966 conclave, the committee reported awards of \$300 each to 17 students for a total of \$5,100. Needless to say, this generous and useful program is a considerable satisfaction to Georgia Knights.

### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Perhaps it is not news in the usual sense, but to a reviewer it is like a fine breeze on a hot summer day. Our compliments to Grand Commander Frank L. Bourke of Maine for his thoughtful and knightly report under the heading of Condition of the Order (1966 proceedings). We find it frank, forthright, scholarly, admirably directed toward the future, and reflecting a deep personal devotion to Templary.

## *From Our Readers*

### YORK RITE FESTIVAL IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



#### KNOXVILLE AREA YORK RITE FESTIVAL CANDIDATES

The Knoxville Area York Rite Association held its first Spring York Rite Festival in Knoxville on three successive Saturdays, April 16, 23, and 30, 1966. Sixteen candidates were exalted, nineteen were greeted, thirty-six received the Super Excellent Master Degree, and nineteen were knighted. At another festival in the Knoxville area held at Clinton in May, fourteen candidates received all the degrees and orders, thus making a total of thirty-three knighted in the two festivals. Interest in the festival was high and attendance good. Several Grand Officers of the various bodies were present at different times during the festival, including Grand High Priest Rus-

Alvin Louis Crump, Grand Master General of the Convent General, K.Y.C.H. (P.G.C., Illinois), has sent more than 4,000 letters to members of the York Cross of Honor urging various acts of participation in activities for the York Rite. This letter in part reads as

sell B. Tandy and Grand Master Jacob R. Denny.

Fall festivals have been a regular feature of the York Rite program in this area for the past sixteen years and thirty-four candidates were knighted at the festival in the fall of 1965. It is expected that spring festivals will be held each year in the future, and that these will be just as successful as the fall festivals have been.

The 1966 Fall Festival will be held in Knoxville on October 27, 28, and 29, and will be a part of the Grand Encampment Sesquicentennial Celebration in this area. A large class of candidates is expected for this festival.

**By C. H. Duke, Correspondent**

follows: "During this Grand Encampment Sesquicentennial Year, it is imperative that all members of the K.Y.C.H. revitalize their efforts in promoting festivals and activities to increase membership and offer their services on committees to eliminate losses by demit and suspension. . . ."



Standing from left to right: Herman H. Bernius, C., No. 53; Charles E. Shaver, Jr., C., No. 2; Charles E. Dawson, C., No. 15; William A. Champlin, C., No. 76; Albert Lamb, C., No. 37; Warren H. Deck, G.C.; Jacob F. Foster, C., No. 58; Edward Bartell, P.C., No. 31; and Robert A. L. Bentley, P.C., No. 23.

During the Grand Commandery year which ended in June, 1966, nine Commanderies of New York attained their goal of enrolling ten percent of their membership as Life Sponsors in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Warren H. Deck, G.C., is shown congratulating Albert Lamb of St. George's Commandery No. 37, Schenectady, after presenting the certificates of apprecia-

tion from the Grand Encampment. The presentation was made during the Grand Commandery Banquet at the Annual Conclave. The nine Commanderies achieving their goal were: Bethlehem No. 53, 11.9%; Damascus No. 58, 11.6%; Couer de Lion No. 23, 10.8%; Temple No. 2, 10.8%; St. George's No. 37, 10.6%; Apollo No. 15, 10.0%; Manhattan No. 31, 10.0%; Marble City No. 63, 10.0%; and Otsego No. 76, 10.0%.

#### IMPERIAL POTENTATE MEMBER OF ARLINGTON VIRGINIA COMMANDERY

Orville Findley Rush, a member of Arlington Commandery No. 29, Arlington, Virginia, was advanced to the Supreme Shrine office of Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Sir Knight and Reverend Woodrow Wilson Hayzlett, also a member of Arlington Com-

mandery No. 29, was appointed to the office of Imperial Chaplain, A.A.O.N.M.S., at the recent Imperial Session held in San Francisco.

The Sir Knights of Arlington Commandery are proud to make this announcement and the heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a most successful Imperial Year are extended these two Sir Knights by all Knights Templar.

—Joe R. Harris, P.G.C.

## JACKSONVILLE (FLORIDA) BODIES TO HONOR P.G.C. ARTHUR S. STEWART

The Jacksonville York Rite Bodies will complete their celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Grand Encampment of K.T. of U.S.A. with a Fall Festival honoring one of their most distinguished members, Past Grand Commander Arthur Sylvester Stewart. One of the highlights of this festival will be the conferring of all of the orders and degrees in the York Rite of Freemasonry on a large class of candidates named in honor of Sir Knight Stewart.



**ARTHUR S. STEWART**

The complimentary degree of Super-excellent Master will be conferred on this class by a crack team headed by P.G.H.P. Wilbur W. Masters who will also head the cast which will confer the Royal Arch Widow's degree.

The Jacksonville York Rite Bodies will present solid gold York Rite rings to its members who are knighted in the Order of the Temple as well as to members who have previously been knighted and take the Council degrees during this festival. This presentation will

be made by Past Commander Arthur Wissler at a special ceremony immediately following the conferring of the Order of the Temple. These rings are a band of yellow gold with a blood-red passion cross and a black crown on the face with the York Rite motto "In Hoc Signo Vinces" engraved on the inside. This motto is engraved toward one edge of the ring leaving space for any commemorative engraving the recipient may desire.

All of the degrees and orders will be conferred at the York Rite Temple in Jacksonville with work being given on October 27, 29, and 31, and November 1 and 5.

Adding color and dignity to the conferring of the DeMolay Degree of Chevalier conferrals is the Honor Guard of Sacramento Commandery No. 2, California, headed by Alfred Manship, Commander. In June the commandery provided the guard for the bestowing of the degree upon J. Daniel Dwyer, Past Master Councillor of the Northern California DeMolay Association, and Eric B. Jackman, both of Tehama Chapter. In August, the guard again officiated at the conferral of the Chevalier Degree in public ceremonies at the Oak Plains Masonic Lodge, when Richard Nyquist and Dennis Bright, Past Master Councillors of Robert L. Wade Chapter, were knighted as chevaliers. The Sacramento Commandery has received many favorable comments from each of the affairs, with almost 200 in attendance at each event. Sacramento Commandery believes that its effort is quite beneficial to the public image of Templary in the Sacramento community.

**James F. Raymond, Correspondent**

# Helping The Under Privileged



One of the civic projects of Bryan Commandery, Ohio, is that of helping sponsor the Sunny Side Sheltered Work Shop for retarded adults. On a recent occasion the workshop was presented with a tool chest, assortment of tools, electric clock and a slide projector and screen. Making the presentation are left to right: Charles Isaac, St.B.; Mark McKelvey, P.C.; and Scott Evans, C. of the commandery. The workshop contracts less difficult jobs from area factories for the handicapped.

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## REMEMBER . . .

*"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.*

*You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.*

*You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.*

*You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.*

*You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.*

*You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds.*

*You cannot establish security on borrowed money.*

*You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.*

*You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."*

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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