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" A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself. And whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag, the government, the principles, the truths, the history that belong to the nation that sets it forth. The American flag has been a symbol of Liberty and men rejoiced in it. "

— Henry Ward Beecher



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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.

DO YOU "BELONG?"

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, Apostles Peter and John went about, teaching and healing in the Master's name. The Scriptures tell us that the source of their dynamic power was the fact that they had been with Jesus. They had walked and talked with the Master and they were not content to be mere "card-carrying" members of the Christian band. There was nothing lukewarm or casual about their Christian allegiance. Not for one moment did they lapse into indifference. They were Christian warriors in the fullest sense of that term.

In these modern days, the burning question is still being asked: Are we only "card-carrying" members—or do we really "belong" to the Christian Order of Knighthood?

Templary's biggest job in these trying times is to penetrate the hard crust of indifference and lethargy. In some quarters it is considered clever to withdraw into one's shell and avoid any contact that will involve one in anything that smacks of work or responsibility. Many "card-carrying" members say they "belong" to our great Order of Knighthood—but they utterly fail to grasp the terrific significance of what is expected of a Christian Warrior. They mean well, but they mistakenly believe that they themselves are exempted in some way from taking any active part. They are content to become mere spectators who view things from afar.

Your Grand Master solemnly charges you to seek out and transform indifferent "card-carrying" members into stout-hearted Christian warriors. Let us put more members to work. Give them a job to do for Templary and get them active. What a God-given opportunity today's leaders of Templary have to revitalize, reinvigorate and rejuvenate Sir Knights at every level of Templary!

Now, let's squarely analyze and face the situation: each of us has knelt at the Commandery Triangle; and each of us recalls the high resolve we made at that moment—to put on the Armor of God and do battle for the Christian cause in an evil world. The trumpet call of duty sounds today just as loud and clear as it did the evening we were knighted. Each of us has one or more very close friends who are mere "card-carrying" members, but who may be influenced by us to become active and work on some definite, concrete Templar project. When this happens, Templary will feel the surge of new power that will carry us to heights we deserve to reach—Growth of Membership—Life Sponsors for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation—Subscribers to the Magazine—and in every other one of Templary's manifold activities.

What we desperately need is the determination of every Knight Templar to say: "I belong"—and really mean it!

YORK RITE UNITY?

Actions Taken at Chapter and Council Triennials, Boston
By John L. Crofts, Sr., Chairman, Committee on Unity

By supporting similar substitute motions offered by Sir Knight J. Luther Jordan, Louisiana, both the General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter refused to refer to their constituent grand bodies the proposal to establish The York Rite of Freemasonry, as set out by the Commission on Unity in the Concordat, Protocol, and report.

Stripped of its argumentative sections, Sir Knight Jordan's proposal was (1) That action on the Concordat, Protocol, and Resolutions be deferred until a future triennial session, (2) That the report of the Committees be referred to all constituent grand bodies for discussion and suggestions, and (3) That the incoming presiding officers be authorized but not directed to appoint committees of three or more, to report at a future time. We are informed that such committees will be appointed, but it is not known what their assignment may be.

We cannot report on attitudes expressed in the General Grand Council, as no debate was permitted by G.G.M. Boudeman, and it must be assumed that he interpreted the substitute motion as being in effect a motion to table the matter without time. In the General Grand Chapter, acting committee chairman Calvin Behle of Utah presented the Unity proposal in an extremely competent fashion, supported by Gerald Pine of Maryland, Herbert White of Nebraska and Harold Lundberg of Illinois. George Pratt of New York argued in favor of the Jordan substitute. Unlike the verdict in the General Grand Council, which was only by a show of hands, G.G.H.P. William

Clark ordered a count, which revealed 162 favoring the substitute motion and 63 opposed.

Knights Templar will naturally be asking "Now where does the development of York Rite unity stand?" For them, we think we ought to attempt an answer, though we know this is hazardous. At least, we should express something with which you may compare your own reactions.

1. We see no reason why the present voluntary programs (*Knight Templar*, June, 1965) of cooperation and coordination within state jurisdictions should be impaired. On the contrary, we see these as being immediately much more important, not only for current effect, but also as affecting the future possibility of a more effective unity.

2. We see the proposals as presented by the Commission on Unity (*Knight Templar*, April, 1966) as having been definitely rejected. Whatever may come out of the proposed request to all Grand Chapters and Grand Councils will certainly be materially different from that which was rejected, and certainly will be more complicated if it is to include everything everyone wants in it. Also, it may not have been arrived at by the equal participation of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery.

3. We still have the problems which the Concordat sought to correct, which might be stated simply as being (1) The lack of the stature and effective promotion of uniform programs which would come from a single national York Rite body having approximately the same authority and function as

the Grand Encampment, (2) Triplication of time and expense of administration at all levels, and (3) Division of the loyalty of local York Rite units. We see nothing in prospect that will make these pressures less important in the development of social patterns of today, and we must recognize that time itself is an important factor if we are to progress, or if in fact we are even to endure.

LOOKING TO DETROIT

Obviously, the proposed establishment of The York Rite of Freemasonry will not now be proposed to the 50th Triennial Conclave in Detroit next August. What will then be proposed, with reference to York Rite unity? It seems that something should be proposed which would attack the problems listed above, as compared to the

alternatives of doing nothing about them or of yielding to the opposing concept of reducing our closeness to Chapter and Council by reducing either our prerequisites or our maintenance of membership requirements. Should we continue to deal with the so-called general grand bodies, which are apparently unwilling to recommend an equal partnership with us? Or, should the Grand Encampment make some unilateral approach to the Grand Chapters and Grand Councils on a completely voluntary basis? We are asking you who are all Royal Arch Masons and in most instances Royal and Select Masters. It will be helpful to your Committee to have your opinions or suggestions, and you may be assured that they will have our thoughtful consideration.

Communication and Follow-Up

From October 17 Newsletter of Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master
FOLLOW-UP

"For years and years Templar officers have tried different methods to 'reach' their members, and to appeal to them to support various projects. We have called this effort 'Communication' and we certainly need to communicate. Communication means getting our viewpoint across to the other fellow—and being sure he understands it. Communication doesn't happen by the mere statement of an objective. It requires repetition. Everyone doesn't fully get the message at once. It must be restated and repeated in such a way that it will be sure to be understood. The Commander who expects to get results from a few nice words in a bulletin will be disappointed. It occurs to your Grand Master that we also need to 'Follow-up'—and the two go hand in hand with each other. Here is my summary of the matter:

"'Follow-up' is just as important as 'Communication.' The Commander needs to pursue his original objective with even more vigor than he did when he launched it.

There is something about human nature in these complex days that causes people to expect to be 'checked-up on.' If the Commander does not follow-up, or show any genuine concern, most people will not get excited about the project. If no follow-up occurs, very little will be done. Wise leadership combines 'Communication' and 'Follow-up.' Only by constant follow-up can the effective leader get action. Everyone will be happy and proud of his part when victory comes. That's when the Commander finds out that 'Communication' together with 'Follow-up' are necessary to win the 'fight.'"

Alaskan Trip of Roy W. Riegler, G.C.G.

In an effort to give recognition to Templary in the State of Alaska, the Most Eminent Grand Master assigned Roy W. Riegler, Grand Captain General of Grand Encamp., as his Personal Representative to visit the three Subordinate Commanderies located at Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Ketchikan. Sir Knight Riegler accepted this assignment and left his home in Emporia, Kansas, accompanied by Mrs. Riegler, on September 27, 1966. The first stop on his Alaskan journey was at Ketchikan, where he spent 2 days inspecting Ketchikan Commandery No. 4, going from there to Juneau, the Capitol of Alaska, where there had been a Commandery several years ago, and where Sir Knight Riegler spent 5 days in an endeavor to interest members in that vicinity to apply for the reinstatement of their Charter. From Juneau, Sir Knight Riegler went to Anchorage where he spent from October 5 to October 10 with Anchorage Commandery No. 2. Thereupon he journeyed to Fairbanks for a 3 day visit with Alaska Commandery No. 1.

At each of these cities, Sir Knight Riegler has dozens of friends because he was a Colonel in the Army in WW II. He was the Commanding Officer of a Military Post in Alaska and is thoroughly familiar with the people and the environ-



ROY W. RIEGLER

ment. In advance of his trip, Sir Knight Riegler wrote over 100 personal letters to his numerous friends. No one could have been named for this assignment who could have brought to the job a greater competency to represent the Grand Master than Sir Knight Riegler—and the next issue of the Knight Templar Magazine will feature the report of his extended visit to Alaska.

Who is the Oldest Knight Templar

1. IN YEARS?
2. IN TEMPLARY?

We solicit information on the above questions and will print the picture and an article about the oldest Sir Knight in his category.

Send your letters of nomination to Willard M. Avery, Editor, Knight Templar Magazine, P. O. Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana 46148.

Boston Triennials of Chapter and Council

As usual a full-scale production, the triennial sessions of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council brought together 997 York Rite Masons and their ladies in force, at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Boston, October 9-13, inclusive.

Business sessions were held in the hotel ballroom beginning on the 10th, the most important business being action on the proposed York Rite merger reported elsewhere in this issue. A gala crowd of 1,100 attended the Triennial Banquet and heard an address by Past Grand Master Harry B. Savage of the District of Columbia. Constantine and K.Y.C.H. hosted breakfasts, and the Mutual Guild and various state delegations the usual dinners, and the excellent religious service held on Sunday was well-attended. Tours and entertainments and several open sessions rounded out the program.



Carter

Serving from 1952 as General Grand Recorder of the Gen. Gr. Council, Ross J. Camblin stepped down at his own request, was elected General Grand Recorder Emeritus and superceded by Bruce H. Hunt of Missouri.



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For the information of all, we list the new officers elected and appointed, as follows:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

G. G. High Priest, Sprague Hanna Carter, Portland, Ore.; G. G.

King, Charles C. Ricker, Asheville, N. C.; G. G. Scribe, Calvin A. Behle, Salt Lake City, Utah; G. G. Treasurer, Russell G. Bird, Roswell, N. M.; G. G. Secretary, Charles K. A. McGaughey, Lexington, Ky.; G. G. Captain of Host, Edward M. Selby, Martins Ferry, Ohio; G. G. Principle Sojourner, Marvin E. Fowler, Washington, D. C.; G. G. Royal Arch Captain, Chester A. Hogan, Puyallup, Wash.; G. G. Master 3rd Veil, William R. Denslow, Trenton, Mo.; G. G. Master 2nd Veil, Stanley F. Maxwell, Boston, Mass.; G. G. Master 1st Veil, Mino Covo, Mexico City, Mex.; G. G. Sentinel, Glenn W. Smith, Medford, Ore.; G. G. Custodian of the Work, W. Phelan Douglas, Nashville, Tenn.; and G. G. Chaplain, Rev. Gerald E. Bisbee, Chicago, Ill.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

G. G. Master, C. Ellwood Smyrk, Baltimore, Md.; Deputy G. G. Master, Verne W. Mokler, Casper, Wyo.; G. G. Principle Conductor of Work, Hoyt McClendon, Birmingham, Ala.; G. G. Treasurer, Charles F. Adams, Aurora, Neb.; G. G. Recorder, Bruce H. Hunt, Kirksville, Mo.; G. G. Chaplain, Rev. Henry F. Collins, Columbia, S. C.; G. G. Captain of the Guard, Oliver I. Underwood, Rock Island, Ill.; G. G. Conductor of the Council, Charles A. Carlson, Jr., Carson City, Nev.; G. G. Marshal, Joseph C. Bryan, III, Glen Burnie, Md.; G. G. Steward, Ben F. Mandelbaum, Bartlesville, Okla.; and G. G. Sentinel, Wilber E. Sherfy, Bend, Ore.

A NOVEMBER VISIT TO THE SOUTHEASTERN DEPARTMENT

William M. White, Past Grand Commander of South Carolina, is the Right Eminent Department Commander of the Southeastern Department, which is comprised of the Grand Commanderies of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee.

He writes:

"All reports from Grand Commanderies in the Southeastern Department continue to show activities on the part of each jurisdiction which emphasize the significance of the Sesquicentennial year in the Grand Encampment. Each state is having many sesquicentennial classes and we are hopeful, therefore, that this year will show the greatest gain we have ever had in this Southeastern Department. There has certainly been and still continues to be an unusual amount of activity in some jurisdictions especially, and there seems to be a rebirth of enthusiastic support for the high call of Templary and a definite effort on the part of some who have been lagging behind to become more active in this noble and glorious work.

"The Grand Commandery of Mississippi, and all of us in Templary, lost a devoted friend and co-worker July 14 of this year when Sir Knight John B. Wheelis, Mississippi's Grand Commander, died after only a few months in office. He has been succeeded by Sir Knight James F. Brownlee, Hattiesburg. We have been saddened by the death of Right Eminent Sir Knight Carl Frank Wood, Grand Secretary-Recorder of Virginia, and by the retirement of Right Eminent Sir Knight Thomas E. Doss, Grand Secretary-Recorder of Tennessee, but we rejoice in the wonderful contribution these fine Christian Sir Knights have made to the cause of Templary and Masonry in general, and we know that their wish is that we continue to go forward."



William M. White
Department Commander

NORTH CAROLINA

C. Wallace Jackson was born in Brooklyn, New York; married former Garnett (Pinkie) Tonkin, 1927; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph R. Vernon, Jr., Cotulla, Texas. B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Purdue University, 1924; with National Lead Company 33 years, presently U. S. Commissioner. Sunday School teacher, former vestryman, St. John's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville. Rotarian for 22 years.

Grand Commander Jackson is well qualified to lead the more than six thousand Sir Knights of North Carolina. Raised in Tippecanoe Lodge No. 492, Lafayette, Indiana, he is present Secretary of John Huske Anderson Lodge, Fayetteville, N. C. Chapter and Council memberships in Virginia; present Sec-



C. Wallace Jackson
Grand Commander

retary of his Chapter and Recorder of Council in Fayetteville. Knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 20, Fayetteville; present Recorder. Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; American College of Rites, Red Cross of Constantine, Rosicrucians, York Cross of Honour. Grand Preceptor, Grand College, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees; Scottish Rite Mason.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Vivian P. Patterson, born in Jasper, Florida, 1897, received B.S. Degree in 1921, M.D. Degree, 1923, from Emory University. Married Bernadine Tracy, 1925. Medical Missionary in China 13 years. Practiced surgery since 1940. Member, Official Board, Bethel Methodist Church; Past President, Chester Rotary; Past D.D.G.M.; Prior, Palmetto Priory, K.Y.C.H.; decorated a K.C.C.H., 1963; Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay. Pattersons are Chester "Family of Year" for 1966.

Grand Commander Patterson points out that South Carolina last year was 23rd in total membership in the U. S., but ranked first with net gain of 316. A productive Festival was held October 5 at Spartanburg. "We are still above our Knight Templar Magazine quota," writes Sir Knight Patterson, "but have lost subscribers this year. It is our sincere conviction the Magazine should be in the hands of every Knight Templar. It is our purpose, God willing, to bring to the Grand Encampment a resolution which would make this possible. *Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar; every Templar should have the Knight Templar Magazine.*"



Vivian P. Patterson
Grand Commander

GEORGIA

J. E. Moseley, born 1925, attended McDonough public schools; employed after graduation by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company until 1964 when he resigned to become Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia. Sir Knight Moseley, active in all branches of Masonry, resides in Macon, but his memberships in all Bodies remain in Griffin, his former residence. He is a "Past" in all York Rite Bodies and a member of Georgia Priory No. 39, K.Y.C.H. The Moseleys are members of Macon's First Presbyterian Church.

Grand Commander Moseley has this to say about the Grand Commandery of Georgia: "We are moving ahead in Georgia, having completed three Sesquicentennial Classes with a total of 239 candidates. Progress is being made in all programs, including Life Sponsors, Knight Templar Magazine subscriptions, and membership. Last, but not least, I am happy to report that unity exists among all York Rite Bodies in Georgia. It is my prayer that, when the score is added up, we will show a gain in all areas.



J. E. Moseley
Grand Commander

FLORIDA

James Dawson Yeager, born in the heart of the South, Atlanta, attended high school and Emory University, then moved to Miami in 1927, engaged in food processing business to 1950. Completed York Rite degrees and orders in 1930; Master of Council, 1938, Grand Master of Grand Council, 1948; Eminent Commander of Miami Commandery, 1941; High Priest of Jerico Chapter, 1945; Master, Temple Lodge, 1951. Past Prior, K.Y.C.H., now Registrar. Charter member, Miami Red Cross of Constantine. Two terms, Patron, Eastern Star; life member, DeMolay.

Saint Lucie Commandery No. 17, Fort Pierce, has sparked a Sesquicentennial Crusade in the YES Club (York Eye Sponsorship) that has gained 100% life



James Dawson Yeager
Grand Commander

sponsors in the Eye Foundation—and is spreading over the state. In cooperation with the M. W. Grand Master of Masons and the superintendent of the Masonic Home at St. Petersburg, September 11 was "Knights Templar Day" at the Home. "We are showing the world," says Grand Commander Yeager, "that Christian Knights are a part of that great Crusade to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted."

MISSISSIPPI



James F. Brownlee
Grand Commander

James F. Brownlee, recently installed as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, is working hard to continue and increase Templar progress in his jurisdiction. Sir Knight Brownlee replaces John Blanks Wheelis, who suffered a fatal heart attack July 14, after only a few months as Grand Commander. On August 6, James F. Brownlee, Deputy Grand Commander, was duly installed as Grand Commander; W. L. Holland, at the same time, was installed Deputy Grand Commander.

Grand Commander Brownlee writes: "Sir Knight Wheelis was an active and hard working Grand Commander, having visited a Constituent Commandery the night before his death." He further reports: "Since the last Conclave in

March, several York Rite Festivals have been held over the state. Also, several small classes have been knighted. To date, the knightings total approximately 150. More York Rite Festivals are planned for this fall and winter, and it is hoped that Mississippi will show a nice gain in membership this year."

ALABAMA

Bruce Whiting Phelps, born in Michigan, 1903, educated in Missouri and Canada, has had a wide and varied career. Served in U. S. Navy, employed as commercial pressman — a profession that carried him to Georgia, then to Alabama. Married Annie Marjorie Bowes; 4 daughters, 2 sons, 14 grandsons. Baptist. Masonically, Sir Knight Phelps has presided over all York Rite Bodies; member K.Y.C.H., and of Cypress Chapter No. 195, O.E.S.

Sir Knight Phelps says Alabama is exerting every effort to carry out the program of Grand Master Brucker and to put Alabama back in the plus column in membership. The Grand Commander writes: "As of April, we had 300 Life Sponsors—largely through the effort of A. Murrey Weems, Cyrene No. 10, who obtained 146. We hope to double this number by April of 1967. The Sesquicentennial program has progressed under the guidance of State Chairman James T. McRae."



Bruce Whiting Phelps
Grand Commander

TENNESSEE



Thomas Mabra Coleman
Grand Commander

Thomas Mabra Coleman, elected and installed as Grand Commander in August, was born at Winchester, Tennessee, June 8, 1907. He was educated in the public schools, Morgan Preparatory School, and Vanderbilt University, where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta Social Fraternity. He is a building contractor, having operated his own business since 1952. A registered engineer, he holds memberships in numerous engineering and contractor associations. Married Ruth Evelyn Strohm; one son. Active in West End Methodist Church, Nashville.

The Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee has many recognitions for his services to Masonry.

He has headed his Chapter, his Council, and his Commandery. He is a member of Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; of Scottish Rite Masonry, and of Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Received merit medal from Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, for meritorious service to the Cryptic Rite. Sir Knight Coleman is busy at work furthering the cause of Templary in Tennessee and in advancing membership.

THOUGHTS AT HARVEST TIME

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come, to God's own temple come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Almighty God, Merciful Father,
who hast once again blessed the
fields and orchards of our be-
loved land,
We give thee humble thanks that
once again we have been permit-
ted to gather in the fruits of the
earth

And we pray thee that in us and in
all Knights Templar everywhere
the good seed of thy World may
continually

Be planted and that continually
from us shall come a plenteous
harvest of the fruits of right-
eousness through

Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Amen.

—Rev. Luke H. Rhoads, D.D.

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In Memoriam

North Carolina

Clarence Bonner Shulenberger,
G.C., 1962 — September 13,
1966

Oklahoma

Wilbur Petty Lee, G.C., 1947—
January 10, 1966

Wyoming

Soren Gregory Jensen, G.C.,
1941—July 25, 1966

FORMATION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

(Eleventh of a Series)

After the frustrating meeting of delegates in Philadelphia, on June 11, 1816, which failed to reconcile the many and diverse differences which prevented the formation of the (General) Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S., another meeting was called for the 20th of June, in New York.

VISTAS OF TEMPLARY

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

The late Ward K. St. Clair, writing in *Nocalore* (Volume X, 1940, page 46), has the following to say:

"If the historian . . . read only the records of the Grand Encampment . . . he would be led to think the convention was attended by representatives of *individual* encampments and not of Grand Encampments . . . and numerous writers have argued that the Grand Encampment was formed by a convention composed of *individual Templars* acting without authority . . . however, the historian will finally concede that his first impression was in error. . ."

We find in the printed record of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S., that a convention was held at Masonic Hall, New York City, on the 20th and 21st of June, 1816, consisting of delegates of *Knight Companions* from *eight Councils and Encampments of Knights Templar and dependent Orders*, to-wit: Boston Encampment, Boston; St. John's Encampment, Providence; Ancient Encampment, New York; Temple Encampment, Albany; Montgom-

ery Encampment, Stillwater; Newport Encampment, Newport; and Darius Encampment, Portland.

Sir Knight Thomas H. Hopkins, Most Eminent Grand Master for the year 1889, reports (Ward K. St. Clair article, above, page 48): "I caused diligent search to be made for the records of the different subordinates mentioned. Some of them cannot be found of a date early enough to throw light on the subject . . . and the absence of any positive affirmative minutes in a matter of such importance is strong evidence that *no such participation was had. . .*"

"After mature deliberation," it was said, the delegates unanimously agreed to form a (General) Grand Encampment for the United States, and proceeded to the adoption of a Constitution. The Grand Encampment was formed, and came into being, but with much misgiving, and with a host of unsolved questions yet to be resolved!

Again quoting Ward K. St. Clair's fine article in *Nocalore*, we read:

"The General Grand Encampment was now a going institution, although the encampments of Pennsylvania continued to remain out of the fold and under the jurisdiction of their Grand Lodge."

Commenting on the election of DeWitt Clinton, Governor of New York, as the first Grand Master, St. Clair makes the observation that he (Clinton) probably holds the distinction of being chosen Grand Master and being made a Knight Templar at the same time, or rather, he adds, being made a Knight Templar so he could be made Grand Master. He writes that since the Cerneau (Scottish

Rite) bodies, realizing that a new body would need a well-known and popular man at its head as well as an energetic and good organizer, chose Clinton and conferred the

Orders of Knighthood upon him. It is also interesting, at this point, to note that Clinton later became the hub of the *Morgan Affair*, and acquitted himself with dignity in his handling of the affair.

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal

By Melvin G. Rigg, G.G., Wis.

Wisconsin Masons are to have a new publication, the Wisconsin Masonic Journal. While its ultimate purpose is to promote Masonry, it is to be a monthly newspaper with material of general interest, and it is hoped that the circle of readers will be much wider than those especially interested in Masonic affairs. It will be sent to all Masons in the state with the expectation that it will be seen also by their relatives and friends and thus contribute to the favorable image of Masonry in the public mind.

The Journal is to be free. While it is expected that support will ultimately come from commercial advertising, the initial cost will be met by the Masonic bodies of Wisconsin, not merely by the Symbolic Grand Lodge but by the other bodies as well. This cooperation has been facilitated by the existence in Wisconsin of the Conference for Masonic Unity, composed of ranking officers of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite, and the two Shrine Temples. This conference meets twice a year, and has contributed to the remarkable spirit of unity among Wisconsin Masons. The initial impetus for the new journal has come from Most Worshipful Doyn Inman, Grand Master of Wisconsin Masons, who is determined to improve the publicity

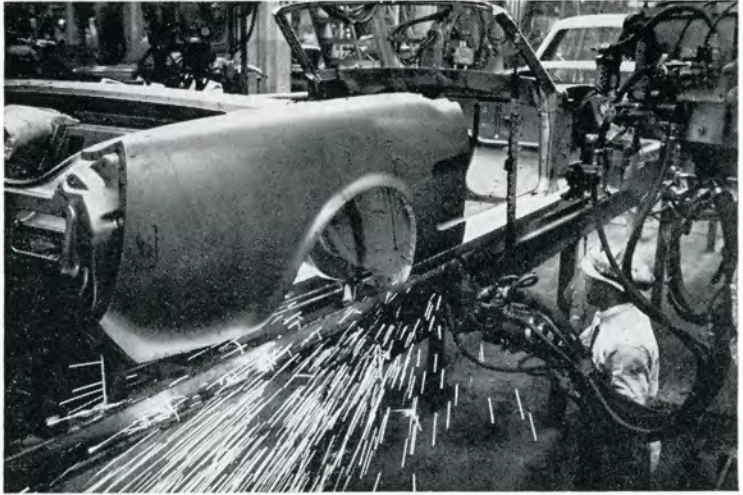
and public relations aspect.

Years ago many Masons felt that there should be no publicity. Masonic activities were not written up in newspapers. Men never mentioned the Lodge even to their own sons. The unfortunate effects of this tendency are well illustrated in a history of the City of Eau Claire, recently published. The author makes the astounding statement that the most important lodges have been the Elks, Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellows, despite the fact that a Masonic Lodge was organized in 1859, and Masonry has always been strong. The reason for the statement was that the author had assembled material for the book from old files of newspapers, and had found few or no notices concerning the Masons.

In Wisconsin all this has been changed and a public relations firm has been engaged to publish the new journal and to take other steps to improve the image of Masonry. One such step was an open installation of the new Grand Lodge officers in June, 1966, at which the heads of other Masonic bodies were present, including the Grand Commander of Knights Templar in uniform. There was also a Knight Templar guard of honor in full uniform, and the entire performance was put on television by a Milwaukee station.

Is it possible that Wisconsin Masons are giving at least an attenuated assent to the old adage that advertising pays?

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

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“The Mustang Takes Shape.” This is from the world’s largest automobile plant, and one of the sites Knights Templars and families will be visiting when in the Motor City for the Grand Encampment, August 14-19, 1967.



Final inspection on the Mustang assembly line. You’ll see how the city that put the “World on Wheels” inspects its contribution to America’s greatness.

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Thanksgiving

A TIME TO REMEMBER

This is the time of year when Americans traditionally observe a day of Thanksgiving for their blessings. It is good that we should do this.

But is it not also fitting that on this day—so reminiscent of our origin—we should be mindful of our heritage, and the trust it imposes upon us. Let us consider again the price the Pilgrims paid for survival.

Of the people we are, we must continue to be. The people who fathered Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln, Lee. The people who first united a continent with roads and railroads; produced the steamship; the telephone; the jet; the missile; and the greatest economy the world has ever known.

Yes, let us remember who we are. For a little pride is the well-spring of courage. Let us endure whatever sacrifices all are called upon to make to defend our free institutions from the might of a godless philosophy, which is bent on undermining our faith in ourselves. Let us rely—not only on the gold in our vaults—but also upon the iron in our blood. And, on Thanksgiving Day—and every day—let us cling like ivy to the faith of our fathers, until—in God's good time—all men are free.

GEORGE WILLIAM CARSON, D.D.
Eminent Grand Prelate
Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania



TEMPLAR VETERAN DIES

Sir Knight Louis T. Seegar, long time worker in Templary on the Philadelphia scene and in Grand Commandery, died suddenly at his Philadelphia home on the morning of Thursday, September 29, in his 85th year. A Masonic service was held Sunday evening, October 2, and funeral services were conducted from Oliver H. Bair's Funeral Home Monday, October 3.

"Lou," or "The General," as he was affectionately known to a wide circle of Templar friends, served as Eminent Commander of Philadelphia Commandery No. 2 (now Philadelphia-St. John's-Corinthian No. 4) in 1927. He was Grand Standard Bearer of Grand Commandery in 1955 and Chairman of the Grand Commandery Tactics

and Drill Committee from 1957 to 1965, when his advanced years made it necessary for him to curtail his activities.

Sir Knight Seegar, at the time of his death, was Representative in Grand Lodge for Richard Vaux Lodge No. 393, of which he had been the oldest living Past Master.

Grand Generalissimo G. Calvin Dyson, in relaying the information on Sir Knight Seegar's passing, expressed a sentiment shared by hundreds of Masons and Knights Templar: "Lou has served Templary and his fraternity so well, so faithfully and so long that it is difficult to even touch upon his many contributions. He will be greatly missed."

CHARTIERS NO. 78 HONORS ITS PAST COMMANDERS

Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore, Past Grand Commanders Channing M. Galbreath and Perry L. LaBarr, and Division Commander Cameron A. Wian, Division No. 2, headlined the attendance for the honoring of Past Commanders by Chartiers Commandery No. 78, Carnegie, Thursday evening, September 22. Eminent Commander Robert L. Crum, Jr., arranged the program and presided for the salute.

Grand Commander Moore presented an appropriate plaque to Sir Knight Richard J. Wilcox, Past Commander, to commemorate his

fifty years as a Past Commander of Chartiers. Division Commander Wian points out that Sir Knight Wilcox has been active in Commandery affairs for approximately 60 years.

The Eminent Commanders of three sister Commanderies of Division No. 2 were present: Sir Knights William L. Munro (Allegheny), Lawrence F. Fagan (Tanned), and Harry Riley (Ascalon).

The program was preceded by a dinner prepared and served by the ladies of Carnegie Assembly No. 80, Social Order of the Beauceant.

SIR KNIGHT R. CLARK McCACHREN HONORED

Sir Knight R. Clark McCachren, of Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, was honored by the Past Masters Association of his Blue Lodge (No. 286), Wednesday, October 12, when his fellow Masons presented him with a gift and verbal tributes in recognition of his "service to Masonry, his church and his community." Sir Knight McCachren served as Trustee of Columbia's First Presbyterian Church for 30 years, as Elder for 3 years, and as a Sunday School teacher for 32 years. He is treasurer of the Municipal Sewer Authority and has been a banker for 43 years.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES SET THE PENNSYLVANIA PACE

Division No. 3, C. Kenneth Gennaria, Division Commander, held its annual (the 26th) Religious service Sunday, September 25, at the Baptist Church, Phoenixville, with Jerusalem Commandery No. 15 as host. The Reverend Edwin I. Henry, Pastor, delivered the sermon. Music was sung by the Shrine Chanters of Rajah Temple, Reading, directed by Noble Charles W. Sharman. Soloist was Charles DeBoesser; organist, Barbara M. Sharman.

There was a large attendance of Sir Knights, with 56 in full uniform. Among the Templar leaders present were: Department Commander John B. Cottrell, Jr.; Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore; Grand Generalissimo G. Calvin Dyson; Sir Knight David J. Godschall, Trustee to Grand Commandery; Grand Marshal Joseph W. Williamson; Grand Captain of the Guard Howard T. Scull; Division Commander (No. 3) Charles W. McDermott; Division Commander (No. 9) Earle H. Baer; and the host Division Commander, Sir Knight Gennaria.

On the same date, Constantine Commandery No. 41, Pottsville, held its Religious Service at Pottsville. Division Commander (No. 7)

DIVISION NO. 7 FIRST TO SALUTE GRAND COMMANDER

Pine View Acres, Pottsville, was the scene on September 10, of the first reception for the year 1966-67 held in honor of J. Harvey Moore, G.C. One hundred sixty attended, including the G.C. staff.

Greetings were extended by Harry D. Houser, Division Commander, and by R. Leland Wesner, Commander of Constantine Commandery. A vocal group from Friedens United Church of Christ, Hegins, effectively sang humorous, patriot-

Harry D. Houser reports: "This service was held in the First Presbyterian Church and was attended by Sir Knights in uniform, their families, friends, and Masonic brethren. The sermon, 'Beginning Journey and Destination in God,' by the Reverend Elmer J. Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of Pottsville Lodge No. 730, recalled the great strides of the clergymen of the 19th Century as the country expanded and men moved west. The church choir sang two stirring anthems, 'I Can Do All Things' and 'Rise Up! O Men of God.'"

Among the forthcoming observances throughout Pennsylvania will be the annual Christmas Breakfast and Observance to be held by Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, on Sunday, December 11, at 7:30 a.m. This event, now a Division No. 16 fixture, will have Grand Commander Moore as its special guest, together with a number of Grand Commandery leaders from all parts of Pennsylvania. Julius A. Houser is Division Commander of Division No. 16. Sir Knights Chester J. Eurich, John L. Grab, and Nelson Sears head Cyrene Commandery.

ic, and religious selections. The soloist recalled a moment from the Grand Commander's installation at Altoona, using "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation," by Allitson.

Grand Commander Moore, in his talk, outlined the many challenges that form the structure of Templary, concluding his stirring message with the words, "By cooperative effort, we move along to better things."

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(Special Committees will be listed in later issue)

Help The Knight Templar Eye Foundation Provide "Now For Then"

The future of any organization is largely determined by the initial foresight of the men responsible for the executive planning. It is most important to look ahead to the future years and filter out the possible pitfalls that may arise from changes in the country's economy, politics, or social reforms. Then is the time that plans must be contrived to counteract these possibilities should they become realities.

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is becoming a more and more important and recognized national charity. The Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, in continuous existence since 1816, with a present membership of nearly 400,000, is the sponsoring or parent organization of the Foundation, a non-profit corporation.

One of the present strong needs of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is for the development of Committees on Wills and Bequests in each commandery throughout the country. There is little doubt but that with the predicted national increase in population, many more people will be seeking assistance from the Foundation, and more funds will be expended annually. It is therefore doubly vital that we provide "now for then."

It has been suggested that each commandery provide a Committee on Wills and Bequests to circulate the accomplishments and deeds of the Foundation to those who might be of interest, and/or to those with business professions bringing them

daily into contact with persons seeking an organization to name in a will.

Lawyers, bankers, tax consultants, accountants, and insurance representatives often come in contact with persons eager to be informed of a new or different charitable organization to which they will grant a portion of their worldly earnings or properties. It is necessary that these persons be enlightened with the details of our Great Humanitarian Charity.

Members of these proposed Committees on Wills and Bequests would be able to explain and describe the essential points of importance, policy and administration of the Foundation. They would be able to elucidate on how the Foundation is administered at an irreducible minimum of expense; no high salaries, no high rent in a big city, no lavish offices, . . . all points of the greatest importance to a person interested in contributing funds to a worthwhile and dedicated cause.

Contributions made to the Foundation are deductible by the donors in computing their taxable income, . . . another fact to be stressed.

It is from these needed wills and bequests that much of the future destiny of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., rests. The sooner each commandery includes a Committee on Wills and Bequests, the sooner the word of our Great Humanitarian Charity will be passed on, and the sooner more people throughout the country will approach the Foundation to request information on neces-

sary procedures for making out their wills or bequests. They will feel fulfilled with the knowledge that they have selected a worthy charity.

Now is the time to follow through on these suggestions. Don't put it off for another day. Tempest fugits, . . . once today is

past, it is past forever. Remember, those living in a world of darkness are never past. Life in darkness is said to be never ending. Wills and bequests are the means to provide sight and hope to those not yet part of our living world. Think of the motto, "now for then." Make committees for the future.

Grand Master Brucker Orders Campaign To Achieve 10 Percent Life Sponsor Quota To Knight Templar Eye Foundation

(From General Order No. 18—September 15, 1966)

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER AND AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED, I hereby proclaim that a vigorous and well-organized campaign shall be conducted throughout the entire Templar World to achieve and complete the quota of 10% of the members of each Grand Commandery to become Life Sponsors. To that end I hereby call upon each officer of every Grand Commandery, each Constituent and Subordinate Commandery:

1. To become a Life Sponsor, and to solicit every member of every Committee and every active Templar to become a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation without further delay.
2. Each Grand Commander to appoint a Chairman and a Committee of active workers in every Grand Commandery to supervise the solicitation by Constituent Commanderies and to follow-up this assignment constantly until the goal has been reached.
3. Each Eminent Commander of each Constituent and Subordinate Commandery to appoint a Chairman and a Committee of active workers in every Constituent Commandery and to follow-up on this assignment so that there will be a harvest of Life Sponsors for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation from every part of the Templar World.
4. Each Department Commander to conduct a vigorous follow-up campaign to secure universal cooperation throughout his Department and to report to the Grand Master with respect to the progress of the Life Sponsor campaign in his area at the end of each month from this date until the 50th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Detroit, Michigan, August 19-24, 1967.

WILBER M. BRUCKER, Grand Master

**LIFE SPONSORS TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION
AS OF OCTOBER 15, 1966, TOTAL 12,770**

COLORADO PLAN FOR OBTAINING LIFE SPONSORS

By Dick Ayers, Correspondent

Byron E. Thady recently installed Grand Commander of *Colorado* appointed Harry W. Pride, G.C.G., to continue and carry forward the drive for obtaining Life Sponsors to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in their Grand Jurisdiction.

Sir Knight Pride devised a program which was launched on a trial basis during the past year consisting of several methods of obtaining Life Sponsorships which were reported to the Grand Conclave and adopted as part of the program for this year.

Sir Knights may become Life Sponsors through five methods: the regular subscription of \$30, the securing of one petition plus subscription of \$20, securing two petitions plus \$10, presenting three petitions and obtaining Life Sponsorship without cost. The fifth method is the unique one of selling \$100 worth of specially designed Eye Foundation Stamps which were a project of Sir Knight Pride last year.

FROM DARKNESS



UNTO LIGHT

(Replica of Stamp)

Any Commandery purchasing \$100 worth of the stamps may designate a Sir Knight to be credited with Life Sponsorship and when purchases reach \$500 for any Commandery it may designate the recipient of a Patron's Certificate.

Other Masonic or allied groups may also share in this stamp pro-



Harry W. Pride

gram and when one reaches purchases of \$200 it will receive a Patron's Certificate in the Eye Foundation at no cost.

Sir Knight Pride said that he considered this multi-pronged approach to promoting the Eye Foundation unique in that it was bound to focus attention on one of the most worthy projects possible to find, it would help increase membership, and it would generate funds for the foundation. Additionally, it provides a means for creating enthusiasm in our activities pegged upon a worthy humanitarian approach. He proposes to develop solid speech materials for use in visits across Colorado, promotional materials for distributing the stamps which are sold at \$1.00 a sheet of 100, and other means of attracting attention to the worth of Templary and the Foundation.

From Our Readers

AT ILLINOIS GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE



L. to R.: G. Wilbur Bell, G.G. of G.E.; Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of G.E.; Charles E. Bostick, G.C. of Ill.; David E. Wennerstrand, G.C.-elect of Ill.; and Sigurd R. Jensen, P.D.C.

Among the outstanding feature highlights of the unusually fine and out-of-the-ordinary Grand Commandery Conclave of *Illinois* at Springfield on September 9-11 was the wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb, pictured here, a live television appearance of Grand Master Brucker and others and a reception at the Governor's Mansion. Governor Otto Kerner

was in the hospital at the time being treated for a recurring neck injury, but was released for a short period to attend the reception following which he returned to the hospital.

More than 100 Life Sponsors to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation were presented to Grand Master Brucker at the time of the Grand Commandery's Banquet.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The annual Youth Group Picnic, sponsored by Sacramento Commandery, Chapter, and Council, drew an overwhelming crowd this year. Held at the McClellan Air Force Base, over 500 Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay Boys, including one DeMolay Chapter from Paradise, turned out to enjoy an evening of swimming, refreshments, a "Hootenanny" provided by the youth groups, and dancing.

The Sacramento York Rite Attendance Award was made to Bethel No. 53 of Job's Daughters, with Past Honored Queen Linda Pedrick, daughter of Sir Knight Bill

Pedrick, accepting the trophy. The Participation Award, for the group having the highest ratio of membership attendance at its last ten meetings, was won by San Juan DeMolay Chapter, with Tom Alexander accepting the trophy.

Carl Delaney, chairman for the affair, commented that with 300 at last years first picnic, and over 500 at this second affair, the event is a "must" for 1967. The representatives from each of the local youth groups, who participate in planning each years affair, are already at work for a bigger and better one next year.

James F. Raymond, Correspondent

**JOSEPH WILLIAM YATES SESQUICENTENNIAL CLASS
—ST. LUCIE COMMANDERY (FLORIDA)**



George Petrie, Commander (center).

Pictured above are members of the Joseph William Yates Sesquicentennial Class put on by St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 in Fort Pierce on Saturday, October 22, 1966. On two previous Saturdays the class received the Chapter and Council degrees.

The newly created Sir Knights are now pledged for Life Sponsorships in the Knight Templar Eye

Foundation. St. Lucie Commandery No. 17, in observance of this year's anniversary celebration, decided to go all out for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. They pledged every member of their Commandery for a Life Sponsorship, in only eight weeks time, by forming a "YES" Club (York Eye Sponsorship) —referring to the Order of the Knights Templar termed York Rite Masons.

ELEVEN CANDIDATES KNIGHTED

The Northern *Kentucky* York Rite Association held its annual Jubilee for 1966 on the four days ending October 1, beginning with the Royal Arch Degree at Fort Thomas Masonic Temple September 28, the Royal and Select Masters Degrees at Newport Masonic Temple on September 29, the Super Excellent Degree at Covington Scottish Rite Temple on September 30, and the three Orders of the Commandery at Newport Masonic Temple on Saturday, Octo-

ber 1. The Orders were conferred upon eleven candidates with a delicious dinner served at 6:30 p.m. by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Northern *Kentucky* York Rite Association is composed of officers and members from all of the York Rite bodies of the northern Kentucky counties of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell. Also some members from *Ohio* belong to the association.

By Merle Eastman

ARKANSAS YORK RITE FESTIVAL

By Kenneth C. Johnson, P.G.C. and Correspondent

Arkansas York Rite Masons celebrated the Sesquicentennial Festival at the beautiful Masonic Temple in Hot Springs on Saturday, October 1, 1966. Fifty-three candidates from throughout the state received the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite. The Centennial Festival, under the direction of the York Rite Advancement Committee, began at 8:00 a.m. and continued throughout the day, adjourning at 10:00 p.m. All candidates received all of the Degrees and Orders in full ritualistic form. The various Degrees and Orders were conferred by the following Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies:

Mark Master Degree, Belvue Chapter No. 8, Ft. Smith; Past Master Degree, Harrison Chapter No. 85; Most Excellent Master Degree, Belvue Chapter No. 8, Ft. Smith; Royal Arch Degree, three Chapters in Pulaski County; Royal Master Degree, Osiris Council No.



L. to R.: Donham, Brian, Jones, and Sloat, Jr.

5, Ft. Smith; Select Master Degree, four Councils of N. E. Arkansas; Opening of Commandery in Full Form, Hot Springs Commandery No. 5; Order of Red Cross, Damascus Commandery No. 8, Pine Bluff, and Crusader Commandery No. 19, Stuttgart; Order of Malta, Hugh de Payens No. 1, Little Rock, and Gethsemane No. 31, El Dorado; and Order of the Temple, Grand Commandery of



Candidates with the three top officers of the York Rite Bodies and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Arkansas.

A special "150th Anniversary Pin" was presented to each new member knighted.

All three of the top officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies in Arkansas were present and addressed the class at the conclusion of the work in each of the York Rite Bodies. The three top officers are Elton Jones, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter; Don H. Sloat, Jr., G.M. of the Grand Council; and

Jack B. Donham, G.C. of the Grand Commandery. In addition to these distinguished Fraters, there was also present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Brother and Sir Knight Houston A. Brian, who addressed the class.

This Sesquicentennial Festival drew York Rite Masons from all over the state of Arkansas and from several of the surrounding states.

NORTH CAROLINA MASONS PAY HONOR TO DEPARTING GENERAL

Saturday, September 17, was a great day in the history of Semper Fidelis Lodge No. 680, A.F. & A.M. Masons from all over the state of *North Carolina* gathered to show their esteem for an honored Marine and Mason, General Herman Nickerson, Commanding General of Camp Lejeune Marine Base at Jacksonville, North Carolina, and to bid him an affectionate farewell on the eve of his departure for Viet Nam to assume command of the Marine forces in battle there.

Some of the distinguished Masons present for this occasion included, Most Worshipful Brother, Arnold J. Koonce, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina; M. W. Brothers, William J. Bundy, Robert L. Pugh, Harvey W. Smith, and James W. Brewer, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina, each one a Knight Templar. The Grand York Rite bodies were represented by Nathaniel M. Baxter, G.H.P.; Blake C. Lewis, G.M. of the First Veil of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and A. Oden Latham, G.St.B. of the Grand Commandery. There were representatives of the Scottish Rite and the



L. to R.: Koonce, Pugh, Nickerson, Smith, and Bundy.

Shrine, DeMolay Boys, and more than one hundred Master Masons.

The privilege of the floor was extended to all and many Masons of every rank spoke in praise of Sir Knight Nickerson's contribution to Masonry, the Marine Corp, and his country.

Sir Knight Nickerson was the active candidate in the Order of the Temple in the class of more than eighty candidates when the first one day York Rite Festival in North Carolina was held at Washington, North Carolina, in October, 1965.

GEORGIA'S PROGRESS

St. Omer Commandery No. 2, chartered in 1850, and the second oldest in *Georgia*, is the first Commandery in the State to receive the Grand Masters Certificate of Commendation for reaching 10% of their membership as Life Sponsors. Actually they have fifty Sponsors and one Patron, or 11.5% of their membership of just over 430. Congratulations!

Another Commandery, DeKalb No. 38 and the second youngest in Georgia, recently held a chicken barbecue to raise funds for the Eye Foundation. Over \$500 profit was shown, and it is being proposed to utilize this by matching \$15.00 from the profits to \$15.00 from a Sir Knight, which should lead to more than 35 new Life Sponsors from this Commandery. This would be nearly 12% of their 300 membership.

dation. Thank you, Al Sihah, and keep up the good work!

Sir Knight Harry M. Stanley, K.Y.C.H. and P.C. of Atlanta No. 9, K.T. (Georgia's largest Commandery), and a Past Grand High Priest, has been honored by being appointed to the Ritual Committee of the General Grand Chapter. We are particularly proud of this appointment from Georgia.

By R. S. Sagar



L. to R.: Slocum, Raymond, and Weisser.



Macon, Ga., recently received a visit from the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, at which time Noble James W. Lindsey of Al Sihah Shrine Temple (left, above), presented James E. Moseley, Grand Commander of Georgia, with a check for \$400.00 for the Eye Foun-

Henry J. Weisser, G.C. of *California*, appears gratified with the results as Ralph H. Slocum, P.G.C. and G.T. presents to the Knight Templar Magazine Correspondent, James F. Raymond, P.C., a check validating 400 California subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine. [The Grand Commandery of California authorized the payment of 1 year's subscription to the magazine for the first 400 candidates knighted between October 1, 1966, and March 31, 1967.] This campaign is a part of the "task force" appointed by Sir Knight Weisser under the capable leadership of Sir Knight Slocum. According to the September statistical report issued from the office of John Crofts, Sr., D.G.M., California leads in percentage of subscriptions, all jurisdictions having a total membership of over 23,000.

HAMMOND COMMANDERY (IND.) HOSTS MANY OUT-OF-STATE GUESTS AT ITS ANNUAL INSPECTION

At the annual Inspection of Hammond Commandery on October 1, Virgil F. Kent, Dept. Com. of the East Central Department, and three Grand Commanders: Harold R. Hoolihan, *Ind.*; David E. Winnerstrand, *Ill.*; and Edgar H. Clark, *Mich.* were present. Dr. H. B. Willard, P.G.C. of *Iowa* and Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Grand Encampment was also present. All Grand Commandery officers except two were present from Illinois and four Grand Commandery officers of Indiana were in attendance. Approximately 300 attended the open Inspection with 95 in uniform.

At the time of the Inspection Banquet the Ladies Auxiliary of Hammond Commandery presented



From L. to R.: Harold R. Hoolihan, G.C.; Otto R. Burkybile, C.; and Julia I. Burkybile, President of Auxiliary.

its annual donation of \$100.00 to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

TOLEDO COMMANDERY HOLDS ANNUAL REUNION AND OBSERVES GRAND ENCAMPMENT SESQUICENTENNIAL



L. to R.: Virgil F. Kent, Dept. Com.; Vernon C. Maxwell; and Orville Lashaway, Com.

During the 27th annual reunion of Toledo (*Ohio*) Commandery, recently held, honoring old timers and Past Commanders, 50 year jewels were presented to Vernon C. Maxwell, P.G.C. of Ohio, and four other Sir Knights. The jewels were presented by Virgil F. Kent, Dept. Com. of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment. He was assisted by Lloyd E. Roulet, P.G.C.

Karl A. Crane, G.C. of *Wisconsin*, in his message in the September issue of *Masonic Tidings* says:

"For several years it has been the custom of the Grand Commander to write a congratulatory letter to all newly created Sir Knights welcoming them into the Orders of Knighthood. It has always seemed to me that this was a wonderful means of arousing their

interest in the activities of the Commandery, and of w h e t t i n g their desire to be of service in our never-ending war against evil. However, too often this is the only actual contact made with the new member after his knighting! In most instances, the Commander greets the knight at the conclusion of the Order of the Temple, tells him that he is welcome—and forgets him! Does this happen in YOUR Commandery? Do you call him and make sure he attends the next conclave of the Commandery?

Do you make sure that he is there at the next Order of the Temple? Do you urge his sponsors to call him and invite him to join them in attending all affairs sponsored by the Commandery? Do you ask him to join the drill team? To take a small part in the work? Do you or your lady invite him and his lady and family to attend family pot luck suppers and Commandery dinners? In other words, do you and your fraters make an honest effort to see that he KNOWS he is welcome and wanted?"

FOURTH DEGREE K. C.'S ASSIST KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Each year Temple Commandery No. 4 Drill Team of Des Moines, Iowa, sponsors a circus in order to raise funds for its charitable activities committee. This year was marked by an unusual event. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus assisted the Knights Templar in the distribution of tickets to the show.



L. to R.: McBurney, Msgr. Connelly, Thomas, Hurley, and Milligan.

Dr. John Thomas, Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree, and Lawrence D. Hurley, Supreme Director, K. of C. for Iowa, accepted a block of circus tickets from Robert J. McBurney, P.C., President

of the Drill Team, and James F. Milligan, G.St.B., and Secretary of the Drill Team. The K. of C. handled distribution of these tickets to Catholic schools, Catholic charities, and other worthy causes in the Des Moines area. Also present at the meeting was Msgr. Paul Connelly, Director of Catholic charities, who accepted tickets for distribution to underprivileged children of the Catholic faith.

This is another outgrowth of the ecumenical spirit which has been blossoming in the Des Moines area over the past few years. The Masonic orders and the K. of C. have been cooperating in many joint endeavors and in so doing the two orders have grown to know and respect each other.

By Jerry Marsengill

William J. Tobler, G.C. of *Mis-souri*, was the honored guest at a special conclave of St. Omer Commandery recently held at the Sedalia Masonic Temple. 23 candidates received the Commandery Orders ably presented by the Orcomot Club of Kansas City.

Other distinguished guests including Harold N. Painter, Jr., P.G.C., and Arthur Raymond,

P.G.C., were in attendance. Many life sponsorships to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., are presented by elderly Sir Knights

such as Junius C. H. Schmidt, P.C. of Pilgrim Commandery, N. J., who was knighted in 1912 and is now 77 years of age.

SOUTH DAKOTA SESQUICENTENNIAL CLASS



Damascus Commandery No. 10, Aberdeen, *South Dakota*, celebrated the sesquicentennial year with the knighting of a class of twenty-four candidates. This York Rite activity was initiated on September 8, 1966, with the conferring of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees by Aberdeen Chapter No.

14 and concluded on September 25 with a Sesquicentennial Banquet. Sir Knight Frank Farrar, Attorney General of the State of South Dakota, was the feature speaker for the banquet and was one of the class of newly created knights.

By Roger V. Anderson, E.C.

On September 30 Temple Commandery of Des Moines, *Iowa*, was host to a fine reception, dinner, and meeting honoring James F. Milligan, G.St.B. and Correspondent to the Knight Templar Magazine. All of the Grand Officers were present and filled their stations in giving the Order of the Temple. Russell Graham, D.G.C.,

presided as Commander through the first four libations with Donald E. Wolfe, G.C., filling the station for the remaining Order of the Temple. In addition to the Grand Line Officers, nine P.G.C.'s were in attendance in the gathering of more than 150 Sir Knights and their ladies.

By Jerry Marsengill

COMPLIMENT TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

One of the highest compliments paid the Knight Templar Magazine was that recently received in a letter to Grand Master Brucker under date of September 29, 1966, from Walter E. McAllister, Rio Lerma 339 Depto 2, *Mexico* 5, D.F. Since July 19, 1961, Sir Knight McAllister was in an iron lung for 23 months and in the hospital for 40 months. He is still totally paralyzed and depends on a special artificial respiration machine. His letter in part is as follows:

"When I was Commander of my Commandery, a few years back, I made it my business to visit all members that could not get to the Conclave, most of them being sick

or with the effects of Father Time. At that time I did not realize the importance of a visit of a member from the Commandery even though the ones I visited told me what importance it meant to them.

Before my paralysis it was hard enough to keep income above expenses, and now it is more difficult than ever because of the increased expenses of care. Fortunately I am still ahead of the game.

I'm sending a check of \$1.75 for a 2 years subscription and hope that my position will begin to increase so that next time I will buy the \$4.00 subscription. Receiving the Knight Templar is like a visit from a 'Sir Knight.' "



From L. to R.: James E. Kirby, Commissioner of Welfare, Suffolk County; John S. Shea, Deputy Commissioner of Welfare; and Mark A. Kelley, Commander of Patchogue Commandery. The lady seated is a guest at the Home.

Patchogue Commandery, *New York*, recently held its 66th annual visit to the Home for the Aged at Yaphank, L. I. Among other features was a parade with Kismet Temple Shrine Band participating and a distribution of gifts to each guest at the Home.

FLAG POLE DEDICATION —RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

As a part of the activities of a recent York Rite Festival of Rapid City, *South Dakota*, and the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment, a dedication ceremony was held at the Masonic Temple at which time a flag pole and an American Flag were dedicated. The main address was given by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Robert Benton.

An escort was furnished by Schrader Commandery No. 9, Gerald Lee, Commander. Also assisting in the ceremony were members of Jobs Daughters, the Shrine Chanters and the Shrine Band, members of Rapid City Lodge No. 25, Mt. Rushmore Lodge No. 220, and Black Hills Chapter No. 25.

The three Commanderies participating in this festival were Dakota No. 1, Lead; Black Hills No. 23, Spearfish; and Schrader No. 9, Rapid City, host Commandery.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

In concluding his report, Grand Commander Billings of *Wisconsin* said:

"In the last seven years, I have often wondered what the other side of the tapestry would be when I had finished weaving my thread. For one is not given to know the pattern nor the end of a long piece of work. We know that we must weave with care the colors that are given to us, day by day, and make them into a fabric firm and true which will be of service to Templary.

"Sometimes there have been colors so dark and grey that I doubted if there could be any trace of beauty there. But all at once there comes a thread of gold or rose so deep that there will always be that one bright spot to cherish or to keep. Perhaps against the darker hues it will be more beautiful. It was the Master who planned the design and it was for me to weave the shuttle to and fro to blend the colors the best I knew.

"No, Grand Commandery activity is not a tapestry of flamboyant color, but rather a fabric of subdued jeweled tones combining the warp of Christian precepts with the woof of today's living. The grey and dark tones are the smallness of human frailty, the physical weariness and the lack of apprecia-

tion of the Golden Rule. The gold and rose threads are the dedicated Templars with their inherent goodness and potential greatness as well as the many fine people in all parts of the state who have become our friends.

"Responsibility places upon me the added need to learn to be more tolerant, understanding and forgiving; well aware that all of us stumble occasionally and that he who never made a mistake never accomplished anything. I have sought to bring out the best spirit in men and have been expectant of a noble response. For the most part my expectations have been exceeded. A Grand Officer must have the willingness to listen and look, sensibility to what is real and what is illusory, ability to discriminate and choose. For my part I have found the Templars of *Wisconsin* heartily in earnest, believing in what they are doing. They persevere in spite of hindrances, discouragements and impossibilities, and know that to their natural abilities and grasping of opportunities, they must add resolution and concentration.

"Templary in *Wisconsin* holds the potential of greatness. Through perseverance and dedication may it achieve the design made by the Master's mind and held in place by His hand."

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"Today, over three million American citizens are serving in the uniform of their country, in some 99 countries of the world, meeting their obligation to defend that which over thirty million veterans before them have fought to preserve. It is only natural in these troubled times that our thoughts are with the quarter of a million Americans in South Vietnam who are demonstrating directly to a young, courageous, and struggling nation that the Stars and Stripes stand for a nation that honors its commitments and pays for its beliefs with its treasure and its blood. This same action is watched carefully by many other young nations to determine whether the United States is still the staunch defender of freedom for free men."

General and Brother Harold K. Johnson,
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