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A Message From the Grand Master - -

THE HOMESTRETCH



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

In every racetrack there is a part between the last curve and the winning wire which is called "The Homestretch." Here is the place where the horses are expected to give all they have to win the race. Here is the place where it really counts.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is on the Homestretch of its Triennium that began August 24, 1964, at Philadelphia, and will be completed when the gavel falls at the 50th Triennial Conclave at Detroit, Michigan, on August 19, 1967. The next five months will tell the story of whether our beloved Christian Order of Knighthood will win or lose!

Each Commandery still has time to improve its standing—if its leaders will only give their "Second Effort." No matter how frustrated a Commandery has felt up to now, it still has time to improve its score. The darkest hour is just before the dawn, and a Commandery could be on the verge of success if it could realize that it takes only a few bold strokes to snatch victory from defeat.

To be specific—how about starting out right now to interview those half dozen Christian Masons who have shown an interest in the Commandery but who have not yet signed on the dotted line? There's nothing like reviewing a list of all your eligible Masonic friends once again and personally urging them to enlist under the banner of our great Christian Order of Knighthood. One or two may be just waiting for your invitation—and it may be their last chance unless you yourself do something about it. If you feel inadequate, you still have time to put someone else on the trail who can get their petitions.

To be equally specific—how about seeing your fellow Knights Templar who have not yet become Life Sponsors of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation? Hundreds of them will *eventually* become Life Sponsors—*why not now?* The \$30 cost is fully deductible for income tax purposes, and it relieves a member from his annual assessment for the rest of his life. In addition, his \$30 goes to work every day as a part of our Permanent Endowment Fund to help needy men, women, and little children to prevent the scourge of blindness. Where could a Knight Templar get a better bargain? At the same time you still have time to wind up the year with a clear conscience—having done your full part.

To be still more specific—how about getting another half dozen members to become subscribers to the *Knight Templar Magazine*? Or how about passing a resolution in your Commandery, giving a magazine subscription "gratis" to each Knight Templar who is knighted? Such a gift would return many times the investment.

St. Paul once used language that every Knight Templar can comprehend when he referred to his own valient struggle as a race. He knew all about the importance of the "Homestretch" when he said: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the Faith."

Let's make the next 5 months the most important in our Grand Encampment Triennium, by giving our "Second Effort" in the "Homestretch."

Courteously and fraternally,
WILBER M. BRUCKER,
GRAND MASTER

EASTER 1967

An Invitation and Opportunity for Every Christian Mason and His Family

Thirty-Seventh Annual Easter Sunrise Service Expected to Attract Record Attendance at Arlington National Cemetery

Thousands of plumed Knights Templar, their families, friends, and the general public will assemble in the amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery at 7:30 A.M., Easter Morning, for the inspiring and thrilling Easter Sunrise Memorial Service of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. The March 26th service will be the climax of Eas-

ter Weekend Pilgrimages by Sir Knights from all parts of the Grand Encampment jurisdiction.

Many Grand Commanderies have planned special banquets and gatherings for Saturday, March 25. Detroit Commandery No. 1, home Commandery of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, will be represented in force in honor of the





Grand Master. As a special feature, Detroit's Past Commanders will confer the Order of the Temple upon a large class of candidates headed by General Bruce C. Clarke, U.S.A., retired, a personal friend of Sir Knight Brucker. The conferral will take place at 2:00 P.M., March 25, in the Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The Easter address at the amphitheater will be delivered by Dr. Howard R. Towne, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. The United States Marine Band and the Army Chorus again will furnish music for a service which has been called "the greatest religious observance of its

kind held in America today."

Chairman of the Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee is Harry L. Beach, P.G.C., District of Columbia. Sir Knight Beach writes: "The committee expects that the Sir Knights who have attended the service in former years will be back again with us this year, and those who have never attended will make an effort to come. You will be thrilled to have a part in and to see the hundreds of uniformed Sir Knights march from the west gate of the Arlington National Cemetery, headed by the U. S. Marine Band, and then on into the vast amphitheater filled to overflowing. There



will be many distinguished visitors, including members of the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, Congress, and other high U. S. Government officials. The fact that this service has become national in scope is evidenced by the interest and cooperation displayed by the National Broadcasting Company in its broadcast of the service on a national radio network."

Sir Knight Beach points out that the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will again sponsor an Easter Sunrise Breakfast following the service. This, again, will be held at the Hotel Willard. Tickets are available through the committee.

As a reminder, the committee chairman says: "The committee will be happy to make reservations at the hotels and for the breakfast. See your nation's capitol at Easter by attending the Thirty-Seventh Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service on March 26. It will be an experience that you will never forget."

For information regarding reservations and schedules of events, write to:

HARRY L. BEACH
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EASTER — 1967

GENERAL ORDER NO. 22—FEBRUARY 17, 1967

We cannot be too often reminded that Templary is the Christian branch of Masonry—that we are dedicated to the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. Never has our Christian heritage as a nation been challenged like it is in this sinful age when little men presume to mock God. Never was our mission as Knights of the Cross so important as today when spiritual values seem to be overwhelmed by the forces of evil.

It is time for a call-to-arms by Christian warriors to face-up to realities and to let the world feel the impact of our power on the side of Christ and His Church. Now is the hour for Knights Templar to become more militantly active than ever before in showing our colors before the general public—and to furnish the kind of an example in every community that will encourage others to follow our leadership in the battle for Christ and His righteousness.

Lent is a prelude to Easter. Lent is a reminder of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. The color of lent is purple—the color of Templary—and of royalty, but also of penitence. During lent comes Good Friday, the blackest day in Christendom—when the forces of cruel hate and ghastly injustice ran amuck—and when they cruelly crucified our Lord upon the Cross at Golgotha.

Then comes Easter—the very heart of the Christian faith—when the stone was rolled away from the tomb, and Jesus Christ arose from the dead to become the first fruits of them that slept. Easter brings the glorious message of immortality with its victory over the grave. Easter proclaims that Christ lives, and that we, too, shall live beyond the grave. Easter assures mankind that in spite of all the vile injustices of earth, we shall meet our loved ones in the hereafter and shall inherit everlasting life.

Easter is the greatest day in the whole calendar of our great Order of Knighthood. Knights Templar are not members of a mere social or fraternal group—dealing in meaningless superficialities of transient nature. Templary is engaged in a serious and never ending crusade to proclaim Christ before men. We believe Christianity is tremendously relevant to everyday life, and is the only hope of mankind. We humbly proclaim our Christian allegiance in the words of that great hymn:

“In the Cross of Christ I glory.
Towering o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me
Hopes deceive and fears annoy.
Never shall the Cross forsake me:
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.”

Accordingly, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I hereby urge the cooperation of every Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commandery to assist in making the observance of Easter, 1967, the greatest and most meaningful celebration of this sacred event in all our proud history of 150 years of Templary. To be specific, I call upon every Officer and Sir Knight:

FIRST: Let every able bodied Knight Templar and his family, in every city, town, and hamlet, attend Easter Church Service on Sunday, March 26, 1967, and show forth by his presence, his loyalty and allegiance to Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and the Great Captain of Our Salvation.

SECOND: Wherever it is feasible to do so—let the local Commandery of Knights Templar sponsor community Easter Sunrise Services, in cooperation with the local clergy, so that every citizen in the country may be invited to attend this great festival of the Christian religion, and have the opportunity to hear the joyful Easter message.

THIRD: Wherever it is possible to do so—let Knights Templar make a pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., at Easter and attend the 37th Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Service at the Arlington Amphitheatre at 7:30 A.M., which will be broadcast over a national radio hook-up. Let Knights Templar join the ranks of 1,000 others in full Templar uniform as they march from the Arlington Cemetery west gate, promptly at 7:00 A.M., led by the U. S. Marine Band playing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Let them give reverent attention while the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Howard R. Towne, D.D., brings the glorious Easter message. Let them witness the carrying of the cross of lilies through the arch of steel formed by commandery swords, to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where it will be tenderly presented by the Grand Master while we salute all who sacrificed their lives for their country.

FOURTH: I hereby direct that a copy of this general order shall be distributed to each Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, Commander, and Recorder of every Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commandery, to be read at the next stated conclave. I hereby request each recipient of this general order to give the widest possible circulation to the contents hereof so that the observance of Easter all over the Templar world shall measure up to the high calling of Templary in its faithful vigil for God and country.

WILBER M. BRUCKER,
Grand Master

THE NORTH PACIFIC, SCENE OF PROGRESS

**Sir Knight Samuel J. Chapman, Right Eminent
Department Commander, Reviews the Trends and
Predicts the Future for the North Pacific States**

"We hereby issue a challenge to the rest of the Grand Commanderies. We will be the best department per capita of any department in the Grand Encampment." With that, Department Commander Samuel J. Chapman expresses the feeling of the Grand Commanderies of the North Pacific Department. Says Sir Knight Chapman: "We issue to you an invitation to visit our Grand Commanderies and see for yourselves how dedicated, consecrated Knights can accomplish in three short years all goals set by our Grand Master."



SAMUEL J. CHAPMAN
Department Commander

In reviewing and summarizing the goals and progress of the Grand Commanderies in the North Pacific Department, Sir Knight Chapman writes: "Two short years ago the program instituted by our Grand Master was put into action. At the time every Commandery had suffered a loss of membership. At the first Department Workshop we sat down in each Grand Commandery with the dais officers and carefully assessed our potentials—then took definite steps to correct the situation. At the end of the first year of the program the trend had been reversed. Commanderies that had shown losses cut those net losses and the Department started its long climb back into the 'black' column. Another workshop was held. Again we assessed our programming and efforts. While the end of 1966 did not bring all into the 'black,' every Commandery is now in a positive-thinking position. The gain is remarkable—and the Department is not through. The impetus is continuing. All programs will be carried out; all of the Grand Master's goals will be met, and we will take our rightful place in the Grand Encampment's success."

Department Commander Chapman offers a thumbnail description of the activity in each North Pacific jurisdiction:

COLORADO

After the Department Workshop, a similar session was held by the Grand Commandery officers under the direction of the Grand Commander and Inspector-General. Work was outlined in detail, a well coordinated program was developed for concentration on membership, *Knight Templar Magazine*, and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Plans are underway for a class of 500 to be knighted, hopefully to be headed by the Honorable John Love, Colorado's Governor.

IDAHO

Concentrated efforts are being placed on youth programs, our membership, and on the magazine, and Eye Foundation programs. There is every indication we will report to the Grand Encampment a gain, which will be the first for many years. Losses have been relatively small for the past five years, but the idea is to change to a "plus" figure.

MONTANA

Programs are progressing. Sir Knights of Montana have completed a drive to build a Knights Templar Memorial Chapel attached to the Masonic Home. The first services were held in the chapel Christmas morning. We are all proud of this accomplishment for it shows all Masons of Montana that Knights Templar are truly living up to the principles established by our fraters of the past. If the programs now underway in Montana continue to progress, all goals will be met.

OREGON

Emphasis on leadership and hard work is the motto here. For more than five years the Grand Commandery has shown losses. By reorganizing our leadership and concentrating on positive programs, we hope to put Oregon up front where it belongs. Although Oregon may not make it all the way this year, the Department Commander feels the good results will surprise many.

WASHINGTON

At the completion of the Department Workshop, a special Grand Conclave was called for the purpose of a specialized workshop. It has paid off. New inspiration and new devotion have helped the Grand Officers move into the Constituent Commanderies with renewed spirit, determined to eliminate losses and to meet the quotas in magazine subscriptions and Life Sponsors. Washington is on the move, and in the right direction—forward!

WYOMING

Smallest North Pacific state in population, Wyoming is proud of gaining top honors in the Department by being the only one to show a net gain for the past year. It led the nation until recently in its percentage gain of magazine subscriptions. Also, it has instituted the "only horse patrol in the nation at the present time." This has been a tremendous incentive, resulting in the knighting of 26 in just one Commandery. "We will be in Detroit with our horse troop, some 20 strong, and Wyoming will be known to all the Sir Knights of the nation."

COLORADO

BYRON E. THADY
Grand Commander

Rolland Roy Fletcher, born 1910, in California, raised in Oregon, served as Worshipful Master in Idaho. Charter Member, Idaho Lodge of Research. P.H.P., present secretary, Grand Chapter, R.A.M. P.T.I.M., E.C. Charter Member, Order of the Amaranth. Created Noble of Mystic Shrine, El Korah Temple; member, El Korah Patrol, Temple Director, 1957-59. Past Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine. Eye Foundation Life Sponsor. Aims for 100 percent response in Idaho in Life Sponsors and *Knight Templar Magazine* subscriptions.

MONTANA

GEORGE HAYNES
Grand Commander

Byron E. Thady, born 1901, native Coloradoan. Married—two daughters. Member, First Presbyterian Church. Retired after 46 years with Mountain States Telephone Co. Past President, Colorado Springs Lions Club. Received Theodore N. Vail Gold Medal, 1921 Pueblo flood. P.M. and Secretary, El Paso Lodge No. 13. Past presiding officer, all Colorado Springs York Rite bodies. K.Y.C.H., Silver Trowel, Red Cross of Constantine; honorary member, Sojourners and Heros of '76. Past Grand Patron, Colorado O.E.S. 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

IDAHO

ROLLAND ROY FLETCHER
Grand Commander

George Haynes, born in Indiana, 1901. Left high school in 1917 to serve with U. S. Army. Came to Montana, 1920. Married Anna Lenz; one daughter, died in 1962. Methodist. Construction foreman until retirement. P.M. and past presiding officer of all York Rite bodies in Glasgow. Past Patron, O.E.S. Member, Great Falls Scottish Rite bodies, Shrine, Order of High Priesthood, Silver Trowel, K.Y.C.H. Member of American Legion and Veterans of World War I. Past president of Fort Peck Kiwanis Club. Now serving as Grand Captain of Guard, Grand Council.

Charles L. Willey, born in Illinois, moved with parents to Oregon, attended School of Engineering, University of Washington. U. S. Marines, World War I. Wife, Hazle M. Lee, died 1957. Served with Army Engineers, World War II. Operated own business, retiring in 1965. Remarried (Mrs. George A. Williams), 1965. Active in all York Rite bodies. K.Y.C.H., now Deputy Prior. Order of High Priesthood, Amaranth, Eastern Star, Shrine. DeMolay Dad Advisor, 14 years. Past president, Post No. 11, American Legion. Is optimistic about Templary future in Oregon.

OREGON

CHARLES L. WILLEY
Grand Commander

WASHINGTON

W. LLOYD LYONS
Grand Commander

W. Lloyd Lyons, born in Nebraska, 1893. Family moved to Seattle, 1907. Worked as cowhand, miner, mechanic; retired, 1960, as Director of Operations, Seattle Water Department. Married Agnes Powell, 1917, one daughter and one granddaughter. A Presbyterian, also attends Methodist Church on Templar occasions. P.M., has headed all York Rite bodies. Former District Deputy, Grand Chapter. Member, U.C.C. of Engineers, Allied Masonic Degrees, York Rite College, K.Y.C.H., H.R.A.K.T.P., Royal Order of Scotland, Shrine. Elected Grand Captain of the Guard, 1958.

William F. Smith, born 1907 in Kansas. Attended University of Kansas two years, moved to Buffalo, Wyoming, 1928. Now president, W. F. Smith Lumber Co. Methodist; member, Buffalo Kiwanis Club, served on Commercial Club, School Board, Welfare Board, and as secretary of Hospital Board. Has been presiding officer of Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Served as Grand Master of Masons of Wyoming in 1959. Member, Scottish Rite, Shrine, K.Y.C.H., Red Cross of Constantine, H.R.A.K.T.P., Jesters, Silver Trowel. Grand Chaplain, Grand Council.

WYOMING

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Grand Commander

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Committee on York Rite Unity, of the Grand Encampment in its report as published in the January, 1967, issue of the *Knight Templar* concludes as follows: "We are now informed by Grand Master Brucker that wide-open discussion of the subject is now in order, and that the pages of *Knight Templar* are now open to any knightly comment."

The following is comment received on this subject and is not necessarily the opinion of the Editor or the Officers of the Grand Encampment. Further comment is welcomed.

YORK RITE UNITY: ATTAINABLE?

By Harold Painter, P.G.C. of Mo.

Incessant strife between opposing tendencies in the Masonic fraternity leads to disunity. Beyond doubt, a democratic organization such as York Rite needs national planning and direction. This does not mean that local initiative must be stopped or the opportunity for advancement be thwarted.

The Grand Encampment has a record of 150 years of service to humanity and this record is now beginning to grow. Its opportunity for greater service is good.

All branches of masonry are to be blessed. With the elders there is dominant branch jealousy and pride. But with a new generation of Masons growing up this inter-faith feeling is one of mutual regard, not bickering.

For survival purposes, Grand Encampment must assume active leadership for all the branches of the York Rite. It must not stand aloof, as it now does, from the chapters and the councils but must welcome them into its fold. This can be accomplished by recognizing the fact that everyone who has had the first degree is a Freemason and everyone who has had the third degree is a Master Mason regardless of what lodge he belongs to.

York Rite has managed to stay alive because of two factors: First, the opportunity for its local officers to get the K.Y.C.H. induces

them to stay in the lines and work; and second, a Master Mason may take the York Rite and then go into the Shrine.

Most organizations in America today have found out that they cannot survive on dues alone but must also depend upon fees. Only those organizations that have endowment income can now thrive.

Our ritual is time-consuming. It was written centuries ago (before modern science came forward with many discoveries) and is now not adaptable to metropolitan areas. A modern ritual is badly needed so that local officers can practice masonry and not be forced to take their candidates to the big cities.

Activities constitute our most important problem. For Templary, these have been set up. But what is badly needed is a national director, a full-time employee, who can help local officers make their local bodies interesting to attend and attractive to join.

The era of petitioning, degree conferring, collecting dues, and sending flowers to funerals, is just about over.

I propose that Grand Encampment pass suitable legislation allowing Grand Chapters and Grand Councils to affiliate with the Grand Encampment. Such an affiliation need not interfere with

the work of honorary organizations such as G.G.Ch., G.G.Co., Convent Gen., R.C.C., R.O.S., and others. P.G.H.P. and P.G.M. can be given equal voting rights with the P.G.C.

The three bodies in each state can set up a joint committee to run the York Rite in that state, such as administrative, financial,

membership, ritual, etc. If we develop just one York Rite body in each state, then we will reduce the number of workers by two-thirds.

The future of our great fraternity lies in the presentation of a united front on a national scale and in the teaching of masonry to our youth and young men and women.

“As a consecrated Christian of forty years standing and member of Erie Commandery No. 23, K.T., Sandusky, Ohio, I cannot understand why every officer and mem-

bers of every Commandery does not embrace with his whole heart, mind, and soul, York Rite Unity.”

—WILLIAM J. MARSHALL

A LENTEN PRAYER

O blessed God, whose dwelling is in the infinite reaches of eternity, yet who dost make a home in humble and contrite hearts, we thank Thee for Thy nearness. Turn our thoughts in these important days toward Christ. We bow in awe as we remember the terrible cost of our redemption in the passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Stab our memories until we vividly recall the agony in the garden, the desertion of his friends, the mockery, the scourge, the crown of thorns, the brutal cross on a hill shaped like a skull, called Golgotha, the cruel nails, the thirst, the weakness, the death—and all for us. We thank Thee for all the spiritual riches bought for the world by the suffering of our Saviour.

sion that we may do His work and help bring the world back to what it was meant to be. May the grace of the Cross empower us to offer our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Thee. So stir us, as Sir Knights, by His terrible passion and death that we may seek a new and deeper self-dedication.

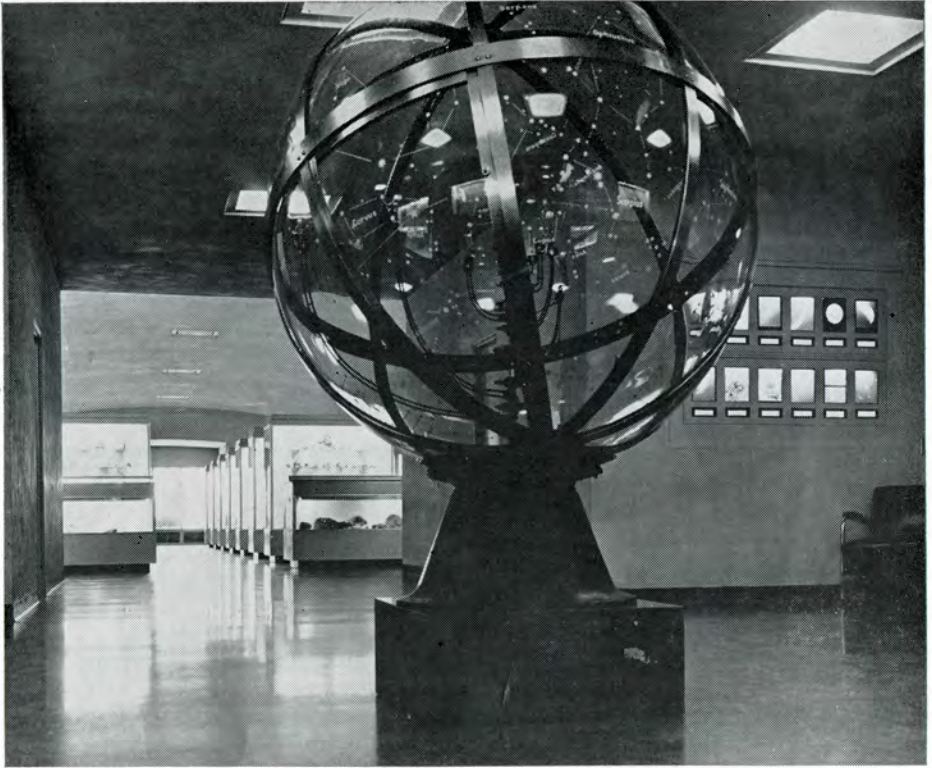
Help us to live in the depths of our natures, as those who must, who would take our Great Captain in earnest. And unto Thee who art able to guard us from stumbling and present us blameless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, now and forever more. Amen.

—HOWARD R. TOWNE, D.D. G.P.

“WE NOTE IN REVIEW”

Help us to feel once more the tense drama of the last days He was with us as a divine Lord among men. Forbid that we should take lightly the cause that brought its founder to a Cross. Give us something of His purpose and pas-

Texas made 142 loans in the last reported year, to bring the total of student loans to \$223,195—95% of total assets.

SITE TO VISIT AT DETROIT TRIENNIAL, AUGUST 14-19, 1967**Model of the Solar System—Institute of Science**

Lifelike, three-dimensional natural history displays in the Cranbrook Institute of Science cover everything from Indian lore to dinosaurs, including a model of the solar system, await the young families of Knights Templar visiting Detroit for the Golden Triennial Conclave, August, 1967.

The Institute of Science at Cranbrook, located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, a few miles north of Detroit, is one of six outstanding institutions in this beautifully situated, world famous cultural cen-

ter.

Detroit, known the world over as the "Arsenal of Democracy," was the forge for peace in World War II. Yet, in the midst of the rich industrial powerhouse of knowledge, there exists the gentle treasures of man and his life.

Cranbrook is another of the fine sites that will appeal to Sir Knights and their families. The whole community is looking forward to the Golden Triennial, August, 1967, to make it an unforgettable visit.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

“THE EMPTY TOMB”

“Behold the place where they laid Him.”—MARK 16:6

The horrible tragedy is over. The march to Golgotha, the Crucifixion, the gambling for his garments, the mocking crowd, the conversion of the robber, the Seven Last Words, the heart breaking death scene—and it is done. Quietly, quickly, discreetly, without dirge, or plume, or catafalque, they bear their precious burden to Joseph’s new sepulchre in the garden. Catacomb, Taj Mahal, Pyramid, Westminster Abbey, Mount Vernon—these shall long hold their priceless dust, but thou, borrowed tomb, not long. The stone is rolled in place. The Roman seal is fixed. The guard from the Castle Antonia is detailed to stand alert. Says the stalwart Roman soldier, “Thank Jupiter, this affair is over!” Over? It has just begun!

It fell to the women disciples to do the faithful things. Among the Twelve, there might be those who would doubt Him and deny Him, and betray Him, and follow Him afar off, but no woman disciple had such unholy distinction. Last at the Cross, they were first at the Tomb. When the sunrise trumpet had reverberated over the housetops of Jerusalem and the little shops had opened, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Salome, the wife of Zebedee, and other of God’s noblewomen, went out to buy myrrh, and aloes, and perfumes. Early the next day they would go and anoint His body.

On the first Lord’s Day they start. Their faith may be crucified, but their love is not. “Tis so dark they scarce can see each other’s tear stained faces. They know nothing of guard or seal, nor would they have cared. There isn’t anyone to roll away the stone. Men with larger judgment and smaller faith would have stayed home. When men were told the Lord had risen, they wouldn’t believe it. What metric system can measure the power of love? Women, great is thy faith, and thy love! The stone had been rolled away, not so much to let the Master out as to let the women in. Breathless, hearts thumping wildly, the women slip down the stone, and the awe of the sepulchre

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falls upon them. A youth, sitting in shining robe, said unto them in cheering tones, "Be not affrighted." To the guards and enemies came stupefaction and terror, but to those mourners came assurance and hope. "He is risen. He is not here!"

Is the grave a terminus or a tunnel; a door or a cave; the way down or the way up? Do we go to the grave or through the grave? Is it an entrance or an exit? This is the answer: "He is not here. He is risen." The whole Christian system centers around that fact. Upon it, Christianity stands or falls.

I wish we might go back to that first Easter morn. The disciples' hope, too, was buried in Joseph's tomb. But soon a strange change took place. When the stone was rolled against the sepulchre, the disciples were scattered like frightened sheep. The few women who remained were silent but heart broken. Straightway, as if some tremendous revelation had come to them with a force that silenced their questioning forever, these timid cowardly men, paralyzed with doubt and fear, and hopelessness, became flaming evangelists. Instead of hiding their faith, they wore it like a shining robe. From these there has rolled down from generation to generation, the unbroken belief, incorporated today in the Church by whatever name it may be called—the one great characteristic message and central truth:

"He is risen. He is not here. Tell his disciples. . . ."

DR. GEORGE W. CARSON, *Eminent Grand Prelate*,
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

IN MEMORIAM

Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, and Masons in many parts of the world, were saddened to learn of the death of William E. Montgomery, Camp Hill, who served the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania as Right Eminent Grand Commander, 1953-1954. Past Grand Commander Bill passed away February 4, 1967. He was born at Chambersburg, July 12, 1892.

Sir Knight Montgomery was a brilliant and tireless worker for Masonry during his long and productive life. He was honored as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, by the Scottish Rite; he had served as Most Puissant Grand Master of Grand Council, later as Grand Recorder; as Puissant Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; as a prolific contributor to the work of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, and in many other capacities in all branches of Freemasonry.

As a friend and as a Mason, Bill Montgomery will be greatly missed.

ELECTION PROCEDURE CHANGE PROPOSED

Grand Commandery officers and Past Grand Commanders held their stated Conference at Philadelphia, Friday, February 3, at the call of Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore, to discuss the progress of the current Templar year and to make preparations for the forthcoming 114th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Erie, May 21-24.

A number of proposed changes in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania were read by Past Grand Commander Harrison C. Hartline, Chairman of the Special Committee on Revision, discussed by those present and recommended for presentation to the Grand Commandery membership. These, including a proposal to expedite the election procedure for Grand Commandery elections, will be circulated to members in the notice of the Annual Conclave.

The Right Eminent Department Commander, John B. Cottrell, Jr., one of Pennsylvania's Past Grand Commanders, was in attendance and presented the status of Pennsylvania in a number of Grand Encampment projects. The new Right Eminent

Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, Past Grand Commander Paul C. Rodenhauer, was present to participate in the Conference.

With Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore presiding, others participating included: Harold E. Stokely, Deputy Grand Commander; G. Calvin Dyson, Grand Generalissimo; Charles R. Eulich, Grand Captain General; William D. Geesey and Ewart Roberts, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens; Past Grand Commander Perry L. LaBarr, Grand Treasurer; John W. Laird, Grand Recorder; David J. Godschall, John A. Roth, and Walter H. Wooding, Trustees for Grand Commandery; and these Past Grand Commanders: Charles B. Wolfertz (Past Department Commander), George M. West, Maurice A. Hammer, George A. Williams, James N. Deeter, Channing M. Galbreath, Dallas F. Bullock, Harrison C. Hartline, John B. Cottrell, Jr., Paul C. Rodenhauer, F. Parson Kepler, Sr., and S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr.

In addition, the gathering included the Chairman of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, William W. Knox, and Grand Captain of the Guard Howard T. Scull.

DEADLINE FOR EASTER WEEKEND RESERVATIONS

March 15 is the reservation deadline for Pennsylvania's Easter Weekend Pilgrimage to Washington, D. C. Reservations and checks must be forwarded not later than that date to the treasurer for the committee, Charles R. Frasch, 831 Houston Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512.

The committee, with Past Grand Commander Paul C. Rodenhauer as chairman, includes: 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. Gradivant, Ralph H. Ott, S. Guy Dreese, Reuben H. Learn, Harvey E. Hoover, Wayne G. McFarland, Emerson F. Hauer, Virgil L. Wynn, and Maximillian M. Biffart.

For reservation information, an order form is reproduced on the following page.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA

EASTER WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE

MARCH 25-26, 1967 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

(Use the following forms - Plan "A" the package plan, or Plan "B" for individual features - NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15:

To the Committee:

My check totaling \$ _____ is enclosed to cover the following "package" arrangements:

PLAN "A"

(Inclusive - * @ \$19.25 per person double-occupancy, ** @ \$21.50 per person single occupancy)

WILLARD HOTEL RESERVATIONS (3 p.m. 3/25 - 3 p.m. 3/26)
PENNSYLVANIA DINNER (6:45 p.m. 3/25 - fatigue or business suit)
EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST (9:30 a.m. 3/26 - uniforms preferred)
SPECTATOR TICKETS, SUNRISE SERVICE (7:30 a.m. 3/26)

Number of Persons: _____ (@ \$19.25 per person*) _____ (@ \$21.50 per person **)

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

OR

PLAN "B"

(If you prefer individual events only)

WILLARD HOTEL RESERVATIONS _____ Doubles (@ \$20.00)
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EASTER BREAKFAST _____ Breakfasts (@ \$2.85)
SPECTATOR TICKETS _____ Tickets (No Charge)

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

(Make checks payable to CHARLES R. FRASCH, TREAS. and mail to: 831 Houston Street, Columbia, Pa. 17512 NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15, 1967)

Signed: _____ Address: _____

Commandery # _____ Location: _____

NOTE: In Plan "A" all features are combined @ \$19.25 per person for double occupancy of hotel rooms, and @ \$21.50 per person for single occupancy. Room tax and luggage gratuity are INCLUDED in BOTH plans. In Plan "B", each item is available at charges indicated. If you are handling arrangements for a group, list all names on reverse side-indicating the single and double room occupancies. (Transportation to and from Washington is NOT included.)

Easter Sunrise Committee

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

ARE YOU TIRED OF TIRADES?

Sir Knight Burt D. Pearson, P.G.C., Minnesota, and Chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities for the Grand Encampment, directs our attention to the now-famous editorial written by Sir Knight Alan C. McIntosh, Luverne Commandery No. 9, publisher of the Rock County Star-Herald, Luverne, Minnesota. First published in the Star-Herald, May 13, 1965, "I Am A Tired American" has been reprinted in thousands of publications, has been delivered on numerous television and radio stations, used by orators and inspirational speakers, and won for Sir Knight McIntosh the Freedom Foundation's national award in 1965.

I AM A TIRED AMERICAN

"I am a tired American.

"I'm tired of being called the ugly American.

"I'm tired of having the world panhandlers use my country as a whipping boy 365 days a year.

"I am a tired American—weary of having American embassies and information centers stoned, burned, and sacked by mobs operating under orders from dictators who preach peace and breed conflict.

"I am a tired American—wearied of being lectured by General De-Gaulle (who never won a battle) who poses as a second Jehovah in righteousness and wisdom.

"I am a tired American—weary of Nasser and all the other blood-sucking leeches who bleed Uncle Sam white and who kick him on the shins and yank his beard if the flow falters.

"I am a tired American—weary of the beatniks who say they should have the right to determine what laws of the land they are willing to obey.

"I am a tired American—weary unto death of having my tax dollars go to dictators who play both sides against the middle with threats of what will happen if we cut off the golden stream of dollars.

"I am a tired American—fed up with the mobs of scabby-faced long-haired youths and short-haired girls who claim they represent the 'new wave' of America, and who sneer at the old-fashioned virtues of honesty, integrity, and morality on which America grew to greatness.

"I am a tired American—who is tired of supporting families who haven't known any other source of income other than government relief checks for three generations.

"I am a tired American—who is getting madder by the minute at the filth peddlers who have launched Americans in an obscenity race—who try to foist on us the belief that filth is an integral part of culture—in the arts, the movies, literature, and the stage.

"I am a tired American—weary of the bearded bums who tramp the picket lines and the sit-ins—who prefer Chinese communism to capitalism—who see no evil in Castro, but sneer at President Johnson as a threat to peace.

"I am a tired American—who has lost all patience with that civil rights group which is showing propaganda movies on college campuses from coast to coast. Movies denouncing the United States. Movies made in Communist China.

"I am a tired American—who is angered by the self-righteous breast-beater critics of America, at home and abroad, who set impossible yardsticks for the United States but never apply the same standards to the French, the British, the Russians, and the Chinese.

"I am a tired American—sickened by the slack-jawed bigots who wrap themselves in bedsheets in the dead of night and roam the countryside looking for innocent victims.

"I am a tired American—who dislikes clergymen who have made a career out of integration causes, yet send their own children to private schools.

"I am a tired American—who resents those who try to peddle the belief in schools and colleges that capitalism is a dirty word and that free enterprise and private initiative are only synonyms for greed.

"They say they hate capitalism, but they are always right in the head of the line demanding their share of the American way of life.

"I am a tired American—real tired of those who are trying to sell me the belief that America is not the greatest nation in all the world—a generous hearted nation—a nation dedicated to the policy of trying to help the 'have nots' achieve some of the good things that our system of free enterprise brought about.

"I am a tired American—who gets a lump in his throat when he hears the 'Star Spangled Banner' and who holds back tears when he hears those chilling high notes of the brassy trumpets when Old Glory reaches the top of the flag pole.

"I am a tired American—who thanks a merciful Lord that he was so lucky to be born an American citizen—a nation under God, with truly mercy and justice for all."

Worthy of Emulation

By Frederick J. Smith, G.C., Oklahoma

Many comments have been made over Oklahoma in regard to the general high degree of excellence existing in all fields of Masonic endeavor in the Tulsa area. We want to call these activities to your attention.

At meetings held in November, 1966, both Tulsa Chapter No. 52, R.A.M., and Trinity Commandery No. 20, K.T., decided to purchase a \$100 Patron Certificate in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as a part of their charitable work for 1966. By this action the two bodies joined a select group consisting of Sinclair Oil & Gas Company, Tulsa, and the Serv-aire Corporation, Enid, as the only Patrons of the Eye Foundation in Oklahoma.

In addition to the above contributions, we also desire to call attention to the response by Trinity Commandery No. 20 to the letter issued October 6, 1966, by the Grand Commander. That letter requested the support of all Oklahoma Commanderies in the drive to enroll ten percent of their members as Life Sponsors of the Eye Foundation. Trinity Commandery No. 20 in the past two months has almost doubled the number of their members who are participants in the Life Sponsor Program, from 19 Life Sponsors (30.16% of quota) on October 1, 1966, to 35 Life Sponsors (55.56%) on December 1st. This is the best overall gain by any Commandery in Oklahoma.

HIS BRETHREN MOURN

The nation was shocked on January 27 to learn that Sir Knight Virgil (Gus) Grissom, together with two other Apollo moonshot astronauts had died in a flaming fire which engulfed their space craft. Sir Knight Grissom was the exemplar candidate in receiving the Orders of Knighthood in the "Gus Grissom Astronaut Class" of 402 candidates at Orlando, Fla., on September 14, 1963. This picture was taken at that time. Sir Knight Grissom was a member of C a n a v e r a l Chapter, Hiram Council, and Brevard Commandery of Cocoa Beach, Florida.



G. Wilbur Bell, G.G.; the late Virgil "Gus" Grissom; and John L. Crofts, D.G.M.

From Our Readers

GEORGE GARRISON VERBRYCK CLASS



Departments 5 and 6 directed by Sidney J. Goodfellow, G.S.B., and John B. Nye, G.C.G., respectively, closed out the second Festival of 1966 with a total knighting of 100. Two banquets were also held with total attendance of 1,000. Long Beach Commandery No. 40, as host, was accorded the use of the Long Beach Scottish Rite Cathedral and facilities, which provided a magnificent setting for the ceremonies, plus the use of their 750

capacity banquet room in which dinner was served all members and ladies at the conclusion of the work. The class was dedicated to George Garrison Verbryck, a member of both Rites, a Past Commander, Honorary 33° Scottish Rite, Titular Head of the General Grand Council, and served on the committee to plan and draft a proposal on York Rite Unity.

—J. F. Raymond, Correspondent

G. WILBUR BELL SPEAKS AT 104th ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBIA

Columbia Commandery No. 2, of Washington, D. C., celebrated its 104th Anniversary with a banquet, on January 13, 1967, in the Jefferson Room of the Park Arlington Motel.

G. Wilbur Bell, G.G. of the Grand Encampment, was the speaker of the evening and delivered a very inspiring message. John B. Cottrell, Jr., Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department, was also present and thanked Columbia Commandery for its wonderful participation in Life Sponsorships of the Eye Foundation and subscriptions to the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Other Masonic dignitaries of the *District of Columbia* who were present included Charles T. MacDonald, G.M.; William E. Barkman, G.C.; John P. Knapik, D.M., representing the Grand Council, R. & S.M.; and Morris F. Hewitt, Scribe, representing the Grand Chapter, R.A.M.

Distinguished Sir Knights of Columbia Commandery present included John G. Mathes, P.G.C.; Samuel T. Farmer, P.G.C. and G.P.; H. Reece Harrison, G.J.W.; Marvin E. Fowler, G.Sw.B. and Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland; and Eston E. Burge, D.G.C.

ERNEST C. BARKER, *Correspondent*

VIRGINIA'S NUMBER ONE PHILANTHROPIST

Greever A. Witten, Chairman of Johnson Commandery No. 14 Eye Foundation Committee, who is responsible for sponsoring more than 1% of the entire number of eye cases approved by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., was present at a banquet given in his honor by his commandery, on January 28, at the Masonic Temple in Bristol, *Virginia*.

E. Guy Frizzell, P.G.C. of *Tennessee* and Second Vice President of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., outlined the wonderful work being done by the foundation, the charitable accomplishments of Johnson Commandery, and presented Sir Knight Witten a Life Sponsor Membership, purchased by his commandery as their thanks and appreciation to him for the many hours devoted to this great humanitarian charity.

Sir Knight Witten also received a Knight Templar Eye Foundation Certificate of Appreciation and Commendation for his enviable record of individually taking care of 129 cases at a cost of \$50,912.76.

Johnson Commandery leads all other commanderies in Virginia in the number of eye cases processed. This outstanding record is attributed to Sir Knight Witten's dedicated desire to be of help to the indigent.

An interesting feature of the "1967 Eye Foundation Banquet" was the reading of a letter from Sir Knight Shirley K. Witt who is 82 years young and a Knight Templar for 60 years. His letter enclosed a check for \$30.00, an application for a Life Sponsorship and requested further information about the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

—JOE R. HARRIS, P.G.C.

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL YEAR



Centennial Class of St. Bernard Commandery No. 16

Shown with the class are: Seated second from left: A. Leslie Gould, P.C., General Chairman; Edgar H. Clark, G.C.; Wilber M. Brucker, G.M.; Malcolm W. Blackwood, C. Standing center between Clark and Brucker, Abner C. Sager, P.G.C.

St. Bernard Commandery No. 16 of Saginaw, *Michigan*, was granted a charter from the Grand Commandery of Michigan on June 5, 1867, and a full year of celebration has been planned.

The first weekend of activities started on Friday, January 13, when the Orders of Red Cross and Malta were conferred on a class of 25.

Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master, was the speaker following the Order of the Temple, at a centennial dinner for the Sir Knights and ladies, at the Elf Khurafeh Shrine Temple. It was a homecoming for Sir Knight Brucker as he was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery in 1923.

Distinguished visitors included Edgar H. Clark, G.C., and several Grand Commandery Officers, and Dorr N. Wiltse, Sr., G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. The Honorable James W. Stenglein, Mayor of Saginaw, was also a guest.

Sir Knights Brucker and Clark led nearly 100 Sir Knights to the

Sunday morning worship service at the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church to conclude the weekend. The church is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the building of the sanctuary and to commemorate the occasion, a check to purchase 150 hymnals was presented at the service. The fund was raised by a letter to the membership from the Prelate, Past Commander Fred E. Braun, expressing the hope that the commandery could present a hymnal for each of its 100 years. The response far exceeded expectations.

The next event in May will conclude a York Rite Festival with a Dorr N. Wiltse Centennial Class, named for the G.H.P., who is a Sir Knight of St. Bernard Commandery No. 16.

—A. C. SAGER, P.G.C.

Clark W. MacKenzie of Kalamazoo, *Michigan*, whom many will remember as the announcer for many Triennial and other parades, died on Saturday, February 11th.



Pictured above is "The Last 150th Anniversary Class" of candidates at Niles Commandery (Mich.).

The Order of Red Cross was conferred by South Bend Commandery (Ind.) prior to the conferral of the Orders of Malta and

of the Temple by the Niles Commandery (Mich.) Ritualistic team. Forty-two candidates were knighted during the year 1966.

THE PRICE OF LEADERSHIP

To administer the affairs of a Commandery of Knights Templar is no "cinch." It takes an infinite amount of time, energy, and patience to be a "top officer." At times there is a tendency by some officers to "let down." Some get tired and are tempted to stop working and let things drift—under the mistaken belief that they will "get by" somehow or other. The Scripture refers to men who start—but who get tired along the way—"No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke IX:62. Anyone can find an alibi and quit when the going gets tough, but it takes a real man to see his job through and battle all the way. Whenever I hear a Templar officer complain that his Commandery is

suffering from indifference, I feel like congratulating him upon his golden opportunity to change things around and inject new life into his Commandery by a challenging program. Automation has not progressed to the point where pressing a button will solve any Commandery problem. But there is a system of "human automation" which operates this way: the greater the challenge, the greater the effort; the greater the effort, the greater the accomplishment. Plutarch, the great historian, quoted a Roman Senator as saying: "Go on, my friend, and fear nothing; you carry Caesar and his fortune in your boot."

The price of leadership is high, but success is worth all it costs!

—From Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker's Newsletter of Jan. 6, '67.



PORTLAND, OREGON, FALL FESTIVAL

On November 19, 1966, the Commanderies of Portland, Oregon, and of the near vicinity lived up to the spirit of a Fall Harvest Festival and, in commemoration of the Sesquicentennial, joined forces.

All of the Commanderies participated in the conferral of the orders and the knighting of the class of candidates. It was an occasion to be long remembered and should serve as a format for future events of a like nature, adding new and young blood to each of the Commanderies participating.

Among the several candidates were two former DeMolay members recently raised Master Masons. They received the Fifth Libation from the hands of two past DeMolays, holders of the Legion of Honor in the order, the present Commander of Washington Commandery No. 15, Oscar Johnson, and John Wm. Givens, G.C.G. of the Grand Commandery of Oregon.

The following Commanderies participated in the events of the day:

Oregon Commandery No. 1, Ellis McKnight, Com., Portland, Ore.

Washington Commandery No. 15, Oscar Johnson, Com., Portland, Ore.

Tancred Commandery No. 23, Earl Kopp, Com., Portland, Ore.

St. Elmo Commandery No. 20, Harlow C. Dickson, Com., Woodburn, Ore.

DeMolay Commandery No. 5, Clifford E. Ingham, Com., Salem, Ore.

Vancouver Commandery No. 10 of Vancouver, Washington.

Colity Commandery No. 29 of Longview, Washington.

—C. L. Willey, G.C.

Charles D. Rose, a member of Pilgrim Commandery, Albuquerque, *New Mexico*, who is now living at San Diego, *California*, is the holder of some 15 honorary memberships in Chapters and Councils, including an honorary life membership in Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Baja, *California-Mexico*. He reports that Templary is on the rise in Tijuana and that there are now some 10 petitions in process for the Orders of Templary.



Jobs Daughters Choir—Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Cyrene Commandery, Sioux Falls, *South Dakota*, should be complimented on its outstanding Christmas program which was telecast live over station KELO on December 25, at 12:30 P.M., from the Masonic Temple. All Masonic bodies, including the

O.E.S., DeMolay, and Jobs Daughters, assisted in the observance. The music was furnished by the Jobs Daughters Choir, pictured above. The program could be viewed in western Iowa and Minnesota, and all of southeastern South Dakota.

TRIPLE PRESENTATION



MacDonald and Sedine.

The Annual Inspection of St. Bernard Commandery No. 16, K.T. (*Mich.*), was highlighted by three important presentations all relative to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Lester K. Sedine, Chairman of St. Bernard's Eye Foundation Committee, presented a plaque to Edgar H. Clark, G.C. of the Grand Com-

mandery of Michigan. This plaque had inscribed thereon the names of all who have become Life Sponsors for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and numbered 12% of this Commandery.

Then Grand Commander Clark presented this plaque to the Eminent Commander of St. Bernard Commandery, Malcolm W. Blackwood, for proper display in the asylum. The Grand Commander was also presented with an attractive photo of the plaque for his personal pleasure.

It has been through the untiring efforts of Chairman Sedine that this goal has been accomplished. Sir Knight Sedine has also done much other promotion on this in the Saginaw area and on other projects. Before Sir Knight Sedine could sit down, he was surprised and presented with the Grand Commander's Service Award by Sir Knight Alex MacDonald of the

Grand Commander's Service Award Committee of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. Sir Knight Sedine

closed with the statement that "I do all this not for awards but for the love of the Commandery."

IN CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE



Dolliver Chapter, Order of DeMolay for boys in Fort Dodge, Iowa, participated in the first Christmas Observance for Calvary Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar of Iowa, in December. Afterwards there were favorable comments for those participating in the observance. In other years, members of the Commandery participated in the Christmas Observance. In the above photo, from left to right, are: Allan Howick, Steve Drown, Jack Brittenham, Dan Whiting, and Richard Sweatt. In the front row are Raymond and Bob Foust, brothers recently initiated.

Louis Klopfer, a member of Geneva Commandery, *New York*, and one of our senior Templars, was born on May 3, 1872, and knighted September 22, 1898. He gave the 3rd Banner Lecture in the Order of Malta at every conferral of that order by Geneva Commandery in its own asylum, as well as many other times in other Commanderies, continuously from 1905 through 1964.

HUDSON, NEW YORK



L. to R., front row: John Bohn Right, P.G.C.; G.C. DuVall; Charles F. Call, E.C.; and Sydney E. Friar, G.J.W. Second row: Sir Knights Jansen, Deck, and Seigler.

Raymond C. DuVall, G.C. of the Grand Commandery of *New York*, was the principle speaker at the public installation of officers of Lafayette Commandery in Hudson, February 3. Sydney E. Friar, G.J.W., was the installing officer; Stanley Seigler, Zone Officer, acted as Captain General; Warren H. Deck, P.G.C., as Prelate; and Arthur J. Eminent as Marshal.

The three Commanderies of the *District of Columbia* joined with the Grand Commandery in holding its second Sesquicentennial Class of the year on Saturday, December 10, at which time the Orders were conferred on a class of 16 candidates. William E. Barkman, G.C., addressed the class after the conferral of the work,

GEORGIA GRAND COMMANDER'S CLASS

On January 28th, the Grand Commander of *Georgia*, J. E. Moseley, was honored by his own Commandery, Griffin No. 35, holding a special festival named for him.



Parker, Moseley, and Stanton.

Twelve Commanderies produced a total of 25 candidates for a fine class. The work in all three orders

was conferred in full long form, with all robes, uniforms, and music by DeKalb Commandery No. 38, who traveled from Atlanta with all their equipment specially for the occasion.

Shown here with the Grand Commander are his father-in-law, W. R. Stanton, and his brother-in-law, R. J. Parker, whom he had the pleasure of knighting during the evening.

A years subscription to the *Knight Templar* magazine was personally given to each candidate by the Grand Commander.

With the exceptional effort that has been made by all Commanderies in Georgia this year, it is hoped that a substantial increase in numbers will be evident by Good Friday.

—R. S. SAGAR, *Correspondent*

YORK RITE UNITY IN MISSOURI

The four St. Louis Commanderies furnished some thirty Sir Knights in uniform to act as an honor guard at the public installation of William W. Zieger at the time of his installation as Ill. Master of Hiram Council No. 1, R. & S.M., on January 4. The Council has recently become a prerequisite to the Commandery Orders in Missouri, and was very instrumental in working for the large class of York Rite candidates that received the York Rite Degrees and Orders some months ago.

Andrew E. Barton, D.G.C. of *Illinois*, recently sent 22 new subscriptions to the *Knight Templar* Magazine from the annual inspection of Englewood Commandery

(Ill.). Russell Richardson assisted him in taking subscriptions for the magazine, and reports "as far as it could be ascertained when the Commandery closed in the afternoon, every Sir Knight present (approximately 80) was a subscriber." Sir Knight Barton, during the last five years, sent in over 600 subscriptions to the *Knight Templar*.

Forest B. Guild, who was born October 17, 1874, and was knighted in DeSoto Commandery at Plattsburg, *New York*, on May 24, 1905, is a charter member of his Commandery at Lake Placid, and has served as Treasurer of his Lodge in that city for more than sixty years.

TOP THIS!

(From Richard S. Sagar, Georgia)

"Clayton Garrett of Gainesville, Ga., last year was High Priest of his Chapter, Illustrious Master of his Council, and Eminent Commander of his Commandery, and at the same time was also Worshipful Master of his Symbolic Lodge.

"Even more to his credit, Sir Knight Garrett did an excellent job in all four bodies at once. However, he did tell me that sorting out some of the obligations at times got a little tricky!"

W. Walter Brown, now deceased, but formerly a member of St. Omer Commandery No. 30, Litchfield, Illinois, in 1965 served as Master of Girard Lodge No. 171, Girard, Illinois, High Priest of Girard Chapter, Ill. Master of Carrollton Council, Carlinville, Illinois, and Eminent Commander of his Commandery at Litchfield.

Herbert E. Johnson, who was born on January 26, 1882, and knighted in Apollo Commandery, Troy, New York, on May 17, 1906, advises the *Knight Templar Magazine* that he is personally acquainted with Edwin D. Ireland, our oldest member in Templary who was knighted October 2, 1891, and that Sir Knight Ireland was present at Oriental Temple Shrine meeting in Troy, on December 10, when Sir Knight Johnson received his 60 year Shrine membership award from the Imperial Potentate. Sir Knight Johnson attended the Sesquicentennial Dinner at the Waldorf and is hoping to go to Detroit for the Triennial.

The *York Riter*, which is sent out by the York Rite bodies of Albuquerque, *New Mexico*, reports that a State York Rite Festival will be held in that city on the 28th and 29th of April, with the degrees and orders conferred by teams from all over the state.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

After a dormant period which resulted in charter suspension, a *West Virginia* commandery showed 'em! They got together and rounded up petitions, received a dispensation to elect and install officers, had their charter restored and posted the highest net gain in the jurisdiction (19%), all in 7 months. Sutton Commandery is back in business! And, they helped West Virginia post a net gain of 1.8%.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The Knight Templar sponsored Easter Service in Memphis, *Tennessee*, has grown to an attendance of 5,000. Memphis No. 4, St. Elmo No. 15, and Park Avenue No. 31 joined with the churches of East Memphis in presenting a program including a Resurrection Pageant. The Shriners and others including Boy Scouts have active roles.

"WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

The Grand Commandery of *Kentucky* sends to each new Commander, as soon as the Grand Recorder is notified of his election, a zippered carrying case containing 15 items useful in planning and conducting a successful program. (See Proceedings, 1966, for full list.)

GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICERS PRESENT FOR MOUNT HERMON CLASS OF CANDIDATES



One of Largest Classes for Mount Hermon

Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore headed the delegation of Pennsylvania Grand Officers at Milton, Pennsylvania, for the knighting of one of the largest classes in the history of Mount Hermon Commandery No. 85. The January class, a feature of the 60th anniversary of Mount Hermon, became 100% subscribers to the *Knight Templar* Magazine through the special efforts of Past Grand Commander F. Parson Kepler, Sr., a member of Mount Hermon Commandery. Mt. Hermon officers are: Ralph C. Hans, Commander; Paul H. Derk, Generalissimo; Charles M. Dale, Captain General; Karl J. Keithan, Recorder; and Robert M. Campbell, Treasurer.

In addition to the Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery was represented by: Deputy Grand Commander Stokely, Grand Generalissimo Dyson, Grand Captain General Eurich, Grand Senior Warden Geesey, Grand Junior Warden Roberts, Grand Captain

of the Guard Scull, Grand Marshall Williamson, Grand Herald Fahnstock, Past Grand Commander Kepler, and the former Grand Prelate, the Rev. Phillip R. Jones.

In Memoriam

Arkansas

Willard Day Billingsley, G.C.,
1948, and Dept. Commander,
1955-58—December 31, 1966

Kentucky

William A. Armstrong, G.C.,
1952—January 27, 1967

Louisiana

William R u d o l p h Pohlmann,
G.C., 1962—January 17, 1967

Pennsylvania

William E. Montgomery, G.C.,
1953—January 4, 1967

Wisconsin

Roy Holly, G.C., 1950—February
10, 1967
Elbert Willard Miller, G.C., 1961
—February 13, 1967

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



A section of "Streets of Old Detroit," one of the lifesize exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum. The streets, sidewalks, and store fronts of 1870 were reconstructed with the actual building materials of that period. Note the cedar block paving and the horse trough.

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"Easter is a hallowed day in the Templar calendar. Marking as it does the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Easter represents the summit of all the hopes of our Christian faith. The Grand Encampment especially encourages every Sir Knight to attend the church of his choice on that great day, and join with other millions of professing Christians in celebrating the great victory of Christ over death.

"The official Easter Sunrise Service of the Grand Encampment is held each year at sacred Arlington National Cemetery. . . . At promptly 7:00 A.M., Sir Knights from all over the country form a line at the west gate and march behind the strains of 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' played by the Marine Band, and take their places in the center of the amphitheater. The program is broadcast starting at 7:30 A.M. and includes a sermon by the Right Eminent Grand Prelate . . . with music by the Marine Band and Army Chorus, and a message from the Grand Master.

"A giant cross of lilies is then carried through the lines under an arch of steel and deposited at the tomb of the unknown soldier. To this service Knights Templar are urged to come and join the marching hosts."

—From "Charting the Course"

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