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A Symbol of Education  
in America for more than  
two and a half centuries  
—a Window in the wall  
of Wren Chapel, College  
of William and Mary in  
Colonial Williamsburg. ...



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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.

## TEMPLARY'S BIG OPPORTUNITY

The Golden Triennial Conclave  
at Detroit, Michigan  
August 19-24, 1967

Templary has the unusual opportunity this summer of holding its Golden Triennial Conclave—signifying the climax of the 150th year of our historic existence.

With only about 3 months remaining before this great event, the time has now arrived for every Knight Templar to consider whether he will join the outpouring of Christian Masons and come to Detroit. The question is: *Will You Be There?*

Yours is no ordinary decision. Are you sufficiently aroused and concerned about your great Christian Order of Knighthood to join thousands of other Templars who are coming? Do you support Templary's stand for decency,

morality, and righteousness in the community, state, and nation? In short, are you with us—to the point where you will put aside the messy trivia of everyday existence and join the great host of Templars who will march to "Onward Christian Soldiers"—as we publicly proclaim our proud mission to the world!

The business sessions are important, but they will not be overshadowed by the mammoth Divine Service, or the Triennial Grand Parade of every state of the union. All over the country in recent years there have been "marches" by special interest groups of one kind or another. The beatniks, the hippies, and other motley dregs have used the streets of America for their abominable purposes. Isn't it time that Templary put on a wholesome Christian parade for God and Country?—One that will put to shame these selfish and un-American displays of warped mentality!—One that will give America something to cheer about!

Let every Knight Templar decide—finally and now—to come to Detroit. Bring your uniform—symbolic of "putting on the whole armor of God." Let members of drill teams remember that there isn't any better reason for their existence than to march in the Grand Parade. Let the ladies come, proving that "Knighthood is still in flower." Let's make everyone proud of Templary when we gather in August in Detroit.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
WILBER M. BRUCKER,  
*Grand Master*

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION—

### Are We Hiding Our Light Under A Bushel?

Sir Knight James M. Caviness, Chairman of the Committee on Educational Foundation, Asks for More Programs, More Addresses, More Information and Emphasis on Loan Availability and Procedure

For forty-five years one of Templary's most active and consistently productive projects has been the Knights Templar Educational Foundation. In 1922, the Foundation was launched with these words:

"We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to put into effect a plan which will provide educational advantages for the youth of our beloved country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better citizens of this Republic."

To date, the Educational Foundation has made almost 61,350 loans for a total of well over \$20,000,000.00. That the future holds an even greater potential is the opinion of Chairman Caviness, especially if more emphasis is placed on the work of the committee and the method of obtaining loans. One important link in the chain of informational communication is the Educational Committee at the Constituent Commandery level. Local committees working closely with the state committee can do much to further the scope and value of the loan program.

The Grand Encampment Committee says: "This (local) committee should cooperate in all matters pertaining to the Foundation in their community. They should

publicize the policies of the Foundation, furnish information on eligibility of applicants and assist in making investigations."

The local committee should be composed of members who have active and sympathetic contacts with young people within the commandery jurisdiction, especially with DeMolay and other Masonic related groups. Information should go to school officials, our own members, and Masonic bodies generally. The local committee should have in hand the basic application form and be ready to assist any worthy student in its preparation, and to make at the same time such primary local investigation as might be desired by the state committee.

Sir Knight Caviness has headed the Grand Encampment Committee for a dozen years. One of his primary concerns has been "unused" funds in some of the State Divisions. Though 1966 reports show only two Divisions with more than \$100,000.00 in cash and securities, the Chairman looks forward to the time when all Divisions will have more loan activity and smaller cash and security figures.

At press time not all the Division reports for 1966 had been verified, but the figures show that more than 1,325 loans were granted during the year for a total of approximately \$750,000.00. The five leading Divisions in activity last year were:

Division	Loans	Amt. Loans	Balance, Cash, and Securities, 12/31/66
Ohio .....	205	\$ 80,072.00	\$ 62,983.70
New York .....	171	123,420.00	86,892.74
Pennsylvania .....	125	54,045.50	186,292.85
Texas .....	114	54,050.00	34,598.47
Missouri .....	77	42,914.45	99,681.51

Chairman Caviness says, "Your committee feels that since our government began making student loans almost two years ago, that has been our real competitor."

But, competition or no, the Chairman thinks all Templars can justly be proud of our Order's contribution to education. "The Educational Foundation is a practical demonstration of the Order's concern for the future tomorrows, which must be built upon the youth of each oncoming generation."

The members of the Grand Encampment Committee for the current Triennium are: Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master (ex-officio); John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master (ex-officio); James M. Caviness, P.G.C., Texas, Chairman; Blaine M. Simons, P.G.C., Utah; Raymond D. Douglass, P.G.C., Massachusetts and Rhode Island; James B. Enochs, P.G.C., Minnesota; Oliver S. Willham, P.G.C., Oklahoma; and Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder (ex-officio), Secretary.

## Appointments for the Triennial Conclave and for the Balance of the Current Triennium

On April 1, Grand Master Brucker issued General Order No. 23 which made the following appointments:

### APPOINTIVE OFFICERS FOR THE 50TH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight VIRGIL F. KENT, P.G.C. (Ohio).

Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight HARVEY C. BYRD, P.G.C. (Texas).

Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight WILLIAM M. WHITE, P.G.C. (South Carolina).

Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight GLENNE R. McARTHUR, P.G.C. (South Dakota).

Grand Warder, Sir Knight GORDON J. BRENNER, P.G.C. (New Jersey).

Grand Captain of the Guard, Sir Knight ABNER C. SAGER, P.G.C. (Michigan).

Committee on the Educational Foundation: OLIVER S. WILLHAM, P.G.C. (Oklahoma), in place of Robert L. Ramey, P.G.C. (deceased).

Committee on Ritualistic Matters: WARREN H. SMITH, P.G.C. (Ohio), in the place of Frederick H. Stigale, P.G.C. (deceased).

Secretary of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.: EDWARD C. WILCOXEN, P.G.C. (Kentucky), in the place of Malcolm F. Van Dien, P.G.C. (resigned).

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Committee on the Educational Foundation: BLAINE M. SIMONS, P.G.C. (Utah), in the place of Earl T. Armesy, P.G.C. (deceased).

Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and a member of the Committee on Printing, the Committee on the Triennial Conclave, the Committee on the Educational Foundation, and the Committee on the Triennial Conclave Expenses: PAUL C. RODENHAUSER, P.G.C. (Pennsylvania), in the place of John Temple Rice (resigned).

Templar Jurisprudence: HERBERT D. SLEDD, P.G.C. (Kentucky), in the place of William A. Armstrong, P.G.C. (deceased).

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Charles E. Bostick, P.G.C. (Illinois), Chairman; Dwight S. Shannon, P.G.C. (Arizona); Thomas W. Oliver, P.G.C. (Alabama); Clarence E. Buehler, P.G.C. (South Dakota); G. Burton Long, P.G.C. (Massachusetts and Rhode Island); Robert J. Hackett, P.G.C. (Ohio); Robert E. Billings, P.G.C. (Wisconsin); and Edgar H. Clark, P.G.C. (Michigan).

DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE: George D. Barclay, P.G.C. (New York), Chairman; Lowell G. Hays, P.G.C. (Tennessee); Harold N. Painter, P.G.C. (Missouri); Paul W. Sweet, P.G.C. (Washington); Andres E. Moynelo, P.G.C. (District of Columbia); Walton S. Hootsell, P.G.C. (Mississippi); Ernest M. Moore, P.G.C. (Virginia); and Harold G. Price, Sr., P.G.C. (Utah).

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE: Robert S. Schoedinger, P.G.C. (Ohio), Chairman; Carl J. Baesemann, P.G.C. (Colorado); E. Russell Graham, D.G.C. (Iowa); Walthall H. Zigler, P.G.C. (Louisiana); William E. Tanner, P.G.C. (Florida); Charles H. Peterson, P.G.C. (Maine); and Arthur J. Peterson, P.G.C. (Minnesota).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE: George F. Flentje, Jr., P.G.C. (Maryland), Chairman; Charles F. Adams, D.G.C. (Nebraska); Herman H. Ungerer, P.G.C. (Connecticut); C. L. Willey, P.G.C. (Oregon); Kenneth C. Johnson, P.G.C. (Arkansas); Frederick J. Smith, P.G.C. (Oklahoma); and Wallace H. Morris, P.G.C. (Philippines).

TELLERS COMMITTEE: Hal A. Burnett, P.G.C. (Texas), Chairman; Harold R. Hoolihan, P.G.C. (Indiana); William D. Tucker, P.G.C. (California); S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., P.G.C. (Pennsylvania); Vivian P. Patterson, P.G.C. (South Carolina); Frank F. Smith, P.G.C. (Maryland); C. Wallace Jackson, P.G.C. (North Carolina); and Albert W. Cross, P.G.C. (Wyoming).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Louis Hengen, P.G.C. (Mississippi), Chairman; Ralph B. Mitchell, P.G.C. (Kansas); Franklyn H. Churchill, P.G.C. (Vermont); Joseph E. Martin, P.G.C. (Kentucky); Elwood I. Naugle, P.G.C. (Montana); J. E. Moseley, P.G.C. (Georgia); Edward J. Laas, P.G.C. (West Virginia); and John A. Fitzgerald, P.G.C. (New Hampshire).

AIDES TO THE GRAND MASTER: Sir Knight Harold M. Elwood, P.C.; Sir Knight Richard M. Strauss, P.C.; and Sir Knight Roy M. Hood, P.C.

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# THE ORDER OF DeMOLAY

By **RICHARD E. HARKINS**  
Executive Director of DeMolay



*Sir Knights have heard and seen much in recent years about this world-wide Masonic-inspired Youth Movement. Here's how it all began—*

The Order of DeMolay, which offers teenage boys the training and guidance they need to become better citizens, was founded in 1919 as the result of a young social worker's desire to provide fatherly advice and counsel for a boy who was fatherless.

The youth, Louis Lower, went to Frank S. Land, the 28-year-old director of the Social Service Department of the Scottish Rite Temple in Kansas City, Mo., to ask for a job and to seek counsel.

Frank Land gave young Lower a job, and after frequent talks with Louie, he realized that the boy's predicament was not confined to him alone, but extended to countless other boys whether they had fathers or not. It pointed out a need for a new youth organization—one that would provide the proper training and guidance to better citizenship that no other boys' group offered.

Land told Lower he would help form a new boys' club and for him to bring some of his high school friends and they would get organized.



**Jacques DeMolay**

And so it was in February, 1919, Louis Lower and eight of his friends met in the Scottish Rite Temple with Frank S.

Land for the purpose of forming a new boys' organization. Little did any of them dream, least of all Frank Land, that in just a few years the Movement would be active in several countries and territories outside the United States and would have a membership of over one hundred thousand boys.

The idea of a club that would be both educational and inspirational was well received by all nine. The question was raised as to what to call this new organization. Frank Land began reciting many of the famous names in history, but none of them appealed especially to the boys. Then one of the youths suggested that since they were meeting in a Masonic Temple that some of the historic figures connected with Masonry should be recounted.

It was then that Frank Land mentioned the name of Jacques DeMolay. The name immediately captured each of the nine young minds. When they heard how, as the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, he died as a martyr to loyalty and toleration, they unanimously agreed that DeMolay was their choice of names.

On March 18, 1919, the nine youths along with twenty-four of their friends, met again in the Masonic Temple and formally organized the Order of DeMolay.

It was not until some twenty years later that Frank Land real-

ized that this March 18 was the anniversary date of the death of Jacques DeMolay in 1314.

At the next meeting, Louie Lower was the first to take the DeMolay obligation on a Bible of Frank Land's.

In the tradition of the Knights Templars, ritual was to become a fundamental cornerstone of DeMolay. In November, 1919, Frank Marshall, a leading Mason and editorial writer for the Kansas City Journal, was asked to write a ritual.

It is one that follows the precepts of Freemasonry. It revolves about the DeMolay altar on which rests the Holy Bible, and at which a DeMolay obligates himself to be a better son and man; to honor his parents; to love and serve God, his country, and fellow men; to uphold the public schools; to slander no one; and to exercise tolerance in the opinions of others.

The ritual has been termed ageless. Except for a very few words, it remains practically unchanged today. Helped by such an inspirational initiation—one which includes a dramatic portrayal of the trial of Jacques DeMolay—the youth movement picked up momentum like a snowball running downhill.

In the fall of 1920, an initiation team from Kansas City went to Omaha, Nebraska, to install a chapter there. And soon cities and towns all over the country were clamoring for a chapter, for the good work and fame of DeMolay had become widespread.

Since sponsorship of DeMolay chapters was to be restricted to Masonic organizations or individual Masons (although eligibility for



These two Masons were key figures in establishment of DeMolay. They are, left, Frank S. Land, the Founder, and right, Frank A. Marshall, the author of the DeMolay Ritual.

DeMolay membership is not tied in with Masonry), a Grand Council of the nation's leading Masons was set up to govern the movement, with Frank Land as the full time director.

As the organization celebrated its forty-eighth birthday on March 18, 1967, it could look back upon the initiation of nearly three million boys. Today the Movement has 166,000 active members in 2,500 chapters.

### GOLDEN TRIENNIAL DRILL CORPS MEMBERS

Dressing room facilities will be at the disposal of drill team participants at the Golden Triennial Conclave . . .

on the  
3rd Floor  
MASONIC TEMPLE  
500 Temple Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

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## DeMolay ISC Meeting Sets Record

By Richard E. Harkins

Climaxing the largest attendance of DeMolay Supreme Council members ever to be present at an annual session, William A. Hensley of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, was installed as the 35th Grand Master of the International Order of DeMolay on April 12, in Dallas, Texas.

As was traditional, the banquet, attended by more than 400, was to honor the outgoing Grand Master, Lee Lockwood of Waco, Texas; however, a sudden illness and hospital confinement a week before the banquet prevented Grand Master Lockwood from being present.

Installed along with Grand Master Hensley were J. Chris Nungesser of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Deputy Grand Master; Stanley Garrity of Wichita, Kansas, as Grand Senior Councilor; Albert P. Ruerat of Foster Center, Rhode Island, as Grand Junior Councilor; George M. Saunders of Chicago, Illinois, as Grand Secretary; and Chandler C. Cohagen of Billings, Montana, as Grand Treasurer.

The presiding officers of the principal Masonic Bodies in the country attended the session, and included: Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.; Luther A. Smith, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33°, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Sprague H. Carter, Gen-

eral Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; C. Ellwood Smyrk, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters; Orville F. Rush, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America; Joseph G. Lefter, Grand Monarch of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm; Marvin E. Fowler, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland; V. S. Malcolm, President of High Twelve International.

Also attending were John L. Crofts, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who is an Active Member-at-Large of the DeMolay Supreme Council, and G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, who is an Active Member and Executive Officer in Southern Illinois for DeMolay.

There were 45 State, Jurisdictional and Provincial DeMolay Master Councilors who attended the session and carried on educational meetings of their own, as well as observing the ISC sessions. These DeMolay leaders adopted their own resolution deploring the actions of misconduct that many youth are involved in in today's times.

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### In Memoriam

#### Iowa

Earl H. Winders, G.C., 1943—  
December 13, 1966

#### South Dakota

Ernest A. Jones, G.C., 1939—  
March 14, 1967



## DeMOLAY RESOLUTION

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON APRIL 12, 1967, BY THE STATE, JURISDICTIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL MASTER COUNCILORS WHILE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL DeMOLAY SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING IN DALLAS, TEXAS**

Whereas news headlines have been punctuated with stories of demonstrations, the burning of draft cards, and a general disrespect for law and order by an irresponsible minority, and

Whereas we are firm in the conviction that such conduct is not characteristic of the majority of the young people of our countries, and

Whereas we speak for the more than 3,000,000 members, past and present, of the Order of DeMolay who daily reaffirm their adherence to the great moral principles upon which this nation was founded and which have made it the great democracy for which it is known, and

Whereas that this International Conference of State, Provincial, and Jurisdictional Master Councilors deplors the widely publicized excesses of misconduct of high school and college youth and that we further assert that group rioting, violation of law, and disrespect of orders and regulations of law enforcement bodies are contrary to the best interests of our countries and serve to weaken the moral fibre of our nations;

Be it therefore resolved, we call upon the youth of our countries to join with us in resisting any and all invitations to participate in illegal activity, individually or in groups, and

Be it further resolved, that we believe the great message of DeMolay that "a clean mind in a clean body is the best preparation for the clean manhood upon which clean citizenship depends."

### MISSOURI DeMOLAY

Mother Chapter, Order of DeMolay, at Kansas City conferred initiatory degrees on a class of 16 candidates on March 14. The class was dedicated to Sprague H. Carter, C. Ellwood Smyrk, and Wilber M. Brucker, presiding officers of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, and Grand Encampment. Approximately 50 York Rite Masons were in attendance, including William J. Tobler, G.C. of Missouri, who was presented a check for \$500.00 on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Missouri to further the purposes of DeMolay in the Western Jurisdiction of Missouri, of which he is the executive officer.



L. to R.: Burt Davis, Mike Glennon, Kenneth Davis, Grand Commander Tobler, Frank K. Roy, Jr., Ed McKenzie, and Chuck Eddy.

# A LIVING SYMBOL OF DEDICATED MEN

By Ralph Dawson

**DRILL CORPS OF DETROIT COMMANDERY NO. 1, NOTED FOR ALMOST A CENTURY, EXEMPLIFIES CALIBRE OF CORPS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY TO BE SEEN IN COMPETITION DURING GOLDEN TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE**

The Drill Corps of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, will present a command performance of their famous Passion Cross during the Golden Triennial, August 19-24, 1967, at Cobo Hall and on the streets of the motor capital of the world.

Louis J. Asmus, P.C., is the Captain General of one of the finest uniformed drill corps anywhere in the world. For nearly a century their performances have been the highlight of Knights Templar parades, coast to coast, including the Inaugural Parade of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery had 32 platoons on Woodward Avenue in full uniform for the 1928 Conclave. They are planning on 32 platoons again in 1967.

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, the Most Eminent Grand Master, and P.C. of Detroit Commandery No. 1, marched with this great Commandery for years. He led them into the hallowed grounds of Arlington Cemetery for the Knights Templar 1967 Easter Sunrise Service tribute to America's fallen heroes.

The Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Corps has become a living symbol of dedicated men who proudly exhibit the work and purpose of Knights Templar.

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR DRILL CORPS COMPETITION, COBO HALL,  
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1967, GOLDEN TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE**

## THEN AND NOW—THE TRADITION CONTINUES



**16 Platoon Drill Corp of Detroit Commandery No. 1 passing under the Arch of Jewels during the 37th Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, Detroit, July 16, 1928**



**The years roll on—so does Detroit's Drill Corp . . . at President Eisenhower's Inaugural Parade, and at Templar Parades from coast to coast.**

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# YORK RITE UNITY

## 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.

## Report of Louisiana Grand Commandery Special Committee on York Rite Unity

"On instructions of the Grand Commander your special committee has prepared a report on the most important subject to come before the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., at the Detroit Triennial in August, 1967, namely the Report on York Rite Unity.

For a good many years York Rite Masonic leaders at both the state and national levels have been urging greater and closer cooperation between all segments of Masonry, particularly the York Rite Bodies.

(Here followed a history of past action of York Rite Cooperation. It was also emphasized that the York Rite Commission on Unity was limited whereby no action should be taken which would conflict with the organic structure of the Sovereign York Rite Bodies and that the Commission exceeded its authority in making its recommendations. There exists a fundamental difference between unity and union.

Editor's note on content of omitted portion of the report.)

To think of destroying and surrendering the sovereignty of the Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, and Grand Commanderies to some supreme authority is preposterous. Centralizing all authority over the Rite is contrary to the whole basic concept of York Rite Masonry where democratic government has been traditional down through the years.

It appeared at General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council that many of the delegates had no knowledge of the contents of the Commission Report until their arrival at the Triennial; that very few Grand Chapters had met to be circulated and that relatively few delegates had studied the report at all. When the lobby discussions began to spread, the sentiment seemed overwhelming to simply throw the report overboard and reject summarily its proposals. After lengthy discussions it seemed fair to postpone any action until a subsequent Triennial, thus permitting ample time for study and understanding of the proposals.

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The resolution postponing action requested each constituent Grand Chapter and Grand Council to study the proposal and to submit its decision to their General Grand Body.

Our Grand Commander, because of what has been reported there, appointed this committee to also make a detailed study and to report to this conclave. Thereby in attendance at the Grand Encampment in Detroit our members might have a guide with regard to this problem.

We believe in cooperation and in spiritual unity of all of Freemasonry. We think Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies should work together in harmony and unison as they do in many localities and jurisdictions. We reject the ideal of organic unity or union and the proposals of the

Commission on York Rite Unity as repugnant to the basic concepts and tenets of York Rite Masonry.

We therefore offer the following resolution for consideration at this Grand Commandery Conclave.

*Be it resolved*, that the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, Knights Templar, in annual conclave assembled reject the proposals of the Commission on York Rite Unity including the Concordat for establishing a supreme body of York Rite, and that a copy of this report be sent to the presiding officer of the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council, and the Grand Encampment. HEPBURN BYRD, P.G.C., Chairman  
HERBERT JENNINGS, P.G.C.  
PERCY A. SHIPP, G.G.

The Report of the Committee was unanimously adopted."

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If there is a brisk demand for my opinion on YORK RITE UNITY I've seen no evidence to support it. But it does seem relevant to put first things first.

The great difficulty in achieving such unified action seems to be in reconciling the Old and the New Testaments. As Americans I guess most of us are aware of the importance and the difficulties of functioning in a pluralistic society: Catholic, Jewish, colored, white, all have idiosyncrasies, defenses, shades of political, economic, social prejudices which, to some extent, differentiate and set us apart from one another. I'm not referring to Eskimos or Indians, important though they are in their own right. I have in mind the Capitular and Cryptic Rite brethren who are members of the Jewish faith.

As a member of these two great Masonic bodies and as a Templar, I'd like to see a unified York Rite system similiar to Scottish Rite, Northern. It would certainly facilitate the problem of dues, contributions, and ease the burdensome factor of remembering numbers and dates, at least.

I see nothing objectionable in Templar Masonry structured on Christian principles. Nor do I have any doubts about the more orthodox temper of Old Testament Masonry. I suppose back in 1770 the notion of a working American Commonwealth must have seemed to some an impossible dream. But the intervening years of dialogue and controversy, an organization which appears to function has come out of all the differences and all the bitter quarrelling debates which all, somehow, seem to be a

necessary part of any idea worth going for.

By a great effort of will and a careful use of the mind I believe a Supreme Council of York Rite Masons may be realized by a group of representative Masons of good

will who have the highest regard for members of the Old Faith and for those of us who are of the New Covenant.

—Ronald E. Westman, Hampstead Commandery No. 73, 199 Amos Ave., Oceanside, N. Y.

## IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NEW ORLEANS, BECOMES 100% SPONSORS TO THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

On February 27 Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M. and Executive Director of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., represented Grand Master Brucker at a special meeting of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19 at New Orleans, at which time he was presented 243 life sponsors being the entire membership of Ivanhoe Commandery. It

### IVANHOE COMMANDERY NO. 19, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



Front row, L. to R.: George L. Kottes, P.C.; D. Peter Laguens, P.G.C.; Nicholas G. Koutroulis, P.C., Chairman; Gen. Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M.; Edmond L. Kimble, P.G.C.; George H. Peirce, E.C.

Second row, L. to R.: Roland H. Mayer, J.W.; Karl H. Kraak, S.W.; Edwin L. Black, W.; John R. Cousins, P.C.; Endicott A. Batchelder, C.G.; Henry D. Hecht, S.B.

is not frequent that the Eye Foundation receives a check for \$7,290.00 as it did on this occasion. In speaking of the meeting, Sir Knight DeLamater reported as follows:

“They had the night of presentation, February 27th, at the Masonic Temple, in New Orleans. Not only the Sir Knights, but their families, were present, and it was a very inspiring night. In addition, one Sir Knight gave me a check as an additional contribution from himself, and whispered in my ear, that he has named the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in his Will.”

“I have been absolutely inspired by what I have seen and heard here tonight. I hear dismal people everywhere, telling me that this country's in decline, its moral fabric is in decay—and there are times when I think so myself. But, I come here tonight—I realize that I am in the presence of a great and distinguished tradition of Christianity and freedom. And, as long as we have Knights Templar, dedicated to the preservation of the Christian religion in our society, we're not through yet by a long shot.”

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

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

# THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

**“MAY THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE  
BLESS ALL OF YOU IN THE YEARS TO COME”**

The honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Commander for the 1966-67 Templar Year will live with me all of my days. There have been many activities that I have enjoyed and derived satisfaction from during my term, but the greatest of all has been the opportunity to visit throughout the Grand Commandery and personally meet many of our Sir Knights.

It was my pleasure to attend each Division Reception. On each of these occasions, Mrs. Moore and I were extended every possible courtesy and entertained most royally. I wish to express my personal appreciation for the courtesies extended to us. I am grateful to all Officers and other Sir Knights who attended many of these official visitations.

I am pleased with the excellent spirit of Christian Knighthood prevailing in our Grand Commandery. I feel our Constituent Commanderies are making a consistent effort to put into practice the basic Truths of Templary. The Officers and Sir Knights are taking their duties seriously, endeavoring to lift the condition of their Commanderies to a higher level of efficiency. Our endeavors for the year indicate a continued upward trend.

I should like to thank all the Eminent Commanders, Recorders, and each Sir Knight for their excellent cooperation and support. I issued the challenge . . . “Come, Labor On. Beauceant Forward.” . . . and they sincerely responded.

I am looking forward to greeting and visiting with many of the Sir Knights on the occasion of our 114th Annual Conclave to be held in the City of Erie, May 21, 22, 23, and 24th.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless all of you in the years to come.

Courteously and sincerely,  
J. HARVEY MOORE,  
*Grand Commander*

## DIVISION NUMBER 1 FETES GRAND COMMANDER

Two hundred and fifty Sir Knights, ladies, and guests, honored the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight J. Harvey Moore, with a dinner and reception at Germantown Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on February 4.

An annual occasion, it was the largest Division No. 1 reception in recent years. In addition to Grand Commander and Mrs. Moore, Division Commander Charles W. McDermott had the opportunity to greet the entire line of Grand Officers, including: Deputy Grand Commander Harold E. Stokely and Mrs. Stokely; Grand Generalissimo G. Calvin Dyson and Mrs. Dyson; Grand Captain General Charles R. Eurich and Mrs. Eurich; Grand Senior Warden William D. Geesey and Mrs. Geesey; Grand Junior Warden Ewart Roberts; Grand Recorder John W. Laird; Grand Sword Bearer Edward H. Kinsman and Mrs. Kinsman; Grand Captain of the Guard Howard T. Scull and Mrs. Scull.

The Trustees of the Grand Commandery were present with their ladies: David J. Godschall, John A. Roth, and Walter E. Wooding. Sir Knight Wooding's appointment to fill the unexpired term of Charles E. Tull, deceased, was officially announced at the gathering.

Other Templar leaders included Past Grand Commanders George A. Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, and Dallas F. Bullock and Mrs. Bullock; also the following Division Commanders with their ladies: Charles W. McDermott, the host Division Commander; Cameron A. Wian (2); C. Kenneth Gennaria (3); Warren R. Gray (5); Earle H. Baer (9); Warren R. Williams, Jr. (13); and Leroy C. May (15).

## CYRENE NO. 34 HOSTS DIVISION NO. 16 CLASS

Acting Commander John L. Grab, Acting Generalissimo Nelson Sears, and Cyrene P.C.-Recorder Ralph G. Habecker headed Columbia arrangements for a "Paul C. Rodenhauser Class" of 10 candidates Saturday, April 8, with the all-day conferrals handled by teams from Bethel, Gethsemane, and Cyrene under the direction of Division Commander Julius A. Houser.

Lunch and dinner were prepared by Cyrene Steward John Eichhorn and served by Cyrene Auxiliary. P.C.-Treasurer Frank H. Shank and P.C.-Trustee Charles R. Frasch served as conferral correlators. Among the participants were former Division No. 16 Commander, John P. Wildasin, and Gethsemane P.C.-Recorder John S. Royer, Past Grand Master, Grand Council.

Toastmaster for the dinner and program was Sir Knight Sears, who introduced a "Cyrene Family" entertainment—songs by P.C. and Mrs. Robert P. Williams and their sons, P.C. Robert L. and Sir Knight Charles. Division Commander Houser presented a Savings Bond gift to Sir Knight Rodenhauser from the group; Gethsemane Commander Yeater followed with a gift of specially decorated tumblers.

An address by the guest of honor concluded the evening's program. Sir Knight Rodenhauser, a Past Commander of Cyrene, a former Division No. 16 Commander, and a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, is now Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.



## CHESTER IS THE WORLD'S NUMBER 2 DeMOLAY CHAPTER

### *York Rite Class Honors Dad John B. Cottrell, Jr.*

The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay has announced Chester Chapter has been ranked as the World's No. 2 Chapter. Ranking is done yearly after a careful examination of the activities, programs, and membership of the 2,500 Chapters in the world-wide organization.

Chester doubled its size between Sept., 1965, and Sept., 1966, reaching 500% of its yearly membership quota; earned four Grand Master's Certificates; and won the 8-State Atlantic Region Membership Plaque, as well as placing fourth in the world of the Top Ten Chapters in percentage of quota reached.

The Chapter appeared on television in two half-hour programs; won the ritual competition trophy of Pennsylvania (presented by the Grand Commandery), and placed in the top three positions in four other statewide competitions; served many local charities, including, but not limited to, to Delaware County Tuberculosis and Health Association, the Salvation Army, and the Delaware County Blind Center.

Chester Chapter never before entered the competition for world-wide ranking, although it has been among Pennsylvania's top Chapters since its institution in 1959.

International Supreme Council named the Chapter's Advisor, Dad Robert F. Stark, Pennsylvania's DeMolay Advisor of the Year, investing him with the Guild of the Leather Apron. He is also Junior Warden of Lucius H. Scott Lodge No. 352, King of Chester Royal Arch Chapter No. 258, and Generalissimo of Chester Commandery No. 66, Knights Templar.

DeMolay Grand Master Lee Lockwood has requested each Chapter to name a spring class for an outstanding York Rite Mason. Chester Chapter responded by naming its April class the Dad John B. Cottrell, Jr., Class. The group represented the largest single class ever initiated in Chester.

The Brethren and Advisory Council members unanimously elected to name the class in honor of Dad Cottrell for his outstanding contributions to York Rite Masonry and his concern for and interest in the Order of DeMolay. He has long been a good friend of Chester Chapter.

Dad Cottrell has been Worshipful Master of George W. Bartram Lodge No. 298, Most Excellent High Priest of Media Royal Arch Chapter, Thrice Illustrious Master of Riblah Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Eminent Commander of Ascension Commandery. He holds the Red Cross of Constantine and the York Cross of Honor and has been presiding officer of several York Rite honor groups. In 1963 he was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania and was responsible for the trophy that body presents at the DeMolay Conclave each year for the winner of the DeMolay Degree Competition. He is currently District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. In 1966 Chester Chapter had the honor of conferring the Active Legion of Honor Degree upon him at its Anniversary Banquet.

## PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

The class was initiated in the Grand Lodge Temple in Philadelphia on April 19th, and on May 3rd, Dad Cottrell was present to see the DeMolay Degree conferred in Chester. When told of the decision to name the class for him, Dad Cottrell replied, "To be so honored by any Chapter of DeMolay is a thrill, but to have been selected by the World's No. 2 Chapter is really 'frosting the cake.' I am pleased and honored. Thank you."

Deputy Grand Commander Stokely, Grand Senior Warden Geesey, Grand Junior Warden Roberts, and Earl Edwards, Past Commander and Recorder of Mary Commandery No. 34, combined to form the musical attraction at the Pennsylvania Dinner held Saturday, March 25, in the Willard Hotel Ballroom, Washington. Attendance totaled 185. In addition to Grand Commander Moore, speakers were Department Commander Cottrell and Deputy Grand Master Crofts.

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### TEMPLARS TO PARTICIPATE IN FREEDOMS FOUNDATION RITES

*To the Grand Officers, Division Commanders, Eminent Commanders, and Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:*

On Saturday, September 9, 1967, at 3:00 o'clock P.M., the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Brother Robert E. Deyoe, will dedicate the statue of "Brother George Washington at Prayer," erected on the grounds of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Pennsylvania Templary has been invited to participate in this dedication. It is requested that we furnish a "Color Escort" of at least one hundred American Flags. Necessarily, this will require an equal number of uniformed (without swords) Sir Knights with flag carrying equipment. The dedication does not include a parade, but rather simply a formation at the site. Since Templary will be on display, clean plumes, black shoes, and presentable uniforms, of either the old or new style, will be the "order of the day."

This is an important event in our Masonic Calendar, especially so for Templary, and therefore, covets the unequivocal support of each Commandery and Sir Knight within this jurisdiction. Delegations of uniformed Sir Knights to perform this most important function (to travel by bus if possible, to ease the parking situation at the site) should be organized in every Division and area of the State. This is not the sole responsibility of any one area, but rather that of the entire Grand Commandery.

Will you please advise me as soon as possible, the number of Sir Knights, properly equipped, giving the name and address of each, and Commandery, that you will furnish for this most important project.

Courteously and sincerely,  
G. CALVIN DYSON,  
Grand Generalissimo

# EASTER OBSERVANCES

## Easter at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

As the early rays of a new day's sun fell majestically across the quiet countryside, the famed drill corps of Detroit Commandery No. 1, under the order of Arthur Churchman, E.C., and Captain General Louis J. Asmus, P.C., led the solemn march of 1,000 uniformed Sir Knights representing commanderies from across the nation into the hallowed grounds of Arlington Cemetery to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers," played by the United States Marine Band, for the thirty-seventh Easter Sunrise Memorial Service. John Downs, P.C., was chairman of the event for Detroit Commandery.

Harry L. Beach, P.G.C. and Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Committee from Washington, D.C., introduced the Most Eminent Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker. He gave a warm welcome to the audience of High Court and Government officials, dignitaries of Masonry, and to thousands of the citizenry who had gathered at one of the world's great memorials to pay homage to the Savior of the world. The stirring Easter Sermon was delivered by The Reverend Howard R. Towne, D.D., Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.

The officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1, under the direction of Arthur Churchman, E.C., served as an escort to the Most Eminent Grand Master and the Grand Encampment officers for the entire Easter weekend services. The Order of DeMolay, in ceremonial robes, provided sentinels around the great flag-draped amphitheater.

Following the Arlington amphitheater service the Sir Knights moved to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the traditional presentation of the Cross of Lilies in the name of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

The Easter Sunrise Memorial Service was carried coast-to-coast by NBC Radio. The U.S. Marine Band was conducted by Lt. Col. Albert F. Schoepper, U.S.M.C. The U.S. Army Chorus was under the direction of Lt. Allen Crowell, U.S.A. The "Lord's Prayer" was sung by William Jones.

The attendance at the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery exceeded that of recent years with 16 Grand Commanderies being represented by their Grand Commander and two by their Deputy Grand Commander.

## EASTER IN CALIFORNIA

By James F. Raymond, Correspondent

"Arlington Easter Sunrise Services in California" began at 4:30 a.m., Easter morning for many Templar families—not in church nor on mountaintops—but in the comfort of their homes listening to the voice of Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker speaking from the national shrine.

Joint Easter Services were held by California Commanderies in their respective communities in addition to those held under the



**Easter Procession  
Golden Gate National Cemetery**



**Graveside Unknown Soldier  
Golden Gate National Cemetery**

direction of the Grand Commandery at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

At San Francisco, the northern Easter Observance was held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery. Henry J. Weisser, G.C., led the procession of uniformed Knights. J. C. DeDobbeleer of Marin Commandery No. 73 delivered the eulogy, as Sir Knight Weisser, assisted by members of the Order of DeMolay, placed a wreath at the "Graveside of the Unknown Soldier."

At Los Angeles, Allan S. Mason, D.G.C., and John S. Lanier, P.C., led the uniformed Sir Knights to Easter Services at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Sir Knight H. D. Hornaday delivered the Easter Message. A two-hundred voice choir, composed of Shrine Chanters, DeMolays, Rainbow Girls, and Jobs Daughters rendered the choral numbers.

At San Diego Frank J. Jones, G.W., and Sir Knight Clifford A. Hansen headed a Joint-Community Easter Service with a procession of Sir Knights of San Diego Commandery No. 25 and Harmony Commandery No. 71 and members of Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. Sir Knight R. B. Watts was the guest speaker. More than 600 attended the services.

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### "WE NOTE IN REVIEW"

Nebraska joins the list of Templar jurisdictions holding their annual conclaves in connection with the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, beginning in 1967.

**EASTER—SALT LAKE CITY**

On Easter Sunday, March 26, 1967, at 6:30 a.m., Utah Commandery No. 1 in Salt Lake City, Utah, held its thirty-second Annual Sunrise Service. As we are too far

away to make a practice of attending the service at Arlington, Va., it was decided many years ago to hold our own service, open to the public. These services during the early years attracted more people than the auditorium at the Masonic Temple would accommodate. However, with the growth of popularity of the service, other Easter Sunrise services have reduced our audience to approximately seven hundred who come year after year to enjoy the service. The quality of the program and the outstanding choir has impressed the officials of K.S.L. radio in Salt Lake City so much that the service is now broadcast in its entirety as a part of their Easter program. We are humbly grateful for the assistance of singers from many church choirs as well as those singing groups associated with our Masonic and Eastern Star organizations and to the assistance of the boys and girls from DeMolay and Job's Daughters who take such an active part in making this Easter service a success.

—Jack M. Ehrhorn, E.C.

**MOUNT SINAI COMMANDERY NO. 8, FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA,  
HOLDS EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**



This year marked the 16th consecutive year for Mt. Sinai Commandery to hold its Easter Sunrise Service, and for Sir Knight George Griffith to serve as its

chairman. This service is a community service with the various churches participating. The Music Department of the high school furnished the music.

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## Dakota Commandery No. 1, Lead, South Dakota, Holds Easter Service



Dakota Commandery observed its 87th Easter Service in the Masonic Temple at Lead at 7:30 P.M. on March 26th assisted by members of the Order of the Eastern Star and Job's Daughters. The first Easter Service held by a Commandery in the Dakota Territory

was held Easter Sunday afternoon, on April 17, 1881, in the Deadwood Masonic Temple, which was a log building. This service has continued annually to the present time, Dakota Commandery No. 1 being a successor to the Commandery originally at Deadwood.

John G. West, P.G.C.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Much favorable comment has been received on the article, "The Order of Knights Templar—A Unique Order," by Wylie B. Wendt, which appeared in the April issue of the Knight Templar Magazine. It has, however, been pointed out that the Knights of the York Cross of Honor is a National Masonic Body under one national sovereign

power, namely the Convent General, in which the candidates receive the same ritualistic work; also on February 18, 1967, the Councils of Knight Masons of Ireland were formed into a national sovereign body, Knight Masons of the United States, with its Grand Council having sovereign authority with one ritual for conferring the three degrees.

## Idaho Falls Easter Observance



Idaho Falls Commandery No. 6, Idaho Falls, Idaho held an Easter Morning Observance starting with a breakfast for all Masons and families, with a short religious observance. The religious portion was accomplished by forming a cross in the center of the lodge

room with Sir Knights and the Order of DeMolay making the main part with 4 rows of Job's Daughters assisting. Two musical numbers were given and a short message taken from the Easter ritual.

K. D. Burns

## From the Bottom to the Top in Five Years

The question "SHOULD WE ARREST THE CHARTER OF A DORMANT COMMANDERY?" confronts every Grand Commander. On occasions the answer may be "Yes," but not in the case of Cyrene Commandery No. 3, Beloit, Kansas. The following is a quotation from the Kansas Newsletter:

"Following last years net gain of 10 fraters, the Annual Report from Cyrene Commandery No. 23, Beloit, gives promise to set a goal for others to try and reach. It shows a total of 26 Sir Knights dubbed, and a net gain of 21. This fine Commandery which has been somewhat dormant the past few years has really come to life and the membership has risen from 67 in 1962 to a new high of 119 at March 31, 1967.

"That is only a small part of the revival for in 1962, it was difficult

to open the Commandery and the inspection shows that they earned a low score of 84.10 when our present Grand Commander inspected them in 1960. This year they ranked well above that with an average score of 91.80.

"If that isn't sufficient, they recently delivered to our Grand Commander 39 subscriptions to the Knight Templar magazine, and before that on January 30, it was the Grand Recorder's privilege to come home from Beloit with 25 applications for Life Sponsorship in the Eye Foundation and \$750 to send along with them.

"Truly this Commandery has done an about face, which certainly is an example for all to follow. A new Templar year is just beginning so, our hats are off to Cyrene Commandery No. 23 for setting such a fine goal for all others to reach."

## General Bruce C. Clarke, "Soldier's Soldier," Is Knighted at Washington

Past Commanders of Detroit Commandery No. 1 Confer  
Order of the Temple Upon the General Who Broke Open  
The Battle of the Bulge in World War II

Grand Master Brucker, Secretary of the Army during  
climax of General Clarke's military career, watches  
impressive Easter Weekend ceremony at Statler Hilton

General Bruce C. Clarke, one of America's all-time military leaders, was knighted in the presence of the Most Eminent Grand Master Brucker, Deputy Grand Master Crofts, and other Grand Encampment officers and Sir Knights attending Templar Easter activities in the nation's capitol Saturday, March 24, in the ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel. The Order of the Temple was conferred in almost flawless form by a team of Past Commanders from Detroit Commandery No. 1.

General Clarke's career of service to his country is an inspiring example to all Knights Templar. He enlisted in the United States Army during World War I as a private. Upon his discharge in 1918, he worked in a steel mill while completing his high school education. Joining the New York National Guard, he earned the right in 1921 to compete for the United States Military Academy at West Point. He won the competition and was graduated from

West Point in 1925 near the top of his class. From the day he left West Point as a second lieutenant until his retirement as a four-star general in 1961, Sir Knight Clarke held nearly every type of combat command the United States Army provides. He took part in the Normandy Beach action, rode the first tank of the 7th Armored Division to the rescue of the 106th Infantry in the Battle of the Bulge, commanded an Army Corps in Korea, organized the first Republic of Korea Army, became Commanding General of the United States Army, Pacific; he commanded the 7th United States Army in Germany, then was brought back to the United States and promoted to the post of Commanding General of all six Continental Armies—responsible for the continental defense of the nation.

At the present time Sir Knight Bruce C. Clarke is associated with the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FAN LETTER

The Committee on the Educational Foundation relays the following as a typical (and rewarding) comment from a loanee:

"I would like to thank you for the patience and consideration that you have extended to me over the past years. This loan fund has

certainly been a help to me as far as my education is concerned and I should always be ready to contribute to it due to the benefit I received. At present I am working in Masonic work and have completed the Royal Arch degree here. I am hoping to . . ."

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## Dr. Norman Vincent Peale— KNIGHT TEMPLAR AT SIGHT



Norman Vincent Peale

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Minister of the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City, was made a KNIGHT TEMPLAR AT SIGHT by Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker.

Dr. Peale was the featured speaker at the Grand Encampment Sesquicentennial Celebration held June 18, 1966, in the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Dr. Peale, author of many inspirational books, is widely-known for his radio broadcasts and newspaper columns. He has contributed much to help millions of people lead a rewarding Christian life.

Grand Master Brucker has said, "Norman Vincent Peale is the epitomy today of the 'spokesman in the pulpit' who speaks to the people, who knows the story of the individual, who can speak about their dreams and their failures, their successes—yes, and everything that's human."

### *From Our Readers*

#### Maine Has Two York Rite Festivals

Maine's first York Rite Festival came to a successful conclusion on December 3, 1966 with the knighting of (28) candidates at Bangor.

The Chapter Festival started the ball rolling on November 5 at which time all degrees except the Mark Master Degree were conferred on a class of 33 candidates.

The Council followed with their festival on November 19, culminating in the exemplification of the Super Excellent Degree on a large class.

On December 3 Portland Commandery conferred the Order of the Red Cross, followed by the Order of Malta as exemplified by St. John's Commandery. Blanquefort Commandery closed the festi-

ival with the order of the Temple.

The second festival was held in Portland with the Chapter starting off with a large class of candidates on February 4, 1967.

The Council followed on February 18 and the festival came to a close on February 25 at which time Portland Commandery again exemplified the Order of the Red Cross, with St. Albans Commandery conferring the Order of Malta. Oriental Commandery rang down the curtain with the knighting of 15 candidates.

These two festivals proved the worth of the York Rite Unity concept and it is hoped that the pattern has been established for future such festivals.

—Willard A. Vincent, Corr.

## Judge Elmer Roller York Rite Festival Class

Henry L. Palmer Masonic Temple, Milwaukee



Twenty four new Knights Templar were created in Henry L. Palmer Commandery No. 42 by the Tripoli Crusaders under the direction of Sir Knight Irving L. Heller, P.G.C., on Saturday, April 1st, to conclude a week-long Festival during which all of the York Rite Degrees and Orders were conferred, with Chapters and Councils on the north and east sides of the

City cooperating.

Management of the Festival was handled by Past Commanders Harold J. Reinhart, Chairman, and Elmer Gruenwald, Secretary.

Grand Commander Karl A. Crane, Grand High Priest Joseph M. Van Matre and Grand Master of Grand Council George R. Rankin, were in attendance.

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



On March 25th, 1967, Temple Commandery No. 12 held a special festival commencing at 3:00 p.m., conferring Commandery Orders on 14 candidates from surrounding Temple territory, I.O.R.C., and Order of Malta conferred before a 6:30 banquet, after which the Order of the Temple was conferred, which concluded a momentous occasion for this Commandery.

Charles E. Morrison is Commander.

—Glen M. Robertson, G.S.W.

## TEXAS COMMANDERIES JOIN IN WORK



Front row (L. to R.): K. D. Swatzel, S. W. of Reagan; J. J. Turner, P.M.; W. N. Carl; J. W. Allison; J. A. Papajohn; H. C. Thomas, P.M.; H. C. Schmidt, W.M. of Aldine; J. M. Skelton, P.M.

Back row (L. to R.): Ben Ferguson, Gen. of Ruthven; Frank T. Dallas, St.B. of Ruthven; L. W. Statham, P.M.; Jack L. Wright, P.M. and C.G. of Ruthven; R. G. Vaughn, Jr., P.M.; D. W. Kennedy, Prelate of Ruthven; Jack M. McCaine, Commander of Ruthven.

Masonic scholars have defined Freemasonry as an association of men who are bound together by a peculiar tie. This tie of brotherhood requires that Masons fulfill the lessons of mutual love and mutual aid to the practical extent. When we as Masons carry out this objective we discover the true beauty of the moral design of Freemasonry. Speculative Masonry or Freemasonry of today is social in its character which adds beauty to this design by cultivating respect and Brotherly Love between men. This respect and Brotherly Love is one of the Principals Tenets of our fraternity. For Brotherly Love, through Masonry, we are taught, "unites men of every country, sect, and opinion; and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise, have remained at a perpetual distance."

This brotherly love and true friendship was exhibited on February 24, 1967 when a class of eight candidates were created Companions of the Order of the Red Cross in Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Tex. Five of the candidates are members of Reagan Lodge No. 1037. Of these five, three are Past Masters, and one is the Senior Warden of Reagan; one is a dual member and the Worshipful Master of Aldine Lodge No. 1412. The Order was conferred by three Past Masters of Reagan Lodge. This friendship started approximately 20 years ago and has grown through the years adding beauty to the design of Freemasonry, and is exemplified in the scripture: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity", Psalms 133.

## ST. LUCIE COMMANDERY "BILL TANNER" CLASS



On Saturday, March 18, St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 of Fort Pierce, Florida, knighted a class of 21 candidates, all of whom are pledged for Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

A thrice welcome "drop in" visitor to the Grand Master's hotel suite at Washington during an Easter weekend Conference of Grand Encampment Officers was Grand Commander Ralph B. Mitchell, of Emporia, Kansas. He brought with him for presentation to Sir Knight Brucker 273 new and 27 renewal subscriptions to the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Brevard Commandery No. 24, Florida, recently purchased a Life Sponsorship in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in memory of Virgil Ivan Grissom.

Robert Hackett, P.G.C. and G.R. of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, recently sent to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation \$10.00 as a memorial to Lynn Ferguson, a De-

St. Lucie Commandery originated the Y.E.S. Club which stands for York Eye Sponsorship and was the first commandery to pledge 100% of its membership for Life Sponsors in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation totaling 128.

Molay member of Logan County Chapter, who was killed in Viet Nam.

Marshall Commandery No. 17, Marshall, Michigan, will observe its 100th Anniversary on May 31. John C. Needham, P.C. and present Prelate, installed his son, James C. Needham as Commander and Everett C. Rollins, P.C. and present Recorder installed his son, John E. Rollins, as Junior Warden in this Commandery at their installation service on April 12.

Sir Knight Herbert T. Leyland of Dayton, Ohio, has recently written a book entitled *Thomas Smith Webb, Freemason, Musician, and Entrepreneur*, Otterbein Press, 1965, XV. 465 pp.

## Kenosha (Wisconsin) Honors Past Officers

The Kenosha York Rite Bodies held their Fourth Annual York Rite Recognition Nite in the Kenosha Masonic Temple on March 22, with over one hundred persons attending the dinner.

The guests of honor for the evening were: Doyn Inman, Grand Master of Wisconsin Masons; Karl A. Crane, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Wisconsin; William F. Hoffmann, Master of the Sixth Arch of the Grand Council; Arthur N. Gail, Deputy Governor of Wisconsin York Rite College No. 21; William L. Kastman, Seneshal of Wisconsin York Rite College No. 21; and our Master of Ceremonies, Gerald E. Muir, Preceptor of College No. 21 and Master of the Second Veil of the Grand Chapter.

Deputy Gov. Gail presented Gold Honor Awards to Grand Master Doyn Inman and Grand Commander Karl Crane. William F. Hoffmann accepted for George R. Rank-

in, Master of the Grand Council, who was not present, and Companion Muir accepted for Grand High Priest Joseph M. Van Mater who was unable to be present because of ill health.



Arthur N. Gail, D.G. of Wisconsin York Rite College No. 21, presenting Gold Honor Awards to Grand Master Doyn Inman and Grand Commander Karl Crane. Rear (L. to R.): William F. Hoffmann and Gerald E. Muir.

## Arizona Reports

By John H. Padgett, P.G.C.

Just a few words to let you know that we are still alive and some of the things we are doing in 1967.

April 8, 1967, mid-year meeting of all Grand York Rite Officers was held in Phoenix and plans were made for the balance of the years activities.

May 19 and 20, 1967, York Rite Spring Festival at Williams, Arizona. All degrees and orders will be given at this two-day affair. There are no York Rite Bodies in this area and we are hoping to get enough members to start all

three in Flagstaff, thirty miles from Williams.

September 1 and 2, 1967, Western Conference meeting in Phoenix. These annual meetings were started in 1950 by interested members from the eleven western states. Since then Hawaii has come into the fold, and this year we will have representatives from Mexico and Canada.

September 16, 1967, Four Corners Meeting. The Grand Chapters, R.A.M., of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, meet together once a year to put on the

four degrees. This is a one-day meeting and rotates from state to state. This year we will use the Blue Lodge facilities at Page, Arizona. This is the third year and we had a very good turnout at the two previous sessions.

October 14, 1967, Super Excellent Degree will be conferred by Southern California Council No. 35, R. & S.M., of Los Angeles. This is the second time these good Companions have come over to do this. The first time, some three years ago, we fed 425 at the dinner and had 176 candidates.

October 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1967, Annual York Rite Session at Prescott.

Sir Knight William Walker of Alderman Commandery No. 5, Billings, Montana, offers his congratulations to DeKalb County, Georgia, Knights in their sponsorship of a little league baseball team. He further states:

"I can think of no program more worthwhile than that of teaching our younger citizens fair play, how to lose, how to win and above all, love and respect for their fellowmen and country. It may be of interest to your readers to know that the Rimrock Masonic Lodge of Billings is sponsoring a little league team here for the third consecutive year. I have the pleasure of coaching these boys who are of mixed religious beliefs. Pryor Mountain Lodge of Billings is sponsoring their team for the second year this year also. We know of no other Masonic organization, other than the Georgia Commandery, who are doing this. It would, indeed, be interesting to find out how many other oriented Masonic orders are sponsoring little league teams."



Thomas A. Murphy, P.C. and Recorder of St. Paula Commandery, Albany, Georgia, for 26 years, found a use for his sword other than at the Commandery functions, as evidenced by its use by his only daughter, Nan, at the reception following her recent marriage to William Campbell Ward.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Northwestern Commandery No. 25 of Meadville, Pa., will hold its Centennial Celebration in the Masonic Temple on Saturday, May 20. This will be a special conclave, starting at 1:00 p.m. and will feature the conferral of the Order of the Temple on a class of candidates followed by the Anniversary Banquet. The Commandery was constituted June 12, 1867.

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# A Springtime Prayer

*Eternal God, Our Father, who by the heat of the springtime sun dost warm the cold earth until it burst into bloom, we thank Thee for all the wonder and beauty of Thy creation. Let our hearts be lifted up at this season to join the rest of the universe in paying Thee faithful praise. We would seek the purity of mountain streams, the obedience of the steadfast stars, the beauty of opening flowers, the strength of towering trees. And may these moral qualities once won be our offering to Thee.*

*We thank Thee for the hard things of life, for struggle, for discouragement, and even for loneliness and seeming defeat. For it is only in weakness that we can feel Thy strength; it is only in struggle that we need Thy help. We seek to serve Thee. Bless our willingness and in our weakness let Thy power be made manifest. Make us strong that we may not be bowed down by the winds of difficulty and discouragement. May we have courage squarely to meet the moral issues that daily test our devotion to Thee.*

*O God of history, increase our*

*faith in the mighty power of righteousness to prevail. Raise up in this difficult and challenging day stalwart soldiers of the Cross whose stature is equal to its needs. Make us upright—great souls of towering nobility. May we measure our height by the Christ, ever reaching up to the sky.*

*Bring to us a new vision of Thyself and of our duty as Sir Knights. Enable us not only to see and sympathize with human need all about us, but in the strength of a deep consecration to meet and alleviate it. Fill our hearts with the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial. May we spend and be spent in the service of others. All these things we ask in our great Captain's name.*

*Amen*

**—Howard R. Towne, D.D., G.P.**

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Roy Wilfred Riegle, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, is serving as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kansas during this, its Centennial year. He has set a quota of at least a net gain of 100 members for the year, and is of the opinion that the quota will be exceeded.

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