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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.

What Do You Consider Important?

Men are known by what they consider important. For centuries, men believed that nothing was more important than a groveling existence for food and raiment. They could not understand that life had any other meaning. Then came the greatest teacher in the world who told the multitudes: "Man shall not live by bread alone." This gave a brand new dimension to life. Christians were taught to give paramount importance to things of the spirit. Their horizons were lifted and their perspective was elevated to appreciate the worth-while virtues of moral and spiritual wholesomeness. They came to realize that man's relationship to God is primary and all-important. Also, they were shown by the Master's matchless example, that immortality lies beyond the grave. What a difference—between the drab, old, miserable

existence of past ages and the brand new Christian concept of life—both here and in the hereafter.

Then came St. Paul, that marvelous missionary, who established churches and sought to give permanence to Christ's teachings. Near the end of life, Paul wrote from his Roman prison cell to the early church that he was ashamed of the way the early Christians were acting. He said they were succumbing to worldly allurements and were getting indifferent and apathetic toward Christ's teachings. He put it "right on the line" when he said that life is a perpetual fight. He flung down the Christian challenge that will resound through the centuries: Put on the whole armor of God and fight for it!

As this Triennium draws to a close, I predict that the toughest job that lies before the Grand Encampment in the years to come is to persuade Templars themselves to become more thoroughly Christian in thought, word and deed. We, too, like the early Christians are apt to be attracted by unworthy allurements and to become indifferent and apathetic toward the greatest cause in the world. Before we can raise the level of moral and spiritual standards in the community, we must start with ourselves. Templary is supposed to be militant and dynamic. The whole purpose of Templary is to support the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. Templary is expected to give added significance to the new dimension of Christ's teachings, and to wield our sword for righteousness. Christ said: "Man shall not live by bread alone." Nothing could be more clear. Unless we ourselves are wholeheartedly motivated by Christ's teachings, we will never be able to persuade others to join us in the struggle. We need more young men who have life before them. Every Christian Mason should become a Knight Templar, and we should go where they are and induce them to join us in our great Crusade.

What a tremendous power for good Templary could be if we could get excited—really excited—about Paul's challenge—and fight for it!

Message From Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker - -

TO: The Ladies of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Greetings:

It doesn't seem possible that three years have elapsed since last we met at the Triennial in Philadelphia. It has been strenuous travelling about the Country to visit the Grand Commanderies in the various States, but there never has been a dull moment. The Ladies of the Commanderies have been solicitous of my welfare and showered me with attention and hospitality. I wish to acknowledge to each one of the Ladies my personal gratitude for your love and affection.

My husband is completing twenty-four years as an elected officer in Commandery line in August. It has been rewarding in the satisfaction of serving his God and Country. Only through unselfish service for a noble cause do we form lasting friendships. I can assure the Ladies that through their help in standing behind their Sir Knights in this worthy cause will they find true happiness and staunch friends.

When I spoke to our son about the sacrifices my husband has made, he disagreed with me and said: "Dad has not made a sacrifice, because it is something he loves to do. In fact, he prefers writing letters to Commanderies rather than writing law briefs."

In looking forward to August, and being released from our responsibilities, we are happy that we have done all in our power to give impetus to this great Christian Order which builds character and stands for Christian principles—so badly needed in this morally sick world today.

As your hosts in August, we extend to you our warmest welcome to join us in making this Golden Triennial one of the most outstanding in history. We have worked for months with our State and local Committees to provide a stimulating and educational program and hope you will approve of it.

Our headquarters will be the Michigan Room at the Statler-Hilton. I shall be happy to greet each one of the Ladies personally, and wish for all of you God's richest blessings. It has been a privilege to serve such a dedicated group the past three years.



Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker

Affectionately,

CLARA H. BRUCKER

A Biographical Sketch

John L. Crofts, Sr., Deputy Grand Master



John L. Crofts, Sr.

Born June 23, 1909, Neenah, Wisconsin, the son of Stuart William and Frances Lawton Crofts. Educated in the public schools of Los Angeles, California, graduating from high school in 1926; University of California degree of Bachelor of Arts, majoring in economics.

Engaged in public accounting until becoming associated with the Thos. D. Murphy Co., Red Oak, Iowa, where he was active in the areas of production control, product design, sales promotion, financial and general management, and was Secretary-Treasurer of the company at the time of his retirement from active business life.

United in marriage to Frances Marian Cochrane, Red Oak, in 1933. One son, John, Jr., member of the Class of 1968, Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, after a Bachelor of Science Degree at Duke University.

John, Jr., former DeMolay with Representative DeMolay and Chevalier awards, is a Mason.

Sir Knight Crofts is an active Methodist Layman, having served as Chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance several terms in the Venice-Nokomis Methodist Church, Nokomis, Florida. Mrs. Crofts is a Past President (four years) and Life Member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Deputy Grand Master is a member of Delta Tau Delta Social Fraternity, Venice Yacht Club, Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club, and other community organizations.

Masonic Record: **Lodge**—Past Master of Red Oak Lodge No. 162, member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Finance Committee three years, now a member of Venice Lodge No. 301, Venice, Florida.

Chapter—Formerly a member of Montgomery Chapter No. 57, Red Oak, now a member of Sarasota Chapter No. 35, Sarasota, Florida.

Council—Past Master of Hiram Council No. 30, Red Oak, Past Grand Treasurer Grand Council of Iowa, now a member of Bradenton Council No. 9, Bradenton, Florida.

Commandery—Past Commander of Bruce Commandery No. 34, Red Oak, Past Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Iowa, where he also served as Instructor in Ritual and Tactics, member of Jurisprudence Committee, Chairman of Committee on Distinguished Visitors and Templar Code Revision; served as Right Eminent Department Commander, North Central Department, of Grand Encampment, 1952-55; Chairman of Com-

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mittee on Policy and General Purpose, 1955-58; Grand Junior Warden, 1958; Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, 1961-64; Deputy Grand Master, 1964-67. He has personally visited one or more of the annual conclaves of 38 Grand Commanderies.

Scottish Rite—Formerly a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Des Moines, Iowa, now a member of Tampa, Florida.

Shrine—Formerly a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple, Des Moines, now a member of Egypt Temple, Tampa, Florida.

DeMolay—A former DeMolay, has served in various capacities; awarded the Cross of Honor and

Legion of Honor, presently is an Active Member At Large, International Supreme Council of DeMolay.

Others—Past Preceptor, Last Supper Tabernacle No. 18, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Des Moines; Past Sovereign, St. Ignatius' Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a dual member of Miami Conclave, Miami, Florida; member Royal Order of Scotland, Honorary Member of Commanderies in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Fort Myers and Sarasota, Florida, and Fort Valley, Georgia, also many Grand Commanderies and other Masonic Bodies.

Fred England, Jr., P.G.C. of Michigan heads Golden Triennial Grand Encampment Conclave Committee

When Grand Master Brucker appointed the committee on Triennial Conclave approximately three years ago, he had no question in his mind as to who should serve as chairman of this important committee. Ted had not only been his personal friend for many years, but had served as his Civilian Aid for Michigan for four years when Sir Knight Brucker was Secretary of the Army, and was one who could be counted upon to get the job done with dispatch and finesse.

Ted served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan in 1952-1953, has served as its Grand Treasurer for ten years, is a Past Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment and has for many years been active in Grand Encampment affairs.

One does not have to be in Ted's presence long before he knows that he is a member of Lansing Commandery No. 25, that the best Uni-



Fred England, Jr.

versity in the land is Michigan State, from which he graduated, and that a Chevrolet is the best car to buy.

The success of the Golden Triennial Conclave in Detroit August 19-25 will in a major way be attributable to the capable leadership and hard work of the chairman of the Committee on Triennial Conclave, Fred England, Jr.

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Life Sponsor Applications to K.T. Eye Foundation, Inc. — June 30, 1967

“IN THE DARKNESS THEY FOUND LIGHT”

	†	‡		†	‡
Alabama	524	981	North Carolina	282	713
Alaska	28	53	North Dakota	37	215
Arizona	159	167	Ohio	946	2670
Arkansas	173	353	Oklahoma	188	511
California	1133	2287	Oregon	159	486
Colorado	234	433	Pennsylvania	654	2509
Connecticut	369	327	*Rhode Island	141	
Delaware	38	44	South Carolina	71	601
District of Columbia..	314	171	South Dakota	84	314
Florida	517	801	Tennessee	591	923
Georgia	539	1198	Texas	2912	3018
Hawaii	44	54	Utah	115	121
Idaho	91	200	Vermont	80	241
Illinois	388	1638	Virginia	507	661
Indiana	273	1272	Washington	174	500
Iowa	200	1090	West Virginia	212	619
Kansas	293	1158	Wisconsin	400	688
Kentucky	399	833	Wyoming	57	254
Louisiana	320	410	*Mass. & R. I.	1087	1426
Maine	133	558	Canal Zone	35	
Maryland	537	495	Germany	12	
*Massachusetts	946		Guam	19	
Michigan	1209	1188	Japan	39	
Minnesota	69	1022	Mexico	4	
Mississippi	235	705	Okinawa	30	
Missouri	311	1474	Philippines	3	66
Montana	130	350	Saudi Arabia	118	
Nebraska	81	545	Scotland	2	
Nevada	99	83	Canada	1	
New Hampshire	69	165	Total	19,027	
New Jersey	245	322			
New Mexico	124	311	† Applications Received		
New York	929	1231	‡ Quota		

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Knights Templar Cross of Honor

Section 237½—An Award for Exceptional And Meritorious Service

1964 Proposal by Past Grand Commander Harold G. Price Created Knights Templar Cross of Honor to Recognize Service "Far Beyond the Call of Duty and the Service Usually Expected of an Officer or Member" of Templary.

During the 49th Triennial Conclave at Philadelphia, Section 237½ became a part of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. Proposed by Harold G. Price, P.G.C., Utah, it provided for annual Knights Templar Cross of Honor awards for members of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies who have performed exceptional and meritorious service—far beyond the call of duty and the service usually expected of an officer or member.

Since the start of the Triennium, Grand Master Brucker has conferred the Knights Templar Cross of Honor upon 107 deserving members of the Order, 3 to members of Subordinate Commanderies, the others to members of Constituent Commanderies. The first, authorized by Sir Knight Brucker March 22, 1965, went to Oryson Verno Hopkins, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a member of Damascus Commander No. 8. The last one to date, authorized July 11, 1967, was a Knights Templar Cross of Honor to Jack Bland, Winslow, Arizona, of Calvary Commandery No. 8.

Between those two dates, 105 other outstanding Templars have been recognized in like manner for their service and devotion to Knight Templary.

To assist him in initiating the

awards, the Grand Master appointed a Committee on "Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award" for the 1964-67 Triennium. In General Order No. 5, issued December 31, 1964, Sir Knight Brucker established the Knights Templar Cross of Honor rules and regulations and named the following committee for the promulgating of information and the publicizing of the award and its recipients: J. Howard Haring, P.G.C., New Jersey—Chairman; Harold G. Price, Sr., P.G.C., Utah; William L. Ramsey, P.G.C., North Carolina; Kenneth C. Johnson, P.G.C., Arkansas; William L. Harris, P.G.C., Arizona; George Teskey, P.G.C., North Dakota; Edward B. Shearer, P.G.C., Mississippi; Merle W. Frisbie, P.G.C., Oregon; Ralph E. West, P.G.C., Washington; William J. Fleming, P.G.C., West Virginia.

A number of jurisdictions, in addition to the ceremony of presentation, have sponsored separate programs to acknowledge and honor their recipient or recipients of Knights Templar Cross of Honor awards.

In 1965 and in 1966, the Knight Templar Magazine paid printed salutes and listed the names of recipients up to and including September 27, 1966. The deserving Sir Knights whose names have been inscribed on the honor roll since that date are:

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Knights Templar Cross of Honor

Name of Grand Commandery	Name of Commandery	Name of Recipient	Place of Residence	Date of Authori- zation by G. M.
Missouri	Ivanhoe No. 8	William Henry Goedeke	St. Louis, Missouri	Sept. 30, 1966
Wisconsin	Delavan No. 33	Ernest Lanson Wright	Delavan, Wisconsin	Dec. 30, 1966
Saudi Arabia	Al Hasa No. 1	Werner Fritz Ehrhardt	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia	Jan. 1, 1967
Texas	Palestine No. 3	John Raymond Wilson	Palestine, Texas	Jan. 6, 1967
North Carolina	St. John's No. 10	Nelson Bryan Banks	New Bern, North Car.	Jan. 16, 1967
New Jersey	Damascus No. 5	Harry J. Tomasko, Sr.	Bloomfield, New Jersey	Feb. 6, 1967
Alabama	Montgomery No. 4	Charles Curtis McCoy	Montgomery, Alabama	Feb. 7, 1967
Mississippi	Rosalie No. 5	Raymond F. Hust	Natchez, Mississippi	Feb. 9, 1967
Dist. of Col.	Columbia No. 2	Joseph Harry Phillips	Washington, D. C.	Feb. 14, 1967
California	Alhambra No. 48	Wm. Rowland Hudson	Alhambra, California	Feb. 22, 1967
New York	St. George's No. 37	Louis Henry DeLong	Schenectady, New York	Feb. 23, 1967
Michigan	Genesee Valley No. 15	Floyd Sumner Park	Flint, Michigan	Feb. 27, 1967
Georgia	St. Omer No. 2	Wm. Mason Drinnon	Macon, Georgia	Mar. 13, 1967
Arkansas	Olivet No. 20	Kermit Lee Dodson	Blytheville, Arkansas	Mar. 20, 1967
West Virginia	Huntington No. 9	Norman Peter Hazeldine	Huntington, W. Va.	Mar. 21, 1967
Oregon	Calvary No. 16	Charles B. Leib	Klamath Falls, Oregon	Mar. 22, 1967
Nebraska	Mt. Nebo No. 11	Curtis Marvin Maynard	Hastings, Nebraska	Mar. 27, 1967
Kansas	Arkansas City No. 30	Willard A. Begwin	Arkansas City, Kansas	Mar. 27, 1967
Oklahoma	Muskogee No. 2	Olin Vincent Holmes	Muskogee, Oklahoma	April 3, 1967
Florida	St. Lucie No. 17	Geo. Edward Petrie	Ft. Pierce, Florida	April 3, 1967
Utah	Utah No. 1	Frank Burnside Harris	Salt Lake City, Utah	April 5, 1967
Maine	Palestine No. 14	James Earl Braley	Belfast, Maine	April 7, 1967
Maryland	St. Elmo No. 12	Wallace Dale Myers	Arlington, Virginia	April 7, 1967
North Dakota	Auvergne No. 2	Oscar L. Larson	Fargo, North Dakota	April 23, 1967
Virginia	Cyrene No. 21	Hibbert W. Renfro	Wise, Virginia	April 26, 1967

Indiana	Franklin No. 23	Leslie J. Barrow	Franklin, Indiana	April 28, 1967
Washington	Temple No. 5	Erich Arthur Brattkus	Ellensburg, Wash.	April 29, 1967
Minnesota	Constantine No. 20	Eivind Ingvold Hanson	Crookston, Minnesota	May 4, 1967
Connecticut	Clark No. 7	Charles P. Rodenbach	Bantam, Connecticut	May 4, 1967
Vermont	Vermont No. 4	Cyrus Houghton Hoisington	Windsor, Vermont	May 4, 1967
Pennsylvania	Crusade No. 12	Reuben Hess Learn	Bloomsburg, Pa.	May 10, 1967
Montana	St. Omer No. 9	Alwyn B. Chapman	Missoula, Montana	May 10, 1967
Tennessee	Nashville No. 1	Coy Henderson Duke	Nashville, Tennessee	May 24, 1967
Nevada	DeWitt Clinton No. 1	Richard A. Hitchens	Reno, Nevada	May 24, 1967
Iowa	DeMolay No. 1	Charles F. Weber	Muscatine, Iowa	May 24, 1967
Massachusetts	Hugh de Payens No. 20	Henry Edwin Webster	South Sudbury, Mass.	July 3, 1967
Kentucky	St. Bernard No. 29	Edward Fern Ivy	Madisonville, Kentucky	July 5, 1967
Wyoming	Immanuel No. 3	George W. Boyd	Laramie, Wyoming	July 10, 1967
Arizona	Calvary No. 8	Jack Bland	Winslow, Arizona	July 11, 1967

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF 50th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

Eternal and ever blessed God, whose almighty hand hath preserved our great Christian Order through all the years, we ask Thy blessing to be upon our coming Golden Triennial Conclave. We seek Thy care for all who journey from the near and far corners of our nation to participate in this important Triennial. We pray Thy blessing to be upon all who have given untiringly of their time and interest in preparation for this great assemblage of Christian Knighthood. We are grateful for the thrill and excitement, which will be generated by our vast gathering, but more, for the blessed Knightly spirit which will be developed among the Templars who are present.

We are mindful that Thou hast chosen us for this strategic hour of history, to be the "Protectors of the Faith," to battle against evil and carry forward the Christ-banner. Give us, we pray Thee, a spirit of high adventure as we gather to advance the cause of Templary, in this difficult day of disloyalty, lawlessness and immorality. Help us to feel the weight of the mighty Mission placed upon us by our Great Captain, when He ascended to His Father. May we be challenged to walk in His footsteps, inspired by the hallowed sacrifice on Calvary.

Be especially with our Most Eminent Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, as he girds himself for this momentous hour. As we assemble at Detroit, Michigan, to advance the ideals of our Christian faith and the Order of Knighthood, we pray, that led by Thy Holy Spirit, great blessing will come from this Golden Triennial. In our Great Captain's name we lift our prayer. Amen.

Dr. Howard R. Towne, G.P.

WHAT DeMOLAY DOES FOR A YOUNG MAN

BY RICHARD E. HARKINS
Executive Director of DeMolay
(Part IV in a Series)



“DeMolay is like religion in that it is hard to define. It works in many ways and does so many things, too, for a young man. It actually has to be experienced to be fully understood, evaluated and appreciated, but literally speaking I would say the Order of DeMolay is a youth organization for young men whose purpose is the building of better citizens.”

That was traditionally the answer that Founder Frank S. Land gave when he was asked to define the Order of DeMolay.

Basically, the leaders of DeMolay believe that the organization offers a young man four basic items:

A worthwhile occupation for his spare time

Worthwhile associates

The best of environment

An interesting and complete program of all-around youth development.

But, like any other activity, a young man will get out of DeMolay only what he puts into it. If he enters wholeheartedly into the activities of the chapter, which range from community service projects to social affairs and athletics, he will find that the returns are both

material and spiritual. He will form lasting friendships, and among other things he will learn responsibility and self-reliance.

These young men in high school are rapidly approaching the point when they will leave the protective mantle of their parents' home and go out on their own into adult life.

Good companions and the right environment go a long way in making the pattern for right and successful living, and DeMolay provides these necessary ingredients.

For a young man to join DeMolay is a good deal like taking out an insurance policy—a policy which will provide the necessary means of instilling those habits of character every parent wants to find in his son.

The best source of really learning what the Order of DeMolay does for a young man comes from the boys themselves, who are and have been DeMolay members. Here is just a small sampling of the many, many voluntary testimonials forwarded to DeMolay Headquarters year after year:

“DeMolay gives me a chance to meet better friends and to learn people. It also taught me to be tolerant in my opinion of others

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and to live a clean, honest and upright life. . . .”

“The Order of DeMolay has helped me to reach maturity. It is teaching me how to be a leader as well as a follower.”

“I believe the best thing DeMolay has done for me is to provide me with unfaltering moral standards, habits of character, ideals of citizenship and democracy.”

“Some things you just can’t pay back or money cannot buy—DeMolay is one of these. It points the way to manhood in the right direction.”

“The Order of DeMolay has given me a closer relationship with my parents and my friends, but the best thing is that it has given me a closer relationship with God.”

“Aside from learning to be a better youth, I think it has helped

me in preparing for the Masonic Organization that I am eager to apply for when I am of age.”

“I would like to give the DeMolay organization a vote of thanks for helping me keep my moral standards high, not only as a person, but as a soldier in the United States Army.”

A parent stated: “Being a DeMolay has made Ken have a keen interest and a more healthy respect and admiration for all the good things around him—home, church, school and friends. He has learned to be more thoughtful, courteous and kind, and our entire home spirit and relationship is more satisfactory.”

This is what DeMolay does for a young man. The only thing that remains is to see that every young man has the opportunity to be a DeMolay.

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K.T. Eye Foundation Inc., Is Your Charity— What Will Be Its Future?

Another year of progress has rolled by. Much has been added to the image of our Great Christian Order of Knights Templar. We have not only saved the vision of hundreds, yes thousands, in the past few years, but have been the means and medium through which there have been effected some remarkable operations.

Another most encouraging aspect of our Great Humanitarian Charity is that so many varied branches of Masonic, Masonic Allied Men's, Women's, and Youth Organizations of the Masonic Fraternity have become interested in what we are accomplishing for humanity.

We cannot but be impressed with the thought that these many and varied Masonic or Masonic and Allied Organizations seem to be looking upon the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as a truly National Masonic Charity.

It is truly most unfortunate if every Sir Knight has not been briefed on what the Great Christian Order of Knights Templar is accomplishing for humanity. If so, they could not help but be thrilled and proud of being a Knight Templar.

It is, therefore, important that we take time to analyze our present situation and consider, "Where do we go from here." Our entire future will be determined very largely by the action taken by the Grand Encampment during this Triennial Conclave. We survey the past twelve years with justifiable satisfaction and pride, but we must face the future with courage and a willingness to do what is for the best interests of our Foundation and humanity, and, incidentally,

for Templary. With the confidence and cooperation of our membership we must move forward with true Templar spirit and as real followers of Christ. After all, is not endeavoring to heal the sight of distressed humanity Christ's work, in which He Himself set the example?

It is most essential that each member of this Grand Encampment become acquainted with the facts, the why and wherefore underlying a request of an additional one dollar (\$1.00) per year assessment for the Foundation.

Our Templar membership has decreased since 1955. That, of course, means a loss of income.

On the other hand, the population of the United States is greatly increasing, so that as time goes along more and more people will be appealing to us for assistance. People are living longer today and that will also increase eye problems. That, together with the fact that the accomplishments of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. have now become known to thousands, that the reputation of our Great Humanitarian Charity has been steadily growing and is now known far and wide, will mean we are going to receive a greater number of applications for surgery and hospitalization.

It can thus be readily seen that as our Great Humanitarian Charity invites a steadily growing number of applications for surgery and hospitalization, as well as requests for Grants for Research, it becomes absolutely necessary to analyze our situation and see if the present fixed income will permit and enable us to expand, or

even hold our present rate of assistance.

Over the years we have made no appeal, nor advertised, for applications for financial assistance for surgery, etc., yet we have received a total of 11,765 applications. In the last few years, we have averaged approximately 1500 applications a year. Mind you, without a solicitation on the part of the office, they have come in constantly. If we had accepted and approved every one of these cases, it would have required authorization for a total estimated expenditure of practically \$700,000.00 a year, or an average of about \$475 per case, whereas our total annual income for the same period consisted of assessments averaging \$386,000.00, plus some interest and some contributions.

At one time in the latter part of 1965, and the early part of 1966 we had to advise applicants, doctors, and sponsors that for lack of sufficient funds there would be some delay in sending out our official authorization, even though the applicant had complied with all our requirements. We had to hold up authorizations on about 360 applications, some for as long as six months. The result was that we received some very strong letters of complaint.

The Humanitarian accomplishment has helped to improve the image of Templary and what it really stands for, so that today Templary is gradually becoming synonymous with the giving of humanitarian service to those in need of help, regardless of race, creed, age, sex, color, or national origin, and with the saving of thousands from a possible life of darkness.

Just close your eyes for a moment so that you cannot see. Imagine what it would be like if your vision

were so impaired that you were unable to even recognize your own family. You would be unable to obtain employment. You probably would have no available funds and your income and assets, if any, would be insufficient to finance hospitalization, even the excess costs not paid by Medicare. If you were under 65 years of age and not covered by Medicare, you would realize that eventually you would become totally blind and spend the remaining years of your life in total darkness. What a desperate, tragic outlook!

Then, imagine through God's guiding hand, you were led to a Knight Templar or a Knight Templar was led to you, and through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. your vision was restored.

It takes but little imagination to visualize the joy, gratitude, and happiness expressed, not only by the individual applicant, but also by his family, friends, acquaintances, the Commandery, and the sponsoring Sir Knight. It filters down to many of our Masonic Bretheren, Physicians, and even to the general public.

Is it not thrilling to know that as an individual Sir Knight you have had a part in saving the eyesight of thousands of persons, at a cost to you of only \$1.00 a year, or less than 2c a week. Frankly, it is almost unbelievable that anyone who has passed through the various Masonic organizations, and particularly Templary, could possibly begrudge an increase in the measure of his participation from \$1.00 to \$2.00, or just under 4c a week. How could we possibly stand by when fellow human beings cry out for our help? "Save us from a desperate and tragic life of total darkness!", they cry, and we can save them,

without inconvenience to ourselves by the dollar increase.

With the decreasing value of the dollar and with the steady and rapid rise in practically every cost, especially those in which we are vitally interested in as an organization, it is a very grave and serious question whether the additional dollar herein requested will enable us to expand or finance additional numbers of applications for assistance than we have been in the past or if it will merely permit us to continue at the rate we have been going.

If we do not obtain the additional dollar, it would certainly appear that (with increased costs) we will be compelled to do less

than we have been doing. The additional dollar will permit us to finance at least as many applications as we have in the past, and, hopefully, quite a few more.

Sir Knights: Do you really get the picture? You will never please God more than when you participate in offering relief to human distress. A marvelous vehicle for such participation on your behalf is provided in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. This is *your* project, *your* Charity, a test of the sincerity and depth of your vows of Knighthood, an unprecedented opportunity and challenge for service to Humanity and God. Surely every Knight of the Cross will most gladly accept it.

Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls Contribute to Knight Templar Eye Foundation

It is indeed quite a coincidence that Grand Master Brucker recently received in the same mail a \$1,000.00 check from the Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls in Texas and a \$1,000.00 check from Grand Guardian Council of Virginia, International Order of Job's Daughters, for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The contribution from Virginia was first presented to Grand Com-

mander Lawrence J. Ranck for presentation to the Foundation. Sir Knight Ranck certainly hit the nail on the head when he said: "If these girls—out of their hearts with their small allowances can do this, many Sir Knights can and should search their hearts and take a life membership in the Eye Foundation, an Associate Patron's or Patron's Certificate in our Knight Templar Eye Foundation."

On June 12 Bentonville, Arkansas, Chapter Order of DeMolay presented a check in the amount of \$50.00 to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., thereby becoming the first DeMolay Chapter in northwest Arkansas to become an Associate Patron sponsor. This contribution was made through Rogers Commandery No. 24.

**Kenneth Johnson, P.C.
Correspondent**



L. to R.: Joe Three, Mas. Coun.; Larry Alsip, P. Mas. Coun.; Bill Anderson, Jr. Coun.; Emil Larson, P. Com.; Ernest Williams, P. Com.

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PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

“CLEAR THE DECKS! IT’S SAILING TIME!”

When this issue reaches you, approximately three months of the Templar year will have passed. Widespread activity, I am glad to say, is going on within our ranks. A highlight in my 23 appearances thus far was the July 8 meeting of the Grand Commandery Special Membership Committee. This date, in the heart of the vacation period, is not considered ideal for a meeting of any kind, yet 45 of the 53 members on that committee arranged their affairs so that they could actively support our Grand Commandery by attending. The other 8 were either ill or otherwise unavoidably absent. One—Sir Knight Beckstrom—attended his daughter’s wedding. (He hasn’t lost a daughter; he’s gained a cupboard!)



Sir Knights, now comes the period of WORK. September MUST mean “clear the decks for action.” We are so close to success it would be a shame to let it escape. I speak not only of petitions, but of our **entire** program. We show gains in Life Sponsors, magazine subscriptions, local media publicity—and in support of our new generation, the DeMolays!

Elsewhere in this segment you’ll find mention of our Educational Foundation Scholarship Awards at Harrisburg. In these days of beatniks and hippies, you should know that your Christian Templary is rewarding merit and offering encouragement to our deserving youngsters. At Harrisburg, there was a big cheer for Knight Templary—for YOU! Also, I have received a letter of appreciation from DeMolay State Scribe C. Greer Bailey, P.M.C., for the Knight Templar Trophy for the best Chapter in Ritual. The winner—Chester Chapter. Those not identifying themselves with DeMolay are missing a satisfaction hard to describe. Visit a Chapter and see.

Now, the immediate future: August 19-24 are the days when universal Templary will do honor to Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker at Detroit. Your Commander, Recorder or Division Commander has the details—or check the July issue of this magazine. Your Grand Commander urges your attendance at all events—at least, at the parade Saturday, August 19, at 6 p. m. We can do no less than expand the image of Templary with our presence at Detroit to help pay part of the great debt we owe Sir Knight Brucker, who, for three years, has laid aside all else for Templary.

At Valley Forge, September 9, we are charged with a mass turnout—in full uniform, each bearing the flag of our country. I have been asked to bring 100 Sir Knights. Shall we not demonstrate the patriotism of Knights Templar with a display of 500?

Good luck, good health and God speed in the months ahead, Sir Knights. I believe we are ready now to really let our light shine among men!

Harold E. Stokely
Grand Commander

DEMOLAY MAKES SUMMER HEADLINES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Among the July highlights was the presentation of a Meritorious Service trophy to Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, R.E.G.C., by McMann Chapter of DeMolay, Glenshaw.



Pictured in the McMann Chapter ceremony are: K. Lawrence Kemp, S.C.; Edward H. Atkinson, P.M.C.; Grand Commander Stokely, and Sir Knight Vernon M. Hollihan, E.C., Ascalon Commandery No. 59. Hollihan is Dad Adviser of McMann Chapter; Grand Commandery Stokely is president of the Advisory Board. McMann and other Pittsburgh area chapters recently sent checks of \$275.00 each to the Salvation Army and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation—the result of a “slave auction.”

Chester Chapter returned from the Conclave of the Associated Chapters of Pennsylvania with five state championships—the first time any chapter had won all five! Grand Commander Stokely congratulated Chester for an almost perfect score of 494 out of 500 in the DeMolay Degree. In the Initiatory Degree competition Grand High Priest Arthur Diamond revealed Chester scored 913 points out of a possible 920. Chester had 11 of its members qualify for the Order's highest self achievement award, that of Representative DeMolay, with the trophy presented by Guy Fenstermacher, Grand Master of Grand Council.

The award of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, to the DeMolay Chapter of the Year also went to Chester Chapter. Donald J. Keeth, M.C., received this trophy from Orville Kimmel, J.G.W., Grand Lodge.



In the accompanying picture are Richard L. Patchel, Chairman of the Advisory Council; Robert F. Stark, Chapter Advisor and the Generalissimo of Chester Commandery No. 66; Grand Commander Stokely; Donald J. Keeth, M.C.; Wayne L. Garrett, S.C., and

Jan M. Machen, Activities Advisor and Captain General of Chester Commandery No. 66

Top news for DeMolay and for the Grand Commandery was the June 17 presentation at Harrisburg of \$4,000 in scholarships by Robert S. Hanson, Secretary of the Educational Foundation, Division of Pennsylvania.



The \$2,000 recipient was Kenneth Conrad, presently in the pre-medical course at Albright College, Reading, hoping for acceptance at Temple University Medical School or Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He received the R.D. in 1964 and was made Chevalier in 1966. At present, Ken stands No. 2 in his class

of 300! Eight other Representative DeMolays in Pennsylvania received scholarship awards of \$250.00 each. On hand for the check presentations was Sir Knight Stokely, Pennsylvania's Grand Commander, also Paul E. Davidheiser, Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Reading.

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Membership Standing for the Past Commandery Year Ending June 30, 1967

	Net Gain	Net Loss		Net Gain	Net Loss
Alabama		108	Oklahoma		168
Arizona	65		Oregon		97
Arkansas	52		Pennsylvania		153
California		391	Philippines	94	
Colorado		87	South Carolina	417	
Connecticut		89	South Dakota		8
Dist. of Col.		26	Tennessee	68	
Florida	13		Texas		173
Georgia	160		Utah		14
Idaho		8	Vermont		33
Illinois		107	Virginia	60	
Indiana	174		Washington		165
Iowa		107	West Virginia		17
Kansas		69	Wisconsin		108
Kentucky		23	Wyoming	22	
Louisiana	68		Subordinate Commanderies		
Maine		73	Al Hasa No. 1.....	20	
Maryland	85		Alaska No. 1		3
Mass. & R. I.		191	Anchorage No. 2..		10
Michigan	111		Ketchikan No. 4..	1	
Minnesota		205	Canal Zone No. 1..	5	
Mississippi	86		St. Andrews No. 2	6	
Missouri	647		St. Johns No. 1...		9
Montana	35		Heidelberg No. 2..		29
Nebraska	13		Herman Von Salza	4	
Nevada	5		Bavaria No. 3.....	4	
New Hampshire ..		15	Honolulu No. 1....	3	
New Jersey		111	Milano No. 1 (ud)	3	
New York		363	Tokyo No. 1	7	
New Mexico		93	Ivanhoe No. 2.....	0	0
North Carolina	251		Tampico No. 1		21
North Dakota		4	Porto Rico No. 1..		8
Ohio	199		408 Net Loss—June 30, 1967		

TEXAS YORK RITE FESTIVAL CLASS



The first Statewide York Rite Festival was held in the Grand Lodge Masonic Memorial Temple, Waco, Texas, on May 26 and 27, 1967.

It was an outstanding success and a great deal of credit is due to the hard work and dedication of the State Chairman, Ed Bloomquist, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, Knights

Templar of Texas.

Degrees were conferred upon 69 candidates by the Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. 74 candidates received the Council degrees from the Grand Officers of the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Texas, and the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, conferred the Orders upon 4

In Attendance at First Statewide Texas York Rite Festival



Front row (L. to R.): Harvey C. Byrd, P.G.C. and Dept. Com.; A. G. Coots, G.C.; E. E. Aldrin, candidate; E. Bloomquist, G.C.G.; Richard T. Porter, D.G.C. Back row: Rawrence DeHay, G.G.; Fred Smith, P.G.C. (Okla.); Harry B. Tuer, G.R.; Wintford H. Owen, G.J.W.; Dale E. Miller, G.S.W.; Homer Clapp, G.C. of the Guard.

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candidates.

Texas is indeed fortunate to have such great dedicated leaders as Dean Turner, Grand High Priest; C. B. Haynes, Grand Master and Grand Commander A. G. Coots to lead the York Rite Bodies in Texas. With only a few exceptions the Grand Officers of all

three Bodies attended this first York Rite Festival. In addition to the Grand Officers there were 322 Companions registered for this Festival.

A highlight of the Festival was the presence, as a candidate, of Colonel Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., an astronaut, from Houston, Texas.

Alliance Commandery (Ohio) Spring York Rite Reunion



Alliance Commandery No. 67 (Ohio) Spring Reunion Class Honoring 50th Anniversary Alliance Council No. 112 R. & S.M.

First row (L. to R.): Robert J. Hackett, P.G.C. and G.R. of Ohio; Paul W. Chapple, Gen. of Alliance; Herbert E. Rogler, G.C. of Ohio; Frank A. Bush, Em. Comm. of Alliance; George D. Stein, G.C. of the Guard of Ohio; Clyde Whitcomb, C. Gen. and P.C. of Alliance.

Alliance Commandery No. 67 Knights Templar, recently completed an historic occasion by conferring all three Orders of Knighthood on one of the largest classes in its history.

Twenty-one Candidates received the ritualistic degree work as exemplified by the following groups: The "Crusaders" of Tadmore Shrine, under the direction of J. S. Waggoner, Sovereign Master, conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. The Order of Malta was conferred in long form with music by Akron Commandery No. 25 K.T. Lloyd Robinson acted as the

Eminent Prior. The Order of the Temple was conferred by its Eminent Commander Frank A. Bush and the Officers of Alliance Commandery No. 67. The Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery of the State of Ohio, Herbert E. Rogler, also took a part in the conferral ceremonies by knighting several candidates.

Other Grand Commandery Officers attending included, Robert J. Hackett, P.G.C. and Grand Recorder, George D. Stein, G.C. of the Guard. Over 125 visitors and members participated in the cere-

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monies. They came from Commanderies in Salem, Massillon, Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Urichsville, Canton, Wooster and Alliance.

A Turkey "Family Style" dinner was prepared and served to those in attendance by the Alliance Masonic Chorus under the direction of its President, Harry Miller. William Anderson was in charge of the dinner. The Singing Waiters

entertained the group with many songs during and after the dinner. The Chorus truly gave one of its most outstanding performances with preparing, serving and singing for Alliance Commandery.

This York Rite Reunion for the Knights Templar completes their portion of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Alliance Council No. 112 Royal and Select Masters.

COMPETITIVE DRILLS IN KENTUCKY



BARBOURVILLE COMMANDERY NO. 39 DRILL TEAM

For the first time in memory, competitive drills have been held at a time other than the Grand Commandery Annual Conclave. This was necessary because of the reduction in time for Commandery functions due to the fact that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery meet the same week in a York Rite meeting.

The competitive drills were held on the parking lot of Oleika Shrine Temple, Lexington, on the afternoon of June 18th, with four commanderies competing, as follows: Webb No. 1, Lexington, Newport No. 13, Bowling Green No. 23 and Barbourville No. 39.

Barbourville Commandery No. 39 won first place in all classes with a grade of 95 percent and

was awarded the possession of the Cline Cup for one year. The cup was named in honor of Earl Cline, Grand Commander, who donated the cup and was present and awarded it to Everett D. Hutton, P.C., drill captain. (See picture)

Other Grand Commandery officers present were George E. Hobbs, D.G.C.; Kenneth N. Johnson, G.G.; Donald E. Freer, G.C.G; and several of the appointive officers and past grand commanders.

At the conclusion of the drills, dinner was served in Oleika Mosque to approximately three hundred persons including the ladies.

A good sized crowd was present to witness the drills, some coming a considerable distance.

Wylie B. Wendt, Correspondent

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Grand Commandery of Ohio Sponsors Competitive Drills

At the last stated conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio in October it was voted to support two drill teams at the 50th Triennial Conclave with \$1500.00 and the Drill Team Committee was instructed to arrange for drill competition for the purpose of selecting the two teams. This competitive drill was held in the Coliseum in Dayton Fairgrounds at 1:00 P.M. on June 24 with the 1967 Class B. Drill Schedule for the Grand Encampment being used.

Judges for the competition were

members of Knightstown, Indiana Class A. and Class B. Drill Team members, headed by Bill Barton and James Wright, captains of the Knightstown teams.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, VanWert, was judged first and Palestine Commandery No. 33, Springfield, was second in the competition.

The award banquet was held in the Dayton Masonic Templar following the competition with Howard R. Malone, P.G.C. making the presentation of the awards.

Ned E. Dull, G.G.

From Our Readers

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLARY



At the direction of the Grand Commandery of California, San Diego Commandery No. 25 was recently host to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2 of Mexico City, Mexico. The Orders were conferred upon nine candidates members of Ivanhoe Commandery. These candidates were Masons in the jurisdic-

tion of Baja, California. They were accompanied by three Past Grand Masters of Masons of Baja, A. E. Banuet, A. Escmilla, and Z. M. Corral, the latter being a candidate, together with the present Grand Master, Alejandro Orozco. San Diego had four candidates to join in the Class.

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GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS OF NEW MEXICO ATTEND CHARTER-PAST MASTERS NIGHT ON MAY 20

Pajarito Lodge No. 66, Los Alamos, New Mexico, celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a combined Charter and Past Masters Night. Lawrence F. Manker, Sr., D.G.C. of New Mexico, was one of the 15 charter members and 17 Past Masters that were present upon the occasion.

Other Grand Commandery Officers present were John R. Mendius, G.C.; Harlan Morris, G.G.; and Alfred C. Anderson, Jr., G.C.G. Other distinguished guests were Oscar E. L. Newman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Frank Fitch, Past Grand Master.

An estimated 170 members and guests participated in the 100th Anniversary observance of Northwestern Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, Meadville, Pa., Saturday, May 2, 1967. Approximately 70 were present at the spe-

at Meadville Area Senior High School Cafeteria.

John B. Cottrell, Department Commander, North Atlantic Department, was guest speaker. His address entitled: "What Is That in Thy Hand?", dealt with the Christian influence of Knights Templary upon society.

Martin J. Schwartzbauer, present Commander of Northwestern Commandery No. 25, served as toastmaster. Robert A. Sweigard, P.C., was General Chairman of the observance.



L. to R.: William Lender, P.C. and Rec.; Harley J. Morris, P.C. and Treas.; Martin J. Schwartzbauer, Com.; Charles B. Jelbart, Gen.; John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.G.C. and Dept. Com.; John D. Weikal, S.W.; Robert A. Sweigard, P.C.; and Lewis Byham, J.W.

cial Conclave in the afternoon at the Masonic Hall for the conferring of the Order of the Temple on 4 candidates. The larger group attended a dinner in the evening

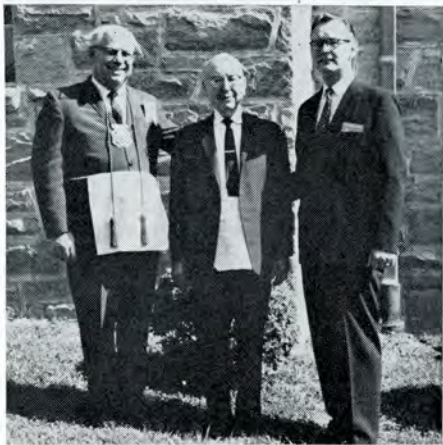
WHO CAN EQUAL THIS RECORD?

W. A. Oakes is a member of the York Rite Bodies of Globe, Arizona and at the end of next year will have served as head of all of the Bodies. Sir Knight Oakes is retired from the National Park Service of the Federal Government and lives in a retirement community 14 miles from Tucson, which is 120 miles from the Masonic Temple in Globe, making a total round trip of 240 miles each time he attends a meeting. He makes this round trip three times a month for stated meetings, plus called meetings.

William C. Penrose, Globe, Arizona

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During a brief intermission at the statewide York Rite Festival, held at Raleigh, N. C. (see July issue of Knight Templar) "Toby" Wellon received the congratulations of Grand Commander Hall and Eye Foundation Chairman Speidel on having become a Life Sponsor at age 83.



L. to R.: Robert Lee Hall, G.C.; T.T. Wellon, Frederick G. Speidel, P.C. and State Chairman of K.T. Eye Foundation.

Sir Knight Wellon's statement, "Why shouldn't I become a Life Sponsor" is indicative of the great love and compassion for his fellow man that is exhibited by this true follower of the cross.

A veteran of more than fifty years of Masonic service, a Past High Priest of his Chapter, a Past Illustrious Master of his Council he is continuing to set an example for those who might follow.

A. Oden Latham, Corr.

Detroit Commandery No. 1 expects to have 32 platoons (434 Sir Knights) and Lansing Commandery No. 25 16 platoons (218 Sir Knights) in the Triennial Parade.

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FOR THE RECORD

The late President, William McKinley "received the Royal Arch degrees in Canton Chapter No. 84 (Ohio), December 27 and 28, 1883. He received the Orders of Templary in Canton Commandery No. 38, December 18-23, 1884. He was made an Honorary Member of Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T., Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1896."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above quote is from a letter from our good friend, Wiley B. Wendt (Ky.) who cites as his authority—"Freemasonry and the Presidency, U.S.A.", by Ray Denslow, P. 162.

Robert A. Berry, P.O. Box 901, Temple, Texas, advised that the author of "I Am Only One" which appears on Page 11 of the July issue of the Knight Templar is a former Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, Edward Hale.

Clarksville Commandery No. 8, Clarksville, Tennessee, observes their 100th Anniversary with a Festival and Banquet on October 12-13. Their goal is 100 new members to add to their roll.

Ray B. Collier, Rec.

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky is furnishing free bus transportation from its Grand Jurisdiction to Detroit for the Triennial. One bus will leave Lexington at 8:00 A. M. and the other will leave Barboursville at 7:00 P. M. on August 18, with intermediate stops. Both busses will leave Detroit on Sunday morning, August 20.

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Stanford Commandery No. 12 (Conn.) co-operates to the fullest extent with the young people of their community. The Commandery color guard attends all Rainbow and DeMolay installations and in turn the Rainbow and DeMolay

members attend all Commandery installations. They attend Church together on special occasions as evidenced by the above picture. Members of the Blue Lodge are also included to participate in these joint meetings.

Laurence Scofield

As a part of the year's observance of the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, F. & A. M., the various Commanderies throughout the State were requested to and served as escorts to the local Lodges attending Church services on June 25 in commemoration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

The Grand Commandery of New York at its recent Grand Commandery Conclave went on record in favor of a Constitutional Amendment prompted by Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, which would allow public schools to permit voluntary participation by students in prayer. Peter M. Morrell, Commander of Morton Commandery No. 4 of New York City, proposed this resolution which was acted upon favorably by the Grand Commandery of New York.

The Missouri Association of Past Presidents and Line Officers of the

Social Order of Beauceant met at Sedalia on July 16. At said meeting a contribution of \$25.00 was made to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in honor of Mrs. Charles Meek, Supreme Worthy President.

Charles A. Howard, Jr., P.G.C. of South Dakota and chairman of the Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities of the Grand Encampment, was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota at its recent Grand Lodge session.

In Memoriam

IOWA

Earl S. Daggett, G. C., 1942—
June 20, 1967.

OHIO

Lachlan Malcolm McDonald, G. C., 1942—June 18, 1967.

CORRECTION—Walter R. Pearson, listed last month, was a P.G.C. of Oklahoma.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Statutes, etc.

(The following are some of the proposed amendments as set forth in the official notice of the 50th Triennial Conclave:)

Proposed by Sir Knight WALTER A. DELAMATER, Past Grand Master and Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and unanimously approved by the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Filed September 19, 1966

It is proposed to amend Section 18½ of the Constitution so that as amended to read as follows:

“Section 18½. For the purpose of this project, and in accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual assessment of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per member each year, except members whose dues have been remitted because of their inability to pay the same, and those who have purchased Life Sponsorship Certificates, is hereby levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America based upon the membership therein, beginning July 1, 1968, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment by the respective Grand and Subordinate Commanderies not later than July 1, 1969 and shall continue at the rate of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per member each year thereafter, payable not later than July 1 each year after 1969.

“Upon the payment of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) in a lump sum to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., it shall issue to the Knight Templar making such payment, a Certificate as a Life Sponsor of Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and thereafter, the Grand or Subordinate Commandery of which any Knight Templar may be a member shall be exempt from the annual assessment because of his membership in his Commandery.”

This to become effective as of July 1, 1968.

Proposed by Special Study Committee

22. To add a new section to be known as Sec. 32½, to read as follows:

“Sec. 32½. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. hereby authorizes and establishes two honorary grades of Rank and Recognition among Knights Templar under its jurisdiction as follows:

(a) Knight Grand Cross.

1. All elective and past elective officers of Grand Encampment as of August 24, 1967, are hereby created Knights Grand Cross.

2. Additional Knights Grand Cross shall be those selected and invested by action of the body of Knights Grand Cross, and the body shall likewise have authority to withdraw such distinction.

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3. Marks of Rank and Badges or Jewels to be worn by Knights Grand Cross shall be those adopted by the body thereof, and shall be recognized as having been authorized by the Grand Encampment.

4. The body of Knights Grand Cross shall be self-governing, except as controlled by the provisions of this Section, and its authority shall include the adoption of appropriate ceremonies.

5. Knights Grand Cross shall by virtue of their investment become members of Grand Encampment entitled to vote, if not otherwise so qualified.

(b) Knight Commander.

1. All Past Grand Commanders as of August 24, 1967, are hereby created Knights Commander.

2. Additional Knights Commanders shall be those invested after nomination by action of the body of Knights Commanders within a Grand Commandery and election by the body of Knights Grand Cross or after election by action initiated within the body of Knights Grand Cross. The body of Knights Grand Cross shall have authority to remove such distinction, either on the recommendation of a jurisdictional body of Knights Commanders or by direct action.

3. Marks of Rank and Badges or Jewels to be worn by Knights Commanders shall be those adopted for such use by the body of Knights Grand Cross, and shall be recognized as having been authorized by the Grand Encampment.

4. The body of Knights Commanders shall be self-governing, subject to the provisions of this Section and to such general regulations as may be adopted by the body of Knights Grand Cross, and its ceremonies shall be those adopted for its use by the body of Knights Grand Cross.

5. Knights Commanders shall by virtue of their investment become members of the Grand Commandery governing the Commandery of which they individually are a member, and entitled to vote as such, if not otherwise so qualified.

(c) Precedence of Rank. Knights Grand Cross, unless otherwise qualified, shall follow the present officers of Grand Encampment and those entitled to permanent rank. Knights Commanders shall follow the present officers of Grand Commanderies and those entitled to permanent rank.

Proposed by Sir Knight VIVIAN P. PATTERSON, Past Grand Commander of South Carolina, and supposed by: Sir Knights WILBER M. BRUCKER, Most Eminent Grand Master, JOHN L. CROFTS, SR., Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, G. WILBUR BELL, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, ROY W. RIEGLE, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, HOWARD R. TOWNE, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, EDMUND F. BALL, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer, PAUL C. RODENHAUSER, Right Eminent Grand Recorder, JOHN B. COTTRELL, JR., P. G. C., Right Eminent Department Commander, WILLIAM M. WHITE, P. G. C., Right Eminent De-

partment Commander, VIRGIL F. KENT, P. G. C., Right Eminent Department Commander, GLENNE R. McARTHUR, P. G. C., Right Eminent Department Commander, HARVEY C. BYRD, P. G. C., Right Eminent Department Commander, SAMUEL J. CHAPMAN, P. G. C., Right Eminent Department Commander, and RALPH H. SLOCUM, P. G. C., Right Eminent Department Commander.

Filed May 8, 1967

WHEREAS: One of the most important functions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in promoting and strengthening our great Christian Order of Knighthood is to facilitate and improve communications between Knights Templar throughout the entire Templar World, and

WHEREAS: The Knight Templar Magazine, over the past few years, has become the instrumentality for successfully carrying the Templar message and has won universal support and confidence, and

WHEREAS: The Knight Templar Magazine, on a subscription basis, is able to reach less than 10% of our membership, but should reach every member in order to establish the required degree of communication, which has been accomplished by many other national fraternal and Service Club organizations,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A., adopts the policy and hereby directs that the Knight Templar Magazine be mailed monthly to each Knight Templar in good standing;

FURTHER, for such purpose all officers of the Grand Encampment and of its Grand Commanderies, Constituent Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies are hereby directed, through the offices of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies, and of the Recorders of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, to prepare a complete and current list of the names and addresses of all such Knights Templar, and to revise and correct said list each month by information from and through such offices, and

FURTHER, The Committee on Finance of the Grand Encampment is hereby directed to provide in its 1967-1970 Budget For Triennium Expenditures the costs to the Grand Encampment of preparing, editing, printing and mailing said magazine each month to all Knights Templar, and the Committee on Finance is further directed to provide for such expenditures in its proposal for per capita dues to be levied upon Grand and Subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of Grand Encampment, so that mailing of the Knight Templar Magazine to every Knight Templar, as provided and directed by this Resolution shall begin with the issue of July, 1969, provided, however, that Grand Commanderies may, by special arrangement and advance payment, provide for mailing to all members under their jurisdiction at an earlier date.

Submitted by Sir Knight JOHN L. CROFTS, D. G. M., Sir Knight
 GLENNE R. McARTHUR, D. C., and Sir Knight
 FRED ENGLAND, JR., P. D. C.

Filed May 13, 1967

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Recent events beyond the control of Grand Commanderies and of Subordinate Commanderies have upon several occasions resulted in making requirements as to prerequisite membership burdensome, and in such cases some exception to our rules should exist, subject always to careful investigation of the particular situation and report of any such exception to the Grand Encampment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 23 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. be amended by the addition of a new paragraph to become Section 23 (m), to read as follows:

Section 23 (m). When requested in writing by a Grand Commander or by a Commander of a Subordinate Commandery to do so, the Grand Master shall review the facts presented with such request, and if in the Grand Master's opinion the welfare of Templary would be served thereby, the Grand Master may waive the prerequisite membership qualifications of an individual petitioner for the Orders, except that of being a Master Mason affiliated in a Lodge of Master Masons, and the Grand Master may also waive the requirement of continuous membership in the prerequisite bodies, except that of being a member in good standing of a Lodge of Master Masons. The Grand Master shall report any such action at the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

The Miracle of Enthusiasm: Templary desperately needs more enthusiasm on the part of its officers and leaders as well as the rank-and-file of Knights Templar. We are partners in supporting the greatest cause in the world—the Christian Religion and the practice of the Christian virtues! Templary has something noble that no other group in the world can equal. We need to stoke the fires of enthusiasm for our great Christian Order of Knighthood. We should constantly be on the alert to choose officers who have the divine fire of enthusiasm coursing through their veins. Only in this way does the impossible become possible. Only then will our officers and

leaders inspire others to nobler efforts.

In the gospel of St. Mark, it was said: "Verily, I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain 'Be Thou Removed' . . . and shall not doubt in his heart, . . . he shall have whatsoever he sayeth."

As I near the end of my term of office as Grand Master, I believe with all my heart that Templary will "move mountains" when all of us take our stewardship seriously and become "on fire with enthusiasm" about our great Christian Cause.

From Grand Master Brucker's
 Newsletter.

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Centennial Banquet of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12



The Centennial Celebration of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 went off as planned and as outlined in the June issue of **KNIGHT TEMPLAR**, including the banquet, picture of which appears above.

At the speakers' table, left to right, are William S. Conaway, P.C., representing the Grand Council; Charles K. A. McGaughey, P.C., General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter, representing the Grand Chapter; Mrs. McGaughey; John Chandler, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Lodge, representing the Grand Master of Masons; Mrs. Chandler; Earl Cline, G.C.; Mrs. Cline; G. Wilbur Bell, G.G., Grand Encampment; Mrs. Bell; William J. Netherton, P.C., Master of Ceremonies; Mrs. Netherton; Sir Knight and Rev. Gerald E. Bisbee, Grand Chaplain, General Grand Chapter, the principal speaker; Mrs. Denham; Clarence W. Denham, P.G.C.; Sir Knight and Rev. Wilfred T. Waterhouse; Mrs. Jones; DeMolville P. Jones, Eminent Commander.

An interesting event at the banquet was the presence of Sir Knight August R. Baumer, Sr., ninety-two years of age, the senior Past Commander of the Commandery, who was commander in 1917-18, exactly fifty years ago.

The banquet was held in the ballroom of the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

Wylie B. Wendt

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