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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER - -



Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.
The Most Eminent Grand Master
Knights Templar, U.S.A.

SUSPENSIONS — DEMITS

Every Knight Templar is important as an individual, and to the purposes of Templary. The prospective loss of any individual member by suspension or by demission not for the purpose of affiliation is a serious matter, deserving of the careful attention of any or all of us.

A clear understanding of this premise by every Templar officer — by every Templar — is necessary. Necessary to full appreciation to the peculiar beauty of our Order. Necessary, particularly at this time when so many commanderies approach the close of their fiscal year.

Grand Master Brucker spoke from such an understanding when he issued his General Order No. 11 of August 2, 1965, prescribing a careful process before removing a Knight Templar from active membership. Grand Encampment spoke from such an understanding in revising, at Detroit, Section 207 of the Statutes, which is reprinted in full on page six of this issue of Knight Tem-

plar. Please read it carefully. The Section governs every Templar Commandery. There is no other lawful process.

Similarly, every request for demission should be carefully investigated. If it is not for the purpose of transfer of membership, our concern should be no less because no immediate loss of revenues is involved. The real loss is of the fraternal association with the Brother, of his active usefulness to the Order, of his constructive influence joined with ours in the character of Knights Templar.

Jesus gave us our clear instruction in the parable of the lost sheep. As our fraternal character is peculiarly Christian, so must we be obedient. No individual who has affirmed his faith and has knelt before us can be considered unimportant.

With such an understanding, and in such a spirit, we must accept gladly as an opportunity the invitation of the Eminent Commander to visit a wayward Brother. And, having restored his active interest, we should not repeat our errors but restore him to our favor as the prodigal son was restored. “. . . for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.” (Luke 15:32)

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and a variety of other jurisdictional news, views and events

The picture and story on this month's cover pages are a salute to one of Templary's most active and distinguished representatives, Sir Knight Leroy Gordon Cooper, who carries his Christian and Masonic principles with him in his flights in space.

(Solution to October's Cover Puzzle on Page 25.)

Mail Box

HIGHLIGHTS and SIDELIGHTS

Frank G. Farnham, Peekskill, N.Y., writes to say Westchester Commandery No. 42, Ossining, celebrated its first century October 7. He says, "A recent check indicates that Old 42 increased its membership by 12 from January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1966—a 15 year span. We realize many Commanderies show gains during the 15 year period. However, it might be interesting to know just how many, since membership in our Christian Order is of such vital importance to all of us!"

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R. S. Sager, Georgia, tells of the Southeastern film premier of the Broadway hit, "Camelot," scheduled November 15 as a fund raising activity by the Past Commanders' Charity Committee of DeKalb Commandery No. 38. A red carpet and searchlight treatment is planned. Tickets have been sold at \$7.50 and \$5.00 each. Heads of Georgia's York Rite Bodies, the M. W. Grand Master, the Mayor of Atlanta and the Governor of Georgia have been invited.

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Who Is This Man, Harry Tice? The City of the Straits Lodge No. 452, F. and A. M., Detroit, Michigan, originated a flyer paying tribute to Sir Knight Harry E. Tice, Atlanta, Georgia, for his faithful, helpful and dedicated work in visiting the sick for Templary, for Lodge, for Shrine and other organizations. The flyer reads in part: "He is employed by a Utility Company in Atlanta and seems to devote all the rest of his time to sick committee duties . . . He goes from room to room (where doors are open) visiting

all the sick, and it was on one such hospital visit that he discovered one of our members some years ago." The City of the Straits Lodge salute concludes with: "Our very best wishes to Brother Harry Tice of Atlanta, Georgia, for the fine Masonic Duties he performs so generously."

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Support for the Christian religion and the need for more to stand up for what is right and to oppose what is wrong has never been greater. There are active forces in the world today whose interest and aim is to destroy man's allegiance to God and Country. Unless we Knights of the Cross hold high the banner of freedom and stand our ground, the day may soon come when the Pledge of Allegiance, now banned by the Poverty Program in schools, may spread to all public schools—when prayer, now banned in our public schools, is banned at all public meetings. Today, Christ's Christian church universally needs the overall support of all good men. The time is now for all Sir Knights to support the aims and ideals of their forefathers who discovered and dedicated this great land of ours to freedom under God. May we all bind ourselves to defend its flag and its cause at all costs, and do everything possible to rekindle the great cause of Templar Masonry in the hearts of our membership. Let's build our attendance and live every day in such a way that men may see our good works and seek the Orders of Knighthood.

Grand Commander's
Newsletter, Va.

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Accompanied by separate letters from Owen E. Hodgson, P.G.M., Foundation President, and James W. Robbins, Executive Director, 1967 Thanksgiving Foundation seals were placed in the mail early in October by the Kansas Masonic Foundation. Distributed for use without obligation, contributions are accepted for the operating costs of the Foundation. The Executive Director's letter points out: "Your kind use of these Seals will stimulate giving and your voluntary contribution will help us to serve mankind by providing college scholarships, assisting the needy and our Masonic Youth program."

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Eye Foundation—Nebraska continues to improve its status as to donors to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, due in no small measure to the splendid program being carried out by the committee of our Grand Commander composed of Sir Knights Earl W. Schultz, 30, Chairman; Allen E. Kissack, 18; Louis V. Sylvester, 15; Charles E. Baker, 21; Joseph Hoffman, 21, and Wayne W. Foster, 17. Each member of this committee is at your service to visit your Commandery and provide complete and interesting information.

Charles F. Adams
Grand Commander

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One of the most important dates in all this year's York Rite activity is December 9, 1967. This will be the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of the founding of the Council R&SM of Kansas which occurred in Leavenworth on December 12, 1867.

The Committee in charge of this celebration has arranged a day-long program consisting of the Conferral of Council Degrees, a pilgrimage to the tomb of RICHARD RIDGEWAY REES in Mt. Muncie Cemetery near Leavenworth, and an evening program featuring an address by General BRUCE C. CLARKE (Ret), now living in Arlington, Virginia, and an active officer of FREEDOM FOUNDATION, Valley Forge.

Gen. CLARKE won fame and honors in World War II, and since retirement he has been devoting all of his time to Boy Scouts, Freedom Foundation, and similar activities. He is a Knight Templar and a 33° Honorary in the Scottish Rite. He is a personal friend of M. I. ROY WILFORD RIEGLE and is bringing Mrs. Clarke to Kansas at the special invitation of Comp. RIEGLE.

Charles S. McGinness
G. Rec., Kansas

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From York Rite Masonry in Springfield, Ohio, by way of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Crofts, comes a 1968 pocket secretary with very usable and attractive pages on which are stamped important dates for Chapter, Council and Commandery activities. Good example of both York Rite Unity and Communica-

Scottish Rite Honors Grand Master Crofts

While attending the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, S.M.J., at Washington for the purpose of bringing the fraternal greeting of Templary, Grand Master Crofts was signally honored by being elected and invested both as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and as an Honorary Member of the Thirty-third Degree.

To Sovereign Grand Commander and Sir Knight Luther A. Smith and the Active Members, Grand Master Crofts said in part, "It is of course highly gratifying personally to have the expressed good opinion of such a distinguished body of Masons—more importantly, as my Masonic service except to local bodies has been almost exclusively to the York Rite and especially to the Templar Order because of distance from my Valley and my deep interest in the Templar Order, a fact known to several members of the Supreme Council. Your recognition clearly demonstrates that you consider labors performed in other bodies by a loyal Scottish Rite member to be important. By a clear inference, it must also be apparent that you consider the welfare of all Masonic bodies to be important, and wish that all may prosper."

Knights Templar should know that the Grand Master was accorded every official recognition and many personal courtesies, in addition to being hosted as a distinguished guest, at the Annual Meeting of the Northern Supreme Council at Pittsburgh, as well as at the Washington Biennial.

Section 207—Statutes Revised August 1967

"Sec. 207. The Eminent Commander shall supervise and determine whether it is advisable to remit the dues of a delinquent member because of illness, infirmity or financial inability, and shall recommend to his Commandery the remission of dues whenever he deems the same justified. If the Eminent Commander does not see fit to recommend the remission of dues of a delinquent member he shall appoint a Committee of at least two members to make a personal call, if possible, upon such delinquent member, with reference thereto. The report of such Committee shall be reviewed by the Eminent Commander, and shall be reported to the Commandery. The process of suspension shall be undertaken only after the foregoing preliminary requirements have been met. Thereupon, the Eminent Commander shall see to it that the Recorder send either a certified or registered letter to the delinquent member at his last known address, giving official notice of intention to suspend such member, including the date and hour when the suspension proceedings will be brought before the Commandery for action; at the time when such suspension proceedings are brought before the Commandery, the Eminent Commander shall first inform the Commandery of all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding such delinquent member and shall exhibit the return receipt of or the unclaimed certified or registered letter to the delinquent member before any action shall be taken by the Commandery."

100 Years Old—A Templar For 65

It was April 14, 1902 when Edwin Munroe Gilmore was Knighted in Natick Commandery No. 33, Natick, Massachusetts, a few months before he was 35.



On August 24, 1967 Sir Knight Gilmore celebrated his 100th birthday. Officers of Natick Commandery called upon him to offer

their congratulations and to show their appreciation for his continued interest in Masonry; The Boston Globe featured a vignette of Sir Knight Gilmore and named him the oldest Red Sox fan; and President Johnson sent a congratulatory message citing his 100th birthday.

G. Burton Long, P.G.C., Grand Recorder for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, says, "Although not as active as he used to be, he's still vitally interested in Masonry as well as our Red Sox team." The Boston Globe article included the comment that he is "alert, vigorous and almost as healthy as Carl Yastrzemeski."

Sir Knight Gilmore operated the E. M. Gilmore Tea and Coffee Company in Boston. His first wife died after 54 years of marriage and he married Julis Holt, his present wife, when he was 79.

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Blind Musician Is Subject of Aid Fund

It was January 7 of this year, when she sang for a Beauceant installation, that Sir Knight Charles L. Willey, P.G.C., Oregon, first met Vicki Skramousky, 16 year old blind musician. An incubator baby, she had been blinded from the oxygen and light in the incubator.

Of that January 7 appearance, Sir Knight Willey writes: "She had the entire audience in tears as they marveled at her beautiful voice and her piano technique."



Thrilled at Vicki's performance and touched at the knowledge of her incurable blindness, Sir Knight and Mrs. Willey decided to set up an educational fund to further her musical career and help her realize her ambition to become a concert artist.

"She has a wonderful outlook on life. 'If God intended me to be blind,' she says, 'then I'm sure He will take care of me.' She is now living with her widowed grandmother."

The Willeys are active in the

work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation." Sir Knight Willey feels that when a case such as this comes along, where sight is an impossibility, then it is time for Christian Masons to come to the aid of such a deserving person in another manner.

He and Mrs. Willey have established a fund and have arranged for a local attorney—a Knight Templar, who is donating his services—to administer the fund along with three Knights serving as trustees. When Vicki reaches 25, the fund will be closed out and any unused balance turned over to her.

"Now," says Sir Knight Willey, "any Sir Knights who feel they would like to contribute any amount, may make out checks to The Vicki Skramousky Trust Fund and mail to me—Charles L. Willey, 306 North 32nd Street, Corvallis, Oregon—or to The First Federal Savings and Loan Bank of Corvallis."

The officers and staff of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, calculate that 5500 Sir Knights were in uniform and participated in some form in the Street Parade in Detroit, August 19, for the Golden Triennial. 1200 of these Sir Knights came from Michigan, with 450 from Detroit Commandery No. 1. The 32 platoons of Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery were registered. Most of them were in the parade, others drove VIP cars, some were on floats, and others marched in the escort, or served in the myriad of other details.

Public Relations Chairman
Ralph Dawson

The "I's" Have It

One highlight of the Southeastern Department Conference recently convened at Columbia, South Carolina, by Department Commander C. Wallace Jackson, was a "Five I" proposal by Sir Knight James E. Moseley, P.G.C., and Grand Recorder of Georgia.

Explaining that the Grand Lodge of Georgia had held seminars on the "Five I's," Sir Knight Moseley proposed that each "I" be made applicable to Templary. "We can apply them to Christian Masonry," he said, "because when a man joins this body he is beginning a new phase in his Masonic career."

The "Five I's" are:

INVESTIGATE—We must know that he believes in Christianity and will be an asset to Templary. We must screen thoroughly.

INITIATE—The initiating (conferring) must be done in an expert manner to make a deep and lasting impression. We must use the men best qualified to do the best job of presenting the lessons of the Orders of Knighthood.

INDOCTRINATE—Festivals offer us a fine opportunity to properly indoctrinate a class. When scenes are being changed between conferrals, instructors can and should brief the class on what it has received, that it is about to receive—also on Templar projects such as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Educational Foundation, and any local Commandery projects.

INTEREST—We must work with the new member, keep him regular in attendance, active in his participation. We must remember if he is not a good ritualistic

prospect, he may be an A-1 salesman for Templary. Utilize his talents.

INVOLVE—Human nature being what it is, involvement is probably the most difficult. Many persons have so many diversions that they try to keep from being involved. But we must, as Knights Templar, become involved in the work of the Commandery, in all York Rite work—in fact, from the Entered Apprentice through the Order of the Temple. The life of our Order depends on our York Rite bodies and Blue Lodges.

Sir Knight Moseley, speaking to a group that included the M.E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., and R. E. Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, said, "If our Sir Knights take a real helping of these '5 I's,' we'll have Enthusiasm—and that's what we need. We must have dedicated and enthusiastic Sir Knights.

"The day is past when you can just go out and pick up a couple of candidates. You must be informed and enthusiastic.

"We talk about getting more men of the Executive type in Templary. These men want to know what they're going to get for their money. Be ready to tell them."

Sir Knight Moseley's presentation was one of several "positive approaches" to York Rite problems. Grand Commander E. Leslie Webb, Tennessee, spoke on York Rite Festivals; P.G.C. Ernest M. Moore, Virginia, talked on DeMolay and Youth Organizations; P.G.C. Thomas M. Coleman, Tennessee, was the speaker for Drill Teams, and the subject of York Rite Unity was presented by Sir

Knight A. D. Leon Gray, P.G.C., North Carolina.

Grand Master Crofts spoke to the Commandery representatives on the full range of Templar subjects and was a speaker for the joint gathering of Chapter, Council and Commandery representatives. Also speaking to the joint gathering, with Marvin Fowler presiding, were General Grand High Priest Sprague Carter and the General Grand Master of General Grand Council, C. Elwood Smyrk.

South Carolina's Grand Master of Masons, M.W. Brother R. Lewis Smith, was the keynote speaker for the opening joint session; Dr. Gerald Bisbee, General Grand Chaplain, was the dinner speaker for the conclusion of the conference.



Sir Knight Charles Phinney Rodenbach, Past Commander of Clark Commandery (7) of Waterbury, Connecticut, receives the Knights Templar Cross of Honor from Past Grand Commander David B. Brownlow. Edwin W. Raymond, G.C., and Eminent Commander Paul O. Rechenberg, E. C., give their approval and support.

Chillicothe Gazette Salutes G. C. Blair

The Chillicothe Gazette (Ohio) of October 10 devoted a front page feature position to coverage of the election of Cecil S. Blair, Chillicothean attorney, to the office of R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio.



In part, the account reads: "Cecil S. Blair, attorney with offices at 6 W. Main St., was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio, at the order's 125th annual conclave at Akron, Monday.

"The honor is the highest attained by a Chillicothean in 80 years in this, the top order in the York Rite of Free Masonry. Frederick H. Rehwinkle was Grand Commander in 1887. The local Dental Society was named for him.

"There are 27,000 Knights Templar in Ohio with 84 commanderies."

The coverage, featuring a one column picture, refers to Sir Knight Blair's Masonic affiliations, his schooling and his college background, notes that he played football at Ohio Wesleyan University where he was voted by teammates the most valuable player on the championship 1926 eleven, and recounts his many civic and church activities.

Grand Commander Blair and his wife, the former Helen L. McCloskey, live at 10 Dun Road, Chillicothe.

Half Century Recognitions

Noah Lee Miller, Watsonville Commandery No. 22, California, writes: "Four Knights Templar 50-year buttons were presented by Watsonville Commandery, all on the same night—quite a record for a small and old Commandery in northern California. The Commandery was chartered April 13, 1883.

"Edward Porter Pfingst, Commander, representing the third generation of Knights Templar in his family, presented the 50-year buttons to Carl F. Arnold, Lucius H. Cheslro, Frank Oliverus and Earl Demsey. The wives of the 50-year members assisted in the ceremony.

"Sir Knight Arnold, one of the recipients, has been the Sentinel of Watsonville Commandery for 37 years."

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E. Eugene Gilchrist, Recorder, Marysville Commandery No. 7, directs attention to another 50-year presentation in California. The awards to Francis Bayott Kupser, P.C., and Emeral Hanford Stottlemeyer were made by Sir Knight Frank C. Holmes, E.G.W.



**Sir Knights Kupser,
Holmes and Stottlemeyer**

A third California ceremony was held in San Diego Commandery No. 25. Sir Knight Frank F. Jones, E.G. Sword Bearer, made the presentations to Leon Royden



Sir Knights Briggs, Jones, Burns

Briggs, of Providence, Rhode Island, who demitted to San Diego No. 25 in 1921, served as Commander in 1930, and as Recorder for 17 years; and to Thomas Edwards Burns, a sojourner from Blue Island, Illinois, as a courtesy to the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Knights Templar of the World have been in six (6) Crusades. Our seventh Crusade is BRINGING SIGHT TO THE BLIND. Send in your \$\$ now for a Life Sponsorship of the K.T. Eye Foundation. It will save you \$1.00 per year on your annual dues and help answer God's Command.

From Bulletin No. 3
Grand Commandery of Iowa

Goethe, the German poet and philosopher, and a great Mason, said that talent may develop in solitude, but character is created in society. It is the fruit of fellowship. Genius may shine aloof and alone, like a star, but goodness is social, and it takes God and two men to make a Brother. We are tied together, seeking that truth which none may learn for another, and none may learn alone.

California Freemason

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As of September 29, 1967

"IN THE DARKNESS THEY FOUND LIGHT"

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| Alaska | 31 | New York | 976 |
| Arizona | 170 | North Carolina | 310 |
| Arkansas | 195 | North Dakota | 42 |
| California | 1,165 | Ohio | 1,013 |
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| Delaware | 41 | Pennsylvania | 871 |
| District of Columbia | 327 | *Rhode Island | 151 |
| Florida | 538 | South Carolina | 80 |
| Georgia | 571 | South Dakota | 110 |
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| Idaho | 93 | Texas | 3,140 |
| Illinois | 423 | Utah | 126 |
| Indiana | 309 | Vermont | 97 |
| Iowa | 225 | Virginia | 609 |
| Kansas | 321 | Washington | 179 |
| Kentucky | 430 | West Virginia | 224 |
| Louisiana | 327 | Wisconsin | 477 |
| Maine | 137 | Wyoming | 62 |
| Maryland | 542 | Canal Zone | 51 |
| *Massachusetts | 1,007 | Germany | 12 |
| Michigan | 1,234 | Guam | 20 |
| Minnesota | 73 | Japan | 39 |
| Mississippi | 275 | Mexico | 4 |
| Missouri | 342 | Okinawa | 30 |
| Montana | 136 | Phillippines | 3 |
| Nebraska | 85 | Saudi Arabia | 118 |
| Nevada | 101 | Scotland | 2 |
| New Hampshire | 84 | Canada | 1 |
| New Jersey | 278 | | |
| (*Mass. & R. I.) | 1,158 | Total | 20,577 |

Case No. 11761

It may be a case number in the records of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, but to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Booker, it's a miracle; to Sir Knight R. F. Mainor, St. Omer Commandery No. 2, Georgia, and to Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, it's another rewarding result of Templar assistance.



Katrina Booker

The Bookers write, in part: "God has answered my prayers. I cannot thank you enough. May God bless you. It was just like a miracle. . . My baby's eyes are straight, just like other people's eyes now, and she looks so much better. I didn't think it could ever

happen to her, but it did. . . I am sending a snapshot of her to use in any way you see fit and to show all the people what wonderful work you are doing. . ."



Giving the appearance of a skipper on the bridge of his ship, a proud California Templar "shoots" his camera, instead of a sextant, at the Golden Triennial Parade spectacle in Detroit. At the same time a sideline photographer takes a picture of him and the music-makers on the parade float of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9.

One Hundred and Three Years Later— A Masonic Apron Comes Home



R. S. Sagar, Georgia correspondent, reports a vignette of history which was climaxed September 16 with a presentation ceremony in Atlanta.

The date is September 3, 1864. An unknown soldier in General Sherman's Union Army at Atlanta asks his sergeant, George Washington Nash, to identify an odd piece of painted fabric he has found. Sergeant (and Brother) Nash recognizes it as a Masonic apron and takes it into his own keeping.

In the course of time it passes to his son, Bro. Edgar A. Nash, then to his grandson, Bro. Geddes K. Nash, who is now in his middle seventies.

On September 16, 1967 Brother Nash and Mrs. Nash journeyed from Minneapolis to Atlanta at their own expense to return to Georgia the Masonic apron that had been "liberated" from the besieged city of Atlanta 103 years earlier.

Sir Knight Sager writes: "The history of its return to Lodge of Research No. 104 is the culmination of a surprising series of coincidences which space does not permit recounting in full. However, a fine paper has been written on the apron's history by Bro. Maurice I. Wolff, Minneapolis. Copies are available at 25¢ each from Lodge of Research No. 104, 2824 Norgate Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30032. To Brother Nash, who has relinquished a very valuable possession, and to Brother Wolff, who has written its enjoyable and interesting history, the Freemasons of Georgia extend their very real thanks."

The ceremony of returning the apron was incorporated September 16 when more than 500 Masons were present to witness a demonstration of the Virginia Master's Degree ritual by the famed "Virginia Craftsmen."

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

Shine On, Shine On, Harvest Moon!

As the Templar year nears its midway point (which, co-incidentally, occurs at Harvest time), I would like to brag about some of our members.

First—the elected Grand Officers of Pennsylvania. You know them because they are busy appearing all over the state, causing problems to disappear; helping, encouraging and working! There could never have been a Grand Commander who received more genuine support than the brand these men are giving me this year. The support is so noticeable that not one can be singled out.

This, I am sure, is reassuring to you, because these are the men who one day will lead this proud Grand Commandery. The Appointed Grand Officers, to a man, are behaving as if there is no other organization except Templary.

Just to refresh your memory, your elected Grand Officers are: G. Calvin Dyson (who will take over sooner than he thinks; this year is well on its way); Charles R. Eurich, who's inventing an eight day week; William D. Geesey, a young man of high ideals and the ability to accomplish; Ewart Roberts, our Welshman—and that says it all, for I've never met a Welshman who was

not full of fire and ability, and devotion to duty; Russel R. Robison, who just joined the group, and who will disappoint no one looking for qualified Masonic information, and who also will become a tower of strength as a Grand Commander.

The Appointed Grand Officers are so outstanding that I sincerely believe every one of them would perform with aplomb in any capacity, whether elected or appointed. If you need an enthusiastic assist in Templary, contact the one closest to you; you'll get what you went after.

Charles A. Garnes is behaving as if he's afraid this year may end some day. As my personal aide, I can say that Sir Knight Garnes is both complete and willing. Llewellyn W. Mills has to be the most energetic friend I have ever had. As a Templar, he also is complete. Edwin A. Julius—well, he has signed four petitions himself thus far this fall. He's an executive in the truest sense of the word. Just try him if you need Templar advice.

Harvey O. Nielsen, in addition to being the best looking of us all, supports Templary by day and by night. Harry Killen III is our "quiet one," until he gets involved

in a festival. Another true Templar. Next—Floyd C. Jones; only after appointing him Captain of the Guard did I learn that this muscle man was an ex-Marine officer. Appropriate! And, as for Templary, also complete!

Sir Knights, rally around these men. Your Commandery is fortunate to have the benefit of their services. You cannot ask them for advice or assistance that will not be immediately forthcoming. I, for one, am proud to be associated with each and every one of them.

Let this in no way detract from your Division Commanders. I'll call attention to them later. Suf-

fice it to say that in an area the size of Pennsylvania, in a Grand Commandery of 89 Commanderies, it would take a miracle to select just 17 men who would prove to be the right men for this difficult, demanding and sometimes thankless job. (Thankless? Actually, I'm thanking them consistently!) Well, God has been good. That miracle has occurred!

And now, as spokesman for these men for the moment, we hope YOU will assist our efforts to cause Knight Templary to retain the lustre that some forces would tarnish.

Harold E. Stokely
Grand Commander

Tunkhannock Hosts Gala Reception

The Division 11 conclave and reception honoring Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, Right Eminent Grand Commander, was held in Tunkhannock High School on Saturday, October 7th. The formal reception for the Grand Commander was held at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Division Commander Benjamin A. Franklin, Sayre. Following the reception a divisional dinner was served.

Four Commanderies are in Division 11: Northern Commandery at Towanda, Glenn T. Roberts, Commander; Temple Commandery of Tunkhannock, Stanley J. Davis, Commander; Wyoming Valley Commandery, Pittston, The Reverend Harry G. Russell, Commander; Dieu le Veut Commandery, Wilkes-Barre, Harry H. Ritts, Jr., Commander.

38th Praise Service

The Reverend and Sir Knight Jule Ayers, D.D., spoke at the 38th Sunrise Praise Service and breakfast of Dieu le Veut Commandery on Sunday, October 8th. The event was held at the Irem Country Club. Dr. Ayers' sermon was entitled "A Chosen Generation." The Reverend and Sir Knight Fred M. Eister read the responsive scripture and The Reverend and Sir Knight Edmund L. John conducted the memorial service. The program, under the direction of Commander Harry H. Ritts, Jr., included selections by the Malta Choir, directed by Thomas R. Jenkins and Edmund L. John, and several numbers by the Dieu le Veut Commandery's Brass Quartet.

Guests included Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

Ladies Night Highlight At Kingston

The York Rite of Freemasonry of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., held its Promotional Dinner and Ladies' Night at the Dorranceton Methodist Church, Kingston, on Friday Evening, September 29, 1967.



Principals and members of the arrangements committee are left to right: Seated, Mrs. Harvey O. Nielson, Guy S. Fenstermacher, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Fenstermacher; Robert M. Evans, Most Excellent Grand Scribe of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; David N. Schooley 33^o, Chancellor of Caldwell Consistory, A.A.S.R., ardent York Rite worker and the honored guest; Haydn P. Evans, past District Deputy Grand High Priest and Toastmaster; Mrs. Evans; and Brother and Rev. C. Harry Kohm, the speaker.

Second row: Harvey O. Nielsen, Eminent Grand Herald of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania and co-chairman; Mrs. Jesse T. Wilson; Mrs. Leonard R. Heverly; Leonard R. Heverly, Thrice Illustrious Master of Mt. Horeb Council of Royal and Select Masters; Aneurin Lloyd; Mrs. Aneurin Lloyd, President of the Ladies Auxilliary to Dieu Le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; Mrs. Harry H. Ritts, Jr.; Sir Knight and Rev. who gave the invocation and pronounced the benediction; and Mrs. Eister.

Third row: Peter G. George, Knight Templar Cross of Honor, special aide to the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania Templary and chairman; Jesse T. Wilson, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Paul L. Chapman, High Priest of Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter; Harry H. Ritts, Jr., Commander of Dieu Le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar; William D. Geesey, Eminent Grand Captain-general of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Peter G. George introduced honored guest, Sir Knight David N. Schooley, and outlined his activities in Freemasonry. Schooley responded by describing the services of the York Rite in the community and especially their sponsorship of Susquehanna Chapter, Order of De Molay. Rev. Mr. Kohm outlined the necessity of having a wishbone, a funnybone and a backbone to be successful in life as well as York Rite Masonry.

Thirty-five candidates and prospective candidates and their ladies were present.

Templars Shine at Freedoms Foundation

By the time you read this it will probably be well known throughout the Jurisdiction the dedication of the "George Washington at Prayer" statue at Freedoms Foundation on September 9th by R. W. Grand Master Deyoe was a complete success.

You may not know that the color escort of Templar (according to the Phila. Sunday Bulletin) was the highlight.

I want to extend a personal "thank you" to the 140 Sir Knights (many of whom traveled hundreds of miles) that carried the "colors," as well as all others contributing to the success of our showing. It was a real tribute to Templary.

Sir Knights, we did much to improve the image of Templary. Let us not fail to do as good a promotion "follow up," that we may share the teachings of Templary with many presently eligible, but still outside our ranks.

Again "THANKS A MILLION."

G. Calvin Dyson
Deputy Grand Commander



Good Public Relations is Hard To Get ??

In the space of several weeks more than a dozen examples of effective Templar publicity have been sent to the Grand Recorder's office from a variety of locations, each with a different approach. Several of these examples are noted in the following.

Earl B. Bauer, Wisconsin's Recorder, was quick to notice a reference to student financial aid in one of the letters printed in the Ione Quinby Griggs column of the Milwaukee Journal during the middle of August. Without delay he wrote a letter to the columnist explaining the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and enclosed a Division of Wisconsin leaflet on the subject.

While Earl was attending the Golden Triennial Conclave at Detroit, Mrs. Griggs devoted several hundred words in her column to the Educational Foundation. As a result, Earl returned to find some 60 loan applications waiting to be processed. It was helpful and valid publicity—and it brought results.

Step number two by Wisconsin's Grand Recorder showed additional ingenuity. When Earl wrote a letter of appreciation to the columnist for relaying the Knights Templar Educational Foundation information to her readers, he drew to the attention of Mrs. Griggs another Templar philanthropy, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. His letter was printed in full. Beneath it Mrs. Griggs wrote:

"I am happy to know there were such good results from your letter describing loans for students. I hope you will have equally good results in your wonderful program in preventing blindness. Those in-

terested can address requests for information to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin, 225 East Michigan Street, Room 239, Milwaukee, Wis. 53202."

There was more to the columnist's letter—all helpful to Templary as far as publicity is concerned, and all genuinely helpful to her readers as far as the information is concerned. It should be remembered that Sir Knight Bauer, after seizing upon this idea, did not take the easy approach by merely mailing a pamphlet. He wrote an excellent letter, a real credit to the ability and conviction of a Knight Templar. His second letter was equally well written. Both took time and thought, and both were productive.

Then, from Sir Knight James F. Raymond, California correspondent, came another good example of public relations—a four column picture from the Reporter of Vacaville, California, headlined "Knights Templar Honor KC at Dinner Affair." The accompanying story tells that Vacaville Commandery invited Knights of Columbus members to attend a dinner meeting, at which Past Grand Knight Mike Medeiros spoke on the origin and aims of the Knights of Columbus, and Sir Knight L. E. Spurgeon, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California, spoke on Knight Templary. The picture included the three ranking Knights of Columbus representations and Sir Knight Spurgeon, Frank Morris, Commander of Vacaville Commandery; and Lester Fox, community affairs chairman of Vacaville Commandery.



K.T. and K.C. in The Reporter, Vacaville

The Grand Commandery of Illinois, specifically, and the Grand Encampment, generally, received favorable publicity when The Lowell Tribune, Indiana, devoted a news column to the awarding of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor to Robert H. Kloss, P.C., Englewood Commandery No. 59, Illinois.

Sir Knight Kloss, formerly of Chicago and now residing in Lowell, received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award from Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E.G.M., at the Illinois Annual Conclave in Peoria. He was cited for his work on various committees of the Grand Commandery, as one of the founders and present secretary of the Board of Directors of the Knight Templar Home for the Aged-Infirm in Paxton, and for his active work with DeMolay. The full story of the award was impressively told in The Lowell Tribune.

Through the cooperation of The Des Moines Tribune of September 9, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation received highlight treatment for the paper's some 120,000 readers. Sir Knight Jerry

Marsongill, Iowa correspondent, reports:

"In the Saturday, September 9, state edition, The Des Moines Tribune, the largest of Iowa's newspapers, carried a feature story on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, its history and its objectives.

"The story, by-lined by Lillian McLaughlin, dealt with the aid which the foundation had given 19 month Mary Ella Kauzlarich of Des Moines in her fight against glaucoma.

"Since the Tribune is strictly a news organ, one which tries to stay away from news not of universal interest, it makes this story even more valuable to the Knights Templar, as the approximately 120,000 Tribune readers saw an article which is a departure from the organ's usual policy and was thereby more apt to be read by them.

"Jack K. Miller, chairman of the Grand Commandery's charitable activities committee and Eye Foundation representative in Iowa, has since his appointment worked tirelessly to tell the story of the Knights Templar Eye

Foundation to the public, attempting to reach all persons who may be in need of the services which the Eye Foundation can give them. Through the news media, advertising and many public appearances Miller is endeavoring to see that the general public is made Eye Foundation conscious. This feature stands as testimony to his efforts."

The next example comes from The Birmingham News, Alabama, of August 22. The story, as written by Anita Smith, News staff writer, follows:

"A guy by the name of A. Murray Weems of Birmingham is working today—and every day—to build the strength of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

"In an obscure corner of Walker County—somewhere near Oakman—Weems can find a little 8-year-old boy who's his No. 1 booster.

"THIS LITTLE boy is Thomas Neal Smith. Even at the age of 8, Neal knows about Knights Templar.

"Neal has only one eye with which to see his young world. When he was 2 years old, Neal was struck in the right eye with a stick.

"THE WOUND penetrated the cornea of the eye. It could not be saved. An artificial device replaced it.

"Then, in September of last year, a dart found its way into the other eye.

Mrs. Billy Smith had no money to pay for medical attention for her little boy.

"She says she 'begged' for help for Billy for four days, then brought him to Birmingham.

"AT THIS POINT, the Oakman mother began to learn what the word 'gratitude' really means.

"A Birmingham physician contacted Cyrene Commandary No. 10 of Knights Templar here. And Mrs. Smith had no more worries about who would pay for Neal's treatment.

"Last Sept. 23, Neal was admitted to a Birmingham hospital for eye surgery—successful.

"FOLLOWING surgery, the child could see with cataract glasses. When he is older, his vision can be improved much more with the use of a contact lens in the left eye, according to his physician.

"Mrs. Smith writes Weems (recorder for Knights Templar) in his Masonic Temple office and tells of Neal's progress: 'My child would have gone through life in darkness. But as it is, he is able to see, he can feed himself, play and ride bicycles like other children. . . I know he has a handicap with only one eye, but what would it have been without the other one?'"

The majority of newspapers and other news media will utilize Templar news and information if the material is intelligently presented, if it is worthwhile, if it has reader interest, or if it fits a particular format, i.e., a "family advice" column, a human interest category, or the news section itself.

The Scottish Rite, the Shrine and other Masonic or affiliated bodies are doing well with their public image and in enlarging their philanthropic scope through good use of public relations. Templary, which has so much to offer, should do even better.

“IN HIS NAME”

Curtis W. V. Junker †

These are the prayers and spiritual expression of The Reverend Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. Sir Knight Junker has been the Rector of Trinity Parish, Tulsa, Oklahoma, since 1958, ministering to 2,500 baptized members.

O God, who has given us the good news in thy Son Jesus Christ: So fill our hearts with thankfulness, that we may tell abroad the good tidings which we have received; through the same Jesus Christ our lord.

O Father of all mercies, forgive, we pray thee, our unbelief and so enlarge our vision and kindle our zeal that we may sincerely desire the salvation of all our people and the extension of thy Kingdom, for his sake who gave himself for the life of the world, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

O Lord God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to thee with the power of thy love. Teach us in nothing to be anxious; and when we have done what thou hast given us to do, help us, O God our Saviour, to leave the issue to thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and distrust. Lift our thoughts to thee, and make us to know that all things are possible to us, in and through thy Son our Redeemer.



Come, Holy Spirit, Come,
Come as the Fire and burn,
Come as the Wind and cleanse,
Convict, convert, consecrate,

Till I am wholly Thine.
Every day and every hour,
Father, I breathe in thy life giving power.
Power to love, power to be pure,
Power to be well, power to endure.

God, give me sympathy and sense,
And help me keep my courage high;
God, give me calm and confidence,
And—please—a twinkle in my eye.

To worship is

to quicken the conscience by the Holiness of God;
 to feed the mind with the Truth of God;
 to purge the imagination by the Beauty of God;
 to open the heart to the Love of God;
 to devote the will to the Purpose of God

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered; Accept our prayers on behalf of the souls of thy servants departed, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**IN
 MEMORY
 OF**

Harvey Carl Wellnitz
 Grand Generalissimo
 Wisconsin — 1961
 Born July 2, 1898
 Died August 28, 1967

Glenne R. McArthur
 Grand Commander
 South Dakota — 1943
 R. E. Department Commander
 1958-1961 and 1964-1967
 Born October 2, 1893
 Died October 5, 1967

Charles Merrill Allen
 Grand Commander
 South Dakota — 1966
 Born October 17, 1904
 Died October 17, 1967

PICTORIAL MEMORIES—50TH (GOLDEN) TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE



VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

Size Does Not Count Here, It Seems.



There are times when we, as Knights Templar, are apt to put the emphasis on wrong things, and too often, we are prone to give too much attention to the *size* of a Commandery, when it is, rather, leadership, enthusiasm and the activities of the Commandery, which merit our consideration.

A splendid example of leadership, devotion, activity and personal service, is portrayed in the record of Knightstown Commandery No. 9, at Knightstown, Indiana, a town of approximately 3,000. This active community has a splendid Commandery, not large, with a membership of only 160 members, but a real influence in the community, and active in every phase of Templary.

The records show that Knightstown Commandery has two Drill Teams, "A" and "B", and that these teams in the past ten years have compiled a formidable record of precision and brilliance. From 1957 through 1962, the "A" team placed second in the Indiana state conclaves in drill, while for the past five years, from 1963 through 1967, this team took first place in the drills. Following this record, for the four Triennials of the Grand Encampment, the Knightstown Drill Team placed

third, second, sixth, and this year, *first* in national competition in Class "A" drills.

This is a record for a small Commandery, but more than that, it has produced one who has served as Commander of his Commandery, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, Department Commander, as the distinguished former editor of the *Knight Templar* magazine who, at the 50th Triennial of the Grand Encampment at Detroit in 1967, was elected Grand Captain General, R. Em. Sir Knight Willard M. Avery.

As we think of these things, it makes us realize in a forceful way that size is not the answer to actual accomplishment, that the quality of leadership, the essence of enthusiasm and the desire to be of service, are what made a Commandery (or any other Masonic group) a leader in the community.

The leaders of Templary have been, and are emphasizing adequate, dedicated, colorful leadership. This comes on national, state and local levels, and must be imparted to the individual members of every individual Commandery. It goes back to the Methodist revival project, by which every individual made contact with one personal friend and gave inspiration by which to carry on the work. The smaller the Commandery, the better opportunity to work and plan together!

Nuptial "Arch of Steel" For Maryland Couple



Following the marriage ceremony at the wedding of Miss Bonnie K. Simons and Sir Knight Robert J. Graziosi at the Waverly Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, on September 16, an "Arch of Steel" honoring the couple was formed by members of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar of Baltimore. This is the first such honor paid to a nuptial couple in the State of Maryland, and permission was granted for this action by Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, when Most Eminent Grand Master.

When he was fourteen years of age, Sir Knight Graziosi joined Tuscan Chapter, Order of DeMolay of which he is a Past Master Councilor. He attained the honor of Chevalier and is a Past "Maryland State DeMolay of the Year" Currently he is an Advisor to Tuscan DeMolay Chapter.

An officer in Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar,

GRAND MASTER HONORED



With a handclasp and welcome from Major Hugh Edward May, National Sojourners, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., becomes an honorary member of National Sojourners in presentation made during the Golden Triennial Conclave at Detroit.

Sir Knight Graziosi became a Noble of Boumi Temple Shrine just after his twenty-first birthday.

Sir Knight Graziosi, is a Steward in the Methodist Church, a member of the Official Board; Institutional Representative to the Boy Scouts and Explorers, officer or member of other church-affiliated groups and is prominent in school and civic activity participation.

Having received his Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Marketing and Public Relations, Sir Knight Graziosi is at present employed as Field Representative with an insurance company.

Arkansas Knights Serve DeMolay

Rogers Commandery No. 24, Rogers, Arkansas, showed its interest in DeMolay when Sir Knights of the Commandery assisted in the installation of the officers of Bentonville Chapter, DeMolay recently.

Kenneth Johnson, P.G.C., correspondent for the Knight Templar Magazine, reports that the members of Rodgers Commandery have been very active in supporting DeMolay in northwest Arkansas over the past several years.



Front row: Sir Knight Don Craig, P.C.; Ernest Williams, P.C.; Noble Jones, P.G.C.; Emil Larson, P.C. Back row: Bill Anderson, S.C.; Danny Ford, M.C.; George Huber, J.C.

Department Commanders' Forum

Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, R.E.D.C., North Central Department, provides us with a letter from a newly-dubbed Sir Knight that carries an eloquent message for every Templar—and for every Christian Mason not yet a member of the Order.

“Dear Al:

I do not know how to express my appreciation for your taking me by the hand and leading me through the Council, Chapter and Commandery degrees. I must admit that I was amazed at the amount of ritual involved even in its short form.

Each step, if taken in early manhood, would I believe save a man from many of the mistakes we make in life. I sincerely regret that I was not exposed to these lessons shortly after my 21st birthday.

Again may I congratulate you, the officers who conducted me, and Evanston Commandery for this wonderful experience.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bill Mutter”

Note: The writer of the letter is Oriental Guide, Medinah Templar, Chicago.

I simply argue that the Cross be raised again at the center of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church . . . Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves . . . at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek . . . at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble . . . that is where He died. And that is what He died about. And that is where churchmen should be and what churchmen should be about.

—George MacLeod

Tribute To Glenne R. McArthur

John G. West, South Dakota Grand Commander, forwarded clippings from the October 6 The Daily Plainsman, which devoted considerable copy to the history of Glenne R. McArthur, P.D.C., who died October 6.

In part, the story recording his passing reads: "Glenne R. McArthur, 74, Huron utilities executive and prominent civic leader, died in St. John's Hospital Thursday morning. Death was attributed to a heart condition.

"At the time of his death McArthur was vice chairman of the board of directors of Northwestern Public Service Company, a position he has held since 1958.

"A resident of Huron since 1923, McArthur had been associated with NWPS since 1930, first serving four years as director of employment. He was elected to the utility company's board of directors in 1934.

"McArthur was born in Bradford Township, Wisconsin, October 2, 1893." The Newspaper recounts Sir Knight McArthur's career as a school and college teacher, as a civic leader, a World War I soldier. His masonic memberships and activities are listed, with special attention to his Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment responsibilities.

Survivors include his widow, Effie; one son, Robert, Grand Junction, Colorado; one daughter, Joan, Mrs. Paul Thomas, Glenview, Ill., and eight grandchildren.

Georgia On The List!

The reprint article in October's issue of the Knight Templar Magazine on the subject of Grand Masters and their origins failed to mention that Georgia furnished a Grand Master, writes Georgia's Grand Recorder, Sir Knight J. E. Moseley, P.G.C.

The 25th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was Sir Knight Joseph Kyle Orr, who served from 1919 to 1922. Sir Knight Orr, born in New York City in 1857, moved to Columbus, Georgia, in 1873. He founded the J. K. Orr Shoe Company in 1884, moving the firm to Atlanta in 1897, where it became one of the largest plants in the south.

Joseph Kyle Orr died in 1938. In addition to his leadership in Masonry and Templary, he was especially active in civic, educational and church projects.

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., present Grand Master—the 42nd man to head the Grand Encampment in its 151 years of existence, is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa and now lives in Nokomis, Florida.

REMINDER: Total per capita levy, for Grand Encampment General Fund and Triennial Conclave Expenses, is now 34¢—for the period of July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968. Effective with the period July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969, the per capita levy will be \$1.00. (From the Proceedings of the 50th Triennial Conclave, Detroit.)

WHAT THEY SAY . . .

It is my conviction that the most urgent problem facing Masonry and the Constituent Lodge today is not that of more members or increased attendance but rather that of competent and dedicated leadership. It is a fact that not all men are competent to lead a Masonic Lodge. Where this faces us as a fact it behooves us to help a Mason find that spot where he is competent to serve his Lodge and serve it with dignity and honor. No man should be elected Master merely to confer honor upon him. It is high time that we began to seek the Master and not for the Master to seek the honor. Unless and until we demand the highest qualities of character, of ability and of devotion to the principles of Masonry in every man who would be Master of his Lodge, we may expect the present trends of disinterest to continue.

G. M. New Hampshire
H. E. Kimball

masonry, and is a direct continuation of all Blue Lodge Masonic teachings.

Samuel L. Swysgood,
Publicity Chairman
(August newspaper release)

The very life blood of any organization is MEMBERSHIP. There is, however, no purpose to seek new members solely for their dues. As Knights Templar we offer more to a prospective candidate than most others.

First and foremost, no matter how good the product, it is impossible to market it unless those selling it are themselves enthusiastically "sold." Your MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE should be composed of devoted Sir Knights who live Templary and whose inspiration and verve will create a desire for others to join our Order.

G. Burton Long, P.G.C.
Grand Recorder (Mass. R.I.)

Recently, the York Rite Masonic Bodies of Albuquerque purchased the building, properties and land at 3400 Aztec NE from Sandia Mountain Lodge No. 72 AF & AM for the purpose of establishing a York Rite Masonic Temple in New Mexico. The Scottish Rite Masonic Temple is located in Santa Fe and is the only one of its kind in New Mexico. The York Rite and Scottish Rite confer the advanced degrees in Masonry upon the Blue Lodge Mason, which he must acquire before he is eligible to become a Noble in the Mystic Order of the Shrine. Of the two Rites, the York Rite is the oldest Rite in the history of Free-

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“A Fathers Prayer”

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; and who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee—and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men, one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, give him, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength. Then I, his Father, will dare to whisper, “I have not lived in vain.”

General Douglas MacArthur

Written in the Philippines during the early days of World War 2 in the Pacific.

FROM HAWAII VIA MASSACHUSETTS

G. Burton Long, P.G.C., Grand Recorder (Mass., R.I.), writes: "This is a most gratifying letter and makes us feel there is still hope for the future . . . To attain our goals." The letter, from Honolulu, Hawaii, follows:

“Knights Templar Educational
Foundation
Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is the final payment for my educational loan. I could not terminate contact without expressing a few words of gratitude for your assistance. Your organization is to be remembered by my wife and I for its timely aid, gentle patience, and understanding.

It has taken me a long time to complete my obligation, but with the aid of a postponement of payment I have been able, in the meantime, to continue my education. When my wife and I found it difficult to meet our monthly pay-

ments your organization was considerate enough to allow a postponement until we were established in the community. For this, and the courtesy extended when payments fell behind, I thank you.

In a system where monetary interests appear to dominate over personal relations it has been refreshing to uncover a group whose interest appears to be assisting others. Without your aid I would have been unable to finish my undergraduate work; without your further allowance I would have had a difficult time pursuing my graduate studies. I appear, then, to owe the Knights Templar Educational Foundation more than just a sum of money; I owe them, in good measure, a share in my academic attainments.

In closing, let me again thank the Masonic Temple for establishing the Educational Foundation, and the Knights Templar for a humanitarian approach in repayment procedures. For myself and the innumerable others that have been, and will be, assisted by the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, I thank you.”

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Sir Knight Leroy Gordon Cooper

Astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper became a Knight Templar four years ago in the "Astronaut York Rite Class" in Cocoa, Florida. Stephen Beach Dimond, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Florida, was general chairman. He also served as class director, as he did for the Gus Grissom Memorial State Class of 451 candidates October 14 of this year.

What was Sir Knight Cooper's reaction to the conferrals four years ago? Class Director Dimond says: "His participation in the Chamber of Reflection, to me, was impressively singular. Never have I seen a candidate so rapt, thoughtful, and finally pleased . . . You should hear him talk about 'orbiting;' his feeling of the nearness, the presence, the beauty of God."

The late Virgil I. Grissom was Knighted three years ago at Orlando, the same location as this year's Grissom Memorial Class. "Gordon and the late Gus Grissom," says Dimond, "are two of the finest men I have ever been privileged to meet. Knowing these two has been an inspiration."

Sir Knight Cooper was the Exemplar for all degrees and orders in the 1963 York Rite Class, as Sir Knight Grissom was a year later. In addition to this demanding activity, Cooper was asked constantly for his autograph. "Never did I see him refuse," writes Dimond, "never did I see him without a friendly smile. At the close of Class Day he was pensive. 'Today,' he said, 'I have learned much; now I am truly able to better understand Freemasonry.'"

Every Knight Templar everywhere can be proud of the bond of Christian Masonry that unites him to Leroy Gordon Cooper—a devout man who serves Templary, all Masonry, his country, his church and his fellowmen.

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