"Peace on the earth, good will to men."
IGNITION — STAGE TWO

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is a successful, established and generally recognized charitable project referred to more and more frequently as a Great Humanitarian Charity. Some 12,000 persons have been given the precious gift of sight in the past ten years. The Social Order of the Beauceant has contributed constantly and generously, also the Order of the Eastern Star, Shrine Temples and Masonic-allied organizations of all sorts, as well as a host of generous individuals. We have established, largely through the Life Sponsor program, a Permanent Fund of nearly a million dollars.

Yet, our great charitable project, joined in by all Knights Templar through their annual assessment, is also static at this time for lack of funds. To provide for new growth and the rising costs of hospitalization, to permit us to be a little more liberal in special cases and thus escape the irritation of hard rules, to permit us to bring more Commanderies into activity as benefactors of local individuals, a rise in the annual assessment was proposed at Detroit. It was defeated largely because many felt—as did your Grand Master—that it would be better to give our members the satisfaction of voluntary giving on a regular basis, over and above the small basic annual assessment, to give all Commanderies the purposeful activity of fund-raising for a worthy cause.

So, from need and to provide opportunity, we are establishing a coordinated appeal to all Templars for voluntary giving to let their Eye Foundation grow. Appropriate general orders will issue. Leaflet material and form letters will be made available. All Commanderies will be asked to forward accumulated contributions and the proceeds of activities to their Grand Commanders within the week after Ascension Day. There will be no quotas, as we want only what Knights Templar desire to give voluntarily. Naturally, recognition will be given to those who respond most generously.

In space language, we are igniting Stage 2 of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. How much thrust will be developed by this booster? How much larger will be our orbit? The answers must come from the general body of Knights Templar, but—we are confident!
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The cover reproduction is a traditional hymn of Christmas which Knights Templar have been singing since the verses were written one hundred twelve years ago, and which signifies Christmas to every age and Christian denomination.

DECEMBER DATES OF NOTE

3—Universal Bible Week
4—Illinois Sesquicentennial Statehood Celebration
5—Martin Van Buren’s Birthday
6—Memorial Day, Arkansas
7—Delaware Constitution Day
7—Pearl Harbor Day
8—Burt DuVall Pearson’s Birthday

9—John Temple Rice’s Birthday
10—Wyoming Day
15—Bill of Rights Day
17—Wright Brothers Day
21—New England Forefathers Day
22—Winter Begins
25—Christmas Day
27—Theodore Roosevelt’s Birthday
28—Woodrow Wilson’s Birthday
29—Andrew Johnson’s Birthday
BELOVED IN CHRIST:

May we—one and all—put first things first this Christmas 1967 and worship the Christ Child with heart and soul and voice. Let us make this the beginning of a new and more dedicated life by our full acceptance of the Babe of Bethlehem as Lord and Saviour.

In the disparity of our thinking and our behaving—which has shaken the pillars of our corporate living—it is good that Christmas comes to reclaim our life and our redeeming.

Yes, at Christmastide we take note of our many blessings—our creation and our preservation of all the manifold things which have been bestowed upon us which make us humbly grateful—of family and friends—of warmth and cheer—of hopes for a better New Year. It is good but not good enough.

Only will it be good enough when we reassemble in heart and mind at one place and one time, when the Angels sing and the Lord God of High Heaven proclaims the birth of the High Priest and King—Lord of Lords and Light of Life. At altar we gather together to give praise and adoration for the one single event in human history that binds us together as His frail family of humanity.
Wherever a church spire pierces the blue sky of daylight and communes with the stars at night—there is the symbol of peace on earth to men of good will. As we kneel or bow in our own regular place of worship it should be with thanksgiving and adoration unto Almighty God for the supreme gift of Himself to the whole world.

God grant that we may expose ourselves and our souls this Christmas to the divine alchemy of His Grace that we may walk worthily as His Soldiers and Servants.

With our blessing,

\[Signature\]

The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger:

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build; within this goodly land of our heritage.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who by sin have grieved his heart:

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the World made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one:

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words Christ himself hath taught us:

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.”

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.
Reflection Of A Knight Templar On Thanksgiving Day In Colombia

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a family-observance day. We asked Dr. Oliver S. Willham, Oklahoma, P.D.C., Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation, to give us his thoughts and feelings as he observed the holiday in Colombia, South America, where he remains on a Rockefeller Foundation project until December 8.

In the United States of America as summer gives way to autumn and Mother Nature starts to prepare parts of her plant and animal world for a long winter sleep, man takes advantage of her foresight and harvests her bounties for himself to enjoy during the long winter days. Ever since our forefathers observed that first Thanksgiving Day many years ago we have made it a national practice to offer up annually our thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. This we do just before we prepare to celebrate the Birthday of Our Blessed Savior on Christmas Day.

Man can only evaluate things by comparison. We cannot thoroughly appreciate all of our Blessings until we have an opportunity to compare them with the Blessings of people in other parts of our world. It has been my good fortune to be able to do this.

Thanksgiving Day in 1967 was spent in Colombia, one of our good neighbors in Latin America. The Colombian people are wonderful. They have plenty of ability along with a very clever sense of humor, They are working hard to develop the resources of their country and their progress is most encouraging. The vast majority of these people are devout Christians. As you travel through this scenic country you are impressed with their many beautiful cathedrals and roadside shrines. You will see many beautiful statues of Christ located in prominent places as on mountain tops. These people take their Christianity very seriously.

Colombia comprises 439,828 square miles of land located in the tropics, with a population of about 18,000,000. It is easy to live

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Mail Box

HIGHLIGHTS and SIDELIGHTS

From Wm. R. Robbins, South Central Department Commander, came a packet of clippings from the Chronicle-Herald of Macon, Missouri. The clippings—one a full page of pictures—told a fine story of the celebration of the 100th birthday of Emmanuel Commandery No. 7, the conferring of Orders on the Lloyd E. Poore class of 26 candidates, a gala street parade featuring Shrine units and other Masonic organizations, a banquet for 250 Knights and ladies, and a dance at the Macon Elks Club to climax the day's activities, with the Ararat Shrine Rockets providing the dance music. To all appearances it was a lively event in the South Central Department—with beneficial publicity.

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This is a record that could be outstanding in the annals of Templarism,” writes Em. Sir Knight Murton Taylor, Gr. Std. Bearer, St. Simone of Cyrene Preceptory No. 37, Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada.

“In 1897 Port Huron No. 7 K.T. Grand Commandery of Michigan, and St. Simone of Cyrene Preceptory No. 37 began exchanging visits on Easter Sunday and Ascension Day; Easter at Port Huron, Ascension Day in Sarnia. It has continued with only one exception—when both groups united to go to London, Ontario, to observe Ascension Day with Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory No. 4 of London on their 100th Anniversary.

“Sarnia Preceptory paraded several times during the 1920’s and 30’s as a separate unit of 21 or more Sir Knights at the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. The Sarnia unit was quite outstanding in their black plumes among the white plumed units of Michigan. It is hoped this fraternalism will continue in the years to come.”

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Sir Knight Jed F. Woolley, Jr., Grand Commander, reminds all Commanders of Constituent Commanderies in Utah, and all members of the Grand Commandery of Utah Subscription Committee to promote new and renewal subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine. In his November 21 letter, Sir Knight Woolley writes, “I earnestly request you to do all in your power to see that all of your officers and committee men are subscribers. Do not overlook the importance of keeping up the drive for additional subscriptions.”

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October's “spoon” story regarding Sir Knight Joseph C. Anderson’s souvenir has brought a response from P.G.C. Edward C. Pike, Vermont. Sir Knight Pike has a similar souvenir spoon, differing but slightly from the one illustrated in the October Knight Templar Magazine. Writing to Sir Knight Anderson from P.O. Box 774, Rutland, Vermont 05701, Sir Knight Pike says: “The wide publicity in regard to these spoons afforded by the Knight Templar Magazine will doubtless bring in some authentic information as to their origin. I would greatly appreciate your advising me of any pertinent information that comes your way.”

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A Templar Of Many Honors, General Bruce C. Clarke, Emphasizes One Of Templary’s Needs For Knight Templar Magazine Readers

The Christmas Season twenty-three years ago was completely different from the one now enjoyed by the distinguished Templar and soldier, General Bruce C. Clarke, Ret. In December 1944, this outstanding General rode the first tank of the 7th Armored Division to the rescue of the 106th Infantry in the Battle of the Bulge. Although Christmas 1944 must remain a lifelong memory for him, Sir Knight Clarke dislikes to write about himself or his exploits.

Instead, he gives Knights Templar the benefit of his observation and concern for Templary and all Masonry with his article, “Lead Time.”

“When it is desired to use or put on the market a new piece or model of equipment it often takes several years from concept to production. This is called ‘lead time.’

“For example, the new Army tank, recently put on display in Washington, was conceived about 1960. Since then it has been in planning, development and testing. It is not yet in production.

“As I sit at my desk writing this I look out the window at several acres of woodland near my home. These woods have been in being for a long time. In them are mature trees, seedlings, saplings and trees of in-between size. Probably the lead time from seedling to mature tree in these woods is from 40 to 60 years.

“This forest is healthy because the tree ages in it are in balance. It shields squirrels, provides a home for birds, helps cool the area in summer, breaks the wind in winter, provides a place for great blessing to us who live near it. It has in itself the means for continued existence. The mature trees drop seeds each year and provide shade and protection for the young trees to germinate, live and grow. Thus, the forest is perpetuated by this constant cycle of growth.

“Knight Templary, to be in a healthy condition for the future, in order that its benefits can be perpetuated, must emulate these woods. Its Commanderies also require lead time to grow.

“I am impressed that many Commanderies have many mature members but they do not have a balance of young and middle aged members coming along to provide a healthy organization and to insure their future.

“The Bible says: ‘as ye sow so shall ye reap;’ applied to Templary, as we attract the younger officers so shall we prosper. We can only do this by establishing National and Local programs and activities which attract more younger officers in order that we shall have a healthy and balanced spread of ages through our Commanderies.

“I urge all Commandery and higher echelon officers to work out attractive wide-spread programs and activities which will reverse the trend of membership. If we do this our growth and future are assured.”
Proficiency Festival—
A Unique Project In
Chehalis, Washington

The York Rite bodies of Chehalis, Washington, held their first annual York Rite Proficiency Festival in October in the Chehalis Masonic Temple. Winners of the 1967 awards were: Tacoma, Washington Chapter No. 4—perpetual trophy and Royal Arch plaque; Vancouver Council R&SM No. 10—Council proficiency plaque; St. Helens Commandery No. 12—Commandery proficiency plaque; Alpha Council No. 10—membership plaque for most candidates. The work was judged by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and the Grand Commander and their staffs. Judging was based on: 1—proficiency; 2—degree of candidate impression; 3—percent of actual members of Chapter, Council and Commandery participating in the work.

Grand Recorder Albert Jensen writes: “This festival is unique in that the degree work is judged and a perpetual trophy awarded to the Chapter, Council or Commandery demonstrating the greatest proficiency in their work. The

Reminder For Readers

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Grand Commander Gronley, High Priest Obert Skooge, and Ill. Grand Master Marlowe Jones.

1967 festival committee included: Richard L. Dawson, chairman; James Nisbet, Joe Daly and Charles E. Boughner. The committee hopes this festival will, through friendly competition, encourage degree work participation and membership in the York Rite.”

Walter J. Gronley, Grand Commander, presents Proficiency award to James Nisbet, Commander, St. Helens Commandery No. 12.

Sir Knight Bruce H. Hunt writes from Kirksville, Missouri, to relay advance information of a sectional conference of the General Grand Council R & SM International, a sectional meeting of General Grand Chapter, and a South Central conference of Grand Encampment—all to be held February 3, 1968 in Little Rock, Arkansas, with the Lafayette hotel as headquarters.

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Message From The Junior Past Grand Master

TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS, GREETINGS:

The 50th (Golden) Triennial of the Grand Encampment is now a matter of history. Those who arrived have something to remember for all the years to come. I am eternally grateful for the attendance of those who put aside their pressing business and came to riot-torn Detroit, August 19-24, 1967—at the time when Templary provided such a wholesome inspiration to the nation. It wasn’t easy for you to travel hundreds of miles and spend your valuable time and money, but you showed your personal loyalty and helped strengthen our great Christian Order of Knighthood. Your presence told the world that there is still a breed of men in America who esteem eternal values enough to stand up and be counted for law and order and righteousness.

No man can serve as Grand Master without being tremendously concerned about Templary’s future. My long experience and intense personal interest in Templary prompt me to make two important recommendations for your consideration during the coming three years before we meet in Denver, Colorado, in 1970:

1. The Triennial Grand Encampment Saturday Night Parade Should be Changed and Become a Sunday Parade to the Divine Service.

   (A) A Sunday parade would be directly related to our primary purpose as the Christian Order of Knighthood. It would focus attention upon Christianity and the Church as the central theme and objective of Templary;

   (B) A Sunday parade would give drill teams, and others who march, more time to reach the conclave city and organize for maximum participation. At present, the parade is thrust upon us only a few hours after we arrive in the conclave city;

   (C) A Sunday parade would save one whole day for drill teams which are now required to arrive and parade on Saturday and stay over for the competition drills on Monday;

   (D) A Sunday parade would draw a Sunday crowd of citizenry of the conclave city, instead of attracting only a few local people on Saturday night, with all its modern distractions to cut down attendance.

2. The Grand Encampment Conclave Should Become a Biennial Conclave Instead of a Triennial Conclave.

   (A) A Biennial Conclave would embrace only two years instead of three years of accumulated business. This would afford more time for relaxation, sight-seeing and cultivation of fraternal friendships during the Conclave. A Triennium is too long a gap, and it is impossible to give adequate consideration to the important and pressing conclave business which must be transacted within the few hours of available time;
(B) A Biennial Conclave would enable the Grand Encampment to provide more frequent stimulation of every phase of Templary. It would give an opportunity for the Grand Encampment to keep pace with rapidly changing problems in this modern age. Nearly every national fraternal or service group in America convenes every year, because of the dire necessity for more frequent national administration of its organizational relationship.

I have no right to expect that either of the foregoing recommendations will be automatically accepted. However, I respectfully submit them to you, three years in advance of the next Triennial Conclave, for your earnest consideration. I believe Templary needs to keep up with the times and we cannot afford to lose the opportunity to use our time and talents to best advantage.

Courteously and sincerely,

Wilbur M. Brucker
Past Grand Master

December 1, 1967.

The wedding of Rita Clare Gayle and John Lawton Crofts, Jr., son of the M.E. Grand Master and Mrs. John L. Crofts, Sr., was solemnized at Lake Charles, Louisiana, Saturday, November 4.

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker between his presiding duties at the 50th Triennial Conclave honors the memory of a great patriot and Mason with a wreath on the George Washington monument at the Mariners Church, Sunday, August 20, Detroit.
Mississippians Hold York Rite Class In Biloxi

Sir Knight T. R. Stewart, Recorder, directs attention to the fall York Rite Class at Biloxi and to the distinguished York Rite Masons present for the occasion. The class was dedicated to the Sentinel of The Coast Commandery No. 19, Sir Knight Norman W. Schauer, KYCH.

Row 1, seated: Louis Hengen, PGC; Lee R. Ward, TIM, Alexander Council No. 14, R&SM; Ernest C. Melvin, EC, Coast Commandery; E. B. Shearer, Grand King and pro-tem Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, RAM, Mississippi; Norman W. Schauer; Stuart Taylor, Grand Warder, Grand Commandery of Mississippi; J. D. Lewis, Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Council, R&SM, Mississippi; N. B. Saucier, Prelate; T. O. Gore, Grand Lecturer, York Rite Bodies of Mississippi. Uniformed Sir Knights in Row 2, left—L. C. Corbin, PGC, Grand Treasurer, Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi; right—Cecil A. Thorn, Grand Recorder, Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi. Row 3, right—George B. Moore, GCC, GC of R&SM, Mississippi.

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Slow Me Down

Slow me down, Lord, I am going too fast; I can't see my brother when he's walking past. I miss a lot of good things day by day; I don't know a blessing when it comes my way... Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk, With some of your angels. Slow me down to a walk.

(York Templar News, Columbus, (Ohio)
Retrospect and Prospect

By Sir Knight Walter A. DeLaMater P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

At the Triennial Conclave in Detroit, August 19-24, 1967, the Grand Encampment decided not to increase the Annual Assessment for Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., from one to two dollars. This was a great disappointment to the Executive Director of the Foundation and to members of the Board of Trustees, who believed that such an increase would be the surest and fairest method of raising a substantial portion of the increasing case load.

With surgeons' fees and hospital costs on the rise and with our Charity becoming better known and its services in greater demand, the Foundation's current level of income is inadequate. Without substantially increased revenue, it will not only be impossible to accept an increased number of applications for surgery and hospitalization, but unfortunately it may well become necessary to cut down the number that we can assist, to something less than that of the past.

We are pleased that the Permanent Endowment Fund has passed over the $800,000.00 mark. Through the continuing support of our members who become Life Sponsors, and with diligent effort to secure Patrons and Associate Patrons, we should reach the goal of at least $1,000,000.00 in the 1967-68 fiscal year. This is all to the good, for when this milestone is attained it will be possible to assure every Knight Templar that not one cent of his assessment is used for the administrative expenses of the Foundation, that everything he contributes goes to pay for research, surgery and hospitalization! Moreover, any earnings on the principal of this Fund, beyond those required to cover budgeted administrative expenses, will be available for our charitable work. The larger the Permanent Endowment Fund, therefore, the greater will be our resource to provide assistance to those in need.

The growth of the Permanent Endowment Fund must be accompanied, however, by greatly increased additions to the General Fund. Only from the latter can principal as well as interest be expended for assistance to the worthy. Every possible effort must be made to secure a maximum of Personal Contributions, Bequests, participation on the part of Contributing and Cooperating Divisions, Memorial Gifts, and Receipts from Events Sponsored by Commanderies. Only with this kind of support can our Great Humanitarian Charity be saved from virtual retreat and dwindling influence.

The call is most urgent to every member of the Order of the Temple. With deep concern, courage, enthusiasm and determination we must become resourceful enough to raise an amount that is at least equivalent to what an assessment of one dollar per member would have produced, if the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. is to do what it very clearly ought to be doing to continue to merit the appellation of ‘Great Humanitarian Charity.’ The challenge is within our reach. With your cooperation we will move forward to greater heights of accomplishment than ever before.
VROOMAN'S VIEWS
by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

Let's Keep the Perfume

There is an interesting legend told of the building of an ancient Mosque or Cathedral in Jerusalem early in the Ninth or Tenth Century, which has a lesson that all of us can emulate.

In the building of the structure, the workmen mixed with the mortar a pungent substance, gathered from the roots of native herbs, which, when so-mixed, gave off an aroma of beautiful sensory attraction, and filled the area with soothing and sensuous fragrance.

So skillfully was the herb mixed into the mortar that it permeated every nook and cranny of the building, and so powerful and well-blended was the mortar that, even after centuries of decay and desolation, the aroma still made itself vividly evident.

Two things can be brought to us from this simple legend—first, that good workmanship and true, wherever it is found, will always leave its evidence of thorough and painstaking care; second, that beauty, in any good thing, cannot be hid, but will continue to give pleasure and comfort to those in the vicinity.

Knights Templar are good men and true. Their profession of the best in life, and the practice of noble virtues need not be hidden, and the radiance of their lives and their works are, like the old Mosque, ever-present, and ever-comforting.

Masonic Presidents
Born This Month

Andrew Johnson
December
29
1808

Theodore Roosevelt
December
27
1858
The Word Became Flesh

The First Chapter of the Gospel according to John, 14th Verse, sets forth these words: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory, as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." In the First Chapter, 1st verse of the same book, John says: "That in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God." These words show John as a man of profound insight. He had realized that the Word of God had become flesh. Great prophecies of old had come true. For they had said a Messiah, a Saviour would come to free them. This Messiah was to be the Son of God. And, so the people had waited for many, many years, and nothing had happened.

Then suddenly one night, the Word had gone out—"A Saviour is Born."—Shepherds were told by the glorious angels, that a Babe was born and that they would find it wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Wise men heard of the events, and traveled from afar, to see the Christ Child. A great thing had happened and although it had not aroused the rest of the world, it would not be long before the very structure of the Pagan World would be cracked and crumbled by this Word made Flesh.

A new light had been given to this darkened world. Men had been looking for a great leader to lead them into a victorious battle against the Romans, but instead, God had sent a light to brighten the road ahead. Oh, my friends, this is what Christmas is all about. We are celebrating the most exciting thing to happen in all history—"Christ, A Saviour is Born!"

And yet, we must look around us, to our own world. We, too, need a light, but so many of us are so busy during the Christmas season, that we keep smothering this Light, until when the day actually arrives, it is all but gone. We have said, in essence, no, to a small Babe. We have told this child that there is no love or room in our hearts for Him. We have turned against Him.

On this Christmas we will be celebrating the Birth of Christ, the World becoming Flesh, and the emergence into this world of a Light to show us the Way out of our confusion into a bright new world with the Father.

Let us not forget the Christ Child this Christmas. Let us not turn our backs against Him and say that there is no room for Him in our hearts. My brethren, we cannot forget Christ, because He is our only hope. We must make a
real effort to give to this season, the real emphasis to the place where it belongs.

The greatness of the sacrifice of Christ appears in this thought of His coming into human life, as into a tent; and the greatness of His glory appears in His sending out light through every crack and seam. Coming to His life is like coming across a desert at midnight to find light streaming across the waste land from the hospitable lamps of a kindly tent. The Word became Flesh, and dwells among us now. So, if we look upon the Life, radiant with the grace and truth, from the standpoint of our human needs, it is as beautiful as the lighted tent of a hospitable shepherd to a wayfarer lost at midnight.

This Christmas, let us look upon the Christ Child, as so many have before us, and join with them, in our hearts, in this proud glorious acclamation—"BEHOLD, YOUR GOD!!"

Norman C. Young, B. D., M. Ed. Eminent Grand Prelate

The thirty-eighth Annual Sunrise Breakfast and Praise Service of Dieu Le Veut Commandery, Knights Templar was held at 6:30 A.M. on Sunday, October 8, at Irem Temple Country Club. Principals of the affair were, left to right, G. Calvin Dyson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Harold E. Stokely, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; Peter G. George, Recorder; Harry H. Ritts, Jr., Eminent Commander of Dieu Le Veut Commandery; Rev. and Sir Knight Jule Ayers, D.D.; Rev. and Sir Knight Fred M. Eister and Rev. and Sir Knight Edmund L. John.
Maybe It's Old Hat To You, But Check This List Just For Fun!

Thanks to Sir Knight Earl Edwards, P.C., Recorder, Mary Commandery No. 36, the “Crusader” supplement to the Knight Templar Magazine offers a glossary of Knight Templar terms circulated by this 98-year old Philadelphia Commandery to help its members verify or learn the terms which apply to Templary and a Commandery. Check over them and keep your own score.

Asylum: The place of meeting of a Commandery of Knights Templar.

Conclave: A meeting of Knights Templar.

Officers and their jewels:
(Officers elected by the Commandery)

1—Commander—The presiding officer in a Commandery. His jewel is a cross from which issue rays of light.

2—Generalissimo—The second officer in a Commandery. His jewel is a square, surmounted by a Paschal (pass’ cull) lamb. His station is at the right of the Commander.

3—Captain General—The third officer in a Commandery. His jewel is a level surmounted by a cock. His station is at the left of the Commander.

4—Treasurer—Crossed keys.

5—Recorder—Crossed quills.
The secretary in a Commandery.
(Officers appointed by the Commander)

6—Prelate—A triple triangle, are and sword of Justice.

7—Sr. Warden—A hollow square and sword of Justice.

8—Jr. Warden—Eagle and flaming sword.

9—Warder—A square plate inscribed with a trumpet & crossed swords.

10—Sentinel—A square plate inscribed with a sword.

11—Standard Bearer—A plumb surmounted by a banner.

12—Sword Bearer—A triangle with crossed swords.

13—First Guard—A square plate inscribed with battle-axe.

14—Second Guard—A square plate inscribed with battle-axe.

15—Third Guard—A square plate inscribed with battle-axe.

The jewels are suspended from a jewel hanger with Knight Templar (black & white) ribbon.

Malta Jewel: The jewel of Malta is a recognized Templar jewel. The Maltese Cross, worn by the Knights of Malta, has eight points which represent the eight be-attitudes.

Beaucant: The beaucant (bo-say-ahn) is the banner of the ancient Templars. The upper stripe of the banner is black, typifying terror to foes; the lower stripe is white, typifying fairness to friends. The Commandery name and the letters K.T. should be on
the upper stripe, and the Commandery location on the lower stripe.

Uniform:

Coat—There are two style coats. The "old style" frock coat resembles the Civil War officer's coat. The "new style" coat resembles the Navy Officer's coat of World War II. Either coat may be worn. The color must be black.

Trousers—The trousers are of the same material and color as the coat, not cuffed.

Chapeau—The white plume hat worn by Knights Templar. Commander and Past Commanders wear a gold color Passion Cross on the left side of the chapeau; other officers and Sir Knights wear silver.

Baldric—The baldric (baldrick) is the scarf passing from the right shoulder over the breast to the left hip. On the front center of the scarf is a metal star of nine points, in allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, enclosing the Passion Cross, surrounded by the Latin motto, "In hoc signo vinces." (in hoke signo win' case).

Sword and Scabbard—Swords and scabbards are a part of a Knight Templar's uniform, and are worn at the left hip. Commander and Past Commanders wear gold color, other officers and Sir Knights wear silver.

Belts—The "old style" coat requires a belt with chains to support the sword and scabbard. The "new coat" eliminates the need for the belt; a hanger attaches to the trouser belt to support sword and scabbard.

Fatigue coat—A double-breasted three-button black coat with a red Passion Cross on the left and right front collar.

Fatigue cap—A peaked-front cap with an embroidered Passion Cross edged in gold color for Commander and Past Commanders, silver for the other Sir Knights.

Shoulder straps—The color of shoulder straps of Commandery officers is green with the representation of the jewel of office thereon. Past Commanders' is red; a Passion Cross in silver.

Voting—An affirmative vote is given by extending the sword arm (right). A negative vote is given by extending the bridle arm (left).

Kneeling—A Sir Knight kneels on his left knee. With his left hand he holds his chapeau on his right shoulder, his right hand rests on his right knee.

Saluting—A Sir Knight on entering or retiring from the Asylum gives the Templar sign. The hand salute is given before addressing the Commander. Salutes are always acknowledged.

Prayer—The Apostle's Creed must be used in the opening of every Constituent Commandery. (G.C. 1925, 42, 225; G.C. 1936, 140.)

The Lord's Prayer is used at the closing of Mary Commandery. In the Prayer, the words "debts" and "debtors" are used.

Orders—The Orders in a Commandery are conferred, not performed or given.
Hermit Commandery Celebrates Centennial

Hermit Commandery No. 24, Lebanon, observed its 100th anniversary on Saturday, November 4th.

On the 8th day of May, 1867, an application was presented to R. E. Sir Robert Pitcairn, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a dispensation to establish a Commandery of Knights Templar in Lebanon and to be named Hermit Commandery. On the 16th day of May, 1867, the Grand Commander issued the dispensation and detailed DeMolay Commandery No. 9 of Reading, to institute the new Commandery.

Hermit Commandery is proud of the fact that two of the Charter members attained State and National honors. Eminent Sir J. P. S. Gobin had the proud distinction of having conferred upon him the highest honors that can be conferred upon a Knight Templar in this country, first that of Grand Commander of the State of Pennsylvania and later that of Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Eminent Sir Grant Weidman attained the distinction of serving as Grand Commander of Pennsylvania.

On the program, following the anniversary banquet, Sir Knight Franklin A. Spotts, Commander, introduced the Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Charles R. Eurich, who gave a talk stating that Knights Templar should take an active part in patriotic and civic affairs to further the tenets of Templary.

An Experience

Years ago, I joined
Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57—and
Made many good friends.
I attended regularly
And enjoyed the Conclaves.
But—times got rough
Everything was upside down
And like some others
I stayed away;
Lost all interest and
Became a dues payer,
I was grouchy and
Everything went wrong.
Recently, I attended
Some Wyoming Valley Commandery No. 57 functions,
Saw my old friends,
Enjoyed the ritual and fellowship,
Had a chat and a smoke,
And something to eat
And shed my cobwebs of despair.
Oh Boys! What a change!
Wyoming Valley Commandery No. 57 is still great;
It was all my error.
I’ve resolved to attend
All future Conclaves.
Look for me,
I’ll be there. Sure thing!
Your Commandery needs—YOU.

Fraternally yours,
Henry George Russell
Eminent Commander
Chester Wins World Championship

The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay announced November 10 that Chester Chapter has been named the World’s Best Chapter. The No. 1 ranking from among the 2,504 Chapters of the Order throughout the 50 United States, Canada, and 16 foreign countries, is conferred by the International Supreme Council upon the Chapter deemed to be the best all-round group in the DeMolay.

In making the announcement, George M. Saunders, the Grand Secretary, said, “This is certainly a notable distinction, and the Supreme Council is proud of your efforts.”

Saunders cited some of the accomplishments of the Chester Chapter which were taken into consideration by the Order’s governing body in making the decision. They include the following:

Membership:
- 86 new members initiated during the year 358.33% of membership quota made.
- Earned 2nd consecutive Gold Honor Key.
- Earned 2nd consecutive Advisor’s Honor Key.
- Earned 3 Grand Master’s Plaques.
- Membership plaque from Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.
- Earned 9 Blue and White Honor Keys.
- Supreme Council Blue and Gold Quota Ribbons.
- Net increase in membership of 48%.
- 8th place in world membership competition.

Ritual:
- 1st place, Initiatory Degree Competition.
- 1st place, DeMolay Degree Competition.
- Conferred work before 7 Masonic Bodies.
- Public Funeral Service.
- 2 Majority Services.
- 2 Public Installations of Officers.
- Public conferral of the Degree of Chevalier.

Activities:
- 1st place Visitations Competition (traveled over 200,000 miles through six States and the District of Columbia.)
- 1st place Representative DeMolay Competition.
- 1st Place Chapter of the Year (Pennsylvania).
- 2nd Place Chapter Newspapers Competition.
- 28 members completed the Leadership Correspondence Course.
- Established Drill Team and Chorus.
- Basketball and Softball Teams.
- 16 members attended Leadership Camp in Becket, Massachusetts.
- 1st Place, Essay Competition (Pennsylvania).
- 1st place, Oratorical Competition (Pennsylvania).
- 2nd Place, Oratorical Competition (International).
- Participated in dedication of George Washington Masonic Statue at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge.
- District Winner, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Pennsylvania Scholarship.
- Civic Service Projects for: Delco TB Center, Chester-Crozer and Taylor Hospitals, Salvation Army, Delco Blind Center.
Christmas 1967

How the clock keeps ticking on and on. How short the time since we were children, when Christmas meant only presents and festive occasions. This was probably the happiest time of the year for both child and parent. As Knights Templar, Masonry’s only purely Christian segment, Christmas 1967 presents an altogether different picture. Just as certainly as adversity begets advantage, we, as Masonic followers of Christ, find ourselves faced squarely with the challenge of carrying Christ’s strength to this troubled time.

We must remain strong in the Lord, to be able to wrestle successfully with principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. To become weak and ineffective would be dangerous to the cause of our Saviour, whose birth we so joyfully celebrate on Christmas day.

Sir Knights, to you and to your ladies and your children, I wish the most joyful of all Christmasses, and pray that your identification with the Order of the Temple, will cause your light to shine—all through the coming year—with such brilliance—that all men will see your good works and rally them to the cause of Christ, to which we are dedicated.

H.E.Stokely, R.E.G.C.

Grand Commandery Pays Honor To Jack Cottrell

Deputy Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson was the official spokesman October 25 for the presentation of a Past Department Commander’s Jewel to Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.G.C., who served the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. as Commander of the North Atlantic Department from 1964 to 1967.

The presentation was made at the stated conclave of Sir Knight Cottrell’s home Commandery, Ascension No. 97, Ardmore.

The personal letter of citation from Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, R.E.G.C., and signed by each of the line officers, follows:

"Dear Sir Knight Jack:

"The Elected Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylmania, YOUR Grand Commandery, wish to show their respect and gratitude to you for the tremendous effort you have expended for Templary during the past Triennium. You have carried Pennsylvania’s banner high.

"We wish, therefore, that you would accept this Past Department Commander’s Jewel as our expression of gratitude and affection.

"It is our strong desire that you will again represent us in the coming election at Denver. We sincerely believe that the Grand Encampment cannot afford to be without the wisdom and dedication you can supply and the matter will receive our most strenuous support three years hence, if, God willing, you will be our candidate.

"Wear the jewel with pride and in good health.”
When Winter Comes, Can Spring Be Far Behind?

Sir Knight Sam Verner, former Division Commander, whose accurate planning, keen execution and Knightly consideration have made a multitude of Masonic events successful, is serving as General Chairman for the 115th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Backed by a fine and experienced committee, Sir Knight Sam assures everyone that nothing will be left undone to make the annual conclave at Pittsburgh an enjoyable and outstanding climax to Grand Commander Stokely’s term of office. The following letter is addressed to all Pennsylvania Sir Knights and their ladies:

SIR KNIGHTS:

PLAN AHEAD! Here’s your chance to visit the new Pittsburg. Annual Conclave of the Grand The One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania will be held in Pittsburgh May 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1968, with headquarters in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

A sincere and cordial invitation is extended to all Sir Knights, their Ladies and families to participate with us on this happy occasion honoring our own Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, Right Eminent Grand Commander. While a schedule has not been finalized by the Committee, you may be assured that we will keep you entertained and busy during your stay in Pittsburgh.

I am very happy to be able to inform you that we have been successful in having Dr. Norman Vincent Peale arrange his busy schedule to speak to us at the Grand Commander’s Dinner on Monday evening May 27, 1968. As you know Dr. Peale is the Minister of the Marble Collegiate Church, 5th Avenue and 29th Street, West, New York City, and his presence in Pittsburgh will I am sure, attract many of his followers, and also add considerably to your visit with us.

Hotel reservation blanks, together with forms for the various planned activities will be forwarded to your Recorder shortly. Please make all reservations through your Recorder in order than we may properly be of assistance to each Sir Knight.

Looking forward to greeting you personally in Pittsburg.

Courteously and Sincerely,

Samuel H. Verner,
General Chairman

Program Idea For Auxiliaries:

The Auxiliary to Centennial Commandery No. 55, Coatesville, entertained the Visiting Nurses at last month’s meeting. An interesting program of slides was followed by refreshments.
Genesee Valley Off To Fast Triennial Start

This item is designed not only as a salute to Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Flint, Michigan, but also as a project suggestion for every Constituent Commandery in the Grand Encampment.

To promote and assure a large attendance at the 51st Triennial Conclave in Denver in 1970, Genesee Valley in Michigan has started a 30-month “Christmas Club” plan complete with coupon booklets for members, and even badges. Sir Knight John H. Loree, P.G.C., describes the project: “The plan works as any Christmas Club, with minor exceptions. It will run for 30 months. When the idea was presented at the Drill Awards Dinner, several joined the club on the spot. Currently, we have 27 enrolled.

“We obtained the help of a retired Sir Knight who serves as collector and banker. He collects $10.00 per book each month and deposits it in a savings account. Anyone may withdraw at any time, but, in so doing, receives back only what he pays in. Interest of the account at maturity will be distributed to those participating in the plan.”

At any rate, each subscriber will have $300.00-plus toward his or her Triennial trip in 1970. The badge or button is worn by each enrolled member at all Conclaves and special events. Sir Knight Loree says, “It looks like the plan will really work to good advantage.”

School Bells Ring For Templar Leaders

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M. E. Grand Master, returns to school the week of December 11 to acquire additional data processing information in preparation for the compilation of the 385,000 Knight Templar membership list in the central office of the Grand Encampment at Chicago. The Grand Recorder and his staff will utilize the lists for expanded Templar communications—including the every-member distribution of the Knight Templar Magazine in July 1969.

The Grand Master’s classmate for the weeklong sessions at Endicott, New York, will be Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, R. E. Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, preceded the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to school, having attended the Endicott classes the week of November 13.
August Triennial Memories — —

For A Happy Group . . .

A Recess Bound Twosome . . .

For East Chester, New York . . .

And The Ladies From Long Beach
Illinois Centennials

Wm. G. Mateer, Public Relations chairman, Grand Commandery of Illinois, reports on Illinois Centennial Observances and comments on Masonic Unity.

During October 1867, the then comparatively new Grand Commandery of Illinois granted charters to six Commanderies of Illinois, i.e., Aurora No. 22; Cyrene No. 23 at Centralia; De Molay No. 24 at Bloomington; Calvary No. 25 at Woodstock; St. John No. 26 at Peru and Palestine No. 27 at Paris.

At this writing three of these Commanderies—Numbers 23, 24, 26, have celebrated their anniversaries with more than great successes, some in connection with annual inspections. The others will follow with similar pageantry and color.

One of the most encouraging aspects of these celebrations has been the active participation of all Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Scottish Rite, Shrine, K.Y.C.H., Master Masons and friends. What a thrill at a Templar celebration to hear from these great Masonic organizations.

R. E. Grand Commander Andrew E. Barton has said, “An Order that has kept pace with and met the challenges of a changing world for a century must have within its tenets that which will assure its continuance to the end of time, and looking forward to a new Century let us pledge ourselves again before the altar of Christian Templary and preserve the knowledge of all that is encompassed within the GREAT BOOK.”

Arthur J. Peterson
MC’S Anniversary

Three hundred attended the 75th Anniversary banquet program of Minneapolis Mounted Commandery No. 23, October 31, with P.G.M. Arthur J. Peterson as master of ceremonies. Leroy W. Allan, Eminent Commander, introduced the Minneapolis Mounted Commandery officers, and Sir Knight Peterson presented Leonard G. Mathisen and William W. Kuiper, who recalled their sponsorship of the charter of Minneapolis Mounted Commandery.

Other special guests were introduced. Fifty year certificates were presented to George C. Jones, William C. Spafford and Arthur S. Swanstrom, and to five others unable to be present.

The Dixie Templar Band, one of the many units of the Commandery, presented special entertainment. Sir Knight James Joyce, Grand Recorder, says, “A delightful evening. A truly successful event was closed with ‘Till We Meet Again.’”

We have expressed our opinion many times that a Unified Masonry is important to our survival. This unity has been evident in these centennial celebrations. Our thanks to all who planned, helped and participate in these Illinois occasions. I would like to mention names but space will not permit; with appreciation we salute all.
Support the Flag—A Literal Demonstration

Members of the L. L. Lockhard DeMolay Chapter, Danville, Illinois, demonstrate one form of support for the flag of our country as they parade at Peoria for the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. The flag, one of the largest in the State, measures 16 feet by 36 feet. Each star is one foot in diameter.

"Packed To The Walls!"

York Rite family night, staged by Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Signet Chapter No. 67 and Los Angeles Council No. 11 was a "giant" success, according to P. C. Frank A. Amis. The million dollar band of Los Angeles No. 9, directed by Sir Knight Hugh McNutt, entertained after the banquet, and the Chairman of the evening, Sir Knight Lloyd Woolever, introduced an array of vaudeville acts. Frank Shultz, John Nocas and Bruce L. Lambertson respectively head the three bodies—Commandery, Chapter and Council.

"It has all the earmarks of being a winner," says Sir Knight Amis, "if the first response is any indication of its value."

Frank D. Hensel Keeps On Keeping On And On

Sir Knight Frank D. Hensel, of the El Pasco (Texas) Commandery No. 18 Committees on Public Relations and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, started an intensive campaign for Life Sponsors just three years ago, when El Paso Commandery had a total of two—one of whom was Past Grand Master John Temple Rice. Today, by dint of frequent correspondence, the total is 90.

Frank feels this is just a start. Says he, "I'm enjoying every minute and am happy to have been afforded this opportunity to help in this great Christian Charity."
O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech the, O Father, to raise us from death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you the beginning of the world. Grant, this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

IN MEMORY

OF

Frank Crockett Lewis
Grand Commander
Nevada—1949
Born April 23, 1890
Died October 8, 1967

J. Seton Gray
Grand Commander
Wisconsin—1941
Born June 17, 1884
Died October 17, 1967

George B. Russell
Grand Commander
Nevada—1938
Born January 25, 1878
Died October 18, 1967

Charles W. Tedrow
Grand Commander
Oklahoma—1924
Born May 14, 1872
Died October 24, 1967

James Clifford Smith
Grand Commander
Michigan—1945
Born October 18, 1887
Died November 14, 1967
in a tropical country so long as the population pressure is not too great. Over one half of the people on our earth live between the Tropics of Cancer and Capicorn.

Colombia is blessed with many different climates which are the results of change in altitude rather than latitude. Life is much more pleasant in the highlands than in the low, hot, humid areas. The Colombians have done what any other people would do, they have developed their more desirable areas first. They are now faced with the serious problem of developing their less desirable land. For all they know it may be more productive than the land being used presently.

The people in Colombia like in other parts of the world are flocking to the cities which are already over crowded. They have many unemployed people already in these centers. Here, or in our own country, poverty pockets are developing rapidly. This nation does not have the financial resources to combat these poverty areas. Colombia has some of the best farming in the world in their Cauca River Valley. They also have large areas where the farming is as primitive as you will find anywhere in the world. Their population is increasing at a very rapid rate and their agricultural and socio-economic problems are critical.

They have great confidence that if they educate their young people properly they can solve those pressing problems. This I am confident they can do. They are making some progress. We who have dedicated our lives to the profession of Education cannot let this project fail. It is for this reason that I am in Colombia under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation to try and help them solve their problems through education.

The Rockefeller Foundation, along with many local, national and international organizations, has done a great job reducing infant mortality and increasing the average life span of the people. This great work, however, has multiplied the serious problem caused by Population Pressure. For many years Colombia was a food exporting nation but it is now on the verge of having to import food. There are too many countries like this in the vast tropical areas of the world. It is in the tropics that we find most of the undeveloped agricultural areas of the world. These areas are going to have to be developed very rapidly if mass starvation is to be avoided in many parts of southern and eastern Asia. The world is too small today for an island of plenty to exist for very long in a sea of want. We in our land of abundance have a real responsibility resting on our shoulders.

In tropical countries like Colombia food crops are harvested throughout the year instead of one season. The bounty of Mother Nature is not brought so closely into focus here as it is in our homeland. As I casually observe Thanksgiving Day in this interesting country I can not but think of how much more extensive our Blessings are at home when they are measured in terms of things that makes life easier for human beings. As I observe these good people, however, I am inclined to believe that they are more thankful for their blessings they receive than we are for our many, many more blessings.
Some who have never visited these tropical lands are inclined to say: "If those people would only work hard and save they could develop their resources as we have developed ours." This may be true, but to a very small extent. It didn't take me very long to realize that the people in the lower economic levels in these countries work much harder than I ever had to work on that cotton farm in Southern Oklahoma. The socio-economic problems we encounter in the tropics are very complex and the world has just started to study them. Time is of an essence if we are to avoid mass human suffering.

As I spend a quiet Thanksgiving Day in this wonderful country which has been so abundantly blessed by God in the Creation I want to redouble my efforts to try and help these people solve some of their pressing problems, so that they can develop for themselves an affluent society that will give them many more blessings for which they can be thankful each year. Each day as I go about my work I see so many, many places where I could and should put into practice those Christian Virtues I learned about the Christian Altar in Templary.

As I meditate and offer thanks to my Maker for the many, many blessings He has bestowed upon me and upon my native land, I can not help but be bothered at some of the things that are happening in my home land. Why should we have so many people in our country who seem to be interested in tearing down the society that has helped them to be recipients of so many blessings? We must not forget the great heritage we have. We all know that social reforms and social revolu-

tions have rocked the world in times of old. It is my prayer that we all get back of our great government we inherited from our forefathers and help it solve some of these long neglected social problems without violence and bloodshed. The entire world is being severely tested as it adjusts to this technological age.

In beautiful Colombia on this significant Thanksgiving Day in 1967 I am so thankful to be a Christian and to be also a member of that great Christian Order of Templary. I am so thankful for that pathway that leads from the lowest round on the economic ladder to the upper round on the same ladder even though I have never reached the top. I pause to ask my God to help us keep the brush trimmed from this pathway in order that my successors can climb it. I am thankful for the great heritage that was handed to us by our far thinking forefathers and implore my Creator that He help us preserve it and adapt it successfully to this technological age.

After offering thanks for our many, many Blessings I conclude by asking my Creator to give us all the Health, Strength, Wisdom and Knowledge to help the peoples in all parts of the world to develop their resources both natural and human so that everyone can enjoy the abundance that Mother Nature will give us if we only know how to cooperate with Her.

Grand Commander Harold E. Stokely, Pennsylvania, notes—as of November 1—the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania had 176 deaths since June 1 and petitions of 358.
(Mailbox—Continued from page 7)

Mary Commandery No. 36
Philadelphia, celebrated its 98th Anniversary by being host to Sir Knights from Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Washington, D. C. On Thursday, October 12, a representative number of Sir Knights of Mary Commandery met "The Patriot" arriving from the Capital at 4:00 P.M., at the 30th Street Station. The dignitaries from Columbia Commandery included:

S.K. Eston E. Burge—R.E.G.C.
S.K. Paul E. Shaffer—Eminent Commander
S.K. Herbert H. Wright—Generalissimo
S.K. Eli J. Oakley—Captain-General
S.K. Jacob K. Geaphart—P.C.
S.K. Clyde E. Dofflemyer—P.C.
S.K. Louis E. Gelbrick—P.C.
S.K. Carl C. Powell—P.C.
S.K. C. Eugene Barnes—P.C.
S.K. Ernest C. Barker—P.C.
S.K. Alexander S. Fenwick—Sentinel
S.K. James E. Palmer—Speaker

"After warm greetings, the party taxied to the Union League where we joined with other Sir Knights who had not gone to the station. Meeting with old and new friends was most gratifying. Sir Knight Ralph W. Welsh, P.C., did a remarkable job in handling the arrangements. The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was well represented, too.

"The conclave opened at 7:00 P.M. The customary honors were paid to the attending dignitaries. Sir Knight Robert A. Detweiler, P.C., Adjutant, is to be commended on his excellent handling of the Escort. The conclave closed at 8:00 P.M., and the Sir Knights retired to the Gothic Banquet Hall where we were served a delicious dinner. After a few remarks by our guests, we were treated to a most informative, interesting and challenging address by Sir Knight James E. Palmer a member of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, who was our main speaker. This anniversary will be long remembered."

From "The Cross and Crown" Mary Commandery No. 36, Philadelphia.

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Several letters in the mail ask how subscribers to the Knight Templar Magazine are expected to know when their subscriptions expire. This information is just to the right of your name and address on the magazines you receive in the mail from the printer. The month and the year of expiration are noted on each address plate. If, for example, you see FEB. 68 to the right of your name and above your zip code number, you know that your subscription ends with the issue of February 1968. To keep the Knight Templar issues coming, count the months between the expiration date and July 1969, which, in this case, would be 16 months, then send your subscription card or letter and your check for $1.60 to the Knight Templar Magazine, Box 477, Greenfield, Indiana 46140. Indicate whether yours is a new or renewal subscription, then sit back and wait for the official publication of the Grand Encampment to reach you each month without interruption. The rate is 10c a month.

Grand Sword Bearer Brinkley B. Brown, Colorado, lauds Sir Knight Harry M. Pride, Colorado
Grand Generalissimo, for the progress made in Eye Sponsors in the jurisdiction. He also says Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle, R.E. Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment, who spoke at Colorado’s Past Commanders Association banquet, “speaks from the heart.” Says Sir Knight Brown.

“I wish every Sir Knight and lady in America could hear Sir Knight Riegle speak on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.”

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Dear Sir: “Old soldiers never die, they just fade away; not so with Past Commanders—they just keep on keeping on. At our last Stated Conclave Mr. Ringle, from the C. E. Ward Co., was present for the purpose of measuring some Sir Knights for the new lapel coats. A line was formed and in that line stood Reece P. Clark, Commander of Northwestern No. 25 in 1936, and is in his 92nd year. Sure enough, Reece bought a new coat with this remark, ‘I have worn the old one out and it does not fit me as it should. It is about time I had a new outfit.’

“This spirit augurs well for Templary.”

Yours respectfully,

C. B. Jelbart,
Meadville, Pennsylvania

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John Black Vrooman writes about the 100th Anniversary of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 5. Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell gave the principal address before a banquet group of 250. Sir Knight William H. Goedeke, Commander in 1930, was master of ceremonies. Distinguished guests and participants included Grand Commander James H. Cockerham, Sir Knight George L. Matthews, Ivanhoe’s Commander; Sir Knight Adolph F. Simon, Ivanhoe Prelate; Sir Knight and Reverend Z. Willard Gunckel, Prelate, Grand Commandery of Missouri.

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Grand Commander E. Leslie Webb, Jr. Tennessee, writes: “We are working hard to promote the magazine. I have plugged it in my address before each of the 28 Commandiers as I have visited them for their inspections. Last week I wrote a letter similar to that of Grand Commander Thorne, Oklahoma.”

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In the “Grand Commandery News Bulletin” of November 1, Grand Recorder Charles K. A. McGaughey offers a second reminder to Commanderies of Kentucky to prepare for a forthcoming compilation of membership records for the Knight Templar Magazine every-member mailing project. “To the Recorders in Kentucky,” he writes, “this should be no problem if your records are in order, and it seems to me that all you would have to do is to take the name and current mailing address from your ledger sheets. If you do not have such a list complete with mailing address, then I would suggest that you begin your compilation now, for within the next two to three months I am sure that it will be called for, at least from this office”

There is more, but to all Recorders Sir Knight McGaughey’s reminder carries the message that it’s time to think about the compilation process and to get records in order. The forms to be used are not yet designed, pending completion of present studies and indoctrination in the Grand Encampment office in Chicago.
Recollections Of A Golden Triennial Conclave Highlight

Sir Knight Hale A. Clark, Editor of The Beauseant, Detroit, Recalls the Grand Master’s Banquet at the Triennial Conclave.

A highlight of the Triennial Conclave was the Grand Master’s Banquet held in Cobo Hall on the evening of Wednesday, August 23—with some 2,800 in attendance.

The Banquet Hall was elaborately decorated with Cross and Crown emblems. The tiered head table was elaborately decorated. The 100 distinguished guests were announced by Sir Knight James K. Lontz, of Station WJR, as they entered at rear-center.

The excellent banquet disposed of, Sir Knight Edward S. Piggins, P.G.C., took over as Toastmaster. A half hour of entertainment under the direction of Nipp Nelson followed—the enjoyable vocalizing of Maria Roumell, closing with the entertaining performance of the Harmonicats.

Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamar made the presentation of the Past Grand Master’s Jewel to Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, observing that “presenting this jewel is like handing a man his hat with ‘what’s your hurry’. Welcome to our ranks—I have trailed behind you for three years, but now you trail behind me.”

Now came to the rostrum the Reverend Harvey C. Hahn, a Knight Templar, Pastor of Otterbein Church of Dayton—and of the General Motors Speaking Staff—to address the meeting on “Patterns For Living.”

Said he, “We are pleased with our pattern for living and our way of life—but something is happening to the pattern. We are letting too many other people do things for us that we should be doing for ourselves. Emergencies such as the Depression and World War II arose and required aid from the government. But, we should expect to resume the taking care of ourselves after the emergency is over.

“That there is still much virtue in us was evident in the nationwide reaction to the death of President Kennedy. Our grandparents had it and that heritage is still with us if we will but keep it. We make much to do over the developing of the Great Society. Our efforts should be to preserve the greatest society ever known in history.”

Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker now comes to the roster. He is presented with a charcoal sketch of a forthcoming oil painting of himself which is to be presented to him by Detroit Commandery No. 1.

The artist of the oil painting is Sir Knight Jose J. Calvillo, famed for his work in the portraiture field.

Sir Knight Brucker points out that Templary has stood for an ideal for more than 150 years; that in the long run the solution of problems is based on adherence to moral principles; that every hamlet in the nation needs to set up discipline of law and order; that in choosing men who are to administer civic, state and federal affairs, search should be for those who will uphold basic moral principles; and that avoidance should be of those “jewel bearers” seeking fame for themselves.

The evening closed with the benediction at 11:00 P.M.
Unity Through Understanding

G. Wilbur Bell, D.G.M., Speaks at Knights Templar-Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Joint Dinner Meeting

"Unity through Understanding" is the caption used by the October "Masonic Tidings," Milwaukee, to describe the October 25th joint dinner meeting of the Milwaukee County Past Commanders Association, representing the five Commanderies of the Knights Templar, and the Bishop Henni Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Milwaukee. G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Encampment's Deputy Grand Master, spoke on Templary.

This was a first for each organization here. The Knights Templar have five Commanderies in the Milwaukee area representing a membership of approximately 1400. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus covers the greater Milwaukee area and has a membership of approximately 580.

A distinguished York Rite trio takes time out for a picture. C. Ellwood Smyrk, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, R & S Masters; Sprague H. Carter, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, take a breather while a photographer takes their picture at the fall Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.

Westchester Commandery No. 2, New York celebrated its 100th Anniversary in October. Shown with the Centennial class of candidates are seated: Hans Reichle, team captain and Commander for the Order of the Temple: Oliver C. Chase, Zone Commander and coach; Sidney C. Friar, G.S.W.; Neil R. Baker, R.E.G.C.; Alois Kral, Commander; Frank G. Frankham, Membership Chairman. Standing with the candidates—Andrew A. Sargis, P.C., Prelate.
Department Commanders' Forum

In a bulletin to the R. E. Grand Commanders of the Grand Encampment’s Southeastern Department, Department Commander C. Wallace Jackson writes: “Sir Knight W. L. Holland, R. E. Grand Commander of Mississippi, has contacted his Constituent Commanderies, urging them to secure more magazine subscriptions during this transition period. He assigns quotas of new subscriptions to each of the 27 Commanderies in Mississippi which, when attained, will raise the number of subscribers in that state by 10%.”

Sir Knight Jackson was the first Department Commander to hold a Department Conference this year. The Southern leaders met September 30 in Columbia, South Carolina. Sir Knight Frank L. Bourke, R. E. Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department, presided over a Department Conference October 27-28 at New York City. The third to be held was called to order by Department Commander Harold S. Gorman at Las Vegas November 3 for the Grand Commandery officers of the South Pacific Department. Sir Knight William R. Robbins will have a Conference of the South Central Department in February. Department Commander Sager has called one for March 9.

Grand Master Crofts cleared his schedule to attend and participate in the Southeastern and North Atlantic Conferences, where he was joined by Sir Knight Paul Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder. He was represented at the South Pacific Conference by Deputy Grand Master Bell (who also participated in the North Atlantic Conference), and Grand Recorder Rodenhauser. Conferences have a two-fold purpose—to discuss, evaluate and solve organizational problems, and to correlate Templar information throughout the Grand Encampment jurisdiction.

Through airmail correspondence dozens of phone calls, and the cooperation of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Germany, Department Commander Alvin L. Crump was successful in having the Chapter and Council degrees, and the Orders of Knight Templar conferred upon a member of the Armed Forces, Major Donald R. Kann, in time for him to welcome, as a fellow Knight Templar, the contingent of officers and members of Medinah Temple, Chicago, when they flew to Heidelberg October 7 to hold a special ceremonial.

Carl J. Baesemann, R. E. Department Commander for the North Pacific Department, already is hard at work planning and arranging for the 51st Triennial Conclave in Denver in 1970. He has suggested a unique series of historical vignettes for projected use in the issues of the Knight Templar Magazine during 1968. Watch for them. You’ll find them interesting.

R. E. Department Commander (East Central) Abner C. Sager, assisted by Past Department Commander Virgil F. Kent as Marshall, installed the newly elected officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio October 9 at Akron.
“O Come Let us Adore Him!”

For eight Christmastides those young and old coming to the Creche at Trinity Church have found there “The Presentation of Christ in The Temple”, a Madonna and Christ Child which once stood in old Coventry’s Cathedral. This gift of the Pastor, in honor of his Knight Templar clergyman father, is one of the works of the famous British sculptress Josephina de Vasconcellos. Others are in Chapels Royal and in St. Paul’s Cathedral adjacent to the American Chapel. Each year she does the outdoor Holy Family Creche scene placed at the base of the ninety foot Norwegian pine Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square for all of London to appreciate.

The Rev. Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, D. D.
R. E. Grand Prelate

We commend the ancient Bidding Prayer on page five. This traditionally opens the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols again used in more and more Cathedrals, Chapels, Churches and, perhaps one day, Commanderies. Last year, with the Church packed on a Friday afternoon, an English school Chaplain offered this bidding; and then lessons interspersed by carols were read, first by a Jewish student, Genesis 3; then an Acolyte, Genesis 22; a girl Chorister, Isaiah 9; a businessman, Isaiah 11; a physician, Luke 1; a faculty member, Matthew 1; a lawyer, Luke 2; and the Mayor, Matthew 2; with the Prelate reading the final lesson, John 1 — the whole congregation standing for this Gospel reading. Following “O come, all ye faithful” and the Collect for Christmas Day, the blessing heard was: “May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.”
A Song of Christmas

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel-sounds
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,—
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall all come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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