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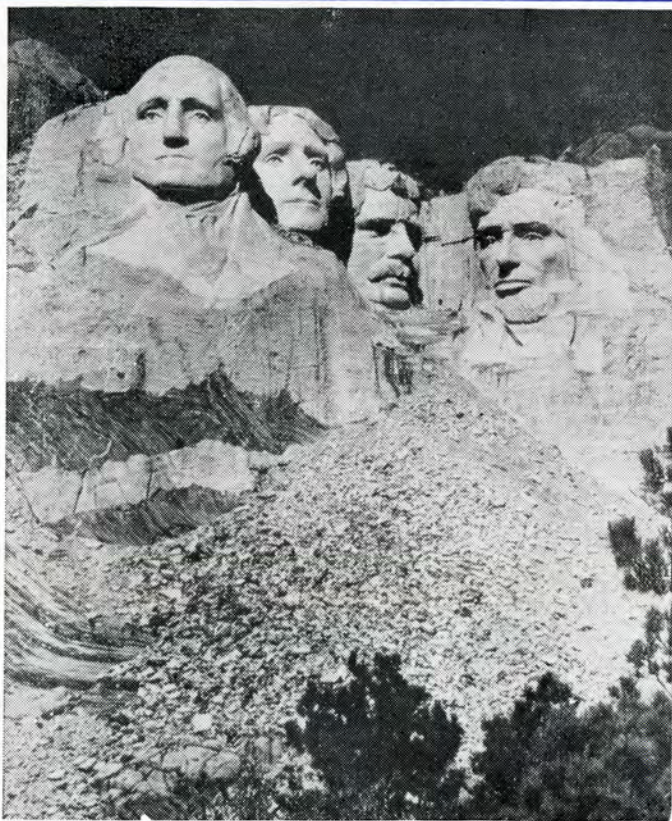


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*The colossal profiles of four Presidents, two with February Birthday Anniversaries, are carved in the enduring granite of Mt. Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota—A Gutzon Borglum tribute to Integrity, Wisdom, Determination and Spiritual Strength.*



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## STAGE 2 - WILL IT FIRE ?

### Grand Master's Message

*The answer will depend upon an active response by the leadership of each Constituent and Subordinate Commandery.*

The time for making specific plans at the local level has now arrived. We have predicted a special campaign for voluntary support of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation (December issue) and have defined the process by General Order No. 2 (January issue). We have great confidence that the response of Templars will be generous—will permit a significant new growth of our established and respected national charity without any increase in the small present annual assessment—if all units will participate.

*Let's not leave this job to our faithful Recorders or even to our Commanders. Rather, a vigorous and enthusiastic Committee in each Commandery is recommended.*

A two-fold approach has been suggested. First, within the period from Ash Wednesday to Ascension Day, to invite each Knight Templar by a direct communication from his Commandery to forward whatever cash gift may be within his means to the Committee Chairman or his Recorder. Second, within the same period to hold some Commandery-sponsored activity for the benefit of our Eye Foundation work, whether a social, religious, entertainment or other program, the variety being unlimited so long as the activity is Commandery-sponsored and not offensive to Masonic practices. These two approaches could, of course, be combined. Incidentally, for those who care—and who doesn't these days—contributions to Knights Templar Eye Foundation are deductible from income for tax purposes.

What an opportunity we have! To give the precious gift of sight to more fellow-humans who cannot afford to pay the surgical and hospital costs. To bring Knights Templar together in the joy of giving. To merit the approval of our communities. As Past Grand Master DeLamater has said, this is truly Christ's work. We will be entitled to a personal satisfaction in accordance with our response.

*May our response bring us together in reaffirmation of our vows, to the glory of our Lord.*



Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.



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## Do You Know This Man?



Sir Knight Roy L. Bryant, La Grange, Illinois, a 22-year member of Montjoie Commandery No. 53, "the only Mounted Commandery now chartered in Illinois," is working on a family-tree project and needs the help of Knight Templar Magazine readers.

The Eminent Commander in the photograph was Lewis Anderson Dilley, son of Lewis Seeley Dilley and Elizabeth Anderson Dilley. Lewis Seeley Dilley was a Captain, 105 Ohio Volunteers.

Writes Sir Knight Bryant: "Lewis Anderson Dilley was the son of my grandmother's brother, Lewis Seeley Dilley. I do not know when or where he was born but understand from my aunt, who lived with him in Davenport about

1893 while attending high school, that he died in Rock Island, Illinois, about 1935.

"I would appreciate having any and all information about him and his family for geneology purposes—Commandery he belonged to, Shrine Temple, and any information from whatever source possible."

It is believed that Lewis Anderson Dilley was in the newspaper business in Davenport and had an association with Joseph Medill of the Chicago Tribune.

Roy L. Bryant, who seeks the information, lives at 1012 Arlington, La Grange, Illinois 60525.

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*Advance note from Sir Knight Aubrey Martingale says that Ruthven Commandery, Houston, Texas, will sponsor a public musical presentation for the benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This is in response to the Grand Master's General Order No. 2, setting aside the period from Ash Wednesday to Ascension Thursday for voluntary Eye Foundation campaigns.*

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*From the "Trinity Templar" of Trinity Commandery No. 17, Plainfield, New Jersey: "No one has a claim on any office in the Commandery. There must be no automatic promotion to higher office without demonstration of fitness. Those who have the ability and are willing and able to accept responsibility must expect to work, and work hard. While success does not always come from great effort, it practically never comes without it."*



## PA + IC + PR = A SUCCESSFUL COMMANDERY

*Sir Knight Warren H. Deck, P.G.C., New York, a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations, offers a sound, practical resume for every Commandery on the combined subjects of Program Activities, Internal Communications and Public Relations. A second member of the Committee, Sir Knight Samuel J. Chapman, P.D.C., will present his thoughts on the general subject of Public Relations in a later issue.*

Every successful Commandery has a public relations program. You may just call it a publicity program and some elements you may do unconsciously. But before you embark upon a public relations program, your Commandery must have (1) an active program of activities and (2) a well informed membership.

*Program of Activities:* If your Commandery program only consists of conclaves to pay bills or confer Orders, your first need is for a Commandery program, not a public relations program. A full Commandery program requires active committees on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Patriotic and Civic Activities, Religious Observances, etc. Each committee should have a schedule of events for the Templar year which form a major portion of the Commander's program. Other activities might be: Past Commanders' nights, social events, entertainment, etc. Included should be some public activities, depending on the needs of the community, such as: public installation, church services sponsored by the Commandery, patriotic observances, etc.

*Internal Communication:* With a good Commandery program, your next task is to inform your membership of the program. Announcing coming events in your con-

claves is not enough, because most Commanderies have less than ten percent of their membership present. Periodic bulletins must be mailed to each Sir Knight to keep him posted on dates of outstanding events and plans for carrying out the programs which have been developed. In smaller Commanderies the bulletins can be supplemented by telephone calls and personal contact. Armed with this information, each Sir Knight should be able to speak enthusiastically and answer questions from the general public about any program you are planning. While he may not have the answer to every question, he'll know where to get the answer.

*Public Relations:* When you have an active Commandery program and a well informed membership, you are ready for a public relations program. Usually, the easiest part is publicity. A member of your Commandery should become well acquainted with the editor of your local newspaper. Through such connections you can easily place stories of coming events which involve the public. Once or twice a year you can arrange for feature stories on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. All material should be typewritten, double spaced, and prepared in newspaper style. The less the editor has to use his blue pencil, the

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## EDITOR'S MAILBIN

*Kenneth Banks, KYCH, Laguna Beach, California, quotes from Public Law 829, 77th Congress, 2nd session, to point out that section 4(c) says: "The flag should never be carried horizontally, but always aloft and free."*

Sir Knight Banks relays the information as a result of the picture in the December issue of 12 members of DeMolay carrying an oversized flag of the United States in a horizontal position in a parade.

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*From Sir Knight John S. Mitchell, Recorder of Maryland Commandery No. 1, and Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, came a January letter containing a check for \$82.80 covering new subscriptions for 46 candidates for the Knight Templar Magazine.*

Coincidentally, the letter and subscription list arrived during a three day Grand Master's Conference in the central office of Grand Encampment—when one of the topics under discussion was "Knight Templar Magazine Subscriptions."

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*The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania reports petitions of 462 and deaths totaling 389 as of December 31. Pennsylvania's 115th Annual Conclave activities are scheduled May 26-29 at Pittsburgh.*

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*The December issue's mention of the Genessee Valley (Michigan) preparations for the 1970 Triennial Conclave at Denver reminded Sir Knight Frank A. Amis, Los Angeles, that he had missed just six Triennial Conclaves since 1922.*

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## R.E. Grand Prelate's Secretary And Aide

*The Grand Recorder's office of the Grand Encampment has been aware since August of 1967 that the R.E. Grand Prelate, The Reverend Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D., has an exceptionally competent and dedicated assistant in the person of Mrs. James E. Dyer, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The information for the "Jeanette Dyer" article which follows was forwarded by Sir Knight Frederick J. Smith, P.G.C., member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters, from Shawnee, Oklahoma.*

When the R. E. Grand Prelate attended the Southwest York Rite Grand Officers conference, he was intrigued by the special name plates or pins many of the attendees were wearing. Sir Knight Smith decided that Dr. Junker should have one also, so he arranged with Sir Knight Fritz M. Lumbard, Oklahoma's Grand Recorder, to have a plate made.

In his presentation letter to the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Smith mentioned Grand Recorder Lumbard. A few days later, he received this note from Sir Knight Lumbard: "Dear Fred: Thought you would be interested in this somewhat surprising after effect of your sending name plate to Sir Knight Junker. You never know." With the note was a copy of the following letter to the Grand Recorder from Mrs. Dyer—a letter that tells a story of service and dedication for both Mrs. Dyer and Sir Knight Lumbard. Sir Knight Smith felt it was a story that should be shared.

"Dear Sir Knight Lumbard,  
"Due to the fact that the Right





Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Curtis W. V. Junker, is out of the city at this time, he has asked that I convey to you his deep appreciation for the name plate that you had made for him. It pleased him so much.

"Now if I may, as aide to the Grand Prelate, I should like to add a personal note to you. How pleased I was to see the name Fritz Lumbard in a letter from Sir Knight Smith! If you will, please travel back with me to some thirty-five years ago and recall the name of Frederick W. Bockenheuser, who was my father. Oh my, what sweet memories I have of you and your goodness to all those in need! I have always remembered how kind you were to both my parents when you sat up night after night with my father during his last illness, so that mother could get some much needed rest.

"My husband and I have been long time communicants of Trinity Parish, and the Grand Prelate is better known to us as Father Junker, our beloved Rector of Trinity

Parish. He is the one who so faithfully ministered to my dear mother during her year long illness before her death two years ago.

"Strange, isn't it, that by my wearing my father's Knights Templar ring (which mother had restyled for me following his death) that Father Junker knew I was the daughter of a Knights Templar. When I heard that this great honor had been bestowed upon our beloved Priest, I asked for the privilege of assisting him with his correspondence in memory of my dear parents, and Father Junker graciously accepted my offer—so here I am, Aide to the Grand Prelate. It is so exciting for me to help in my small way with so wonderful a fraternal organization, of which my father was so proud.

"I do hope that when you are in Tulsa the next time that you will contact us so that we may have a visit again. Maybe we will let Father Junker and Jimmy sit by and listen to us reminisce.

Sincerely,  
Jeanette  
Jeanette Dyer (Mrs. James E.)  
Aide to the Grand Prelate"

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*A reminder: Coming in a future issue will be a vignette of George E. Petrie, a Florida Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award holder and Knights Templar Eye Foundation "ambassador extraordinary." Also among the pending features is an account of the nationally recognized professional skill of J. Howard Haring, P.G.C., New Jersey, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award.*



## Decisions By The Most Eminent Grand Master

Under date of January 15, 1968, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M. E. Grand Master, in answer to three specific questions, issued Decisions No.'s 2, 3 and 4. The full texts have been distributed to each Grand and Subordinate jurisdiction in quantities sufficient for distribution to all Constituent Commanderies. A condensation follows:

**QUESTION:** How may a Commandery avoid the embarrassment of dismissing non-members before "closing" a Commandery "opened" for the purpose of installation of officers? May a simple declaration "close" the Commandery?

**DECISION NO. 2:** (Editor's summary) The Installation of Officers is a "ceremony" as opposed to "work." It is not necessary that the Commandery be "opened." If it is not "opened," it need not be "closed."

**QUESTION:** What is Probation?" (as used in Section 176, as amended in 1967)

**DECISION NO. 3:** (Editor's summary) The Grand Master defines "probation"—in the broad sense intended—to include whatever requirements or prohibitions the Grand Commander may deem necessary to remedy whatever violations have occurred. "The purpose and terms of probation will always be of a constructive nature."

**QUESTION:** How, officially, do you go about getting rid of an officer, Constituent Captain-General in this case, who shows an utter lack of interest, doesn't attend and is an example of gross negligence?"

**DECISION NO. 4:** (Editor's summary) In essence (but check

## Shrine Presents \$6,000 To Eye Foundation



Illustrious Potentate Frank R. Fling, Yaarab Temple, presents \$6,000 check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Eminent Grand Recorder James E. Moseley, P.G.C., Grand Commandery of Georgia, at December 20 Sponsors Dinner in Atlanta.

Sir Knight Moseley says, "It is contributions such as this that makes Yaarab Temple one of the greatest Shrine Temples in the world, and I am, needless to say, proud of my membership in Yaarab. In my opinion Yaarab is the largest contributor of any Shrine Temple to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

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your Recorder for the full wording), the officer may be removed from his office by the Commander following a formal "decision" by the Commander finding unknighthly conduct by reason of "nonfeasance, misfeasance and/or malfeasance in the performance of the duties . . ." "Such removal may also be ordered by the Grand Commander, for the same reason and with the same limitations."





Nearly 500 Templars and guests were present for the centennial observance of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, St. Joseph, Missouri. Shown here is part of the group as James H. Cockerham, R.E. Grand Commander of Missouri, addresses the event.

Grand Commander Cockerham's talk stressed the importance of Masonic and Temple ideals during what is apparently an age of emphasis on Lawlessness and Violence in world society.



Fifty Year Membership Certificate presentation for John G. Longbottom, P.C., Las Cruces Commandery No. 11, New Mexico, brings together: David L. Watkins, E.C.; John R. Mendius, R. E. Grand Commander, New Mexico; Mrs. Longbottom, Sir Knight Longbottom; Sir Knight Oscar E. L. Newman, M. W. Grand Master,

Grand Lodge AF & AM, New Mexico, member of Las Cruces Commandery; Sir Knight Phil Witherpoon, M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council R&S Masters, and the Junior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico—also a P.C. of Las Cruces Commandery. The presentation was made September 25, 1967.



## K.T. Honor Guard For O.E.S. Grand Matron

Sir Knights from the District of Columbia, and parts of Virginia and Maryland, comprised the uniformed honor guard for the reception of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Josephine Harkins Browning, at the 32nd Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S., at Washington, November 4-9.



Sir Knight Harry L. Beach, General Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation project for the General Grand Chapter, said: "A fraternal organization such as the Order of the Eastern Star, boasting of such great objectives as Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness, must have a definite and tangible way of expressing the principles it professes—in deeds, not just in words. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Josephine Harkings Browning, after much serious thought and prayer, selected as her special project for the 1964-67 Triennium one of the world's greatest humanitarian charities, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation . . ."

Sir Knight Beach reported contributions of approximately \$150,000 for the Triennium. In his report, he paid tribute to the Most

## Knights Templar Host Lansing Clergymen

A "first" in Lansing Commandery No. 25, Lansing, Michigan, was an "Honoring Our Clergy" evening in the Masonic Temple starting with a 6:30 dinner. Seventeen ministers and their wives, representing churches of the Commandery members, were guests of the Commandery. They were received by a Commandery Escort in Full Templar Uniform.

Lyle O. Wellman, Commander, lauded the Clergy for their service to church, community and mankind. The address was by Dr. Howard R. Towne, Eminent Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Michigan. Frederick G. Kirby, Right Eminent Grand Commander, proclaimed this one of the outstanding meetings in Templar Masonry.

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Worthy Grand Matron, to "the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Mamie Lander," to the Grand Jurisdictions of the District of Columbia and of California for their outstanding contributions, and to the members of his committee for their assistance: Louise R. Irving, Oregon; Ethel M. Mitchell, Pennsylvania; Fava K. Parker, Utah; Juanita Sessions, Maine; Thelma Warner, California; Marguerite Wilder, Kentucky; Sonoma Woodruff, Indiana, and Brother John R. Maynard, Alabama.



## Knights Of Note

A Pennsylvania "Knight of Note" is Sir Knight F. Parson Kepler, Sr., P.G.C., who was named "Man of the Year" by the town of Milton, Pennsylvania. The Milton "Standard" of December 30 reports glowingly on the selection and enumerates some of the reasons for the honor.

"F. Parson Kepler's leadership of the half-million-dollar 1967 fund campaign for Evangelical Hospital sent it soaring over its goal . . . He accepted the chairmanship of the YMCA Community Swimming Pool drive and pushed that one over the top.

"1967 was the year that Mr. Kepler served as chairman of Milton's Sesquicentennial Commemorative Dinner, welcoming Governor Ray Shafer to the community, and he was in the forefront of many of the activities that helped to make the Sesqui a resounding success. Over the years he has served in many capacities in the work of the Milton Red Cross and in the affairs of the Northumberland Presbytery as well as in the First Presbyterian church, and he has been a director of the Milton Board of Education.

"Parse Kepler has come a long way since the first horse-drawn dray of Kepler Brothers. The firm name is known throughout the eastern seaboard as a major contract transportation organization, operators of a huge fleet of trucks. Many Miltonians have good cause to remember the efficiency of the Kepler Brothers staff in time of

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## Four Brothers In Rock Island Class

J. W. Miller, Commander, Rock Island Commandery No. 18, Rock Island, Illinois, informs the Knight Templar Magazine of an unusual Rock Island class of candidates. Four of the class are blood brothers.



Pictured are: Warren D. Kruse, Dale R. Kruse, Glen H. Kruse, Recorder Oliver I. Underwood, Commander Miller, Clarence A. Kruse, Louis W. Gernant and Wayne R. Kerns.

A Vietnam letter to Sir Knight Conrad J. Raider, P.G.C., Secretary Educational Foundation, Division of Maryland:

"Dear Mr. Raider:

"Thank you very much for your kind words, and for taking the time to write to me. I see I have a way to go yet on my loan, but as soon as I can, I'll try to increase the payments so as to get it all paid off.

"I appreciated especially your feelings about some of the attitudes people seem to have at home. If they could come here and see what's happening, I'm sure that they would feel differently.

"Once again, thank you very much for your blessing and kind wishes. I hope you will have a happy holiday."



## **Suggestions—Special Campaign For Voluntary Fund Raising For The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. February 28—May 23, 1968**

Publicize through bulletins, notices, newsletters (and every other media available) that this is a Templar opportunity to support the work of the Eye Foundation **VOLUNTARILY**—rather than by additional assessment.

Communicate to each Sir Knight the need and the value of individual giving during this campaign. (Note, however, that no quotas are to be established—individually or collectively.)

Plan a program of information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at a Conclave or special area gathering.

Hold a special Musical Program, or Banquet, or a Pancake Jamboree (anything that is consistent and acceptable with Masonic practice in your jurisdiction), and let each Sir Knight know he can support it—even if he cannot be present.

Make the Eye Foundation campaign period a special **RALLY** or **REUNION** opportunity for all Knights Templar. Plan a day of features (Eye Foundation films—local speakers and entertainment—lunch, dinner) and give every Templar the opportunity to rededicate himself to Templary and Templar projects.

Plan a **PRESS LUNCHEON** or **DINNER**—for a twofold purpose: A—to recognize the cooperation received from newspaper, radio and television workers in your area; B—to acquaint them with the humanitarian facts of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and to notify them that all Templary under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment is engaged in a concerted campaign for additional funds in order to broaden the scope and value of the foundation's work.

Arrange a "Speaker's Bureau" and have qualified members give brief but informational talks to other Masonic and affiliated bodies, highlighting the special campaign and its purpose.

Form a special committee, if feasible and desirable, to plan and correlate your efforts—but, with or without a committee, be sure that you make your plans in advance and have sufficient manpower to execute them.

There are any number of avenues for a thorough and successful campaign. The only limit is on the ingenuity (and Masonic approval) of the individual jurisdictions. It's a tremendously important project for Christian Masons; it offers you and every Sir Knight the opportunity to transfer Templary tenets and teachings from idealism to **ACTUALITY!**

**LET'S DO IT!**



## Mississippi And Templary Lose Two Leaders

Walton S. Hootsell, Past Grand Commander (1936) of Mississippi, well and favorably known to thousands of Templars and Masons throughout the world, left a particular void in Mississippi when he died Saturday, December 9, at Natchez.

Local newspapers, reporting the death, commented at length upon his gifts to the poor in his area. The opening paragraph of one obituary began in this fashion: "Walton S. 'Old Hoot' Hootsell, prominent and successful businessman, outstanding member of the Masonic Order in Mississippi and the nation, and a man whose kindness and generosity will never be fully known, passed to his eternal reward early Saturday morning."

Sir Knight Hootsell, born July 18, 1890, had a long and colorful career in the world of business and in Masonry. Among the many posts of leadership he held were: Grand High Priest, R.A.M., Most Illustrious Master, Grand Council R&S.M., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He was active in all branches of York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry, as well as the Shrine.

He is survived by one son and one daughter.

William Lawrence Holland, who died November 29 in the middle of his term as Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Mississippi, was born in Chicago February 25, 1900. As a Marine in 1917, he was with the first convoy of combat troops to land in France. Wounded in action June 6, 1918, he spent the next three years of his life in hos-

pitals in France and the United States.

In 1924, he was a graduate in accounting from the University of St. Louis. He moved to Mississippi in 1925, married Margaret McCann of Columbus, Mississippi, in 1926. They were the parents of one daughter; there are three grandsons.

Sir Knight Holland was an elder in the Presbyterian church from 1930 until the time of his death. He served as the head of his Lodge, his Chapter, Council and Commandery and was a Knight of the York Cross of Honour. In 1940 he was Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Mississippi in 1941 and Potentate of Hamasa Temple, Meridian, in 1947. He was an active, interested and productive worker in his community, his church and in the several branches of the Masonic family.

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## Dr. Mohr Dies At 73

Sir Knight Franz Stapf, Commander, Hermann von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt/Main, West Germany, reports the December 5th death of Sir Knight and Dr. Werner Mohr, Past Commander, at Frankfurt/Main, where he was born July 22, 1894.

Sir Knight Mohr was a Past Grand Master of the "Landesgrössloge." He served as Chancellor of the United Grand Lodges of Germany in 1952 and 1953, and as Grand Master from 1953 to 1958. His profession — Oberstudiendirektor.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held December 11.



**IN  
MEMORY  
OF**

**Walton Smith Hootsell**  
**Grand Commander**  
**Mississippi — 1936**  
**Born July 13, 1890**  
**Died December 9, 1967**

**Walter A. Tillett**  
**Grand Commander**  
**Kentucky — 1954**  
**Born September 26, 1886**  
**Died December 11, 1967**

**Clyde E. Titus**  
**Grand Commander**  
**Indiana — 1938**  
**Born September 1, 1881**  
**Died December 17, 1967**

**Albert R. Buehman, P.D.C.**  
**Grand Commander**  
**Arizona — 1947**  
**Born March 28, 1886**  
**Died December 22, 1967**

*Remember thy servants, O Lord, according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. Amen.*



PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

# THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania



Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania



## Grand Commander's Postscript

As a quick summary of late Pennsylvania developments, Grand Commander Stokely reported on January 24 the following:

Since May 1, 1967 the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania has forwarded 377 \$30.00 checks to Rhinebeck, New York, for Eye Foundation Life Sponsorships totaling \$11,310.00. ("Makes a tired, old G. C. smile happily," says Sir Knight Stokely.)

As of beginning of January, Pennsylvania shows 557 new petitions, plus a "sudden rush" of 35 re-instatements. Deaths to January 1 were 440. "All Divisions are being asked to contact all resigners of former years—and suspendees—to c'mon back in, the water's fine?"

The R. E. Grand Commander writes: "Very good petition activity in the making—with at least 6 York Rite Festivals scheduled for spring of '68.

"At a meeting of all Division Commanders and Grand Officers at Harrisburg January 20, the Grand Commander was assured of a drive that would put Pennsylvania Templary into the plus column by May 1.

"The V.E.D.G.C., G. Calvin Dyson, as membership chairman, is 'feeling much better.' His improved spirits are based on current figures and assurances of good old-

## SUBSCRIPTION ACTIVITY

The R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, is receiving quick results in his current campaign for new and renewal subscriptions to the "new" Knight Templar Magazine, with Division Commander (15) Harry L. Parson leading the way as this issue goes to press.

On January 12, the Grand Commander issued this memo to Pennsylvania's Grand Officers and Division Commanders:

"First results on magazine drive from Harry Parson, Division No. 15. He easily signed up 14 subscriptions at \$1.70 (for 17 months, beginning with the February issue) at Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg.

"C'mon, you slow-pokes! You've already had this program for three days. What's holding you up?"

"Multiply the number of your Commanderies by 7 and rush the orders in. (Please include the money!)"

On the same memo is a note of general mailing interest. "Everybody change Lloyd Bashaw's address (Division 12). He just bought a new mansion—R.D. 4, Sidehill Road, North East, Pennsylvania 16428."

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fashioned WORK on the part of Pennsylvania's official family.

"As for the Knight Templar Magazine, the current drive (10 days old) has brought in a total of 96 new subscriptions."

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Sir Knight Frank W. Bobb, E.C., Mary Commandery No. 36, Editor of Mary Commandery's "Cross and Crown" publication, is the author of the Knight Templar Glossary recently included in the "Crusader" segment of the Knight Templar Magazine. "Also, Sir Knight Bobb was appointed to our (Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania) Committee of Masonic Culture as of December 27," writes Sir Knight Bobb's good friend and co-worker, Sir Knight Charles S. Baker, who is well known to all who have any dealings with the Grand Lodge Library and Museum in Philadelphia.





## *New Year's Resolution*

I hereby resolve to attend the 115th Annual  
Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights  
Templar of Pennsylvania, May 26-29, 1968,  
Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Sign this resolution and put it up on your wall as a  
reminder—make your reservations early—you'll be  
glad you did!*

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**REMINDER:** the 115th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, with Sir Knight Samuel H. Verner as general Chairman, takes place May 26-29 at Pittsburgh.

The Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., will be present, as will the R. E. Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment. The banquet speaker—Sir Knight and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.



## Knights Templar Take Spotlight At Dedication



One of the highlight Masonic and Templar activities in 1967 was the dedication of the George Washington at Prayer statue at Valley Forge by the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania September 9. With Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker as speaker, and with Grand Commander Stokely accompanied by 140 uniformed Pennsylvania Sir Knights, Knight Templary was very much in evidence—as the above picture testifies. Sir Knight William A. Carpenter, Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator, wrote at the time: “One of the most colorful and inspiring sights in the processional of the Masonic ceremonies dedicating the nine-foot bronze statue of Brother George Washington at Prayer . . . was the double column of 140 Sir Knights of Pennsylvania in full uniform and each carrying an American flag.”



## Department Commanders' Forum

Sir Knight Frank L. Bourke, R. E. Department Commander, North Atlantic Department, forwards pictures of the Christmas Observance in Portland, Maine, "city of its origin," he points out.



The R.E. Department Commander, North Central Department, Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, offers

a Grand Lodge of Illinois notation applicable to every Constituent Commandery: "Each Lodge would remind itself that its obligation to the wife of a deceased Mason does not cease when a floral emblem has been purchased and the funeral rites conducted. There always should be a program for keeping in touch with the widows of all deceased Brethren and including them in at least one Lodge activity each year."

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*On this Christmas morning I solemnly and sincerely renew my vows of Knighthood. I will wield my sword in defence of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian religion. I will endeavor to harbor no enmity nor ill will toward any human being. I will do all in my power to obey the laws of my country and the Order of Knights Templar, and live as a patriotic citizen of the United States of America, and, with Christ as my guide, endeavor to follow His divine teachings, to the end that my influence for good may be felt by all with whom I may come in contact.*

This toast was presented in a 7 a.m. Christmas morning observance in the Asylum of Honolulu Commandery No. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii. It was presented by Past Commander Smith. Sir Knight Charles A. Battige, E.C., presided over the observance with 25 fully uniformed Sir Knights in attendance. Sir Knight K. L. Look, Recorder, reports the following program participants: Sir Knights Kong, Daniel Y. S. Pang, Henry M. H. Leong, and Herbert G. Conger, with Sir Knight Nesper at the organ for the interspersed singing of carols.



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more chance you have of getting your material published.

Don't overlook opportunities to get your message on radio or television. You may feel these media are beyond your grasp, yet several Commanderies have been successful in getting announcements of interest to the public on radio and some have had feature programs on television. The Sir Knight handling your public relations program will probably need some help from the broadcasting station to put the information into acceptable form.

Religious observances held in a local church offer opportunities to have a few paragraphs on the history or program of the local Commandery in the Church bulletin. Most clergy prefer to have Templars sponsor a religious service in a church, rather than the Masonic Temple. Sensing the feelings of the clergy or the general public and arranging your activities to gain the most favorable impression is a fine point of public relations.

Personal contact is also part of public relations. The Sir Knight who talks enthusiastically about his Commandery's activities with his business associates, the Sir Knight who identifies himself with Templary in teaching his Sunday school class, the Sir Knight who marches with his Commandery in a patriotic parade, all are helping in the public relations program of your Commandery.

Public relations is often called image building. As Templars we should strive to inform the general public, by word and example, of the objectives of Templary and the programs we pursue for implementing these objectives. Let's not hide our good deeds under a bushel.

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A summary of Knights Templar Eye Foundation activity as of December 30 shows a total of 21,906 Life Sponsors, 601 Patrons, and 262 Associate Patrons. Texas leads in Life Sponsorships with 3,270, also in Patrons and Associate Patrons with 56 and 44. Tennessee is second in the combined latter categories with 51 and 13.

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Sir Knight Joe R. Harris, P.G.C., Chairman of the Virginia Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, reports that Virginia has just exceeded its 10% quota of Life Sponsors (667). The Grand Commandery of Virginia joins the other few Grand Commanderies that have reached or exceeded their quota.

"It is interesting to note that the 5 leading Virginia Commanderies i.e., Fairfax No. 25, Piedmont No. 26, DeMolay No. 4, Arlington No. 29 and Old Dominion No. 11, have a total membership of 1034 and 284 Life Sponsors, over 26%, or in other words you will find one Life Sponsor among every four Sir Knights," writes Sir Knight Harris.

"The Sir Knights of Virginia are not resting on their laurels but are going all out for a total of 1000 Life Sponsors and are determined to make it."

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Although it occurred four months ago, the September visit to Las Vegas of the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Arthur Michael Ramsey, P.D., D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, has newsworthy memories. Nevada's Grand Recorder, Frank Woodliff, P.G.C., relays the following information from W. H. Handley, P.C., Recorder of Malta Commandery No. 3, Las Vegas:

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Nineteen Knights Templar and 17 Knights of Columbus participated in the procession and reception; 16 of the Knights Templar were from Malta Commandery, while the Grand Commandery was represented by Walter C. Sorensen, G.C., Grand Senior Warden Herbert J. Pfeufer and Grand Standard Bearer John H. Williams.

Sir Knight Handley, in an earlier letter to Grand Recorder Woodliff, wrote: "This activity has done much to improve the relations among Masons and Catholics in this area, as it has in other parts of the United States where similar activities have been undertaken."

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An "information bulletin" from the Grand Commandery of Wyoming lists the schedule of Constituent Commandery visitations to be made by the R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight R. Sam Allen:

February 6, Constantine No. 9, Cody

February 19, St. Graal No. 13, Gillette

February 20, DeMolay No. 6, Sheridan

February 21, St. John's No. 14, Buffalo

February 26, Ascalon No. 5, Green River

February 27, Malta No. 10, Rock Springs

February 28, Teton No. 15, Kemmerer

March 11, Wyoming No. 1, Cheyenne

March 12, Ivanhoe No. 2, Rawlins

March 13, Platte No. 17, Wheatland

May 2, Apollo No. 8, Casper

May 9, Big Horn No. 16, Greybull

May 13, Mt. Lebanon No. 11, Thermopolis

May 20, Albert Pike No. 4, Evanston

Undertermined, Sublette No. 18, Big Piney

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Warren R. Tyler, P.G.C., Utah, presently Secretary-Recorder for four York Rite bodies of Salt Lake City, has a most efficient and productive system for securing new and renewal subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine. The dues notice for all four bodies is in the form of a self-sealing envelope. On it are listed the dues of the individual bodies, including NEW OR RENEWAL billing for the Knight Templar Magazine. Sir Knight Tyler says: "On the bills for dues mailed last month, we billed each Knight for either a new or renewal and . . . the result has been 100 percent so far."

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Grand Commander Harold E. Stokely, Pennsylvania, points to Sir Knight Harry L. Parson, Lemoyne, as a "Knight of Note" in securing Knight Templar Magazine subscriptions. Sir Knight Harry, Division Commander of Division No. 15, turned in 14 subscriptions by return mail in answer to the Grand Commander's request—with more on the way!

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An unannounced visit by the Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment was a pleasant surprise for Grand Commander Willard P. Matschke, Wisconsin, during the Inspection of Wauwatosa Commandery No. 51, Saturday, January 6.

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The surprise visit was arranged by Department Commander Alvin L. Crump. Knowing that Sir Knight Crofts had called a special three day conference of Grand Encampment dais officers at the central office of the Grand Encampment in Chicago January 4, 5 and 6, Sir Knight Crump went to work on arrangements. The result—a Grand Encampment visitation party of the Most Eminent Grand Master; the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell; the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Paul C. Rodenhauer, and Sir Knight Crump.

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*Cecil J. Pierce, P.G.C., Ohio, tells of a successful December 16 reception for Grand Commander Cecil S. Blair at the Masonic Temple, Hamilton, with some 350 in attendance. The event, sponsored by the Third Division Council for Templar Advancement, marked the Council's 40th Anniversary. Sir Knight Jack Gammon, Commander, Hamilton Commandery, and Mrs. Gammon were in charge of the banquet. Sir Knight William Faul, Deputy Division Commander, then escorted the group to the Red Room for an impressive drill by members of the Division. Sir Knight Albert Meyer, Division President, introduced the entertainment; Sir Knight William Hedgecock, P.C., formed a reception line for the Grand Commandery officers and distinguished guests present.*

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*The following letter was received by Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in response to his*

"thank you" to the Illustrious Potentate of Yaarab Temple, Atlanta for an Eye Foundation gift of \$6,000.00:

"I want you to know that I received your very nice letter dated December 26 thanking the Potentate and members of the Divan for the \$6,000.00 contribution that we gave the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

"The Divan was very happy to make this contribution because we are all certainly familiar with the wonderful work you are doing. . ."

FRANK R. FLING, POTENTATE  
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*Among the many reports of well attended Christmas observances is that of Max Gogill, Oregon. Sir Knight Cogill lists successful observances by DeMolay No. 5, Salem; Oregon No. 1 and Washington No. 15 (joint), Portland; Tancred No. 23, Portland; St. Aldemar No. 11, Astoria; Baker No. 9, Baker (with the distinguished Sir Knight A. Warren Cate as speaker); Malta No. 4, Ashland (breakfast); Pendleton No. 7, Pendleton; Bruce No. 17, Corvallis, and Temple No. 3 (joint)—at Albany; Cerro Gordo No. 24, Cottage Grove—Ascalon No. 14, Roseburg—Ivanhoe No. 2, Ivanhoe (combination, with Ivanhoe as host—and with Grand Commander John Robert Brownell, Grand Prelate Joe Collins, and other special participants.)*

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*The January 6 death of Sir Knight Elder Bylander, Des Moines, Iowa, was reported by Sir Knight Jerry Marsingale. Sir Knight Bylander, KYCH, Red Cross of Constantine and a 33rd Degree Honorary Scottish Rite Mason, was well known for his ritualistic work. In his lifetime he conducted 1,168 Masonic funerals.*



(*Knights of Note—*from Page 11) crisis, for the way they mobilize men and equipment to remove furniture and appliances from flood-threatened homes. In such emergencies, with the opportunity for quick profit for their desperately, needed services, the Kepler trucks and members are on a public service mission—without charge to any householder.”

Sir Knight Kepler, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania 1964-65. He is chairman of the Committee on Finance of Pennsylvania's Grand Commandery.

The clipping and information on the honor were forwarded by Sir Knight and the Reverend Philip R. Jones, Minister, The First Presbyterian Church, Milton.

“Knights of Note” are the Georgia Knights Templar who handle the funds of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia, Inc. This is a separate and wholly owned corporation of the Grand Commandery of Georgia; its funds are administered by the same committee that holds in trust the money of the Grand Encampment, used to make loans to worthy students to complete their formal education.

The income from the wisely invested corporation funds enables the Committee to make loans to students who can qualify, and also to make outright grants each year to ministerial students in their final year of seminary training. These gifts, made each December, go to Georgia students who plan to return to Georgia to serve their respective denominations.

T. B. Elfe, P.C., St. Omer Commandery No. 2, Macon, Committee Chairman, announced that the

Committee at its recent meeting made 20 awards of \$300.00 each—five to students at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta; five to students at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur; five at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and to five Episcopalians studying at three Seminaries of that denomination.

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Eminent Sir Knight R. M. Lewis, Grand Secretary of the Order of the Temple, Great Priory of Scotland, wrote from Edinburgh to express appreciation for the engraved certificate from Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M. E. G. M., naming “our Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master Col. Sir C. M. Barclay-Harvey K. C. M. G., K.St.J., D.L.P.P., G.C.T., Representative of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America”

Sir Knight Lewis also kindly enclosed an item of historical interest—a “menu card and reference to the dinner held on S. S. Minnetonka on the occasion of Knights Templar Pilgrimage to Europe from U. S. A. on 27th May, 1927. Perhaps you may find it of interest.”

The material forwarded by Sir Knight Lewis will be included in a later issue.

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Among the photographic “Knights of Note” whose expert prints have appeared in recent issues are Jack Smith, Apopka, Florida, and Charles W. McDermott, P.C., former Division Commander, Division No. 1, Pennsylvania.



(DeLove—from *Back Cover*)

What has happened to our patriotism, an American creed once shouted proudly from rooftops, platforms, homes throughout our land, but now seldom discussed. Patriotism is dormant in America and yet it is still our greatest civic virtue, as important and essential as ever, if we are to remain the land of opportunity, sovereign and free.

The phenomenon of bitter disrespect, disloyal marches and protests led by deluded clergymen, subversive demagogues, and self-anointed intellectuals who urge civil disobedience, oppose law enforcement, defend desecration of our sacred symbols as lawful dissent and academic freedom. Our sickening beatnick-hippy blight, these spineless creatures and contemptuous hypocritical parasites scornful of work and opportunity, but most willing to mooch whatever they can from the society they so fiercely condemn reflects a most disturbing and profound change in our attitude towards patriotism.

It is easy for the majority to rationalize that all this is temporary, an aftermath of a world war, that these manifestations by a tiny minority are no more than a pimple on body politics, a mere surface blemish that bears false witness to a healthy spirit down below.

However, this complacent attitude is criminal defiance of history's eloquent cry that man in his indifference to learning and valor for ignorance has vanished into shameful oblivion, rather than master this single lesson.

Nations are no exception. Great nations and civilizations through our recorded history perished from the face of the earth whenever

their citizens disregarded this tragic warning, namely, that patriotism which is love of country, respect for its flag, devotion to its ideals, reverence for its patriots is an essential element in the life blood of a nation and is never outdated, never outmoded and always vital to its survival.

The problem of Patriotism is in learning and understanding what it is. What is this Patriotism, this universal instinct for which more men have given their lives than any other cause? What is this emotional sentiment which has produced splendid deeds, heroic bravery, inspired art, stimulated literature, fostered liberty, won independence and advanced civilization?

Abraham Lincoln showed the humility of a genuine American patriot when he did not claim that God was on his side, but prayed that he might be on God's side. It is moral responsibility and intellectual honesty in the process of learning.

Patriotism is a sentiment of devotion to an idea which we as a nation typify, it is the unselfish dedication to an ideal, and ideal eternal.

An American patriot thinks of America not as a crib out of which to feed, but as an altar upon which to place a sacrifice, a genuine recognition that the country's well-being is our first concern, and the good of the individual our noble motive.

Patriotism is not something you give to a man. It is a part of man. It is no less and no more than we American believe it to be and dedicate ourselves to do. We live for it and die for it. It is not automatically imposed upon us. We ourselves must discover its message. It is our spiritual life in all



its variety, the character, purpose and consciousness of our faith.

We are the successors of noble men, heirs and trustees of a providential trust. Everything in our history incites patriotism and nothing in our history is as impressive as the speed in which we provided and adopted symbols of our patriotic devotion. We hurriedly embraced the eagle as our national emblem. We designed a flag symbolic of our national unity, we hailed the Star Spangled Banner with words bristling with national pride. We created legends, songs, shrines, monuments and national holidays.

We immortalized countless "Nathan Hales."

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

"Don't give up the ship."

"Our country, may she always be in the right, but our Country right or wrong."

"Stars and Stripes Forever."

No nation in history has been more lavish in her praise and honor for her patriots than we have.

From one generation to another throughout our history, our bloody wars, the winning of the west, Americans were taught to cherish our past and honor its meaning.

An American patriot must first learn and understand the privileges, duties and sacrifices of American citizenship. He must sustain America as the world exemplar for the laws of God, the rights of man and the responsibilities of the individual. The man who cannot thank God because he was born an American is undeserving of the blessing of such birth and heritage, and should be ashamed to die before he serves his country.

America must teach and preach this ideal but we must not force it upon the conscience of men. The office of America is to liberate and make action subservient to learning. We must not force righteousness by police power, nor order progress or morals or social equality with brainwashing or mass psychiatry. "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations," was the last command of the Master. America will live because of its patriots and surely die because of its parasites. No one can walk backwards into the future.

## "AVENUE OF HOPE"

The Knight Templar Magazine will be privileged to present a feature article by the distinguished Mason, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in the March issue. Every reader will find Brother Hoover's AVENUE OF HOPE of special interest and value. Read it in the March issue of the Knight Templar Magazine!



from the Rector of Trinity Church  
A MEDITATION

On What Christians *Affirm* When They Repeat:—

“I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST. . . *HE DESCENDED  
INTO HELL*; THE THIRD DAY *HE ROSE AGAIN  
FROM THE DEAD.*”

EXPOSITORY SERMON preached October 7, 1962 by The Rev. Curtis William Valentine Junker, DD., Right Eminent Grand Prelate, at Trinity Church Tulsa, Oklahoma, and forwarded to Frederick Cole of Canterbury, England, for guidance in stating the Resurrection Fact and Mystery as a viable Truth of God's universal and inclusive love through the visual means of contemporary *stained-glass*. The result: window Number Five in Trinity's Clerestory series on the Apostles' Creed, a significant and unusual Passover-Easter statement.

This morning I am going to take you on a descent into hell which may not be to everyone's liking.

I am prompted to do so since I have more than a few times been asked by highly thoughtful Godparents, and recently by an extremely intelligent Inquirer, what we mean when we say in the Creed that “Jesus descended into hell.” One of the things that troubles a great many intelligent people, both inside and outside the Church, is that WE SEEM TO SAY THINGS IN CHURCH THAT WE DON'T REALLY MEAN, or that we say them without knowing or even thinking what they mean, almost as if by rote; hence, it often appears that what we say has little relevance to what we really think, or how we actually live. At worst, it appears that we are either careless or insincere.

Suppose, for instance, that a genuinely interested person began to probe our belief in this very phrase in the Apostles' Creed, “He

descended into hell.” He might begin by pointing out that the word hell, when it is used seriously by people today, normally refers to a place of torture and torment, either here or hereafter. “Do you mean,” he would ask, “that Jesus went through that?” Most of us would say, “No, we don't believe that.” (Incidentally, there was a time during the Middle Ages when Christians did believe that Jesus went through the tortures of hell to complete his work of expiation, but this has never been universally or generally believed by the Christian community.)

Our inquirer might then go on to say, “Hell, when it is used carelessly in the common slang of the street, being used more and more, is often the more violent and explosive equivalent of ‘I couldn't care less.’” Further, “Do you mean to suggest that Jesus was associated with that sort of irresponsibility and carelessness?” And you and I would say, “No, we don't



believe that at all. Jesus cared enormously, intensely, and straight through to the end."

He could pursue his investigation by asking, "How does anybody know where Jesus went when he died? No one here was there; and no one there has come back to tell us, except himself; and so far as we know, he never mentioned it, never said a word about where he had been in the meantime. Why then do Christians keep on saying that Jesus went to a place of punishment and torment if they do not really believe that he did, or that he was associated with something common and vulgar if he really was not; or that he went to one particular place when they have no possible way of knowing where he went?"

These are some of the questions. What then can we say to them? The best way to begin is to put down three facts which will give us some solid ground to stand upon. The *first fact* is relatively easy since it is a fact of recorded history. The phrase, "He descended into hell" is actually the latest addition to the Apostles' Creed. The Creed as we have it was completed about 150 A.D., and this phrase was added about 400 A.D., two hundred and fifty years later. This does not necessarily prove anything, but it is nevertheless an interesting fact. Along with it we might set the fact that the phrase was never included in the Nicene Creed.

The *second fact* is that the word *hell* in English refers to and is a translation of a word which means *underworld*. You must remember that the cosmology before Copernicus and Galileo was very simple, not only for Christians, but for all people. The picture of the world up to that time was a picture of

three levels. There was the world in which we live and move and have our being; that was the middle level. There was the heaven above, brightly lit by the sun and the moon and the stars—"the dome of heaven," it was often called; that was the top level. Beneath it was the dimly-lit underworld; that was the lowest level. And most people believed that when you died, that is where you went, whether you were good or bad. You might have a hard time of it there if you had given people a hard time on earth, or you might live a perfectly peaceful, but empty, existence in the shadowy-caverns of the underworld.

The *third fact* is that by the time the New Testament was written Christians believed that when Jesus died he went to the underworld. It is implied in several places in the New Testament, but the most explicit mention of it is made by St. Peter in his first letter when he writes that Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison. (I Peter 3:19) These then are the three facts, and they are worth keeping in mind as we think further on this subject. Let me repeat them: 1. Hell refers to the underworld. 2. By the time the New Testament was written Christians believed that when Jesus died he went to the underworld. 3. This belief was not included in the Apostles' Creed until about the year 400 A.D.

When we ask why Christians believe that Jesus went to the underworld when he died, we at once move out of the realm of fact into another realm, which is sometimes called faith. Now these two realms are quite different, yet one is no more real than the other. Let

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me make that as clear as possible. One does not begin where the other leaves off, nor is one set over against the other. They are two different ways of knowing the same thing.

Perhaps this can be illustrated if I give you a simple example. I have a friend, and I know him well—his name is Jack. I know that on a certain day he went to New York. I know it because he told me he was going; furthermore, I saw him leave, and I have had a letter from him postmarked New York. When I say, therefore, that I know he went to New York on Monday, I am speaking in the realm of fact. I might then go on to say that I know the first thing he did when he got to New York was to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. When I say that I moved out of the realm of fact into quite a different realm. He didn't tell me he was going there; no one else told me; I did not see him there myself; I have no proof or evidence that he went there. I am speaking of intuitive knowledge as separated from factual knowledge, and I say that I know that he went to the Museum because I know **him**. I know that he is the kind of person who would do that sort of thing.

*(The early Christian knew—)*

When the first and second generations of Christians said that Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, they were in the first realm of fact. They knew it; their fathers and mothers had seen it happen. But when they said he descended into hell, they were moving into a less clearly defined, but no less real, realm of faith. They were saying that Jesus died—we know that; and when he died, he went where everyone else goes—to the underworld of the dead. How do

we know that? We know it only because we know HIM!

We know that from the very beginning he was a man through and through—a man in whom the fullness of the Godhead dwelt visibly, but nevertheless a man. When he lived, he really lived; when he was tempted, he was really tempted; when he suffered, he really suffered, and sweat blood; when he died, he really died; and when his life here came to an end, he went to the same place that everyone else goes. In other words, when God became man, he became a whole man and went the whole way.

Furthermore, those first Christians would say, he came to open the gates of life to everyone. He would not want anyone excluded for lack of opportunity. A man might choose not to enter therein, but Jesus would not want him left out because he did not have a chance to enter the gates of life. He opened them himself here in the world, magnificently; and what is left undone, he left us to continue. When he died, he opened them in the underworld. We know it because that is the kind of person he was.

*(We know—)*

We return now to ourselves, what we say, and what we mean when we say it, with some of the preliminary thoughts about the first Christians in our minds to clear the way.

Perhaps we should make it clear first that what we say in church may not always be immediately apparent to everyone who passes by. It could hardly be so. For one reason, words change their meaning very quickly. The word *hell*, for instance, now in current American usage, does not mean exactly what it meant in 400 A.D., and our sociology is quite different from



the cosmology of the first Christians. In our formal patterns of worship we do not attempt to keep pace with the rapid movement in the change in the meaning of words and pictures. Words and pictures have a patina that come only with age, and in most cases we do not alter them. "Prevent", originally, and not so long ago, meant to go before. It now means to stop or deter. We are changing it to "direct" us in all our doings. There is more to words than the current meaning. If a person wants to know what we really believe when we are in church, he can look carefully into the words themselves, see what lies behind them, and discover what they stand for in our ancient liturgies.

Also, what we say rests not only on fact, but also on this other thing called faith. We know certain facts about Jesus. We find them in the Gospels; they come to us from the Christian community; without them we would be like a building without a foundation. But the greatest fact is Jesus himself, and knowing them, we often go beyond the sheer facts of history. We use our intuitional knowledge, as well as factual knowledge. We dare to say that knowing him, we know that he had the humility to descend into the lowest depths, as well as the power to ascend to the highest heaven. That is one of the things that we know about him. No matter to what depth we may descend, either in our moral life or in our spiritual despair, to that depth Jesus has also descended. There is no corner of hell into which the love of God has not ventured.

We know also that while everything depends on *Him* and that apart from him, in a very real sense, there is no real life at all;

we believe that in some way every human soul will have the opportunity to enter that life. He may not choose to take it, but he will have the opportunity!

There is something about Jesus that is severely exclusive. You cannot be with him and against him at the same time. You cannot believe that God is love and at the same time believe that Might is Right. You have to make a choice. But there is also something about him that is wondrously inclusive, that relates him to all sorts and conditions of people who may never have known him, but who nevertheless have been in his wave length. For, according to Christian belief, he has existed since the foundation of the world, and the love of God that became explicit in him at one particular time has always been in the world, and some people have caught glimpses of it even before it became expressly manifest in Christ. Remember that!

We therefore, believe that in the underworld, or whatever you choose to call it, all those who have gone before had the opportunity that we who come after now have. We believe that there is none excluded from the possibility of knowing the fullness of life as it is manifest in the Lord Christ Jesus. Therefore, there is something wonderfully embracing in this grave statement, "He descended into hell." As I hear it, I picture Jesus in the center of a large group that includes Moses and Elijah, Aristotle, David and Nathan, the Buddha and Bonhoeffer (martyred German theologian), as well as many who have made a terrible mess of their lives and of the world around them. I picture them all

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gathered around him, sharing in his essential spirit, with an opportunity to enter the gates of life, whether they knew him in the flesh or whether they did not. Whether they choose to do so or not, I cannot say. But I believe that they have had the chance to do it.

Together, we say, "I believe in Jesus Christ; his only Son our Lord; that he was born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate; that he was crucified, died and buried; and that he descended into hell." *Personally*, I say this gladly, proudly, for it means to me two things; that no matter how far down I, or anyone else, may go in the dark night of a soul, in alienation or incapacity, there the Risen Christ stands, ready to touch my life, or another's, with God's *saving light, reconciling love and ennobling life*; and that no matter whether individuals have ever known him in the flesh or not, they will have an opportunity to stare in his spirit—the *outgoing creative energy of the Way, the Truth and the Life*, who bids his family share the Presence at the Messianic banquet in the City of God in what is always a year of Grace.

"Clarify our thoughts, O God. Let us never be bound fast by the facts along, nor ever pass over them without notice. May the things that we know about the Incarnate Risen Lord Jesus be grounded in the facts, and then enlarged and interpreted by the faith that dares to launch out into the waters of deeper knowledge, obtaining for us a second maturity and a fresh mentality for facing each Day of the Lord. Amen."

## Grand Master Saluted

John L. Crofts, Sr., M. E. Grand Master, was saluted in the November "Cordon" of International DeMolay. "Distinctions continue to come to Senior DeMolays everywhere," says the magazine, and goes on to point out that Sir Knight Crofts, a 33rd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite, is an Active Member at Large of the Supreme Council of DeMolay and a Senior DeMolay of Hollywood, California, Chapter, where he served in three Preceptor stations.

The son of our Grand Master and Mrs. Crofts, John, Jr., is also a Senior DeMolay, RD, Chev., and Master Mason.

Four Grand Commanders have come from Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, points out G. Burton Long, P.G.C., Grand Recorder. "Perhaps the most prominent is Harry Gilmore Pollard, (93, Feb. 19) who became Grand Commander in 1920 and Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment in 1940.

"Needless to say, Sir Knight Harry devoted a portion of his free time to the Scottish Rite and was honored by being made a 33rd Degree Mason in 1912.

"His service to Templary is indeed impressive, if not a record: Knight Templar—70 years; Past Commander—60 years; Past Grand Commander—40 years; Past Most Eminent Grand Master—27 years."

Sir Knight Long credits the information to Sir Knight Norman L. Staveley, Deputy Grand Commander, a Past Commander of Pilgrim Commandery No. 9.





Officers of the Grand Commandery of Maine line up for a picture after a winter visit to confer the Order of the Temple at West Kennebunk, site of the new home of St. Amand Commandery No. 20, described as one of the "live wire Commanderies in Maine and the only one which has reached its Life Sponsor goal of 10% of its membership.

Grand Commander George E. Berry is flanked from left to right by: Leon T. Webber, Grand In-

structor of Military Tactics; Grand Sword Bearer George S. Edmunds, Grand Junior Warden Walter H. Moore, Grand Treasurer and P.G.C. Kenneth M. Ritchie, Grand Generalissimo Charles L. Hamm, Deputy Grand Commander Williard A. Vincent, Grand Captain General Virgil C. Totman, Grand Senior Warden James H. Doyle, Grand Recorder Earle D. Webster, Grand Standard Bearer Clark H. Leach and Kenneth R. Wiles, Grand Warder.



Baltimore Metropolitan York Rite Festival, December 2, resulted in conferral of Orders upon 72 candidates. Maryland Commandery No. 1 conferred the Order of the Red Cross; Crusade No. 5, the Order of Malta; Monumental Commandery No. 3, the Order of the Temple. Grand Standard Bearer John S. Mitchell relayed 18-month magazine subscriptions for the 46 members of the class.



*Eminent Commander Robert E. Rhinehart and R. E. Grand Com-*

mander E. Leslie Webb, Jr., pose at the 28th and last Inspection of the fall series at Cyprus Commandery No. 23, Knoxville, Tennessee. The date—October 28—was especially auspicious for Sir Knight Webb. He was Knighted by Cyprus Commandery on the same date just thirty years earlier. There was a large attendance, including the Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee, Daniel Porter Henegar, and other distinguished Templars and Masons.



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We live in an age commonly agreed as an age of confusion. It is a time when religion and truth suffer from doubt;

When character and integrity are substituted with moral aimlessness, political apathy, material reverence, spiritual indifference and cancerous patriotic decay;

When fallacious ideologies are undermining traditional orthodoxies and time honored principles;

When our main goal is the standard of living rather than the standard of life.

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