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A Message From the Grand Master - -



Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.

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To all Knights Templar holding allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., *Greetings:*

Because we accept the Risen Lord as the Great Captain of our Salvation and as our Personal Saviour . . . Because the facts of Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension are central to the Christian Faith which distinguishes Knights Templar among Masons . . . Because in these events we find our inspiration . . .

1. As Grand Master, I call Knights Templar to assemble as Commanderies in Church or Asylum to celebrate these most wonderful events of history, coming together in as great numbers as can be accomplished at a time on or near Easter Sunday or at a time on or near Ascension Day, or preferably at both times.

2. Special programs of Commanderies in celebratoin of the Resurrection and

Ascension should be made known to all members by special, urgent and emphatic announcement amounting to Templar summons.

3. In making plans, Templar leaders may well seek to assist or supplement but must never compete directly with the planned services or activities of our Christian churches or inter-denominational associations.

4. Both in the planning and the execution of programs celebrating the Resurrection and Ascension, it is recommended that the service of a Christian minister be enlisted, preferably but not necessarily one who is a Knight Templar or a Mason.

5. Especially, I invite all Knights Templar to join with the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and me in celebrating Easter in our 38th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service to be held in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery. No greater thrill is available to a Knight Templar. No finer expression of our Christian and patriotic character can be made by a Sir Knight than to assemble in full uniform and march with us to honor on Easter the heroic and distinguished host who rest at Arlington. We assemble—Washington sees us—as men who protect nothing, ask nothing except the blessing of God upon those we honor. Won't you join with us?

"... He Goeth Before You ..."

1 March 1968

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John L. Crofts, Sr.", written in a cursive style.

Grand Master

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Sir Knight R. B. Muse, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, demonstrated Masonry's interest and support in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., February 1 at the Annual Inspection of Ivanhoe Commandery, Fort Valley, Georgia, when he presented the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment with a check for \$500.00 from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M.

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., in accepting, noted that the contribution would cover the cost of preventing blindness for one individual somewhere, and expressed special appreciation for the significant recognition by "the great Grand Lodge of Georgia of the work of Masons who are also Knights Templar through our Knights Templar Eye Foundation." Sir Knight Crofts thanked Grand Master Muse for the commendation and support the check from the Grand Lodge indicated, and noted that "this approval would be highly gratifying to Knights Templar everywhere, bring them increased pride in their accomplishments and raise their appreciation of the Eye Foundation value."

The M. E. Grand Master, an honorary member of Ivanhoe Commandery, also presented the Certificate of Appreciation earned by Ivanhoe Commandery by the enlistment of 10% of their members as Eye Foundation Life Sponsors.

Grand Commander Unger Presides For Salute To Indiana's Willard Avery

With Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball, R. E. Grand Treasurer, as speaker, 306 Knights Templar and guests were present February



3 when Indiana honored Willard M. Avery, R.E. Grand Captain-General, with a banquet and reception at the Masonic Temple, Muncie. Knightstown Drill Team served as honor guard. Dinner was by candlelight. Presiding was the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Richard D. Unger.

It was Douglas E. Briggs Day on January 12. The illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred on 13 Companions in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery No. 1; four others, unable to be present until a later date, bring the Douglas E. Briggs Class to 17. Dinner for approximately 300 of the Commandery family was served in the Crystal Ballroom of the Detroit Masonic Temple, with Sir Knight Briggs pronouncing the Invocation and Benediction. Sir Knight Henry A. Montague was toastmaster for the dinner; the speaker was the Reverend Herbert Harrison, Asbury Delaware Methodist Church of Buffalo. Eminent Commander Alfred W. Wilke paid tribute to Sir Knight Briggs for his invaluable service to Templary, including 21 years as Prelate, plus three years substituting for the late Sir Knight Glenn E. Jones.

York Rite Members Unite For South Central Conference At Little Rock

February 3rd York Rite Conference Participants Include Sprague H. Carter, General Grand High Priest; C. Ellwood Smyrk, General Grand Master of General Grand Council, and the M. E. Grand Master of Grand Encampment, John L. Crofts, Sr.

A well-attended precisely-coordinated and efficiently-conducted series of informational programs highlighted the South Central Conference of the York Rite of Freemasonry at the Masonic Temple, Little Rock, Arkansas, Saturday, February 3. The conference was climaxed with a joint banquet at the Lafayette Hotel Saturday evening when the speaker was the Rev. Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D., R. E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

At the conclusion of a moving and exalting message, inspiredly presented, Sir Knight Junker presided for the dedicating and blessing of the appointments for the Knights Templar altar-table at the Knight Temple Chapel on the upper level of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. To assist in the dedication at Little Rock, the Grand Prelate called upon the two heads of the General York Rite bodies, Sir Knights Carter and Smyrk, and the M. E. Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Crofts. The appointments were transported to Washington the following day by Sir Knight Smyrk, where they will be on view at the Chapel the day before Easter.

As Sir Knight Junker pointed out, those planning to be in Washington for the annual Arlington Easter Day Memorial Sunrise Service are especially invited the day before to a pre-Easter event to see

the Memorial and visit the Chapel. At 3:00 p.m. on that date, April 13, there will be an opportunity to remember the faithful departed in the newly renovated George Washington Memorial Amphitheater-Auditorium.

During the day at Little Rock there were separate discussion groups for members of the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council and the Grand Encampment. William R. Denslow, General Grand Master of the Third Veil, was in charge of the Chapter programs, with Glen E. Ward, Arkansas Grand High Priest, as moderator. The Grand Council sessions were directed by Ben F. Mandlbaum, General Grand Steward, while William R. Robbins, R. E. Department Commander, presided over the Grand Encampment program. Roy W. Riegle, R. E. Grand Generalissimo, was the Grand Encampment moderator.

The R. E. Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, G. Wilbur Bell, participated in the day's programs, as did the Grand Recorder, Paul C. Rodenhauser.

After taking part in the day-long discussions of their respective bodies, Sir Knights Smyrk, Carter and Crofts each addressed the joint gathering at 4:30 p.m. Introductions were handled by Bruce H. Hunt, General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council, who also served as toastmaster for the evening banquet.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Avenue Of Hope

by

*John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice*

The assault against law and order and the morality which forms the foundation of our freedom presently is mounting in magnitude and intensity. A quick review of current crime statistics is sufficient to convince even the most skeptical that, in the past decade, the steadily increasing stream of crime is rapidly becoming a torrent. In the course of the first nine months of 1967, crime in the United States increased 16 percent over the corresponding period in 1966. On a nationwide scale, the violent crimes as a group increased 15 percent. On an individual basis, these crimes showed a 27 percent increase in robbery, 16 percent in murder, 9 percent in aggravated assault, and 7 percent in forcible rape. In the same nine-month period, property crimes registered a 16 percent rise.

On every hand, we witness a lack of that responsibility which, in the words of an American author of the last century, ". . . walks hand in hand with power."

Readers of the "Knight Templar" may well ask: "In what direction are we heading?"

The portents for the future are scarcely encouraging. Cynics and hypocrites continue to invite anarchy as they promote the doctrine of civil disobedience. Riot-seared cities look uneasily to the future. Demonstrators continue to urge defiance of the law and fear empties the streets of cities when night falls. Representatives of law enforcement find themselves subject to assault on an increasing scale.

Time and again justice is thwarted by means of legal technicalities. The slap-on-the-wrist sentences often given hardened criminals convicted of brutal crimes generate growing disrespect for the law. A steady stream of such criminals is loosed on the streets to prey on new victims—often only hours after their release. But the saddest of all sad portents for the future is to be found in the increasing number of the very young who become involved in the commission of vicious crimes.

The total picture of America's future may, for many, be clouded with a grey shadow of worry and fear.

Must we accept that picture?

We need not. Here and there we see encouraging evidence of citizen concern. More and more individuals are demanding that balance be restored—that the rights of the victim of a crime receive equal consideration with those of the perpetrator of the crime. More and more citizens are awakening to the fact that they have responsibilities as clean-cut as those of law enforcement if the tide of crime is to be reversed.

In the field of law enforcement itself, a sharp ray of light is beginning to dissipate the discouraging shadow of crime. Like an avenue of hope gleaming on the horizon, this light is a promising new weapon of which few people outside the profession of law enforcement are aware. Within the profession, it is being viewed as the most exciting development in decades.

This new weapon to which I have reference is the National Crime Information Center—the NCIC—inaugurated as recently as January, 1967.

A computerized index to crime and criminals, this new electronic data-exchange network is intended to serve as a source of instant information to all law enforcement agencies. As its use expands, its glowing promise is rapidly becoming exciting reality. For example, on the very day that the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department joined the network and made initial entries of stolen vehicles, the Colorado State Police made inquiry on one Kansas City entry which resulted in an arrest and a recovery. On this same opening day, Kansas City Police made an arrest based upon a vehicle inquiry resulting in information that the vehicle in question had been stolen earlier in La Habra, California.

The National Crime Information Center telescopes time. It makes vital information available to the officer on the street at the moment he needs it. In one instance, for example, a Maryland State Trooper checked the identification of a hitchhiker on the outskirts of Baltimore. By radio to Maryland State Police Headquarters, he requested that the identification data which the hitchhiker had given him be checked through the National Crime Information Center. Within moments of his inquiry—which was made at 3:30 in the morning—the Trooper on the highway in the presence of the hitchhiker learned that the latter was wanted by the Sheriff's Office in Shelby, Montana, for grand larceny—bad checks. The suspect was promptly confined to await removal to Montana.

The usefulness of this new weapon against crime is dependent, of course, on the number of agencies cooperating, the quality of the data entered in the index and the immediacy of the entry. During the first few months of operation, sixteen terminals were tied into the computer. Since then, many more have become active participants. Indeed, since November, 1967, more than a dozen agencies either have become participants or are scheduled to join the network in the very near future.

Records now on file in the Center concern stolen vehicles, vehicles used in the commission of felonies, stolen engines and transmissions, stolen license plates, stolen guns, other items of stolen property which are serially identifiable, and wanted persons. Additional information will become available to law enforcement agencies in the network as soon as the types of data which would be subject to the most effective utilization can be determined from the categories presently under consideration.

The National Crime Information Center offers an avenue of hope. Its exciting inaugural year has disclosed its immense potential value as a weapon for use in the process of identifying and apprehending persons who have committed crimes. But no one should permit himself to become overly optimistic relative to the major problems besetting our Nation on the basis of any single technological breakthrough, regardless of how effective that process is proving to be. What all of us must address ourselves to now is the problem of preventing hundreds of thousands of today's children from becoming tomorrow's criminals.

We live in the most affluent society the world has ever known,

yet the ultimate solution of our many problems, in my opinion, will be found in the field of the spiritual rather than the material. We have travelled a great distance, unfortunately, from our spiritual sources, and we have wandered away from a general belief which could be summed up in the words of a clergyman born early in the last century:

“The religion of Christ has made a Republic like ours possible; and the more we have of this religion the better the Republic.”

Only when we strive to bulwark the moral base on which our system of self-rule is founded, and only when we, as individuals, re-dedicate ourselves to the task of preserving the immortal dream which is the inheritance of all Americans, will we be within sight of a solution to our many grave problems. We have before us now an avenue of hope.

New Mexico Santas

A letter received by Sir Knight John R. Mendius, R. E. Grand Commander, New Mexico, tells why New Mexico Templars are known as “Santa Claus” at the New Mexico Boys Ranch:

“Dear Mr. Mendius,

“From the staff and the boys at the New Mexico Boys Ranch we thank you and the Knights Templar of New Mexico for the wonderful gift of linens which you gave to the boys. There are blankets for each boy’s bed and new sheets and pillow cases for them.

“We appreciate you and Mr. Sam Swysgood taking your time to gather the items together and bring them to the Ranch.

“It is impossible for us to know and thank each one personally who helped with the project so we send our thanks to you and through you to each one who had a part in this worthwhile and generous project.

Sincerely yours,
Barry Morgan
Superintendent”

GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS OF CALIFORNIA SCHEDULED APRIL 21-26

California Chapter, Council and Commandery Annual Grand Sessions will convene April 21 with headquarters at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, adjacent to the world famous Disneyland.

Business sessions will take place in the Santa Ana Masonic Temple, 5th and Sycamore Streets, Santa Ana. Sir Knight James Raymond, California correspondent for the Knight Templar Magazine, relays a cordial invitation from all three grand bodies to sessions which he promises will be some of the most enjoyable and productive yet held.

The committee chairman is Carlos Benson, for the Grand Chapter; plus Herb McElvane, Grand Council, and Jack Farras, Grand Commandery. Howard V. Conner, Executive Secretary, can be addressed at 7252 Ninth Street, Buena Park, California 90620.

Scottish Carpenter Is Mr. Knight Templar In Iowa

Sir Knight Jerry Marsengill, correspondent for the Knight Templar Magazine, writes of a distinguished Templar who has become an institution in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa and allied Masonic bodies.

From Scotland to the American mid-west is a long journey in miles, to say nothing of the changes encountered in removing from one culture to an entirely different way of life. James Johnstone Sturrock Mitchell, P. G. C., made that move with honor to himself and with gain to Templary in the United States.



He was born June 24, 1882 in Arbroath, a coastal town in the Scottish midlands. His father was an employee of the Arbroath public school system where Jimmy Mitchell received his early education. Later, he attended schools in Aberdeen.

After a seven year apprenticeship, he became a cabinet-maker and located in Aberdeen. It was there he learned the art of fencing, his lifelong hobby. He joined the 42nd Black Watch Volunteers, advancing to the rank of Sargeant, a not inconsiderable feat in the pre-war British army. With his military background and his interest in fencing it is logical that the Commandery later became his favorite Masonic body.

He came to the United States in 1906, and became an employee of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad at Aurora, Illinois, when cabinet-makers were in great demand for the fine wood

interiors of the plush railroad cars of the day.

In Aurora he began his lifelong association with Masonry. Raised September 25, 1907, he served Aurora Lodge as Master in 1911. Since 1952 he has been a member of Capitol Lodge No. 110, Des Moines, where he was recently honored by being named an Associate Past Master.

He was exalted in Aurora Chapter No. 22, in 1908, knighted in Aurora Commandery No. 22 in 1910, received in Aurora Council No. 45 in the same year and became a member of Tebala Shrine, Rockford, Illinois, in 1911.

In Aurora he met Ethel Proctor, who had come to the United States from England some years earlier. They met in the Masonic Temple at Aurora, were married in June of 1912, and honeymooned in England and Scotland. They were the parents of one son and Jimmy now proudly boasts two grown grandsons. Since the death of Mrs. Mitchell in 1938, Sir Knight Mitchell shares a house with his daughter-in-law.

The Mitchells became American citizens in 1915, although it was in 1913 that Jimmy came to Des Moines as a teacher in the public schools, first in manual training in grade school, then to West High, and eventually to North High. After World War I, he left the school system to be a rehabilitation assistant and supervisor for the United States Government until 1927 when he was employed by the State of Iowa in the same general capacity.

Sir Knight Mitchell was Standard Bearer when he left Illinois and immediately demitted his Masonic memberships to Des Moines, becoming active in Temple Commandery No. 4 and serving as Commander in 1928.



While still Junior Warden of Temple Commandery he took the examination for ritualistic proficiency prescribed by the Board of Instruction of the Grand Commandery and was appointed an Instructor. He has kept his Instructor's certificate in force ever since. In the same year, 1923, he was chosen to illustrate the tactics of the Grand Commandery's printed manual, a rare honor for a baldric Knight.



In 1944 Past Commander Mitchell was elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, served the elected posts with distinction and became R. E. Grand Commander in 1949. His Templar interest continues unabated. He seldom misses a weekly



conclave of Temple Commandery and he is also active in Corinthian Chapter No. 14, R.A.M. He served the Grand Chapter of Iowa as Grand Chaplain in 1954.

Because he felt younger men should have the opportunity, he has refused office in his Chapter, but Corinthian Chapter honored him in 1964 by making him an Honorary Past High Priest. Other active interests are Capitol Lodge No. 110, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Alpha Council No. 1 and Des Moines Consistory A&ASR. He never misses a Grand Commandery Conclave and he also attends the Triennial Conclaves of Grand Encampment.

At Detroit last year he was present for all sessions of Grand Encampment. When the Des Moines group decided to leave before the Grand Master's banquet, Jimmy stayed on alone and flew from Detroit to Des Moines—this at the age of 85!

Wherever he goes in Iowa, he is Mr. Knight Templar. Seldom is a meeting held by any York Rite body in the area without the presence of Sir Knight Mitchell. He is proficient to the point of perfection in nearly all the York Rite work and is never too busy to help younger members who request his aid.

Although great financial gains never came his way, Jimmy has gained universal respect and esteem in Iowa Masonry, including that of the M. E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., who was Grand Generalissimo during Jim's year as Grand Commander.

By devoting his life to Freemasonry and his fellowmen, Sir Knight Mitchell has graphically illustrated the great principles of all the degrees and Orders. Sir Knight Marsengill closes by writing: "Jimmy says Detroit was probably his last Triennial, but we hope and pray that when the Grand Encampment meets in Denver, the Iowa contingent will be led by our beloved and oldest Past Grand Commander, James J. S. Mitchell—the Scottish carpenter who became a living legend in Iowa."

ECCLESIASTES—9:10

"Quodcumque facere potest manus tau, instanter operare; quia nec opus, nec ratio, nec sapientia, nec scientia erunt apud inferos, quo tu properas."

(Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.)



Among the distinguished "Knights of Note" in Iowa are the members of the Drill Team of Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, the Charitable Activities Committee of the Commandery, and committee member William J. Sargent.

For years at his own expense Sir Knight Bill Sargent served Thanksgiving Dinner to the needy of Des Moines. Born William Sartal in Arcadia, Greece, Sir Knight Sargent came to the United States in 1918, was naturalized and anglicized his name. The Thanksgiving Dinners, served in his own cafe, attracted nationwide attention; they and their sponsor were acclaimed in many diversified publications, including the Christian Science Monitor, the Des Moines Register and Tribune, the Aepheian, National Greek Magazine, and others.

Now crippled by arthritis and otherwise afflicted, he has had difficulty maintaining the free dinners. Consequently, the Drill Team Executive Committee voted to contribute part of the Annual Templar Circus proceeds to Sir Knight Sargent to help continue his humanitarian feeding of the poor.

But the benefits of the circus, well supported by the Masonic Fraternity and the public, do not stop there. Through the Charitable Activities Committee, contribu-

tions go to "Shut-In, Inc.," which provides transportation for invalids, retarded persons, and other afflicted persons to various entertainment features in the area. This organization, with no salaries and no office to maintain, is particularly useful because the taxi companies in Des Moines do not transport persons unable to load and unload themselves from taxis. It is headed by Verl L. Carson who, although not a Mason, has a son, A Des Moines police officer, now in the process of receiving the Degrees of Symbolic Masonry in Home Lodge No. 370.

As an additional philanthropy, the Drill Team's circus presentation in the fall of 1967 made possible the purchase of two Life Patron Certificates in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.



Sir Knight Duard C. Varble, Madison, Indiana, expresses appreciation in a January 31 letter for the cooperation of the Madison Courier, Sir Knight Mike Neal, Editor, for coverage of the triple 50-year pins to Sir Knight John A. Naill, Madison Lumber Company owner. The caption for the picture, featured on the first page of Courier, reads:

"John A. Naill (center) was presented with three 50-year Masonic pins during ceremonies last night at the local Masonic Temple.

Harry Nichols, (left), acting for the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana, presented a 50-year Knights Templar pin; and Sidney E. Cofield (right) presented a 50 year award of gold as a Grand Chapter officer, and acting for the Grand Council in presenting that 50-year pin."



Fifty-two and one half devoted years of service were recognized in Columbia Commandery No. 4, Norwich, Connecticut, in 1967. From left to right are Sir Knights Richard P. Gregson, P.G.C.; Herbert E. Lawrence, P.C., and prelate for the past 28 years, recipient of the Grand Commandery award; John W. Colody, Grand Inspector; Franklin E. Robinson, Grand Warder; and Harold H. Muttart, Eminent Commander.

John B. Cottrell, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities for the Grand Encampment, directs every reader's attention to J. Edgar Hoover's "Avenue of Hope" in the current issue of the Knight Templar Magazine and to the Sidney L. DeLove article, "American Patriotism," which was featured in the February issue. Sir Knight Cottrell, P.D.C., writes, "Both these presentations are food for thought and a call to dedicated action for all Knights Templar."



Florida Supreme Court Justice Alto Adams, Sr., and Rudolph Mattson were the 85th and 86th candidates to be knighted in 1967 by St. Lucie Commandery No. 17, Fort Pierce, Florida. The Orders were conferred on the two candidates Saturday, December 23, in what "The News Tribune" reported were "impressive ceremonies at the Fort Pierce Masonic Temple." The Tuesday, December 26, edition of the paper carried a front page picture of Sir Knights Adams and Mattson, flanked by the following:

Robert Wilson, Treasurer; J. R. Reid, Prelate; H. W. Harbison, Generalissimo; Henry Bengal Commander; James Banketas, Captain General; George Roberts, Standard Bearer; John A. Lombardi, D. D. Grand Commander; W. J. Fulkner, Sentinel; Warren H. Conklin, Senior Warden; E. S. Burn, Recorder; Leon Jenson, Sword Bearer; David Kelley, Warden; Sir Knights Hugh Vest, Don Reed, Marion Oldham, Joe Cox, and the Junior Past Commander, George Petrie.

J. Frank Nettles, KYCH, tells of a special York Rite Class at Jacksonville, Florida, in honor of "My Brother" Sparks Jones, a past presiding officer of each of the bodies. The "My Brother" Sparks Jones Class received the



Mark Master Degree February 22. The Degrees and Orders were climaxed with the Order of the Temple Wednesday, February 28, with Past Grand High Priest Wil-

bur W. Masters, Jr., acting as Eminent Commander.

Sir Knight Sparks Jones, raised in Solomon Lodge No. 20 in 1921, was T.I.M. of Hallmark Council No. 3, in 1942, Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 2 in 1944, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter in 1945.

Participating in the honoring of "My Brother" Sparks were: Jacksonville Chapter No. 12—Richard E. Otte, H. P.; Duval Chapter No. 48—Chester E. Bernard, H.P.; Hallmark Council No. 3—Chester E. Bernard, T.I.M.; Damascus Commandery No. 2—William H. Ange, Commander.

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THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

Easter At Arlington

Sir Knights of Pennsylvania :

April 13-14, 1968, are the dates for our traditional Pennsylvania Knights Templar Easter Weekend Pilgrimage to Washington D. C. and Arlington. Again, the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania has a special "Package" plan for those making the weekend pilgrimage from Pennsylvania. Please remember that all Sir Knights, ladies, family and Christian friends are welcome.

The Willard Hotel again will be our headquarters. Buses will be provided at that point to transport you and your group to the Arlington Amphitheatre Sunday morning and back to the hotel.

The "Package" plan provided for you will include housing of your choice, the traditional Pennsylvania dinner in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday evening at 7:00 P.M. and the Easter Morning breakfast after the Sunrise Service, all at the Willard Hotel.

Two additional events have been included this year. All are invited to attend a Reception by the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr. and his Lady, Mrs. Crofts, in Hotel Washington between the hours of 1:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon, April 13, 1968. Hotel Washinton is located adjacent to our hotel and buses will leave from there between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon, April 13, 1968 for the second additional event, a guided tour of the Washington National Masonic Memorial at Arlington, Virginia.

Please use the official form to make your reservations. Deadline for receipt of reservations is Monday, April 1, 1968. Forward your reservation request, and your check, before that date to: CHARLES R. FRASCH, TREAS., 831 HOUSTON STREET, COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA 17512.

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Your committee will be represented at the scene to facilitate your room and activity arrangements, by Sir Knights Charles R. Frasch and Emory C. Gardner. Rooms will be available no later than 3:00 P.M. Saturday. Checkout time is 3:00 P.M. Sunday.

Amphitheater spectator tickets will be provided by the committee at no cost to you. Also, if you are traveling to Washington in a group by bus, the committee will provide you with an official bus sticker to permit your bus to enter the grounds Easter morning.

Courteously and Sincerely,
S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., P. G. C.
Chairman

And the Easter Sunrise Service Committee: Charles R. Frasch, Emory C. Gardner, Samuel H. Verner, Reuben H. Learn, Harry W. Wagner, Harry M. Palmer, Ralph H. Ott, Earl Edwards, James S. Ruffner, George C. Meck, Earl H. Supplee.

Division No. 5 York Rite Festival At Oxford



Last fall's York Rite Class at Oxford brought fourteen candidates into Christian Masonry. Division No. 5, with Sir Knight Willard Heiney as Division Commandery, comprises: St. Albans No. 47, Centennial No. 55, Chester No. 66, Brandywine No. 8, and Cypress No. 93, the host Commandery. Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, represented the Grand Commander at the conferrals.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

Dear Sir Knights :

As you know, 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 will headquarters in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

Our General Committee has been meeting regularly for the past year planning the events of this conclave and with the sincere hope of making the trip to Pittsburgh, for the Sir Knights and their Ladies worthy of their efforts.

Under separate cover, we have mailed your Recorder a good supply of Reservation Blanks and Tentative Schedule of the Events, and we are hopeful they will be distributed by him to interested members of your Commandery.

You are being addressed in order that you might do what you can to publicize this Annual Conclave at every get-together of your Commandery. Knights Templar must go forward in Pennsylvania and your leadership and assistance is greatly needed in your Commandery. WILL YOU HELP?

Courteously and fraternally,
Samuel H. Verner
General Chairman



Evening Prayer – Christmas Observance and Toasts

The Line Officers and Past Commanders' Association of Division No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa., for the ninth consecutive year, held Evening Prayer Service followed by the celebration of the Knight Templar Christmas Observance and Toasts, at Gloria Dei Church (Old Swedes), Sunday, December 10, 1967 at 2:30 P.M. This is acclaimed the oldest church in Pennsylvania and the oldest in the United States in continuous service. It was designated a National Historic Shrine Site in 1942.

The service, as in past years, was well attended, with approximately two hundred-fifty in the congregation including well over fifty Sir Knights in full Templar uniform. The procession was lead by several distinguished Sir Knights, namely: G. Calvin Dyson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Dallas F. Bullock, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander; John W. Laird, Eminent Grand Recorder; John A. Roth, Walter H. Wooding, Trustees of Grand Commandery; Howard T. Scull, Division Commander, and Joseph Bomenblit, P.C., Division Adjutant.

The service was beautiful in this

very quaint colonial church; the music was thrilling and the spiritual message by Rev. William Faulds, D.D., Past Commander, Sterling Commandery, Sterling, Colorado, titled—"Cradle, Cross and Crown"—was most impressive and timely. The theme depicted the Birth of the Christ Child at Bethlehem, his Death and Agony upon the Cross of Calvary and finally his Victorious Conquering of Death and the Grave—his Resurrection, the hope of all mankind.

At the conclusion of the church service the congregation was lead by the Sir Knights to the Parish Hall, where a very impressive Knight Templar Christmas Observance was held. The afternoon concluded with a fellowship hour—refreshments prepared and served by the ladies of the Auxiliaries of Division No. 1, affording everyone present an opportunity to greet old friends and to extend best wishes to them while also meeting new friends and their families.

George F. Held, President.
Chairman Religious Activity
Program Committee.

(Photograph by Sir Knight Charles W. McDermott)

The Committee On Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Announces The 1968 Program and Attendant Activities

The Committee, with Harry L. Beach, P.G.C., District of Columbia, as Chairman, and G. Wilbur Bell, R. E. Deputy Grand Master, as the Grand Encampment Liaison Officer, has released the scheduled plans for the 1968 Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Easter Morning at Arlington National Cemetery. The Committee's letter of information, distributed February 8, follows:

Arrangements are being made for the thirty-eighth Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service to be held under the auspices of the Grand Encampment. The Service will begin promptly at 7:30 A.M. in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, April 14th, 1968. The assembly in full Templar uniform will form at 7:00 o'clock sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Fort Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:10 A. M. for the march to the Amphitheater.

The address on this occasion will be delivered by the Rev. Curtis W. V. Junker, D. D., Right Eminent Grand Pre-



late of the Grand Encampment. The ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers will conclude the Service. Music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and Army Chorus, and the Service will be broadcast on a nation-wide radio net-work by the National Broadcasting Co. Inc.

A very cordial invitation is extended to you to participate in this Service and the Committee requests that you give this invitation all possible publicity in your Grand Jurisdiction. Reserved seats will be provided for those accompany-

ing you, not in uniform. However the request for these reserved seats must be made as soon as possible.

The Committee will be happy to make hotel reservations for Sir Knights and their party at the Washington and Willard Hotels, but as hotel accommodations are at a premium during the Easter Season, we urge you to let us know as soon as possible should you desire us to make reservations for you. However in the event that other arrangements are made by the Sir Knights direct, we must be notified in order to provide tickets to the Service for those not in uniform and transportation for those who may need it.

After the Service the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast (about 9:30 A.M.) for the Sir Knights and their Ladies, at the Willard Hotel, next door to the Washington Hotel. Tickets are \$2.85 each, and we shall be glad to send you tickets if you will forward to me your check for the required amount, made payable to The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, D. C.

*"Meet the Most Eminent
Grand Master"*

Arrangements are being made to honor Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of

Knights Templar, U.S.A., with a Reception at the Washington Hotel, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C., on Saturday, April 13th, 1968, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. All Sir Knights and their Ladies are invited.

"The Upper Room... the Knights Templar Chapel"

Every Knight Templar who visits the Nation's Capital should not fail to make a pilgrimage to nearby Alexandria, Va., to view with great pride the magnificent George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which is sponsored by all of the Grand Lodges of the U. S. At the very apex of this wonderful building, towering 333 feet into the sky, is the Knights Templar Chapel, dedicated to the Glory of God and to His Son Jesus Christ, the Great Captain of our Salvation. Its beautiful stained glass windows depict the events in the life of Jesus, which form the basis for our Order of Knights Templar, and portray His mission of healing and teaching while on earth. This beautiful Chapel is

maintained by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, under the supervision of a special Committee of dedicated members.

In order to make your trip to Washington for the 38th Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Service a memorable one, the Committee has with the assistance of the R. E. Grand Prelate, The Rev. Curtis W. V. Junker, D. D., arranged as an appropriate prelude to the Resurrection Service on Easter Day, a trip to the Memorial and the Chapel on Saturday April 13th. Free transportation by special buses will be provided for all Sir Knights and their families. The schedule will allow you to attend the Reception for the Grand Master, and take this trip in the same afternoon. It will be necessary for the Committee to know the approximate number of persons desiring to make this pilgrimage to the Chapel in order that transportation may be arranged. Please let us have this information as soon as possible.

AMONG THE PENDING BIRTHDAYS:

APRIL

- 18—Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Past Grand Master
27—Roy W. Riegle, R. E. Grand Generalissimo

MAY

- 9—Harold S. Gorman, R. E. Department Commander
11—Carl J. Baesemann, R. E. Department Commander
30—William R. Robbins, R. E. Department Commander

JUNE

- 23—John L. Crofts, Sr., M. E. Grand Master
23—Wilber M. Brucker, M. E. Past Grand Master
26—Oliver S. Willham, P.D.C., Educational Foundation Chairman
30—The Rev. Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D., R. E. Grand Prelate

Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt Sixty Years A Templar

As written by Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, P.C., in the News Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kentucky.

This year's annual Past Commanders' Night at Louisville-De-Molay will be an unusually big event. While there are several Past Commanders serving as officers this year, each will be filling a different station on this night. Several distinguished guests have been invited to witness these old war horses in action on Saturday afternoon, March 16. A dinner will follow and perhaps a very distinguished speaker will be invited.

The crowning event of the occasion, however, will be the Acting Commander for the evening. It will be none other than the Venerable Patriarch, himself, Sir Knight Wylie Brodbeck Wendt. Sir Knight Wylie, along with his many friends, has been looking forward to this ceremony, for it will be his way of celebrating his 60th anniversary as a Knight Templar.

There are not too many Sir Knights who can celebrate their 60th anniversary as Templars, and most of them are unable even to attend a conclave. So to observe this very active gentleman confer the Order of the Temple will be an outstanding occurrence. But, in case any Sir Knight in Kentucky doesn't know Sir Knight Wendt, what will make it more outstanding is that the work will be conferred with the degree of perfection that will illustrate it as the Valiant and Magnanimous Order that it is meant to be.



So, mark this date on your calendar: March 16, and you all are invited. Come honor this devoted and dedicated Past Commander, and learn something in the process.

Awful Uncertainty Of The Future

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not in the lifetime of any man who reads this paper has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so dark and incalculable.

In France, the political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty.

England and the English Empire is being sorely tried and exhausted in a social and economic struggle, with turmoil at home and uprising of her teeming millions in her farflung Indian Empire.

The United States is beset with racial, industrial, and commercial chaos—drifting we know not where.

Russia hangs like a storm cloud on the horizon of Europe—dark and silent. It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel indifference, which happily no man pretends to feel in the issue of events.

Of our own troubles, no man can see the end.

—*Harper's Magazine* (October 10, 1847)
COURTESY YORK RITE BULLETIN
COLUMBIA, S.C.



Vernon C. Maxwell
 Grand Commander
 Ohio, 1948
 Born January 21, 1880
 Died January 21, 1968

Frank H. Wilson
 Grand Commander
 Massachusetts - Rhode Island, 1945
 Born September 19, 1888
 Died January 27, 1968

William Carroll Parks
 Grand Captain - General
 Maryland, 1967-1968
 Born June 19, 1908
 Died February 3, 1968

Armand H. Bishop
 Grand Commander
 Kansas, 1952
 Past Department Commander
 Born September 11, 1905
 Died February 3, 1968

Roderick Willis Jones
 Grand Commander
 Washington — 1939
 Grand Treasurer — 1965-68
 Born March 10, 1895
 Died February 8, 1968

We commemorate, O Lord, and give Thee high praise for all thy servants of this Order who, having finished their pilgrimage below, do now rest their labors. We humbly beseech Thee to give us grace to follow their good examples, that we, with them and they with us, may have that perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

“U. S. Seems Sightless To Blind Facts,” Said Salt Lake Tribune. Grand Commander Woolley Used Templar Facts To Contradict The Theory

The following chronologically-listed communications tell the story of good Knights Templar Eye Foundation promotion on the part of Sir Knight Jed F. Woolley, Jr., Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Utah.

In the Salt Lake Tribune, Sunday, November 19, 1967, William C. Patrick, Medical Editor wrote:

“The United States seems to be blind to the fact that thousands of its inhabitants are going blind each year—literally.

“Dr. Jules Stern, chairman of Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc., predicted Saturday in New York that some 500,000 Americans will go blind in the next ten years unless the present trend is halted.

“Speaking at a National Science Writers Seminar, he noted that the blind population is increasing at a rate nearly double that of the general population.”

“Obviously, Dr. Stein declared, ‘the answer to blindness is not rehabilitation, and it is not merely providing assistance for the huge blind population at an ever-increasing cost to human tragedy and financial resources.’”

On the same date, Sir Knight Woolley wrote to Mr. Patrick: “I read with interest your column . . . and I wondered if you and your readers are aware of the great charitable work being done by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, INC., sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, a 100 percent philanthropy, with the following objectives:” Sir Knight Woolley went on to describe the purpose, methods of operation, financing and value of the Eye Foundation.

Mr. Patrick’s column in the November 26 Tribune was headed, “They Give . . . So Others May See. . .” His article began: “One of the organizations which is helping stem the rising toll of blindness in this country is the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., which has been sponsored for the past ten years by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

“It provides treatment of diseases or injuries that might cause blindness in those who cannot pay for treatment, and also supports research.” Mr. Patrick quoted Sir Knight Woolley’s letter and devoted several hundred words to the subject. In fact, it was his complete column for the issue.

Two of the tangible results of the article within the next few days were: 1—a letter of request for information and assistance from a Tribune reader receiving partial Welfare assistance who finds she is going blind; 2—a telephone call from another reader who wanted the Knights Templar Eye Foundation address so she could send a contribution in memory of her husband, deceased during the year.

Sir Knight Woolley promptly processed both requests. He also took time to write to the Tribune Medical Editor to thank him for relaying the Knights Templar information.

Rhode Island Masonic News Highlights Joint Service

The January-April publication of The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations features coverage of a dedication service in which the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Sir Knight Gordon C. Player, and other distinguished Masons participated.

On Sunday, December 3, 1967, at the invitation of Arthur E. Wilson, Pastor of the Beneficent Congregational Church, Masons and Knights of Columbus gathered in the Meeting House for the Dedication of Beneficent House, a ten story apartment house erected and adjacent to the Church, and for the unveiling of the statue of Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor of Providence, 1864-1882 and Grand Master of Masons of R. I. from 1865 to 1872. Urban Renewal, which he, himself, had initiated while mayor, was responsible for the moving of the statue from a spot in front of the Cathedral of St. Peter & St. Paul where it had stood for 78 years (the Cathedral stands on the site of Doyle's former home) to the terraced lawn of Beneficent House on the corner of Chestnut and Broad Streets.

Thomas Arthur Doyle was one of the outstanding Masons of Rhode Island—a past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Providence, for four years High Priest of Providence R. A. Chapter No. 1, for six years Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of R. I., Eminent Commander of St. John's

Commandery No. 1 and of Calvary Commandery No. 13, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. I., Active member of Supreme Council, 33°, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction for 20 years and Deputy for R. I. for seven years.

The services were attended by the Grand Master of Masons of R. I., Bro. Robert W. Markham, Jr. and the complete line of Grand Lodge Officers who were escorted into the Church by the officers, and Sir Knights of three Commanderies, St. John's No. 1, Calvary No. 13 and Thomas Smith Webb No. 51.

Also, among those present were:

Comp. Wallace C. Adams, M. E.
Grand High Priest of the
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of
R.I.

Comp. John E. Johnson, M.I.
Grand Master of the Grand
Council, R&SM of R.I.

Sir Knight Gordon C. Player, R.
Em. Grand Commander of
Grand Commandery of Mass.
& R. I.

Ill. Norris G. Abbott, Jr. 33°,
Deputy for R. I., Ancient Ac-
cepted Scottish Rite.

together with members of the Craft, their ladies and friends.

The State Deputy, R. I. Jurisdiction, of the Knights of Columbus, William C. Dugan, Jr., was escorted into the Church by a delegation of the 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus and for the first time in R. I. history Knights Templar and Knights of Columbus sat together in a house of worship.

VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

We are indebted to the Grand Lodge of Iowa and its splendid Masonic Library, Ralph E. Whipple, Grand Secretary, Keith Arrington, Assistant Librarian, F. J. Anderson, of the *Royal Arch magazine*



staff, and Brother Robert Nunn, photographer, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who donated the picture of the old Knight Templar diploma, for the material from which this article has been written, and sincere thanks are due each one for the splendid cooperation given.

The Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., for 1883, have a vivid description of this diploma, which is here reproduced. The Grand Master writes that "on 8th of December 1880, I issued a dispensation to South Carolina Commandery No. 1, to appear in public in full Templar uniform . . . for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its organization . . ." He mentions lecture, March 23, 1855 by Theodore S. Gourdin, then commander, which he quotes as follows—

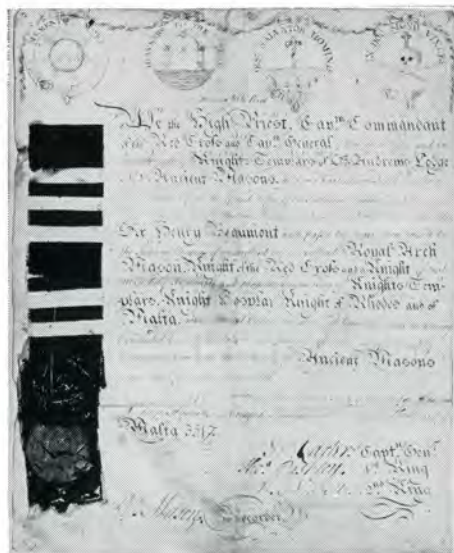
"(The) South Carolina Encampment No. 1, of Knights Templar and the appendant Orders, was established in 1780, as is evident from the old seal in our archives. But it does not appear from what source our ancestors derived their

first charter, all of our records, previous to November 7, 1823, having been lost or consumed by fire. It is evident, however, that this Encampment was in active operation in 1803 and continued so until long after the date of our oldest record. . ."

The Grand Master, at some length, writes about the exact date of the introduction of the Templar Order of Knighthood into South Carolina, speaks of the diploma, makes comments as to its content, and then remarks on the interrelation of Craft Masonry and the appendant bodies, by stating that—

"I find in Charleston from the *South Carolina Gazette*, that at some period not clearly defined there was a *lodge* established in West Florida called St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 40, and that it was moved to Charleston about 1780, and was chartered as a York Lodge in the city of Charleston, July 1783 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. . . a careful examination of the diploma discovered on the seal the words 'Lodge No. 40.'"

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1783, shows that St. Andrew's Lodge No. 40 recommended the brethren at Charleston, and at a Grand Lodge of Emergency, July 12, 1783, motion was made and carried to draw "a warrant for the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, at Charleston" formerly of Florida. The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment went on to state that this lodge had *no name*, but was



"No. 40 on our list," and was located at Charleston, S.C.

He further stated that the evidence of the authenticity of the diploma would seem to be conclusive, and therefore it proves what is contained in it,— that the lodge was held "under charter from the Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America," and that it conferred the degrees and Orders of Knighthood mentioned in it.

Relating the story of the finding of this original seal of South Carolina Encampment No. 1, which appears to have been the original seal of "Lodge No. 40," the date and circumstances of the loss of which are unknown.

Stating that his researches in the office of the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts brought the information that Sir Knight A. G. Haley of Salmon Falls, N. H., had the seal in his possession, which he said he acquired from the cook of a schooner in Dover, N. H.,

whom he said had thrown it up from the ground in Bath, Maine, thinking it to be *pirate money*. Being assured that it was not, readily disposed of it.

Sir Knight E. S. Jennison, Eminent Commander of South Carolina Commandery No. 1, in corresponding with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, makes the observation that the seal was probably adopted *after* this lodge became Lodge No. 40, and *after* the lodge became connected with the Ancient Grand Lodge of South Carolina, instead of Pennsylvania.

"The higher degrees," he writes, "in those times were conferred by no statute in Masonry, but by what was then the *common or unwritten law* in Masonry, by which a regular Master's lodge conferred any higher degrees of which they had any knowledge on worthy Master Masons."

There is still much to be learned about our Templar ancestry, but diligent search and careful reading of old documents will, I am sure, give us a better understanding of some of the unfathomable facts that have been presented to us out of the past.

KNIGHT or KNIGHTS

For general information and conformity of use:

One Knight is a KNIGHT Templar; two or more are KNIGHTS Templar. It's the KNIGHTS Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., the KNIGHTS Templar Educational Foundation, and the KNIGHTS Templar Cross of Honor Award. But, it's the KNIGHT Templar Magazine.

Michigan Masonic Home Scene Of Knightings

As far as Knight John R. Ousnamer could determine, no Commandery in Michigan—perhaps in the United States—had ever conferred all the Orders in any Masonic Home upon one of the home's residents.

Since January 6, Templar history has been changed. On that date, with the blessing and participation of Sir Knight Frederick G. Kirby, Grand Commander, Sir Knight Ousnamer, Eminent Commander of Pontiac Commandery No. 2, led a delegation of his own Commandery and nine others to the Masonic Home, Alma, Michigan, to confer the Orders upon Companion William Thompson, a resident of the Home, and also upon Companion Fred Clelland, a Pontiac Commandery candidate.



while the Orders were being conferred. Sir Knight Kirby officiated for the Order of Malta. Sir Knight Sidney F. Chown, Correspondent, reports that the day closed with a dinner and social hour.

Commanderies participating were: Pontiac No. 2, Ionia No. 11, St. Bernard No. 16, Bay City No. 26, Lexington No. 27, Howell No. 28, Battle Creek No. 33, Northville No. 39, Ithaca No. 40, Redford No. 55.

The conferrals, points out Sir Knight Chown, took place "because of the desire of Eminent Commander Ousnamer to comply with the wishes of Companion Thompson, who had started earlier that he sincerely wished he had completed the York Rite and had been knighted. Because he was not in robust health and could not come to Pontiac, the Sir Knights decided to go to Bill and fulfill his wishes."



Ladies joined the Sir Knights in the trek and were entertained by the ladies of Ithaca No. 40

*Make no little plans; they have
no magic to stir man's blood . . .
make big plans; aim high in hope
and work, remembering that a
noble, logical diagram once record-
ed will never die, but long after we
are gone will be a living thing.*

*"Remember that our sons and
grandsons are going to do things
that would stagger us."*

Daniel C. Burnham



Chillicothe Commandery No. 8 K. T., the home Commandery of Sir Knight Cecil S. Blair, R. E. Grand Commander of Ohio, has created what they believe to be another first for their home town. Chillicothe was the first Capital of Ohio, and the members of the Commandery think that theirs is the first and only Commandery in the Grand Encampment to have the flags of all 50 states mounted on the walls of their asylum. This was made possible through a bequest to the Masonic Temple Association. The flags are 3 feet by 5 feet in size, and those of the original 13 states are mounted on the north wall and the remaining 37 are on the south wall in the order of their admission into the union. It is a most colorful display in their asylum of Flags.

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Plans were well advanced for the 146th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, writes William T. Buckner, P.G.C., Grand Recorder.

The Annual Conclave will convene in Lynchburg May 9 and extend through May 11. The general chairman is Rucker A. Johnson, 4509 Fairmont Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia 23502. The housing committee chairman is Bernard L. Woody, 1442 Nelson Drive, Lynchburg 24502.

The official representative of the M. E. Grand Master for the Conclave will be C. Wallace Jackson, R. E. Department Commander, Southeastern Department.

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Original information received in connection with the Proficiency Festival in Chehalis, Washington (December issue, Knight Templar Magazine) misspelled the name of the Most Excellent High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Washington. The Grand High Priest is the active and well-known Masonic leader, Obert C. Skodje.

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R. Kendall Pitkin, P.C., Arizona Commandery No. 1, says "our



Arizona Commandery No. 1 needs at least 6 more to reach our 10% goal" of Life Sponsors for the Knights Templar Eye

Foundation, Inc. He also points to the case of Miss Maria Marietta, of San Ana, Son., Mexico, "one of the worst cases of crossed eyes imaginable," as an example of the great work of this Knight Templar philanthropy. "Now that Maria is the pretty young woman she was born to be, instead of a shy, retiring person, she has resumed her quest to be a school teacher."

Department Commanders' Forum

From C. Wallace Jackson, R. E. Department Commander, South-eastern Department:

"The circulation report of the Knight Templar Magazine indicates the Department's most urgent need is to bolster its renewals. Each Grand Commander has issued directives to his Commanderies to this end, but a Bulletin is being sent to interested individuals in the Department, stressing this necessity as an additional reminder. The Bulletin is being sent from this office.

"The Magazine has carried accounts of notable achievements of many Commanderies in securing substantial classes of candidates for the Orders. Perhaps the record of Palestine Commandery No. 20, Fayetteville, N. C. should be mentioned. This Commandery has shown constant net gains of more than 40 for the past five years or more. When one of its members was Grand Commander in 1966, they presented him with a net gain of 65. 1967 was better yet, for they had 92 knightings, with a net gain of 82. It also has a fine record of low suspensions, never more than 6 in any year but recently came up with a year in which there were none at all."

William R. Robbins, R. E. Department Commander, who recently conducted a South Central Department Conference, reports:

Forty-three Templars were present for South Central Department Conference at Little Rock, Ark., February 3. Five of the six Grand Commanderies in the Department were represented, with two constituent bodies outside the department represented. The conference

was held in conjunction with area meetings of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, and the General Grand Council R&SM International. A total of 102 delegates to the sessions registered.

Five Grand Encampment officers, including Grand Master Crofts, Deputy Grand Master Bell, Grand Recorder Rodenhauser, Grand Generalissimo Riegle and Grand Prelate Junker attended. Physical arrangements for the meeting were made by Hal Moore, Grand Generalissimo of Arkansas. The conference was under direction of the South Central Department Commander.

A fast-moving, versatile series of discussions by program leaders riveted the attention and interest of the Templars present. Audience participation was animated, with frequent comments and contributions to discussion subjects from those attending.

Sir Knight A. L. Crump, R. E. Department Commander, North Central Department, relays this message for Illinois Masons:

"Save April 8th for a big night at Medinah Temple! The Illinois Masonic Hospital Association is opening its Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. that evening to members of all Appendant Bodies, as well as all Cook County and metropolitan-area Masons.

"We have been invited to send a delegation of Knights, in uniform, to this unique meeting, and have assured the Hospital of our fullest cooperation." (Both Grand Commander Barton and R. E. Department Commander Crump heartily endorse this project.)

"This will be one of the rare occasions at which all branches of Masonry will be gathered together, and a colorful and inspiring



Representatives of Grand Lodge and Appendant Bodies in attendance at a special meeting called by Warren N. Barr, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees, Illinois Masonic Hospital Association, at which plans for the Association's Annual Meeting were discussed.

program has been planned: A Master Plan for the future of the Hospital will be revealed that night; Distinguished Masons, including Most Worshipful Grand Master William L. Mason, Governor Kerner, Senator Dirksen, and W. Clement Stone, have been invited as guests of honor; Medinah Temple is providing some of its Units; and other Masonic groups participating in the program will add to the pageantry of the occasion.

"A dinner will be served preced-

ing the Meeting at Medinah Temple from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. for the convenience of those attending."

Representing the Knights Templar at the meeting when the plans were announced were R. E. Department Commander Crump and V.E. Deputy Grand Commander Stone.

Dinner reservations can be secured by forwarding a check at \$2.00 per person to: Stuart Wallace Stone, 620 Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Ill. 60137.

Armand Helmuth Bishop

A following memorial on the death of Armand Helmuth Bishop was issued from the office of the Grand Secretary-Recorder by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Kansas, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas:

ARMAND HELMUTH BISHOP
 Grand Master-Grand Lodge 1962
 Grand High Priest-Grand
 Chapter RAM 1967
 Council R&SM-1956
 Grand Commandery Knights
 Templar-1952

Born

Minden Mines, Missouri

September 11, 1905

Died

Kansas University Medical Center

Kansas City, Kansas

February 3, 1968

The Angel of Death has once again entered our portals and taken our beloved and long time servant of Freemasonry, ARMAND H. BISHOP. He not only served well in partially all Bodies of this Jurisdiction, but was well known in the whole system of Freemasonry for many honors had come to him.

At the time of his death he was serving as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, Intendant General of the Red Cross of Constantine in Kansas, and Eminent Prior to the Kansas Priory KYCH. Two years ago he was coroneted a 33° Honorary in the Scottish Rite and he was also a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, Order of the Eastern Star.

M. W. BISHOP, was married to Miss Pauline Spangler on June 30, 1929. Survivors also include a sister, Mrs. Jack Evans, of Pittsburg, Kansas, and many nieces and nephews.



Twenty one of thirty nine eligible were present for a dinner and program in honor of 50-year members held by Damascus Commandery No. 1, St. Paul Minnesota, with Grand Commander Armor M. Mathisen on hand to make the presentations. The dinner program was attended by more than

200 Knights and ladies, including a representation of Grand Line officers.

Correspondent James Joyce, Grand Recorder, says, "the oldest member receiving his 50 year certificate was 'young' Raymond Woods, 99 years old, who still drives his own automobile."

In a January 20 letter Sidney F. Chown, P.C., Michigan Knight Templar Magazine Chairman, writes of a testimonial dinner held September 16, 1968 for Grand Commander Kirby:

"A Testimonial Dinner was given in honor of Frederick G. Kirby, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan by Redford Commandery No. 55, of

which he is a Past Commander.

"The banquet was held in the Skyline Terrace of the Ford Engineering Building. The Speaker was Past Grand Commander Edward S. Piggins, Wayne County Circuit Judge."

"The evening was enjoyed by approximately 500 members, their wives and friends. He is well loved by all Michigan Knights Templar."



From Georgia a picture showing 24 of the 30 knighted during the Centennial Year of Palestine Commandery No. 7, Savannah. With the class are the R. E. Grand Commander, Douglas H. Tidwell, and the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, William J. Mobley.

Everybody Does It!

When Johnny was six years old, he was with his father when they were caught speeding. His father handed the officer a \$5 bill with his driver's license. "It's O.K., son," his father said as they drove off. "Everybody does it."

When he was nine, his mother took him to his first theater production. The box office man couldn't find any seats until his mother discovered an extra \$2 in her purse. "It's O.K., son," she said. "Everybody does it."

When he was twelve, he broke his glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Francine persuaded the insurance company that they had been stolen and they collected \$27. "It's O.K.," she said. "Everybody does it."

When he was fifteen, he made right guard on the high school football team. His coach showed him how to block and at the same time grab the opposing end by the shirt so the official couldn't see it. "It's O.K., kid," the coach said. "Everybody does it."

When he was sixteen, he took his first summer job at the big market. His assignment was to put the over-ripe tomatoes in the bottom of the boxes and the good ones on top where they would show. "It's O.K., kid," the manager said. "Everybody does it."

When he was eighteen, Johnny and a neighbor applied for a college scholarship. Johnny was a marginal student. His neighbor was in the upper three per cent of his class, but he couldn't play right guard. Johnny got the assignment. "It's O. K.," they told him. "Everybody does it."

When he was nineteen, he was approached by an upper classman who offered the test answers for \$3. "It's O.K., kid," he said. "Everybody does it." Johnny was caught and sent home in disgrace. "How could you do this to your mother and me?" his father said. "You never learned anything like this at home." His aunt and uncle were also shocked.

If there's one thing the adult world can't stand, it's a kid who cheats. . . .

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