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IMPLICATIONS OF TEMPLAR LEADERSHIP

A Message from the Grand Master

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.

A motivating dedication, not necessarily of the highest order—a decision to serve Templary rather than to be merely a member—seems to me to be the first essential attribute of a Templar leader. Such a commitment may result from the experiences of becoming a member, perhaps from a perceptive understanding of the rightness of our fraternity, —more likely from loyalties to other individual members and their personal worth discovered through fraternal contact. Such a decision should prompt us to seek

Information as to the proud history of Templary, both of the medieval and the modern Order, information as to the structure, organization and true purposes of the Order. We ought to understand the beauty of Christian purpose superimposed upon the basic moral concepts of Freemasonry, the wonderful potential of our 1600 Commanderies in 1600 communities, and the human needs of our members. So informed, the Templar leader naturally considers the

Direction in which Templary is or should be moving. In Templary, the democracy of Freemasonry prevails; all are permitted to think in terms of direction and to participate in policy development. Policy decisions immediately suggest

Motion or *effect* to implement them. What we do—not what we are or say we are—is the measure by which others, including our own members, judge us. Templar programs in addition to ritualistic ceremonies and social programs typically include expressions of our interest in (1) the Christian religion, through celebration of Festal Days and support of our churches and our ministers, (2) charitable works, through our Eye Foundation, meeting occasional critical needs of our own members, and a broad range of state or local programs, (3) education, through our Educational Foundation and general interest in schools, students and teachers variously expressed, and (4) patriotic and civic activities, a broad field particularly suggestive of local initiative. In the expression of all Templar programs, we learn to measure effect by

Local activity by commanderies and member interest. Knowing that Grand Encampment was established by local commanderies "in order to secure unity and better government and to increase the prosperity and influence of Templary," knowing that such prosperity and influence is essentially the sum of local prosperity and influence, all leadership is properly directed toward local activity programming. Since leadership is always progressive, and since commanderies operate on an annual cycle, we need at least annually to

Evaluate and *revise* plans. Always seeking perfection, we normally tend to refine and repeat what appears successful. A constant addition of thoughtful innovation or experimentation is equally essential.

Rededication is the natural result of active leadership at any level. Loyalties become stronger, commitment deeper, as a result of a giving leadership experience at any level—we again seek more knowledge, consider direction and effect more efficiently, contribute more to the "prosperity and influence of Templary." We are able to contribute more, having by experience become more worthy Christian brothers—a rich reward not limited to a select few. The progress of Templary calls many to leadership at all levels and in many capacities official and otherwise. There is a place in leadership for all who will take the first step.

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Salute To The Recorders

Throughout the Grand Encampment jurisdiction, Grand and Constituent Recorders, and the Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies, have the responsibility of supervising and compiling rosters for the Knight Templar every-member compilation project.

The Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies of Wisconsin, and Sir Knight Earl B. Bauer, Grand Recorder, had the first deadline to meet. They completed the assignment in 33 days—including mailing time.

Other Recorders are actively engaged in their individual roster listings; still others have later deadlines. The cooperation and efficiency evidenced have been outstanding and are most beneficial to the harmonious achievement of this important and progressive project.

Recorders of Constituent Commanderies are reminded that their rosters are to be mailed to the Grand Recorder of their Grand Commandery. He, in turn—after all Constituent Commandery rosters have been received—will forward the complete set of lists to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment in Chicago.

The names and addresses of all Knights Templar, when forwarded by Grand Recorders to the Grand Encampment office, will be transferred to data processing cards in preparation for the every-member mailing of the Knight Templar Magazine, also for the providing of up-to-date rosters to each jurisdiction to facilitate their annual reports.

"Go - Go - For - Seven - O"

So reads an impressive 4 by 40 foot green-lettered, gold-fringed sign hanging from the balcony of the Crystal ballroom of the Masonic Temple, Detroit. The sign, promoting plans for the 1970 Pilgrimage of Detroit Commandery No. 1, was first displayed when the campaign was launched March 8 under the direction of Eminent Commander Alfred W. Wilkie.

The chairman for the Triennial Pilgrimage is Virgil J. Leech. Normal succession of offices will bring Ralph Dawson to the Commandership of Detroit No. 1 in 1970. Committee appointments announced todate: Frederick J. Milburn, vice-chairman; Carl J. Millikin, transportation chairman; Mrs. Clover Downs, ladies chairman, and William Skillman, finance chairman.

Advance plans call for a 25-car Burlington train which will load at Detroit, move over C&O tracks to Chicago, change crews and proceed to Denver. Detroit Commandery's Pilgrimage release says: "While Genessee Valley Commandery of Flint, under the chairmanship of the indefatigable, always alert Jack Loree, has stolen the march on us by launching their pilgrimage program in November, we believe we have one step on them as our chairman, Virgil J. Leech, appeared in Denver to start preparatory arrangements on August 29, 1967—just five days after the closing session of the Golden Triennial Conclave here in Detroit."

Gettysburg Ascension Service in Pennsylvania

Hundreds of Sir Knights and and ladies from Pennsylvania and nearby jurisdictions will converge on Gettysburg the weekend of April 27-28 for a gathering that will be climaxed Sunday with an Ascension Memorial Service at the Gettysburg National Cemetary.

The service, a longtime annual event under the auspices of Divisions No. 15 and No. 16, becomes an overall Grand Commandery project this year under the leadership of Harold E. Stokely, Grand Commander. Bus tours of the historic battlefield are scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 27, followed by a banquet and entertainment at 7:00 p.m.

Formal activities for Sunday begin with a parade to the National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. The service is scheduled at 2:15 p.m. The Holiday Inn will be the scene of a social hour and refreshments at the conclusion of the cemetery program.

Sir Knight Stokely, in a March 7 letter to Grand Commandery officers and Division Commanders, wrote: "Is there any reason, with 17 Divisions and 25,000 Christian Masons in Pennsylvania, there should not be—at the very least—one busload from each Division? . . . I respectfully request your all-out dedication to having a great assemblage of smiling, Christian Templars, their ladies and children, to greet us."

"Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom." Cooleridge

"The Door Is Open"

Virgil F. Kent, P.D.C., Chairman of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters for the Grand Encampment, is looking for suggestions, comments, recommendations and expressions of opinion and judgment of the subject of the ritual from every interested Knight Templar.

"Let the members of the committee know what changes you think are needed, what constructive alterations or condensations you think would be helpful," says Sir Knight Kent. "The ritual supply will be exhausted by the end of the present triennium, and we need your ideas immediately if you have any suggestions about deletions, additions or revisions.

"The ritual is a vehicle to emphasize and impress the cause and purpose of Templary upon the candidate. It is possible that the vehicle designed more than a century and a half ago is not the most impressive form for today's candidates.

"This is an opportunity for every Knight Templar to let his views be known to the committee. The members will make a study of all proposals and will relay recommendations at the 51st Triennial Conclave in 1970. Put your thoughts in writing and forward them to any member of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters."

Committee members are: Virgil F. Kent, 824 South Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512; Frank F. Smith, 9405 Saybrook Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901; and Frederick J. Smith, 1819 North Beard Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

Grand Master's Handwriting Evaluated

WHAT WRITING REVEALS CHARACTER IN HANDWRITING

Suzanne Rodgers

Recognized Authority on Handwriting and author of textbook "Evaluation Guide"

We need right now a strong social effect by the sort of men who are Knights Templar, individually and as organized together into Commanderies.

John L Crofts

With the permission of Sir Knight Floran A. Rodgers, Editor, Kansas Masonic Digest, the Knight Templar Magazine reprints a January evaluation by Mrs. Rodgers of the handwriting of Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master of Grand Encampment.

There are so many interesting traits here that it will be difficult to narrow it down to fit our limited space.

Simplicity of taste is evident in the lack of ornamentation anywhere but in the signature. Those flourishes in the signature show only an outer personality or surface personality which is flashed to the public. It is the public image, a person's calling card. But the real person, as shown throughout the text of the writing, likes simplicity and comfort, without excesses or ostentation.

The "r" in "strong" resembles a Greek "e" and tells us he is cultured and refined also in his tastes.

There are many breaks between letters, which shows that much of his thinking is influenced by intuition, by ideas which come from a psychic or E.S.P. source. Breaks between letters actually are an interruption of the normal thought flow, and this is what a hunch is too, is it not? Therefore, we can judge that he would think, act, and speak with great insight, and this insight comes from an inner

source of "knowing." For lack of a better term we call it intuition.

The long rigid initial stroke of the "r" in "right" shows resentment of imposition, stemming from some unpleasant experience out of the past. Whatever happened back there still exerts its influence upon him, making him sensitive to criticism of his person or conduct, and this shows in the looped "d's."

Returning for a moment to the signature, the capitals are much larger than the lower case letters, showing self-confidence. The flowing stroke which moves up and over into the "f" in "Crofts" pictures the fluidity with which his thought processes can soar into the realm of the abstract. And without loss of fluidity his thoughts come back to earth again to persistence of daily routine There is no imagination involved in this mental action. It is more that he "takes off" mentally into the realm of the unknown and muses upon it for a time, and then comes back down to earth. Imagination does occur in this realm also, however, as we see in the several large loops above the line.

A good example is the "L" in the signature, the loop in the capital "C" and the loop in "by" in the third line. So he also can elaborate upon the ideas which come to him concerning the abstract. If this man meditates, I would say he definitely makes contact with the infinite, in no uncertain terms. If he does not meditate, then his contacts are made perhaps without his knowledge that it is happening, during his regular routine. In that case much of his thought is actually inspired from a higher source and from that which he "picks up" from other people. This is another way of describing E.S.P.

In summary we have a man of high ideals who uses them in a practical manner (as seen by the placing of the t-bars). He is cultured, confident, friendly, and usually several jumps ahead of the other fellow, thanks to his intuitive insight. He has controlled enthusiasm, depth of feeling and understanding, and one who can inspire others because he himself is inspired.

Cornerstone ceremony for the $1 million Lee Lockwood Texas Scottish Rite Library & Museum under construction in Waco will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the site on Waco Drive between 27th and 29th Streets, Waco, Texas.

The ceremony will climax the 1968 Annual Scottish Rite Seminar to be held at 9:30 a.m. that day at the new facility, with the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies as hosts.

Ill. Lee Lockwood, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite in Texas, for whom the new library and museum is being designated, has expressed a desire that every Valley be well represented at the historic event.

50 Years A Mason

On Tuesday March 5, in Kane Lodge No. 454, F. & A.M. Masonic Temple, New York City, Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, received his 50 year certificate and 50 year pin as a Master Mason since July 17th, 1917.

The certificate was presented by Most Worshipful Frank C. Staples, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and the pin by Right Worshipful Edward Holloway, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Lodge F. & A.M. State of New York.

Among the distinguished craftsmen present were Right Eminent G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, Past Grand Masters, F. & A.M. state of New York, Hon. Charles W. Froessel, and Harry Ostrov; Grand Lodge Secretary Wendell K. Walker, Grand Marshall William R. Punt; Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of New York, Neil R. Baker; R. W. Edward Holloway, Jr., Past District Deputy Grand Master; M. I. Russell P. Kantor, Past Grand High Priest, Ill.; Willard Curtis, 33°, Commander in Chief, New York Consistory, and many other distinguished Masons.

"Over Frozen Ground . . ."

That Templar respect and Masonic affection do not cease with the death of the recipient was exemplified at the funeral services for Sir Knight William M. Bickel, who died December 1, 1967 in Phoenix, Ariozna.

The services were conducted—but only after a real test of loyalty, duty and brotherly love—by Sir Knight and the Rev. George A. Stracke, Grand Prelate Emeritus of New Mexico, and Grand Chaplain of New Mexico's Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and Grand Council, R. & S. M.

To reach Gallup, the location for the services, Sir Knight Stracke drove to Phoneix—where he found travel stalled by the winter storm which had brought more than seven feet of snow. Leaving Phoenix by air, he expected to arrive in Gallup in about an hour.

However, the storm closed the airports at Gallup, Farmington and other nearby points. Eventually, the plane landed in Pueblo, Colorado. A second flight took him to Albuquerque, New Mexico. From there—with the help of the New Mexico State Police and the Highway Department—he traveled by private car to Gallup.

Sir Knight William M. Bickel was Master of Masons in 1938-39, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Mexico in 1929. A member of KYCH, he also was the oldest 33° Inspector General Honorary of the Scottish Rite of New Mexico.

Masonic services were conducted by Lebanon Lodge No. 22. Worshipful Master was Sir Knight Herbert C. Denny, K.Y.G.C.H., Past Grand Commander of New Mexico, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Illustrious Master, and Past Grand Master of Masons.

To the Editor:

In the February issue of Knight Templar, on page 11, there is an article titled Four Brothers in Rock Island Class.

That article brought to my mind the fact that I knighted one of five blood brothers in Genesee Comandery No. 15, Flint, Michigan. Matter of fact the one I knighted was the first one I ever knighted. The Commander of Genesee asked four other Commanders to knight four of the brothers and, of course, he knighted the fifth. The meeting was in 1940.

Dean W. Howland, P.C., Damascus
No. 42, Detroit, Michigan
(writing from 1388 Normandy Blvd.,
Deltona, Florida)

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"I have been a Knight Templar for over 20 years and have been busy in all branches of Masonry, especially York Rite. Received my March issue of the Knight Templar, in which there is a schedule of the York Rite sessions of California. I wish and hope some way there will be more such announcements. Many of us wish to attend these sessions, outside our own State. Last year I had a very wonderful time at Bozeman, Montana. Am retired and plan on visiting a great deal."

Paterson P. Fugitt, KYCH
Bellingham, Washington

Editor's Note: See page 27 for a resume of pending Annual Conclaves.

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A note from the Grand Encampment Chairman of the Patriotic and Civic Affairs Committee, Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., tells of a significant patriotic observance at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania:

"On February 22, 1968, Washington's Birthday, twenty-eight Fraternal Organizations held Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Statue of Brother George Washington Kneeling At Prayer, located at the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Penn.

"Among the Organizations holding Ceremonies were Masonic groups, Redman of America, American Legion Posts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, Catholic War Veterans and others.

"The Statue is a gift from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to Freedoms Foundation and was dedicated on September 9, 1967, with M.E.P.G.M. Wilber M. Brucker delivering the Dedicatory Address.

"Sir Knight Brucker has been the receipient of the Freedoms Foundation Award for Citizenship and has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation."

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The 102nd Annual Conclave of Grice Commandery No. 16, Norfolk, Virginia, was convened Monday, February 26, in the Asylum in the Masonic Temple. Those in office for the Conclave were Rudolph A. Diaz, Commander; Robert C. Sehl, Generalissimo; C. Lydon Harrell, Jr., Captain General; Oren D. Garden, Senior Warden; Frederick M. Sohn, Junior Warden; James T. Harris, Prelate; Herbert A. Fisher, Associate Prelate; Charles L. Harrison, Treasurer; Leslie N. Sawyer, Recorder.

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The Grand Commandery of Kentucky News Bulletin for March notes that Andrew E. Barton, Grand Commander, Illinois, is scheduled to have his team from Gethsemane Commandery confer the Order of the

Temple, Saturday afternoon, April 13, at "what is now becoming an Inter-State Inter Change York Rite Festival."

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From the recent notice of a Commandery which shall be nameless: "Sir Knights—Order of Malta. No rehearsal necessary."

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The Wisconsin Masonic Journal for March tells of Orville A. Combs, Worshipful Master of Laflin Lodge No. 247, who flew to Florida recently to raise his son, S/Sgt. Orville F. Combs, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The sergeant departed for Vietnam two days later.

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The 157th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. & A. M., February 5-6, was honored by the following distinguished guests:

W. Hale Armistead, Grand Master of Alabama; Ormand B. Shaw, Grand Master of Arkansas; Raymond B. Muse, Grand Master of Georgia; William L. Mason, Grand Master of Illinois; James B. Patrick, Grand Master of Kentucky; W. Norman Penn, Grand Master of Maryland; William R. Denslow, Grand Master of Missouri; Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., Grand Master of North Carolina; Don E. Kretziner, Grand Master of Ohio; Ben F. Mandlebaum, Official Representative of the Grand Master of Oklahoma; John K. Young, Grand Master of Pennsylvania; R. Lewis Smith, Grand Master of South Carolina; J. W. Chandler, Grand Master of Texas; Perry A. Risberg, Deputy Grand Master of Wisconsin, L. Leland McDaniel, Grand Secretary of Arkansas; Paul R. Stephens, Grand Secretary of Illinois; W. Phelan Douglas, Grand Secretary of Tennessee; Harvey C. Byrd, Grand Secretary of Texas, C. Milton Lancaster, Grand Treasurer of Maryland.

Luther A. Smith, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, A.A.S.R.Fm.; Joshua K. Shepherd, 33°, Lietuenant Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, A.A.S.R.Fm.; Dee A. Strickland, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Supreme Council, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, A.A.S.R.Fm.; Judge Thomas D. Ott, 33°, Inspector General Honorary, Supreme Council, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, A.A.S.R.Fm.; J. Luther Jordan, Past Grand General High Priest, representing the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary Masonic Service Association; J. Chris Nungesser, Deputy Grand Master, International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Louisiana's Grand Master is A. J. Lewis; D. Peter Laguens, Jr., is Grand Secretary.

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Sir Knight and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale will be the speaker Monday, May 27, when Grand Commander Harold E. Stokely presides over the Grand Commander's Banquet at the Pittsburgh Hilton during the 115th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Samuel H. Verner, 3409 Parkview Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213, is the Conclave's General Chairman. A special Conclave guest will be Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

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Sir Knight H. Prentiss Magee, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, says in General Order No. 6: "In keeping with our usual custom and the wishes of our Grand Commandery, it is urged that all of our Constituent Commanderies observe and attend Easter Services and Ascension Services on Sunday, April 14, 1968, and on Thursday, May 23, 1968, at Churches or suitable places of assembly of their choice, and, if at all possible, to appear in full Temple uniform."

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The Grand Recorder's office of Grand Encampment recently received an assortment of Templar memorabilia from Sir Knight Louis L. Williams, 33°, Deputy for Illinois, A.A.S.R., Nothern Masonic Jurisdiction. Among the collection was a small and colorful "programme" dated Tuesday, August 17, 1880.

It was identified as the program for a "Grande Reception, Musicale et Dansante" at the Grand Exposition Building, Chicago, under the auspices of Apollo, Chicago and St. Bernard Commanderies.

Inside the folder was noted: "The Orchestra and Reed Band, composed of One Hundred and Sixty Solo Musicians, will be under the leadership of the accomplished musician, Hans Balatka."

A program footnote reads: "It is no easy matter to call the same figures for forty to fifty thousand people, dancing on one floor, to the same music; hence, we particularly request that all shall pay strict attention to the time given by the callers."

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In his General Order No. 6, issued March 7, Grand Commander James J. Thorne, Oklahoma, writes: "In General Order No. 2 of the Grand Encampment, which was printed in the Knight Templar Magazine, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master, outlined a special campaign for voluntary fund raising for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to continue from Ash Wednesday to Acension Day. We are late in getting started in Oklahoma; we must, therefore, intensify our efforts from now to the closing date of the Campaign.

"In order to establish a degree of continuity in this effort, without a pause between now and May 23, Sir Knight Frederick J. Smith, P.G.C., has agreed to accept appointment as General Chairman and Coordinator. Each line officer is hereby appointed to serve on a special campaign committee to work with and under the direction of Sir Knight Smith during the progress of this campaign."

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Presstime found preparations ready for a reception in honor of the newly installed Grand Commander of New Jersey, Sir Knight R. Palmer Hollister, by Delta Commandery No. 26 at the Masonic Temple in South Orange, New Jersey, Saturday evening, March 30. Special invitations were mailed to Sir Knights and their families by Sir Knight Jack V. Volkovie, Eminent Commander, with reservations and tickets under the charge of Sir Knight Richard R. Holmes, Past Commander.

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Sir Knight Earle D. Webster, Grand Recorder, Maine, forwards folders of two March events in Maine—the one a printed program of the Annual Ladies' Night of Portland Commandery No. 2, a well-attended formal banquet event held March 9, and the other a neat and impressive folder listing the program and schedule for the Maine Templar Festival at the Masonic Temple, Augusta, March 30.

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Templar and Kindred Ties Highlight D. C. Installation Ceremonies

George S. Stephens, Jr., had the rare privilege of installing his father-in-law, Joseph H. Stephenson, as his successor as Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council No. 2, R. & S.M. of the District of Columbia, on February 15, writes correspondent Ernest C. Barker. Companions Stephens and Stephenson each serve as Eminent Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 2, in 1958 and 1960, respectively. Sir Knight Stephens is also Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery.

This was the fifth successive year that a Commander or Past Commander was installed as the Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council. Fourteen of the twenty-eight living Past Masters of Adoniram Council are also Past Commanders, eleven from Columbia Commandery No. 2, three from Washington Commandery No. 1.

Marion K. Warner, P.G.M. of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, was privileged to install his brother, Donald G. Warner, as Illustrious Master of Washington Council No. 1, R. & S. M., on February 19. The brothers are Past Commanders of Washington Commandery No. 1, Marion having served as Commander in 1963 and Donald in 1965. Sir Knight Donald G. Warner is also Instructor General of the Work of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia.

Each has also served as Worshipful Master of Wm. R. Singleton Lodge No. 30, and as High Priest of Wm. Singleton Chapter No. 14, R.A.M.

Templar Officers Take Part In Masonic Week

Hundreds of Grand Lodge leaders and other Masonic representatives assembled at Washington, D. C., February 18-22, with the Washington Hotel as headquarters for the allied Masonic bodies in pre-Masonic Week meetings February 16-18, and the Shoreham as headquarters for the Masonic Week Conference programs of February 18-22.

Present in Knight Templar capactities were the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.; the R. E. Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell; the R. E. Grand Captain General, Willard M. Avery; Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, M. E. Past Grand Master; the R. E. Grand Recorder, Paul C. Rodenhauser; Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, R. E. Department Commander, North Central Department; and Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., R. E. Past Department Commander, North Atlantic Department, also a number of officers from various Grand Commanderies.

Among other York Rite leaders present for the conferences was Sir Knight Sprague H. Carter, M. E. Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R. A. M., International, as was Charles K. A. McGaughey, General Grand Secretary.

The week was filled with highlights of Masonic information, inspiration and fellowship. Among them was the Monday morning address of Eugene S. Hopp, M.D., Grand Master of Masons of California; the election of Sir Knight John K. Young, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, as Conference Chairman; the Tuesday morning Frank S. Land, DeMolay-Memorial Breakfast of the Imperial Council of the Shrine—with Imperial Potentate Thomas F. Seay, presiding, and with U. S. Senator and Brother Stuart Symington as speaker; the absorbing address on incidents of Masonry during the War Between the States by Sir Knight Myron K. Lingle, M. W. Past Grand Master of Masons of Illinois, at the dinner of the Grand Secretaries' Conference Tuesday, evening.

Tuesday's luncheon at the House of the Temple by the Supreme Council, 33°, S.M.J., with Illustrious Brother Luther A. Smith, Sovereign Grand Commander, as host, and with Illustrious Brother George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, N.M.J., as a distinguished guest, gave those attending a special opportunity to re-inspect the imposing architecture of the House of the Temple and to view the impressive collection of Masonic landmarks.

Sessions of the Grand Masters' Conference and the Grand Secretaries' Conference continued through Tuesday. Sir Knight Crofts addressed the Grand Secretaries' Conference members Tuesday morning; at the same session, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment was presented by Sir Knight Bruce H. Hunt, General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council, and was received as an Associate Member of the Conference.

The 47th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association took the spotlight Wednesday, February 21. On Thursday the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association met at the

Memorial, Alexandria, with luncheon in the Memorial at 12:30.

The schedule of ceremonies came to a close Thursday at 1:30 with the DeMolay Annual Observance of George Washington's Birthday, sponsored by Court of Chevaliers, Nation's Capital, International Order of DeMolay. Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother William P. Jacobs, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, and Executive Officer in the District for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, presided for introductions—a function which he had been called upon to execute frequently during the week's activities.

L. H. Bryce, P.G.C., reports that at the request of the Lodge and by dispensation of Grand Commander Neil P. Baker, Cortland Commandery No. 50, New York, conferred the Fellowcraft Degree upon a class for Cortlandville Lodge, No. 470, F. & A.M., Cortland, February 20.

The cast: W. Howard Bingham, Frank Houk, D.D.G.M.; Vernon H. Robinson, Wilfred Withers, Rev. Boyd A. Little, Amos Fox, Sheldon R. Baldwin, Frank R. Bell, Coe F. Dexter, George E. McKinney, Ernest H. Holl, John Sheerar, Roy O. O'Brien, Raymond C. Niese, Carl F. Laun, Tracy H. Forward, William A. Wall, Edward J. Hansen, Harold J. Sandwick, Leland G. Ives. Members of 12 different Lodges were present.

Illinois Grand Chapter

Dr. Ralph G. Larsen, M. E. Grand High Priest, presided over the 119th Convocation, Grand Chapter, State of Illinois, March 15-16, at the Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago. It was an active, lively, productive convocation, smoothly and effectively conducted by Dr. Larsen. W. Robert Travelstead, Marion, succeeds the Chicago dentist in office.

The "Annual Grand High Priest Banquet" Friday evening, March 15, was replete with highlights. One was the presentation of an Ancient Masonic Coin, a valued Illinois recognition, to Dr. Larsen by G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.H.P., Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and R. E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. The presentation was made on behalf of "Masonic Temple Topics," Judson L. Parker, Editor.

Grand High Priest Larsen called upon William T. Mateer, a former recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, to escort Donald P. Lapp, M.I. Past Grand Master, Grand Council, to the speakers' platform, where, after congratulary salutes by Dr. Larsen and Companion Mateer, the Distinguished Service Award was formally conferred by the General Grand High Priest, Sprague Hanna Carter.

M. W. Brother William L. Mason, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, brought greetings and a Masonic historical vignette to the banquet guests. The impressive and impelling address of the evening was presented by the General Grand High Priest.

L. T. Batson, Jr.
South Carolina
Grand Generalissimo — 1967
Born November 22, 1906
Died August 29, 1967

Levi B. Taylor
Pennsylvania
Grand Commander — 1949
Born December 16, 1885
Died February 19, 1968

Judd G. Minter
Arizona
Grand Commander — 1967-68
Born July 28, 1911
Died February 28, 1968

C. Eugene Smith
Arkansas
Grand Commander — 1946
Born July 11, 1892
Died March 17, 1968

Willard P. Matschke
Wisconsin
Grand Commander — 1967-68
Born January 14, 1912
Died March 22, 1968

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst rise victorious from the dead, receive those who have departed from among us and grant them entrance to the gates of everlasting life. Receive, we pray, our adoration and praise for the victory over death and the grave which Thou has obtained for us. Amen.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

THE CRUSADER

Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

From The Grand Commander

"I'm sure the joy of the Easter Season which is upon us in this year 1968 has double meaning for each Knight Templar. Not only will we rejoice in the Risen Christ. We will also, with solemn thought, recognize the urgent need, in this 1968 world of ours, for the strongest possible demonstration of our faith.

It is the hope of the officers of the Grand Commandery that every Soldier of the Cross will honor his commitment as a Masonic Christian by attending Easter Services, either at home, or at the Easter Sunrise Services at Arlington, Virginia.

If you have never availed yourself of this opportunity to witness a national outpouring of Knights Templar, as the sun rises over the amphitheater at this national shrine, I urge you to do so this year. Never before has your presence been so vital and you will experience a spiritual uplift that is beyond description.

Then, Ascension Day at Gettysburg. April 27-28. Pennsylvania Templary will demonstrate for the world to witness a massive pilgrimage to the Gettysburg Battlefield to celebrate the Ascesnion of Christ. How better to acknowledge our faith and belief in the Christian principles that will lead this 1968 world back to God where it must go, and quickly.

We will then finalize this Templar Year at Pittsburgh, May 26-29, where the Reverend and Sir Knight Norman Vincent Peale will gladden the hearts of all who attend.

With the words of Sir Knight and Past Grand Commander S. Blair Sponeybarger, who heads Pennsylvania's Sunrise Service Endeavors, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

Harold E. Stokely
Grand Commander

YORK RITE FESTIVAL AT PITTSBURGH

Grand Commander Stokely furnished the caption for this picture of the February 17 York Rite Festival Class and officers at Pittsburgh: "Took 2 hours to go 1 mile (ice storm knocked Pittsburgh for a loop); still, 30 candidates made it—to say nothing of the team!"

STILL TIME—BUT HURRY!

To Sir Knight William R. Fiscel
47 Chambersburg Street
Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Please make a room reservation for me for the annual Ascension Services at Gettysburg, Pa., April 27, 1968. (Banquet, Saturday, April 27; Parade and Services Sunday, April 28).

Type of room—Single, $10.50; Double, $16.80.

I plan to arrive at (time).....April....., 1968.

If planned arrival time is previous to the 27th of April, please note below for special instructions:

Special instructions: .....

Banquet Dinner on April 27 to be held at the Gettysburg Junior High School. Cost of dinner $4.75. Includes tax, gratuties and entertainment.

Single room and banquet dinner - - - - - - - $15.25

Double room and 2 banquet dinners - - - - - - $26.30

The above includes only the night of April 27.

Make Checks Payable to Gettysburg Ascension Service

Old Ties Renewed At Grand Commander's Reception

Sir Knight Larry Ross, U. S. Army Retired, who raised Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely to the degree of Master Mason in 1942 when both were in military service, was a special participant in the Division No. 1 reception to the Grand Commander in Germantown Masonic Temple February 3.

Two hundred forty Sir Knights, ladies and friends were present for the banquet and reception. Division No. 1 Adjutant Joseph Blomenblit formed the lines for the reception of Sir Knight Stokely and his staff, with Division Commander Howard T. Scull, Jr., presiding. In addition to the Grand Commander, those received included: Dep. Grand Commander Dyson, Grand Generalissimo Eurich, Grand Captain General Geesey; Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Masons; Past Dept. Commander John B. Cottrell, Jr., Past Grand Commanders George A. Williams and Dallas F. Bullock, Grand Jr. Warden Robison, Grand Recorder Laird, Grand Prelate Young; Trustees Godshall, Roth and Woodling; G.S.B. Llewellyn W. Mills, G. W. Harvey O. Nielsen, and Grand Herald Edwin A. Julius.

Division Commanders present: Sir Knights Gennaria, Baer, Williams—and Adjutant Ward; Parson and Beckstrom. Others: George F. Held, Pres., Div. No. 1 Line Officers and P.C.'s Association; the Constituent Commanders of Division No. 1—Sir Knights Lancaster, Gough, Bobb, Reisse, Stevenson and Watson.

Sir Knight Stokely, shown here with Nell, Deputy Grand Commander and Mrs. Dyson, was presented with the names and checks of 45 subscribers to the Knight Templar Magazine, with 13 more promised in the mail, by Sir Knight Carryl W. Brewster, acting as a representative for Division No. 1. Knight Templar Magazine subscriptions have been on the priority agenda of the Grand Commander. As a result, Pennsylvania subscriptions increased almost 300 in recent weeks.

Sir Knights and Illustrious Brother Ball spoke of several boyhood visits to Germantown and of the deep impression of Templary he received from his father and his mother.

The R. E. Grand Commander introduced the ladies of the Grand Commandery officers present, then spoke briefly and impressively on two vital subjects—The Importance of Templary in Today's World, and DeMolay.

Entertainment druing the evening was in the form of unusual vocal music by Brother Jack Klingel and his two children, with Mrs. Klingel providing accompaniment at the organ console.

TEMPLARS RECEIVE NATIONAL HONORS

"The Beaver County Time Times" of February 22 devoted headlines and long column space to coverage of the Freedoms Foundation Awards, highlighting the news that a former Beaver County resident, Frank J. Mrkva, won the George Washington Award, highest honor conferred, and that four other Beaver Countains also were honored with awards.

Past Grand Commander J. Harvey Moore forwarded the Knight Templar Magazine headline information of his own: Two of the four Beaver Countains honored are Knights Templar, members of Beaver Valley Commandery No. 84.

Sir Knight Jack Malone, editorial page editor of "The Beaver County Times," received the George Washington Honor Medal; and a similar honor, combined with a $100.00 award, went to Sir Knight and the Rev. Dr. George W. Carson, pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls.

Pennsylvania Knights Templar will remember Dr. Carson as the E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, 1966-67.

THE RISEN LORD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Prior to Easter, we concentrate our thinking on Jesus and the Cross, and the last words He said. But no one has made a collection of the words Christ spoke after His Resurrection. So, let us turn to a few of these words spoken by Jesus from this side of the empty tomb.

First, to His disciples, He said, "All Hail! Fear not. Go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." He came to the eleven and said, "Peace be to you." It was more than the conventional salute of those days. It was the assurance of the deep peace which was fearless and undismayed. He asked them, "why are you troubled and why do questions arise in your hearts?" His repeated word was, "Do not be afraid." And why not? The answer is a simple one. It is because He lives.

Secondly, He said, "Bear Witness." He came to His disciples as they cowered behind the locked doors of the Upper Room and when He had challenged their fears and calmed them, He said, "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you." He came to them again on the hilltop in Galilee and said, "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations." And His final words before He was parted from them, "You shall be my witness both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." He was telling them that they could not know Him to be alive without wanting to share the news with others. He sent them out through the locked doors, and down from the hilltop, and forth from His Ascension to bear witness!

And thirdly, He said, "Receive Power." Again we notice that more than one Evangelist testified to the word of the Risen Lord. John tells how He came, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Luke tells, in the first chapter of Acts, how they asked Him what were the prospects of future success and of the coming of the Kingdom, and how He replies, refusing to let their minds dwell on what might happen, and saying, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." That was enough, and more than enough for any contingency and for every emergency. The sense of power which flowed into His followers is an outstanding feature in the story which is unfolded in the Acts of the Apostles.

But, He speaks, not only to His contemporaries, but to all of His followers since. He comes to each one of us. He came to the eleven who had known Him and saw Him as the Risen Lord. He comes to simple, ordinary people like you and me. This is His continued and continuous message. These three words sum up His comfort, His challenge, and His Commission. Fear Not! Bear Witness! Receive Power! And He adds the promise which all His followers have proved ever since, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Rev. Norman C. Young, M. Ed
Grand Prelate

S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., P.G.C., was elected Oriental Guide, Jaffa Temple, Altoona, January 25. Sir Knight Blair, with a long list of past Masonic accomplishments, will be slated to be Potentate in 1972.

Sir Knight and Mrs. William H. Boyer, Jr., were committee chairmen for the 3rd annual Valentine Dance sponsored by Lorraine Commandery No. 87, Monday, February 12, in the Masonic Temple ballroom, Butler. Sixty couples danced to music by Ed Brinker's Orchestra and enjoyed a buffet lunch in the appropriately decorated ballroom.

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, R.E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was honored in January when the Springfield York Rite Class of more than 100 candidates was named for him. "The State Journal-Register" devoted several full pages of pictures and copy to the "G. Wilbur Bell York Rite Class," reporting among other information: "Even since his teen years, Bell has been extremely active in Masonic Orders. He is a 33rd Degree Mason, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the U.S.A., the second highest office in the Encampment in the United States.

"Bell started his Masonic career as a member of the Creve Coeur Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and has risen through the ranks of various lodges. At the 50th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in Detroit last year, he became the Deputy Grand Master.

"Bell, a 'flying farmer,' banker and elevator owner, still lives on his family's 1,400 acre farm near Chanderville, on which he was born in 1912.

'He received his electrical and mechanical engineering de-degrees from the University of Illinois, after which he joined his father in farming, cattle raising and the C. R. Bell & Son Grain Co. He has logged over 5,000 hours and is a member of the International Flying Farmers."

"The Springfield Sun" also gave prominent coverage of the "G. Wilbur Bell Class."

A surprise testimonial in January honored Sir Knight Earl A. Osborne for ten years of faithful service as Prelate of Lake Ontario Commandery No. 32, Phoenix, New York. The official occasion was the public installation of officers as friends assembled for the recognition.

Eminent Commander Peter C. James writes: "Knights Templar in full uniform, led by Acting Grand Marshal Gus Marsh, together with a group of ladies' auxiliaries, lent color . . . as it was the privilege of the writer to see the look of amazement on the face of Sir Knight Osborne as the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Neil R. Baker, presented him with a plaque engraved 'To Our Faithful Prelate.' It was given in behalf of Lake Ontario Commandery, the Grand Commandery, State of New York."

The camera records of the principals present for the February Inspection of Ivanhoe

Commandery No. 10, Fort Valley, Georgia, when — as reported earlier in the Knight Templar Magazine—a check for $500 was presented to Grand Master Crofts for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Pictured are: Sir Knight Muse, M. W. Grand Master; Sir Knight Crofts, and Grand Commander Douglas H. Tidwell. Background: W. Ralph Champion, Generalissimo; H. C. Rigdon, Jr. E. Commander; and J. Alva Giles, Jr., Captain General, all of Ivanhoe.

Gordon R. Merrick recently completed obligating and conferring all York Rite Degrees and orders upon his son, Gordon A., in Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver. Sir Knight Merrick exchanged places as Prelate and Commander with Carl J. Baesemann, R. T. Department Commander, so he could both obligate and knight his son.

Pictured, Top row, are: Wesley M. Shaw, P.G.P.; John Schwarz, P.G.C.; Earl Slayton, P.G.I.M.; Harold Johnson, Recorder; Frank DeHoff, Captain General; Thomas C. Waldron, Generalissimo. Bottom: Carl J. Baesemann, Gordon R. and A. Merrick, Don McLoughlin, candidate, knighted by Commander Paul Hopkins, next in line; Robert E. Newman, Grand Junior Warden.

Gordon R. Merrick is a Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, a past Prior, KYCH. Gordon A. Merrick is Scribe of Denver Chapter No. 2, Captain of the Guard of Auora Council No. 25. The elder Merrick, now Preceptor of Rocky Mountain Consistory, also knighted his son as Knight of Rose Croix in the Scottish Rite.

Among the Pennsylvania Knights of Note are Dr. Robert Brumbaugh, who was elected Potentate of Jaffa Temple. A.A.O.-N.M.S., Altoona January 25, and S. Blair Sponeybarger, who was elected Oriental Guide. Brumbaugh active in many Shrine affairs, is a York Rite and a Scottish Rite Mason of distinction. Sponeybarger, K.Y.C.H., is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, among other positions of leadership.

From Ernest C. Barker, D.C. Correspondent, comes a review of the 105th Anniversary celebration of Columbia Commandery No. 2. The anniversary banquet in the Jefferson Room of the Park Arlington Motel January 13, was followed by an address by Sir Knight and General Bruce C. Clarke, U.S. Army, Retired, who spoke on the present condition of the Fraternity.

Pictured are General Clarke and Eminent Commander Paul E. Shaffer. Sir Knight Shaffer wears the much-publicized Commander's jewel which was presented to Columbia Commandery in 1898 by Palestine Commandery of New York City.

Sir Knight, the Honorable James E. Palmer, Jr., was master of ceremonies. Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, P.G.M., representing Sir Knight and Most Worshipful Brother William P. Jacobs, Jr., Grand Master of Masons; Sir Knight Eston E. Burge, Grand Commander; Samuel T. Farmer, P.G.C., Grand Prelate; and Grand Senior Warden H. Reece Harrison were among the distinguished guests.

Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, plans a Centennial Celebration for September 18. A century of progress is always newsworthy; the big news is Colorado Commandery's plan to have 100 new members by that date!

Decisions Of The Most Eminent Grand Master

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master, has issued Decisions No.'s. 5, 6 and 7, dated March 10, 1968. Printed copies of the full texts have been mailed to each member of Grand Encampment. (For general information, Grand Encampment members are Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos and Grand Captains General—also Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains General of Subordinate Commanderies.)

The following summaries are printed for the information of all Knights Templar:

QUESTION: A request to clarify the position of a Knight Templar expelled for unknightly conduct, expulsion later reduced to suspension for a term of years now completed, and who thus has been restored to "good standing." The Commandery of which he formerly was a member has rejected his petition for restoration. Can a Sir Knight with this status visit Commanderies?

DECISION No. 5: An affiliated Knight Templar may be admitted to another Commandery but can be denied the privilege by the objection of any member made to the Commandery or Commander. "Regarding a Knight Templar who is involuntarily unaffiliated by reason of disciplinary action, either by expulsion or suspension, it is my decision that he not only has no "right" to be admitted, but also *should not be admitted* to any Templar assembly."

QUESTION: Does Templar law specify what particular translation of the Holy Bible shall be displayed by the Prelate (1964 Standing Resolution as amended in 1967), or what translation shall be used incidentally to the conferring of the Templar Orders?

DECISION No. 6: Templary does not adopt exclusively any particular translation. The Grand Master notes that our Churches now generally permit the use of a variety of translations of the Bible, including the King James, British Revised, American Revised, Revised Standard, New English, Anchor and Jerusalem Bibles, and the Goodspeed, Moffatt, Weymouth, Montgomery and Phillips Testaments. ". . . it is my decision that for Templar ceremonies or ritualistic work any of the several translations of Bible or Testament used by the clergy may be used by Commanderies or Grand Commanderies, and that the option of choice may be exercised individually by the Prelate on Grand Prelate holding office at the time.

QUESTION: Is it permissible to make and display a copy of a Commandery Charter for the purpose of placing the original Charter in a fireproof place outside the Masonic Temple? The original could not be replaced as the original signers have all departed this world.

DECISION No. 7: The display of a true copy will satisfy the requirements of Section 218 of the Statutes of Grand Encampment if the decision is made at a Stated Conclave of the Commandery, if the true copy be certified as such by the Commander and Recorder on the margin or reverse side, and if the Commandery records show (originally and at all later times) who has custody of the Original Charter and where it is stored.

WORTHWHILE?

1967

"To whom it may concern: On September 6, 1967, our daughter, eight years old, had an operation on her eyes to straighten them. Her eyes had been crossed since she was two years of age.

I am sending you a picture of her this year and a picture from last year. The pictures can tell you what the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has done for her. May God's richest blessing be with all of you forever." (Case 11784)

1968

VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

The Togetherness of Templary

All of you, I am sure, have remembered the old song we used to sing when we met for fellowship and good will—

"The more we get together — the happier we'll be."

This togetherness has been dramatically demonstrated to me within the past weeks because of the many conferences, regional meetings and assemblies of Freemasons, meeting for informative and informational usefulness by which to better plan activities and action for the better enlightenment of all Freemasons.

At Little Rock in early February, a regional conference of the York Rite of Freemasonry brought its top leaders together, and with the presence of active workers from every section of the area effected, it was evident that this was no mere social gathering, but a forum or executive session by which to plan, advise learn and act with a fine forward look that created ideas, plans, action and a better understanding of the many problems which face our Craft.

Development and training of Masonic leadership was one of the principle topics of discussion. What is leadership, how can it be brought to perfection, how can Masons bring the best interests of the Fraternity to fruition? These, and other important matters were the focus of the more than a hundred leaders who took time from their busy schedules to meet and plan.

In Washington, at *Masonic Week*, the leaders of Freemasonry from every part of the world met and planned.

Whenever Freemasons meet, they rub off ideas one on the other, by which a better understanding can be formulated, and a greater and more active application of Masonic principles can be planned.

Yes, we need more Masonic togetherness!

At presstime, the following Grand Jurisdictions had completed their Annual Conclaves:

Grand Commandery of New Jersey—March 1-2, Atlantic City.
Retiring Grand Commander—William T. Green, Jr.
Incoming Grand Commander—R. Palmer Hollister

Grand Commandery of North Carolina—March 4-5, High Point.
Retiring Grand Commander—Robert Lee Hall
Incoming Grand Commander—W. Bryan Phelps

Grand Commandery of South Carolina—March 11, Columbia
Retiring Grand Commander—Robert C. Thomas
Incoming Grand Commander—Talmadge Scott Godfrey

Grand Commandery of Mississippi—March 22-23, Jackson.
Retiring Grand Commander—Martin Livingston Gunn
Incoming Grand Commander—A. H. Hooker

Wisconsin Highlight

"The Rhinelander (Wis.) Daily" of February 19 carried a thorough coverage of the 20th Homecoming and Inspection of Rhinelander Commandery No. 22. Quoting in part: "The program for the day opened at 3 p.m. with the conferring of the Order of the Temple. The candidate was Gene M. Funk. Sir Knight Franklin Neumann, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, was the Inspecting Officer.

"Sir Knight LaVerne Anderson, Commander, introduced the distinguished guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Neumann; Sir Knight George Hughey, Grand Senior Warden, and the following Past Grand Commanders and their Ladies: Walter Bisping, Neenah, Karl Krane of Racine, and Victor Nowack of Watertown. Also introduced were: Frank Campbell, Grand Captain of the Host of Grand Chapter, and Mrs. Campbell; George Shueppert, Acting Grand Warder, and Mrs. Shueppert; and Carl Buehner, Grand Prior of KYCH of Wisconsin. There were 13 Commanderies represented.

"P.G.C. Karl A. Crane presented a Saving Bond and a Certificate of Merit to Steve Higgins, Tomahawk, and Edward Boyle of Lac du Flambeau, who were adjudged the winners of the recent Patriotic Theme contest for Seventh and Eighth graders of northern Wisconsin sponsored by the York Rite Masons of Rhinelander. The boys were accompanied by their parents."

APRIL PRESIDENTIAL BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Jefferson, April 13, 1743; James Monroe, April 28, 1758; James Buchanan, April 23, 1791.

Presidents Jefferson and Monroe were reputedly Masons. President Buchanan was actively identified with the branches of the Masonic family and served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania.

Department Commanders' Forum

Two Department Conferences took place in March. The North Pacific Department Conference was convened by Carl J. Baesemann, R. E. Department Commander, in Billings, Montana, March 2. The sessions were unique in that Sir Knight Baesemann utilized industry's "brainstorming" technique to evoke positive expressions of opinion and viewpoint for Templary's progress and to avoid negative thinking.

The East Central Department Conference location was Dayton, Ohio, with R. E. Department Commander Abner C. Sager presiding over a large representation from all Grand jurisdictions within the Department. The sessions were held Saturday, March 9.

The M. E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., was in attendance at both conferences accompanied by Grand Recorder and Knight Templar Magazine Editor Paul Rodenhauser. Separate reports on each conference will be compiled and issued through the offices of the two Department Commanders.

Past Department Commander Samuel J. Chapman was among the leading Knights Templar participating in the Billings conference. Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, R. E. Grand Captain-General, and Past Department Commander Virgil F. Kent were participants in the Dayton Conference.

Sir Knight George Swords and Grand Commander Elwood Naugle, Montana, arranged for Grand Master Crofts to make a formal visit to Ashlar Lodge No. 29, Billings, Friday evening, March 1, in connection with the North Pacific Conference. Worshipful Master Jack D. Rehberg officially received Sir Knight Crofts and his staff and presented the Grand Master as the speaker of the evening.

In other Department Commander developments Frank L. Bourke, R. E. Department Commander, North Atlantic Department, issued his Special Bulletin No. 4, dated February 26, in which he directed the attention of dais officers and Grand Recorders in the North Atlantic jurisdictions to current Templar projects—including the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington and, especially, the Grand Encampment's Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign. "The degree of your success will be directly related to the degree of interest and enthusiasm you personally apply to this campaign," wrote Sir Knight Bourke.

On Saturday, March 16, Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, R. E. Department Commander, North Central Department, accompanied the R. E. Deputy Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell, to Past Commanders' Night at Louisville—DeMolay, when Kentucky's Wylie B. Wendt observed his 60 years as a Templar by conferring the Order of the Temple in exemplary style upon 9 candidates.

HARRISBURG VISITATION

Venerable Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was officially visited by the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely January 11.

Preceding the Stated Conclave, Pilgrim Sir Knights and their ladies presented a dinner in honor of the Grand Commander and Mrs. Stokely, with Sir Knight Stokely as the speaker. The Grand Commander was officially received at the Conclave which followed, in company with Grand Generalissimo Charles R. Eurich; Sir Knight Harry L. Parson, Division Commander (No. 15), and the Herald to Grand Commandery, Sir Knight Edwin A. Julius.

The Order of Red Cross was conferred during the evening, followed by a Templar address by Sir Knight Stokely.

Pictured are: Edwin A. Julius, Sir Knight Stokely, Eminent Commander Donald R. Anspach, Sir Knight Eurich, Division Commander Parson; (standing) Treasurer Andrew Drumheiser, Recorder J. Landis Randall, Generalissimo Paul Deitzel, Standard Bearer George E. Harry, Sword Bearer Wm. A Houseknecht, Senior Warden George H. Hohenshildt, Warder Raymond E. Dietz, Junior Warden Robert S. Kohl, Captain General Charles S. Boyman, Captain of the Escort Wm. Hafer, Prelate Raymond H. Barrett.

Letter From Past Grand High Priest Turner, Texas, Tells A Rewarding K. T. Eye Foundation Story

March 8, 1968

Hon. Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 191
Rhinebeck, New York 12572

Dear Sir Knight DeLamater:

Enclosed is a clipping from the local paper today which tells a heart-warming story of local work recently done by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, but only part.

I have known this family at least 40 years and know how hard they have worked and how much they have sacrificed in attempting to restore her vision. They are solid, honest, hard working people, too proud to beg, but never able to get very far ahead.

Last fall, Sir Knight Arch M. Dullnig, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, told me the Knights Templar Eye Foundation felt they could help and asked me to contact these people. I shall never forget how he broke down and cried in my office when I told him of our interest. He admitted he had exhausted everything he had, even attempted to mortgage his home, and was unable to get enough money to pay for the needed surgery. He told me not even his family had offered to help before, and he was about ready to give up.

Some six weeks later he phoned me long distance as soon as his wife came out of the operating room to tell me that the surgeon said the operation had been a success. I have rarely heard a man more elated.

Soon she will return for the same operation on the other eye, and the surgeon gives them every assurance of success.

My life membership has during the first year borne far more dividends than I ever expected.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Dean W. Turner

Knights of Note
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The Order of the Red Cross for the Festival was conferred at 11 a.m. by Portland Commandery No. 2, the Order of Malta at 1:15, following lunch, by Pilgrim Commandery No. 19, and the Order of the Temple at 2:00 p.m. by a team from Maine No. 1 and Trinity No. 7, host Commanderies.

While the Sir Knights were meeting, the ladies enjoyed a State Museum tour in the morning, a separate luncheon, toured Blaine Mansion at 1:00, and attended a tea at the South Parish Congregational Church *FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION.* In the evening, there was a $5.00 per person smorgasbord, with Governor and Mrs. Kenneth M. Curtis as invited guests. Dancing followed from 8:30 to midnight.

Registration for the 141st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut begins at noon Sunday, April 21, at the Holiday Inn, Waterbury. At 2:30 the Sir Knights will march to the First Congregational Church for a praise and thanksgiving service. Marvin E. Fowler, Secretary of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, will speak later at Waverly Inn, Cheshire, for the customary fellowship gathering and banquet. Business sessions begin Monday at 9 in the Asyulm of Clark Commandery, of which Grand Commander Edwin W. Raymond is a Past Commander.

Arizona Mourns Judd G. Minter

Leaders in all branches of Arizona Masonry joined in expressing their deep sense of loss at the February 28th death of Sir Knight Judd G. Minter, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arizona.

Dwight E. Shannon, Grand Recorder, wrote: "I have just returned from the funeral; it was one of the largest Knight Templar funerals I have ever attended. There were 70 Sir Knights in uniform, and all Grand Officers were present with the exception of one, who was ill. Also present were nine Past Grand Commanders who acted as pallbearers. The Grand Commandery of Arizona and the Grand Encampment have lost a very dedicated and true Sir Knight."

Ten Commandments For A Miserable Life

1. Keep your mind fixed on yourself. Do not violate this cardinal rule, for if you do, a little joy might seep in.
2. Criticize your friends, your enemies, your lodge, your church, your preacher and your own family. They could help you to be happy and you don't want that.
3. Do not waste any time on private or public prayer, except when you have to, and then be in a hurry about it. If you insist on praying, keep telling God what you wish he'd do for you, and scold him a bit if he doesn't.
4. Refuse everyone who asks you to be of service. This is easy because you are much too busy.
5. If anyone has wronged you, hold resentment in your heart, even though you promised in your obligation not to do so. This won't hurt them, but it will adequately demonstrate how determined you are to be miserable.
6. When things go wrong, always blame it on someone else.
7. Give to worthy causes what you can easily afford and don't take any pledge you make too seriously. You never can tell what might happen, and besides, "faith" has nothing to do with money.
8. Pay lip service to the Bible, but don't bother to read and study it, for you will never be able to understand it anyhow, and you know what you believe without all of that silly theology.
9. Don't go to lodge or church or similar places of inspiration except when it is fashionable to do so or there is a good feed waiting. You don't have any time to waste on those hypocrites anyway.
10. Last but not least don't be caught trying to be an inspiration to anyone else by doing and acting like the unselfish servants of mankind that have given hope to the world, for this indeed would make you the happiest of all creatures, and you don't want to look like a plaster saint, do you?

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

Sir Knight Richard W. Seibert, P.C., Ivanhoe Commandery, and Prelate, New York Commandery No. 1, New York City, was "amazed that the Commandery had no memorial service to which all Masons could witness with their families and learn of the principles, dedication and the justification for our existence.

"Rather than complain, I did something about it by composing a suitable and proper ceremony of observance."

How well Sir Knight Seibert completed his self-imposed assignment was demonstrated May 11 last year when an impressive and solemn ceremonial was conducted by Knights Templar of Zones One, Two and Three "in the chamber of Meditation and Reflection, Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City." Sir Knight Seibert was Prelate; Sir Knight William T. Moree, Commander.

Those participating included: (Top) Sidney F. Friar, G.S.W.; Frank Ninivaggi, Empire No. 66; (Middle) Edward Holloway, P.D.C.; Howard L. Adams, P.G.C.; J. George Lang, P.G.C.; Wm. P. Kohler, DeWitt Clinton No. 14; (Bottom) George Barcley, P.G.C.; John F. McMahon, Comm. General, Volunteers of America; Sir Knight Seibert, Sir Knight Moree, and George A. Lambert, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, R.A.M.

The current Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign is for *every* Sir Knight. There are no restrictions. The campaign ends May 23.

A February public awards program for Clarksburg Chapter of DeMolay's Meritorious Service Award to Byron D. Gilbert, immediate Past Master Councilor, by Densil F. Carder, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of West Virginia. Sir Knight Carder was served many years on the DeMolay Advisory Council and currently is chairman. The Meritorious Service Award was the first in the 44-year history of West Virginia's Clarksburg Chapter.

Church by the Side Of the Road

Sunday, May 26, is the date for the second annual Go to Church Event of Beloit Commandery No. 6, Beloit, Wisconsin, at the Church by the Side of the Road at the Wagonwheel Resort, south of Beloit.

At both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services, the collection will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as it was last year. The pastor of the church is a member of Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3, Madison. Those interested in attending are invited to contact Sir Knight Oscar M. Halverson, Beloit's Eminent Commander, at 2435 Shopier Road, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

Next month, read the George Petrie Story in the Knight Templar Magazine. In the same issue—a feature on the subject of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Appointments For The Knight Templar Altar-Table

At Little Rock, Arkansas, in February, when the R. E. Grand Prelate, Sir Knight and the Rev. Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D., was the speaker at the South Central Conference of York Rite Masonry, the appointments for the Knights Templar altar-table in the Templar Chapel of the George Washington Masonic Memorial were dedicated and blessed in the presence of the M. E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.; the General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter, Sprague Hanna Carter; and the General Grand Master of General Grand Council, C. Ellwood Smyrk.

The appointments were then taken to Washington by Sir Knight Smyrk, in preparation for pilgrimages to the Chapel, especially by Knights Templar and their families Saturday afternoon, April 13.

The following is a description of the appointments and tables by the R.E. Grand Prelate.

This Annual Assemblage can note that at the center of the table is a special arrangement which bears dynamic relationship to each of the other tables. The antependium featuring an embrioded crown of thorns on Belgium linen hopsacking, accentuates a Bible open thereon, and resting on a Fair Linen embroidered with five small consecration crosses and the psalmist words: "He gave them bread from heaven—Alleluia; And they did eat angel's food—Alleluia."

Thus enshrined, one sees the "Book of the People of God." Flanking this are two chalice-shaped Cups of Salvation, with bees-wax candles in honor of One who is the Light of Life, blessing every true "place of encounter," whether it be family table, hospital tray, work counter, or Holy Table in Church or Chapel.

Various authorized translations are enshrined on the other tables on missal cushions provided through the Pastor and Altar Guild of The Episcopal Parish of The Trinity, from whom the hobnail votive lights for this occasion also come.

The celebration of Word and Sacrament bind us into one: candles are lighted, books are opened, and the Way, the Truth and the Life exemplified—the aspiration of any Christian and the commitment, individual and corporate, of those who belong to this Council; The Mighty Acts of God and the Mystery which, as St. Paul has it, is "Christ in us—the hope of glory" are thus acknowledged!

Sir Knight Lloyd E. Poore, Deputy Grand Commander, Missouri, representing the Grand Commandery, officiated for the presentation of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award in March to Dr. R. L. Searfoss, Missouri Commandery No. 26, following a joint dinner meeting of Saline County Masonic Association in the Masonic Temple, Marshall. Sir Knight Searfoss has completed 50 years as a Royal Arch Mason, as a member of the Eastern Star, as Elder in the Presbyterian Church and as an Optometrist.

The Way of Life —and The Law of Life

Sir Knight Cecil J. Pierce, P.G.C., Ohio, writes: "If we are to retain the many freedoms which our forefathers labored so hard to leave for us . . . if we are to continue to live in the 'sweet land of liberty,' America, which we all love so dearly, then it is time that we wake up! . . .

"We as Masons can help preserve the many things which we now enjoy if we will follow the precepts and examples laid down by our forefathers . . . Have we forgotten that the Bible and the Golden Rule are our basic laws and that which made this the great land in which we live? Our Republic was founded under God, and the Bible should be the rule and guide of our faith and our daily practice. . .

"Masons have been the leaders in this country since its beginning. Are we now to be marked as second class citizens? We can do something about it if we will only be determined in our efforts, and if we will get down to business. Study the laws, our state and Federal constitutions, the Declaration of Independence—and, above all, the Bible. . .

"I am also sure that if we will follow God's way of life and practice love as the law of life, we will make this land a better place in which to live, free from the Communist and the enemies of good government."

Tennessee's First Six Months Show Increases

E. Leslie Webb, Jr., Grand Commander, Tennessee, in his February message announced vital statistics for the first half of the Grand Commandery year:

Petitions	302
Knighted	257
Affiliations	27
Restorations	30
Deaths	80
Demits	23
K. T. Magazine Subscriptions	176
Eye Life Sponsors	109

One hundred certificates from the M. E. Grand Master will go to the 100 Constituent Commanderies showing the best record of support and cooperation in the Grand Encampment's Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Fund-Raising Campaign which ends on Ascension Thursday, May 23. The Voluntary Campaign, designed to raise funds for enlarged service by the Eye Foundation, is the outgrowth of sentiments expressed at the 50th Triennial Conclave in Detroit, when members of Grand Encampment voiced the conviction that voluntary giving was an opportunity that most Knights Templar would welcome.

Wallace V. Giffin, former Junior Warden, Henry L. Palmer Commandery No. 42 of Wisconsin, reports that almost 100 Sir Knight and ladies from Illinois made a pilgrimage to Milwaukee for the Henry L. Palmer Commandery homecoming and inspection March 9. Idea—to cement Templar relationship through inter-visitations. Sir Knight Wallace is currently a resident of Chicago.

The Good Old Days—And the Opening Menu At Denver's Brown Palace, August 12, 1892

Six months before the formal opening, Knights Templar and their Ladies inaugurated the famed Brown Palace during the 25th Triennial Conclave 76 years ago in Denver, Colorado.

In the gay nineties, a year after Edison patented his kinetiscope, six years after Geronimo's surrender in Arizona, Knights Templar and their families from coast to coast gathered for the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Denver. The written history of the Brown Palace refers to the opening banquet in this "hallmark of excellence:"

"Although it was not entirely completed by August 12, 1892 The Brown was opened for a banquet of the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar and their ladies. A seven course dinner at $10.00 a plate started with Little Neck Clams and a Haut Sauterne and ended with Nesselrode Pudding and Chambertin.

"Between, the Knights and ladies had dined on Mountain Trout, Filet of Beef and Terrapin, graciously accompanied by Amontillado, Chateau Pontet Canet, Brut Imperial."

After this auspicious start, the Brown Palace account goes on to say: "It was not until January 2, 1893 that Denver society was formally introduced to The Brown Palace. Mr. and Mrs. N. Maxcy Tabor gave a ball in honor of her sister, a Mrs. Wilson. Palms and fresh flowers graced the salon."

The Denver Republican of January 29, 1893, in rather unrestrained prose, described the scene.

"Wherever the onyx formed a background for their blending foliage the effect was especially lovely, for from the interstices of the greenery there glowed all the gorgeous hues of emerald, garnet, opal, sapphire, ruby and amethyst. People these immense apartments with a throng of men in faultless evening attire and women in all the gorgeous costumes of today and one can fancy the allurements of the scene."

The Brown Palace is one of the fine Denver hotels which will figure prominently in housing and Triennial events during the 51st Triennial Conclave in 1970.

The August 1970 menus may show a few slight changes from the banquet of 1892, but it is interesting to note that even three-quarters of a century ago, when "a dollar was a dollar," the banquet charge was $10.00 a plate.

A Minnesota Brief

"St. Bernard Commandery No. 13 of Austin, Minnesota, held its Annual Inspection on Saturday, February 17, starting at 4:00 p.m. The Inspecting Officer, Sir Knight James Ziebel, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Knight Lee Hargesheimer, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; and Sir Knight Adolph Kopischke, Eminent Grand Warder, were graciously received and introduced by the officers presiding, Sir Knight Harry L. Hansen, Eminent Commander, Charles L. Gusts, Generalissimo; George Falconer, Captain General; and Ray Fell, Recorder, after which they proceeded with the Full Form Opening."

(From James Joyce, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.)

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Jurisdiction	Grand Commander	Location	Date	Grand Master's Represenative
Alabama	Anthony V. Jannett	Birmingham	April 24	Sir Knight Avery
Arizona	Thomas E. LaCount	Tucson	Oct. 27-28	Sir Knight Bell
Arkansas	Morlan F. Pickett	Little Rock	April 22-23	Sir Knight Bell
California	Allan S. Mason	Santa Ana	April 25-26	Sir Knight Crofts
Colorado	H. Baird Whitaker	Denver	Sept. 13	Sir Knight Bell
Connecticut	Edwin W. Raymond	Waterbury	April 22	Sir Knight Bourke
D. C.	Eston E. Burge	Washington	May 11	Sir Knight Bourke
Florida	Herman William Boye	Ft. Lauderdale	May 19-20	Sir Knight Jackson
Georgia	Douglas H. Tidwell	Decatur	May 8-9	Sir Knight Rodenhauser
Idaho	Floyd Bandy	Moscow	May 20-22	Sir Knight Baesemann
Illinois	Andrew E. Barton	Peoria	Sept. 6-8	Sir Knight Avery
Indiana	Richard D. Unger	Columbus	May 9-11	Sir Knight Bell
Iowa	E. Russell Graham	Spirit Lake	June 24-27	Sir Knight Crofts
Kansas	Robert F. Zimmerman	Arkansas City	May 6-7	Sir Knight Robbins
Kentucky	George E. Hobbs	Louisville	Sept. 15-16	Sir Knight Sager
Louisiana	H. Prentiss Magee	Baton Rouge	April 8-9	Sir Knight Robbins
Maine	George Edward Berry	Portland	May 6	Sir Knight Avery
Maryland	Oscar Charles Helmer	Baltimore	May 15	Sir Knight Bourke
Mass. & R. I.	Gordon C. Player	Boston	Sept. 17	Sir Knight Riegle
Michigan	Frederick G. Kirby	Detroit	June 6-8	Sir Knight Sager
Minnesota	Armor M. Mathisen	Duluth	June 7-8	Sir Knight Riegle
Missouri	James H. Cockerham	St. Louis	May 17	Sir Knight Avery
Montana	Elwood I. Naugle	Billings	June 7	Sir Knight Avery
Nebraska	Charles F. Adams	McCook	April 4-5	Sir Knight Crump
Nevada	Walter C. Sorensen	Las Vegas	June 10	Sir Knight Gorman
N. Hampshire	Carleton W. Carpenter	Claremont	Oct. 7	Sir Knight Riegle
New Mexico	John R. Mendius	Roswell	May 18	Sir Knight Bell
New York	Neil R. Baker	Syracuse	June 14-16	Sir Knight Bell
N. Dakota	Walter E. Beisecker	Fargo	April 28-29	Sir Knight Crump
Ohio	Cecil Stanley Blair	Columbus	Oct. 5-7	Sir Knight Crofts
Oklahoma	James J. Thorne	Stillwater	April 29	Sir Knight Riegle
Oregon	John R. Brownell	Portland	April 8	Sir Knight Riegle
Pennsylvania	Harold E. Stokely	Pittsburgh	May 28-29	Sir Knight Crofts
Phillippines	Leon C. Santiago	Manila	April 20	Sir Knight Morris
S. Dakota	J. Gerald Ross	Spearfish	Sept. 8-10	Sir Knight Crump
Tennessee	E. Leslie Webb, Jr.	Nashville	August 28	Sir Knight Jackson
Texas	Arthur G. Coots	Amarillo	May 6-7	Sir Knight Crofts
Utah	Jed. F. Woolley, Jr.	Ogden	May 13-14	Sir Knight Gorman
Vermont	Frank W. Bailey	Barre	June 3	Sir Knight Bourke
Virginia	Lawrence J. Ranch	Lynchburg	May 9-11	Sir Knight Jackson
Washington	Walter J. Gronley	Longview	May 20-21	Sir Knight Crofts
W. Virginia	Densil F. Carder	Clarksburg	May 17-18	Sir Knight Sager
Wisconsin	Melvin P. Rigg	Wauwatosa	June 13-15	Sir Knight Crump
Wyoming	Robert Samuel Allen	Casper	Sept. 7	Sir Knight Baesemann

Devotional Greeting For Visitors To Knights Templar Chapel

As visitors enter the Knight Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic Memorial Building, Alexandria, Virginia, they are greeted by a message from the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, The Rev. Canon Curt Junker, D.D.

After "Pontifical Fanfare" and improvisations on "Picardy" by Thomas Matthews, F.A.G.O., on the 80 Rank Moeller Organ. Trinity Church. City of Tulsa. "Encampment of Oklahoma." the Grand Prelate's recorded voice is heard:

Together, in an impressive chapel, around one table, it is appropriate that candles should have been lighted to re-involve us in an awareness of One whose brusied body and poured out blood were offered in obedience to His Heavenly Father, and in loving compassion for all mankind! Caring not for his own reputation, the Saviour took the form of a servant that, so many centuries later, we might affirm and witness to what it means to be part of His Cause—not conformed to the world, but transformed and transforming it.

We are glad you are here! In the name of the Most Eminent Grand Master and 400,000 Sir Knights, and in our capacity as Grand Prelate, we welcome you to this significant place of encounter.

Yes, to **light** a candle, to **open** a book and to **exemplify** the Way, the Truth, and the Life is the aspiration of all Christians—the intent of all faithful Masons—and the **commitment** of each of those who, one by one, took his place in the heritage and lineage of the eleven Christian Knights who, in Jerusalem, rode out from the Temple precincts to assist the pligrims and to tend the needy on their way to holy places sacred to the memory of the Captain of our Salvation.

Modern Knights Templar, the spititual descendants of those chivalric Knights of Crusade fame, are a "uniformed" Masonic Body who proudly wear the sword—use it not as a weapon, but as a witness to our belief in the great cardinal principles of Christianity: Faith, Hope, Charity (or Mercy) and Justice; to fight for that which is good, and against that which is bad in our lives and in the wolrd around us. At our obligatory observances of the great sfetival occasions of the church year: Christmas-tide, Easter-tide and Ascension-tide, as the Creed is affirmed, the sword is held inverted before the eyes and becomes the symbol of our Lord and His CROSS—of our striving wholeheartedly to let Him CROWN our lives and action.

Stained glass windows above point to the One who preached the Sermon on the Mount—who healed the blind and who accepted crucifixion for us men and for our salvation. The same Christ rose victorious; ascended into heaven and sends his Holy Spirit that we might continue his redemptive work.

All across our land are individuals who have been assisted in receiving sight though the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Similarly, innumerable students are aided through the Knights Templar Educational Foundation. Creed, color or denomination status are of no consideration in the administration of these benefits.

In your moments of silent devotion, give thanks for "the Mighty Acts of Father, Son and Holy Spirit" celebrated through the open Bible on the Holy Table. Rejoice with us on Easter morn, as at Sunrise Grand Encampment and Commandery Officers and Sir Knights, marching to the stirring music of "Onward Christian Soldiers," assemble with Government leaders and fellow citizens in the amphi-theater of the Arlington National Cemetery to hail the Resurrection and reverently place a cross of lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown.

"Christ our hope is risen." Let all hearts respond: "The Lord is risen indeed—Alleluia."

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