



What Is Our National Motto ?

- (a)—*In God We Trust*
- (b)—*E Pluribus Unum*
- (c)—*Liberty and Justice for All*

When Was the Constitution Adopted ?

- (a)—*July 4, 1776*
- (b)—*March 4, 1789*
- (c)—*June 14, 1777*

What Is the Bill of Rights ?

- (a)—*First Ten Amendments to the Constitution*
- (b)—*A Treaty with Our Allies*
- (c)—*The Preamble to the Constitution*

ARE YOU AN INFORMED CITIZEN? CHECK THE
SAMPLE CITIZENSHIP TEST ON PAGE TEN



PROMISES vs. PERFORMANCE

... The Grand Master Says



Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.

Each of us has made at least three declarations of a most serious and solemn nature in the process of becoming a Knight Templar, and kneeling before his peers each has assumed and subsequently re-affirmed in a most dramatic ceremony a vow of broad and binding nature. Each of us has enjoyed the expressed confidence of all who considered our qualifications for membership. Yet, all who have served well must have observed that others do not.

Having made this observation we adopt a variety of attitudes. Some merely excuse the idle Knight on the theory that Masonic charity not only suggests but requires such forgiveness. Others less charitable criticize or condemn him, and are inclined to consider him useless. Many of course form no attitude at all, not being even aware that he is a Knight Templar—that he has stood the same test and made the same vows. None of these attitudes serves the Templar Order.

It is most useful when active Templars, especially those serving officially, make an effort to discover and know all Knights within hailing distance to learn their special abilities, to offer them friendship in a fraternal way, to find an area of service in our ranks for each.

Let's remember that our Order is fraternal, that one can serve who has not developed an interest in ritualistic work, who may have responsibilities that actually prevent regular attendance, who may not be free to commit himself to serve our often unnecessarily long progressive official lines. The broad social interests of our Order in Christian religion, education, charitable works and civic activity offer a useful place to all.

Let's take the positive attitude that seeks to know and serve all members. Let's appreciate the social value of Templary and the tremendous potential of our idle legions. Let's re-enlist them, re-involve them, re-activate them. We can close the gap between promises and performance—if we will. To do so will serve the interests of our Order, the needs of our communities, and the teachings of our Master.



Several letters directed the editor's attention to the March 10 news release carried by virtually all the major newspapers to the effect that the Vatican had scrapped an "old church law excommunicating Catholics who join the order of Freemasons." A typical newspaper headline for the March 10 story was: **CATHOLICS FREE TO JOIN MASONS.**

Even more letters were received a week later, after a March 17 release, headlined **ROME RESTATES POLICY ON MASONS**, appeared in the same newspapers. The March 17 "restatement" said that the Vatican had officially denied that it planned any major changes in the "church's centuries-old law" barring Catholics from joining Masonic Orders.

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Earlier issues of *Knight Templar Magazine* contained a prayer written by

the Grand Prelate each month of the year.

Why is this important contribution now omitted?

Thank you for your attention to this inquiry.

Fraternally your,
James O. Smith
RD 2,
Huntingdon, Pa. 16652

(See Page 23)

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Syracuse, New York: The January "Scottish Riter" inserted this timely comment: "We try to print something for everybody; so if you find any errors in the Scottish Riter, please consider that they appear for the benefit of those readers who always look for them. We try to please all our readers."

From the News-Letter, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

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In the March issue of the "Knight Templar" there appeared an article by Brother J. Edgar Hoover entitled "Avenue of Hope." I am sure that Sir Knights everywhere who read this article were encouraged by the words of Brother Hoover.

I am enclosing copies of my letter and a poem "J. Edgar Hoover's Crusade" written by my mother, Eva Beaver, and dedicated by me as a tribute to this Illustrious Brother. If you consider this poem worthy of publication, we would be deeply honored and pleased to read it in the "Knight Templar."

Sincerely and courteously yours,
Raymond D. Beaver, Sir Knight
1069 Midland Ave.
Midland, Pa. 15059

P.S. My mother is a member of Wells-ville Shrine No. 21, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Wellsville, Ohio.

J. EDGAR HOOVER'S CRUSADE

In your strong and capable hands
Your country put every crime of the
age,
All atrocities, brutalities and violation
Man's mind has sought to engage.

Out of havoc came law and order
Freedom, Bravery, Ingenuity of our-
time
You held down conflicting factions
That brought controversy and crime.

Attacking the power of corrupt forces
You deliver, rescue, ransom with aid,
In your quest for human betterment
Organizing the war on crime crusade.

There is eternal verity in justice
In all its aspects and litigation,
Behind the violation of human law
Is the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Whose mission is preserving law and
order
Preventing strife with relentless zeal,
Oft we escape man's court of judgment
But from nature's law there is no
appeal.

From this knowledge a better world
must arise
Or there will be no world at all,
It is not creedal form, dogmatic ritual
That saves the world from its fall.

It will be freedom and understanding
Harmony in the world with others,
Love impregnated in the human act
Causing us to live and act like
brothers.

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General Order No. 2 from Sir Knight R. Palmer Hollister, Grand Commander of New Jersey, called for New Jersey's Constituent Commanderies to conduct at least one social, religious affair, entertainment, or other program, in suitable manner, with the proceeds to be given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Fund-Raising Campaign.

Quoting from the copy forwarded by Sir Knight Gordon J. Brenner, P.G.C., Grand Recorder: "Although no quotas are to be established, the method of reporting will reflect how well we have supported this drive. It is our hope that the amount raised by the State of New Jersey will be in excess of \$5,000.00, which averages out to about \$1.50 per member. All Constituent Commanderies will forward their contributions to the Grand Commander not later than May 28."

In General Order No. 3, Grand Commander Hollister emphasises membership. "At the 108th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey on March 2nd last, the Grand Commandery voted to reward any member of a Constituent Commandery for the solicitation of members, providing he was the top line sponsor, as follows: 5 new members—25%, 8 new members—50%, 10 new members—100% of the cost of his and his wife's hotel charge at the 109th Conclave."

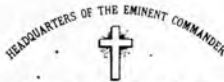
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In his February bulletin for the M. W. Grand Lodge, F&AM, Kansas, Charles S. McGinness, in his capacity as Grand Secretary, writes: "Word leaks out that Cleve Martin, veteran 50-year member of Meriden Lodge is now proud as a peacock over the fact that someone discovered he has five sons who have also served that Lodge as Master. They should fill the chairs with MARTINS some night! Our sincere congratulations to a fine Masonic family."

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for all the information you sent me relative to my inquiry of a Clinton Commandery No. 14 in Brooklyn, New York. I am sending you a copy of the letter my grandfather received from the Eminent Commander of the Clinton Commandery in 1875.

Sincerely,
Peter N. La Tourrette
Canby, Minnesota



CLINTON COMMANDERY, No. 14,

Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders.
STATIONED AT BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Brooklyn Sept. 15th 1875
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the property of your grandfather, Sir Knight De Witt Clinton, who was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in this State, and whose memory, we as Knights Templar and citizens, hold in high veneration. I assure you sir, the gift has been thankfully received, and will henceforth occupy an important place in our archives. And, dear sir, to yourself for the generous courtesy displayed in transmitting the sash to our keeping, when you had so gallantly worn it in the late war, we desire to return you our sincere thanks; and this by order of Clinton Commandery.

E. S. Van Orden
Recorder

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Reproduction of first page of 1875 letter to Sir Knight La Tourrette's grandfather.

The text of the letter:

Brooklyn Sept. 15th, 1875
Peter LaTourrette Esq.
Walden, Orange Co. N.Y.

Dear Sir:

At a regular conclave of Clinton Commandery No. 14 of Knights Templar held at our Asylum No. 16 Court St., Brooklyn, on the evening of August 17th, 1875, Eminent Sir Knight Claudius F. Beatty of our Commandery, in your behalf presented to us a Military Sash, said to have been the property of Right Eminent Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton who was Grand Commander of Knights Tem-

plar in this State, and whose memory, we as Knights Templar and citizens, hold in high veneration. I assure you sir, the gift has been thankfully received, and will henceforth occupy an important place in our archives. And, dear sir, to yourself for the generous courtesy displayed in transmitting the sash to our keeping, when you had so gallantly worn it in the late war, we desire to return you our sincere thanks; and this by order of Clinton Commandery.

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The Eighty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington will be held in the Masonic Temple, 1528 Maple Street, in the City of Longview, Washington, on Monday and Tuesday, May 20th and 21st, 1968.

Full Form Opening of a Constituent Commandery will be exemplified by the Officers of the Grand Commandery at 8:30 a.m., on Monday. (Lines will be formed by Commanders of Constituent Commanderies in attendance.)

Headquarters of the Grand Commandery will be at the Monticello Hotel, 17th and Larch Streets. (three blocks from the Masonic Temple.)

At 9:00 a.m., sharp, the Grand Commandery will reconvene for the transaction of business of the Eighty-first Annual Conclave.

On Sunday, May 19th at 7:30 p.m., Divine Services will be convened in the St. Joseph's Episcopal Church by our Grand Prelate, Sir Knight James T. Albertson.

Headquarters of the Credentials Committee will be established in the Monticello Hotel on Sunday afternoon and at 8:00 a.m., on Monday, at the Masonic Temple, for the registration of Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Past Commanders and the three Principal Officers of each Constituent Commandery. *Please register promptly on arrival.*

From General Order No. 2
Walter J. Gronley, R.E.G.C.,
Grand Commandery, Washington

Something Different in Templar Projects— Templar Park on Spring-Fed Spirit Lake



Templar Park on the banks of Big Spirit Lake, near the city of Spirit Lake, Iowa, is the only resort in the entire United States owned and operated by a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

Open during the summer season, Templar Park has become a favorite vacation spot for midwest Masons and their friends. The Grand Commandery of Iowa's annual conclave is a Templar Park highlight. Many other events of Masonic interest are held in the pavilion. Each year the Order of De Molay rents the hotel and the pavilion for a week's vacation for their membership.

Templar Park and its Templar association began in 1883 when a deed for "something over 20 acres" was presented to the Grand Commandery of Iowa by the people of Spirit Lake, the Rock Island Railroad Company, and others. Most of what is now Templar Park was known as Kingman Point. Valuation at the time of presentation was approximately \$2,000.00.

The 1890 Grand Conclave was the first at Templar Park. In that year the name "Templar Point" was officially adopted. The official history says, "On August 19th, 1890, as the Grand Commander and staff, together with officers and members, landed from the steamer Queen on Templar Point, they were received with a salute of artillery in charge of Sir Knights of Apollo Commandery No. 26, Cedar Rapids."

The 69 Sir Knights attending this first conclave were housed in tents; the conclave was also conducted in a tent on the "high point" of the grounds. At this conclave an appropriation of \$2,250 was made for the erection of a building

The Knights Templar of Iowa are the owners of Templar Park on Spirit Lake. Sir Knight Jerry Marsengill, Iowa Correspondent, tells the story. Pictures are by Sir Knight E. Russell Graham, Grand Commander.

in which to hold the Grand Conclave of 1891.

The following year the Grand Commandery met in a permanent, enclosed building, 80 feet in length, 32 feet wide, surrounded on the north, east, and south, by an 8 foot veranda on each of the two stories. The basement was used for both tent and boat storage.

An additional \$1,500 was approved to erect a kitchen and to drill a well. It was recommended that funds be provided for a 100-room lodge and that the area to the west be drained to provide permanent parade grounds. The trustees were also authorized to borrow \$5,000 to make needed improvements.

In August 1898, the asylum building was almost totally destroyed by wind. A new building, the same size and in the same location, was erected at a cost of \$2,450. The Grand Commander of 1899 Sir Knight George Bever, donated the funds.

Two years later a pavilion on the lake shore to the southeast of the apartment building was erected. It stood until June 14, 1917, when it and the apartment building, dining room and kitchen were entirely destroyed by fire. The Grand Conclave of 1917 met in Cedar Rapids. At this Grand Conclave \$100,000 was authorized for rebuilding.

The present hotel of Moorish architecture cost approximately \$135,000. The asylum was located directly above the dining room until 1923 when the present pavilion was erected. The hotel, grounds, and other buildings have been modernized and the Knights have endeavored to keep pace with the vacation needs of a modern world.

Cottages dot the grounds and the lake

Templar Park — "Beautiful . . . Delightfully Rustic."



shore; many Iowa Sir Knights spend the entire summer at Templar Park.

Twenty acres of landscaped ground along the southwest shore of beautiful, spring-fed, cool Spirit Lake, offer a unique vacation spot. Swimming, boating, fishing, tennis, shuffleboard, golf, horse-shoe pitching and many other forms of entertainment are available, as are supervised playgrounds, for the children.

The marina, one of the most modern in the Iowa Great Lake area, has ramp facilities for easy launching.

The pavilion in which the Annual Conclaves are held has been completely redecorated with a new acoustical ceiling, new lighting and new windows. Sweeping concrete drives lead to the lake shore and fishing docks extend from these drives out into Big Spirit Lake.

Since the Conclave of 1964, Templar Park has been administered by a board of directors, consisting of the four dais officers of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Recorder, and three elected trustees. These Sir Knights strive to keep pace with the modern world while retaining the traditions which have made Templar Park a Masonic heritage in the midwest.

All Masons, their families, and their friends are welcome at Templar Park during the vacation season. It's a delightfully rustic spot.



FIRST VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN REPORT—PORTO RICO NO. 1

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M. E. Grand Master, received the first Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign report from Sir Knight A. R. Phillips, Recorder, Puerto Rico.

Forwarded at the end of March, the report was brief and complete! It announced that Porto Rico Commandery, comprising 147 members, had voted to send \$1,000 to the Grand Master—and the check for that amount was enclosed!

Additional reports and sizable contributions have been acknowledged since the Puerto Rico presentation, but the letter and check from Sir Knight Phillips were the first of the responses in the Voluntary Campaign which ends Ascension Thursday, May 23.

Complete results of the campaign and special recognitions from the Grand Master are scheduled for announcement in the July issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.

Coming event: Western States Conference of the York Rite Bodies at Moab, Utah, September 19 and 20.

Ninety-four year old Albert Williamson, seated, heads class of 11 at Huston Commandery No. 22, Redfield, S.D. Others, left to right: Sir Knights Torbert, Shultz, Kish, Nietzel (partially hidden), Luxton, Batteen, Gillette, Little, Hadrick, McGough.

South Dakota's Grand Commander, J. Gerald Ross, was present for the Knightings March 20. Huston's Recorder feels a record was established because of Sir Knight Williamson's age as a candidate.

Souvenir of 1927 Knights Templar Pilgrimage to Europe

With the thought that Sir Knights in the U.S.A. might find it of interest, Sir Knight R. M. Lewis, Grand Secretary of the Great Priory of Scotland, has relayed the souvenir "dinner and menu card" reproduced on this page.



S.S. "MINNETONKA."
CAPT. T. F. GATES. C.B.E.

DINNER

IN HONOUR OF

Knights Templar ::

:: Pilgrimage to Europe.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF

Most Eminent Sir Knight Leonidas P. Newby,
PAST GRAND MASTER
GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FRIDAY, MAY 27th, 1927.

LIST OF GUESTS.

Most Eminent Sir Leonidas P. NEWBY, Past Grand Master, K.T. U.S.A.
Mrs. Leonidas P. NEWBY, Knightstown, Ind.
Right Eminent Sir George BURNHAM, Grand Cmdr. of California, San Diego, Cal.
Right Eminent Sir G. B. FOSTER, Past Grand Prior, Toronto, Canada.
Right Eminent James L. RANDEL, Past Grand Comdr. of Indiana Green Castle.
Eminent Sir William G. CLARK, Past Commander, Terre Haute, Indiana.
Mrs. William G. CLARK.
Eminent Sir William R. MILTON, Past Commander, Boston, Mass.
Sir Charles B. KIRK, Muncie, Indiana.
Sir Thomas H. AUSTIN, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.
Sir Douglas STEPHENS, Atlanta, Ga.
Sir Arthur H. DOCKRELL, New York.
Mrs. Arthur H. DOCKRELL.
Mrs. Mabel G. MASON, Boston, Mass.
Miss Virginia MASON, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. T. George HYAMS, Toronto, Canada.
Mrs. J. D. TODD, Toronto, Canada.
Miss Margaret WEDDLE, San Diego, California.

Forty one years ago this month, 18 Knights and ladies were enjoying a "Knights Templar Pilgrimage to Europe," headed by Past Grand Master Newby. The menu indicates an outstanding dinner on the S.S. "Minnetonka" May 27, 1927.

Menu.

Fruit Cocktail
Hors d'Oeuvres
Consommé Tosca Bisque Pétoucles
Filets of Dover Sole, Meunière
Rack of Lamb, Mint Sauce
Philadelphia Capon, Périgueux
Garden Peas Spinach, Béchamel
Pommes, Château
Quail sur Croûte
Salad:—Jockey Club
Cabinet Pudding Gâteau Rose
French Pastry Peach, Melba
Strawberry & Chocolate Ice Cream
Cheese:— Cheshire, Gorgonzola
Dessert Coffee

S.S. Minnetonka] [May 27th, 1927.

Can You Meet The Requirements For U.S. Citizenship?

"Our free enterprise system cannot succeed unless YOU are alert, moral and politically active. A republican form of government such as ours requires character and intelligence of the people. Only then does it reward us with freedom, justice and progress.

"Immigrants wanting to become naturalized citizens must be familiar with the more important historical facts in the development of the United States and with the form and principles of our government. Below are some questions typical of those asked on a citizenship exam. Are you well enough educated about our country to pass the test?"

The statements above, and the questions and answers which follow, are provided by the Agriculture Extension Service, Crown Point, Indiana, in co-operation with Purdue University.

1. Our form of government as guaranteed by the Constitution is a :
a. Democracy b. Republic c. Monarchy
 2. What is our national motto?
a. In God We trust b. E Pluribus Unum c. Liberty and Justice for all
 3. When was the Constitution adopted?
a. July 4, 1776 b. March 4, 1789 c. June 14, 1777
 4. How are amendments to the Constitution ratified?
a. By popular vote of the people b. By State Convention or Legislatures
c. By U.S. House and Senate
 5. Article I of the Constitution prohibits a levy of tax on income. How then is income tax legal?
a. It isn't b. Constitution was amended c. Congress passed a law making it legal.
 6. On what date do we celebrate our Nation's Birthday?
a. June 14 b. July 4 c. November 11
 7. What is the Bill of Rights?
a. The first ten amendments to the Constitution b. A treaty with our allies
c. The Preamble to the Constitution
 8. U.S. Senators have always been elected by the people.
a. True b. False
 9. How many Justices in the Supreme Court?
a. nine b. seven c. twelve
 10. How many Senators are there in Congress?
a. 80 b. 100 c. 196
 11. How many Representatives are there in Congress?
a. 435 b. 572 c. 280
 12. How many Senators are there from each state?
a. one b. two c. three
 13. Name the Senators from your state.
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14. Name the war in which we won our independence from Great Britain.
a. War of 1812 b. Civil War c. Revolutionary War
 15. Can residents of the District of Columbia vote for Presidential electors?
a. Yes b. No
 16. The annual salary of the President is :
a. unlimited b. \$100,000 c. \$150,000

17. A bill passed by both houses of Congress may become a law without the signature of the President.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 18. All revenue raising bills must originate with the:
 - a. President
 - b. U.S. Senate
 - c. House of Representatives
 19. The quote, "Four Score and Seven Years ago," begins the:
 - a. Declaration of Independence
 - b. Preamble to the Constitution
 - c. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
 20. Our National Anthem was written by Francis Scott Key during:
 - a. Revolutionary War
 - b. Civil War
 - c. War of 1812
 21. Under our Constitution, it is illegal to be a member of the Communist Party.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 22. By what margin must Congress vote to pass a bill over the President's veto?
 - a. 2/3
 - b. 3/5
 - c. 3/4
 23. Our American President has the power to make treaties with foreign powers without consulting Congress.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 24. Who is the U.S. Representative from your congressional district?
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SCORE AS FOLLOWS

- 20-24 correct—Congratulations! Your education and patriotism are showing.
 17-19 correct—A good solid citizen.
 13-16 correct—Today's typical American. Try reading more news and fewer comics.
 8-12 correct—Under-average. You may lose some priceless freedoms.
 0-7 correct—Have you thought of moving to Siberia?

(Answers below)

ANSWERS TO CITIZENSHIP QUIZ

1. b, Republic
 2. a, In God We Trust
 3. b, March 4, 1789
 4. b, By State Convention or Legislatures
 5. b, Amendment XVI of the Constitution, adopted 1913
 6. b, July 4
 7. a, The first ten amendments to the Constitution
 8. b, False (elected by people only since 1913 due to Amend. 17, Sec. 1)
 9. a, nine
 10. b, 100
 11. a, 435
 12. b, two
 13. _____, _____
 14. c, Revolutionary War
 15. a, Amendment XXIII adopted in 1961 gave residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote for three presidential electors.
 16. b, \$100,000
 17. a, True
 18. c, House of Representatives
 19. c, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
 20. c, War of 1812
 21. b, False. It is not illegal to be a member of the Communist Party. However, the Internal Security Act passed by Congress in 1950 requires registration with the Attorney General's office of all Communist organizations and members.
 22. a, 2/3
 23. b, False
 24. _____
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One Thousand Attend DeMolay Chapter Of the Year Banquet at P.M.C.

CHESTER CHAPTER, CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, HONORED BY LEADERS OF GOVERNMENT, GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH RITE N.M.J., PENNSYLVANIA'S GRAND RITE BODIES, SUPREME COUNCIL OF DEMOLAY AND THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"It was a night that will be remembered for years," said Robert Stark, Chapter Advisor, referring to the night of February 24, 1968, when the International DeMolay Chapter of the Year Plaque was presented to Chester Chapter during a banquet at Pennsylvania Military College. Said Stark: "Not only was this jewel-event exciting, but the showcase ceremonies which surrounded it were beautiful and exhilarating."

Following are quoted portions of pre-event and the on-the-scene descriptions.

"Plans for the presentation banquet were begun in mid November, 1967. Invitations were sent to each Grand Masonic Leader in Pennsylvania and the national heads of the York and Scottish Rites, and the Grand Master of DeMolay.

"Everyone waited for D Day. There wasn't much waiting, because finishing touches were being added up to Friday the 23rd. The weatherman all week had been predicting snow for Saturday, and a lot of DeMolay and Advisory Council knees were bent praying for a reprieve. Saturday morning dawned with a bright winter sun in a cloudless blue sky.

"Early in the morning Chester DeMolays and Advisors started making their trips to pick up incoming guests at the airport. More than 20 DeMolays were on the landing apron as Dad George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., U.S.A., stepped from his plane. Cameras recorded the scene. Grand Master William A. Hensley was met in Philadelphia by an official escort and transported to Chester in a car assigned to him for the weekend.

"Dad John B. Cottrell, Jr., D.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, took Dad and Mrs. Hensley, Dad Newbury, and Dad John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of



Dad and Mrs. John B. Cottrell, Jr., are welcomed by Wayne L. Garrett, as Grand Master Crofts greets Honor Guard.

Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge to see the George Washington-at-Prayer Masonic statue donated by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The visiting Masonic and DeMolay dignitaries assembled in Chester Masonic Temple at 6:00 p.m. for picture-taking and lineup for the parade to Pennsylvania Military College where the banquet was to be held. Limousines and other official cars with appropriately lettered placards were assigned each guest and chauffeur-driven behind a police escort.

"When the cavalcade arrived at PMC, a red carpet was rolled down the sidewalk from the dining hall door, and the guests marched in through a double column of robed DeMolay honor guards.

They were then escorted to the VIP Lounge, where the Chapter Mothers Circle pinned white orchid corsages on the lady guests and boutonnieres on the gentlemen."

At 7:00 Toastmaster Robert F. Stark, Chapter Advisor, welcomed the 1,000 in the audience to the Ninth Anniversary Celebration of Chester Chapter. The houselights were extinguished and the tables lit by candlelight. As each guest stepped to center aisle in the back of the auditorium, he was formally announced by the Toastmaster, then given music and spotlight accompaniment to the head tables.

Awards

DeMolay District Deputy Ward Kerr presented the Gold Honor Key and, in conjunction with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, John K. Young, an engraved plaque to PMC Charles A. Rothermel in recognition of Chester Chapter's participation in the dedication of the Grand Lodge Statue at Valley Forge.

Advisory Council Chairman Lloyd Bell awarded the Advisor's Honor Key to Dad Kurt Malmstrom for outstanding 1967 service to Chester Chapter. The PMC Meritorious Service Award went to Brother Rothermel, and at the hands of Pennsylvania's Executive Officer, William J. McCulley, the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Award was given to

Master Councilor Garrett.

The Master Councilor then awarded the Medal of Appreciation to Mr. Edward Bassine for his services and contributions to the Chapter. Marine Corps Major William Burtonson announced an award in memory of Brother Carlton M. Ottey was being made by Brother Ottey's family. The recipient was Brother Charles A. Rothermel, PMC.

Pennsylvania Congressman Thomas Worrilow read a framed Resolution unanimously passed in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and City Councilman Harold MacNeilly (Sr. DeMolay), a Proclamation from Chester's Mayor, each praising the Chester DeMolays for their adherence to the principles of DeMolay and their dedication to the improvement of the young community. Similar Resolutions were introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate, United States House of Representatives, and United States Senate and printed in full in the "Congressional Record."

The International Supreme Council Membership Quota Plaque was presented by Executive Officer McCulley, and the International Chapter of the Year Plaque by DeMolay Grand Master William A. Hensley.

The address was given by the Reverend Fred Pierce Corson, 33°, Bishop of the Methodist Church, one of the world's foremost theologians and scholars.



Pictured, as Chapter Advisor Stark kneels, are: Bishop Corson, Guy S. Fenstermacher, William J. McCulley, William C. Chasey, Sr., J. Baptist Milano, Arthur R. Diamond, William A. Hensley, John K. Young, George A. Newbury, John L. Crofts, Sr., Harold E. Stokely, John B. Cottrell, Jr., Ward Kerr and Warren F. Schueler, Sr.

A Memorial Observance paid tribute to Brother Carlton Mattes Ottey who had given his life in Vietnam.

Guests

John B. Cottrell, Jr., D.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Past Department Commander, Grand Encampment.

Warren F. Schueler, Sr., Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, AF&AM, Delaware.

Guy S. Fenstermacher, M.P. Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. Masters, Pennsylvania.

Arthur R. Diamond, M.E. Grand High Priest, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Pennsylvania.

Harold E. Stokely, R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, Pennsylvania.

John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F&AM, of Pennsylvania; Chairman, Grand Masters Conference of North America.

George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33° A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America.

John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

The list of DeMolay officials:

Ward Kerr, District Deputy, Pennsylvania District 14.

J. Baptist Milano. Active Member, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer in Delaware.

William C. Chasey, Sr., Active Member, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer in New Jersey.

William J. McCully, Active Member, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Executive office Pennsylvania.

William A. Hensley, Grand Master, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

The Toastmaster gave Sir Knight Cottrell, LOH, his original petition to the Order of DeMolay, submitted in 1926. It had been framed as a valued memento by Chester Chapter.

Said Sir Knight Stark, "In short summation, it was a No. 1 evening."

DEDICATED, CONSECRATED, CONSTITUTED

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, with Grand Commander Cecil S. Blair presiding, assembled in a Special Conclave in the Masonic Temple in Medina, Ohio, Saturday, December 9, 1967 at 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating the Asylum and constituting Medina Commandery No. 84, Knights Templar of Ohio.

The minutes show that "the Asylum was duly and solemnly consecrated in accordance with the Laws, Ritual and ancient Customs of the Order," that "the ceremony of constituting the Commandery followed the consecration." Immediately after the constituting of the Commandery, the election of officers for Medina Commandery No. 84 was held and the following elected: E.C.—Charles E. Canfield; G.—DeForest F. West; C.G.—James P. Plummer; S.W.—George O. Mayer, Jr.; J.W.—Gerald M. Wagar; Prelate—Melzer E. Wunderlich; Treas.—Gerald C. Colburn; Rec.—W. Millard Bower; Std. B.—Delmas F. Bailey; S.B.—Harvey W. Sanford; W.—Boyd A. Wilder; S.—Lehr F. Kissling; Guards—Leonard L. Eaken, Ulrich W. Seyfried, Dennis K. Romain.

The officers were then installed by the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery.



Pictured, front: Grand Generalissimo Thomas P. Rankin, Grand Commander Blair, Grand Recorder Robert J. Hackett, P.G.C.; Grand Jr. Warden Walter E. Drake; Grand Warden George D. Stein.

Back row: Herbert E. Rogler, P.G.C.; Grand St. Bearer Parker G. Manning; Grand Sr. Warden Robert H. Emmons; Grand Sword Bearer Lawrence M. Looker; Grand Capt. of the Guard Wm. D. Coffman.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

R. E. GRAND COMMANDER RECUPERATING AT HOME

The busy schedule of Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely was momentarily interrupted last month by a brief stay in the hospital, followed by a prescribed period of rest at his home in Pittsburgh.

The Grand Commander's disability was noted in many of the April bulletins of Pennsylvania's Constituent Commanderies; cards of greeting and good wishes were sent from all sections of the state, and from other parts of the country as well.

In commenting on his illness, Sir Knight Stokely wrote: "Glad to report that I'm feeling better—still have a way to go to get out of the clutches of the Doctors. Seems I had rusty pipes and received a 'not so gentle' hint from the Good Lord to get into dry dock. Glad to report no serious aftermath and the Em. Grand Doctor, Carl Johnson, says I'm too wicked to die."



Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely
R. E. Grand Commander

TEN YEAR EASTER SERVICE ATTENDANCE INTERRUPTED FOR PENNSYLVANIA KNIGHTS

The 38th Annual Templar Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery, under cloudless skies and mid-sixty temperatures, was attended by some six to seven thousand Knights Templar, their families and friends of Templary Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The Rev. Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D., R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, preached the Easter Sermon.

In spite of disturbances the preceding week in Washington, Chicago, Pittsburgh and a dozen other major cities, resulting in the cancellation of Pennsylvania's participation, every seat in the amphitheater was occupied. In addition, the national shrine was circled by the usual number of 'standees,' unable to find seats for the service.

The Grand Encampment Committee's report shows that 500 uniformed Sir Knights participated in the procession. Twenty-seven state jurisdictions were represented; sixteen of the delegations were headed by Grand Commanders. In addition to large groups of Templars and ladies from Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, formal pilgrimages from other states included; New Jersey—104; New York—134; Massachusetts—37; Illinois—29. The traditional Easter Breakfast at the Willard Hotel followed the service at 9:30 a.m.

Pennsylvania attendees for the week-end events, Past Grand Commanders John B. Cottrell, Jr., and Paul C. Rodenhauer, were guests with their ladies at a Maryland Dinner Saturday evening, April 13, at the Occidental restaurant.

PENNSYLVANIA FRIEND HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Conrad J. Raider, P.G.C., Maryland, observed his 86th birthday March 8 by attending the joint ladies night of Baltimore Chapter, R.A.M., and Beauseant



Commandery of Knights Templar. A surprise of the evening, at least for Sir Knight Raider, was the presentation of a Friendship Plaque

by Sir Knights of Washington Commandery from the District of Columbia. "Connie" became a Mason March 15, 1904, and is believed to be the oldest active Past Master in Maryland. He fails to attend few Masonic Activities, and practically no Templar event in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania is complete without his presence and participation. Sir Knight Raider continued his long series of attendances at Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Services by marching in the procession for the 38th Annual Arlington Service April 14 at Washington, D.C.

The Maryland Past Grand Commander, known and respected by thousands of Pennsylvania Knights Templar, plans to be present for Pennsylvania's 115th Annual Conclave May 26-29 at Pittsburgh.

On the same night that Sir Knight Raider was honored in Baltimore, Emory C. Gardner, known for his longtime association with the Arlington Easter Sunrise Committee of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, became an honorary member of Beauseant Commandery.

HONORS FROM DEMOLAY

George M. Saunders, Active Member, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, announced this month from DeMolay's headquarters in Kansas City that Paul C. Rodenhauser, P.G.C., Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, Chicago, was elected to receive the Honorary Legion of Honor Degree. Investiture will take place in the

MESSAGES FROM RETIRING EMINENT COMMANDERS

Donald H. Siddle, as he closed his year as Eminent Commander, had this advice to offer in the April notice of Shamokin Commandery No. 77:

"To those who are considering office in the East—'Do it.' The experience is not only a benefit to Masonry, but also in your every day life. You are better able to express yourself in your community, church and fraternities, instead of withholding feelings and decisions and leaving them up to others. Many of us do not have the speaking talents and memory of others, but Commandery is a Christian team and the talents of all are important. The station of Commander is not easy, but quite gratifying."

Harry H. Ritts, Jr., completing his year as Commander of Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, Wilkes-Barre, wrote: "Becoming a Past Commander is a fascinating subject. For the new officer it has the fascination of something desirable, though vaguely remote; for the officer at the half way point, it has the fascination of promise; and for those who have actually had the experience, it is the fascination of fulfillment.

"Having finished the work assigned me, and with a heart full of love and gratitude, I now humbly take leave of you as your Commander. These glorious months I have spent as your Commander will forever remain etched in my memory as the greatest experience in my whole Masonic life."

Alexander M. Howat, 1967-68 Commander of Chester Commandery No. 66, addressed his "sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped me so much throughout the year." He especially thanked those who helped Chester Commandery gain its ten percent increase in membership during the year.

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Additionally, Sir Knight Rodenhauser was elected Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, at the March session of the Supreme Council in Washington, D.C.

100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS FOR IVANHOE

The observance by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31 of the 100th Anniversary of its founding began with the Sir Knights, their families and friends, attending a Divine Worship service in St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahanoy City, Sunday March 31, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. John M. Bellan was assisted by the Rev. Wm. O. Mayer.

The next event—Centennial Ladies Night Saturday, May 4th, in the Social Rooms of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Main & Pine Streets, Mahanoy City, at 8:00 p.m., with a program of professional entertainment provided and refreshments served. This was planned to be a real evening of fun and fellowship, and was opened to the members of the other Commanderies in the district together with Blue Lodge and Chapter members who do not hold membership in the Commandery.

The 100th Anniversary Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, October 5th, in the Social Rooms of St. Paul's U.S. of C., and the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania will be present.

100TH ANNIVERSARY ONE YEAR AWAY FOR CYRENE

Charles R. Frasch, P.C., is serving as General Chairman for the 100th Anniversary of the York Rite bodies of Columbia, Pennsylvania, with the observance scheduled for March 22, 1969.

Corinthian Chapter No. 224, R.A.M., and Cyrene Commandery No. 34, K.T., were each constituted in 1869. A combined anniversary celebration will be held with the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., as the featured guest and speaker for the occasion. Pennsylvania's Grand Commandery officers and other Masonic dignitaries also will participate.

Among other Commanderies with approaching 100th anniversary celebrations is Hutchinson Commandery No. 32, Norristown. Hutchinson's April notice includes a listing of its 100th Anniversary Dinner at the Colledgeville Inn, November 2, 1968.

One Hundred Fiftieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

With Samuel H. Verner, former Division Commander as General Chairman, activities in connection with the 115th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania are scheduled from May 26 through May 29 at the Pittsburgh Hilton. Election of officers is listed for Wednesday morning, May 29.

Those in office through the sessions of the 115th Annual Conclave are: Harold E. Stokely, R.E. Grand Commander; G. Calvin Dyson, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander; Charles R. Eurich, E. Grand Generalissimo; William D. Geesey, E. Grand Captain-General; Ewart Roberts, E. Grand Senior Warden; Russell R. Robison, E. Grand Junior Warden; E. Grand Prelate, Norman C. Young, B.D., M.E.D.; E. Grand Treasurer, Perry L. LaBarr, P.G.C., and E. Grand Recorder, John W. Laird.

Appointed Officers and Division Commanders Who Served the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania During the 1967-68 Templar Year

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

HARRY E. KILLEN III
219 Third St., Washington, Pa. 15301

Eminent Grand Warder

HARVEY O. NIELSON
948 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702

Marshal of the Grand Commandery

CHARLES A. GARNES
1846 Atkinson Place, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

LLEWELLYN W. MILLS
R.D. No. 1, Douglassville, Pa. 19518

Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard

FLOYD C. JONES
Box 303, Franklin, Pa. 16323

Herald of the Grand Commandery

EDWIN A. JULIUS
1007 N. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17102

Division Commanders

- Division No. 1. Howard T. Scull, Jr. 624 E. Street Road, Warminster, Pa. 18974. Commanderies: Nos. 4, 29, 36, Philadelphia; 54, Jenkintown; 82, Germantown; 92, Frankford.
- Division No. 2. Horace D. Standbridge, 427 Sulgrave Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15211. Commanderies: Nos. 1, 35, 48, 59, 72, Pittsburgh; 78, Carnegie; 91, Wilkensburg.
- Division No. 3. C. Kenneth Gennaria, 1763 W. Main St., Norristown, Pa. 19401. Commanderies: Nos. 15, Phoenixville; 32 Norristown; 71, Pottstown; 95, Lansdale; 96, Doylestown; 97, Ardmore.
- Division No. 4. Vernon M. Stambaugh, 1015 Chestnut St., Connellsville, Pa. 15425. Commanderies: Nos. 3, Washington; 7, Brownsville; 18, Greensburg; 49, Uniontown; 80, Charleroi; 86, McKeesport.
- Division No. 5. Willard W. Heiney, 79 Pine St., Oxford, Pa. 19363. Commanderies: Nos. 47, Springfield; 55, Coatsville; 66, Chester; 88, West Chester; 93, Oxford.
- Division No. 6. W. Earle Troutwein, 1202 Walnut St., Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648. Commanderies: No. 10, Altoona; 26, Lewistown; 33, Bellefonte; 61, Johnstown; 65, Huntingdon; 74, Phillipsburg.
- Division No. 7. J. Harold Johnston, 1500 Market St., Ashland, Pa. 17921. Commanderies: Nos. 31, Mahanoy City; 39, Ashland; 41, Pottsville; 73, Hazleton.
- Division No. 8. J. Arthur Snyder, 5005 Lakeview Drive, Sharon, Pa. 16416. Commanderies: Nos. 50, Sharon; 62, New Castle; 67, Greenville; 84, Beaver Falls; 87, Butler.
- Division No. 9. Earle H. Baer, 1668 Main St., Orefield, Pa. 18069. Commanderies: Nos. 9, 42, Reading; 19, Easton; 20, 94, Allentown; 23, Jim Thorpe; 81, Stroudsburg; 90, Bethlehem.
- Division No. 10. Harry P. Cox, Jr., 200 Broad St., Brockway, Pa. 15824. Commanderies: Nos. 40, Ridgway; 58, Bradford; 63, Warren; 69, Coudersport; 83, DuBois.
- Division No. 11. Benjamin A. Franklin, 406 Stevenson St., Sayre, Pa. 18840. Commanderies: Nos. 16, Towanda; 45, Wilkes-Barre; 57, Pittston; 60, Tunkhannock.
- Division No. 12. Lloyd R. Bashaw, 920 W. 7th St., Erie, Pa. 16502. Commanderies: Nos. 25, Meadville; 30, Erie; 38, Titusville; 43, Oil City; 44, Franklin; 51, Corry.
- Division No. 13. Warren R. Williams, Jr., Griffis St., Montrose, Pa. 18801. Commanderies: Nos. 14, Carbondale; 17, Scranton; 27, Susquehanna; 89, Honesdale; 99, Montrose.
- Division No. 14. Paul R. Seidel, Washingtonville, Pa. 17884. Commanderies: Nos. 12, Bloomsburg; 37, Danville; 77, Shamokin; 85, Sunbury.
- Division No. 15. Harry L. Parson, 911 Ohio Ave., Lemoyne, Pa. 17043. Commanderies: Nos. 8, Carlisle; 11, Harrisburg; 13, Lancaster; 24, Lebanon; 56, Chambersburg.
- Division No. 16. Russell G. Beckstrom, 800 Clearmont Road, York, Pa. 17403. Commanderies: Nos. 21, 75, York; 34, Columbia; 79, Gettysburg; 98, Hanover.
- Division No. 17. C. Richard Ohl, 723 Bellefonte Ave., Lock Haven, Pa. 17745. Commanderies: Nos. 22, Williamsport; 46, Lock Haven.



Robert Quinn Glass
 South Carolina
 Grand Commander — 1940
 February 23, 1881
 Died December 6, 1967

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

Glenn M. Bailey, Sr.
 Washington
 Grand Commander 1960
 Born March 17, 1899
 Died March 22, 1968

Lunie Jefferson Brock
 Georgia
 Grand Commander — 1932
 Born November 28, 1883
 Died March 28, 1968

Carlisle William Evans
 Tennessee
 Grand Commander 1935
 Born April 12, 1886
 Died April 3, 1968

O God, who hast shown us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ that the whole of man's life shall be redeemed and transformed, we thank thee that in him our bodies shall be transformed and glorified as his glorious body. Grant us so to discipline and use them now that they may more perfectly become the instrument of our spirit, prepared for eternal life. Through him, who died and was buried and now lives and reigns with thee in glory, ever our Saviour Jesus Christ.

George Petrie Is a "Yes" Man; Knights Templar Are Glad He Is

Sir Knight George E. Petrie, Past Commander of St. Lucie Commandery, Fort Pierce, Florida, a Dual Member of Burlington Commandery No. 50, Burlington, Wisconsin—a Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award recipient—lives and works for the Grand Encampment's Eye Philanthropy. He's a dynamic go-getter for the Y.E.S. Club—"York Eye Sponsorship."

The story of George Petrie is the kind of story you enjoy writing, the kind of story you should enjoy reading. It highlights a traditional Christian Mason, but one with even more than traditional zeal, effort and "all out" determination.

George, first of all, is a Christian. Without the slightest attempt on his part to impress, you cannot spend five minutes in his company without gaining a distinct feeling that a zealot's fire burns beneath a pleasant, serene exterior. Fortunately for Knight Templary—and the public which directly benefits—George has harnessed the power of that fire to encourage and promote Grand Encampment's nationally acclaimed philanthropy, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. He does it for a very simple reason; he feels it's one of the finest, most needful, most altruistic opportunities granted to Knights Templar.

In the winter, George Petrie is a Florida citrus fruit shipper; in the summer, he operates a riding stable that has become an institution in Burlington, Wisconsin. And, in all seasons, he maintains a staggering schedule of personal appearances and correspondence for "York Eye Sponsorships," the "Y.E.S." Club.

One of his most rewarding moments came in 1966 when Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, then M.E. Grand Master, sent George a personal commendation and a letter authorizing him to represent the Grand Encampment in selling the Christian Crusade Y.E.S. Club to all 1,600 Commanderies. Sir Knight Petrie says: "In this department I fell short. Was able to call only on 143 Commanderies in person to sell the program."

Sir Knight Petrie mailed more than 8,500 letters and pieces of literature; in

return he received more than 1,500 letters of response and encouragement.

The proudest honor of all, George says, was his dual assignment at the 50th Triennial Conclave in Detroit, when he carried the Christian Flag in the parade and was called to address the members of Grand Encampment on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Sir Knight George E. Petrie was born in a Masonic family June 11, 1913. His mother died shortly after his birth; he was raised by a Mennonite aunt and uncle who taught George the 23rd Psalm before he knew how to say, "Please pass the beans."

He is a member of Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He has served as DeMolay Advisor since 1964. In 1966 he became a charter member in Florida's York Rite College. A member of the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, George is a Sunday School teacher and church steward. He has been training officer for the past two years in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Chairman of Admissions of his U.S. Power Squadron for six years.

The seed for Sir Knight Petrie's Life Sponsorship project was planted by Sir Knight Goebel Buchanan, then Grand Commander of Florida, when he visited St. Lucie Commandery in October, 1965. After the dinner, Grand Commander Buchanan conceded that it was a fine meal, but asked why it was held. He liked dinners to celebrate something, and "come to think of it," St. Lucie was one of the few Commanderies without even one Life Sponsorship to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

George Petrie was elected Eminent Commander that year. Figuring that a straight line was the shortest distance between two points, he went out and asked Sir Knights to sign up for Life Sponsorships. The first ten said yes. Thus encouraged, George formed his "Y.E.S." Club and found that he had 119 members—the total membership of St. Lucie Commandery.

A remarkable part of the story is that the charter of St. Lucie Commandery was slated to be picked up for lack of spirit and activity four years ago. "Today," says George, "we're on top in Life Sponsorship, new members and spirit."

George isn't alone in his zeal and effort. He makes a particular point of crediting others. Among them are Sir Knights Wilson, Frazier, Bengel, Banketas, Lombardi, Reid, Burn, Harvison, Daney. "They're names to remember," says George Petrie.

In the last year, St. Lucie has Knighted 85. Current membership is 202—and it goes without saying that everyone of the 202 is a Life Sponsor.

Last summer, George "helped" Burlington Commandery No. 50 in Wisconsin to become the fourth Commandery in the world to have 100% membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship program. It would be difficult to estimate the total number of Life Sponsorships for which George is personally responsible. A conservative estimate would place that number above the 1,000 mark.

Just before Christmas last year, when the 12th District was staging a concerted campaign, George wrote: "This makes the entire 12th District in Florida pledged for Life Sponsorships and trying to pay up on Christmas Day."

He concludes with typical dedication and enthusiasm: "This will be the cornerstone of a Spiritual Temple, not made with hands, that could cover the entire Templar world.

Yours for more light,
George."

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS AWARD

Belated announcement has arrived of the awarding last year of the George Washington Medal to retired Army Colonel Frederic G. Kileski at his home in Bel Air, Maryland, by the Aberdeen Chapter of the National Sojourners.

Col. and Sir Knight Kileski was honored for outstanding services to the chapter and for continuing assistance to Masonic and other youth groups from 1954 to 1960. Participating in the presentation ceremony were: Captain Willard C. Holt, USA Retired; Col. Ralph J. Hanchin, Aberdeen Proving Ground; Lt. Col. Robert D. Wilcox, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Byers, USA Retired, Aberdeen.

The Aegis of Bel Air gave pictorial coverage to the honor conferral. Col. Kileski is a member of the York Rite bodies of Maryland, also Scottish Rite, Shrine, National Sojourners, Heroes of '76 and the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association. He was chairman of the Advisory Council, Harford Chapter, DeMolay, from 1955-1962, remaining on the Advisory Council until 1965 even tho' illness prevented his serving as chairman.



In New Haven (Conn.) Commandery No. 2 Sir Knight Frennie M. Gray, P.C., installs two sons—Sir Knight Albert W. Gray as Eminent Commander, and Sir Knight Kenneth B. Gray as Senior Warden.



Gene S. Whitney, Beatrice, was installed R. E. Grand Commander of Nebraska at the 96th Annual Conclave in McCook, April 4-5. The installation climaxed the four-day session of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Nebraska.



Whitney, who succeeds Charles F. Adams, is the first man from Mt. Herman Commandery No. 7, Beatrice, to be elected Grand Commander since 1910. He is a Past Grand Master, Grand Council of R & S Masters, and is currently Grand Treasurer. Other offices, past and present, include: Prior, Sir Galahad Priory, KYCH; Eminent Viceroy, Shiloh Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; officer in HRAKTP; Sneh BoAire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees; past Patron, O.E.S., member of Sesostriis Temple, Lincoln.

In his acceptance address, Sir Knight Whitney stated that the three membership committees of the Grand York Rite bodies would be unified under one general chairman. The heads of the three Grand bodies feel that fifteen members working together could accomplish more than three committees working separately. "The goal will be to inspire younger men, our Master Masons, to be York Rite Masons."

A Knight of Note is Sir Knight Bishop Donald H. Tippett, of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9. In the April Bulletin of Los Angeles Commandery, Past Commander Clyde E. Colvin reports on the latest honor received by Bishop Tippett:

"Additional, richly deserved honors have been accorded our great Sir Knight Bishop Donald Harvey Tippett, who will soon retire after twenty uninterrupted years of devoted service as resident bishop of the San Francisco Conference of the Methodist Church. Sunday, February 25, was designated Bishop Tippett Sunday in the California-Nevada Conference, at which time the Donald Harvey Tippett Foundation was established at the University of the Pacific, a permanent fund initiated by Methodist members and churches to be used toward the maintenance and enhancement of the Chaplaincy at the University of the Pacific."



"Sir Knight Tippett now holds the highest honor that any minister of the Methodist church can attain, one which few achieve—that of President of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, which means that when he attends the General Conference at Dallas . . . it will be as the Titular Head of the denomination. In that session, the United Methodist Church will come into being by a union with the United Brethren Church.

"We do not forget that with all his arduous duties, our frater has always given time and encouragement to Masonry, having served the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of this state as Grand Chaplain and Grand Prelate respectively; he is also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. Our commandery is justly proud to number Bishop Tippett one of our number."

Sir Knight Richard Snow, great-great grandson of Sir Knight John Snow, a leading force in the organization of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and the initial Commander of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, participated in Mt. Vernon's 150th birthday anniversary, March 16.

Sir Knight Snow, a member of Mt. Vernon, displayed the collar and apron worn by his great-great grandfather as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, together with correspondence of fraternal and commercial nature. Past Commander George Heitz says: "This, plus silver cups and other awards acquired by Mt. Vernon No. 1 in a century and a half of existence, provided a very interesting addition to the occasion."

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Sir Knight and General Bruce C. Clarke (USA Retired) journeyed to Vietnam, February 1-16, in company with Frank W. Mayborn, publisher of Temple, Texas, and Col. James R. Hillard,

Armor, Escort. It was an intensive tour, covering Vietnam from Bae Lieu in the Delta to Tam Ky near Danang, and from the coast to the Cambodian border. General Clarke, in addition to many subordinate units, visited with dozens of groups and individuals, including Ambassador Bunker, General Westmoreland, General Abrams, Staff Officers of USMACV and others.

Commenting on the "highly schooled, selected, dedicated and motivated leadership," General Clarke also observes: "The company grade officers and the NCO corps are probably the best in our Army's history."

DEADLINE REMINDER

The 10th of the month preceding issue is the standard deadline for the receipt of material submitted for use in the Knight Templar Magazine. Forward your copy and pictures in advance of that date to the editor at 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

A somewhat unique situation is found among the Jessee family which has had three of its members installed as Worshipful Masters of Virginia Lodges for the year 1968. These brethren are not located in the same areas and it is interesting to note that the desire to serve their Lodge has apparently arisen in each of their minds at about the same time.

The first of these brethren was Clifford Allen Jessee, elected and installed Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 194, located at Yancey Mills, Va. His installation took place on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, 1967.

The next brother on the list is Jack Felix Jesse, who was elected and installed Worshipful Master of Intermont Lodge No. 269, located at Narrows, Virginia. His installation also took place on December 27, 1967.

The third brother to be honored with the post of leadership in his Lodge was James Charles Jessee, who was elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 251, located in Russell County's courthouse town, Lebanon, Virginia. His election and installation also took place on December 27, 1967.

Congratulations are offered to these three blood brothers on attaining the important post of Master of three Virginia Lodges on the same day. These brethren have an obligation to furnish leadership of an exemplary nature to the brethren of their communities, and the influence of the Jessee family will be felt over a considerable area of Virginia.

IN HIS NAME

Leontis W. C. Junker †

The April cover picture was a reproduction of a contemporary stained glass illustration of a statement of God's universal and inclusive love, which was the theme of an earlier Meditation by the R. E. Grand Prelate. The window is one of a dramatic series of ten double clerestory windows planned by Canon Junker, designed by Frederick Cole of Canterbury, England, and executed in the London studios of George Payne. From the Meditation carried in the February issue is the following passage relevant to the window:

There is something about Jesus that is severely *exclusive*. You cannot be with him and against him at the same time. You cannot believe that God is love and at the same time believe that Might is Right. You have to make a choice. But there is also something about him that is wondrously *inclusive*, that relates him to all sorts and conditions of people who may never have known him, but who nevertheless have been in his wave length.

We believe, in other words, that there is *none excluded from the possibility of knowing the fullness of life as it is manifest in the Lord Christ Jesus*. Therefore, there is something wonderfully embracing in this grave statement, "He descended into hell." As I hear it, and as I say it, I picture Jesus in the center of a large group that includes Moses and Elijah, Aristotle, David and Nathan, the Buddha and Bonhoeffer



(the martyred German theologian), as well as many who have made a terrible mess of their lives and of the world around them. I picture them all gathered around Him, sharing in His essential spirit, with an opportunity to enter the gates of life, whether they knew Him in the flesh or whether they did not. Whether they choose to do so or not, I cannot say. But I believe that they have had the chance to do it.

I wonder if you see what I mean. Together, we say "I believe in Jesus Christ; His only Son our Lord; that He was born of the Virgin Mary; that He suffered under Pontius Pilate; that He was crucified, dead and buried; and that He descended into hell." Personally, I say this gladly, proudly, for it means to me two things: that no matter how far down I, or anyone else, may go in the *dark night of a soul, in alienation or incapacitation*, THERE THE RISEN CHRIST STANDS READY to touch my life, or another's, with *God's saving light, reconciling love and enabling life*; and that no matter whether individuals have ever known him in the flesh or not, they will have an *opportunity to share in his spirit*, the outgoing creative energy of the Way, the Truth, and the Life, who bids his family share the Presence at the Messianic banquet in the City of God in what is always a year of Grace.

A Century and a Half for Mt. Vernon Commandery

The Sesquicentennial of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus, Ohio was formally observed March 16 with a banquet, addresses and a program of musical entertainment. Past Grand Commander Robert S. Schoedinger presided as Master of Ceremonies; remarks were presented by Grand Captain General Willard M. Avery, Grand Encampment, and by Ohio's Grand Commander, Sir Knight Cecil S. Blair.

One of the sesquicentennial highlights was a booklet, thoroughly researched and prepared, attractively illustrated and printed, by the sesquicentennial committee: George Fitez, P.C., chairman; Frank Nicklaus, P.C., Recorder; Percy Miller, P.C.; George Heitz, P.C.; Thomas Patterson, Warder, and John Woodworth, Guard.

Mount Vernon Commandery received its dispensation March 14, 1818, and its charter September 16, 1819, when De-Witt Clinton was General Grand Master, and John Snow, Ohio, General Grand Generalissimo. Snow then served Mt. Vernon as Commander for 23 years. The booklet points out: (when) "Mt. Vernon No. 1 came into existence, (it was) the only Commandery in all the vast territory stretching from the Alleghenies westland to the Pacific."

The Commandery was stationed at Worthington, Ohio, from 1818 to 1844, and at Columbus from 1844 to the present. One of the many distinguished members of Mt. Vernon was William Blackstone Hubbard, who served Grand Encampment as an outstanding Grand Master for 12 years in the middle of the 19th century. Sir Knight John W. Brickner, former governor and senator, was knighted in Mt. Vernon Commandery in 1934. Sir Knight Brickner is Grand Minister of State, Supreme Council, 33°, N.M.J., and an Active for Ohio.

It's a highly readable booklet—filled with references to the history, not only of Mt. Vernon Commandery, but the Grand Commandery of Ohio, the Grand Encampment, and of non-Masonic events as well.

Willard P. Matschke Grand Commander, 1967-68

Sir Knight Willard P. Matschke, whose death was announced in the April issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 14, 1912. He died March 22, 1968.

Sir Knight Matschke was elected Grand Commander of Wisconsin June 16, 1967. At the time of his installation, he pledged his efforts to the cause Templary and quoted these lines:

*To have an impossible dream
To fight an unbeatable foe
To right an unrightable wrong
To love pure and chaste from afar
To reach an unreachable star;
This is my quest—
To follow that star
No matter how hopeless
No matter how far;
To fight for the right without question
or pause,
To be willing to March into hell for
a heavenly cause.*

A Temple Service for Sir Knight Matschke at the Ritter Funeral Home, Milwaukee, Sunday, March 24, was conducted by Past Grand Commander Karl A. Crane and Grand Recorder Earl B. Bauer, with a throng of uniformed Sir Knights in attendace.

Present for the service was the M. E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., accompanied by Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Captain-General Willard M. Avery, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, and the Department Commander for Wisconsin and the North Central Department, Alvin L. Crump.

Sesquicentennial officers of Mt. Vernon include: Eminent Commander, James Donaldson; Generalissimo, Aaron Hard; Captain-General, Harry Anthony, P.C.; Sr. W., Robert Marshall, Jr. W., Durward Suddeth; Recorder, Frank Nicklaus, P.C.

NEW MISSOURI COMMANDERY

James G. Cockerham, Grand Commander, accompanied by a large number of Sir Knights, set St. Charles Commandery UD, St. Charles, Missouri, at work December 20, 1967.



This is the first Commandery established by the Grand Commandery of Missouri since 1959, and only the second since 1924, when Saline Commandery No. 57, was chartered at Slater.

St. Charles was the first state Capital of Missouri, and had a Masonic lodge which was one of three Masonic bodies which joined in forming the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1821. This lodge went out of existence and has been succeeded by no less than four other Masonic lodges, the last of which, Palestine Lodge No. 241, celebrated its centennial in 1967.

Sir Knight Cockerham in addressing the group stated there is no official ritualistic procedure to set a Commandery of Knights Templar at work, but proceeded to do so in a very practical manner.

Reading the Dispensation by which the Commandery was to be set at work, the Grand Commander called on the Grand Marshal, Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, to present the officers elected and appointed. After prayer by the Acting Grand Prelate, the officers were obligated and escorted to their several stations, where each was received in due and ancient form.

Sir Knight William O. Moore, Commander, welcomed the visiting Sir Knights, expressed appreciation for the courtesies shown, and proceeded to open a Commandery of Knights Templar in form. The Grand Commander then made a formal introduction of the visiting Sir Knights, who included Sir Knight Louis F. Heger, Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Marion L. Dollison, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of

ST. ELMO RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

A newsletter from Leighton E. Harrell, P.C., Recorder, St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, reminded St. Elmo members of some of their Commandery's accomplishments. The list serves also as an example for many other Constituent Commanderies throughout the Grand Encampment.

In 1961-62, 12 were knighted and year-end membership was 217. The following year 136 were knighted and membership climbed to 344. Knightings in 1963-64 were 24, year-end membership 354. Thirteen were knighted in 1964-65. In that same year, St. Elmo sponsored York Commandery No. 16, demitting 118 members, and the year-end membership was 240.

Forty-seven knightings in 1965-66 and 23 in 1966-67 brought the membership to 280. The current year's statistics were not complete when the newsletter was issued.

Other accomplishments: St. Elmo was No. 1 Commandery in Maryland for 3 of last 6 years (never rated this high before); achieved financial stability unknown until several years ago; served as Host Commandery for Grand Master of Grand Encampment in 1966; has 100 members who are Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsors; organized Drill Team and sent team to 50th Triennial Conclave in 1967—the first from Maryland in 30 years. Finished ninth, but St. Elmo will try again in 1970!

Missouri, Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Regional Commander, Region No. 5, and other officers and members of Commanderies in the vicinity.

Officers of St. Charles Commandery UD are—Thomas O. Moore, Commander; William E. Sattler, Generalissimo; N.E. Freeman, Captain General; Carl C. Hibbs, S.W.; Fred Drumert, J.W.; H. Marvin Gray, Prelate; Theodore E. Hall, Rec.; D.C. Hildebrand, Treas.; William H. McCollum, Std. B.; Everett Knoshang, S.B.; M.A. Morgan, Warder; Clarence Jackson, Milton Horst, Edward P. Steele, Guards, and Clarence Mittler, Sentinel.

ONE SCORE AND ONE IS JACKSONVILLE SCORE



Pictured are the twenty-one Royal and Select Masters who were created and dubbed Knights of the Order of the Temple during the "My Brother" Sparks Jones Class, Jacksonville, Florida, February 22 through February 28, 1968, the result of continuing efforts by the presiding officers of the Jacksonville York Rite bodies and the co-operation and support of members.

Richard B. Otte is High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 R.A.M. Chester E. Barnard, High Priest, Duval Chapter No. 48, also Illustrious Master of Hallmark Council No. 3, Rands Masters. William H. Ange is Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 2.

The Central Kentucky York Rite Association will hold its Spring Festival May 4, 10 and 11.

The Capitular degrees will be conferred in Bostwick Chapter No. 113 at Cave City on Saturday the 4th beginning at 2:00 P.M. CST. The Cryptic degrees will be conferred in Elliot Council No. 24 at Elizabethtown on Friday the 10th beginning at 2:00 PM EST. The Orders of the Commandery will be conferred in Bowling Green Commandery No. 23 on Saturday the 11th beginning at 2:00 PM CST.

The Central Kentucky York Rite Association's Super Excellent Master degree team will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree on all available candidates in full form on the 10th at Elizabethtown.

Other degrees and orders to be conferred: Mark Master—Russellville Chapter No. 8; Past Master—Southern Kentucky Past Masters Association; Most Excellent Master—Leitchfield Chapter No. 143; Royal Arch Degree—Bowling Green Chapter No. 38, Russellville Chapter No. 8 and Graham Chapter No. 80; Royal and Select Master—Elliot Council No. 24;

All Orders of the Commandery—Bowling Green Commandery No. 28 and Franklin Commandery No. 44.

ALBUQUERQUE'S YORK RITE MASONIC TEMPLE

A recent issue of the official bulletin of the York Rite bodies of Albuquerque, New Mexico, S. L. Swysgood, Editor, highlights scenes and descriptions of the York Rite Masonic Temple purchased by the Albuquerque York Rite bodies September, 1967.



"A striking sight greets you as you enter the Lodge Room," says the bulletin. "Here you see a majestic golden 'G,' backed by a beautiful, shimmering blue drape that hangs from ceiling to floor . . . Also the red carpet on the stage and the sidelines, along with our new 'all birch' furniture, some of which is still under construction."

The York Rite Temple contains also a kitchen and dining hall, a large conference room, a lounge, a storage room with lockers, a locker and dressing room for Job's Daughters, a storage vault and Recorder's office. Fifteen candidates were in the first class knighted in the New York Rite Temple.

Prayer for the Month

Make me a good gardener, O Lord. In the garden of my life, let me sow good seeds. Let my words be good and fruitful. Let my ideas be sound and fertile. Let my actions be bright with holiness and love. As far as lies within my power, let me sow seeds of thy kingdom everywhere, and do thou, O Lord of life and growth, make them germinate, and produce the promised harvest, O Lord of the hundredfold.

R. E. Grand Prelate

VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

Efficiency, Not Change, Is Needed Now!



Talking the other day with an officer of one of our Grand Masonic bodies, I was impressed by his interpretation of the way to make Templary more effective. I think that he hit at the root of the problem, and I am going to pass on to you the image that he

created.

"We are activating Templary (and all Freemasonry) in a way that we did a hundred years ago," he said, "and we fail to realize that while we must not change the fundamental tenets of our Craft, we must, by all means possible, reassess our methods of procedure, our activities and our execution of routine and action."

With this I agree! We are still holding conclaves in the manner of years ago, doing the same things that our predecessors did, and conducting our business, both ritualistic-like and in the conduct of our transactions, in archaic retreat.

The Model-T Ford and the horse and buggy were good in their time, but now we must remember that computers, science and up-to-date methods are necessary to carry on in a progressive way. Send the Horse and buggy and the Model-T to the museum, where they belong, and let's get into the Jet and progress.

Let it be said, emphatically, that we must not, in any way, make changes in the traditional ritual and background of Templary, but to be modern, we must use modern procedures and methods.

Several things are needed to "bring us up to date," none of them effecting the actual "modernization" of Templary,

but each making it more possible to conduct our business in a modern and efficient way.

1. Separate the sheep from the goats, by letting business men transact the business of the Commandery. Leave the ritualistic work to those who can do it most effectively, and don't try to elect a line of officers only for their ritualistic ability. If necessary, have a "team" confer the Orders. Get men who know business methods to carry on the Executive work of the Commandery.

2. Hold but one stated Conclave a month; transact the business of the Commandery, plan its activities, and save the speeches, entertainment and ritualistic work for a convenient time when it can be done with dispatch and interest—don't mix business and other activities!

3. Small Commanderies often cannot confer the Orders without outside help. Why, then, cannot a group of adjacent and friendly members of the Commandery get together, plan and execute their work, gaining both fellowship and efficiency, and avoiding the bugbear of sloppiness?

4. Plan "togetherness" in Commandery activities. Scattered and isolated Commanderies often find it almost impossible to get a "quorum" together. When one or more commanderies meet jointly, there is an abundance of ideas, helpfulness and concerted activity—that, after all, is the greatest asset of Templary. Cultivate it, and work together for mutual benefit.

5. Cultivate Templar leadership, by which the beautiful lessons of our Order may be exemplified to the whole world in their best aspects. No Masonic group will prosper without dedicated and positive leadership, and when Masons learn to work together under such leadership, all will prosper. There are many facets to be developed. Let's not neglect them.

All Masonic Groups Of Atomic City Are Life Sponsors

Tennessee Correspondent C. H. Duke writes: "Through the efforts of Sir Knight Ernest Edwards, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Commandery of Tennessee, all Oak Ridge Masonic groups are now Patrons of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. A public ceremony at the Oak Ridge Masonic Temple March 21, 1968, saw presiding officers present their checks to Grand Commander E. Leslie Webb, Jr. Oak Ridge is believed to be the first city in Tennessee to achieve 100% participation of all Masonic organizations in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."



Cecil Stanifer, E.C., Chevalier Commandery No. 21, Hugh T. Christle, E.H.P., Palmyra Chapter No. 218, R.A.M.; Herbert H. Martin, T.I.M., Adoniram Council No. 114, R. & S.M.; Mrs. Millie Hawkins, Royal Matron, Atomic City Court No. 6, Order of the Amaranth; E. Leslie Webb, Jr., G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee; Mrs. Mollie Branscome, Worthy Matron, Oak Ridge Chapter No. 390, O.E.S.; James H. Brown, W.M., Faith Lodge No. 756, F. & A.M.; Fred A. Smith, President Oak Ridge Scottish Rite Club. Boyd H. Crowder, President, Clinch Valley Shrine Club, unable to be present for the group photograph, is pictured separately.



Eighteen Commanderies At Palestine Inspection

The 89th Annual Inspection of Palestine Commandery at the Springfield Masonic Temple, Ohio, March 9, was attended by Representatives of 18 Commanderies, including a number of leaders of Templar and related bodies. Cecil J. Pierce, P.G.C., was the Inspecting Officer.



Pictured with officers and Drill Team members of Palestine Commandery are: Stanley E. Molten, Grand Conductor, Inspector of the 1st Arch, Grand Council, R&S Masters, Ohio; the Grand Council's Grand Recorder, George R. Fitez; Palestine's Commander, also Grand Council Inspector of the 3rd Arch, Roy H. Mumma; Inspecting Officer Pierce; Frederick G. Kirby, Grand Commander of Michigan; Howard Mumma, Commander, Damascus Commandery No. 42, Detroit.

WORSHIPPERS THROUG TO ARLINGTON FOR 38th ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICES UNDER AUSPICES OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Six Thousand Templars and Friends Gather in Arlington Amphitheater to Celebrate Easter and Give Public Testimony of Devotion and Dedication to Principles of Christianity.

Led by a nucleus of 500 uniformed Sir Knights, a crowd estimated by an NBC commentator at "more than 6,000" assembled April 14 under perfect skies and mild temperatures to hear Easter greetings from the M. E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., the message of inspiration and Easter joy from the Rev. Canon Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D., R.E. Grand Prelate, and the thrilling music of the perennial Arlington Easter celebrants, the U. S. Marine Band and the Army Chorus.



Attendance at the 1968 Arlington Easter Sunrise Service, in a city which some ten days earlier had been subjected to civil disorders, was especially significant and impressive. The participation of Templars and their fellow Christians was a sermon of Christian conviction in itself. An onlooker was moved to recall an expression by Martin Luther: "If I had heard that as many devils would set on me in Worms as there are tiles on the roofs, I should have none the less have ridden there."

Arrangements for the weekend events—including a reception for the Grand Master and a program of worship at the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial—were expertly handled by the Committee:

Harry L. Beach, R.E.P.G.C., District of Columbia, chairman; G. Wilbur Bell, R. E. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Liaison Officer; William E. Barkman, R.E.P.G.C., District of Columbia, Vice Chairman; Eston E. Burge, R.E. G.C., District of Columbia, Treasurer; C. Eugene Barnes, P.C., District of Columbia; Schuyler C. Blackburn, R.E.P. G.C., Maryland; Samuel T. Farmer, R.E.P.G.C., District of Columbia; Louis E. Gelbrick, P.C., District of Columbia; William A. Habicht, P.C., District of Columbia; Fred C. Hardin, P.C., District of Columbia; Joe R. Harris, R.E. P.G.C., Virginia; William P. Jacobs, Jr., P.C., District of Columbia; Robert L. Kause, R.E.P.G.C., District of Columbia; Calvin H. Kibler, R.E.P.G.C., West Virginia; Maurice S. Keirstead, E.G.G., New Jersey; J. George Lang, R.E.P.G.C., New York; J. Rowe Mehlfelt, R.E.P.G.C., District of Columbia; Ernest M. Moore, Jr., R.E.P.G.C., Virginia; Andres E. Maynelo, R.E.P.G.C., District of Columbia; Frank L. Roberson, P.C., Virginia; Etrebil A. Schaub, R.E.P.G.C., Maryland; S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., R.E.P.G.C., Pennsylvania; Walter H. Stanford, R.E. P.G.C., Virginia; Norman Strippy, R.E. P.G.C., Maryland; Joseph D. Yerkes, R.E.P.G.C., District of Columbia.

Twenty-seven jurisdictions were represented, 16 of them headed by the following Grand Commanders: Gordon Player, Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Neil R. Baker, New York; Lawrence J. Ranck, Virginia; Frank W. Bailey, Vermont; C. Warner Carpenter, New Hampshire; Edwin W. Raymond, Connecticut; George E. Berry, Maine; Richard D. Unger, Indiana; R. Palmer Hollister, New Jersey; Oscar C. Helmer, Maryland; Densil F. Carder, West Virginia; J. Gerald Ross, South Dakota; Walter E. Beisecker, North Dakota; Herman

W. Boye, Florida; Eston E. Burge, District of Columbia; T. Scott Godfrey, South Carolina.

A delegation of 29 from the Grand Commandery of Illinois was led by Sir Knight Stuart W. Stone, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander. The Grand Commandery of New York and the Grand Commandery of New Jersey each had approximately 140 Sir Knights and Ladies present; one group of 37 attended from the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Grand Commanderies of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia were well represented. Department Commanders present included Sir Knights Bourke, Jackson, Crump and Robbins. In addition to Sir Knights Crofts and Bell, Grand Generalissimo Riegle, Grand Captain-General Avery, Past Grand Master DeLamater and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer participated.

The traditional Easter morning breakfast at the Willard Hotel concluded the formally arranged weekend activities, although a number of groups and individuals remained longer to tour the attractions of the National Capitol. The official response for all visitors at the Easter breakfast was given by John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.D.C.

Life Sponsors At Lookout Commandery

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor Certificates were February highlights in Lookout Commandery No. 14, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bartlett



Preston Webster now retired and a Knoxville resident, receives a certificate "for his faithful service as a Mason." He is a Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 430

and is active in the York Rite bodies. Pictured below are Grand Generalissimo Harvey Hilton Usher, Grand Commander E. Leslie Webb, Jr.; Eminent Commander George M. Collins. Standing: Grand Warder Whitton Florida, Yeaman Bennett, William J. Woolf, James G. Gauntt and Odie B. Rhey. Lookout Recorder James A. Buford says ten certificates were presented, five in person and five by mail, and that "all twelve of Lookout Commandery's elective and appointive officers now hold Life Sponsor Certificates, as well as 22 living Past Commanders."



Massachusetts—Rhode Island May Dates:

G. Burton Long, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, lists two significant Religious Events for May—

Sunday—May 19 Annual Protestant Laymans Communion Breakfast. Communion in the several churches about Copley Square at 7:00 A.M.—Parade to War Memorial Auditorium for Breakfast and Service. Aleppo Temple Shrine Band will escort uniformed Sir Knights from our several Commanderies. Parade starts at 7:45 A.M.

Sunday—May 26 St. John's Day Religious Observance at Masonic Temple in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Lines form at 10:00 A.M.

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