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- - - The Grand Master Says - - -

"SUMMER'S COMING"



Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.

Such an obvious comment as the title must be for a purpose. It is!—for the purpose of suggesting to the members who read *Knight Templar*, who certainly include those most concerned about the advancement of the Order, that they ask themselves "What can we accomplish during the coming Summer?"

We know that most of the Commanderies suspend their usual activities from late in June until September. If we understand the importance of "lead time", as discussed by Sir Knight and General Bruce C. Clarke in the December 1967 issue of *Knight Templar*, we know also that what is accomplished next Fall must be planned and projected this Summer.

At the national level your officers and committees will accumulate information as to recent activities of all jurisdictions and project plans to be scrutinized by all attending the Grand Master's Conference in Chicago on August 16-17. Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will meet on July 12-13

with strong emphasis on coming events. Surveys will be made by the Committees on Religious Activities, Educational Foundation, Patriotic and Civic Activities, Membership and Public Relations. Communication of all conclusions will be planned.

State officers and key committeemen likewise should take advantage of summer time to review progress, to adopt goals, to plan the accomplishment of those goals, to insure the planning of activity at the district level and in every local situation. Such plans will be most effectively made cooperatively with the other York Rite bodies, —plans for ritualistic work, for the social, informational and entertainment programs which will interest the most members, plans to use our group strength constructively in carrying into our communities our positive and benevolent attitudes on religious, educational, charitable and civic matters.

As Summer comes, let's remember too that we can profitably come together informally and enjoy each other without work to be done. How about a relaxing evening, or a family picnic, or a day or two at a vacation spot on a local, district or statewide basis?

Let's use the coming Summer as God-given "lead time", time leading to stronger loyalties and to specific and real accomplishments through the Fall months. We can—if we will!

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A letter from Sir Knight Warren H. Deck, P.G.C., Grand Commandery of New York, informs us of the death on April 30 of Sir Knight Edwin D. Ireland, of Temple Commandery No. 2, Albany, New York. In 1966 the Knight Temple Magazine noted that Sir Knight Ireland was the oldest Knight Templar in point of membership.

Temple funeral services were conducted by Temple Commandery at the funeral home the evening of May 1.

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Dr. John W. Schwietert, Commander-elect, Schrader Commandery No. 9, Rapid City, South Dakota, presented 15 new Life Sponsor applications to retiring Commander, Jerry Thomas, the night he was elected Commander. Writes John G. West, P.G.C., correspondent: "This brought the total to 37 for the year. Schrader Commandery No. 9 has passed the 10% quota for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

Sir Knight Rodenhauer: It has been suggested I write an article for your magazine in response to one appearing on page 26, February issue, whereas Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island points out that 4 of their Past Commanders became Grand Commanders, one of whom became Grand Master and also received his 33rd Degree.

The Knight Templar Magazine has continued to improve with each issue.

Sincerely,

Floyd C. Fisher, P.C., Editor
The Masonic Triangle

Sir Knight Fisher's article:

DeMolai Commandery No. 5, Grand Commandery of Michigan, has always been proud of their heritage. One reason why—11 of its Past Commanders became Grand Commanders of Michigan; one of the 11, Sir Mark Norris, became the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment during the 1937-40 Triennium. Sir

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Knight Mark also received his 33rd Degree on September 7, 1917.

Michigan's Grand Recorder Harold G. Copp has certified that these 11 DeMolai Past Commanders became Grand Commanders of Michigan: William Power Innes, 1860; Luma Russell Atwater, 1863; Edward D. Benedict, 1867; Leonard Haskell Randall, 1874; Herman Nickerson Moore, 1884; Richard S. Swartout, 1894; Mark Norris, 1917; Harold Bruce Moore, 1924; Fred H. Locke, 1937; Howard D. Caukin, 1953 and Robert B. Mackey, 1965.

DeMolai Commandery has hosted the Michigan Grand Commandery 26 times; the first time in 1873 for Grand Commander Oliver L. Spaulding, a Past Commander from St. Johns, Michigan.

According to Grand Commandery records DeMolai was under dispensation May 9, 1856 and was granted its Charter on September 10, 1856. We also note the first Grand Conclave of Michigan was held in Detroit in 1857.

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Sir Knight Frederick G. Kirby, G.C., Michigan, reports that WWJ, NBC outlet in Detroit, arranged to carry the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Memorial Service from Arlington National Cemetery Easter morning. "You may wish to send a note of appreciation to the management of WWJ, *The Detroit News*," wrote Grand Commander Kirby to the Sir Knights of Michigan, "for making their facilities and time available."

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The 75th Anniversary Conclave of the York Rite Bodies of Arizona will be in Tucson, Arizona, October 27, 28, 29 and 30. Sir Knight Wayne Kirk is Chairman; Sir Knight Joe Capriota is Co-chairman. Committees have been formed; more volunteers are needed.

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A note from Sir Knight Robert H. Emmons, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery of Ohio, tells of Cincinnati's "George H. Thomas Class."

On April 20, 1968 the officers and Sir Knights of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16 of Cincinnati, Ohio, conferred all three orders on a class of 39 candidates. This class was named in

Honor of one of Hanselmann's own Past Commanders who presided over their deliberations 30 years ago and who was the Grand Commander of the State of Ohio in 1955 & 1956.

Sir Knight Thomas dubbed and created the exemplar, Knight of Malta John A. Lloyd, President of the Union Central Life Insurance Company. Sir Knight Lloyd gave a very inspiring message at the dinner following the ritualistic work. This class is one of several planned by Hanselmann Commandery during this and the next Templar year.

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Sir Knight Hugh N. Layne, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of South Carolina, writes that the 1968 Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award recipient in South Carolina was the "Long-time and faithful Sir Knight, William Manning Richardson, Sr., Orangeburg Commandery No. 9, Orangeburg, South Carolina." The award was presented at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina March 12, in the presence of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.

Sir Knight Layne writes: "In addition to the many services rendered to the Craft and to Templary and the qualities of leadership demonstrated over a long period of time, Sir Knight Richardson has served with distinction as Secretary-Recorder of the three York Rite Bodies of Orangeburg since 1928."

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Dear Editor: Enclosed please find a picture of our last class of candidates, known as the Ollie J. Mead Class. There were 26 in the class, two not in the picture—14 from Malta No. 44, Benton Harbor, 12 from Niles No. 12, Niles, Order of the Red Cross was Conferred by Peninsular Commandery of Kalamazoo, also the Order of Malta, Order of the Temple was conferred by Niles Commandery.

Hoping to see this picture in our Knight Templar Magazine, I remain, fraternally yours,

Edgar H. Adams, Recorder
Niles Commandery No. 12

P.S.: Niles Commandery No. 12 was awarded Appreciation and Commendation Certified April 3 by Knights Templar Eye Foundation for securing 10% Life Sponsors of our "Great Humanitarian Charity."



Twenty four of the twenty six candidates on "All Degree Day, March 16, Niles, Michigan.

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From the Colorado York Rite Bulletin:

Aug. 4th: Cache La Poudre Chapter No. 11 will hold its 19th Annual Outdoor Royal Arch Degree on the Old Indian Camp Grounds. Those attending will meet at the Temple and have lunch before the twenty mile drive. After seeing the degree conferred by the Old Ritual, the Companions will enjoy a social hour over lunch.

Aug. 29, 30, 31: Fifth Annual York Rite Festival at Glenwood Springs on the Buster Brown Ranch. "We do not know as yet as to the headquarters in Glenwood Springs, but there will be registration at the ranch. Buster suggests to get reservations in early as this is Labor Day weekend. Write Brinkley B. Brown, P. O. Box 68, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81610."

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A letter from Sir Knight Richard C. Glasgow, Trenton, New Jersey, delayed for some time in reaching these pages, encloses a poem which, says Sir Knight Glasgow, can be used with the hymn tune, *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*. The writer, a Past Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 1, is also Treasurer and Past High Priest of Three Times Three Chapter No. 5, R.A.M., and Recorder of Gebal Council No. 3, R. & S. M., Trenton.

Builders

Lord help me as a Christian man,
 Help me to build as Thou dost plan;
 Thou art the Superintendent here,
 The Master Builder, Overseer.
 Help me to choose the very best,
 Materials that pass the test—
 Combine faith, hope, and charity,
 With honor, zeal, sincerity.
 The foundation Thou dost provide
 Thy Holy Word our rule and guide;
 And if good work we have in mind,
 Then we must follow Thy design.
 And, when the contract here is done,
 Full payment Thou wilt give each one;
 With promise that as each has tried,
 His talents shall be multiplied.

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Every member of the family of Sir Knight Harvey Levey Riggle, 93rd Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, is a Mason or a member of an affiliated organization. His wife, Wanda, is the Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star of Utah.

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Ervin L. Prosser, P.C., and his son-in-law, William E. Westergaard, had the privilege of serving as installing officer for each other April 25 when officers of Palestine Commandery No. 20 were installed at the Masonic Temple, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Sir Knight Prosser installed Sir Knight Westergaard Eminent Commander. Then, son-in-law Westergaard installed Sir Knight Prosser as Prelate.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation to Eminent Commander Westergaard by Sir Knight Prosser of the gold sword used by the late past Grand Commander of Wisconsin, Sir Knight Robert T. Bennie. Mrs. Bennie witnessed the ceremony.

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The 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York convenes Friday, June 14, on the 10th floor of Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, New York. The closing events are the installation of officers and a church service Sunday, June 16. Sir Knight Neil R. Baker, Grand Commander, will preside for this 155th Templar gathering in New York State.

Sir Knight Jerry Marsengill, Correspondent for the Grand Commandery of Iowa, wrote the special Knights Templar Educational Foundation story featured in the *Des Moines Tribune* of Wednesday, April 17. The widely circulated *Tribune* devoted 11 column inches to the story, in which Sir Knight Marsengill outlined the origin and purpose of the Foundation and highlighted the lending of \$2.1 in 2,400 individual loans by the Division of Iowa since 1922.

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A May 7 newsletter to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee from Grand Commander E. Leslie Webb, Jr., notes a change in the Annual Conclave for 1968.

"Several Sir Knights have suggested that the next Annual Conclave be held on some day other than Wednesday, believing that attendance would be better on a day closer to the weekend. We have considered this matter carefully and have conferred with the Place of Meeting Committee and other Grand Officers and many other Sir Knights. Nearly everyone seems to favor such a change. Therefore, we have set the date of SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1968 for our 107th Annual Conclave. We realize that this date may not be convenient for all, but because many people do not work on Saturdays we felt that it would meet the approval of the majority. More details will follow later. Please announce this change now to your members. Our out-of-state guests will be at the Hermitage Hotel. Please write this hotel direct for reservations, if desired, attention Mr. Hall, and state that you will be attending the Grand Commandery meeting."

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Templary was the recipient of beneficial newspaper coverage during the 117th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine May 6 at Portland.

In addition to other features, Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, R.E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, and the Grand Master's official representative to the Conclave, was interviewed at length in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* on the subject of his state's

forthcoming primary elections. As a lead paragraph to the interview, the Maine reporter wrote: "Indiana's coming presidential primary has stirred more political interest at the grass roots level than any before, a high-ranking Mason from that state said Saturday night."

A feature of a different type was the story of the two John B. Cottrells! Pictured at the Grand Commander's banquet were State Representative John B. Cottrell, Jr., a member of Portland's Deering High School faculty, and Past Department Commander John B. Cottrell, Jr., of Pennsylvania, the speaker of the evening. The newspaper reported: "Meeting for the first time, the two Cottrells were not able to establish any relationship."

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The R. E. Grand Commander's letter in the *Kentucky News Bulletin* of May 1 refers to a successful York Rite Festival on April 13 at Paducah.

"A very fine and profitable day was enjoyed at Paducah, Kentucky on April 13, 1968, on the occasion of the Inter-State Inter-Change York Rite Festival. Twenty nine candidates, 6 from Illinois and 23 from Kentucky, received all the Orders of Christian Knighthood. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta were conferred by teams from Kentucky and the Order of the Temple by Gethsemane Commandery from Metropolis, Illinois. All participants in the work are to be complimented.

"Present in addition to the R.E. Grand Commanders from both states were the Most Excellent Grand High Priest from Kentucky, Noble S. McDougal, Sr.; Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, John Harrelson; the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.&A.M., George Effinger; several present grand officers; several past grand officers; and distinguished guests.

"This was a very pleasant visit for me, to renew old friendships and to enjoy the hospitality of our good Sir Knights from Western Kentucky.

"It is my suggestion that this event become an annual affair.

Courteously yours,
 GEORGE E. HOBBS
 Grand Commander"

WYLIE B. WENDT—MAN OR MASONIC MYTH?

You hear the name in Georgia, or Montana or Pennsylvania. It rolls easily off lips in Maine and California. Half may never have met Wylie Wendt, yet to a countless number the name has an immediate association synonymous with the inner core, the special and essential mold of Freemasonry itself.

Some know of him because of his articles and booklets on Masonry and Masonic bodies; many know him more personally because they have witnessed or heard of his faultless ritualistic and tactics work. Still others know of him only because the name has been repeated so frequently in their company in connection with York Rite Masonry that "Wylie Wendt" has become an intimate and familiar sound.

This thumbnail review of Templary's Wylie B. Wendt is not so much salute to a great Templar—who neither needs nor desires accolades—but rather a resume of information for the benefit of fellow Knights and Masons, so that their awareness, pride and aspirations in Freemasonry may be quickened by the example of one who has been described as "the best posted Knight Templar of Kentucky and perhaps of the nation."



Saturday afternoon, March 16, 1968, marked an event of special importance in Kentucky, with a significance far beyond the boundaries of that Grand Jurisdiction.

It was the annual Past Commanders' gathering of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 in the Asylum in the Crescent Hill Masonic Temple. The Past Commanders conferred the Order of the Temple on a class of nine Knights of Malta.

The (Kentucky) *Grand Commandery News Bulletin* of April, issued by Grand Recorder K. A. McGaughey, describes the event:

"The special significance of the occasion was that Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, in commemoration of his sixty years as a Knight Templar, presided as Commander. He had had the same privilege five

years ago at fifty-five years and ten years ago at fifty years of membership. On all three of these occasions Sir Knight William J. Netherton, a friend of long standing, served as Prelate, and did a marvelous job all three times.

"The attendance was about one hundred twenty five. Among those present were the following: the Grand Master of Masons, Sir Knight and Most Worshipful Brother James B. Partick; Sir Knight and Most Excellent Companion Noble S. McDougal, Sr., Grand High Priest; Sir Knight George E. Hobbs, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Charles J. Weber, Sovereign Grand Inspector General A & A S R; Sir Knight Kenneth N. Johnson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight Charles K. A. McGaughey, Eminent Grand Recorder;

Past Commanders from four Indiana Commanderies: Muncie, Bloomington, New Albany and Jeffersonville; Sir Knight Arthur K. Hamblin, P.C., Urbana Commandery, Illinois, the house guest of Sir Knight Wendt; six Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, as follows: Sir Knights Conrad H. Cates, Grand Treasurer; Clarence W. Denham, Clifford A. Diecks, John Reinhard; E. Creighton Wilcoxon, Secretary, K. T. Eye Foundation; Herbert D. Sledd, Chairman, G. E. Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.



Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd presents Grand Encampment 150th Anniversary souvenir plate to Sir Knight Wendt.

"Two special guests were Sir Knights G. Wilbur Bell, R.E.P.G.C., Illinois, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment, and Alvin L. Crump, R.E.P.G.C., Illinois, Right Eminent Department Commander, North Central Department, both of whom flew down from the Grand R. A. Chapter convocation of Illinois.

"Special music was played on the new electric organ for the first time and added considerably to the rendition of the order. This organ music replaces the older records used for many years in this commandery.

"Just before the formal closing of the commandery, Sir Knight Wendt called Sir Knights Bell and Crump to the East where after speaking to the assembled Sir Knights, they were both presented with Honorary Life Memberships in Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12. This was not only a tribute to Sir Knight Bell and Sir Knight Crump, but in a way, also to Sir Knight Wendt for being allowed to make these presentations. I say this because Honorary Life



Sir Knights Bell and Crump are honored by Sir Knight Wendt.

Memberships in Louisville DeMolay Commandery No. 12 are presented only on great occasions such as this.

"Other speakers heard from included Sir Knight and M. W. James B. Patrick, the Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky; Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Charles J. Weber, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, A & A S R; Past Grand Commander Clarence W. Denham; Sir Knight George Ernest Hobbs, R. E. Grand Commander; and Sir Knight Kenneth Johnson, the V.E. Deputy Grand Commander.



Sir Knight Wendt welcomes James B. Patrick, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky.

"Once again we state that there could be several, not too many, but several Sir Knights in the Grand Encampment who have given sixty years of faithful service to their constituent and Grand Commanderies, but we venture to say that of all of these, not a single one other than our own Sir Knight Wendt, would be able to confer the Order of the Temple in such a brilliant and authentic manner."

To backtrack sixty years, Wylie B. Wendt was knighted April 4, 1908, when he was slightly over 22 years old. He had already become interested in Freemasonry and was active in church work. Wylie had enjoyed his experience in the cadet corps of high school and college and has maintained a strong interest in things military to this day—one of the reasons for his ability as a drill master.

Sir Knight Wendt says, "Templary appealed to me at once; it has been my 'first love' in Masonry ever since." He demitted from Newport Commandery No. 12, Kentucky, to Lansing Commandery No. 25, Lansing, Michigan, in 1909, when he was a member of the engineering faculty at Michigan State College, now Michigan State University. He was appointed a Guard shortly after and attended the Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment at Chicago in 1910. Wylie believes the parade that year was the largest in Templar history.

At the 1913 Triennial Conclave in Denver, Wylie again marched with the Lansing Drill Team, this time as a Chief of Platoon. "I learned a tremendous amount of Templary in this Commandery," says Sir Knight Wendt, "along both ritualistic and military lines. When I left Michigan in 1915 to go to Kansas State College at Manhattan, I was Junior Warden of Lansing Commandery. The last four or five years I was there, I was Adjutant of the Commandery, a position peculiar to Michigan."

He points out that Lansing Commandery marched twelve platoons, a feat almost unheard of in those days, in the parade of Michigan's Annual Conclave in 1914. Detroit Commandery No. 1 has marched 16 platoons for many years, and to Wylie's knowledge Lansing No. 25 is the only other Commandery ever to march 16 platoons, which they have done upon a few occasions in Michigan.

The summer 1963 issue of *The York Rite Mason*, South Dakota, picks up the story from here.

"This remarkable man, educator and Mason made his first recorded appearance at the Grand Commandery of South Dakota while he was Captain General of Schrader Commandery No. 9 of Rapid City in 1921. The following year he was elected Commander and

when he returned from Grand Commandery it was as an officer of Grand Commandery—Grand Captain of the Guard. In 1922 he became Grand Warden, and in 1924 Grand Standard Bearer. In 1925 he was recalled to his native state of Kentucky where he has been every since, with occasional visits to South Dakota during the early years, especially at Grand Commandery time." Wylie was Grand Junior Warden when he moved from South Dakota.

It is in this issue of *The York Rite Mason* that Wylie B. Wendt was labeled: "Best posted Knight Templar of Kentucky and perhaps of the nation. Best known Knight Templar in the United States."

The publication listed his additional activities: Red Cross of Constantine, P.S.; Royal Order of Scotland, Knight Masons of Ireland, Masonic Societas Rosierucians, the Grand College of Rites, Masonic Order of the Bath, Ancient Order of Corks, Philalethes Society, Missouri Lodge of Research; Past Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Past Sovereign Master of Allied Masonic Degrees and currently Senior Grand Warden.

Wylie returned to his native Kentucky in 1925, retaining membership in Schrader Commandery No. 9, Rapid City, until 1935. He was Commander for two years, 1922-24, and during his first year of Commander he and his fellow Sir Knights conferred the Order of Malta in full form—this in a Commandery of about 110 members. At the Minneapolis Triennial in 1931, he was in command of the South Dakota marching battalion. In 1958, at the Indianapolis Triennial, he commanded the Kentucky marching battalion.

Sir Knight Wendt writes: "During my years in South Dakota, I was a member of the Inspection Department. Walter Stover, a very dear friend, was the Inspector General. Stover was Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment at the time of his death, December 22, 1950. I worked with him in revising the South Dakota Asylum Tactics. During his year as Grand Commander in 1935, I wrote the Manual of the Order of Malta in full form, which was included in their Asylum Tactics. In 1950, I



expanded this manual into a publication of 32 pages and had it privately printed."

In 1935, Wylie affiliated with Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 and was elected to membership in the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. He has been active in the Grand Commandery since that time, especially on the Committees of York Rite, Jurisprudence, Work and Tactics. He was chairman of the Committee for Revising the Tactics and Asylum Ceremonies in 1940. The late Carl P. King, then Grand Recorder, also credited Wylie with "doing all the work" when revisions were made in 1959.

Wylie B. Wendt is a Templar's Templar—a close friend of Past Grand Mas-

ters and the present Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr. In fact, he is a true friend of all who have a dedicated interest in Knight Templar and its cause.

This lively, witty, mentally alert and erudite Christian gentleman stands as a living example for all Templars. He fills completely the definition of Knighthood which he offers in a beautifully written article in the June 1967 issue of *The Philalethes*:

"Knighthood is a military order or honor, or a mark or degree of ancient nobility, or a reward of personal virtue or merit."

P.C.B.

Knighthood is a Family Affair Deep in the Heart of Texas

A Texas father and his four sons were knighted March 27 in Tancred Commandery No. 82. The Order for the unusual family class was conducted by Sir Knight L. L. Jones, P.C. Sir Knight E. H. Waldrun, Sr., and his sons (E.K., E.H., B.J. E.G.,) are members of Irving Chapter No. 477 of Texas.



The five Waldrons are pictured in the first row. Back row: Harry B. Tuer, P.G.C., Grand Recorder; Lawrence M. DeHay, Grand Generalissimo; J. Stacy Findely, E.C., Tancred Commandery, and Dale E. Miller, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Texas.

VOLUNTARY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION REPORTS DUE

Grand Commanders and Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies are reminded of Items No. 4 and 5 in the Grand Master's General Order No. 2 on the subject of the voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

4. Each Commandery is to forward to the Grand Commander (Subordinate Commanderies to the Grand Master) all proceeds from contributions by individual members and from benefit activities by the Commandery, within the seven days following Ascension Day (by June 1, 1968), and report such action for the record at the next Stated Conclave.
5. Grand Commanders or their agents are to forward all contributions received from Commanderies to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572, on or before June 15, 1968. Such funds are to be accompanied by a tabulation showing (1) name, number and location of each Commandery, (2) number of members as of last annual report, and (3) amount contributed by each Commandery.

PRAYER

O God, who in the exaltation of thy Son Jesus Christ dost sanctify thy universal Church; shed abroad in every race and nation the gift of his Spirit; that the work wrought by his power at the first preaching of the gospel may be extended throughout the whole world, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit now and ever.

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

KNIGHTLY TRIO OF TRACY WORDS

Sir Knight Tracy T. Word, Jr., Houston, Texas, preceded his father and his son in Templar Masonry. Recently, it was his unusual privilege to serve as Prelate for the conferring of the Order of the Temple upon Tracy T. Ward, Sr., his father, of Houston, and Tracy T. Word III, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, his son.



Tracy T. Word, Jr., says: "There probably are many instances where a father has participated in his son's Orders, perhaps a few where a son has participated in the ceremonies for his father, but I wonder how many have been so fortunate as to have had the privilege in both father-and-son events."

Sir Knight Word, Sr., is a 50-year Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Mason; Sir Knight Tracy Word, III, is now an appointive officer in Bartlesville Commandery, Oklahoma. Sir Knight Tracy T. Word, Jr., is a 33° Inspector General Honorary, member of Red Cross of Constantine, and a recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Templar Drill Competition In Lexington Shrine Temple

Sir Knight John E. Hawkins, Chief Instructor, Grand Commandery of Kentucky, has notified all Eminent Commanders of Kentucky of the Drill Competition to be held at Oleika Shrine Temple, Lexington, Sunday, June 16. Drills start at 1:00 p.m.; dinner will be furnished by the Grand Commandery starting at 6:00 p.m. Ladies are invited.

D.C. PAST GRAND COMMANDERS ATTEND VISITATIONS IN FORCE

Fourteen of the eighteen living Past Grand Commanders of the District of Columbia were present for the Grand Commander's visitations to Columbia Commandery No. 2 and Washington Commandery No. 1 on April 19 and 24, respectively. Thirteen were in attendance for the April 23 visitation to Potomac Commandery No. 3.



The faithful fourteen, bottom row: Roland M. Brown, 1934; Otto B. Roepke, 1941; Robert L. Kause, 1953; Eston E. Burge, R. E. Grand Commander; Harry L. Beach, 1961-62; Garland L. Nowlan, 1964; John G. Mathes, 1959. Top row: Samuel T. Farmer, 1943; Horace W. Parsley, 1950; Andres E. Moynelo, 1965; Knut I. Nilsson, 1948; William E. Barkman, 1966; J. Rowe Mehlfelt, 1963; Rodger R. Kauffman, 1954; Joseph D. Yerkes, 1960.

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Class Brings 1968 Accessions To Fifty One

The Sir Knights of Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, Wilkes-Barre, are a bit proud of themselves this year reports Peter G. George, P.C., Recorder. With the April 26 class of 28, Sir Knight George says Dieu Le Veut had total accessions of fifty-one for the Templar year, or a net increase of twenty. Harry H. Ritts, Commander when the picture was taken, was given special recognition for his achievement during the 115th Annual Conclave of Pennsylvania the last week of May at Pittsburgh.



Pictured with the April 26 candidates are: Sir Knight George, Leonard R. Heverly, C.G.; Harvey O. Nielson, Grand Warder; G. Calvin Dyson, Deputy Grand Commander—now R.E. Grand Commander; Eminent Commander Ritts; Allan C. Williams, P.G.C.; Howard H. Ridgeway, Director of Work; Raymond C. Hyatt, Generalissimo, and Albert T. Peters, P.C., who conferred the Order of the Temple.

LANSING COMMANDERY HONORS THIRTY FOUR YOUTHS FOR CHRISTIAN ACHIEVEMENT

Knights Templar to Honor Youths was the headline in the Lansing, Michigan daily newspaper when, on April 4, Lansing Commandery No. 25 held its first "Christian Youth Achievement Awards Banquet."

The Knights Templar Christian Youth Achievement Award, a beautifully lithographed scroll, was presented to thirty-four junior and senior high school boys from fifteen participating churches in the Lansing area.

The Award gives recognition to the youth for his adherence to the tenets of his religious beliefs, his desire to learn more about the Christian religion and his participation in youth activities in the church of his choice. To qualify for the award, each youth had to complete requirements prescribed by Lansing Commandery No. 25, and be recommended by his minister.

One of the eligibility requirements was that the youth must commit to memory and recite to his minister five specified passages from the new testament.

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, R. E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A., was the principal speaker. His outstanding address was enthusiastically received by the Award winning boys, their ministers, parents and friends, as well as the many Sir Knights and their ladies who helped make up an attendance of nearly 300.

Sir Knight Bell said the occasion was the first time that a Commandery of Knights Templar had honored and recognized youths for their achievements in religious education.

An Honor Guard of 16 Sir Knights escorted the boys to the dining room

and formed lines at Present Swords as the boys and distinguished guests marched thru the lines to their places at the head tables. Later the Honor Guard was posted at Present Swords as the Eminent Commander, Lyle O. Wellman, completed his remarks, with the following addressed directly to the youths.

"The Knights Templar of Lansing Commandery No. 25 pay tribute to you young men for your outstanding work in the church of your choice.

"We honor you for your unswerving loyalty to God and your fellow men.

"We salute you for your efforts to enrich your lives thru association with your church."

Excerpts from Presentation Remarks by Eminent Commander Wellman

It is gratifying indeed, to have the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America so well represented tonight.

In our present society, divided by "hippies" and "Protesters", the youth of today must make a choice. To follow the easy route of the "hippie" to an unknown and dubious destiny, or to take the more rugged path of good citizenship, high morals, and unswerving loyalty to God and his fellow man to the known destiny of an honorable and respectable life.

The framed awards were then presented to the boys and their pictures taken in groups from their respective churches.

Sir Knight Abner C. Sager, P.G.C., Department Commander of the East Central Department, Grand Encampment, and Mrs. Sager were among the distinguished guests. Sir Knight Sager introduced the speaker of the evening, Sir Knight Bell.

Other distinguished guests included Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan: Sir Knight Stanley H. Raidle, Deputy Grand Commander, and Mrs. Raidle; Sir Knight Harold G. Copp, Grand Recorder, and Mrs. Copp; Sir Knight Max L. Clark, Grand Standard Bearer, and Mrs. Clark; Sir Knight William R. Parker, Grand Warder, and Mrs. Parker.

Sir Knight Copp, a Past Commander of Lansing Commandery No. 25, introduced the guests and assisted the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Wellman in presenting the Awards.



Harold G. Copp, P.C., Lansing Commandery No. 25, Michigan's Grand Recorder, assists with the award presentations. He smiles his approval as three boys from one church receive awards from Eminent Commander Lyle O. Wellman.



Templar officers present for the Christian Achievement Awards program: William R. Parker, Grand Warder; Max L. Clark, Grand Standard Bearer; Harold G. Copp, Grand Recorder, Michigan; G. Wilbur Bell, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, speaker of the evening; Stanley H. Raidle, Deputy Grand Commander, Michigan; Lyle O. Wellman, E.C., Lansing Commandery.

Sir Knights G. Wilbur Bell and Abner C. Sager show their enthusiasm for the Knights Templar Christian Youth Achievement Award program. They are flanked by Deputy Grand Commander Raidle, left, and Eminent Commander Wellman. Sir Knight Sager, R.E. Department Commander, introduced the speaker, Sir Knight Bell.



DES MOINES KNIGHTS DEMONSTRATE PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITY

A platoon of Temple Commandery No. 4 Drill Team, Des Moines, commanded by Sir Knight Vincent F. Larson, Generalissimo, presented an American Flag to Herbert C. Hoover High School at its dedication Sunday, May 5.

The Knights, in full uniform, escorted the colors into the auditorium, then formed ranks and presented swords while the color guard passed through the lines. Following the placing of the colors, Sir Knight Ross V. Clark, P.C., offered a tribute to the flag which he composed for the occasion.

The ceremony was a news feature over KRNT-TV and WHO-TV in both the 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. periods.

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Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

GRAND COMMANDER'S INAUGURAL MESSAGE

With the passing of time we again stand on the threshold of another year for this Grand Commandery. What the Historians will record of it will depend on the contribution you and I make to it.

Let me first pay tribute to those who have preceeded me in the leadership of this Grand Commandery over the past 115 years, preserving it for you and me to enjoy. More especially do I want to pay tribute to my immediate predecessor, Sir Knight Harold E. Stokely, for his inspiring leadership and for giving of himself so unstintingly, and who, even as I write this, is physically impaired therefrom. May the Lord restore him to full health and strength for many more active years of service.

Many of the worthy Knights who have preceeded me have challenged this Grand Commandery to greater heights with sound slogans and catch phrases, which resulted in many instances in setting standards worthy of imitation.

In this day of the hippie, psychedelic drugs, draft card burners, social injustices and world strife, to suggest that our slogan be *Dedication-Commitment-Involvement-etc.*, would be trite, for the importance of these to our Spiritual, Patriotic, and Secular Life, is obvious to all, in spite of the fact they are all too often found missing there.

It is time we face up to our responsibilities in light of our potential. It is time to count our successes or failures by the measure of our potential rather than by aims or fancies. We can set our goals on a given number of Life Sponsors of the Eye Foundation, a number of Knightings, or the increased use of our Educational Foundation. However, if these goals are not in relation to our potential, they are but minimums rather than the maximums.

I would remind you that there is no



heavier burden than that of a great potential. Templary has a great potential-Pennsylvania Templary an even greater one. Our principles of Brotherly Love, Pure Benevolence, and Belief in the Risen Christ are as valid and challenging purposes as ever.

I would not suggest that our path to greater accomplishments will be an easy one, or without obstacles, for I know the greatest obstacle lies in our own apathy. If we overcome that, we will realize that "obstacles are the thing you see when you take your eye off the goal."

If we are willing to WORK for the advancement of this Christian Order in relation to our potential we *WILL* make progress. I shall so strive to serve this Grand Commandery. **WILL YOU?**

R. E. Grand Commander
G. Calvin Dyson

JUNIOR PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As I read the April notices of the 89 Commanderies in Pennsylvania, I was reminded of the April notice I prepared back in 1956. My "Commander's message" that April was much the same as those I read this year. Every Sir Knight who has been privileged to serve Christian Masonry as Eminent Commander relinquishes the office with humility, with thankfulness for the great assistance he has received from his officers and past officers, and with the fervent hope that his successors will receive similar help and will cause his beloved commandery to soar to new and greater heights. He also, while congratulating his successor, promises to "stay on the job"—to the extent that he is needed.

Well, Sir Knights, those are exactly my sentiments as I prepare for my new role as the "Grand Bottom" of the Past Grand Commanders of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. I do humbly thank each of you for permitting me to represent the high office of Grand Commander and I turn confidently to the future, when Sir Knight Dyson, with the assistance of as expert and dedicated a group of Grand Officers as any Grand Commandery could be blessed with, will continue and expand the efforts for Templary's good, that every Past Grand Commander worked for and holds so dear.

To attempt to name names, places, Divisions (which shall always remain bright in the memories of the Stokelys),



would consume volumes—so we will do it in short form: If Nellie and I had but one Templar wish remaining, we would wish that the smiles, the old fashioned Christian cooperation and the extreme dedication to Templary, by every Sir Knight and every Templary Lady that we encountered this year, will continue and will be a fountain of strength for Cal and Marian, Charlie and Betty, Bill and Betty, Ewart and Sally, Russ and Dortha,—and therefore—that Templary—will prosper.

Harold E. Stokely
Grand Commander

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"DeMolay"

Delivered at 115th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of Pennsylvania—May 26, 1968 At Pittsburgh, Pa.

By Charles J. Meek, P.C., District Deputy 11th District in Pa.
Order of DeMolay

It is a great pleasure and honor to be able to address you on DeMolay at the beginning of the Orders' 50th Anniversary. I will be talking about this generation of teenagers who face an uncertain future in a vastly complicated and confusing world.

These young men are smart, intelligent, energetic, good natured, curious, sincere, good hearted and serious—serious about God, serious about their country, serious about themselves and their relationship with others.

The great opportunity is ours to build their faith, to bolster their belief and trust in the value of right living.

But when the name of DeMolay is mentioned, those who have had only a passing acquaintance with the Order, including too many of our Masons, automatically think of a 17 year old in a beautiful robe, always 17 who never grows a day older in the mind of the average Mason, DeMolay is a static organization. Let us analyse just how static it is!

In an ordinary good Chapter of DeMolay we can expect an average of 30 candidates a year. With your help, we could easily make this a minimum for all Chapters. Multiplied out for the DeMolay Chapters in Pennsylvania we would then have more than 2,500 candidates per year.

The boys taken in as candidates will come out as majority members in a short 7 years, at the age of 21 and eligible for Masonry. Taken one step further, in the 8 years it takes to start in the line as Warder and progress to Commander, over 20,000 DeMolays will have turned majority.

How would it be to build up the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania automatically if only we could cause them to want to join with us; 20,000 strong in each officer generation.

Statistics show that better than 50% of our DeMolays join Masonry. What concerns me is the 50% who do not.

Somehow we have not influenced them in their hearts to want to become identified with us. If we in some way have failed them—why should they want to become part of us?

More than this, if a DeMolay thinks a Mason (or perhaps a Knight Templar) is the finest man in the world, he will want to identify with us, and more than this, his good opinion will influence his father, mother, and yes—his sister who will one day marry a man who will be eligible for the Knights Templar. Who knows how far the influence of any one of us might reach.

Here is one of the great experiences of life, to know that you have helped run the machinery whose product is "boys of character." Who better can run this machinery than the Knights Templar, dedicated to the Love of Piety, Truth, Justice, Liberty and Mercy.

You are the leaders of this great army of Christian Soldiers. It is only right that you should be the stimulus, the Trigger, the catalyst to move DeMolay forward.

You should be the ones to say to all Masons—"Awake! be not asleep to your duty. "The opportunity to save Masonry—and possibly the world is before us.

How wonderful to awake at "The winding of the last trump" and hear our Heavenly Father say, "You were a guiding light to the youth of your nation. Well done, good and faithful servant."

VICTOR A. SEILER TREASURER, 48 YEARS

Sir Knight Victor A. Seiler, P.C., Shamokin Commandery No. 77, Shamokin, completed 48 consecutive years as Treasurer of his Commandery May 1, 1968. His total service as a Commandery officer amounts to 51 years. "Vic" is 91 years of age. He and his wife recently entered the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.



Boyd Lee Hudgins
Florida
Grand Commander — 1959
Born April 24, 1893
Died March 18, 1968

Francis M. Cheeseman
Illinois
Grand Commander — 1949
Born February 21, 1881
Died April 18, 1968

James Robertson
Connecticut
Grand Commander — 1960
Born January 11, 1901
Died May 5, 1968

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our prayers on behalf of the souls of Thy servants departed, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of Thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shrinedom and Chicago Ready for Convention

"The world's largest convention" opens July 7 when the 94th Imperial Council session convenes in the city of Chicago. Imperial Potentate and Sir Knight Thomas F. Seay invites all Shriners to "come to America's foremost city for the thrill of a lifetime.

"While the 94th Imperial Council Session will be the largest in Shrine history, there are numerous other things to thrill you while you are in Chicago.

"Imagine seeing the world's tallest apartment and office building, the John Hancock Center, which reaches 100 stories above North Michigan Avenue!

"See Chicago's new Civic Center that the whole nation is talking about with its huge steel rendering by Picasso.

"After leaving the Civic Center, only a few blocks away, see another big Chicago attraction: Marina City, circular twin tower apartment buildings. Also visit the Merchandise Mart, the world's largest commercial building. Then there is the Water Tower that withstood the Chicago fire and the famed Buckingham Fountain which continues to thrill thousands of visitors to Chicago each year.

"If you haven't seen Chicago's skyline in the last few years you will be amazed how it has shifted and changed. For example, the First National Bank, a 60-story architectural beauty, occupies the site of the Morrison Hotel.

"Drive along the Outer Drive either North or South and the new hi-rise buildings will astound you. In addition to all of these features, there are a multitude of others to see and visit. I am dead serious when I say, if you want a thrill of a lifetime be in Chicago when the 94th Imperial Council Sessions opens on July 7th."

Eminent Commander Ehrhardt, Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Saudi Arabia, reports to the Most Eminent Grand Master that, as of May 15, the Commandery had a total of more than \$2,000 for the Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign.

Son Follows in Footsteps of Illustrious Father

During the 73rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma Sir Knight James Taylor of Elk City Commandery No. 22 was installed Grand Warder by Sir Knight Richard E. Newhouse, P.G.C. Sir Knight Newhouse served in the Grand Line of Oklahoma with Sir



Knight Taylor's father, The Late John I. Taylor, who followed Sir Knight Newhouse as Grand Commander of Oklahoma in 1938.

The Grand Commandery Conclave was held on the campus of The Oklahoma State University, Sir Knight James's Alma Mater. His father served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the University for many years.

This is the first time a son has followed in the footsteps of his father in the Grand Line of Oklahoma. Sir Knight James, a successful ranchman in Western Oklahoma, is the captain of the Drill Team of the Elk City Commandery, a position his late father also filled.

Cincinnati (Ohio) Commandery No. 3 Inspection March 23 was highlighted by the presentation of twenty-one new Life Sponsor Applications to the Ohio chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Past Grand Commander Cecil J. Pierce.



Pictured: Elmer E. Kareth, P.C., Chairman of Cincinnati Commandery's K. T. Eye Foundation Committee; Sir Knight Pierce; Howard R. Malone, the inspecting officer; Joseph G. Burg, Eminent Commander, Cincinnati Commandery No. 3.

Illinois Commandery Joins West Kentucky for York Rite Festival

The West Kentucky York Rite Festival was concluded at Paducah, Kentucky, April 13 with the three Orders of Templary being conferred upon a class of twenty-nine, twenty-three from Kentucky, six from Illinois.

Mayfield Commandery No. 94, Kentucky conferred the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta in the afternoon. Following dinner, Gethsemane Commandery No. 41, Metropolis, Illinois, conferred the Order of the Temple under the direction of Sir Knight Andrew E. Barton, R. E. Grand Commander of Illinois, assisted by Illinois Grand Commandery Sir Knights J. Emerson Miller, G. Jr. W.; Lewis C. Mohler, G.S.B.; Clyde Taylor, G. Capt. of the Guard; and Cecil N. Lovin, P.C., Patton Commandery No. 69. Others from Illinois were W. Robert Travelstead, Grand High Priest, and George Borer, D.D. Grand High Priest.

Kentucky dignitaries included Sir Knight Hobbs, Grand Commander; John R. Harrilson, Grand Master of Grand Council; Noble McDougel, Grand High Priest, and George R. Effinger, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, also the following Grand Commandery officers: Henry C. Smith, G.C.G.; John R. McDowell, G.S.t.B.; Orville T. Hagan, P.G.C.



R.E. Grand Commanders Andrew E. Barton, Illinois, and George E. Hobbs, Kentucky, are surrounded by distinguished Templar and other Masonic leaders during West Kentucky York Rite Festival, April 13.

Many other officers of Kentucky's Grand Chapter and Grand Council attended the Festival, as did Dundee Fulford, Potentate of Rizpah Temple, Shrine, of Madisonville.

The occasion commemorated the 100th anniversary of Paducah Commandery No. 11, the host Commandery. The anniversary theme was carried out in the table decorations at dinner. Among the highlights was the presentation of Duke of Paducah awards by Sir Knight Effinger, Grand Junior Warden of Grand Lodge, to the two Grand Commanders present, Sir Knight Hobbs and Sir Knight Barton.

"The entire program was a great success and it is hoped that his may become an annual affair," said Wylie B. Wendt, Correspondent.



Twenty-eight of the twenty-nine candidates pose for the photographer during the April 13 West Kentucky York Rite Festival, Paducah.



Department Commanders had a busy two months of visitations in April and May as Representatives of the Most Eminent Grand Master. Sir Knight Frank L. Bourke, North Atlantic Department, was present for the Annual Conclaves of Connecticut (April 22), the District of Columbia (May 11), and the Grand Commandery of Maryland (May 15). He will represent the Grand Master at Vermont, June 3.

Sir Knight C. Wallace Jackson, Southeastern Department, among other official duties, attended the Annual Conclaves of Virginia (May 9-11) and the Grand Commandery of Florida (May 19-20). He will be the Grand Master's Representative at Tennessee, August 24.

Sir Knight Abner C. Sager's visitations in the East Central Department included West Virginia May 17-18. Pending visitations are scheduled for Michigan (June 6-8) and Kentucky (September 15-16). Sir Knight and Mrs. Sager will observe their 40th wedding anniversary July 21.

Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, North Central Department—active in promoting the four-way York Rite-Shrine Class, July 5 and 6, has visited the Annual Conclaves of Nebraska (April 4-5), North Dakota (April 28-29), and will represent the Grand Master at Wisconsin's Annual Conclave June 13-15, and South Dakota's, September 8-10.

Sir Knight William R. Robbins was the Representative at the Annual Conclave of Louisiana, April 8-9 at Baton Rouge. He was unable to be present at the Annual Conclave of Kansas, May 6-7, because of the illness of Mrs. Robbins. Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle, R.E. Grand Generalissimo, assumed the official visitation duties on that occasion.

Sir Knight Carl J. Baesemann, North Pacific Department, was at Moscow for the May 20-22 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Idaho. One of his pending visitation assignments is the

Karl A. Crane Appointed

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master, announces the appointment of Sir Knight Karl A. Crane, P.G.C., Wisconsin, to the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations. The appointment was effective April 18.

The Committee on Drill Regulations is headed by Sir Knight John H. Loree, P.G.C., Michigan. Sir Knight Theodore F. Voelter, New Jersey, a Past Department Commander, is a member of the committee. Sir Knight Crane's appointment fills the vacancy created by the death of Sir Knight Armand H. Bishop, Grand Commander of Kansas in 1952, who died February 3, 1968.

In acknowledging Sir Knight Crane's acceptance of the assignment, the Grand Master wrote: "I am sure you will find your service interesting. There is intended some change in the time for the drills at Denver so that they can be better attended and so that a shorter overall time will be required for attendance by the drill teams for competition and display purposes. Decisions remain to be made. You will be serving with two of the best with Ted Voelter and Jack Loree."

Past Grand Commander Crane, born in Milwaukee March 10, 1911, graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1933. He and Mrs. Crane (Dorothy E. Meyer) have one son and one daughter and three grandchildren. The Cranes moved to Racine in 1947.

In addition to his Templar commitment, Sir Knight Crane is active in York Rite Masonry generally, also in Scottish Rite and in Shrine. He was elected Grand Commander of Wisconsin June 17, 1966.

Annual Conclave of Wyoming, at Casper, September 7.

Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman, South Pacific Department, was in attendance May 13-14 for the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Utah. He will represent the Grand Master at the Annual Conclave of Nevada, his home Grand Commandery, June 10 at Las Vegas.

“QUOTABLES”

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

Sydney Smith

*This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's banner
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.
A craven hung along the battle's edge,
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel—
That blue blade that the king's son bears,—but this
Blunt thing—!" he snapped and flung it from his hand,
And lowering crept away and left the field.
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle shout
Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.*

Edward Rowland Sill

Fifteen Christian Masons Enlist Under Knight Templar Banner

An April 27 York Rite Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, brought fifteen additional Masons into the Christian bonds of Knight Templary. The Orders, conferred in the Henry L. Palmer Masonic Temple, were arranged by the chairman and the secretary of the Assembly, Past Commanders Harold J. Reinhart and Elmer H. Gruenwald.



Left to right: (Is there any other direction?) Chairman Reinhart, Eugene F. Potts, Robert E. Enos, Richard F. Dassow, Paul DeLellis, Emil M. Chobot, Fred F. Loock, A. J. Guequierre, Tom Piscitello, Fred Peters, William H. Upham, R. L. Colt, Allan Penry, Calvin G. Taylor, Donald A. Vierkandt, Max M. Bodenbach and Secretary Gruenwald.

IN HIS NAME

Lewis W. V. Jumper †

In this fifty day Easter-tide and Ascension-tide leading up to Pentecost, we have been called to prayer.

The Wait for Jesus

"When he had said this, as they watched, he was lifted up, and a cloud removed him from their sight. As he was going, and as they were gazing intently into the sky, all at once there stood beside them two men in white who said,

'Men of Galilee, why stand there looking up into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken away from you up to heaven, will come in the same way as you have seen him go.' . . . Entering the city they went to the room upstairs where they were lodging: (They). . . were constantly at prayer together, and with them a group of women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." Acts 1:9-14 (New English Bible translation).



When Jesus had talked to them as we heard, and the disciples were still accustomed to seeing Him, He went away as if a cloud had come between them and Him. As they were still looking for Him, somebody said, "Hey, what are you looking into the sky for, This man Jesus, who now went away to be in hiding with God, He'll be back as unexpectedly as you saw Him go."

And so all His friends went back to town to the room they had rented together and where all of them slept.

And since they knew that they had to wait for the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel about the Spirit of God who would comfort and commission them, they formed a prayer group with the women, and so waited.

Jesus is gone! We know that. That is the hard reality of the life of the church. It is no good looking up into the sky. He lift us on the earth and He went into hiding. Once again the vineyard is given to His servants.

He'll meet us in the many ways He promised; and the Spirit comes. Now the time is over in which long vigils had to be kept to expect the living Lord to come. Now it is time to work.

We have to go to the ends of the earth and participate in Christ's mission of forgiveness, liberation and service.

Looking up into the sky is for the dreamers of uncertainty—we have work to do.

In this fifty day Easter-tide and Ascension-tide leading up to Pentecost, we have been called to prayer.

The Time of Power:

"Jesus said to them: "The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be. But you will be filled with power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts. 1:7, 8 (Good News for Modern Man—the New Testament in Today's Version).

We have been called to prayer that is more than the pious phrasing of familiar and theologically orthodox words.

We have faced an urgent invitation to redemptive action in the raw, real life of our world.

Today may be the day for you! A day to open your life to others. A day to know new power and purpose. A day to care more deeply about the wounds and bruises upon the body of another. A day to make your commitment more than a matter of religious words and devotional motions.

Pentecost comes for us when we are willing to wait but also to work, to pray but also to act. To do and to be—but to know that we are not alone in our world of strife and struggle. He is with us in the world and in the Spirit!

Then Pentecost becomes much more than past history. It becomes present might and mission!

Easter in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio

Masonic groups including Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay joined with Knights Templar for the northern California Easter Observance in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco.



Sir Knight Jasper C. DeDobbeleer, P.C., Prelate of Marin Commandery No. 73, delivered the prayer as Sir Knight Lovell E. Spurgeon, Deputy Grand Commander (now Grand Commander), placed the Cross of Lillies on the Grave of the Unknown Soldier assisted by officers of the San Francisco Chapter of DeMolay.

FOUR-WAY CLASS IN ILLINOIS TO HONOR THOMAS F. SEAY

The following notice from N. Tracy Walker, General Chairman, has been circulated throughout the Chicago area.

The York Rite under the auspices of Medinah, presents the Drama, "THE WORD" in honor of Thomas F. Seay, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

All York Rite Degrees and Orders will be conferred in one day at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 915 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. on Friday, July 5th, 1968 starting at 10 o'clock A.M. Candidates to report at 9 o'clock A.M.

Brother Myron K. Lingle, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Author and Director of the Drama, "THE WORD," together with his celebrated cast from Springfield, Illinois, will exemplify the Degrees.

The Orders of the Temple will be given in the afternoon, starting at 1:30 P.M.

The members of this group of Candidates will be known as the Thomas F. Seay Class, York Rite for the Imperial Session 1968. Special recognition will be given to them.

The Shrine Ceremonial for the Imperial Session will be given for this Class on Saturday, July 6th, 1968 at Medinah Temple, 600 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This will start at 12 noon.

All York Rite Masons are invited to attend the Drama.

All Shriners are invited to attend the Ceremonial.

Let's all bring Candidates and ourselves to both events to make this a big one for our Imperial Potentate, Brother Thomas F. Seay.

N. TRACY WALKER
General Chairman

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St. John's Commandery No. 16, McCook, Nebraska, held its annual observance of the Risen Christ on Easter morning with a divine service, preceded by a seven o'clock breakfast for Sir Knights and their ladies.

Eminent Sir Knight Harley G. Lofton, Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Council delivered the Easter message, "Our Faith and Our Hope". The sincere words of this devout Mason were an inspiration to all. Brother Lester Reed sang "The Holy City" accompanied by Doris Bauer.

There were 125 in attendance including the Grand Commander of Nebraska and his wife, Sir Knight and Mrs. Eugene S. Whitney.

REPORT FROM MAINE TO THE MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER Silence Not Always Golden; Sometimes Just Plain Yellow

Sir Knight George E. Berry, as he completed his last full month as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, forwarded an April report to Sir Knight Crofts on "the first Maine Templar Festival in Augusta, March 30."

It was designed to promote Templary, provide candidates and their ladies "an outstanding day socially and ritualistically," also to provide an activity for the Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign in accordance with the Grand Master's General Order No. 2.

Nineteen of the 23 Commanderies of Maine were represented. There were 47 candidates; one hundred fifty three were present for lunch, 204 Sir Knights and ladies attended the evening smorgasbord, and in the afternoon 51 ladies attended the tea for the benefit of the Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Berry enclosed a check for \$201.00 with his report, covering the day's collection for the Voluntary Campaign.

Distinguished Masons attending included: M. Donald Gardner, M.W. Grand Master of Masons of Maine; Robley C. Wilson, M.E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Maine; Stanley A. Snow, M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council of Maine; Kenneth M. Ritchie, V.E. Preceptor, Cross and Crown Tabernacle No. 53, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Horace A. Pratt, M.I. Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine, Maine; Robert B. McLeary, Jr., Assistant Rabban Koro Temple Shrine, Lewiston. The speaker of the evening was His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Maine, Kenneth M. Curtis.

Many letters have been sent to Officers in the Grand Commanderies requesting that extra effort should be put forth to secure new and renewal subscriptions for the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

It has been suggested that a "pitch" should be made for the Magazine at every Conclave, Inspection, Installation or other function where visitations are made by the Grand Commandery Officers.

Such a "pitch" was made by Abner C. Sager, Department Commander of the

Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.D. C., Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities, was the speaker for the Grand Commander's Banquet at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine, May 6, at Portland, Maine. Sir Knight Willard M. Avery, R. E. Grand Captain General, was the Representative of Grand Master Crofts at the Conclave.

Excerpts of Sir Knight Cottrell's address follow:

"As Knights Templar we long since have come to know the antiquity of Masonry and the contribution which its ideology has made to the progress of both men and nations. But our greatest and most common error as Masons is our failure to speak out. We have the strength and the wisdom to exercise great influence in our communities, in our states, and throughout the nation. Yet, all too often, we sit idle and speechless when our free way of life is criticized, and when our liberty is jeopardized. By such action and by such silence we put words into the mouths and weapons in the hands of our enemies."

"Silence is not always golden, sometimes it is just plain YELLOW. Today, the lack of a sense of individual responsibility on the part of many of our citizens, the inherent selfishness of others, and the deliberately taught and constantly fomented ideologies of statism, in all its many forms, threaten the very life of our Republic, the individual liberties of our people and the free heritage of our children. Individual freedom cannot live without expression, neither can it remain alive within itself undefended. Freedom, Sir Knights, demands use, deserves protection, inspires sacrifices and is forever lost through negligence and dis-service."

East Central Department, while installing officers in six Constituent Commanderies in Michigan during April.

The result was 23 new subscriptions. Eight of the 23 were for widows of Sir Knights. These were given special recognition and presented with corsages at the annual installation in Durand Commandery No. 21, Durand, Michigan.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

Life Sponsors — As of April 30, 1968

Alabama	625
Alaska	32
Arizona	188
Arkansas	222
California	1,253
Colorado	273
Connecticut	384
Delaware	50
District of Columbia	336
Florida	698
Georgia	682
Hawaii	49
Idaho	103
Illinois	589
Indiana	475
Iowa	264
Kansas	340
Kentucky	472
Louisiana	339
Maine	157
Maryland	611
*Massachusetts	1,229
Michigan	1,323
Minnesota	90
Mississippi	305
Missouri	388
Montana	148
Nebraska	113
Nevada	119
New Hampshire	92
New Jersey	310
New Mexico	145
New York	1,063
North Carolina	357
North Dakota	45
Ohio	1,258
Oklahoma	239
Oregon	199
Pennsylvania	1,090
*Rhode Island	202
South Carolina	105
South Dakota	144
Tennessee	739
Texas	3,420
Utah	131
Vermont	102
Virginia	737
Washington	197
West Virginia	238
Wisconsin	622
Wyoming	97
*Mass. & R. I.	1,431

Canal Zone	59
Germany	12
**Guam	20
Japan	66
Mexico	4
**Okinawa	35
**Philippines	3
Saudi Arabia	131
Scotland	2
Canada	3
Total	23,723
**Grand Commandery of the Philippines	58



Sir Knight Ralph L. Kalp was installed Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut at the 141st Annual Conclave in Waterbury April 22. A native of Indiana, he has been a Connecticut resident for twenty years and is now Transportation Engineer with North East Utilities Service Co. A member of York and Scottish Rite bodies, he is Past Commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden. His religious activity is in the Yalesville Methodist Church as lay reader, trustee and chairman of the official board.

(Correspondent, James R. Case)

Grand Commander Carpenter Knights Captain Carpenter



Pictured are: Department Commander Bourke, M.W. Grand Master Buswell, Eminent Commander Scranton, Captain Carpenter, Grand Commander Carpenter; Sir Knight Frank Bailey, Grand Commander of Vermont, and Sir Knight Agnew G. Walker, Grand Captain of the Guard, New Hampshire.

Father's Day arrived early this year for Sir Knight C. Werner Carpenter, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire. April 20 was a day of special honor for him, also for his son. On that date Grand Commander Carpenter knighted his son, Captain Willard C. Carpenter, Army Medical Services, who was home on leave from Fort Carson, Colorado.

The ceremony at Claremont, New

Hampshire, was witnessed by a number of officials and members of New England Masonry, including Sir Knight Carl A. Buswell, P.G.C., Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, and Sir Knight Frank L. Bourke, R.E. Department Commander for the Grand Encampment. The knighting was a feature of the annual inspection of Sullivan Commandery, Claremont. Inspector General is Sir Knight William J. Lyneh. Roscoe Scranton is Eminent Commander.

OHIO DATES TO REMEMBER

YORK RITE SECRETARIES AND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Holiday Inn, Painesville
August 16-17, 1968

159th Annual Communication

Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ohio

Toledo.....October 11-12, 1968.....Toledo

152nd Annual Convocation

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Ohio

Columbus.....October 2-3, 1968.....Columbus

139th Annual Assembly

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

Columbus.....September 30-October 1, 1968.....Columbus

126th Annual Conclave

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Ohio

Columbus.....October 5, 6, 7, 1968.....Columbus

TEMPLARS AT ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL MEETING



On April 8th at its Annual Meeting held in Medinah Temple, the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association changed its name to The Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

An audience of 2500 representatives of all branches of Masonry and Appendant Bodies, and distinguished civic and business leaders of the Chicago community, were present for the pageantry provided by Medinah Units, including the Patrol, Color Guard, Chanters, and Oriental Band. The presence of an Honor Guard of 100 Knight Templars made the presentation of the Board Members and program participants an inspiring spectacle.

The W. Clement Stone Pavilion for the Health Sciences, to be completed by 1970, will incorporate the most modern concepts of comprehensive patient care. And paramount among the innovations will be a new surgical complex, for which Allen M. Hicks, Administrator, announced a Research Grant of \$585,000 from the U.S. Public Health Services.

W. Clement Stone, whose \$750,000 Challenge Grant sparked the Hospital's recent successful \$5,000,000 Development Fund Drive to meet the cost of the first five floors of this 15-story project, was the featured speaker of the evening.

Louis L. Williams, 33°, Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Deputy of Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A. of the Illinois Council of Deliberation A.A.S.R. and member of the Hospital's new Citizens' Board, presented a Life Trustee plaque to Fremont E. Schneider. Mr. Schneider, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1947, was named a Life Trustee.

Alvin L. Crump, Department Commander, North Central Department—newly elected trustee of the Illinois Masonic

Hospital, and Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, participated in the meeting.

Charles F. Davis was made an Honorary Trustee, and received his plaque from Senator W. Russell Arrington. Davis, an Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of the State of Illinois and a distinguished Educator, has rendered significant service to the Hospital through his membership on the School of Nursing Committee.

INDIANA'S MEDAL OF HONOR GOES TO DWIGHT L. SMITH

A highlight of the Sesquicentennial Observance of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, May 21-22, Indianapolis, was the presentation of the Caleb B. Smith Medal of Honor, "for dedicated service to humanity," for contributions to Freemasonry, culture and history, at the 150th Anniversary Banquet, Tuesday, May 22, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Dwight L. Smith, P.G.M.

The citation was made by the M.W. Grand Master, John L. Bloxsome, who announced a "suspension of the rules," which prohibited the awarding of the medal to a Grand Lodge officer, for the occasion. Grand Master Bloxsome's introduction of the recipient resulted in a standing ovation for Brother Smith by the some 2,100 attending the banquet.

Indiana's 150th Anniversary events reflected long and expert planning and preparation. Grand Encampment guests included Willard M. Avery, R.E. Grand Captain General, and Paul C. Rodenhauer, R.E. Grand Recorder. Indiana's Governor, the Honorable Roger D. Branigan, attended. Governor Branigan's father was Indiana's Grand Master in 1918.

Dr. Robert M. Seibel, Nashville, was elected and installed M.W. Grand Master to succeed Brother Bloxsome.

Grand Conclave Potpourri

North Dakota's Annual Conclave, April 28-29, at Fargo, included the election of the following: R.E. Grand Commander, George E. Burehill; Deputy Grand Commander, Harley R. Kingsbury; Grand Generalissimo, Glenn M. Robertson; Grand Captain General, Charles A. Richter; Grand Treasurer, Helmer Mohagen; Grand Recorder, Albert G. Tverberg.

New Grand Commandery of Kansas officers are: R. E. Grand Commander, Carroll R. Dean; Deputy Grand Commander, Lester E. McConnell; Grand Generalissimo, James E. Collier; Grand Captain General, Alvin E. Hauserman. The 99th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kansas was at Arkansas City May 6-7. The Kansas Centennial Conclave will be held in Salina May 5-6, 1969.

Maine's 117th Annual Conclave was convened in Portland, May 6. Officers elected and installed: R. E. Grand Commander, Willard A. Vincent; Deputy Grand Commander, Charles L. Hamm; Grand Generalissimo, Virgil C. Totman; Grand Captain General, James H. Doyle; Grand Senior Warden, Walter H. Moore; Grand Junior Warden, Donald S. Smith; Grand Treasurer, Kenneth M. Ritchie, P.G.C.; Grand Recorder, Earle D. Webster.

In Georgia, the Grand Commandery's 107th Annual Conclave was convened in Decatur May 7. The site next year will be Savannah. Among those elected or re-elected to office were: R.E. Grand Commander, William J. Mobley; Deputy Grand Commander, Thomas J. Jones; Grand Generalissimo, Shepherd G. Pryor, III; Grand Captain-General, Chester M. Cameron. James C. Newton, P.D.C., and James E. Moseley, P.G.C., were re-elected Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. Douglas H. Tidwell presided as Grand Commander.

Columbus, Indiana, was the location for the 114th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, when Harry F. Otterman was elected R.E. Grand Commander. Other officers elected: K. Edwin Applegate, Deputy Grand Commander; Walter P. Worland, Grand Generalissimo; Omar E. Hager, Grand Captain General. David R. Poling was elected Grand Captain of the Guard.

Petrie Postscript

George E. Petrie, P.C., St. Lucie Commandery, Fort Pierce, Florida, whose personal campaign for Knights-Templar Eye Sponsorships was saluted in the April *Knights Templar Magazine*, continues to broaden his Christian Crusade.

A recent letter explains the *Knights of the Round Table* and the activities of the group.

"The main purpose of this group is to purchase Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for those Sir Knights that are not in a position to purchase their own. (Mostly Emeritus Sir Knights).

"Anyone may become a member. The minimum donation for a membership is \$10.00. Checks should be made out to: Knights of the Round Table and mailed to: 6305 S. Federal Highway, Fort Pierce, Florida 33450. This account is set up so that all money withdrawn must be in favor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Printing—postage—clerical costs—must come from other donations.

"To start with, Jack Hardy, the Supt. of the Masonic Home at Saint Petersburg, gave us a list of six Emeritus members. To date we have purchased seventeen Life Sponsorships in eight separate Commanderies."

The new Grand Prelate is Harold L. Sipe. Past Grand Commanders J. Rufus Hinshaw and Edwin M. Demlow were re-elected Treasurer and Grand Recorder. A reception for the New Grand Commander is scheduled at Frankfort July 20.

C. Calvin Dyson, Abington, was elected R.E. Grand Commander at Pennsylvania's 115th Annual Conclave May 28-29. Division No. 1 (the Philadelphia area) will honor the new Grand Commander with a reception June 15. Sir Knight Dyson is a member of Benjamin Franklin Consistory, Lu Lu Shrine Temple, Red Cross of Constantine, Knight Masons of Ireland, York Rite College, Royal Order of Scotland and Triune Tabernacle No. VII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

News of other Annual Conclaves, past and pending, will be reported in later issues.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Now is the time for every Knight Templar to give positive expression of his re-affirmation of loyalty to God and Country. Now, perhaps more needfully than at any other time in our history, is the time for us as Christian Masons and Patriots to take a leading role in exemplifying our love and respect for our Nation.

One way to show our patriotism and belief in America is to join the Freedoms Foundation national program to stimulate the display of the American Flag, especially around the period of Flag Day—and during these weeks leading to the observance of our country's birthday.

The program of the Freedoms Foundation, to which the Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities wholeheartedly subscribes, is designed to encourage every citizen to display the flag—on his person, in and outside his home, on his automobile, at his business—and to carry out symbolic flag-raising programs at schools, churches and public buildings.

As Knights Templar, let us be LEADERS in this program. It is a program in which each individual can participate.

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