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# "TO HAVE AND TO HOLD"

## --- The Grand Master Says



The peculiarity and the strength of the organization of Templary is not generally understood. We think it should be explained for the information and for the inspiration of its members.

Alone of all components of the recognized system of Freemasonry, Templary has a single sovereign national authority. This is in part by design and in part by usage and establishment. Though the original General Grand Encampment was not formed by the action of all bodies active at the time—eight "Councils and Encampments of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders" located within the jurisdictions of Massachusetts & Rhode Island and New York constituted the original organization—all Templar bodies in the United States of America subsequently came voluntarily under its authority. Since about 1850 no serious

challenge has appeared to the right of Grand Encampment to exert such degree of control as it may deem desirable for the interests of Templary.

In spite of its unquestioned sovereignty, Grand Encampment is a body of representatives qualified by either local Knights Templar or the members of the Grand Commanderies, who are their representatives by local election. Their voice controls in the triennial conclaves of Grand Encampment. Thus, while the sovereignty of the national body is not questioned, the degree of control it exercises and the content of laws which apply to all Templar bodies and members is constantly under review and subject to change.

Accordingly, the government of Templary at all three levels may truly be described as a representative form of government. Those members of a Commandery who are present when business is in order are entitled to vote, and the majority prevails. Similarly, Grand Commanderies are composed of individuals who have been elevated by election and qualified by experience and service at the local level, and when business is in order each present is entitled to vote and the majority prevails, and these decisions become binding upon all constituent Commanderies within the jurisdiction. In exactly the same way, Grand Encampment is composed of individuals elevated by election and qualified by experience and service, and when business is in order each is entitled to vote and the majority prevails.

It seems that the spirit of the day is weakening the respect of the people for representative government. Our political government at all levels is besieged by pressure groups and plagued by noisy dissent, and the brazen rejection by individuals and groups of whatever laws they do not choose to support. Our enemies rejoice and loudly announce the end of the greatest free nation in the world and the coming of a more efficient form of government, apparently unconscious of the clear fact that they will then lose the freedom they declare so proudly and their minds, bodies and lives will become the property of the state.

One prays that this disease may not invade Templary. Is it not better to take pride in being associated in an Order of real social significance with some 400,000 other Christians and Masons of superior quality? Is it not better to respect our representative government. Our political government at all levels is besieged by pressure without financial reward and merely for the satisfaction of serving our Order and the member Knights who by election qualified them and asked them to serve?

When our Order created a national body to represent all Knights Templar, the purpose was "to promote Union, Order and Strength amongst Knights Templar." The record of the past 152 years, we submit, has justified those hopes and served those purposes. One can not lightly consider any action which in purpose or effect might weaken the organizational structure of Templary. To do so would be to deny our vows!



Dear Brother Rodenhauer :

Will you please check one answer on page 11 of the May issue. You say in answer to question 3. b, that the Constitution was adopted March 4, 1789. The is the day the government started under the new Constitution.

The Constitution provided that it would become effective on the ratification of nine stat New Hampshire was the ninth state. It ratified the Constitution on June 21, 1788. On July 2, 1788 the Congress was informed that the Constitution had be n adopted.

In September 1788 Congress fixed March 4, 1789 as the date when the government would begin operation under the new Constitution.

Yours very truly,  
George W. Nilsson

*From the Editor: The answers in the May quiz were those of the Agriculture Extension Service, Crown Point, Indiana, in cooperation with Purdue University.*

*On this subject, the 1968 World Almanac says "Nine states were needed to establish the operation of the Constitution 'between the states so ratifying the same' and New Hampshire was the ninth state. The government did not declare the Constitution in effect until the first Wednesday in March, 1789, which was March 4."*

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June 6, 1968

Dear Sir Knight Rodenhauer :

Your news item on page 8 of the May Knight Templar is really only partially correct and we in Utah hope that you will be able to give us a better publicity.

It is true that the Western York Rite Conference will hold their annual meeting in Moab, Utah on Thursday and Friday, September 19 and 20 under the very capable chairmanship of Wallace V. Peck of Utah. There is almost always a very excellent attendance at

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these conferences. But on Saturday, September 21, another event takes place in Moab, that cannot be found in any other state. On that day the Four Corners Association, comprised of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona confer the four Chapter Degrees. This year Utah will have the Most Excellent Master Degree, Colorado the Royal Arch, New Mexico the Past Master and Arizona the Mark Master. Each state brings its own properties and costumes, and do their work in their own manner. Last year we had 14 candidates from the four states at Page, Arizona.

Moab is on a Bonanza Air Lines route. It is one of the centers of the many parks and monuments in Utah. Nearby are the Arches National Monument, Natural Bridges National Monument, Canyonland National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Monument Valley. Not too far are many other parks and monuments for those who would drive.

Fraternally and courteously,

Alvin B. Lowe

Correspondent for the Utah Grand Bodies.

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*M.W. Brother Robert V. Osborne, P.G.C., Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin at the date of the letter, received the following from H. T. Rogers, Masonic Home Administrator, regarding the work of "The Knights of the Round Table."*

May 27, 1968

Dear Bro. Osborne:

Bro. George Petrie, the founder of a newly formed organization named "The Knights of the Round Table," visited the Home on Saturday and presented each of our guests who is a Sir Knight with a life membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which had been brought and paid for by the Knights of the Round Table. They have done the same thing for the Sir Knights of the Florida Masonic Home and have similar plans for all of the Masonic Homes in America.

The emotions clearly visible on the face of Bro. Crozier, age 94, who is himself blind, clearly demonstrated the meaning that this honor held for him and the other Sir Knights in the Home.

As Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin and a Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar, I believe you will appreciate an awareness of the charitable efforts of this group.

Fraternally and sincerely,

H. T. Rogers  
Administrator

Billings, Montana  
May 28, 1968

Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M.  
Rhinebeck, New York

Dear Sir Knight DeLamater:

Sunday, May 26, I was asked to visit the installation ceremonies of Golden Valley Assembly No. 67, Order of Rainbow for Girls, at Lavina, Montana. Also was honored in being accorded the privilege of presenting them with a facsimile certificate of their Associate Patronship in the K.T. Eye Foundation.

Their official certificate had not been received. Thus a substitute was made up and presented.

This event was rather outstanding, in view of Lavina being a small ranching community of a hundred or so people. One of the girls had been afflicted with some blindness and this was the reason they adopted the program. Also, P.C. Hugh W. Willson of Rygate was one of their promoters. Actually he is in the middle of ANYTHING York Rite in that area—a dedicated Templar.

Yours in Templary,

Elwood I. Naugle, G.C.

A June 10 letter from Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, Louisville, Kentucky, corrects the records by pointing out that Mayfield Commandery, Kentucky, is No. 49, rather than No. 94. A June story carried the higher number. Kentucky has 33 Commanderies.

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Dear Sir Knight Paul:

The picture shows Worshipful Master James R. Cohler of Kenosha Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M. (Kenosha, Wisconsin) when he presented a check from the Lodge to Eminent Commander Chester I. Tower at his installation on April 24th. The check was for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and was in the amount of \$100.00 making the Lodge a Patron of the Foundation.

Kenosha tries to do its share for this Great Humanitarian Charity. In addition to the above check our Commandery donated \$100.00, our Commandery Auxiliary donated \$50.00, our Eastern Star donated \$50.00, our White Shrine donated \$25.00, there have been memorials in the amount of \$121.00, we have 46 Life Sponsors at \$30.00 each (our membership is 300), and two non Commandery friends have donated \$25.00 and \$30.00. This gives us a total of \$1,881.00 so far, and we are hoping to increase this considerably this year.

We recently held our 6th Annual York Rite Past Officers Recognition Nite. Grand Master Robert V. Osborne, Governor Arthur N. Gail (of Wisconsin York Rite College No. 21), and two Grand Officers of the Chapter were at the dinner, which was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. As usual, we closed with some musical entertainment.

At present we are working on our annual York Rite picnic, and have started working on our 12th Annual York Rite Assembly which is to be held November 4th through the 9th.

—H. D. Williams, Secretary

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*A June 12 letter from Gordon J. Brenner, P.G.C., Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership, tells of Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation contributions in New Jersey.*

May 25, 1968

Dear Paul:

Today I have sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. at Rhinebeck, New York, a remittance of \$50.00 for an Associate Patron Certificate on behalf of Golden Valley Assembly No. 67, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Ryegate, Montana, of which Mrs. Edythe Dale, of Ryegate, 59074, is the Mother Advisor.

Dear Paul:

I am writing to you as the Grand Recorder of New Jersey in regards to the voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund Campaign.

I have been directed by our Grand Commander to inform you we have collected approximately \$1,900.00 to this date. Since all of our Constituent Commanderies have not reported I prefer not to close this account out.

While Ryegate is the county seat of Golden Valley County, it has a population of only 314 and it is very commendable that these young ladies would take this action in support of our Eye Foundation Program.

In the same mail, I also sent remittances from two Commanderies in connection with the 86 day fund drive and one of those was from Palestine Commandery No. 18, of Harlowton, Montana, in whose jurisdiction Ryegate is situated. This check was for \$41.00, and according to a letter from Sir Knight Hugh H. Willson, Chairman of the Eye

Cordially and courteously,  
Gordon J. Brenner  
Grand Recorder

Foundation Committee for the Commandery, "Palestine Commandery had a pancake supper before Blue Lodge communications at Harlowton and Ryegate. It seemed to be well received and carried our message of the Eye Foundation to these Blue Lodges."

Courteously yours,  
William A. Thaanum  
Grand Recorder

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*A letter from Commander T. R. Vawter and Recorder Harry D. Duston, Jefferson Commandery No. 39, Lakewood, Colorado, extends a special invitation to summer visitors to Colorado.*

JEFFERSON COMMANDERY No. 39  
Golden Temple  
Golden, Colorado

To All Sir Knights visiting in the Denver, Colorado area during July and August 1968

Greetings

We invite you to visit and participate in our Conclaves during your visit here.

Jefferson Commandery will have a Pot Luck Dinner July 5, 1968. After dinner we will repair to the asylum to enjoy an address by our own H. Baird Whitaker, R. E. Grand Commander of Colorado, on the benefits of your Masonry to a community. We invite all Masonic groups and their families and friends to spend this evening with us.

We also will be in our asylum August 2, 1968. All Sir Knights welcome.

Other York Rite activities will be open to you during July and August. You may obtain information from our Grand Recorder, Charles Stott. Office telephone—623-5825, House telephone—424-0298.

Harry D. Duston, Recorder  
3115 Isabell Street  
Golden, Colo. 80401

T. R. Vawter  
Commander  
890 Irving St.  
Denver, Colorado 80204

Sir Knight Armor Mathesen,  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery, Minnesota

Dear Sir Knight Mathesen,

I have been informed that you might be interested in knowing what the ladies organizations in Minnesota have been doing for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Our report for the past five years is as follows:

1964 .....	\$ 2,150.00
1965 .....	\$ 2,081.00
1966 .....	\$ 2,115.00
1967 .....	\$ 2,130.00
1968 .....	\$ 2,250.00
Total .....	\$10,726.00

We, the members of St. Paul Assembly No. 53, Social Order of Beauceant, have been happy to have a part in this very worthy project.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mrs. Clarence W. Fagerstrom, Rec.  
St. Paul Assembly No. 53,  
S.O.O.B.

*The following letter to Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master, is self-explanatory.*

Dear Sir Knight Crofts:

In compliance with your General Order No. 2, January 1, 1968, A.O. 50, we are very pleased, indeed, to forward herewith all proceeds from contributions by individual members and donations of the special fund-raising campaign by Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, K.T. Enclosed please find 51 checks totaling \$4,175.00.

We are very grateful for the enthusiastic cooperation of our members and the splendid response from our relatively small community in Saudi Arabia. Our membership as of last annual report is 126.

We consider it a privilege to have had a part in this campaign to provide funds for the services of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Courteously and sincerely,  
Werner F. Ehrhardt, Commander

## THE PIKE'S PEAK MEMORIAL DEPOSIT

*Sir Knight Roy W. Riegler, R.E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, and Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kansas, relays a personal account of a visit of inspection to the unique Memorial Deposit on the lofty summit of Pike's Peak, Colorado.*



Each year it is one of the important duties of the Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas to inspect the Memorial Deposit, situated on the summit of the towering and historic Pike's Peak. In performance of that duty, I went to Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Sunday, July 30, 1967. I was met by Companions Ray H. Slaybaugh, Deputy Grand Master; Earl Slayton, Grand Treasurer and Charles R. Stott, Grand Recorder, all of the Grand Council of Colorado; also by Sir Knight Byron E. Thady, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Colorado; Theodore E. Oltmanns and Douglas Oltmanns, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Mrs. Slayton.

We ascended Pike's Peak on the Cog Train. We inspected the Memorial Deposit and found it secure and in splendid condition. The public, as well as Masons, is invited and strongly urged to view this Deposit when on a trip to the top of Pike's Peak.

The idea of a Memorial Deposit was born of a jest. November 22, 1898, Ellsworth Council U. D. No. 9, Ellsworth, Kansas, held an Assembly for work in the Crypt. Fifty-seven companions were greeted that evening and many more were expected. However, forty eight hours before the Assembly, an old-fashioned Kansas snow storm swept over the state. Railroad trains were delayed. Telegrams of regrets

poured in from candidates unable to get there. Companion Edward W. Wellington, who, at one time or the other, was head of all the Grand Bodies in Kansas, and who served as General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and also as Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, was the prime mover of the Ellsworth Assembly. Naturally, he was somewhat disappointed that the elements had given many candidates cause for not being present, and he exclaimed; "Well, if the boys can't stand it to wade through this snow to get the Cryptic degrees, I'll take them out to Colorado next summer and make them climb Pike's Peak for the degrees."

Thus the idea originated and became a living fact. The uniqueness of the idea excited great interest among Masons. The affair was advertised extensively through newspapers and inquiries came from many parts of the country. The idea developed rapidly. The movement was approved by the Grand Councils of Kansas and Colorado, and by the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council. The consent of the United States Government, which owned the Peak, was given by the Secretary of the Interior. All necessary dispensations were issued, dates agreed upon, routes planned, prospectus issued, and loyal Masons were assigned to various committees and duties, all under the direction of Companion Wellington. The Colorado

companions, throughout the entire Pilgrimage, were loyal and cooperative.

The special features of the pilgrimage contemplated a Pullman excursion to Colorado; four days of outing in the Rockies, a daylight trip over scenic central Colorado; two days around Manitou; a pilgrimage to Pike's Peak; several days of sightseeing in and around Denver; exemplification of the Cryptic Degrees in Denver on a most elaborate scale, and finally, a banquet there to be tendered by the Ellsworth Council to the M. P. General Grand Master, Bradford Nichol, Nashville, Tennessee, and his associate General Grand Officers.

Special trains ran over the Santa Fe, Rock Island, Union Pacific and Burlington Railways. Passenger cars were marked on each side by a huge sign saying: "Cryptic Rite Pilgrimage to Colorado, August 6 to 13, 1899. Ellsworth Council No. 9, Ellsworth, Kansas." Every member, visitor and candidate was given a handsomely designed and numbered badge. Each registered companion was furnished with a special password "Kanorado," a combination formed from the names of Kansas and Colorado, an elegantly illustrated souvenir prospectus, and admission tickets for reserved seats for the various entertainments and gatherings. Many distinguished Craftsmen from Kansas, Colorado and other Jurisdictions joined in the Pilgrimage.

The Ellsworth Council had been regularly opened in full form in Ellsworth on August 5, 1899. The Council convened August 9th, 1899, in a special assembly in a safely guarded crypt in the stone building erected by the U.S. Government as a signal station of the summit of Pike's Peak. Here, and later at Denver, a total of two hundred and three Royal Arch Masons, representing eleven states and territories, were greeted as companions.

In the evening, two days later, the Council repaired to the Broadway Theater in Denver, where the Ellsworth Council conferred the Cryptic degrees before a large audience. The stage was set with special scenery painted for the occasion by the finest scenic artists in the country, with furniture and paraphernalia selected from the best equipped Councils in Kansas and Colorado. Participants were se-



Sir Knight Riegler, left, stands at the Memorial Deposit with Ray H. Slaybaugh, now Grand Master of Grand Council of Colorado; Charles R. Stott, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery of Colorado; and Elmer Trayton, M.I.P.G.M., presently Grand Treasurer, Grand Council of Colorado.

lected with care, and they were correctly costumed historically. During the Select Master's degree, the Memorial Deposit was properly consecrated to its purpose. The following articles were deposited within the casket at this time: Book of the Law, Masonic Square and Compass; history of Cryptic Masonry; copies of the Proceedings of the General Grand Council, the Grand Councils of Kansas and Colorado, and of Ellsworth Council No. 9; photographs of important officers; history of the Colorado Pilgrimage by Companion Bestor G. Brown; a complete list of all Royal and Select Masters registered upon the pilgrimage; copies of official itinerary; invitations; programs; Denver daily newspapers; three phials containing Kansas corn, wine and oil; a keystone with the general mark of the Craft thereon; a copy of the triangular plate of gold; a masonic trowel; and the United States flag. The casket was then closed and sealed.

On August 16th, 1899, the Memorial Deposit was borne by Companion Wellington and his associates, to the top of Pike's Peak, where it was placed in a vault which had been dug out of a huge rock. The Deposit was covered by a triangular plate two inches thick, and



## CADET NITE AT WEST POINT

West Point Chapter No. 344 of National Sojourners was the setting for an impressive ceremony May 9, when 17 cadets at the Military Academy were obligated as members of that national organization of soldier Masons. These cadets had just been made Master Masons in West Point Lodge No. 877, Highland Falls, New York, May 4. They were commissioned Second Lieutenants June 5, 1968. It was inspiring to welcome such a group of active young Masons who will soon be leaving to carry out our ideals in Viet-Nam.

The guest speaker was Lt. Gen. Herman Nickerson, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, U.S. Marine Corps, a 33rd Degree Mason, whose message on conditions in Viet-Nam was extremely well received. The General is a very active Mason and contributes much to Masonry by his appearances on behalf of the Craft.

Also in attendance was the National President of National Sojourners, Col. Ray J. Cunningham, Sunnyvale, California, as well as many other Officers of National Sojourners and distinguished Masons of the West Point area. Four Hundred fifty-seven Brethren attended the meeting; another 135 had to turned away because of space limitations.

—*Masonic Service Association of the United States*

securely anchored at each of the three corners.

This passed into history one of the most unique Masonic events of the century. This Memorial Deposit, resting upon the snow-capped, cloud-wreathed summit of Pike's Peak, proclaims to future ages that even there, amid the warring elements of Heaven, the mystic trowel has been wielded in the service of the Cryptic Rite. This Deposit shall remain as the sacred trust and treasure of the Grand Council of Kansas, for a period of one hundred years. At the close of the 20th century, it will be opened and restored to the Grand Council of Kansas, in whose possession we trust it will ever remain.

## HUGH dePAYENS CELEBRATES 2,000th CONCLAVE

Hugh dePayens Commandery No. 1, Jersey City, New Jersey, celebrated its 2,000th Conclave recently. Several hundred Sir Knights and Royal Arch Masons attended the gala affair.



Pictured l. to r.: Sir Knight Charles W. Glade, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey; Sir Knight Archibald G. Smith, P.G.C. of New Jersey and honorary member of Hugh dePayens Commandery No. 1; Sir Knight R. Palmer Hollister, R. E. Grand Commander of New Jersey; Sir Knight Raymond B. Holtz, P.G.C., and Sir Knight John Wanko, Commander of Hugh dePayens Commandery No. 1.

Sir Knight Glade is Past Commander of Hugh dePayens Commandery. Sir Knight Smith is the second oldest member of Grand Encampment and Sir Knight Holtz is Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master of the Third Veil of Grand Royal Arch Chapter International and Past Potentate of Salaam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Sir Knight Wanko is also the Grand Master of the Second Veil of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey.

## ATTENTION! All Knights Templar

Please help the Recorder of your Constituent Commandery by furnishing, if there is any doubt, your correct current address, including zip code.

Each Recorder is now engaged in compiling an every-member list of names and addresses. It is necessary that these lists be kept up-to-date. Your cooperation will help.

## Largest Class of Candidates Knighted by Elkanah



Northern Minnesota Masonic history was believed made April 6 when Elkanah Commandery, No. 30, Knights Templar, of Bemidji knighted 35 candidates, the largest class ever to be received in a single ceremonial by the Bemidji Commandery and possibly the largest class in the northern portion of the state.

The conferring of the Degree of the Temple was done by officers and past commanders of Elkanah Commandery in a ceremonial which took most of a day and ended with a dinner. Visiting Knights came from Duluth, a number of Range towns and other points in Northern Minnesota.

The candidates from Bemidji were: Douglas W. Cann, Richard L. Dickinson and Earl S. Dickinson. From Hines was Bruce D. Collins, from Tenstrike, Robert A. Falk and from Blackduck, Dan Savich, Jr. From Nashwauk was Rudolph E. Larson and from Remer, Robert V. Phipps. Four Deer River candidates were Thomas E. Giles, James Harwood,

Earnest B. Kinder and Allen C. Peterson.

The 22 Grand Rapids men knighted were: Warren H. Anderson, David Aurell, Conley J. Baucon, Irvin E. Biersdorff, Robert O. Black, Thomas G. Corcoran, Carl J. Dunkeblarger, Ronald E. Ferneris, Noble M. Hall, Richard F. Harwood, Roger C. Hopperton, Harry M. Johnson, Harold R. Kinnunen, Raymond W. Litehke, Raymond M. Lowery, Miles P. Melhie, Oral A. Olson, Selvin E. Sampson, Robert F. Shaw, Howard W. Sutrland, Thomas C. Swentkefski and Terry D. Taylor. (Photo by Schelring)

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Coming—next month: "Let Us Put on the Armour of Light," a timely reflection by Sir Knight George W. Nilsson, of Los Angeles, California.

## Upper Room Tabernacle Dinner

Pictured following the May 7 Annual Dinner of Upper Room Tabernacle, HRAKTP, Stone Mountain Inn, Decatur, Georgia: l. to r.: The Grand Encampment's Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser and Mrs. Rodenhauser; Sir Knight James E. Moseley, P.G.C., Grand Recorder of Georgia, and Mrs. Moseley; Sir Knight John F. Kaufman and Mrs. Kaufman. Sir Knight Kaufman, Brunswick, is Preceptor of Upper Room Tabernacle. The dinner is annually associated with the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.



## Masonic Communion and Breakfast in Berkshires

The hills of the Berkshire Mountains provided the setting for the 28th Annual Communion and Breakfast of the Columbia Masonic District, Sunday, May 5. Approximately one hundred seventy-five attended the service at St. John's in the Wilderness Church, Copake Falls, N.Y.

The Rev. and Brother John B. Byers, Jr., pastor of the church, conducted the service. Lafayette Commandery, No. 7, headed by Edgar M. Brooks, acted as Honor Guard.

Breakfast followed the service at the Roeliff Jansen Central School Cafeteria in Hillsdale, under the direction of Sister Mrs. Rose Rollniek, school dietician.

"Patriotism and the Teaching of Masonic Brotherhood" was the topic of guest speaker, State Senator and Brother Dalwin J. Niles, 41st District.



**MARCHING THROUGH THE LINES.** l. to r.: W. Henry Croteau, Jr., Senator Dalwin J. Niles and Clyde L. Sheldon, D.D.G.M. Shown in the background is the Lafayette Commandery No. 7, Hudson, N. Y.

The breakfast was sponsored by the Masters and Wardens Association of the Columbia District, President W. Henry Croteau Jr. acted as General Chariman.

### Sabbatical Leave Granted Grand Prelate Junker

The Rev. Dr. Curtis W. V. Junker, Grand Prelate, has recently been granted a Sabbatical leave from Trinity Parish, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to study in Europe and the United States.

The vestry resolution pertaining to the Sabbatical read as follows: "Resolved by the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Parish that the tenth year of his leadership be honored by awarding to the Rev. Dr. Curtis W. V. Junker a Sabbatical leave for the purpose of continuing education in fields which will be enriching to his future ministry and to the ministry of his parish in the present ecumenical age. Such Sabbatical to begin on July 2, and to include the six weeks following; then to resume with the Michalmas Term, September 29, and continue through the Candlemas Term, ending in the vicinity of Easter, 1969.

"Be it further resolved that we wish him Godspeed and a fruitful period of enriching study, looking forward to his return with renewed insight and leadership in the coming years of mission and witness through Trinity Parish."

### \$4,000 IN CASH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED PENNSYLVANIA DEMOLAYS

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, presented scholarship awards for this Foundation.

The scholarship awards are based upon academic promise, service to DeMolay, Church, School and Community. Applicants for the scholarships must have been accepted for admission into a college.

For 1968 six awards of \$333.33 and one of \$2,000.00 were made. The scholarship recipients were:

Alan G. Lenhardt, Mt. Vernon Chapter, Hazleton.

Thomas H. Morrison, Greenville Chapter, Greenville

Gary R. Martin, Tancred Chapter, E. McKeesport

Perry A. Weyant, Hollidaysburg Chapter, Hollidaysburg

T. Bradley Stouffer, Pilgrim Chapter, Harrisburg

Robert A. Wahl, Reading Chapter, Reading

Wayne L. Garrett, Chester Chapter, Chester \$2,000.00.

## Sir Knight Gorman Honored at Retirement



One hundred sixty-five long-time associates and their wives honored Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman, Department Commander of the South Pacific Department, upon his retirement as Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Nevada. The dinner party was held at Eugene's, May 20, in Reno, Nevada.

Sir Knight Gorman was presented with a complete golf outfit and clubs, along with an Aecutron wristwatch, in appreciation for more than 30 years of service with the largest banking institution in Nevada.

Among a series of Resolutions, adopted by friends and associates, it was "resolved therefore, that the friends and associates of Harold S. Gorman, who have been privileged to walk a greater or a lesser part of the road of his life with him hold the firm conviction that their lives have been enriched and made more meaningful for having known him along the way; that it is their hope his blessings will be manifold and his happiness unlimited; that he know for certain the affection in which they hold him will not diminish nor will their admiration lessen."

Regarded as "cheerful, kind, quick with a quip, interested in other people's problems—and ever ready to lend a hand in community activities" by the *Nevada State Journal* of Saturday, June 1, Sir Knight Gorman has been active in civic affairs. He was a member, then Vice-president in 1950-1 and President in 1952, of the Reno Chamber of Commerce; a member, then President in 1943-44, of the Rotary Club of Reno; a member of the Advisory Board of Washoe County Civil Defense; a member of Regional Export Expansion Council of the U.S. Department of Commerce; and a Director of the United Fund of Washoe County.

Department Commander Gorman is also identified with various Masonic offices including: Trustee Reno Lodge No. 13 F. and A.M.; Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, Nevada; member of Grand Commandery Finance Committee; Nevada State Chairman, Educational Foundation; Past Commander of DeWitt Clinton Commander No. 1; Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Nevada; Past Intendant General Red Cross of Constantine; member Reno Chapter No. 7, R.A.M.; Kerak Temple of the Shrine; Royal Order of Jesters; and Department Commander, South Pacific Department, Grand Encampment.



Friends and associates honoring Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman at retirement party are, seated, l. to r.: W. W. Hopper, Pres. FNB, 1937-52; Mrs. Arthur Smith; F. S. Huber, Executive Vice Pres., Western Bancorporation; Mrs. Harold Gorman; Arthur Smith, Pres. FNB; Mrs. G. K. Prather; Harold S. Gorman; and standing: E. J. Wait, former Executive Vice Pres., FNB; G. K. Prather, Vice Chairman of the Board, FNB; Mrs. Richard H. Gorman; Richard H. Gorman (son of Harold S. Gorman); Mrs. E. J. Wair; C. F. Wentz, Pres. FNB, 1934-37; Mrs. F. S. Huber.

## JULY 4TH, 1776

By S. L. DeLove

The Birthday of America is the most important day in our history, and one of the most significant days in World History.

America was not discovered by Columbus in 1492. The continent was, but there was no America, that is, United States of America, until July 4, 1776. It was not until that date that the American emerged as a distinct entity. We were united in common goals and purposes. We pledged allegiance to a common philosophy of government and America began her destiny in the family of nations with courage, daring and determination steeled in the marrow of her people's bones.



Today, 192 years later, America is the nation of nations. Here, starting with a guard scarcely sufficient to defend the Jamestown stockade against a few naked Indians, we grew to over 200 million people. Our achievements in the fields of sciences, commerce, industry and technology are phenomenal, unmatched and unparalleled by any nation or group of nations in history. This huge and empty land has been filled with homes, churches, schools, plants and roads, etc. Our people enjoy the greatest material comforts the world has even known. We have attained the highest standards of living. We are the richest and most powerful nation on earth.

But if this is all of our achievement, if this is all of our accomplishment, then America has contributed but very little to mankind. Our pages of history would not be as unique nor as glorious as they are. However, the American story is the most inspiring of all. Because here on 5% of the earth's sprawling surface took place the greatest moral, political and ideological advance and revolution in history. It was America as an infant republic that left mankind

its greatest legacy, its noblest bequest, your heritage and mine.

It took 5,000 years of human suffering and aspirations untold wars and revolutions, all forms of government and social systems to finally culminate in "The American Ideal." It was America at her birth that introduced *revolutionary political concepts and ideals* and *established social principles* that remain to this day as the standards of justice and morality the world over. They have never been surpassed nor improved, and are acknowledged as "The Ten Commandments" of political science.

It was America that first pioneered and legally recognized that every man has the same relationship with God as every other man, that every man is the child of God with God-giving rights, and correspondingly charged with God-given responsibilities. Here in America originated a new order wherein power was derived from God, vested in the individual, and through his consent conferred to the state. Our declaration for the first time in history proclaimed that all rights come from God, and then are vested in the individual, and he in turn delegates some to the government. Our hallmark of freedom—GOD—INDIVIDUAL—GOVERNMENT.

Here, for the first time, each individual human being was recognized as the equal of his neighbor. Here for the first time, no individual nor any group of individuals, nor the government, could take away, limit or interfere with the inalienable rights of the citizen. A government was founded which adhered to ethical and moral values. The individual emerged as the most important segment of society, the most responsible unit of our republic, the prime source of authority and this noble concept of the individual became the fountainhead of our American character.

Our founding fathers having tasted the bitter oppression of despotic government sought to insure for all time that no segment of government could in time acquire dominion over the others. To this end they retained for the citizen the

prime source of authority; sovereignty for the State, and to the Federal Government they delegated specific powers. They introduced the check-and-balance system. They dispersed powers, distributed authority and decentralized decisions all within the governmental structure. The real source and strength of our American Democracy is the individual citizen. We had our choice—the State or the Individual—and we staked our lives and fortune on the worth of the individual.

America was the first in history to grant and offer to each and every individual true civil rights:

a challenge of achievement,  
 a pride of accomplishment,  
 a pleasure of possession,  
 the honor of responsibility,  
 the reward of incentive and initiative,  
 the fullness of freedom and expression,  
 the security of person and property,  
 and  
 the privacy and primacy of personal rights and worship.

The American Revolution established a new order, a new way of life which grew from a concept of personal freedom and responsibility that extended into all phases of our lives, economic, religious, political and social.

America is not a beginning nor an end. America is a purpose, an ideal never-ending, an ideal eternal. America is a dedication to betterment. Americans may depart, but America is constant. This constitutes the American hallmark of freedom. This is our legacy, yours and mine, and everyone who is fortunate enough to live under her meaningful Stars and Stripes. None but the United States can offer so priceless a heritage to her sons.

Any nation that thinks more of its ease and comfort than its freedom, will soon lose its freedom, and the ironic part is that it will lose its ease and comfort too.

## DETROIT COMMANDERY IN BEAUTIFUL KIRK

One hundred fifty-seven Sir Knights and Officers in full Templar uniform of Detroit Commandery No. 1 and Damascus Commandery No. 42 Knights Templar, closed ranks to file into the magnificent Kirk in the Hills, Boomfield Hills, Michigan, for the Ascension Day Service, Sunday, May 26, according to Ralph Dawson, Publicity Committee.

The Rev. Howard Clifford De Windt, D.D. L.L.D., gave a stirring message, "Go Softly." The host Commander Rowe A. Balmer Detroit No. 1, and his wife, Mary Lee, were joined by Wilber M. Brucker, P.G.M., and his wife, Clara, to serve at the reception that followed.

In spite of a day long storm, approximately 350 Sir Knights and their families made their pilgrimage in near record numbers. The "Kirk," as this church is best known, is one of the most beautiful religious edifices in North America, reports Sir Knight Dawson.

It was modeled after the famed Melrose Abby, Valley of the Tweed, Scotland. It stands majestically on a hill overlooking picturesque Island Lake. The 86 acres of grounds are meticulously groomed.

Sir Knight Dawson credits the congregation as having one of the largest number of families from the Automobile Executive World of any church.

The stained glass windows of the Kirk are priceless. They reflect the entire life of Christ and were patterned after those in Chartres Cathedral, France. Six and one half years were needed to finish them. The Kirk has the largest Carillon in the world, with 77 bells ringing out a rich, vibrant welcome to worshipers every Sunday.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Chester B. Emerson, D.D.  
 R. E. Grand Prelate Emeritus  
 John B. Cottrell, Chairman,  
 Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities

July 28

August 7

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

# THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

**WE CAN DO WHAT WE WILL IF WE BELIEVE**

As I write this message, this administration is just seven days old. If you have been as busy for Templary as I have been during this time I am sure this Grand Commandery will make progress this Templar year. I know those who attended the Conclave in Pittsburgh were much inspired. Let us translate that inspiration into action.

Permit me to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Commander, and for the many expressions of good will received. A big "thank you" to P.G. Commander S. Blair Sponeybarger and his team for a wonderful installation and to all who remained for it.

After the installation I said in part, "I feel that it is time to face up to our responsibilities in the light of our potential. It is time to count our successes or our failures in the light of our potential. If goals are based on numbers, rather than in relation to potential, they

are all too often minimums rather than maximums. I would remind you there is no heavier burden than that of a great potential. Pennsylvania Templary has a great potential. We must face up to that potential."

At the Monday morning conference I outlined our program whereby certain areas of promotion will be emphasized each month. July is set aside for visitation in the home of those prospects we feel should be in Templary. We cannot afford the luxury of a let-down. This is the time when we should insure the success of the year by developing large classes for the fall. There is no substitute for the personal approach. Let us give it a trial.

We can do what we will if we BELIEVE. Let us strengthen our belief with action.

G. Calvin Dyson  
Grand Commander

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An impressive DeMolay Legion of Honor investiture honored outgoing Grand Commander Harold E. Stokely in the Pittsburgh Hilton Ballroom Tuesday, May 28, during the 115th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Officers of the Grand Preceptory of the Legion of Honor for the investiture were: Commander in the East, Charles J. Meek, L.O.H., P.C., District Deputy, Order of DeMolay; Commander in the West, John L. Crofts, Sr., L.O.H., member DeMolay International Supreme Council, M.E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.; Commander in the South, John B. Cottrell, Jr., L.O.H., member, International Supreme Council, Past Department Commander, Grand Encampment; Chaplain, Paul C. Rodenhauser, H.L.O.H., Honorary member, International Supreme Council, R.E. Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment; 1st Preceptor, J. Harvey Moore, L.O.H., P.G.C.; 2nd Preceptor, Harrison C. Hartline, L.O.H., P.G.C.; 3rd Preceptor, Earl A. Zimmer, L.O.H., P.C.; 4th Preceptor, Ferd C. Beinhauer, L.O.H., Chapter Advisor; 5th Preceptor, R. Paul Landstrom, L.O.H., P.C.; 6th Preceptor, S. Blair Sponeybarger, L.O.H., P.G.C.; Leroy P. Tietbohl, L.O.H., former Division Commander; Marshal, Robert F. Start, L.O.H., E.C.; Herald, Frank A. Arturo, P.C., Chapter Advisor.

**A RECORD OF SERVICE: G. CALVIN DYSON,  
R.E. GRAND COMMANDER**

**Compiled by Sir Knight Frank W. Bobb, P.C., Mary No. 36**

G. Calvin Dyson was born May 17, 1910, in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of George H. and Margaret Hamill Dyson. He was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and is a graduate of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Sir Knight Dyson was engaged in the insurance industry for 41 years. He retired early from an executive position with the Insurance Company of North America in order to devote his time both to Church and to Masonry, particularly the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. He is widely known for his activities in the Presbytery. He has been an Elder in the Abington Presbyterian Church, Abington, Pa., for more than thirty years.

Sir Knight Dyson was married to Marion C. Mitchell on February 12, 1921. They have two children: G. Calvin Dyson, Jr., a member of Frankford Commander, No. 92, of which his father is a Past Commander; and a daughter Mrs. Ruth Dyson Ludwig.

In addition to his other interests Sir Knight Dyson has also had many civic responsibilities. He has been active in the Y.M.C.A., and has been a member of the Speakers Bureau for the Pennsylvania War Finance Committee, the Red Cross, and the United Fund. During World War II, he was involved in promoting the Red Cross Blood Bank and held the distinction of personally contributing three gallons of blood.

Sir Knight Dyson's Masonic Record is:

LODGE—Member and trustee of Frankford Lodge, No. 292, F. & A.M.

CHAPTER—Past High Priest of Siloam Royal Arch Chapter, No. 226.

COUNCIL—Deputy Illustrious Master, Germantown Council, Royal and Select Masters, No. 53.

COMMANDERY — Past Commander of Frankford Commandery, No. 92, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. Eminent Grand Marshal of Grand Commandery, 1952, and a Trustee of the Grand Commandery, 1958-1963. Past Division Commander, Division No. 1, and a Past President of Line Officers and Past

Commanders' Association, Division No. 1.

SCOTTISH RITE—A 32<sup>o</sup> Mason, member of Benjamin Franklin Consistory, A.A.S.R., Valley of Philadelphia.

OTHERS—He is also a member of Erin Council, No. 63, Knight Masons; Pennsylvania York Rite College; Royal Order of Scotland; Philadelphia Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; Triune Tabernacle No. VII, Grand Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and Northeast Shrine Club.

Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, Wilkes-Barre, has begun the use of a productive "mailer," which is offered to other interested Commanderies, and which is explained in the following letter:

Sir Knights:

A congratulatory form has been sent to every newly raised Master Mason in the Wilkes-Barre area the day after he was raised in his Lodge. It has proved to be a most effective "foot in the door" for receiving York Rite petitions for initiation and membership. It has worked so well that a competitive body indicated that it was considering adopting this method of securing petitions for their Rite. In order to insure retention of this form for the York Rite, The York Rite of Free Masonry of Wilkes-Barre (a local organization) has copyrighted the form for our own private use. However, we will be happy to share our forms with any York Rite body which might desire to use them. We have made a sizable printing. The forms can be procured from us on a cost plus mailing charge which amounts to \$10.00 per hundred (including envelopes) plus postage. If we can be of service to you, please advise The York Rite of Free-Masonry of Wilkes-Barre.

Harry H. Ritts, Jr. or

Peter G. George

Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45  
24 North Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre



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**GRAND COMMANDER'S ITINERARY**

as of June 5, 1968

- July 8 No. 92 Drill Corps Outing  
13 Mt. Vernon Commandery — Ham and Egg Supper — Angela Park  
Rt. 309  
28 Division No. 1 Barge Trip — Delaware Canal
- August 23-24 North Atlantic Department Conference
- September 6 116th Annual Conclave Committee  
21 Division No. 10 Reception — Dubois  
28 Division No. 6 Reception — Huntington
- October 5 100th Anniversary — Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31, Mahanoy City  
6-7 Grand Commandery of Ohio — Columbus  
9 Lu Lu Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Knight Templar Nite  
10 Mary Commandery No. 36 — 98th Anniversary  
12 11th Division Reception — Irem Temple C.C.  
13 De le Veut Commandery No. 45, Breakfast and Praise Service —  
Irem Temple C.C.  
18 Division No. 8 Reception  
19 Division No. 2 Reception — Pittsburgh  
26 Division No. 17 Reception
- November 2 Philadelphia York Rite Assembly — Chapter 100 Anniversary  
Hutchinson Commandery No. 32  
6 Philadelphia York Rite Assembly — Council  
9 Philadelphia York Rite Assembly — Commandery  
16 Division No. 14 Reception — Sunbury  
23 Division No. 5 Reception — Coatesville  
30 Division No. 9 — Allentown
- December 7 Presidents and Past Presidents Dinner — Philadelphia  
15 Division No. 15-16 Reception — Hanover — Tentative  
16 Christmas Breakfast — Columbia
- January 3 116th Annual Conclave Committee  
6 175th Anniversary, Lodge No. 62 — Reading
- February 7 Conference of Grand Officers  
8 Division No. 1 Reception — Philadelphia
- March 7 116th Annual Conclave Committee  
11 Frankford Lodge No. 292 — York Rite Nite  
15 4th Division Reception  
22 100th Anniversary Observance of York Rite Masonry in Columbia  
29 Division No. 13 Reception — Scranton
- April 19 Allen Auxiliary Dinner — Tentative  
26-27 Gettysburg Ascension Service
- May 25-28 116th Annual Grand Conclave

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**Fifth Division York Rite Festival**

A York Rite Festival in Masonic Temple, Chester, May 18 brought 15 candidates into Christian Masonry. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred by St. Albans Commandery No. 47, Springfield; the Order of Malta was conferred in full form by Cypress Commandery, No. 93, Oxford, and the Order of the Temple by Chester Commandery, No. 66 of Chester. Chester was the host Commandery under the direction of Eminent Commander Robert F. Stark. The Division Commander of Division No. 5 is Sir Knight Willard W. Heiney, P.C., Cypress Commandery No. 93.

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James Robertson  
 Connecticut  
 Grand Commander — 1960  
 Born January 11, 1901  
 Died May 4, 1968

Elmer J. Hill  
 Minnesota  
 Grand Commander — 1963  
 Born April 23, 1903  
 Died May 20, 1968

John A. Johnson  
 Minnesota  
 Grand Commander — 1943  
 Born October 20, 1890  
 Died May 19, 1968

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded us to make known the good news of thy love to all nations: Help us so to experience thy forgiveness, grace, and peace that we may want all other people to share those blessings also and to come into the family of thy Father, to whom be all gratitude, love, and praise for ever and ever.

## CALIFORNIA'S YOUNGEST COMMANDERY OFFERS GALA RECEPTION FOR GRAND MASTER

EMINENT COMMANDER FRASER M. CROFTS, VALLEY COMMANDERY NO. 75, OFFICIALLY RECEIVES HIS BROTHER, JOHN L. CROFTS, SR., MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT, AT SAN FERNANDO, APRIL 27. FOUR HUNDRED GREET MRS. FRASER M. AND MRS. JOHN L. CROFTS, AND EMINENT COMMANDER AND GRAND MASTER CROFTS DURING VALLEY COMMANDERY RECEPTION.

*James F. Raymond, Correspondent, writes that what the brother said to the brother was not recorded, but that they generally reminisced about their earlier years and shared their views on Templary. Says Raymond, "The brothers and their ladies set a congenial social environment and personally greeted each of those present for the Reception." In addition to Grand Commander Lovell E. Spurgeon and other Grand Commandery officers, the Reception by Valley Commandery was attended by 16 Commanders and 12 Inspectors.*

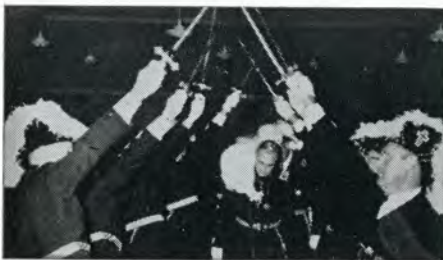


Sir Knight Fraser M. Crofts, Eminent Commandery of Valley Commandery No. 75, San Fernando, California had the uniquely pleasant experience of officially receiving his brother, Most Eminent Grand Master

John L. Crofts, Sr., April 27, when Valley Commandery No. 75, California's newest and fast-growing Commandery, turned out 400 strong to salute the sovereign head of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Below, members of the Valley Commandery escort present an arch of steel for the Most Eminent Grand Master.

Valley Commandery, chartered in 1964, began its existence with 90 members. Today, four years later, the membership roster stands at 402. Thirty-nine were knighted in March of the current year. Correspondent Raymond reports: "Leadership is the keynote."

Sir Knight Raymond describes the Reception as a "once in a lifetime" event, with an abundance of enthusiasm and Templar fellowship. Refreshments for the more than 400 in attendance were served by the wives of the officers of Valley Commandery. The Reception followed the 110th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California, when Lovell E. Spurgeon was elected R.E. Grand Commander, succeeding Allan S. Mason.



The Grand Commander, the Grand Master and Valley Commandery's Eminent Commander are pictured at San Fernando. Left to right: Sir Knights Spurgeon, John L. Crofts, Sr., and Fraser M. Crofts.

## FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

### Ashland, Kentucky

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight George E. Hobbs was signally honored by Ashland Commandery No. 28, after attending the York Rite Festival at Paducah, Kentucky, April 13. On April 27, the Eastern Kentucky York Rite Bodies, Ashland, Kentucky, closed their Spring Festival with 22 candidates, and the class was named the "George E. Hobbs Class."

Sir Knight Hobbs will close his year as Grand Commander of Kentucky at the Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery in September at Louisville, Kentucky. Eastern Kentucky Sir Knights are very proud of Sir Knight Hobbs for his fine leadership. Ashland Commandery No. 28, the Grand Commander's home Comman-



George E. Hobbs Class—Ashland, Ky.

dery, had a gain of membership with the help of Sir Knight Hobbs. He participated in another great event of York Rite Masonry when the York Rite Bodies at Ashland had a "one day" festival June 8, with 20 candidates in the "Curtis B. Coates Class." Sir Knight Coates is a member of the York Rite Bodies and a member of Priority No. 25, Knights York Cross of Honor. A "one day" festival will be conferred again in the fall, says Past Commander Curtis B. Coates.

### Florence, South Carolina

Degrees and Orders from Mark Master through the Order of the Temple were conferred at a "one-day" York Rite Festival in Masonic Temple, Florence, South Carolina, Saturday, April 27.



Fourteen Chapters participated in the festival at Campbell Chapter No. 31, R.A.M. One hundred fifteen candidates received the Degree of Royal Arch Mason. One hundred seventeen were greeted in council and 128 were dubbed by Sir Knight T. Scott Godfrey, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, South Carolina.

Among the Grand Officers and leading Masons present were: Thomas B. Clark, Sr., Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R.A.M., South Carolina; Dan T. Lambright, Grand Master, Grand Council of South Carolina; Claude D. Robertson, Grand King; Robert F. Secrest, Grand Seribe; and Sir Knight J. H. Mathis, Deputy Grand Commander. Also Sir Knight Andrew C. Gramling, Jr., Grand Captain General; Hugh N. Layne, Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina; Past Grand High Priest W. N. Bradford, Past Grand Masters Thomas A. Bolt, J. O. Cartrette, Mendel C. Jeanes and Marion L. Watson, and Past Grand Commanders Thomas B. Clark, Jr. and J. B. McGuirt.

## Denver, Colorado

The Central York Rite Association of Metropolitan Denver Spring Festival at Englewood Masonic Temple, Saturday, April 27, and Saturday, May 4, included a class of 33, in honor of Robert W. "Bud" Cleghorn, Illustrious Potentate of El Jebel Shrine.

The Capitular Degrees were conferred by Denver Chapter No. 2, Aurora Chapter No. 61, Highlands Chapter No. 39 and South Denver Chapter No. 42; other Chapters in the area assisted. Cryptic Degrees were conferred by Aurora Council No. 25 and Jefferson Council No. 24, other Councils assisting. The Super Excellent Degree was presented by the combined Councils.

Highlands Commandery No. 30 and Lakewood Commandery No. 39 conferred the Order of the Red Cross; Colorado Commandery No. 1 and Denver Com-



mandery No. 25, the Order of Malta. The Order of the Temple was conferred by Coronal Commandery No. 36, assisted by Mt. Sinai No. 7, Ascalon No. 31, Colorado No. 1 and Denver No. 25.

Notables with the class, front row, l. to r.: Carl J. Baesemann, Dept. Commander, North Pacific Dept.; Illustrious Potentate Robert W. Cleghorn, El Jebel Shrine; Illustrious Grand Master Ray H. Shaybaugh, Grand Council; Grand Commander H. Baird Whitaker; Grand High Priest Clarence L. Bartholic, Grand R.A.M. Chapter; and Robert E. Newman, Class Director.

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## Morristown, New Jersey

Saturday, May 11 was the date for the Howard F. Barrett Class of candidates at Odo De St. Amand Commandery No. 12, Morristown, New Jersey. The class honored the 50 year service of Sir Knight Barrett, who died in March after announcement of the recognition.

Team captains for the Order of the Red Cross were: Charles A. Williamson, P.C.; Robert G. Moser, C.G.; Charles Diani, Std. B. The Order of Malta was under the direction of Marcus A. Northrup, P.C.; Rudolph A. Herzig, G.; John R. Lookoff. Robert L. Vannote, P.G.C., was team captain for the Order of the Temple.



Members from New Jersey are, front row, l. to r.: Homer J. Hack, Alan D. Schweitzer, Franklyn Arnstein, Henry C. Lam, Louis Concialdi; second row, Norman B. Moore, E.C.; David Mills, Jr., James C. A. MacMillan, Russell V. Schultz, Gerald N. Nulton, Paul R. Stewart, Thomas G. Valteau, Rudolph A. Herzig, G.; third row, Arthur Scantlebury, Harry W. Michas, David P. Myers, George Chase, Helmut Lichtenberg, John P. A. Harrison, Henry L. Evans.

Fourth row, Malta Corps: George Merz, Jr., P.C.; Marcus A. Northrup, P.C.; James Robinson, P.C.; Jean Boulander, Samuel R. Van Orden, P.C.; fifth row, Samuel Marcus, P.C.; Alvin E. Michel, Jacob J. Dick, Arne Larsen, Howard A. Morrow, Miller R. Wilson, Millard R. Taylor, P.C., and John R. Lookoff; back row, Arthur L. Knowlton, P.C.; Herbert Summers, Erlig Thorsen, O. G. Dixon, Richard T. Eldred, Robert L. Vannote, P.G.C.; Charles H. Grenot, P.C., and Warren E. Allen, P.C.

## Biloxi, Mississippi



To the left is the spring class of 14 (one missing in picture) of Coast Commandery No. 19, Biloxi, Mississippi. The Commandery has purchased subscriptions to the Knight Templar Magazine for the newly dubbed Knights. Those in uniform are: Seated—James H. Garner, E.C.; Back row—1. to r., Lewis Hengen, P.G.C.; N. B. Saucier, Prelate, and Grand Prelate; Judge L. C. Corban, P.G.C., Mississippi.

## Omaha, Nebraska

Raymond R. Klingner, General Chairman of the Grand York Rite of Nebraska, says, "Omaha is on the move."

Shown are those knighted during an April York Rite festival in Omaha under the direction of Commander William O. Mains, "only a small part of those knighted this year." Omaha has been in the habit of taking home the trophy for



the largest percentage of gain in membership, but several Commanderies in Nebraska are closing in.

## Water Valley, Mississippi

Fifty-two men were knighted in the recent Spring York Rite Festival of the Water Valley, Mississippi bodies. In the day's work, 18 were exalted in the Royal Arch, 29 were greeted in the Council, and 58 received the degree of Super Excellent Master.

Sir Knight T. Olin Gore, Jr., is Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi; and Sir Knight Edward B. Shearer is Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi. This was the fifth annual York Rite Festival, sponsored by the Water Valley York Rite bodies.



The Commandery class is shown above with a number of Grand Commandery officers, seated, l. to r.: Abb N. Sneed, Tupelo, P.G.C.; Q. C. Young, Louisville, P.G.C.; W. G. Cotton, Water Valley, Grand Warde; Paul S. Thomas, Jr., Greenwood, Deputy Grand Commander; Aron Haywood Hooker, West Point,

Grand Commander; T. Olin Gore, Jr., Water Valley, P.G.C., Instructor-Inspector; Cecil A. Thorn, Meridian, Grand Recorder; Edward B. Shearer, Water Valley, P.G.C. and Knight Templar Correspondent; and Allen Cabainss, University, Grand Generalissimo.

## Raleigh, North Carolina

One of the greatest displays of York Rite Unity was witnessed at the second "one day" Festival of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of North Carolina, according to A. Oden Latham, Prior and Correspondent.

The festival in Raleigh, N. C., Saturday, May 11, was under the leadership of Forrest H. Pecht, P.G.M., Grand Council. C. Wallace Jackson, Departmental Commander of the Southeastern Department of the Grand Encampment, served as director of candidates.

The Order of the Temple was conferred by Sir Knight Nelson B. Banks, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, on more than 150 candidates. Kedar D. Pyatt, Grand High Priest, R.A.M., conferred the Royal Arch Degree with the assistance of other officers of the Grand Bodies.

## Alexandria, Virginia

Sir Knight Joe R. Harris, P.G.C., writes: Northern Virginia's Spring Festival was held in Old Dominion Commandery No. 11's Asylum, located in the historical George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, May 18.

"As usual, a large and interesting class of 25 candidates representing Fredericksburg No. 1, Charlottesville No. 3, Appomattox No. 6, Old Dominion No. 11, Fairfax No. 25, Piedmont No. 26 and Arlington No. 29, received the three Orders.

"Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, the host Commandery, conferred the Orders assisted by the visiting Sir Knights.

"The work, which was very impressive, was under the direction of Sir Knight Frank L. Roberson, Past Deputy Instructor General, Area No. 2, who was recently appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Virginia."

## Roy W. Riegler, Jr. Named Chief Counsel

Roy W. Riegler, Jr., son of Roy W. Riegler, R.E. Grand Generalissimo, has been named Chief Counsel of the Douglas Aircraft Division, Long Beach, California.



Past Commander Riegler joined the Douglas Aircraft Company in 1957 as Assistant Counsel and Facilities Coordinator at the Tulsa Division. He transferred to the former El Segundo Division as Counsel in 1958 and became

Deputy Chief Counsel of the Aircraft Division in 1961.

Born in Emporia, Kansas, in 1926, Sir Knight Riegler graduated from Emporia State College in 1948 and received his law degree from Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kansas, in 1952.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps as a combat infantryman, participating in the Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima landings. Recalled to service as an officer during the Korean conflict, he was assigned to the Marine Corps facility at Quantico, Virginia, as a legal officer.

Returning to Emporia, he practiced law for five years with his father, Senator Wilford Riegler. During one year of this period he also served as a prosecuting attorney.

Sir Knight Riegler's Masonic activities include affiliations with the Emporia Lodge and York Rite Bodies. He has memberships in Tulsa with the Scottish Rite and Shrine, is a Past Commander, Emporia Commandery, and a Drill Team member.

Riegler is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, The State Bar Associations of Kansas, Oklahoma and California, the Long Beach Bar Association and the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.



## NOTED SCIENTIST AND TEMPLAR DIED APRIL 22

*The Morris County's Daily Record* of April 23, contained the following notice of the death of Sir Knight Dewitt D. Sager of Succasunna, New Jersey:

Dewitt D. Sager of 14 Mountain Road, former chief of Picatinny Arsenal's general laboratories, died at Dover General Hospital yesterday after a short illness. He was 66.

A physical scientist, he had been a member of the Picatinny staff for 33 years, retiring in 1961. He was listed in the publications, "American Men of Science" and "Who's Who in the East." Following World War II he was given the Meritorious Civilian Service Award from the War Department for his work at the arsenal and in Europe as a technical consultant on explosives and propellants.

He was a member of numerous professional and scientific societies including the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the New York Academy of Science. He was also a Fellow in the American Institute of Chemists.

Prominent in Masonic organizations, he was a member and Past Master of North Star Lodge 255 F & AM of Wharton. He was past grand master of the Grand Council Royal Select Masons of New Jersey, Present Sovereign of St. Stevens Conclave Red Cross of Constantine of Haddonfield, and Secretary VIII of the Masonic Rosicruciana Society of New Jersey. He was also a member of the Morris County Forest Number II Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Salaam Temple of Newark and numerous other Masonic groups.

He is survived by his wife, Estelle Amarik Sager, his stepmother, Mrs. Albert T. Sager of Cattaraugus, N.Y. and three brothers, A. Clair Sager of Richmond, Va., Abner V. Sager of Fullerton, Calif., and Howard W. Sager of Long Beach, Calif.

Sir Knight Sager served as Commander of Odo de St. Amand Commandery No. 12, Morristown, in 1955.

## ELMER J. HILL VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA

An Editorial from the *Mesabi Daily News*

May 22, 1968

This community was ill-prepared for the sad news that Elmer J. Hill, long one of this city's singularly dedicated citizens, had passed on. He died on May 20, 1968, age 65, following a heart attack occurring but a few hours before demise. His was an untimely death. For him, in union with family and friends, there was so much yet to do in duties which prosper the important values. The late Mr. Hill was an active participant in the good causes of Virginia and area. Very early in his life, on finishing his formal education, he accepted employment with the then fledgling Range Paper Company (established in the World War I period by the late R. J. McGhee, J. H. Hanson and other Range people). Possessing a superlative personality and exceeding talent, Elmer Hill rose with this firm, becoming one of its dependable props in achieving for the company high stature in the business world. In the march of time, he became a co-owner, the firm name then changed to the Range Paper Corporation, its present nomenclature. He sold his interest in the concern a few years ago to accept a district representative position with the Minnesota Triple-A organization. In this work he was commendably successful, month on month and year on year being one of the top producers for this great service entity. He gave to his church, to certain fraternal organizations and to his charge as American citizen a devotion which approached consecration. He was known throughout the state and in 1963-64 was the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, an honor and achievement to be coveted. In his role as husband, father and grandparent he most worthily reached the upper plane—here he was at his best as contributor to those tenets which endure. He will be sorely missed in many places which knew him so well. His family and friends are sorely bereaved. Laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery in rite this afternoon, he will be remembered as one who had only friends and loved ones.



### GRAND COMMANDER HARTWELL HONORED BY HOME COMMANDERY



Sir Knight Ray B. Hartwell, Sr., installed Grand Commander of Alabama April 24, returned home to find Mobile Commandery No. 2 making preparations for a special Ray B. Hartwell, Sr., Class. Two candidates were dubbed May 3 and 21 the following Friday, May 10.

Writes Sir Knight Charles D. Miller, Recorder: "It is interesting to note that on both nights, Sir Knight Hartwell, after being received and honored by Mobile Commandery No. 2 and enjoying the fellowship of a hearty dinner, assumed his regular station in the conferrals, that of Prelate."

Sir Knight A. C. Wilson, P.G.C., was Degree Master both nights, assisted by Sir Knight Miller (who, in addition to Recorder, is also Alabama's Grand Warden), and Sir Knight Jesse H. Scarborough, Grand Captain of the Guard—both members of Mobile Commandery.

Governor George Romney, Michigan (left), presents to Sir Knight Carlton H. Cameron, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery of Michigan, a certificate commemorating his efforts in promoting Michigan during the Golden Triennial Conclave in Detroit last August. Presentation was made during Michigan Week on the front steps of the state capitol building.

### SIR KNIGHT PERRY RECEIVES CROSS OF HONOR AWARD



Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award, Grand Encampment, was presented to Sir Knight W. A. Perry, Okmulgee, by Commander James J. Thorne at the Grand Commander's Banquet, April 28, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Knights Templar Cross of Honor is awarded for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member. An official award, only one may be made by a Grand Commandery during one year.

Sir Knight Perry is the third Oklahoman to receive the award. He has rendered outstanding services to Masonry in more than 40 years as captain, coach and judge of drill teams. Starting as Captain in 1926, Sir Knight Perry entered Triennial competition at Minneapolis, 1928; Detroit, 1931, 3rd place; San Francisco, 1934, 1st place. He has served as No. 1 judge at the Triennial Conclaves, Indianapolis, 1958; Cleveland, 1961; Philadelphia, 1964; Detroit, 1967; and in Oklahoma and surrounding states. Sir Knight Perry has helped coach Drill Teams and been a member of the Work and Tactics Committee 26 years, serving as Chairman a majority of those years.

Gethsemane Commandery No. 25 gave a dinner honoring Sir Knight Perry and Mrs. Perry, in appreciation for his outstanding services to Templary, Saturday, May 25.



## NEW GRAND MASTER, INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Sir Knight Albert P. Ruerat, Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery No. 1, Rhode Island, is DeMolay's new Grand Master. The following biographical salute is from the May issue of *The International DeMolay Cordon*, Richard E. Harkness, Executive Editor. The new Grand Master succeeds William A. Hensley, now Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council.

Albert P. Ruerat of Foster, R. I., was elected Grand Master of the International Supreme Council at the 48th Annual Session in Washington, D. C., in April and thus becomes the 36th Grand Master of our Order. He and the other new officers were installed in impressive ceremonies at the Grand Master's Banquet at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on April 3, before a distinguished assemblage of some 400 persons.

Dad Ruerat was appointed ISC Deputy in R. I. in 1953 and elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council in 1954. He served as Executive Officer in Rhode Island in 1954 and 1955. At the 1967 ISC session held in Dallas, Tex., he was elected Grand Junior Councilor. He is also a member of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors of the DeMolay Holding Co. Inc. He is the recipient of the HLOH in recognition of his outstanding service to the Order.

Dad Ruerat, 64, was born in East Providence, R. I., in 1904, the youngest son in a family of five children born to Jules and Margaret Ruerat.

He obtained his early education in the public schools of East Providence. After graduating from Hope High School, he attended Bryant College and was graduated from Northeastern University of Providence in 1921.

Following his graduation, he was employed for fifteen years by the Palmer Spring Co., of Providence. In 1938, he went into business for himself. He is now Treasurer and partner of the Spring Co. of Manchester, N. H., and a partner of Kendall & Ruerat Realty Co. of the same city.

He is married and has no children.

Long active in the community, he served as Councilman for the City of Warwick 1933-37, and as Mayor from 1937-1949. He was Republican gubernatorial candidate in 1948.

He is a present President Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Kent



County Memorial Hospital. He is past Secretary of the Warwick Lions Club, past Vice-President of the Rhode Island Council of Churches, past District Leader Southern New England Methodist Conference, and past Lay Leader Asbury Methodist Church, and is now a member of Foster Center Baptist Church.

His illustrious Masonic career began when he was initiated into Doric Lodge No. 38 of Auburn in 1927 and which he served as Worshipful Master in 1938.

Dad Ruerat served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in 1951. During his administration he organized several Masonic projects among which were the Grand Lodge Masonic Youth Foundation. He is Past President and a present Director of the R. I. Masonic Youth Foundation Inc.

He holds membership in the four bodies of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Providence, and is a Past Most Wise Master.

In Sept., 1948, he was coroneted a 33° in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. In 1954, he was elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council A.A.S. R., and Grand Treasurer General in 1964.

He is, at present, Commander of St. John's Commandery No. 1, K.T., and a member of Scituate Chapter No. 8, R.A.M., and of Palestine Shrine Temple.

We extend our congratulations and every good wish to our new Grand Master for a successful term of office, and anticipate his expert guidance in the coming year.

## VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

### The First Record in America of Knights Templar

In the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, K.T. U.S.A., for 1883, we find the Grand Master calling attention to the first record of Knights Templar in this country. It reads as follows:

"St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was at first called 'St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge' or 'Lodge of Royal Arch Masons,' and was held under the sanction of the charter of St. Andrew's Lodge."

The first record of the Chapter or Lodge having a reference to the Order of Knights Templar, is as follows—

"At a Royal Arch Lodge held at Mason's Hall, Boston, New England, August 28, 1769.



Present — — — the petition of Brother William Davis coming before the Lodge begging to have and receive the Parts belonging to a Royal Arch Mason, which being read was received and he was unanimously Voted in and was accordingly made by receiving the four Steps, that of an Excellt, Super Excellt, Royal Arch and Knight Templar."

These degrees or "parts" or "steps" are in the subsequent records alluded to as the "four degrees of a Royal Arch Mason." There could not be four degrees of a Royal Arch Mason without including Knight Templar. The Lodge was a "Royal Arch Lodge," and the words "Royal Arch Mason" included the possession of the Order of the Temple. The record of the 14th of May, 1770 has this—

"Voted, that the Most Worshipful Joseph Warren, Esq. should be made a Royal Arch Mason this evening, and he was accordingly made, Gratis." Thus it

appears that Gen. Joseph Warren, who was slain at the battle of Bunker Hill, was a Knight Templar. . . .

Paul Revere received the degrees in December 1769. The record reads:

"The petition of Brother Paul Revere coming before the Lodge begging to become an Arch Mason, it was rec'd & he was unanimously accepted & accordingly made."

So he, too, was a Knight Templar!

The only reference to Knights of the Red Cross is the following record made Feb. 8, 1797, when it was

"Voted, That the Knights of the Red Cross by Bro. Benjamin Hurd, Jr., be, and they are hereby permitted to make their records on the books of the Chapter." How long the Knights of the Red Cross had been at work there are no means of ascertaining with certainty. The records speak of the Knights of the Red Cross as already existing, and Benjamin Hurd, Jr., was made a Templar March 20, 1789, eight years before the "Red Cross" record is quoted. There can be no question that the Royal Arch Masons and Templars of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge were also Knights of the Red Cross.

These Knights thus made in St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge, subsequently, when the time arrived for the separation of the Chivalric from Craft Masonry, formed Boston Encampment, first as a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, and afterwards embracing the three Orders of Knighthood.

John Black Vrooman's Column will return in the September issue. Next month, Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt talks about Masonic titles, abbreviations and nomenclature.

## Installation and Recognition at Al Hasa

Correspondent Larry E. De St. Croix reports on the stated Conclave and Installation of Officers June 3, of Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.



Newly chosen officers and some of the retiring officers are, seated from l. to r.: Arthur E. Pearsall, S.W.; Henry Schrader, Gen. pro tem; Werner F. Ehrhardt, Commander; Miles A. Lupien, P.C.; Allan E. Rau, Rec. Standing are, l. to r.: Louis A. Castro, Treas.; Anthony E. Esposito; C. Leslie Biggins; William W. Jarrell; Carl T. Cherwinski, Capt. General; Frederick W. Elliott, Generalissimo; Milo J. Cumpston, Guard; Leroy A. Niedenfuhr, S.B.; David C. Ozment; Bennie H. McManus, Guard; Gordon L. Wilson, Sentinel; also standing in rear: Jerry C. Mullin, Guard; Luther A. Hiles, Warder; Larry E. De St. Croix; Douglas C. Rines, Std. B.

Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, with a membership of 126, contributed \$4,175.00 to the special fund raising campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The picture on the right shows Sir Knight Werner F. Ehrhardt, Commander, presenting certificates of appreciation and commendation for outstanding services rendered during the campaign to Sir Knights Luther A. Hiles, William



W. Jarrell and Larry E. De St. Croix.

### SALUTE TO A PRODUCER

When the records for the month of June were completed, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts-Rhode Island showed a total of 1,500 Life Sponsors for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Much of the credit for the results goes to Sir Knight Chester E. Oldmixon, P.C., Reading Commandery No. 50, Chairman of the Grand Commandery's Eye Foundation Promotional Committee. Sir Knight Oldmixon and his area executive officers have an outstanding record of achievement for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In one three-year span, the Grand Commandery increased Life Sponsors from 54 to 1,400. There are also 72 Patron Certificates, ranging from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00, and 13 Associate Patrons and three bequests. The latter total \$8,500.00.

### Up 'N Coming

Grice Commandery No. 16, Norfolk, Virginia, announces plans for their fall class to be named in honor of Sir Knight Willis V. Fentress, Past Master of Virginia.

Great Smokies Assembly of Cryptic Masonry, Waynesville, North Carolina, will convene July 14-16 under the direction of Chairman E. Paul Martin, P.G.M., Waynesville, and Vice-chairman, Joseph L. Seruggs, Hazelwood.

Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, will hold its Centennial celebration September 18—commemorating 100 years of Templary.

The 112th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois is scheduled for Peoria, Saturday, September 7. The Grand Commandery will convene in the Hotel Pere Marquette, Peoria, at 8:30 a.m. for the opening session.

## Voluntary Campaign Results

Although a large number of reports from Grand and Subordinate Commanderies have been filed, the complete results of the Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign have not yet been tabulated. The leading Grand Commanderies, reporting for their Constituent Commandery efforts, and the Subordinate Commanderies will be recognized as soon as possible in the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

As the July issue goes to press, a letter from Werner F. Ehrhardt, Commander of Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, told the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., that Al Hasa Sir Knights had contributed a total of \$4,175.00 to the special campaign.

As indicated from other tabulations, the Voluntary Campaign also swelled the number of Life Sponsors and Patrons throughout the Grand Encampment. Al Hasa reports six additional Life Sponsors during the campaign, and five Patrons for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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## PRAYER

Almighty God, who art the Father of all men upon the earth, most heartily we pray that thou wilt keep thy children from cruelties of war, and lead the nations in the way of peace. Teach us to put away all bitterness and misunderstanding, both in church and state; that we, with all the brethren of the Son of Man, may draw together as one comity of peoples, and dwell evermore in the fellowship of that Prince of Peace, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

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



## North Carolina Institutes New Commandery

"A new star has risen—the first in 24 years," stated C. Wallace Jackson, Department Commander, Southeastern Commandery No. 40. June 1.

The impressive ceremony at the new Masonic Temple at North Wilkesboro hosted more than 250 Sir Knights paying tribute to the 97 charter members and their Commander, Sir Knight Maurice E. Walsh, reported A. Oden Latham, Correspondent.

Wilkes Commandery U.D. was opened and its officers received under the leadership of R.E. W. Bryan Phelps, Grand Commander. The first Commander, Maurice E. Walsh, also Grand Treasurer of Grand York Bodies and Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, North Carolina, was installed with officers: James M. Joines, Generalissimo; John W. Bryan, Jr., Captain General; Edward J. Pugh, Senior Warden; Tam L. Shumaker, Junior Warden; Robert J. Wyke, Prelate; W. Page Choate, Treasurer; Billy S. Buffaloe, Recorder; W. R. McNeil, Assistant Recorder; Max C. Payne, Standard Bearer; W. F. Owen, Jr., Warder; Carl W. Steele, Sentinel.

Thirty-two Past Commanders were recognized and Robert Lee Hall, P.G.C. served as Grand Marshall and introduced Companion Kedar D. Pyatt, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; Companion Walter J. Church, Grand Master of Grand Council; C. Wallace Jackson, Department Commander, Southeastern Department of the Grand Encampment; Companion Charles C. Rieker, General Grand King of General Grand Royal Arch Chapter International and P.G.M., North Carolina.

A memorial service honoring the memory of the late Dr. Charles H. Pugh, Past Departmental Commander, was held prior to the institution ceremony.

The Officers Jewels of the new Commandery were presented by Sir Knight Early W. Bridges, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Greensboro, N. C.

Following the ceremony was a social hour and buffet dinner served in the banquet room of the temple.

## Rainbow Session

Grand Assembly of Illinois International Order of the Rainbow for Girls scheduled its 37th Annual Session, July 4-6, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

The Session programmed formal opening at 7 p.m., July 4, and the Grand Banquet, July 5, 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Hester M. Kolmer is Supreme Deputy in Illinois and Miss Mary Oetken, Grand Worthy Advisor.



## GRAND COMMANDERY PARADE Arkansas City, May 6



Viewing the parade are, l. to r.: La-Vern C. Dickey, P.G.C., Kansas, 1960; Emmanuel Krug, P.G.C., Kansas, 1963, Head of the Eye Foundation, 1967; Andrew E. Barton, Grand Commander, Illinois.



After Divine Services at the First Christian Church, Grand Commandery colors are retired by, l. to r.: George F. Remsberg, then Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Dee D. Dettweiler, recently appointed Grand Captain of the Guard; Maxwell A. Scheffler, now Grand Warder; Companion Phillip C. Boley, now Grand Sword Bearer, Kansas Grand Commandery.

### Addressograph Anyone?

The Central Office of the Grand Encampment, Chicago, now has available an electric Addressograph Model No. 1950E for any Recorder or other individual in need of such equipment. The Addressograph, new in 1958, is in good working order and can be purchased for \$500.00, plus crating and freight charges.

If interested, please contact the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Included with the Addressograph will be approximately 1,250 plate frames, together with plate filing cabinets.

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