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A Message From the Grand Master - -

A REPORT ON OUR DATA PROCESSING



The most casual might be satisfied by simply reporting that our data processing work is a little ahead of schedule. But, we think few are so casual and most want more information on what Templary is doing with its I B M unit record system. Here is a greatly simplified explanation.

Our first job, and the one which put us into the data processing business, is the construction of a mailing list of all Knights Templar, by Commanderies and with complete and correct addresses, and the monthly correction of this list, for the purpose of mailing Knight Templar Magazine to all members beginning in July, 1969. Call this "Phase I."

With the cooperation of many, 27 Grand Commanderies and 3 Subordinate Commanderies have sent original lists, though 7 Grand Commandery lists are incomplete and so can not be processed until those who failed to cooperate can be convinced of the need and the lists completed. These lists have been or are now being transferred to unit record cards, from which lists are printed in triplicate and returned to the local Commanderies for correction. When corrected, one copy of the list is retained and two copies sent to the Grand Recorder, who keeps one complete set and sends the other to the Grand Encampment office. After correction of the cards as may be necessary, a second printed list is sent to the Grand Recorders and the Commanderies, which becomes the basic list to be corrected by monthly reports of changes of status or address, which will be used to up-date the card file so that each month it will be correct and complete. Incidentally, each Grand Commandery will have the name and address of each member gained or lost and will be able to greet new members, scrutinize losses or send condolences as desired.

What we call "Phase II" will become possible when all lists are complete and currently corrected, probably about the end of this year. Statistical reports of membership gains and losses will go each month to all Grand Commanderies. Printed member lists will go to all Commanderies for correction as necessary and for use with annual reports, immediately after the close of the Commandery year. Printed labels for addressing all members will be available at small cost to Grand Commanderies or Commanderies. Any Grand Commandery may receive on request and for small cost lists of resident Templars having their membership in other jurisdictions and/or labels for addressing them. Other services from either the list by Commanderies or the list by zip-codes may be desired by Templar units.

"Phase III" must wait until other systems are running smoothly and for Grand Encampment decision. Certainly it would be useful to have a simple history card for each Templar, to record such information as his birth date, original date of membership, highest rank, occupation, current office or committee assignment. This would provide a "manpower inventory" and make possible selective mailing of information from Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery as well as from the local Commandery. Many constructive uses of such data are easily imagined, as well as the protection from future loss of local records.

To make all this possible—to bring to Templary the full usefulness of modern data methods—to make our national and state bodies more useful to the Commandery and the Knight Templar—requires the full cooperation of all of us who are involved. It is true that all officers, particularly the Grand Master, Grand Commanders and Commanders, and the Grand Recorders and Recorders are directed by the "Magazine Resolution" to prepare and revise monthly our member lists, and we can insist on it in individual cases.

But isn't it better and easier to avoid orders and conflict by cooperation—better for all concerned? So will the best interests and the future progress of Templary be best served!



DON'T PICK A FIGHT WITH THE MASTER. Peace and harmony will certainly prevail in *Saint Paul's Lodge No. 30* of Alstead, N. H. this year, for the new master is the former German heavy-weight amateur boxing champion—*Henry (Heinz) Kohlhass*. Attending the installation last February 4 was a bus load of 32 brethren from the Hoboken-Jersey City, N. J. area who knew him when he was a member of *Euclid Lodge No. 136*, Hoboken, N. J. Kohlhass was born on July 20, 1912 in Hamm, Westfalen, Germany, where he grew up, received his early education and was awarded a certificate as master tradesman in plastering and masonry. At the age of 17 he became involved in a fight with a former club boxer, and to everyone's amazement, emerged the victor. Thus, his boxing career was launched.

In 1932 he became Germany's heavy-weight amateur champion, and was soon on his way to America as a member of the German Olympic team. The first stop was in Chicago for the Golden Gloves

Tournament, where he became the heavy-weight champion by knocking out Duffy Dough in the second round of the finals. However, in the Olympics he lost a close three-round decision in the semi-finals to Maughan of Canada. Returning to Germany, he continued his boxing career, winning most of his fights by the knockout route. In 1935 he came back to the U.S., took up residence and continued boxing under the watchful eye of Joe Jacobs. He fought in many preliminary bouts on such cards as those headed by Joe Louis, Primo Carnera, Walter Meusel, Max Schmeling and Max Baer. In 1936 he was the sparring partner for Max Schmeling when the latter trained for his successful match with Joe Louis. He was a close friend of Max Baer. After WWII service aboard the *USS Endicott* he returned to civilian life, and was a police officer in Hoboken for four years. Henry is a past high priest of *Pentalpa Chapter No. 11, R.A.M.*, a member of *Warren Council No. 4* and *Pilgrim Commandery No. 16* of New Jersey.

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June 24, 1968

Dear Sir Knight Paul:

The Wylie B. Wendt story in the June issue of the "Knight Templar" certainly was worth while reading. His story should be augmented, however, as some facts are missing.

On page 9, Sir Knight Wendt said that as far as he knew, Lansing Commandery No. 25 and Detroit Commandery No. 1 were the only Commanderies that ever put 16 platoons on the field in exhibition drill.

The first exhibition drill with 16 platoons to ever appear on a field was put on by Damascus Commandery No. 42, of which I am a Past Commander, in June of 1921 in Lansing, Mich. On June 6, 1922, Damascus put on the field in exhibition drill 22 platoons and that event was on Belle Isle in Detroit. I was a member of both of those drill teams and participated for many years thereafter. Over the registration desk in the entrance area to the Asylum in the Masonic Temple in Detroit there is a framed list of the members of that first 16 platoon drill team. John H. Hanna, P.C. was Captain General and James H. Garlick, a P.G.C. was Adjutant.

I thought I would like to clear this up for Sir Knight Wendt and for Templary as a whole.

Courteously and fraternally,
Murray D. Wilson

June 24, 1968

Dear Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a Cashier's Check in the amount of Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) which brings my payments to the original loan of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Now if you will let me know the remainder amount which I owe to close my account out I will send this amount by return mail.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation with me to help me to get a higher education than I could have received had it not been for your program.

May I say again Thank You and may God Bless the fine work that you are doing.

A July 8 letter from the printer for the Knight Templar Magazine explains how the July message of the M.E. Grand Master was reproduced in somewhat garbled form, a condition readers may have recognized. "A corrected line was dropped in the wrong place," says the printer.

Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauer
Editor Knight Templar
Magazine

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Capitol City Chapter, Order of De Molay, Little Rock, Arkansas, had two of its outstanding members, Rick Johnson and Rob Riley, receive the Order of Chevalier Degree. This is the highest honor that the International Supreme Council, Order of De Molay confers on its members.

In a very impressive ceremony before a large crowd of De Molay members, Mothers and Dads, Masons and Rainbow Girls, Hugh De Paynes Commandery No. 1 provided an Honor Drill Team for this occasion. The Drill Team was headed by Eminent Commander George Swafford.

R. G. Morris Jr., Senior De Molay of Hot Springs Court of Chevaliers, headed the Special Degree Team that came from Hot Springs to confer the degree.

Kenneth C. Johnson, PGC
Correspondent

Something for the Magazine?

If you have anything to submit, please mail it to the Editor, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Frequently, written material and pictures are forwarded to the printer at Greenfield, Indiana. This causes delay—sometimes just enough to miss a deadline. As noted on the masthead, page 3, only correspondence regarding addresses and the mailing of the magazine goes to the printer. If it's on the subject of the contents of the magazine, please write to the Editor.

June 16, 1968

Dear Sir Knight Paul:

On Saturday, June 15, honoring our Recorder WEJ Erichsen, two Candidates from Tijuana, B Cfa. took the Orders of the Commandery. They are Fernado Gonzalez Olivares, Secretary of Cucapah Chapter No. 7 Tijuana, and Jesus Aguilera Mendoza. Additional candidates are forthcoming the latter part of the year from B Cfa.

They are a sincere group of Masons in Mexico and really deserve all the help and support that can be had.

They are having the Annual St. John's Day Ceremony on June 24, at Tijuana and usually roll out the red carpet. A banquet, music, entertainment and dance, plus a good time for all who attend. I expect to go along with some others. I have only missed two ceremonies in the past 15 years. They are wonderful people.

Maybe in the year we can send you a sizeable list of new names.

Fraternally,
Maynard M. Riggs

Spirit of the Times?

Baseball fans may remember; those who are not fans still will get the point. When Grady Hatton, Houston Astros manager, was fired last June and Harry Walker took his place, a newspaper correspondent interviewed the players to see how they felt about it. The consensus: They weren't sure that Walker "understood" them. The players were doubtful, were willing to give the new manager a proper chance, but the feeling about not being "understood" persisted in the account.

It's a far cry from the attitude of some decades ago. Then the general idea was for the players (or the workers, or the participants) to "understand" duly delegated authority. Reciprocity was expected from the manager, or owner or supervisor, of course, but the burden and responsibility of effort to "understand" and produce were on those under supervision, not upon the supervisor.

The pendulum can swing too far in either direction. It isn't difficult to see which way it's swinging today.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

Friday, June 7, 1968, Mrs. Georgia Lampros, the widow of Bill Lampros who passed to his reward August 26, 1966, presented a check to Arizona Commandery No. 1, Tucson, Arizona.

The check was for the amount of \$750.00, a Bequest in the will of Bill Lampros to the Commandery. Mrs. Lampros requested that it be given to the K.T. Eye Foundation in his Memory.

Bill Lampros was born in the City of Frousina Argons, Greece, July 3, 1887. He was elected to Tucson Chapter No. 3 October 21, 1927, and served as High Priest in 1941. He was elected to Roskuge Council, R & M December 7, 1927, serving as Illustrious Master in 1942.

He was knighted in Arizona Commandery in 1928 and served as Commander in a very efficient manner. His occupation was Cafe Partner and he was an active member of St. Demetrious Church serving on the Building Committee to erect a new Church.

Henry S. Moulthrop
Secretary-Recorder
York Rite Bodies

A note in Editor's Mail Bin for June mentions the fact that De Molai Commandery (5) of Michigan has provided 11 Grand Commanders.

This will no doubt call for a number of comments and here is one from Connecticut. We have some advantage in age as the Grand Commandery was organized in 1827, and now has twelve subordinate Commanderies.

Clinton Commandery (3) of Norwalk is credited with eleven Past Grand Commanders; Washington Commandery (1) of Hartford with fourteen; and New Haven Commandery (2) with no less than seventeen.

The present practice is to rotate the office of Grand Commander among the Commanderies, in which way each one is always represented on the Grand Commandery suite.

James R. Case
Correspondent

J. HOWARD HARING, HANDWRITING EXPERT

By Warren H. Deck, P.G.C.



Sir Knight J. Howard Haring, P.G.C., New Jersey, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award Committee, is an internationally recognized handwriting expert whose career is colorful and unusual. The author, Sir Knight Warren H. Deck, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, writes this review in his capacity as member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations.

During the Christmas holidays last year, an internationally famous handwriting expert in New York was helping the serious-minded people of West Germany to expose the former Nazi connections of their President. Here's a brief report from the January 28, 1968, issue of the German magazine *STERN*:

"While Heinrich Luebke was laboring in Bonn with the preparation of his New Year's Eve address to his 'dear fellow countrymen,' in faraway New York the lady notary public Eleanor P. DeVito affixed her official seal on an embarrassing New Year's surprise for the President of the Federal Republic of Germany. She certified an expert's examination by which is proven that the signatures on architectural plans for the Nazi-Concentration Camp Leau are actually those of the civil engineer Heinrich Luebke who in 1959 was elected to be Chief of State in Bonn.

"The declaration from the Office of the Federal President . . . that 'the President of the Federation had at no time cooperated with the planning and construction of concentration camps can no longer be upheld."

The famous handwriting expert was Sir Knight J. Howard Haring, Past Grand Commander of New Jersey, who is an Examiner of Questioned Documents and maintains his business at 15 Park Row, New York City. Dr. Frank Arnau, a well-known writer in Munich, had brought East German documents to New York to verify the former connections of

President Luebke. Cooperation of the German Democratic Republic, the Zurich police and his bank in Zurich made it possible for Arnau to get the documents to New York and back to East Berlin without interception by the West German authorities. Dr. Arnau founded "ACTON 1968" along with a number of other writers, professors, and intellectual people to focus attention on the rise of new Nazism in Germany. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity in West Germany.

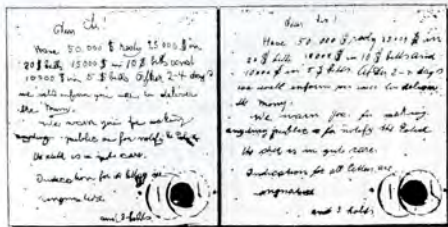
After examining the documents for five days, Sir Knight Haring determined that the signatures on construction plans for Nazi concentration camps were Luebke's and through other documents it has been shown that Luebke knew the use of these camps.

This international expose' is just one of many in which Sir Knight Haring has participated. His professional services have been sought in Canada, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Egypt, France, India, Italy, Portugal, and many others. He has served clients in many States and most prominent corporations.

The unusual profession in which Sir Knight Haring engages was founded by his father, J. Vreeland Haring, in 1900. Howard became associated with his father about 1928 after studying chemistry, physics and photography. He had also acquired some research experience with the Thomas A. Edison Industries in the chemical laboratory as well as with General Motors Corporation in the physical

laboratory.

A scientific background may seem unnecessary for a "handwriting expert" but the Harings had found this term too narrow to define their work. "Examiner of Questioned Documents" better describes the work which includes questions involving pen-and-ink writing, typewriting, hand lettering, typographical printing, ink, infrared and ultraviolet photographs, and all other elements of questioned documents.



On the left is the ransom note left by the Lindbergh kidnaper. The right note is a reconstructed duplicate which definitely clinched the fact that Bruno Hauptmann was the actual kidnaper.

The Lindbergh kidnaping was the most publicized case on which Howard and his father collaborated. When the Bronx carpenter, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, was convicted in June 1935, some still doubted his guilt. But these doubts soon vanished when the finding of the two handwriting experts, J. Vreeland Haring and J. Howard Haring, were released. The Harings had been retained by the State of New Jersey immediately after the indictment of Hauptmann for murder. After a detailed study of the known and questioned writings of Hauptmann, they rendered this opinion: "There is no question but that the writings are by the same person." While this testimony was not given at the trial, it was released later and helped to convince the public that Hauptmann was guilty. Howard collaborated with his father in writing the book, *The Hand of Hauptmann*, which gives the complete handwriting story of the Lindbergh case.

During World War II, Sir Knight Haring worked for the government most of the time, lecturing before officers of the armed forces and testifying for the prosecution in general court martial trials. For his service he received letters

of commendation from the U. S. Navy and the Office of Strategic Services.

Following his father's death in 1954, Howard continued the ever-widening scope of the business. He frequently lectures on questioned documents, handwriting, forgeries, anonymous letters and methods of detection before civic clubs, law schools, bar associations, police academies, colleges, universities, and professional groups.

During his nearly 40 years as an expert on questioned documents, he has rendered services in such trials as *U.S. vs. Fiore Massucci*; *Rex vs. Fred Rose* (Canada); a \$6,000,000 plagiarism suit, *Bercovici vs. Charles Chaplin*; a \$435,000,000 infringement of patent suit, *Ferguson vs. Ford Motor Co.*; *State of New Jersey vs. Hauptmann*; Coons will contest, Montana; Lee will contest, N.C.; *State of New York vs. James A. Sullivan*; the Martell trial (Puerto Rico); the Galidez kidnaping case, the Hiss-Chambers case; and the Joseph Stassi Sr., perjury trial.

Sir Knight Haring's forebears came to New Amsterdam from Holland at the time of Peter Stuyvesant's arrival in this country. He is a Life Member of the Holland Society.

In 1961-62, Sir Knight Haring was chairman of the Questioned Document Section of the International Association for Identification, of which J. Edgar Hoover is also a member. He is also a member of the New Jersey State Identification Association.

Howard is a member of Delta Lodge, No. 232, serving as master in 1933. Five years later he was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F. & A.M. He is also a past trustee of the Masonic Home and Charity Foundation of his grand lodge.

In 1926 he presided as High Priest of Harmony Chapter, No. 9, R.A.M., and in 1963 was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey.

He is a Past Commander of Delta Commandery, No. 26, K.T., the Commandery his father served as first Commander in 1921. In 1957, Delta Commandery presented the stained glass window entitled "Christ Crucified" in the Knight Templar Chapel of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

SIXTEEN CANDIDATES KNIGHTED APRIL 22 TOPEKA COMMANDERY NO. 5



Front row, l. to r.: Damon Michael, Billy Thompson, Alva Burns, Jim Lacy, Marvin Macha, Wm. Cope, Chas Flichenstein, Clarence Carpenter, Arnold Nehring, Carl Carlson. Second row, Kenneth Pomeroy, Wilbur Love, Frank Oppitz, Dale Moorman, Chas Grutzmacher, James Williams, Martin Foltz, Harry Beckman, David Laurenz, Lora James. Third row, Ralph Cain, Don Fisher, Harley Henry,

Floyd Monfort, Verel Westover, Marion Carnine, Ed McNerney, Nelse Nelson, Elza Floyd, Kenneth Brenner, Richard Garvie. Back row, Hugo Matoush, Eslie McAtee, Cecil Carter, James Zimmerman, Phillip Boley, Harry Orr, Paul Otto.

Kansas Newsbriefs

Sermon

A sermon, delivered by the Rev. and Sir Knight Lee Baggett at the Annual Conclave of Kansas, May 6, met with such enthusiastic approval that the Grand Commandery authorized its general distribution.

More than 30,000 copies of it were mailed to every Sir Knight in Kansas and in addition, each of the 428 Symbolic Lodges in Kansas was supplied with a generous supply to distribute to their members.

The title of the sermon was "State of the Union 1968" and the Grand Prelate's recommendation for curing some of the ills was to put Christ back into our daily lives and into the government. The sermon even found its way into the Congressional Record of June 19, through the courtesy of U.S. Senator Frank Carlson, Kansas.

Centennial Observance

Sir Knight Nelse K. Nelson, Commander of Topeka Commandery No. 5, one of the larger Commanderies of the State, is promoting a "Centennial Observance" for November 11, in which he hopes to have at least 50 candidates for Topeka Commandery. He extends an invitation to all other Kansas Commanderies to join with Topeka and fill out a class of one hundred to round-out the Centennial year. The Grand Commandery was organized December 29, 1868.

... HARING

at Alexandria, Virginia, in memory of J. Vreeland Haring. Howard was Grand

Commander of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of New Jersey in 1953. He has served on the Public Relations Committee of the Grand Encampment and is currently serving his second term as chairman of the committee on Knights Templar Cross of Honor award, and is



a member of the Committee on Publication Spanish Language Ritual.

Among his many other Masonic memberships and honors are: Past Sovereign of St. Paul's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine (N.Y.), life member of Kane Council, No. 2, R. & S.M., charter member of the Valley of Newark, A.A.S.R., and member of Salaam Shrine Temple. He was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor and is an honorary member of Northern New Jersey Chapter, No. 42, National Sojourners.

An active member of the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, he is serving presently as an Elder.

“LET US PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT”

(Romans 13:12)

BY GEORGE W. NILSSON, K.T., 33

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Sir Knight George W. Nilsson, a Los Angeles lawyer, was recently elected by the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay to receive the Honorary Legion of Honor Degree. In the following manuscript, he reflects on the principles of Christianity and Knighthood.

As Knights Templar we are sometimes referred to as “Christian Knights,” and as “Christian Warriors” and our marching song is “Onward Christian Soldiers.”

As individuals are we either a “Knight” or a “Christian Soldier”?

Our Order is patterned after the Knights who left home; endured tremendous hardship; traveled thousands of miles, and fought under trying conditions, all for an ideal—to rescue the Tomb of Christ.

What are we doing individually to forward the principles of Christianity and Knighthood? To put it bluntly, ask yourself “What am I doing?”

What of us?

I

(1) Do we belong to a Christian Church?

If we do, are we active? Do we even attend?

The principles of all true religion are under attack from Marxism and Communism and have been for many decades. Now leaders of Christian Churches are attacking from within.

Have we unconsciously been brainwashed, or is it apathy?

You have heard this statement: “Nothing is so effective as inaction.”

(2) Are we Knights?

How often do we attend meetings of our Commandery?

How stands the membership of our Commandery? Is it increasing or decreasing?

(3) Our United States Constitution, which is based on individual liberty and self-government, is being eroded. More and more we are being dominated by bureaucrats. Do we keep track of what is happening; or again are we apathetic?

Do we do our duty as citizens by voting?

If we vote, do we vote for those who wish to preserve our Constitution, or do

we vote for a particular party, or for candidates who promise us something for nothing? After all, it is our money they are using to buy votes.

II

The word “light” as used in Masonry means TRUTH.

We are told that “Masonic Light” is wisdom and knowledge, while ignorance is darkness.

Jesus said “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

As individuals we become Knights Templar, which showed a desire to be both a Christian and a Knight. What has happened? Why are so few of us active *Christian Knights*?

III

The United States as a nation, and our Constitution are based on eternal spiritual principles, the most fundamental of which are thus expressed by Thomas Jefferson:

“The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.”

This principle that God governs in the affairs of nations as well as men, was expressed in the Mayflower Compact and the other great documents of our Government.

Here is how it is expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of the State of California:

"We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its blessings do establish this Constitution."

The preambles to the Constitutions of each of the other 49 States are in almost identical language, some referring to "Divine Providence" instead of using the words "Almighty God."

The Declaration of Independence refers to the Creator five times.

(1) In the first sentence: "The Laws of Nature's God."

(2) "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are *created* equal, that they are

(3) endowed by their *Creator* with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . ."

(4) "We therefore, The Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to *the Supreme Judge of the World* for the rectitude of our intentions . . ."

(5) In the closing sentence Congress made one last profession of trust in God:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of *Divine Providence*, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor."

Now then:

(1) As a Christian ask yourself, "What must I do for God and Country?"

We refer to the Creator as the Great Architect of the Universe. Scientists tell us the Universe is still expanding. As men are created by the Great Architect, have a divine spirit within, and as God works through men, we are then actually Masons assisting the Great Architect in the continuing creation. As St. Paul says, in I Corinthians, 3:9:

"For we are labourers with God . . ."

(a) The Christian Churches are under attack from without and from within.

Protestantism was founded and grew on the principle of freedom of conscience. It became necessary because there was then only one church, which had

become totalitarian. We do not need concentration of Protestant Churches; it can become totalitarian.

We need unity in the teaching of the Ten Commandments and the simple principles Jesus Christ declared. We need "Spiritual Light," not merger of churches.

The motto of the Chaplain's School of the U. S. Navy is "Unity With Diversity."

It is a fundamental American principle that each leader's responsibility is to kindle and quicken the good impulses of the people, *not* to think for them.

(b) Study and reaffirm your promises to your Church. Then do something.

As we read in James II: 20:

"... faith without works is dead."

Brother Benjamin Franklin said:

"He who will restore to men the primitive principles of Christianity will alter the face of the world."

(2) As a Knight, what must I do for God and Country?

Live up to the obligations taken as a Mason and a Knight Templar.

That includes attending Conclaves as often as possible, taking interest in the welfare of the Lodge and Commandery and doing something to make each more effective.

(3) As a citizen, what must I do for "God and Country"?

Study laws proposed both by State Legislature and the Congress of the United States.

Do they express the principles of Liberty and self-government or are they restrictive of individual Liberty?

Do they obey the checks and balances of the Constitution or do they concentrate power in Washington or in one of the branches of government?

V

CONCLUSION

Brother Sir Winston Churchill pointed out that procrastination could be fatal. He said:

"If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival . . . There may be even a

worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves."

As we know, the United States is a Religious Nation, so I close with these words of Bishop Philip Cook, in an address on the Constitution under the auspices of the American Bar Association:

"With the Bible and the Consti-

tution read and known in the homes of the country—the one to set standards of moral conduct and religious convictions, the other to guide political procedure and principles of democracy—the future of America may be said to be reasonably secure, and in that security lies the strongest hope for the security and peace of the world."

Knights! Let's start an American Crusade for "GOD AND COUNTRY."

KENTUCKY ANNUAL DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

The annual drill competition of Commanderies under the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky, on the parking lot of Oleika Temple Shrine Mosque, Lexington, Kentucky, June 15, was supervised by Sir Knight John E. Hawkins, Chief Instructor of the Grand Commandery.



Mass formation in the rear of the Shrine Mosque shows (extreme left) R. E. Grand Commander George E. Hobbs with the formations from l. to r.:

Barbourville Commandery, Class A team; Newport Commandery, Class B team; Webb Commandery, Class B team, the over-all winner.

Four Commanderies participated in the competition with these results: First place, Webb Commandery No. 1, Lexington, grade 90 percent; Second place, Barbourville Commandery No. 39, grade 89.5 percent; Third place, Newport Commandery No. 13, grade 89 percent; Fourth place, Bowling Green Commandery No. 23, grade 86 percent.

Barbourville, the only Class A Commandery, won the blue ribbon for that class. Webb Commandery won the blue ribbon for the Class B Commanderies, and Bowling Green won the blue ribbon for Class C Commanderies.



Presentation of trophy

Webb Commandery No. 1, Lexington, will have possession of the cup, the Earl Cline trophy, for one year. Sir Knight George E. Hobbs, R.E. Grand Commander, presented it to Sir Knight Daniel H. Lail, P.C., Drill Captain, with Sir Knight John E. Hawkins, P.C., Chief Instructor, looking on.

Following the drills, dinner was served in the Shrine Mosque to 165 Sir Knights and ladies. Twelve Commanderies were represented.

DEDICATION SET FOR IOWA MASONIC HOME

Rowley Memorial Home, Perry, Iowa, accomodating more than 50 senior brethren and their dependent wives, celebrates the dedication of its new addition August 24. Sir Knight Jerry Marsengill, Iowa, relates the history of the home and its dedication plans.



Rowley Memorial Masonic before expansion

Every twenty seconds in the United States another person celebrates his or her 65th birthday. This means that in the course of each year some 1,400,000 reach this milestone. Should the trend continue, by the year 2000 there will be more than 28,000,000 persons of 65 or older as opposed to the present 18,000,000.

Although this is an extremely large contingent of our population and even though the number increases each day, this age group and its problems are one of the most neglected facets of our society.

The Masonic institution is no exception. With the advance of medical science and the prolonged active years which we enjoy because of it, we find ourselves with more members of our fraternity in this age group and, as a fraternal organization, are many times called upon to make some provisions for the care of these people.

To fill this need, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in 1958, dedicated its first Masonic Home, the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home at Perry, Iowa.

A bequest from the late Herman L. Rowley, who died in 1951, enabled the Grand Lodge to build and equip this home at no cost to the membership, and operate it as a self supporting proposition. Herman L. Rowley, a native of the Perry, Iowa, community was born Nov. 25, 1874. He was graduated from Perry High School in 1893 and for a while was a bookkeeper in a local lumber yard. He and his father, Gib Rowley, established a bank in Cordell, Oklahoma. Rowley and his wife lived there for about 25 years and amassed a considerable fortune. He later retired to California. Wishing to do something for the Masons of Iowa, he willed a large portion of his estate to the Grand Lodge for the construction of a Masonic Home.

The home was dedicated in June, 1958. It is well constructed and affords a pleasant homelike atmosphere for its residents.

In 1964 an elevator was installed for residents and two new lounge areas were added.



Birthday party at Rowley Memorial Masonic Home.

The cost to each is approximately \$125.00 per month. If he is unable to pay all or part of this cost the Grand Lodge Charity Board endeavors to make arrangements to pay the balance. This is the only Masonic Home in the entire United States where a resident is not required to surrender all property, real or personal, to the Masonic Home. Residents are allowed to come and go as they wish: to own, maintain and hold any personal possessions which they want or need, and are free to leave the Home at any time.

But, even from the opening, it became apparent the facilities of the Home were inadequate for the demand. The Home was planned to accommodate only twenty men and there were never any vacancies. Since the Grand Lodge was already operating a sanitarium at Bettendorf, Iowa, it had been thought that there would be very few applicants for this new home.

An addition to the home expanding the available space by over 200 percent has been built and will be dedicated August 24. Accommodations have been provided for 50 or more senior brethren and their dependent wives. The present building will be converted immediately to provide long term nursing care.



Addition to Home nearly completed

At this dedication, which is in the charge of Deputy Grand Master Tom Eggleston, of Boone, Sir Knight and Brother R. Kenneth Miller, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, has asked Masonic and affiliated organizations to assist in the dedication. He has personally requested the Grand Commandery of Iowa to furnish escorts and honor guards for the ceremonies and a contingent to lead the parade opening the ceremonies. Sir Knight E. Russell Graham, R.E. Grand Commander, has given this duty to Sir Knight Jack G. Stafford, Grand Captain General.

Grand Master Miller has also requested the officers of the various state organizations to wear the apparel of their various bodies and to be present and participate as officers of those organizations.

The dedication ceremony will take the larger part of the day. In the evening a banquet with the ladies will feature an address by the Rev. Gerald F. Bisbee, General Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. International.

The home and its new addition combine the best features of modern construction. Supt. Dale Scott and his wife, Irene, endeavor to see that all the residents of the home are encouraged to occupy themselves with useful hobbies. One of these is the "toys for tots" program which has attracted statewide attention and was the subject of a *Des Moines Sunday Register* special feature. The Masons of Iowa collect broken, discarded and old toys and deliver them to the Home where the brethren living there repair, paint, and refurbish them. The toys are then given to needy children at the Christmas party which the members of the Home give each year.



A Christmas tree of mittens furnished for needy children by residents.



"Toys for tots" getting refurbished by a member of the Home.

Garden space is available and the residents are encouraged to plant and care for their own small gardens. There are numerous lounge areas and an entire basement devoted to recreation. When this addition is completed and dedicated, the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home will be the "most modern and best equipped Masonic Home in the entire country."

If this new addition does not prove to be adequate for the purposes, there is land enough and space available for any future expansion which may prove necessary.

**Jerry Marsengill
Iowa**



IN MEMORIAM

Harry G. Pollard, P.G.M.

Born February 19, 1875

Died June 29, 1968

Those Templars, active in the affairs of the Grand Encampment a quarter of a century ago, were saddened but not surprised to learn of the death of our Senior Past Grand Master, Harry Gilmore Pollard on June 29, 1968. After a lingering illness of the past few years, Sir Knight Pollard, sheathed his sword, stepped behind the curtain that separates the seen from the unseen, the known from the unknown and fell asleep in the protecting arms of his Lord and Master.

Appointed to the Line of the Grand Encampment in Seattle in 1925 by Grand Master George W. Vallery, he was destined to serve Templary nationally for the next eighteen years, advancing from Station to Station until 1940 when he was elected Most Eminent Grand Master at the 41st Triennial Conclave in Cleveland, Ohio. It was in that same Ohio city that he made his last appearance with us when the Grand Encampment convened there in 1961.

Sir Knight Pollard was the first Grand Master of the Grand Encampment to participate in the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington, Virginia, under the auspices of the Grand Encampment, where he was present for each of the three years that he was in office.

He was well and favorably known throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and especially in the New England States, where he was most active and in frequent attendance at many Masonic affairs in both York and Scottish Rite. A close friend and confidant of Dr. Melvin Maynard Johnson, he accompanied the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on practically all of his official visitations, thereby vastly increasing his wide circle of Masonic friends in both Rites.

It could not be said that Grand Master Pollard was an outstanding orator and yet he had the happy faculty of speaking from the heart and mind in a way that endeared him to every audience. His friends were legion and his friendship, once established, was steadfast and never ending.

His term of office as Grand Master was interrupted by World War Two which imposed upon the Nation restricted travel, greatly retarding his activities, and due to the war effort, it was during his administration that cloth for the Templar uniform was no longer available and the uniform was suspended for the duration as a pre-requisite to Templar membership.

A "business only" Triennial Session was held in Chicago when he retired from office, a Triennial devoid of the many varied social events normally associated with our Conclaves. Travel restrictions also prevented the ladies from attending—it was truly an austere Triennial, held at a time when our Nation was deeply involved in a global war.

Our Senior Past Grand Master, a devoted friend of all who knew him best, has left us and while we mourn his passing, we are especially grateful for the privilege of being identified as friends of a man who served every phase of Masonry, faithfully and well. It was in Templary and in the broad field of the Grand Encampment that his service is gratefully remembered as still another stalwart Templar leader enters upon his last Crusade.

Sir Knight C. Byron Lear
R.E. Past Grand Generalissimo
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

**“NOTHING CAN HAPPEN TO US UNTIL
SOMETHING HAPPENS IN US”**

As I stop to ponder on what shall be my August message to you, a month has passed into history since the installation in Pittsburgh. Many rewarding experiences have been ours during this short time. The Testimonial Dinner, held at the Northeast Shrine Club in Rockledge, and the Seventh Division Reception, held in Ashland, for the Grand Commander and his Lady were truly outstanding affairs, giving us an opportunity to see and be with so many of our friends. We truly enjoyed them both and are grateful to those responsible for them.

On Saturday, June 29, the Grand Officers, Division Commanders, Membership and Religious Activities Committee met at Holiday West for an all day conference. If the enthusiasm exhibited was an indication of what is to come, we are in for an exciting year.

Lest we forget, our program calls for continuing through August the home visitation to prospective candidates. When it comes to doing something, when someone extends an invitation, when a decision is to be made, these are some of the more prominent occasions when we reach into our bag of tricks and pull out an excuse. We know we should do the job at hand, go on that trip, visit with some one, or just make up our mind. The modern concept of life, spurred on by gaudy advertising, glorified word-of-mouth accounts, and our personal day dreaming, has become one of easy living.

So the time comes to us for action, for our decision making. Will Templary move forward in this Grand Commandery during this year, because WE are going to dedicate ourselves to this purpose. Or



will it retrograde because WE are going to follow the “path of easy living”?

It has been said that “Nothing can happen TO us until something happens IN us.” We cannot communicate life if we are dead. We require TRANSFORMATION, not conformation. To conform is to breed decadence, to be transformed is to take on new life, energy, action, dedication, a sense of responsibility and stewardship.

Let us be TRANSFORMED to the cause that Christian Templary shall grow in influence for good and so dedicate our lives to this program.

G. Calvin Dyson
Grand Commander

TESTIMONIAL FOR COMMANDER DYSON**Compiled by Sir Knight Frank W. Bobb, P.C., Mary No. 36**

Frankford Commandery No. 92 held a testimonial dinner-dance to honor Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commander, and his wife Marion, at the Northeast Shrine Club, Rockledge, Saturday, June 15. Present were 214 Sir Knights, their ladies and guests. Sir Knight Dyson served Frankford Commandery as Eminent Commander in 1939, and his ascent to the highest office within the gift of Pennsylvania Templary is an honor not only for his Commandery, but one shared by all Sir Knights of the First Division.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Howard T. Scull, Division Commander, Division No. 1. The toastmaster of the evening was Sir Knight Robert W. Dietrich, Frankford Commandery. The introduction was made by Sir Knight George A. Williams, R.E.P.G.C., also a Past Commander of Frankford Commandery (1932). The distinguished guests present included all of the elected and appointed officers of Grand Commandery with the exception of Sir Knight William D. Geesey, Grand Generalissimo, who was "ordered" to represent his chief at the 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York, June 14-16. Sir Knight Joseph Bomenblit, Past Commander of Frankford Commandery (1966), Chairman of the testimonial dinner, presented the Grand Commander with a handsome gold watch with a special Knight Templar dial and inscribed on the back case: "S.K. G. Calvin Dyson, R.E.G.C., K.T. of Pa., June 15, 1968." Sir Knight Dyson expressed his deep appreciation to the Sir Knights who had made the affair possible. In his remarks he said how he cherished the many friendships born in Masonry, the warm feeling that comes with knowing most everyone in attendance by name. He talked about the need to rededicate ourselves to the principles that the founding fathers had fought and died for. As Knights Templar we should stand up and be counted, take our stand for Christian principles and not be ashamed to make our feelings known where they can do the most good. Exemplary living, being active in good citizen movements, and keeping our representatives in all levels of government fully aware of our deter-

mination to preserve those God-given freedoms so precious to all Americans, should be the constant challenge for each Templar.

Cross of Honor Awards

Sir Knight Fred H. Bartholomay, 417 Main St., Vanding, received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor in ceremonies June 26 at Masonic Temple, Carbondale. Sir Knight Bartholomay, one of two persons to receive this award during the past Templar year, is a Past Master of Forest City Lodge No. 439; Past High Priest of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 179; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Seranton Council No. 44; Past Commander of Palestine Commander No. 14 and former Division Commander of Division No. 13.

He is a member of Council of Anointed Kings, Order of Silver Trowel, Penn Priory, Knights of York Cross of Honour, Irem Temple of the Shrine and the First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale.

Sir Knight Bartholomay was an organizer and chapter member of the Advisory Council of Palestine Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He served with the 79th Division, 313 Infantry, in World War I and is a member of American Legion Post 524, Forrest City.

The award was made by Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commander accompanied by William D. Geesey, Grand Generalissimo; George H. Garrett, Grand Standard Bearer; Walter B. Pearce, Marshall; and Paul F. Lloyd, Division No. 13.

Sir Knight Clifford F. Wright Sr., who received his award in May, was the other Sir Knight to receive the Cross of Honor Award from Pennsylvania. Largely by his efforts, Bethlehem Commandery No. 90 has had an 80 per cent increase in membership since 1946.

Sir Knight Wright's Masonic record includes Past Master of Bethlehem Lodge No. 283; Past High Priest, Ezra Royal Arch Chapter No. 291; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Bethlehem Commandery No. 90; Division Commander, Division No. 9; and Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard.

Reception For R.E. Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson

Seventh Division, Ashland, Pennsylvania, paid homage to R.E. Grand Commander Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson and Mrs. Dyson with an attendance of more than 260 Sir Knights and their ladies at a reception June 22.



Among those attending the reception for R.E. Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson in Ashland were, front row, l. to r.: Sir Knights Charles B. Wolfertz, Charles R. Eurich, Harry N. Horbach, G. Calvin Dyson, J. Harold Johnston, William Geesey, Ewart Roberts. Second

row: Allan C. Williams, David J. Godschall, George H. Garrett, Walter B. Pearce, F. Parson Kepler Sr., Walter W. Heintzelman. Back row: Howard T. Scull Jr., William A. Carey, Leidy K. Gaugler, Horace D. Standbridge, Benjamin A. Franklin, Francis R. Black, Paul F. Lloyd, Ralph C. Hans.

Festivities for the day began at 3 p.m. when Sir Knights visited the Pioneer Tunnel, a real coal mine. Meanwhile, the ladies were entertained at a tea in the party room of the Marko Towne House, the ladies auxiliary of Prince Commandery No. 39, Ashland, serving as hostess.

The Sir Knights attended a Grand Commanders Conference in the conference room of the Towne House, followed at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner reception in the ballroom. The ballroom was decorated in an "Our American Heritage" theme under the supervision of Mrs. Kitty Kopey.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES—1968-69

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- Easter Sunrise Service:** S. Blair Sponeybarger Jr., P.G.C., Chairman, 616 Ruskin Avenue, Altoona 16602, Ralph E. Bowers (84), Charles Brochini (19), Robert E. Daume (1), Earl Edwards (36), Charles R. Frasch (34), Emory C. Gardner (21), Reuben H. Learn (12), George C. Meek (22), Ralph Ott (97), Harry M. Palmer (36), Woodrow H. Stone (50), Earl H. Supplee (55).
- Survey for New Commanderies:** John G. Johnson, Chairman, 314 E. Butler Street, Mercer 16137, Joseph A. Dunlap (54), Robert Gough (29), John C. Leitenberger (36).
- Public Relations:** Frank W. Bobb, Chairman (36), 6 West Maple Avenue, Moorestown, N.J. 08057, Lawrence Breletic (86), Hugh C. Forbes, Jr. (84), William Hand (27), George W. S. Johnson Jr. (82).
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- Rituals:** Horace W. Paul, Chairman (82), 3255 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia 19140, Samuel B. Black (82), Frederick W. Gross (82).
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- Ritual and Tactics Coordination:** William D. Geesey, E.G.G., Chairman, 34 Terrace Street, Carbondale 18407. All Division Commanders.

THE CRY FOR LEADERSHIP

A timely and constructive communication from M.W. Brother J. W. Chandler, Grand Master of Masons in Texas, as released in *The Texas Freemason*.

One of the greatest evils in our Fraternity today is the often repeated statement: "We've always done it that way."

A large percentage of our problems are caused by the ancient custom of advancing Lodge Officers "through the chairs." Under this system, the incoming Master appoints a Brother Junior Steward and this Brother becomes Master of the Lodge six years later. For all practical purposes, the Master of the Lodge is appointed rather than elected, for the elections are such a matter of course that they are not truly elections at all.

This is not meant to be critical of any Master or Past Master who went through the chairs; it is meant to be critical of the system which wore him out before he became Master. We are deeply indebted to those who have endured the system and still found it possible to furnish leadership in spite of it. We are especially indebted to the immediate families of those Brethren who had to devote seven years to serving their Lodges. It takes a truly devoted woman to sacrifice her husband for seven long years of service to the Lodge!

Under this system of advancing Officers, a Brother may be appointed Junior Steward and be filled with enthusiasm and plans for providing leadership, but by the time he eventually gets to be Master, he is tired and worn out. His only desire is to get that last year over and become a Past Master. This also accounts for the lack of interest and participation in Grand Lodge on the part of a great number of Past Masters. They are simply burned out after long years in the line. We are not being fair with our Officers or our Fraternity.

When Lodge Officers are asked why this custom persists, the reply is too often, "We've always done it that way." Well, as the old timer said, "There ain't no nickel coffee no more!" Why should we continue this ancient system?

Every member of the Lodge is entitled to speak, to work, to vote. Why shouldn't every member also have the opportunity

to hold office? They would have the chance if the Lodge discontinued its succession of Officers and elected the Junior Warden from the floor.

Every Lodge wants the best leaders available. To find good leaders, you must seek out the Brother who is a leader in the community, who can organize, lead and get things done. These are busy men and other organizations are seeking their leadership abilities. These men should not be expected to spend two years washing dishes to become Master of the Lodge. After all, isn't knowing how to wash dishes or make coffee a peculiar qualification for being Master of a Lodge?

A Brother can devote three years to his Lodge; keep his zeal and enthusiasm and a burning desire to lead the Craft. In his third year, as Master, he is still able to give his Lodge his very best effort and make an outstanding Master. Masonry will be the better for his having served.

Your Lodge can change from the "We've always done it that way" system to the modern, effective leadership approach by either a simple gentlemen's agreement to change or a simple change in the By-Laws, if that is necessary.

If the three principal Officers of your Lodge were elected each year, with the Junior Warden being elected from the floor, then all other Officers would be appointed for one term, with the understanding that it was a one-year appointment with no automatic promotion to the next highest office.

Let's face it! Many members simply have no desire to be Master of the Lodge, but they would be glad to serve in office for one year. We are losing the service they could render the Fraternity by maintaining an outmoded system which denies them the opportunity to serve.

Under this modern system, an incoming Master could appoint six Officers to serve with him during the year. The next Master could appoint six different Officers. In this way, your Lodge would

Dr. John L. Crofts Jr. Starts Internship

John L. Crofts Jr., son of Grand Master and Mrs. John L. Crofts Sr., graduated in June from Baylor University College of Medicine at Houston, Texas.

Dr. Crofts was a five-year student at Kentucky Military Institute of Venice and Louisville, Kentucky, graduating as an executive officer of the battalion.

He received a BS degree from Duke University before entering Baylor University. At Baylor, his doctoral thesis was awarded a special recognition for "originality in pursuing and completing a pediatric research project on immunosuppressive therapy in pediatric renal disease."

A senior member of Robert E. Lee Chapter of DeMolay of Venice, Dr. Crofts is also a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity and Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity, an associate member of Sigma Xi science fraternity and a Master Mason.

He and his wife, the former Rita Clare Gayle of Gueydan, Louisiana, reside in Miami where Dr. Crofts is serving his year of internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

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have six new Officers each year instead of one. That would be a chance for six new men to serve the Lodge!

When this is done, we will have renewed interest . . . increased Lodge attendance . . . new zeal and enthusiasm. This will cause many of your Lodge's problems to fade away.

My Brethren, the future of the Craft can be influenced by this change. I cannot find words strong enough to adequately convey to you how important I feel this is to our Craft. I urge you to take an active part in seeing that your Lodge makes this change.

Your Lodge has time to make the change this year! Do it for the benefit of your Lodge and our Fraternity!!!

Sincerely and fraternally,
J. W. Chandler

Grand Master of Masons in Texas

RUSSELL J. LA VINE VS. "NON - INVOLVEMENT"

The "non-involvement" movement which has enveloped our nation (and its citizens), sometimes creeps into the folds of Masonry and Templary, according to Sir Knight Jerry Marsengill, Iowa. In this fold, the peaceful citizen, wishing to cause no trouble or controversy, resorts to a bland existence, refusing to get involved, regardless of what happens in the world around him. The result is a fraternity insulating itself from community problems and community actions, preferring a policy of isolation.



Escaping from this circle of security is Sir Knight Russell J. LaVine, a member of Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, Iowa. Involved in community affairs, Sir Knight LaVine is known as a crusader for his beliefs.

LaVine is the moderator of a nightly, three-hour radio talk show, described as "different, provocative and stimulating," reports Marsengill. "Hawk-Eye Nite-Line" is heard at 9 p.m. over radio station KWDM-FM in Des Moines. In addition to this program, LaVine has campaigned for various issues concerning city administration and public recreation.

He is a member of Shrine Hospital Dads unit, and has personally located 45 crippled children who have attended the Shrine hospitals. LaVine is a life sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, personally processing and checking on people who require the help of the Foundation.

In summing up Sir Knight LaVine, Marsengill writes, "he is a rightwing, flag-waving, conservative, patriotic square' at a time when the nation needs more and more people who will get involved, and become active participants in the business of life, rather than being passive observers."

TEMPLAR NOMENCLATURE

WYLIE B. WENDT
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The Order of Knights Templar is a sovereign Body in Freemasonry and it makes its own rules and regulations. It is not governed by the laws, regulations, traditions or practices of any other Masonic body. As Knights Templar we have our own nomenclature and we should take pride in using our nomenclature correctly.

It is understood, of course, that there are many Sir Knights who are well informed on correct Templar nomenclature. This paper was not written for them. On the other hand, it is possible there are Templars who are not so well informed and are dubious on some phase of nomenclature peculiar to our chivalric Order. This latter class may find something of interest in this paper, which was written for them and as a refresher course for all Knights Templar. Here begins the paper. (*Italics by the Author*)



Wylie B. Wendt

Commanderies hold Conclaves, not meetings. Commanderies hold Stated Conclaves, not Regular Conclaves. Commanderies hold Special Conclaves, not Called Conclaves.

Commanderies, or rather Councils of the Red Cross, confer the Order of the Red Cross. They do not put on the Order of the Red Cross.

Commanderies, or more properly speaking, Priors, confer the Order of Malta. They do not put on the Order of Malta.

Commanderies confer the Order of the Temple. They do not put on the Order of the Temple.

There are no degrees in the Commandery. There are three Orders. The only time the word "degree" is mentioned in Templary is in connection with the degree of Knight of St. Paul or Mediterranean Pass, the pass degree to the Order of Malta.

Commanderies open in full form or in short form, and the record should so show. Commanderies do not open in long form. Long form is not mentioned in the ritual.

In certain locations and in some Masonic publications there is confusion in the use of Templar titles.

Section 54 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment covers the subject of titles in Grand Commandery and Section 77 covers titles in a Commandery.

Section 77. The honorary title of the Commander is "Eminent" and the official title is "Commander."

The honorary title of all officers and individual members of the Order is "Sir Knight."

The honorary title shall be used in addressing or referring to an officer, and when so used shall immediately precede the official title, e.g.: "Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Captain General, Sir Knight Warder," etc.

The title of each and every Knight Templar, when addressed or referred to by either or both his Christian and surname is "Sir Knight," *without any prefix thereto*, and "Sir Knights" is the title to be applied to any assemblage of Knights Templar. (End of Section 77)

This means that the official title of the presiding officer of a Commandery is Commander and the honorary title is Eminent Commander. The honorary title is used in speaking to him. The official title is used in speaking about him. For example, "When composed of eleven, who are they?"—"The Commander, Generalissimo," etc. Or "The station of the Commander?"

The Commander never refers to himself by his honorary title but always uses the official title. Example: "I am the Commander of Blank Commandery," and not "I am the Eminent Commander of Blank Commandery."

All documents and official orders are signed by the Commander over his official title as Commander and not as Eminent Commander. The Recorder should see that the title is used correctly.

The official title of the Prelate of a Commandery is Prelate, the honorary title is Excellent Prelate. The Commander and the Prelate are the only two officers of a Commandery that do not have the honorary prefix "Sir Knight" to their offices, as is used in the remainder of the officers.

The official title of a past presiding

officer of a Commandery is Past Commander. The honorary title of a past presiding officer of a Commandery is Eminent Past Commander, not Past Eminent Commander. The honorary prefix "Eminent" precedes the official part "Past Commander." Do not divide the official part in the middle.

The honorary title of every member of the Order is "Sir Knight" and this honorary title precedes the name of the individual. (See the last paragraph of Section 77, previously quoted.) There is no other honorary prefix to the name of an individual in Templary, despite the general and incorrect use of Right Eminent Sir John Doe or Right Eminent Sir Knight John Doe or Eminent Sir John Doe or Eminent Sir Knight John Doe.

The honorary title is applied to the office or station and not to the individual or the name of the individual. In this distinction, Templary differs from all other branches of Masonry, where the honorary title may be used in connection with the individual or the name of the individual.

In some jurisdictions, when a Past Grand Commander has been elected to the office of Grand Recorder or Grand Treasurer, it is sometimes the practice to mistakenly refer to him as Sir Knight William Black, Right Eminent Grand Recorder. While he is a Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, he is still the Eminent Grand Recorder, and no past rank can add any more eminence to the station of Grand Recorder.

And in connection with past rank, the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment provides for the Retention of Rank in Section 235 as Follows:

Section 235. One who has filed by installation and term of service, the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General in the Grand Encampment; Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General in a Grand Commandery; or Commander in a Commandery; shall retain the title of the highest office attained by him in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery or Commandery, with the word "Past" immediately preceding and qualifying the official title. *Past rank is limited to the*

officers named in this section. (End of Section 235)

This means there is no such title or rank as Past Grand Recorder, Past Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Prelate or any other Past Grand titles seen in print so many times or used in public introductions.

In a Commandery, there is no such title or rank as Past Generalissimo, Past Captain General, Past Prelate, Past Treasurer or Past Recorder. The only past rank in a Commandery is Past Commander.

If reference need be made to a Sir Knight having occupied any of these offices it may be done as follows: Sir Knight George Brown, former Grand Prelate, or Sir Knight John Black, former Grand Recorder, which carries no rank but identifies the member as having at one time held the office mentioned.

With respect to conclaves of the Grand Commandery, Section 36 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment is as follows:

Section 36. The conclaves of a Grand Commandery shall be:

- (a) Stated; which shall be held at least once each year.
- (b) Special; which may be called by the Grand Commander, etc. (End)

There is no reference anywhere in the Constitution to a "Grand Conclave" of the Grand Commandery, but this incorrect phrase has crept into Templar notices and conversation. It would be interesting to know what makes the Annual Conclave of a Grand Commandery a "Grand Conclave."

Another anomaly that has crept into Templar usage is the phrase "Grand Jurisdiction." This phrase does not appear in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. The word "Jurisdiction" appears in Sections 3, 34, 41 and 48, if anyone is interested in looking it up. Not once is any reference made to a "Grand Jurisdiction."

A Commandery holds its Conclaves in an Asylum.

A Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross meets in an Audience Chamber and does a part of its work in a Council chamber.

A Priory of Knights of Malta meets in a chapel and does a part of its work in a guard room.

The Council Chamber and the guard room need not be separate rooms. These are terms used in the ritualistic work.

Commanderies that are a part of a Grand Commandery are styled "Constituent Commanderies." Commanderies that are directly under the Grand Encampment are styled "Subordinate Commanderies."

Commanderies open and close. Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment convene and adjourn.

In a Commandery of Knights Templar refer to a member, no matter how high his rank, as Sir Knight Brown. In a Priory of Knights of Malta refer to a member as Knight Black or Brother Knight Black. In a Council of the Red Cross refer to a member as Companion White.

In conclusion, no Sir Knight as an individual is more eminent than any other Sir Knight, but the office he holds may be more eminent. The honorary title is applied to the office and not to the man. In this regard Templary differs from all other branches of Freemasonry.

Our nomenclature as Knights Templar is simple and complete. We should take pride in the correct use of this Templar nomenclature.

Urbana-Champaign Installation

Urbana Commandery No. 16 and Champaign Commandery No. 68, Illinois, united for public installation ceremonies Friday, June 28, at Urbana. Sir Knights, families and friends gathered for a covered dish supper preceding the installation.



L. to r.: Maxwell Hunt, newly installed Commander, Urbana No. 16; Leo C. Dimmer, P.G.C., Installing Marshal; Haldane W. Bean, P.G.C., Installing Officer; Parker M. Wheeler, former Grand Prelate, who served as Prelate for the installation; Elmer Yates, new Commander of Champaign No. 68.

"IN HIS NAME"

TOMORROW POSTPONED OR RE-AFFIRMED?

Lewis W. V. Jumper
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Apparently years ago there had been posted outside an amateur theater: "ATTENTION! Due to lack of interest, tomorrow has been postponed!" Returning from an important three day re-examination of the "Mission and Purpose of the Church" your Prelate heard this quoted over an airport speaker system. Not many moments later the rejoinder came over the same system: "ATTENTION John Doe! Tomorrow has been reinstated." At Pentecost the disciples found their "tomorrows" reinstated and their "todays" filled with enthusiasm.

There are times when every single one of us wants to "check out"—we've had it—and we've had it up to here. There are times when we are angry and upset and hostile—and we've had it. And there are other times when it is just a quiet indifference to what is next. The feeling, the attitude, the desperation—however it may come—makes us want to pull the covers over our face and forget it; forget it all. But we can't—we know we can't. There are ways we do sort of "check out:" we get away; we play harder; we grow a hard shell; we say "It's too much for me"—or, "I don't know the answer;" or, "what can I do about it?"

What can we do with feelings such as these—how can we live with them? Is there more than just "gritting our teeth" and taking it?—or lying back and saying "God's will be done"—or fighting another battle in the name of one we should be fighting? **TOMORROW REALLY CANNOT BE CANCELLED!** One way or another it is going to be! What can help us?

(A) *Accept Feelings and Reactions as Normal*

Surely the first thing we have to know and admit is that feeling such as these are perfectly natural. There is nothing wrong or strange about them—we would be odd creatures indeed if what happens, and what does not happen, did not get to us. We do care—we

do have feelings—we do have likes and dislikes—we do get hurt: emotionally and physically. Reactions should not be thought odd when they do not always enable us to plunge ahead, as if nothing mattered. The Bible is full of stories of real people who get upset and hurt and disturbed and are not able to do the things they should, and in many of these stories people are not shamed into action—told they are strange—but simply encouraged to be God's people—to keep at it—and accept the feelings that surround certain situations as natural. After Jesus was crucified it is not surprising that the disciples wondered what was next. They were upset and afraid; they had acted in a cowardly fashion; but when they saw Jesus again He did not rail at them for the way they felt—He took them where they were and said they should go on from there. He did not condemn Peter for his denial—He made sure Peter cared now and wanted to do better.

One cannot live in a family, one cannot work in a business, one cannot go to school, without getting upset and disturbed: "the boss is not fair;" "the rest of the staff take advantage of me;" "the teacher did not understand;" "my father is stubborn;" "my husband is concerned only with money and not me." And you can think of other reactions, and while often they are momentary, sometimes they fester—sometimes they become the start which ends with wishing tomorrow could be cancelled.

(B) *Attention to Issues Instead of Symptoms Gives Perspective*

Second, there are times when our feelings about tomorrow are such that we have to take another look at the ISSUES and not only the SYMPTOMS—this in our personal affairs, and this in our social and civic living. I am sure there must be times when our civic and elected officials must get discouraged and disgusted—when they must wonder what the use of it all is—when the con-

stant criticism and carping and complaints and accusations must get to them. According to one elected official: "If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen." And he knew what it was like; but you can't always get out; and the heat does get to you; and it is at times such as these that the issues must be looked at again—not the symptoms—not the things that hurt and discourage and upset, but the issues—the aim—the intention—not that all of a sudden seeing the issues the symptoms will disappear, but we may gain a bit more perspective.

Family life at best is not easy—it is impossible for people of different temperaments and attitudes to live together without friction. And business life is not so different—competition—new products—old and new ways to sell—old and young people—make friction a part of it. And social life is the same—no two people really want to do exactly the same thing. We see different ways to achieve ends that are good—and we are blinded by our own selfishness—and so there is friction. Let's expect it—let's not try to run from it—let's recognize that upon many of the basic issues we are united; but we will differ as to the roads we take—and what disappointments and rewards each may bring. I would hope that when we look at the issues the perspective will help us even as the symptoms of despair and anxiety and frustration and joy persist.

Look at your family. What are the real issues? A family is a place where people can grow and share and be accepted and be responsible and be forgiven and be loved. These are the issues—the symptoms are what occur—when we try to help someone be responsible, and we are irresponsible; when we want to be forgiven, and we are unforgiving; here is where the despair comes. And tomorrow? We wish we could cancel it.

Or the wider social view. What is good for our society?—surely justice and opportunity and help and freedom and responsibility. These things are not really denied by anyone; but the symptoms are what hurt—how we gain these ends: legislation; money; marches; bloodshed. The friction comes here, and we despair: "why try, why push?" It is so discouraging—people do not understand

—one position; and cannot move to another—the issues are lost and the quarrel is over the symptoms. This was Jesus' problem with the people of His day. The issues of life are what concerned Him. It did not make too much difference which of several roads one might go—but He was entangled—and killed for the symptoms. We do not want tomorrow to come because we do not know what to do with it. Keeping the issues before us may be helpful—it may not turn the heat off; but it may clarify the reason we stay in the kitchen!

(C) *Tomorrow's Answers Are Not Always Evident Today.*

For the God-centered person all of the answers for tomorrow are not included in today! This is part of what St. Paul was trying to say in the bit we read from his letter to his friends at Philippi—he talked about the wonder of knowing the risen Christ; of continuing to run the race of life; by knowing that it was not just what he had to put into it that made it worthwhile, but *what God gave him*—the same kind of *power* and *strength* he had used to raise Jesus. Now this can be just plain "gobbledegook"—it is: if all the answers to life and death, past and future, have to be found right here. It is not if we are people who believe that in the relationships we have—there is a factor which cannot be defined—which simply has to do with what can be predicted or discovered ahead or planned. Lives lived today have different outcomes tomorrow based on today; yes, but also on tomorrow, and the way we face it, without answers perhaps, but still facing it—and for all our feelings that we wish it could be cancelled—it cannot be—and even death itself is an answer with which we must deal. St. Paul did not know quite what it meant to be "risen with Christ"—or even to be His follower. What he did know was that in this kind of life, in which he knew his answers were not everything, he could live every single day—in despair, and agony, and trouble, and hatred, and joy, and gladness, and accomplishment—he could live each day—and even if he wished tomorrow might be cancelled—in anger or in apathy—he still knew that it was coming—and he was to be

ARTHUR ELMER OLSON Tice, Florida

Knight Templar Magazine reports the following from an April 15 Florida newspaper:

Arthur Elmer Olson, 82, 374 North New York Drive, Tice, Florida, died at the Lee Memorial Hospital, April 13. Residing in Florida for the past 16 years, Sir Knight Olson was a retired dispatcher for the Illinois Central Railroad.

He was a member of the Riverside Baptist Church, Ft. Myers Camera Club, Ft. Myers Stamp Club, Illinois Club of Fort Myers, and the National Association of Retired Railway Employees.

Sir Knight Olson was active in Masonry as a life member of Elks Lodge No. 617, Freeport, Illinois, a charter member of the Araba Temple of Fort Myers, the Scottish Rite, an honorary member of the York Rite Bodies of Fort Myers, Past Commander of Commandery No. 72 of Illinois, Past Illustrious Master and Past High Priest of the Fort Myers Commandery, a member of K.Y.C.H. of Fort Myers and Past Master of St. John's Lodge 13 F. & A.M., Peru, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude P. Olson, of Fort Myers; two sisters, Mrs. Alton Cave of Rockford, Illinois, and Mrs. Lauerence Goddard of Munster, Indiana; a brother, Herman Olson, a Mason in Rockford, Illinois; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requested that flowers be omitted and contributions be made to the Heart Fund or Emphusema Anonymous.

Coming next month: "Man and Masonry" by Sir Knight Eugene S. Hopp, M.D., Grand Master of Masons in California.

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a part of it—and his God was to be a part of it, too—and this would have to do—because this is what life is all about: Living today, fully and expectantly for what one can do to make or change or help tomorrow—your tomorrow—my tomorrow—God's tomorrow—which certainly cannot be cancelled.

Templars Celebrate "Go To Church Sunday"

"Templar Go To Church Sunday" at the Malden Road Community Church, Mattydale, New York, paid tribute to area Sir Knights with a special service and sermon, May 19.

Led by Peter James, Commander of the Lake Ontario Commandery No. 32, and honored by the attendance of Grand Commander Neil R. Baker, Knights Templar bedecked the congregation in white-plumed chapeaux and gold braided uniforms. Highlighting the service was the inverting of their swords, held aloft by the blade and making a cross as they and the congregation declared their faith in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

The sermon, by the Rev. Rudolph Grossman, dwelt on the underlying principles of chastity, poverty and obedience espoused by Templars. Used in the text were the words of Paul, "Know you not that you are God's temple and God's spirit dwells in you."

The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N. Y., May 20, cites the theme and excerpts from the sermon. Rev. Grossman first notes the founding of Knights Templar in the 12th Century and acknowledges the origin of the word "Templars" from the site of the "Temple of Solomon."

Rev. Grossman reminded his listeners that all the mystifying operations of the computer cannot compare with the marvelous function of the human brain. Jesus taught that no amount of material wealth could compensate for the loss of the soul through the destruction of the soul's center, the mind, he said.

"More important than a cathedral, a church or a shrine, is this temple which contains the spirit of God. The human body, which is mystical and spiritual as well as physical, when well coordinated and controlled, bring us to Jesus Christ," Rev. Grossman stated.

The Post-Standard writes, "Rev. Grossman has been the pastor of Malden Road Community Church three years and during that time he has given outstanding ecumenical leadership in the church and community."

GRAND CONCLAVE POTPOURRI

Portland, Oregon, was host to the Oregon Annual Conclave, April 7-8 to elect and install Templar officers: R.E. Grand Commander, John R. Williams; Deputy Grand Commander, John W. Givens; Grand Generalissimo, Lloyd K. McRae; Grand Captain General, Robert F. Wagner; Grand Recorder, Ray E. Allen, P.G.C.

New Commandery Officers of Louisiana were installed at Baton Rouge, during the April 7-9 Annual Conclave. Serving with R.E. Grand Commander, Percy A. Shipp, will be: Deputy Grand Commander Leonard C. Martin; Grand Generalissimo, Dr. Robert H. Robinson; Grand Captain General, Dr. Louis A. Leggett; Grand Recorder, Arthur A. Childsey.

The Annual Conclave of Arkansas convened in Little Rock, April 22-23, and elected: R.E. Grand Commander, Franklin B. Trusdell; Deputy Grand Commander, Hal S. Moore; Grand Generalis-

imo, John D. Buzbee; Grand Captain General, Jacob L. King; Grand Recorder, Ormand B. Shaw, P.G.C. Next year's conclave will also meet in Little Rock April 21.

Alabama held its Annual Conclave in Birmingham, April 23-24, and installed: R.E. Grand Commander, Ray B. Hartwell; Deputy Grand Commander, Charles L. Jones; Grand Generalissimo, Clifford J. Turner; Grand Captain General, Frank M. James; Grand Recorder, Thomas W. Oliver.

Santa Ana, California, was the location of the California Annual Conclave, April 25-26, where the new officers rededicated themselves to Templar service. They are: R.E. Grand Commander, Lovell E. Spurgeon; Deputy Grand Commander, John B. Nye; Grand Generalissimo, William P. Wilson; Grand Captain General, Gordon M. Pannell; Grand Recorder, Chester H. Newell.

Pioneer Period Ends

The pioneer and development era of North Dakota Templary was concluded at the 79th Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery of North Dakota, Fargo, April 28-29.

This was the last conclave to convene in the Fargo Masonic Temple because the building has been sold and will be razed to provide additional auto parking space for downtown Fargo. Since its erection in 1889, it has been the most popular temple in the state, housing the executive office of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. and the most convenient meeting place for the Shrine and Scottish and York Rite Bodies.

In the "Rite of Demolition," a ceremony in which all the executive officers of the York Rite, including Gilbert H. Movius, Grand Master of Masons, and Department Commander Alvin L. Crump participated, the impending destruction of this famous temple was announced and lamented.

During its period of operation, North Dakota Templary assumed an International aspect as the North Dakota Military Lodge No. 1 U.D. brought English speaking Freemasonry to the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. It was under the leadership of Lt. Cal W. C. Treumann, Worshipful Master and also Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery No. 6, Grafton.

A Christian observance in the Grand Encampment tradition, using the English language, was celebrated in Manila Christmas day, 1898, under the auspices of this military lodge with Sir Knight Frank M. Foote, Past Grand Commander of Wyoming, as Eminent Commander during the ceremony.

Thus, the officers of two of the smallest Grand Commanderries in the U.S.A. enacted a great, but little known, historical event.

Officers elected and installed at the Fargo Conclave were: George E. Burchill, Grand Commander; Harley R. Kingsbury, Deputy Grand Commander; Glenn M. Robertson, Grand Generalissimo; Charles A. Richter, Grand Captain General; George J. Toman, Senior Warden; James C. Newland, Junior Warden; Helmer Mohagen, Treasurer; Albert G. Tverberg, Recorder; Virgil Garwood, Standard Bearer; Robert W. Gross, Sword Bearer; Urban Blaisdell, Warder; Michael Mooney, Captain of the Guard; Rev. L. R. Burgum, Prelate Emeritus; and Dr. Russell A. Huffman, Prelate.



Forty-six candidates were initiated in Monumental Commandery, Maryland, at the Maryland York Rite Festival.

Boasting a 106 membership increase, the Maryland Grand Commandery held its 98th Annual Conclave in Baltimore, in connection with a York Rite Festival. On May 15 members elected and installed their new officers: R.E. Grand Commander, Alton G. Billmeir; Deputy Grand Commander, James Primus; Grand Generalissimo, Charles H. Cover; Grand Captain General, Austin P. Renn; Grand Senior Warden, John S. Mitchell; Grand Prelate, Anthony G. Bittner. Also: Grand Recorder, Schuyler C. Blackburn, P.G.C.; Grand Junior Warden, Milton G. Meline; Grand Standard Bearer, Alfred C. Collins; Grand Warder, Morris B. Carroll; Grand Captain of the Guard, James M. Gardner.

Ft. Lauderdale was host to Florida's Annual Conclave session May 20 which installed: R.E. Grand Commander, Louis B. McSwain Jr.; Deputy Grand Commander, John W. Stewart; Grand Generalissimo, Stephen B. Dimond; Grand Captain General, J. Richard Reid; Grand Recorder, Thomas T. Morrison, P.G.C.

Washington's 81st Annual Conclave convened in Longview, May 20, honored by the presence of M.E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr. The conclave elected R.E. Grand Commander, Kenneth N. Carmody; Deputy Grand Commander, Arnold L. Johnson; Grand Generalissimo, David E. Johnson; Grand Captain General, George L. Tracy; Grand Senior Warden, Harold E. Good; Grand Junior Warden, Fred W. Gemmer; Grand Treasurer, Robert P. Monroe, P.G.C.; Grand Recorder, Albert Jensen, P.G.C.

Templars at Moscow, Idaho elected and installed the following officers at their Annual Conclave May 20-21: R. E. Grand Commander, John P. Halliwell Jr., Deputy Grand Commander, Floyd A. Perks; Grand Generalissimo, James E. Ruckman; Grand Captain General, John C. Trebilecock; Grand Recorder, Ralph W. Hopffgarten. The next Idaho Conclave will be held at Boise, May 27-28.

107th Conclave



Grand Commandery officers for Missouri, 1968-1969 are: Front row, l. to r.: Joseph W. Nickle, W. Bush Walden, Lloyd E. Poore, Harlan C. Boehm. Second row, l. to r.: Bruce H. Hunt, Z. Willard Gunkel, Leslie R. Cox Jr., A. Maurice Wilson. Third row, l. to r.: Lloyd J. Carroll, Marion L. Dollison, Morris E. Ewing. Back row, l. to r.: Charles C. Cutler, Pressley L. Crummy, Frank K. Roy, Jr.

Knights Templar of Missouri, in the closing hours of the 107th Annual Conclave, elected Lloyd E. Poore, R.E. Grand Commander. Held in St. Louis,

Grand Master Crofts Attends Home Conclave

John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master; and Alvin Crump, Department Commander, were among the honored guests at the 104th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa, June 24-27.

Grand Master Crofts, himself a Past Grand Commander of Iowa, addressed the Grand Conclave briefly on the work of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Bell was the speaker of the evening for the Grand Commander's banquet and delivered an interesting, witty, and inspiring address, reports Jerry Marsengill. Sir Knight Crump addressed the Grand Conclave on the subject of membership and working of membership committees.

Sir Knight Ray Slaybaugh, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Colorado, and personal representative of the R.E. Grand Commander, was in attendance. Sir Knights Crofts, Bell, Slaybaugh and the R.E. Grand Commander of Iowa, Sir Knight Graham, discussed plans for the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment to convene in Denver, Colorado, in 1970 under the co-sponsorship of the Grand Commanderies of Iowa and Colorado.

Grand Commander Graham, in his address, paid particular attention to the Knight Templar Magazine and the fine coverage which the magazine had given the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

The following were elected and installed into office: Herbert A. Schwandt, R.E. Grand Commander; Guymon Wilsey, Deputy Grand Commander; Jack G. Stafford, Grand Generalissimo; Robert Mullenger, Grand Captain General; Lester Johnson, Grand Treasurer; Marion L. Miller, Grand Recorder.

More Potpourri

Members at the Virginia Annual Conclave, May 9-11, Lynchburg, installed: R.E. Grand Commander, Silverius C. Churn; Deputy Grand Commander, Charles L. Harrison; Grand Generalissimo, Moffet D. Sensabaugh; Grand Captain General, Joseph B. Cole; Grand Recorder, William T. Buckner, P.G.C.

Winners of the District of Columbia Grand Commandery's medals for Meritorious Awards for the Templar Year ending March 31, 1968, were announced at the Grand Conclave in Washington, D.C., May 11. Awards were given to the Most Outstanding Sir Knight, Sir Knight Arthur R. Glenum, Armory of Columbia Commandery No. 2; Most Outstanding Officer below Council, Sir Knight Frank N. Jackson Jr., Warder of Washington Commandery No. 1; Most Efficient Council Officer, Sir Knight



Attending the Grand Conclave of Iowa were: l. to r., John L. Crofts Sr., Ray Slaybaugh, G. Wilbur Bell, and E. Russell Graham.

Paul E. Shaffer, Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 2. Sir Knight Shaffer also accepted a plaque for having the highest combined ratings on inspections and performance; Sir Knight H. Dale Moran was Inspector General. Officers elected and installed at the Conclave were: R.E. Grand Commander George C. Moreland; Deputy Grand Commander, Henry L. Wright; Grand Generalissimo, George M. Fulmer; Grand Captain General, Henry R. Harrison.

Ogden, Utah, was the site of the Utah Annual Conclave, May 13, where members chose James L. Martin, as R.E. Grand Commander. Also elected were: Deputy Grand Commander, Calvin A. Behle; Grand Generalissimo, Ernest A. Lyon; Grand Captain General, Lloyd N. Taylor; Grand Recorder, Paul B. Pickering. The next conclave will convene May 12-13, 1969, in Salt Lake City.

May 17-18, other officers elected and installed were: Deputy Grand Commander, Harlan C. Boehm; Grand Generalissimo, W. Bush Walden; Grand Captain General, Joseph W. Nickel; Grand Senior Warden, Leslie R. Cox, Jr.; Grand Junior Warden, Marion L. Dollison. Also: Grand Standard Bearer, Pressley

L. Crummy; Grand Sword Bearer, A. Maurice Wilson; Grand Warder, Charles C. Cutler; Grand Treasurer, Morris E. Ewing; Grand Recorder, Bruce H. Hunt. Appointed to office were: Grand Lecturer, Frank K. Roy Jr.; Grand Captain of the Guard, Dr. L. J. Carroll; Grand Prelate, Rev. Z. Willard Gunckel.

Sword Presented Again



A Crusader Sword, used by one of the Crusaders at the time Jerusalem was recaptured from the Infidels, was presented this year to Pennsboro Commandery No. 20, West Virginia, for having the largest attendance at the 94th Annual Grand Conclave, May 16-18, Clarksburg.

The sword was given to Sir Knight W. Bernard Roewe by Colonel Shirley Donnelly on May 22, 1954, as a constant reminder for the Knights of West Virginia to emulate the virtues of those Templars in forwarding the objectives of Templarism throughout the world. Wishing to give the family heirloom to a high ranking officer who might appreciate it, the sword was first given to a Colonel Snyder by a German Frau during the surrender of arms in 1945. Colonel Snyder, knowing Colonel Donnelly's interest in historical matters, in turn gave the sword to him.

It was resolved and adopted in West Virginia that the sword be presented each year at the Annual Conclave to the Constituent Commandery having the largest percentage of its membership present-Host Commanderies excluded.

This year, newly installed R.E. Grand Commander Earle G. Helmick recognized the smallest Commandery of the state with only 48 members, but the largest per cent (12) present.

Included in the session was an announcement by now Past Grand Commander Denis F. Carder of a net gain in membership of 23, stating, "a journey of a thousand miles is started with a single step."



Newly elected officers of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia are, first row, l. to r.: Roy Meredith, Grand Senior Warden; Oscar V. Bowling, Grand Generalissimo; A. Lynn Keyser, Deputy Grand Commander; Earl G. Helmick, R.E. Grand Commander; Arthur M. Herndon, Grand Captain General; Milton G. Maisel, Grand Junior Warden. Second row, l. to r.: Stanley K. Allen, Grand Warden; M. Douglass Lucas, Grand Standard Bearer; Robert H. Bowlby, Grand Recorder; Selby R. Starkey, Grand Prelate; George C. Lazenby, Grand Sword Bearer; Tom G. Strickler Jr., Grand Treasurer; H. Courtney Jones, Grand Captain of Guard.

Minnesota Conclave

The 103rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota convened at Duluth, June 6-8. Newly installed officers for the 1968-69 term are: Lee Hargesheimer, R.E. Grand Commander; Fred W. Hartwig, Deputy Grand Commander; Calvin H. Gould Jr., Grand Generalissimo; Lester P. Fitting, Grand Captain General.

John Philip Sousa dedicated "The Thunderer" to Columbia Commandery No. 2 when he was knighted in 1886. Commandery is in Washington, D.C.

Information from Paul E. Bierley
Whitehall Lodge No. 761,
Columbus, Ohio

New Mexico Entertained

The Grand York Bodies of New Mexico held their 68th Annual Sessions in Roswell, New Mexico, May 16-18. The Grand Commandery installed Lawrence Manker Sr., R.E. Grand Commander. Also installed were: Deputy Grand Commander, Harlan Morris; Grand Generalissimo, Henry B. McCarter; Grand Captain General, Sam L. Swysgood; Grand Treasurer, Frederick W. Blocksom; Grand Recorder, Elamer H. Rieman. Retiring "Dean" Mitchell was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus for his many years of faithful service. A Knights Templar first occurred when Sir Knight Lawrence Manker Sr., R.E. Grand Commander, was installed by his three brothers Sir Knight Theodore Manker, Arizona; Sir Knight Clarence Manker, California; Sir Knight Floyd I. Manker, P.G.C. of Arizona; and a son, Sir Knight Lawrence Manker Jr., Santa Fe. Delegates were entertained by the King and Queen of the 1968 Hondo Festival, dancers Maria Torrez and Arturo Pacheco.



Grand Commandery officers, New Mexico, front row, l. to r.: William L. Verhines, Sam L. Swysgood, Lawrence Manker Sr., Harlan Morris, Henry B. McCarter, Fred C. Piper; back row: Fred W. Blocksom, Albert Elwell, Victor Gallivan, Rev. Richard B. Johnson, Robert Finch, Thomas B. Carr, Elmer Rieman.



Reports-Voluntary Campaign

At press time, a number of Grand Commanderies had not yet reported the results of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign as conducted by Constituent Commanderies.

In accordance with the Grand Master's General Order No. 2, each Grand Commander was to report for the Constituent Commanderies to the Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, N.Y. 12572.

The report deadline has been extended to August 15. On that date, tabulations will be completed.

REMINDER TO RECORDERS

In correspondence with Grand Recorders, and in instruction lists distributed in connection with the every-member compilation, it has been noted that the names and addresses are to be typed or otherwise reproduced on regular 8½ by 11 sheets. In several instances, the rosters have been received in the form of index cards. These are proving to be completely unacceptable for Grand Encampment's data processing system.

Grand and Subordinate Commanderies still in the process of compiling their every-member rosters are again reminded that the names and addresses are to be prepared in list form, not card form.

VOLUNTARY EYE FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN REPORT

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

Anchorage Commandery No. 2, Anchorage, Alaska	331	members	\$ 117.50
St. John's Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Del.	321	"	100.00
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover, Delaware	98	"	198.32
Porto Rico Commandery No. 1, Puerto Rico	147	"	1,000.00
Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Saudi Arabia	126	"	4,175.00

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