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A WORD FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE

by the GRAND MASTER

But nine months remain of the necessary interval between "decision" (Detroit, August 1967) and "delivery" (July 1969) of the Knight Templar Magazine to all members monthly without subscription.

It has been a busy time for many of us, during which we have ordered (September 1967) and received (March 1968) the IBM equipment needed, set up procedures for building the every-member mailing list, circulated forms and instructions to state and local levels, employed the necessary staff, received back about 80% of the name and address lists and put them into the necessary process of (1) punching the information received, (2) printing and sending lists from the cards for verification and correction, (3) receiving these first lists back and making corrections on punch-cards, (4) printing out second lists, (5) instituting monthly updating of names and addresses with the second lists as a starting point.



We would not tell you that all this has been accomplished without a certain amount of "flak" from some who have felt their own work necessarily contributed is too great a burden, from some who thought they should have been consulted before Grand Encampment decided all Knights Templar should receive our Magazine or that the additional cost of 66 cents per year will cause wholesale desertions from the ranks of Templary. This would have been minimized if we could have sent the Magazine to all immediately after the decision was made, but we had to have time for the processes suggested above, and of course to establish the flow of funds to pay for the every-member distribution. Still, adverse comment has all but subsided with better understanding of the careful process followed both before and during the decision at the Triennial Conclave, of the services both planned and possible which will provide mechanically a substitute for much work now done manually, most of all with greater understanding of the spectacular potential service to the Templar Order of a monthly publication to all members.

One fact little known, peculiarly, is that two pages of each issue will be available to each jurisdiction for its own copy which will appear in each Magazine delivered to addressees within that jurisdiction—what we call "state inserts." No Grand Commandery now has a monthly publication to all members—soon all will be able to address all resident Templars, without printing cost or mailing effort and expense! The Grand Encampment office will "set up" this copy on a "composing" typewriter, but copy will remain otherwise exactly as furnished by the jurisdiction.

Interested? Of course you are! I personally am sure that the Grand Commanderies will tell us at the Denver Triennial that they want four pages monthly instead of two, and it will be possible then to comply. Talk to your Grand Commander about it and help him to be ready to make the best possible use of this new means of communication to be offered for the first time by Templary or by any national Masonic body.



Monmouth, Oregon

I read *Knight Templar Magazine* with a great deal of interest and there is one thing I would like some information on. It has always been my opinion the word Templar should not be used in the plural, Sir Knights or Sir Knight but not Knight Templars. Which is correct? I see it used both ways in about every issue. I am what the boys call a rabid York Rite Native Buckeye out here to spend a little time with my daughter and a trip to a hospital for two operations that were not on the schedule. Hope to return to Bellefontaine, Ohio next month where I served as presiding Officer over all four bodies after passing the age of 70. Fifty-seven years a Master Mason, also K.Y.C.H.

JESS V. YODER

Editor's Note: The accepted plural form of Knight Templar is KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, that is, Knights of the Temple. However, as with other terms, there are infinite varieties of Templar expression among different individuals and in

different sections of the country. When using the term Templar, the plural is formed by adding "s." One is a Templar; when you refer to more than one, they are Templars. However, when using the two words together—Knight Templar—the plural is formed by adding the "s" to Knight, rather than to Templar. Either way, I am sure we all mean the same thing and have the same feeling of dedication to our Order.

East Rutherford, New Jersey

I have just received the August issue of the *K. T. Magazine* and was delighted to read the article about my friend and our P.G.C., Howard Haring. It is well done and he deserves this attention to his devotion in his work.

I was particularly interested in the item by Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt which starts on Page 17 especially when he says (on page 19) "There is no reference anywhere in the Constitution to a 'Grand Conclave' of the Grand Commandery, —"

Reading further in the magazine, I found (without really trying), the fol-

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CLAVE POTPOURRI”

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self a Past Grand Commander of Iowa,
addresses the *Grand Conclave*.”

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ing the *Grand Conclave* of Iowa.”

Page 25—“Winners of the D. C.—
were announced at the *Grand Conclave*
in Washington, D. C.—”

It is apparent that this term has been
associated with our speaking very strongly
and I, for one, will try to avoid it in
my speech and writing in the future.
Am I right?

JOHN A. STEAD, P.C.
Assistant Grand Recorder

Editor's Note: Journalistic license!

Richmond, Virginia

This has reference to page 22 of the
July issue of the *Knight Templar*.

I was glad to note that the Sir Knight
mentioned was so honored. I have a
friend in Ann Arbor, Michigan, who
was also honored with the Knight Tem-
plar Cross of Honor—I would also like
to see him “covered” in the Knight
Templar. I am enclosing an article from
the *Ann Arbor Masonic News*.

ROBERT HARRISON, 32°

Harrison H. Caswell, a Knight of the
York Cross of Honour, was the recipient
of a much coveted award which was
presented to him at the Grand Com-
mandery Banquet June 7, by Sir Knight
Frederick G. Kirby, R.E. Commander,
Michigan. The Award is the Knights
Templar Cross of Honor and is the
highest honor that can be bestowed on
any Knight Templar by the Grand En-
campment.

Sir Knight Caswell has been a very
stabilizing factor in Ann Arbor Masonry.
He has a wealth of experience and knowl-
edge which we all draw upon constantly
to carry us through our many under-
takings.

Sir Knight Caswell received his 33rd
Degree last September in Pittsburgh. He
is an honorary Member of Ann Arbor
Lodge No. 544 F.&A.M. and Fraternity
Lodge No. 262 F.&A.M.

Howell, Michigan

*The following is a letter written to
Grand Master Crofts in response to the
recent magazine subscription drive.*

In reply to your letter of August 26th.
It so happens again, to help Howell
Commandery No. 28, hold it's enviable
place as “The Biggest Little Commandery
in Michigan,” May 6, I mailed a check
of \$170.20, covering a subscription to
each of our Sir Knights, up to July of
1969, to the *Knight Templar Magazine*.
Therefore, every Sir Knight of Howell
Commandery No. 28 is receiving the
magazine at this time.

While I'm writing I would like to let
you know that we have 35 Life Sponsors
to the Eye Foundation out of a member-
ship of 142 Sir Knights.

Thanks for your efforts to bolster up
the magazine subscriptions, but you see
we of Howell Commandery No. 28 are
already 100% .

HARRY S. WALDRON
Recorder

Raleigh, North Carolina

Reference to “Cadet Nite At West
Point,” taken from *Masonic Service As-
sociation* of the United States, in your
July issue, enclosed, the statement is made
that Lt. Gen. Nickerson is “a 33rd Degree
Mason.” I submit to you, sir, that there
is no such thing as a 33rd Degree Mason.
This doubtlessly was intended to mean
that General Nickerson has received the
33rd Degree Scottish Rite and therefore,
the article should have been corrected.

Most newspapers make the same mis-
take and while we cannot hold the unin-
formed responsible for this misnomer we
can certainly expect a Masonic publica-
tion to correctly identify a Scottish Rite
Degree.

Thank you for an otherwise excellent
publication and the many fine articles
in each issue.

WILLIAM T. SMITH, P.C.
Raleigh Commandery No. 4

*Editor's Note: We, too, assume that
“33rd Degree Mason” in the Masonic
Service Association release was intended
to convey the thought that General Nick-
erson had received “the 33rd Degree
Scottish Rite.”*

Bethel, Connecticut

The latest list of oldest living Freemasons, issued by the *Masonic Service Association*, contains the names of 172 brothers who have been Masons for 70 years or more.

Connecticut has only three on the list but they are among the 24 oldest. Two of them are notable Knights Templar.

William E. Hine, age 105 years, is a native of New Milford, Connecticut, raised in Harmony Lodge (20) of New Britain on March 4, 1889 which makes him number 1 on the roll of honor. He was knighted in Holy Grail Commandery (58) at Hazel Park, Michigan, April 30, 1966 after he passed the century mark.

Louis W. Howe, aged 98 years, a native and resident of South Glastonbury, Connecticut was raised in Columbia Lodge (25) there on December 4, 1891, and knighted in Washington Commandery (1) at Hartford on May 2, 1905. Brother Howe is known to be the oldest Royal Arch in the state, and quite possibly is the oldest Connecticut Knight Templar, having more than 63 years membership.

JAMES CASE
Historiographer

Washington, D.C.

The following was sent to Sir Knight George E. Petrie for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

I have been reading your letter and literature and otherwise have been giving some thought to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and the work you have been doing through your Knights of the Round Table.

Back a few years I became well acquainted with Illustrious Brother Walter A. DeLamater, 33°, and made some contributions to this work that he was doing as Executive Director for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. I have great respect for Masons who are doing something along this line for the benefit of those who cannot help themselves very well, particularly those who are having serious trouble with their eyes.

In view of this I have come to the conclusion that I want to send a check for \$500, and the same is herewith enclosed. I hope you and your co-workers will receive large benefits from your labors and devotion to this great cause.

LUTHER A. SMITH, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
Ancient and Accepted Scottish
Rite of Freemasonry

Cody, Wyoming

R. S. (Sam) Allen and
Raymond W. Allen

The officers, members, families and friends of Constantine Commandery No. 9, Cody, Wyoming, were treated to a rare privilege at the installation of officers May 21. The installing officer, who, incidentally, has installed almost all the officers of Cody Masonry for many years, and the installing Marshall, were father and son. Both are Past Commanders of Constantine No. 9. The father Raymond W. Allen, a R.E. Past Grand Commander of Wyoming, and the son, R.S. "Sam" Allen, the R.E. Grand Commander of Wyoming at the time of the installation.

John M. Allen, Wheatland, Wyoming, another source of pride for "R. W.," is now serving as Deputy Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch in Wyoming; is a member of Knights York Cross of Honor; a member of Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest; and is now Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming as well as Inspector General Assistant.

The Allens have contributed greatly to Masonry in Cody and Wyoming. Constantine Commandery No. 9 and all Wyoming Templary are extremely fortunate in counting these grand Sir Knights among their members.

C. R. RICE
Recorder, Constantine No. 9

EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master; Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder, and their ladies; and Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master, were among the Grand Encampment guests of Dr. Clinton Alexander Bell, Supreme Grand Master, at the 85th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Priory of Canada, August 11-13, at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Special recognition was given the Grand Encampment and the Most Eminent Grand Master when Dr. Bell presided over the naming of Sir Knight Crofts as an Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and the presentation of his symbolic and colorful mantle.

The Assembly was a successful combination of strong attendance and participation, Knight Templar dedication, and wholehearted hospitality. Sir Knight Crofts was a speaker at the Assembly and also was a featured speaker at the August 12 Supreme Grand Master's Banquet at the Fort Gary Hotel when he responded to the "Toast to Our Distinguished Guests."

At the same banquet, Most Eminent Bell, Supreme Grand Master, delivered a stirring Templar address that probed the roots of each individual's motives, purposes and dedication in life. It was a thoughtful and sincere presentation that deserved and held the complete attention of every Knight and lady in attendance. The Supreme Grand Master's wife was also impressive with her response to the banquet toast to the ladies.

Another brilliant and symbolic highlight was the Sunday procession to the Divine Service at All Saints' Church, where the significant sermon, "Only One Thing," was the effective presentation of Sir Knight, The Rev. R. Russell Gordon, B.A., Grand Chaplain, of London, Ontario.

Dr. Bell was re-elected to the post of Supreme Grand Master for the ensuing Templar year. A two-year term, with elections each year, is the normal procedure for the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. The Sovereign Great Priory's other elected officers were selected to serve the additional year with Supreme Grand Master Bell.

In addition to the Grand Encampment officers, others present from the States included: Sir Knight Clayton A. Astell, P.G.C., Colorado, and Mrs. Astell; North Dakota's Grand Recorder Albert G. Tverberg and Mrs. Tverberg; and Sir Knight Edward Holloway, P.D.C., New York, and Mrs. Holloway.

P.C.R.

Start your plans NOW for individual or group attendance at the 51st Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, August 22-27, 1970, at the Mile High City. Hosts—the Grand Commanderies of Iowa and Colorado. General Chairman—Sir Knight Richard K. Ayers, 215 Hewitt Bldg., Denver, Colorado 80202.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The central office of the Grand Encampment, in cooperation with Grand, Subordinate and Constituent Recorders, is now engaged in the compilation of the names and addresses of all Knights Templar, a project assigned by action of the members of Grand Encampment at the 50th Triennial Conclave.

In connection with this compilation, all members are reminded that changes, deletions and additions of names and addresses henceforth are to be channeled through the individual Recorders of the respective Commanderies.

Each Recorder of a Subordinate or Constituent Commandery provides a monthly updating of names and addresses to the central office. Those from Constituent Recorders are relayed via their Grand Recorders; those from Subordinate Recorders are relayed directly.

These monthly reports will constitute the sole source of information for correct names and addresses. Therefore, all Knights Templar are asked to notify their local Recorder in the event of any address change or correction.

\$27,000 Expected for Knights Templar Eye Foundation From Pro-Football Benefit by Yaarab Temple, Atlanta

YAARAB SHRINE TEMPLE SPLITS PRO-FOOTBALL EXHIBITION PROCEEDS BETWEEN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION AND THE SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

Noble Rankin Smith, president of the Atlanta Falcons, presents Yaarab Shrine check for \$22,500 to Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master of Grand Encampment and president of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. In the next row: Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother John Fulton, S.G.I.G.; Chief Rabban Charles A. Wofford; High Priest and Prophets Thomas W. Crowe Jr.; and Oriental Guide T. C. Little. Hidden by the principals are J. C. Rary, Yaarab Temple Potentate, and Noble Tracy W. O'Neal Jr.



Leading Grand Encampment and Scottish Rite Masons were among the thousands of spectators Saturday, August 31, for the professional football exhibition game between the Atlanta Falcons and the New Orleans Saints at the Atlanta Stadium.

They watched with perhaps the keenest and most appreciative interest of any others in the stands, for the game sponsored by Yaarab Shrine Temple, Atlanta, for the benefit of the Grand Encampment's Eye Foundation and the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children.

Checks were immediately presented to Sir Knight John Fulton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, A.A.S.R., S. M.J., and Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., to the amount of \$22,500 each, with the total for each philanthropy expected to reach \$27,000.

Sir Knight James E. Moseley, P.G.C., Georgia's Grand Recorder, writes: "A lion's share of the credit for this joint venture must go to Noble J. C. Rary, the Divan and the members of the Yaarab Temple for accepting this great challenge. I may be a little biased when I say Yaarab Temple is the best Shrine Temple in the world. It has always been aware of those less fortunate in its area,

and the cry of the destitute and helpless has never fallen on deaf ears. This is largely due to the calibre of men who have served Yaarab Temple."

Sir Knight Moseley points out that the organization of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., brought to Yaarab Temple another avenue of opportunity to help others. The Temple has made generous contributions to Templary's "great humanitarian charity" annually for a number of years. Yaarab Temple is equally cognizant of the need and value of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children. It graphically expressed its interest and assistance with the joint benefit August 31.

As far as can be learned, the pro-football game represented the first time in the history of the Masonic bodies of Georgia that the Shrine, the Scottish Rite and the York Rite have participated in a joint effort to support these two great charities.

Heading the Grand Encampment delegation at the game were Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master of Grand Encampment; Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and Georgia's Grand Com-

NAVY DAY

Many Americans have forgotten not only our national heroes but our national holidays as well. October 27th is Navy Day. It is also the birthday of the father of the modern navy—Theodore Roosevelt. He was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1897 and had not been in office but a short time when he reached the conclusion that war with Spain was inevitable. He did everything in his power to see that the navy was prepared. He persuaded Congress to build new ships and to recondition old ones, to increase and select personnel. His vigor and forceful activities were well rewarded when the sinking of the battleship Maine brought us into the war.

Teddy, as he was affectionately called, was respected throughout the world, not alone by our friends, but our enemies as well. I once met and talked with him in Boston and when I left him it was with a feeling that I had become a person of consequence. He was a natural leader and those with whom he came in contact became inoculated with some of his spirit of enthusiasm.

This spirit and his known bravery were shown when he personally led the charge of the First Cavalry at San Juan Hill. This unorthodox action was the cause of much comment at that time.

. . . Yaarab Temple

mander, Sir Knight William J. Mobley. Sir Knight Crofts was accompanied by Sir Knight Stephen B. Dimond, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Florida.

The Grand Master expressed personal and official appreciation for Yaarab Temple's "magnificent" cooperation and continued support of Masonic charities. He also paid tribute to Sir Knight Fulton, S.G.I.G., for his dedication and untiring efforts in publicity assistance and his overall promotion of the football benefit.

In his letter of information on the project, Sir Knight Moseley wrote: "A great deal of credit goes to Sir Knight John Fulton. In the short time it has been my pleasure to be associated with John Fulton, I have found him to be a Christian gentleman, dedicated to his country and to Masonry."

After the war, the Hague conventions, neutrality treaties, and the usual disarmament proposals led the world to believe that the pacifists had succeeded in abolishing all wars. But suddenly, and without warning, the world was aflame with war again. Ancient, old-world hatreds had flared up, and man was again out to settle scores just as he had done since the beginning of time—and will again, if he is not bound by the chains of morality and righteousness.

At that time Teddy said:

"In this great crisis the stern and actual facts have shown that the fate of each nation depends not in the least upon any elevated international aspirations to which it has given speech or treaty, but on actual practical preparation, on intensity of patriotism, on grim endurance and upon the possession of the fighting edge."

An excerpt from a Navy Day paper by Sir Knight and Captain P. A. Horton, Los Angeles, California.

Templary Salutes the Scottish Rite Hospital of Georgia

Scottish Rite Hospital was founded in August, 1915 in two small cottages on West Hill St., Decatur, Georgia and was known as the Crippled Children's Home.

From this humble beginning has grown a fine 60 bed facility that is devoted to the treatment of the whole crippled child. In its fifty-three year history Scottish Rite Hospital has treated over 17,000 crippled children from every country in the state, and its outpatient clinic has rendered treatments numbering in the hundreds of thousands. Cured Scottish Rite patients have served in the infantry and played college football.

Scottish Rite asks only that a child's parents be unable to pay, and children are accepted without regard to race, creed or color. Scottish Rite is known as the mother of the Shrine Hospital for it was Forrest Adair Sr., one of the founders of Scottish Rite who convinced the Shrine to become concerned with the treatment of crippled children.

A. John Fulton
S.G.I.G.

DeMolay Legion of Honor Conferred on Capt. Walter Schirra

Florida DeMolays, at their recent State Conclave, invested Captain Walter Marty Schirra, USN, Astronaut, with the Honorary Legion of Honor.

At the conclusion of the investiture, at which approximately 700 DeMolays, Advisors, Rainbows, Mothers, Fathers and guests attended, M.W. Clyde S. McLaren, a Senior DeMolay, brought a short but stirring message to the DeMolays, challenging them to assume their rightful place in society, writes Sir Knight Stephen Dimond, Florida. He was followed by Captain Schirra, who left the thought, that nothing is impossible when you set your sights on the highest star.

Dad Glen B. Wittstruck, Executive Officer in Florida, invested Capt. Schirra with his Cordon and ring. The Tableau of investing officers included: Commander in the East, Dad Stephen Dimond, Active Member and Grand



Capt. Wally Schirra



Back row, l. to r.: Glen Wittstruck, Executive Officer for Florida and ISC member, and Steve Dimond, ISC member and Grand Junior Steward. Front row: M. W. Clyde McLaren, Grand Master of Masons in Florida and Captain Walter Schirra.

er, Senior DeMolay; Stephen Dimond, Grand Generalissimo; H. William Boye, P.G.C., James D. Yeager, P.G.C.; and DeCarr F. Hosford, P.G.C.

Junior Steward of the Supreme Council; Commander in the West, Dad John L. Crofts Sr., Senior DeMolay, Active Member of the Supreme Council, M.E. Grand Master; Commander in the South, Dad Joseph G. Roberts, Active Member of the Supreme Council (33°); Grand Marshal, Dad Harold Wright (33°); Grand Chaplain, Dad Clyde S. McLaren, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Florida. The Seven Preceptors were filled by Brother Lennard McCook, State Master Councilor and his State Officers.

During the DeMolay Conclave, the Imperial Priory held its Annual Conclave, receiving 65 DeMolays into membership by initiation. While the Imperial Priory was in session, certain distinguished Templars were introduced and thanked for their interest and participation in DeMolay activities. Those Sir Knights were: John L. Crofts Sr., M.E. Grand Master; Louis B. McSwain, R.E. Grand Commander; Stephen Dimond, Grand Generalissimo; H. William Boye, P.G.C., James D. Yeager, P.G.C.; and DeCarr F. Hosford, P.G.C.

VOICE FROM THE PAST

It was April 4, 1955 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The incoming Grand Commander, Sir Knight Edwin Franklin Gayle, in his address of acceptance, included this observation:

"Sir Knights, the growth of Templary Masonry in Louisiana is pitiful. Last year showed an increase of only 112. The gains for the past five years only 1,161 a yearly average of only 232. We are suffering from dry rot, from too much complacency and self satisfaction. Let us be honest with ourselves. We are plain lazy, we are lagging, we are losing interest and enthusiasm and our youth."

An Interview with the Grand Master — One Year Later



As an organization grows and its operations increase in scope, the need and the desire for communications mount steadily. Today, as in the past, the primary problem is to relay accurate information and Grand Encampment News to all levels and all areas of Templary.

In Chicago in August, one year after his election, the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., presided over his second Grand Master's Conference. In a written, informal interview, Sir Knight Crofts reviews "The State of the Order" for the Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Some of the questions are asked to reflect the attitude or interest of the average Sir Knight, even though the answers to this type of question may be well known to those who work closely with the Grand Master. In short, the questions are designed to represent those which might be raised by a "Typical Knight

Templar" who does not have the opportunity to regularly share in the Grand Master's program.

Q: Grand Master, is the office you hold an "operational" or an "ambassadorial" position?

A: Both. Templary calls for a traditional visit to each Annual Conclave of a Grand Commandery by the Grand Master or his Personal Representative, and he makes a fraternal visit also to the general meetings of other Masonic bodies. But at least two-thirds of his time is devoted to "operational" problems, responsive to the broad assignment of concern for the welfare of the Order. He maintains continuing contact and correspondence with the Grand Recorder, the Dais officers, Department Commanders and all committees through the chairmen, and directs their activities. He signs all checks and issues general orders and decisions as necessary or desirable, all of which are rather complicated if necessary at all. Finally, he corresponds for the good of the Order with all who may choose to address him.

Q: Will you list some of the visitations in which you have been occupied during your first year in office?

A: Good question! Are you sure you have the space? I have attended the sessions of the Sovereign Priory of Canada, the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of Scottish Rite, the Grand Masters' and Grand Secretaries' Conferences in Washington, D.C., Imperial Council of the Shrine, United Imperial Council of Red Cross of Constantine, Supreme Council of DeMolay, and the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Also, Department Conferences of the Southeastern, North Atlantic, South Central, North Pacific, East Central, and South Pacific Departments, and the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies of Illinois, South Carolina, California, Texas, Washington, Pennsylvania and Iowa. I attended for five days a school for executive personnel conducted by IBM at Endicott, New York, our Easter Service at Arlington, the an-

nual banquet of Chester (Pa.) Chapter of DeMolay (rated No. 1 in 1967), the outstanding Gus Grissom Memorial York Rite Class in Orlando, Florida, the fine Centennial Class and banquet of San Antonio (Texas) Commandery No. 4, a reception in Valley Commandery No. 75 (Calif.) of which my brother is Commander, the Florida DeMolay Conclave, and the charity football game sponsored by Yaarab Temple of Atlanta for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital and our K. T. Eye Foundation. To complete the list of major visits, add three conferences with you and the dais officers in Chicago and one in Washington, the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Eye Foundation and two general Grand Master's Conferences, one in Detroit and one in Chicago.

G: Do you find major differences in Templary among the various sections of the country?

A: Yes and no. No, as to the type of persons who compose our membership. They are Christian gentlemen everywhere, uniformly far above the average lot of people in their "disinterested" concern for others, to use a Masonic term, and in their acceptance of personal responsibility. Yes, as to those aspects in which they excel. The upper east central area is strongest in uniforms, tactics and public appearances. The northeast is most skillful in traditional Masonic and Templar protocol. The Southeast is unexcelled in that quality which is difficult to define and which we call "fraternal love," and in membership growth. The upper and lower middle west do not have remarkable tendencies—the far west may be least devoted to "tradition" as we use the term, most objective in thought and most receptive to organizational change.

Q: What are the prospects for York Rite Unity?

A: Let me assume that by "York Rite Unity" you mean organization-

al unity, or to be more specific "organic merger" of Chapter, Council and Commandery on a national basis. This is, of course, the only present real issue, and represents the only practical real departure from the present efforts toward "cooperation," which I characterized in my report to the Triennial Conclave as "extremely perishable, being fragile, tedious and expensive." For this sort of "unity" the prospects can be described only as "poor." While some of the sovereign Grand Chapters and Grand Councils support the principles expressed in the "Concordat" (to establish a single sovereign national York Rite body), the General Grand or national bodies of Chapter and Council are extremely reluctant to permit such a controversial question to come to a vote. Grand Encampment efforts to force the issue would certainly be resented, as would any direct proposal to individual Grand Chapters and Grand Councils by Grand Encampment. How, then, can we bring about the organizational merger I am absolutely convinced is desirable for the prosperity of the York Rite, and which I am convinced would be acceptable to local York Rite bodies? We should immediately re-study our position and chart our course, as delay can be only harmful. Parenthetically, I might report that I was somewhat shocked to find the Northern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite celebrating last year 100 years of Scottish Rite Unity—the Southern Jurisdiction had united its bodies earlier! It appears to me as a serious weakness that we do not have a comparable body to form policies, provide services and direct activities for the whole York Rite.

Q: What is your viewpoint regarding ritual and ritualists?

A: The Knight Templar ritual in this country is in many respects a fairly modern contrivance, certainly substantially different from that of the

WISCONSIN TEAM VISITS IOWA



The Crusaders, Tripoli Shrine Temple

Temple Commandery of Des Moines hosted a visit to Iowa by The Crusaders, Knight Templar Ritualistic Team, from Tripoli Shrine Temple, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 4, according to Sir Knight Jerry Marsengill, Iowa.

The fraternal visit was arranged by James F. Milligan, Past Commander of Temple Commandery and Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa. Sir Knight Milligan was appointed by Sir Knight Clarence M. Brown, E. Commander of Temple Commandery, as general chairman of the event.

The Crusaders traveled from Milwaukee to Des Moines by chartered plane. The group consisted of forty-eight persons, including the ladies. A banquet was held at the Masonic Temple, Des Moines, 10th and Locust Streets at 6 p.m. following which the Order of the Temple, using Wisconsin tactics, was conferred. Approximately 500 persons attended this meeting.

This was the first visit of the Crusaders to Iowa. One of the units of Tripoli Shrine Temple, the Crusaders group is unique. Organized as the Knight Templar Degree Unit, the organization later became inactive until it was reactivated during 1948 during the administration of Illustrious Potentate John A. Gebhardt. During this administration a committee was appointed, consisting of Nobles who were also Past Commanders, to

reorganize and reactivate the unit.

The Crusaders unit has as its purpose the conferring of the Order of the Temple, using Wisconsin tactics, together with the Full Form Opening, in a Knight Templar Asylum, upon receiving an invitation to do from the E. Commander of a Constituent Commandery, within the jurisdiction of Tripoli Temple.

The Unit is composed of members of Tripoli Shrine Temple, all of whom have served their respective Commanderies as E. Commanders, with distinction. All of the members of the unit are excellent ritualists and also extremely proficient in the military tactics related to the work of Templary. Most of them are able to fill five or six stations on short notice, knowing their ritualistic and tactical work to perfection, when the team is called upon to perform.

For many years the Crusaders were directed by Sir Knight and Noble Hal Bulger. Since his death, the unit has been under the chairmanship of Sir Knight and Noble Irving L. Heller, P.G.C., Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wisconsin, assisted as Director by Sir Knight and Noble Fred Schneider and Sir Knight Niles W. D. Allen, Secretary.

The unit holds its rehearsals for tactical and ritualistic work periodically. To be a member of this Shrine unit one must first be a Noble of Tripoli Temple and a Past Commander of a Constituent Commandery of Knights Templar, and

ANNUAL EYE FOUNDATION MEETING



Members attending the annual meeting of the trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at Chicago, July 12-13, take time out for lunch during the 17 hour two-day sessions at the Palmer House.

Grand Master Crofts, who presided as president, was joined by Deputy Grand Master Bell, Grand Generalissimo Reigle, Grand Captain-General Avery, Past Grand Master and Executive Director DeLamater, Grand Treasurer Ball, Grand Recorder Rodenhauser and other members of the trustees for the annual report-and-planning meeting.

Grateful Grandparents



... Iowa Visitors

must make application to the Chairman of the unit.

In 1964, to commemorate the centennial of Temple Commandery, a Templar team from Godfrey de Bullion Commandery No. 24 of Trenton, Missouri conferred the Order of the Temple in Des Moines with William R. Robbins, then Grand Commander of Missouri, and now Department Commander, filling the station of the Commander. Temple Commandery also has traveled widely with the Drill Team, which maintains teams to confer the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta in full form throughout the state. These fraternal visits, either to another Commandery within the same jurisdiction, or to another state, are one of the ways in which the interest of our Masonic orders can be maintained, comments Sir Knight Marsengill. He states, "Seeing the ways in which the work of another state differs from that of one's residence and becoming interested in that work, will many times give some impetus to fratres who have become apathetic to the work of their own Commanderies."

J. E. Marsengill
Iowa

Gratitude many times ends with a thank you note but not in the case of the Harry Mortons of Denver, Colorado. Their grandson, Clark, became afflicted with the same eye disease that robbed their son of his eyesight. The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, within a matter of hours had Clark Morton, his father and the father's Seeing Eye Dog, Fred, on a plane bound for New York and treatment at the Columbia New York Hospital. The Grateful Grandparents over a period of years have made many contributions to our great charity and the latest was a Garage Sale. With the assistance of CYRA, the Central York Rite Association of Denver, they accumulated items ranging from a small color T.V. to a garden tractor and when the sale ended, the Eye Foundation had netted \$417.44. The case of the Grateful Grandparents has not ended though. They are planning another sale for January of 1969.

Carl J. Baesemann
R.E. Department Commander

Younger Masons Needed As Active Soldiers of Christ

I want to share with you a deep concern of mine. It is all too obvious that the three York Rite bodies of Masonry are suffering from a dearth of young participants. In surveys and studies made, the number under 35 taking part in the ritualistic or business work in York Rite is negligible. This is not said to condemn the young because competition of other worthwhile organizations, TV, sports, recreation and just relaxation from increased work loads is taking a heavy toll from our pool of enthusiastic and energetic younger workers.

It is not enough "To Curse the Darkness" but we do need definite positive steps to recruit, train, involve, encourage, reward and follow-up the younger Masons if they are to become active Soldiers of Christ.

Now let no one misunderstand me. I am not saying that the older Veterans are not important, or are less important. Without them at this time we would be in Eclipse. Thank Heaven for the dedicated and experienced faithful Templars who have borne the burden and heat of many days. We still need them and are most grateful for and to them, but we desperately need young people too. We need the new ideas, the crusading zeal, the Military bearing of the young. Young people at work tend to attract other young people to work. A program of involving young men in Templarism and York Rite Masonry generally, positively just "Won't Work" or happen. Unfortunately, we won't just drift into it. So I urge each of you in every Commandery to conscript new young recruits and put them to work. Without detracting anything from the faithful old wheel-horses which are the backbone of all Masonry. I know that it is discouraging for a young man to hear that such and such a job has been done by an "ole timer" for twenty or more years. He either gets the idea that no one else is interested or that there is no place for a newcomer. The actual facts are the Old-Timer would be only too happy to sponsor a younger man, relieving him for other duties which are also very important to a good Commandery. Where would business be competitively if it was in the same boat as we

are? Yet the situation is hopeful. Youth today grapples with hundreds of man-made panaceas for a better world that lasts but moments. They seek easy formulas for success. They are impatient for change of any sort. They really need firm foundations and dependable, eternal answers. Knight Templarism offers this fulfillment of their dreams. Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. It has been wanting and not tried. We do have the answer and our youth need it and we need them.

We have other problems also. Every Organization does. I suppose the problems are the steps by which we grow. We have THREE EXCELLENT PROGRAMS which I stress: Eye Foundation Sponsorship; Educational Foundation for Students; Templar Magazine subscription. Each Commander should and needs to implement these programs by *vigorous Committee Work*, dissemination of facts regarding them, and above all the determination to succeed. If you believe these programs are half as good as they really are, the rest should be easy. I suggest that you recheck your Committee appointment on these programs and be sure they are functioning to the fullest.

An official letter from Sir Knight Perry A. Shipp, R.E.G.C., to the Eminent Commanders of Louisiana.

SIR KNIGHT BRADLEY NEW CORRESPONDENT

Sir Knight Claude K. Bradley, P. G. C., was appointed Iowa Correspondent, Knight Templar Magazine, by Sir Knight Herbert A. Schwandt, R.E. Grand Commander, at the 104th Annual Conclave in June. Sir Knight Bradley served as Grand Commander 1965-66.



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THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

“PROMOTE THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE”

October is the month when nature dons a myriad of color to state our esthetic sense, but at the same time create in us a myopia, for surely the storms of winter are soon to follow, regardless of the fact that this may escape our thinking. So too, a little success may fog our discernment and lull us into a state of apathy toward our Templar responsibilities.

October is the month set aside to promote the Knight Templar Magazine. Communication is a vital part of our Templar program, as necessary to it, as to industry or commerce. The Knight Templar Magazine is our line of communication.

As of July 1969 this publication will be mailed to all Templars. However, in the interim we must discharge our responsibilities to support it. Pennsylvania's quota for subscriptions is 2,532. As of April 1967 we reached our peak of 2,354, not quite but almost our quota. Then, knowing that 100 percent distribution was coming, and feeling that our momentum would carry us through, we proceeded to let our apathy take over, and to a point where we had only 1,793 subscribers as of July 30th, 1968. Sir Knights, we need this vehicle to get our message across.

Now, will you look at the label on your copy, and make sure to extend your



subscriptions if it expires before July 199? I am sure you will not want to miss any issues. Speak to those not receiving it, tell them of it's value and sell them on subscribing NOW. Let's all be informed.

G. Calvin Dyson
Grand Commander

*From the September Notice of Northwestern Commandery No. 25, Meadville:
Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Charles B. Jelbart.*

“Why does the preacher preach so long?” said one little girl to the other. “Because he has so much to say,” was the reply. Our Bulletins will be longer for the same reason.

Reprint of a Self-Explanatory Mailing from Meadville

“IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE NORTHWESTERN COMMANDERY HAS HAD THE POTENTIALS IT POSSESSES TODAY”

These were the remarks of Sir Knight Harley Morris at our June Conclave. “So say we all” echoed the Commandery. The question arose, namely: *What is the catalyst that will take these assets and create a Dynamic Commandery?* After much discussion the concensus of opinion was that an organization be formed whose function would be:

1. To keep the Commandery property in repair.

2. To provide funds for new equipment.

3. To provide amass a loaning fund which could provide additional cash to any Sir Knight who may need it to complete his knightly equipment. The money borrowed to be repaid as soon as it becomes financially feasible.

4. To collect and and all money from the dedicated Sir Knights who would voluntarily contribute to such a fund.

5. To enroll members who would contribute annually to keep the organization growing.

6. To produce a set of “by-laws” to govern such an organization. These by-laws to be under the control of the Commandery.

Without any fanfare two Sir Knights have contributed \$140.00. This money has been invested in uniforms. \$20.00 has been repaid and is available for reinvestment.

Such an organization—if properly administered—will provide the “heart blood” for the Commandery which would become second to none! This is no idle statement; we have the “know how” and the manpower, all we need is a financial foundation and the men who will get into uniform and dedicate two nights a month to Commandery. With practice and total dedication we can become (in a relatively short time) The Commandery in our Division; we will go further and say that Northwestern Commandery could become the School of Commandery, it is a desirable possibility.

Similar organizations have been so successful that they have been the recipients of legacies that have secured the continuation of their good work.

We feel confident that there are many Sir Knights who would support such an organization, provided proper instructions were issued. Therefore, all who will contribute of your time or money or both contact: Harold Shartle, Rd. 1, Meadville, Pa. 16335 Phone 335-5598

At the present time we have in the Recorder's hands nine applications for the Commandery. There are many more Master Masons who are interested in joining the York Rite Bodies. Go after these petitions, get them signed and into the hands of the Recorder as soon as possible.

SCORECARD

As of September 1, Pennsylvania was listed in Knights Templar Eye Foundation activity as follows:

Total Life Sponsors—1,136

Total Patrons—13

Total Associate Patrons—10

Total Applications for Surgery and Hospitalization—126

As of the same date the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was credited with 1,783 subscribers to the Knight Templar Magazine. The “Crusader,” Pennsylvania's four page insert in each issue going to Pennsylvania's subscribers, has been a feature of the magazine since January 1966.

Effective with the July issue of 1969, the Knight Templar Magazine will be mailed to every Knight Templar in the United States. It will then be a two-color, 32-page magazine, including a free two-page insert for each Grand Jurisdiction.

To maintain new and renewal subscription levels between the present and next July, the Most Eminent Grand Master personally has requested each Eminent Commander, in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, to compile a list of 10 additional subscribers for the interim period.

An Introduction To Pennsylvania's Grand Junior Warden

When the balloting came to a close Wednesday, May 29, at Pittsburgh, the new Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania was Sir Knight A. Kenneth Stevenson, 665 Sara Drive, Washington, Pennsylvania. Quickly indoctrinated and incorporated into Grand Commander Dyson's program for the year, Sir Knight Stevenson has become an active working partner in the Grand Line.

The following, culled from the brochure announcing his candidacy earlier in the year, lists the background information of Sir Knight Stevenson, the Man and the Mason:

THE MAN

Born December 1, 1921, in York, England. Educated in Washington, Pennsylvania, schools and attended night school at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Served in the United States Army Signal Corps in the South Pacific from Dutch New Guinea to Japan for three years during World War II.

Married Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith. Children are Andrew (Drew), a Junior at Bethany College, and Mark, a Junior at Trinity High School.

Employed by Jessop Steel Company, Washington, for twenty-seven years, now Masonry Superintendent.

THE MASON

Washington Lodge No. 164, F. and A. M. Worshipful Master in 1956. Secretary since December 1957.

Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 150. High Priest in 1962. Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania in 1963 and 1964.

Washington Council No. 1. Thrice Illustrious Master in 1958. Representative in Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania since 1960.

Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. Commander in 1960-61. Treasurer since May 1961.



Officers' and Past Commanders' Association of Division No. 4. Presently serving as First Vice-President.

Member of Transfiguration Tabernacle XXIX, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

Keystone Priory No. 26, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

29th District School of Instruction. Secretary since 1963.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh. Presently serving as Senior Warden of the Gourgas Lodge of Perfection.

Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Gateway to the West Council No. 5, Knight Masons of the United States. Presently serving as Priest.

United States Premier Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. Puissant Sovereign in 1967.

Grand Masters' Council No. A, Allied Masonic Degrees.

Grand College of Rites, of the United States of America.

Golden Triangle York Rite College No. 32.

Council of Anointed Kings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

OTHER SERVICE

Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session of the Church of the Covenant, United Presbyterian.

Seventh Grade Church School Teacher.

Past President of the United Presbyterian Men's Organization.

Past Advisor of Explorer Post No. 10, Boy Scouts of America.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear Frater:

Constans Commandery No. 33 will hold its Centennial Celebration this Fall—

on Saturday, October 19, 1968
at 6:30 P.M. daylight saving time
in the Milesbury Community Center
just two miles north out of Bellefonte.
It will cost you \$3.50 per person.

Along with the dinner an excellent program has been developed for you and your lady, so plan to send in your reservation early. All Masonic brethren and their ladies are also invited.

Make reservations to—
Mr. Charles R. Minemyer
Box 322, Bellefonte, Pa. 16823
not later than October 12, 1968

on October 19. Let us know if you can come.

Come and help us celebrate our one hundredth year of Templary in Constans

Fraternally,

Reno A. Lepley

Elwood B. Cassel

Charles A. Lamm

RESERVATIONS COMMITTEE



Charles H. Pugh
 North Carolina
 Grand Commander — 1948
 Born July 10, 1888
 Died December 28, 1967

Chester Granes Cole
 Iowa
 Grand Commander 1933
 Born October 4, 1890
 Died August 12, 1968

Clarence C. Dewitt
 Illinois
 Grand Commander — 1960
 Born December 2, 1893
 Died August 22, 1968

Walter B. Saunders
 Wyoming
 Grand Commander — 1940
 Born September 12, 1878
 Died August 23, 1968

Joseph W. Herndon
 Idaho
 Grand Commander — 1958
 Born February 5, 1915
 Died September 3, 1968

Joseph Borman
 Florida
 Grand Commander — 1938
 Born February 17, 1873
 Died September 5, 1968

Clarence E. Buehler
 South Dakota
 Grand Commander — 1956
 Born September 29, 1894
 Died September 15, 1968

Small Bethel Achieves Big Results at Oregon's Annual Conclave



Bethel No. 36, in attendance at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. Back row, l. to r.: Col. Joe R. Collins, Grand Prelate; Mrs. Nita Westbrook, Wardrobe; Miss Carlotta Wiseman, Organist; Flora Terpening, Director of Music; Mrs. Eileen Orton, Guardian; William Jones, Associate Guardian and Choir Director. Middle row, l. to r.: Juli Keefer, Christy Kelley, Gail Ragsdale, Debra Mayfield, Eva Parmerlee, Linda Lemmon, Connie Chrmund, Wanda Terpening, Kathy Cornett, Donna Fulk. Front row, l. to r.: Sherie Chamberlin, Katie Musil, Robin Kellert, Jani Sowell, Mary Fulk, Senior Princess; Denise Mayfield, Honored Queen; Sara Versteeg, Junior Princess; Achiel Medkeff, Jani Pearson, Kathy Brown, Celest Mekeff, Shari Carter.

Special Services For Rev. Collins

Approximately 30 uniformed Sir Knights attended a special service celebrating the 50-year Ministry of Sir Knight and Rev. John Collins, P.C. and Prelate, Golden Gate Commandery No. 16 and Former Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of California, at St. Peters Episcopal Church, San Francisco, May 26.



Those attending from Golden Gate Commandery included, from l. to r.: Sir Knights Richard Ricken, Generalissimo; George K. Buss, Commandeer; Rev. John Collins; Ralph Caldwell, Warden and Henry J. Weisser, P.G.C. and P.C.

Bethel No. 36, International Order of Job's Daughters, Kerby, Oregon, is one of the smallest Bethels in the state of Oregon. Some months before the April 8 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon, Bethel No. 36 received an invitation from the Grand Prelate, Col. Joe R. Collins, to provide the choir for the Conclave's Divine Service.

"We were thrilled and honored," says the report from Bethel No. 36, "but also a little doubtful. We had only two members in the choir at that time."

Money for a chartered bus had to be raised, the choir had to be formed; numerous rehearsals were necessary. There were dozens of problems to be solved and details to be arranged. But, where there's a will, there's a way. Through hard work and ingenuity, the girls raised funds—enough, in fact, to pay for the trip to Portland and to give each girl \$10.00 toward attendance at Grand Bethel.

The choir was an outstanding success at the Annual Conclave. "At the conclusion of 'Operation Portland,' the girls had devoted many hours to rehearsals, even more hours to fund raising, but all had a most rewarding and gratifying experience. It was well worthwhile."

Sir Knight Otterman Honored by Frankfort No. 29

Approximately 300 guests attended a reception hosted by Frankfort Commandery No. 29 honoring Sir Knight Harry F. Otterman, R. E. Grand Commander of Indiana at the Moose Lodge, Frankfort, July 20.



The evening was highlighted by the unveiling of a color portrait of Sir Knight Otterman by Sir Knight Ed Thurman, Generalissimo of Frankfort Commandery. It hangs in the Masonic Temple with the picture of Sir Knight G. Max Fowler, deceased Past Grand Commander of Indiana and a member of Frankfort Commandery No. 29.

Events, including a social hour with refreshments provided by Sir Knight Adam S. Riggins of Muncie, P.G.C., an invocation by Grand Prelate Harold L. Sipe, and a steak dinner, were colored by tables of yellow mums and a table skirt of the red cross and gold crown. A money tree, given to Sir Knight Otterman by the Eastern Star, the Auxiliary and personal friends, was on the head table with several other gifts.

During the program, a rocking chair from Sir Knight and Mrs. Harold Sipe and Sir Knight and Mrs. Ronald Bell was presented to Sir Knight Otterman.

The Master's Men, a choral group from the St. Matthew Methodist Church provided music for the evening and opened with a song about "the old rocking chair." Their varied program closed with "I Am An American."

Following the dinner, Sir Knight Robert L. Timmons, Commander of Frankfort No. 29, welcomed the guests and Sir Knight Garl Pinkerton, P.C., acted as

CONCLAVE INSTALLATIONS Wyoming

Sir Knight D. E. Baker was elected R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming at the jurisdiction's 81st Annual Conclave September 7 at Casper. He succeeds Sir Knight R. Samuel Allen, who presided over the Conclave sessions. The jewel of a Past Grand Commander was presented to the outgoing Grand Commander by his father, Sir Knight Raymond W. Allen, Wyoming's Grand Commander in 1954.

Sir Knight Baker and the 1968-69 officers were installed by a Grand Encampment team consisting of Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Installing Officer; Sir Knight Carl J. Baesemann, R. E. Department Commander and Conclave Representative of the Grand Master, Installing Marshal; and Sir Knight Oliver S. Willham, P.D.C., Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation, Installing Prelate.

Saudi Arabia

At a special Conclave of Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, June 3, the newly elected officers were duly installed for the coming year.

Officers for the 1968-69 year are: Sir Knights: Werner F. Ehrhardt, E. Commander; Frederick W. Elliott, Generalissimo; Carl T. Cherwinski, Captain General; Arthur E. Pearsall, Senior Warden; Richard B. Carl, Junior Warden; John G. Pestoni, Prelate; Louis A. Castro, Treasurer. Also, James E. Walter, E.P.C., Recorder; Douglas C. Rines, Standard Bearer; Leroy A. Niedenfuh, Sword Bearer; Luther A. Hiles, Warden; Gordon L. Wilson, Sentinel; Bennie H. McManus, Jerry C. Mullin, and Milo J. Cumpston, Guards.

Master of Ceremonies.

Introductions were made of the Grand Commandery officers, their wives and visitors of other Masonic bodies. Also recognized were the wives of deceased Past Grand Commanders, Mrs. Pauline Fowler, Mrs. Harriet Foster of Indianapolis and Mrs. Nellie Prass of Lafayette.

Sir Knight Otterman's family was presented—Mrs. Harry Otterman, wearing an orchid corsage with \$5.00 leaves from the Ladies Auxiliary, and their sons, Cris and Frank, his brothers, Frank of Indianapolis and Keith, their wives, and his sister, Mrs. Bert Hannum and her husband.

In Memoriam

WALTER B. SAUNDERS

Walter Boone Saunders, known throughout Wyoming as "W. B.," passed away August 23, 1968.

Sir Knight Saunders was born September 12, 1878, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. His father served with Lee's army during the Civil War. The family home was near enough to hear the cannon sounds at Appomatox. As a small boy he moved with his family to Bedford, Missouri, where he grew to manhood and received his schooling.

In 1921 the family moved to Gillette to assume ownership of the lumber business there.

In 1924 he was elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives and served two terms. In 1930 he was elected to the State Senate and served eight years. He was elected President of the Senate for the 1937 Legislature. He served as Acting Governor of Wyoming on several occasions.

Sir Knight Saunders served along with the late W. R. Wright and J. A. Allison on the local draft board from its inception in the late thirties until after the close of World War II. When younger he took an active interest in the Gillette Lions Club and became a hard worker for the local club. He became Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church and served for many years. He also taught Junior High Boys Sunday School class, sandwiching in picnics, baseball, fishing and golf matches with the lessons, which is attested by many a local young man.

He became a Master Mason at Red Cloud, Nebraska, and served as Worshipful Master in 1912. While there he became a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, transferring these memberships to Gillette to be a charter member of the new Chapter and new Commandery of Knights Templar then being formed. He also held membership in the Order of Eastern Star at Gillette and the Council of Royal and Select Masters at Sheridan. In 1909 he became affiliated with the Shrine in Lincoln, Nebraska, and later transferred his membership to Kalif Temple at Sheridan. In 1935 he presided as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming, and in 1941 he served as R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming. In 1931 he became a member of the Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons at Cheyenne, and was later Coroneted 33 degree.

He is survived by his wife Hallie, with whom he had been married nearly sixty-eight years, and six children.

CHESTER G. COLE

Chester G. Cole, 77, of 2600 Kingman Blvd., Des Moines, Iowa, died Monday, August 12, 1968 at Iowa Methodist Hospital. He had suffered failing health for the past year.

Sir Knight Cole served two terms in the Iowa House of Representatives and two terms in the Iowa Senate from 1925 to 1935. He was an examiner with the Insurance Department of Iowa for 25 years as well as serving 10 years with the Insurance Department of Florida.

He was born in South Owege, N.Y., lived in Iowa and New York City the last 36 years. He was a graduate of Owege Academy, Helbrook School, Briarcliff, N.Y., and Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn.

He was the senior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, having served during the Templar year 1933-1934.

He was Past Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, a 50 year member of New Century Lodge 656, Des Moines; Corinthian Chapter 14, R.A.M.; Alpha Council No. 1, R.S.M., Des Moines; Nazareth Commandery No. 33, Manchester; a member of Za Ga Zig Shrine and Des Moines Consistory, and was Coroneted 33 degree. He received honors of the Legion of Honor, De Molay, and Red Cross of Constantine of which he was a charter member.

He was a member of the Methodist Church here.

Surviving are his wife, Katrine, two sons, Chester Jr. and Thomas H., and two grandchildren.

Claude K. Bradley, P.G.C.
Correspondent, Iowa

Rose Croix and Kadosh Originally Templar Degrees



Wylie B. Wendt
P.C., K.T.C.H., Kentucky

Some of the degrees of the Scottish Rite are so related to the Templar system that it is impossible to mention one without referring to the other. One of the greatest Masonic writers of all times was the late Colonel William James Bury MacLeod Moore (1810-1890), G.C.T., Past Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, United Order of the Temple and Malta. Many of the points mentioned in this article are gleaned from his writings.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has been called by its present name since 1801-02. On being brought to America, it first appeared as the Rite of Perfection of twenty-five degrees. A Hebrew Mason, Stephen Morin, had received in 1761 from the Councils of the Emperors of the East and West (established in Paris in 1758) a patent to confer the degrees of the Scottish Rite. A Grand Lodge was formed in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1783 and a Supreme Council, 33rd degree, was formed there in 1801.

The Scottish Rite was introduced into England from the United States in 1845 (by the Northern Supreme Council), but only the 18th degree (Knight Rose Croix) and 30th degree (Knight Kadosh) were conferred. These two degrees had been known and practiced in the English Templar system as the "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh" for many years before the Scottish Rite was introduced.

It is very difficult to state the actual date when the modern Order of Knights Templar became a separate entity, that is, entirely separated from Ancient Craft Masonry. "Highlights of Templar History," a publication of the Grand Encampment, 1944, lists the following interesting dates: August 28, 1769, St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, Massachusetts, confers the Orders on Brother William Davis (a Cap-

tain in the Continental militia); December 11, 1769, St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, confers the Orders on Paul Revere; May 14, 1770, St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, confers the Orders on (General) Joseph Warren.

Some time during the year 1780, an Encampment (as commanderies were formerly designated) of Knights Templar was organized at Charleston, South Carolina, thus antedating by three years the formation of the Grand Lodge at Charleston, previously mentioned, and antedating by twenty-one years the formation of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

On December 27, 1785, in New York City, Knights Templar attended services on St. John's Day in St. George's Chapel. During the year 1790 an Encampment of Knights Templar was organized at Baltimore, Maryland. During 1793, an Encampment was organized at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On June 26, 1795, Knights Templar participated in ceremonies on St. John's Day in New York City.

In 1791 the Templar body in England was styled the "Grand Elect Knights Templar Kadosh and Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta," connecting the modern and ancient titles. Up to this time all the Templar encampments were qualified to confer the degrees of "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh," which had existed in England as Templar degrees before the establishment of the Scottish Rite. In the original form of Templar ceremonies, the "Rose Croix de Heredom" was the one grade above the Templar installation, followed by the "Kadosh," and the emblems were engraved on the certificates issued prior to 1851. The Templar ceremony proper confined itself more to the facts of history, the Rose Croix taught the truths of Christianity, displaying more of the allegory in its symbolic teaching of the Christian faith; the Kadosh was instituted to perpetuate the memory of the persecution of the ancient Order, the constancy and suffering of the Knights on

PRAYER

"Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen."



Dr. Curtis W. V. Junker
R.E. Grand Prelate

"A Big Operation"

The Dallas Times Herald, July 21, Kilgore, Texas, devoted newspaper coverage to "a big operation"—the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

"Ten-year-old Stanley Stokes knows it because he has had two eye operations compliments of the Knights Templar.

"And Stanley is only one of 2,307 persons who have received eye operations in Texas alone for people who otherwise would be unable to afford the operations."

Stanley was born with congenital cataracts, a defect in the lens of the eye that can cause partial or total blindness. He is now recuperating at home after his second operation.

The information was furnished by Sir Knight L. J. Nelson, Secretary-Recorder of Kilgore Commandery No. 104.

... Croix and Kadosh

their dissolution, with the martyrdom of Jacque de Molay at Paris in 1314.

After the Scottish Rite was established in England, the Templar body resigned control over the degrees of Rose Croix and Kadosh, which then became incorporated within that rite as the 18th degree and the 30th degree. It was therefore necessary to suppress the old ceremonies and relegate them to Templar history, but they were retained for many years in some of the older English encampments. A revised ritual was issued in 1851, consequent on the omission of the Rose Croix and Kadosh.

The Ancient Order of Knights Templar consisted of three distinct classes (not degrees): Knights, Chaplains (or Priests), and Serving Brothers. This included the "men at arms," besides the numerous retinue attached. The number of Chaplains was small and at first they were not admitted as a part of the Order.

In the old encampments, the degree of "Knight Templar Priest," or "Holy Wisdom" was conferred. The degree claimed to have been instituted at the so-called revival of the Christian Order in 1786. It created chaplains, or as they were erroneously called, Prelates,

which means Bishops, but there was no such title in the ancient canons of the Order. In this country, the degree of Knight Templar Priests (and other degrees) is now under the control of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

According to Colonel Moore (previously mentioned), the English Templars formerly conferred seven degrees: first, Knight Templar; second, Knight of St. John of Jerusalem; third, Knight of Rhodes; fourth Knight of Malta; fifth, Knight of Palestine or the Red Cross of the Constantine Order of St. George; sixth, Knight of the Rose Croix; and seventh, Knight Kadosh.

According to Witter in his "Masonry in Europe," published in Berlin in 1832, the seven steps of chivalry are classified as follows: first, Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; second, Knights Templar; third, Knights of Malta; fourth, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre; fifth, Knights Rose Croix; sixth, Knight Templar Priests; and seventh, Knights Kadosh. It is interesting to note that while no one American Masonic body confers all these Orders, they are all being conferred by active bodies in this country.

In the December issue, Sir Knight Wendt will write about "Knights Templar and Knights Kadosh—A Letter from Albert Pike."

Decision Number 9
of the
Most Eminent Grand Master
August 22, 1968

QUESTION: A member became a Knight Templar before the Royal and Select Master Degrees became prerequisite to the Orders of Templary in his jurisdiction. Subsequently, he petitioned and became a member of a Council of Royal and Select Masters by initiation. He now desires to demit from that Council. If he does so, may he retain his active membership as a Knight Templar?

ANSWER: Yes. If the Council prerequisite did not apply to the Knight Templar when he petitioned for the Orders it can never be applied to him individually, and no regulation can be adopted under the authority of Section 79 of the Constitution of Grand Encampment which would apply such prerequisite to a Knight Templar retroactively. Since Council membership cannot be required of this Knight Templar, neither can it be required that he continue to be an active member of a Council of Royal and Select Masters if he becomes a member after becoming a Knight Templar.

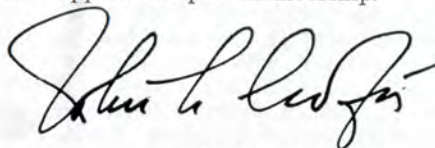
It should be understood, however, that Sections 201, 202, 203 and 204 of the Statutes of Grand Encampment apply to Council as well as to Lodge and Chapter, if Council was prerequisite to the Templar's Commandery membership. Through error, these Sections were not reported correctly in the 1961 edition of the Constitution and Statutes of Grand Encampment, but the record of the 47th Triennial Conclave shows clearly that the amendment of Sections 79 and 177 in 1958 included similar amendment of Sections 201, 202, 203 and 204. If Council membership was prerequisite to Templar membership in the individual case, good standing in the Council as well as in Lodge and Chapter must support Templar membership.

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Computerize the Golden Rule
 And man is a mechanic fool.
 Computerize the ways of peace
 And then disturbances increase.
 Computerize the kiss of joy
 And excellences will deploy.
 Computerize the flame of love
 And there is nothing life is of.
 But be Sir Knights of Christ, the King—
 Let God computerize this thing.

Milford E. Shields, K.Y.C.H.

Poet Laureate, Grand York Rite
Bodies of Colorado



GRAND MASTER

SIR KNIGHTS IN FAREWELL

Sir Knight J. Aaron Davis (right), Past Commander, Calvary Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar of Iowa, was honored at a farewell party given by Masonic families at the Masonic Temple in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he served as secretary of the Temple for nine and one-half years. Sir Knight Davis left September 1 for Pullman, Washington, where he and Mrs. Davis will make their home. Among those offering congratulations and best wishes for the future was Sir Knight Lyle R. Gordon (left), immediate Past Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 24, who has served with Sir Knight Davis in various Masonic high offices in Fort Dodge.



Templar Tempo Rises

The new season has brought a new surge of activity to Templary. The following excerpts from bulletins, communications, directives and general orders indicate that an attitude of progress prevails throughout the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Tucson York Rite

Tucson York Rite Bodies announce there is plenty of work for everyone this Fall. Dates for the Fall Festival were: Conferral of Chapter degrees October 5, and Council degrees, October 2. The Commandery will confer the Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple, October 19, beginning at 9 a.m. All candidates who receive the Council degrees will be eligible to receive the Super Excellent degrees, at Scottsdale November 2.

Iowa

Sir Knight Herbert A. Schwandt, R. E. Grand Commander of Iowa:

"We wish to call to your attention a very serious situation; 12 of our present Commanderies did not have a Knighthood in 1967. For example, all Commanderies Knighted 375; of this amount 10 demitted, 256 died, and you suspended 175—leaving a net loss. If you do not have an active membership committee working with the Chapter and Council form one immediately; if you need help on this get in touch with your District Commander, Sir Knight Guymon Wilsey, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, 407 Hickory Terrace, Keokuk, 52632, General Chairman of Membership Committee.

"His committee consists of the following Sir Knights: District No. 1, Melvin Hagberg, Grand Junior Warden; District No. 2, Robert Mullenger, Grand Captain General; District No. 3, Jack Stafford, Grand Generalissimo; District No. 4, Guymon Wisley; District No. 5, Jack Miller, Grand Senior Warden.

"Your membership committee will again offer some beautiful plaques to those Commanderies who perform. Also the Sir Knight who writes the most petitions will receive a fine award."

New Jersey

Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies of New Jersey were issued General Order No. 8 by Grand Commander R. Palmer Hollister, July 31.

The Order announced the Twenty-Fifth Knights Templar Annual Festival, October 26, at the Masonic Temple in Plainfield, New Jersey, honoring Sir Knight J. Howard Haring, R.E.P.G.C.

All three orders are scheduled to be conferred at this time. The Festival will open at 9 a.m. and the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross will commence. Immediately following will be the conferral of the Order of Malta. After lunch, the Order of the Temple will be conferred. Concluding the day will be the presentation of the Honored Guest.

Nevada

Communication No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander of Nevada, Sir Knight Roy C. Mills, thanks Nevada Knights for electing him to serve as Grand Commander. The following are excerpts from this Communication.

"I want to make the Eye Foundation support the Number One of our Major Projects. In addition to Patron Sponsors, every Knight Templar should be a Life Sponsor.

"The Knights Templar Educational Foundation deserves our continued support. I hope to have a Division Committee set up within a short time, including the appointment of a representative from each Constituent Commandery.

"I urge each Sir Knight to attend and work with their local Lodges, Chapters, and Councils. This will assist in our York Rite Coordination efforts and we should be able to increase our membership."

New officers for the year are: Lawrence U. Metcalf, Deputy Grand Commander; Herbert J. Pfeufer, Grand Generalissimo; and John H. Williams, Grand Captain General.

Delaware

General Order No. 2 from St. John's Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware, by order of Sir Knight Richard H. Thomas, Eminent Commander:

"We in St. John's Commandery No. 1 are proud of our 100 years of existence. The wonderful years we have had would not have been possible without the outstanding and highly capable leadership we have had to guide our destiny these many years. It is with this thought in mind that I have set aside our Regular Conclave October 10 as Past Commanders' Night. At that time we will honor these Eminent Sir Knights for the many long hours of work, devotion and dedication they have so willingly given which has enabled us to enjoy the rich heritage we now enjoy.

"The proposed program for the evening will be a buffet dinner for all Sir Knights and their Ladies at 6:15 p.m. This will be followed by a very short business meeting and after closing a special Past Commander's Program will be held in the Red Room."

Colorado York Rite

From the Colorado York Rite Bulletin among the coming events:

"The Central York Rite Association of Denver area desires all Companions and Sir Knights and their ladies to be present at a Ball October 19, at El Jebel Mosque.

"Most Excellent Companion Norman F. Tripp, chairman of Religious Affirmation Committee, has set October 27 as Affirmation Sunday."

Washington

Bulletin No. 1-C from Sir Knight Kenneth N. Carmody, Grand Commander of Washington:

"I request that each Commander appoint, immediately, a committee on NPD and demits. Get those back to work who know of our great Order and are familiar with our programs. Stress the Eye Foundation, Educational Foundation, Religious activities and the other good qualities of our Order. No other organization has so much to offer. Look at the programs of your Constituent Commanderies. Are you offering your Knights something of interest and a reason for them to belong? Hold officers meetings and try to find a solution to your problems. Your Grand Commandery officers will help.

Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania, Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, Grand Commander, has designated October as "Knight Templar Magazine Promotion Month." Grand Commander Dyson has divided the Templar Year into "emphasis periods" for the advancement of various Templar projects.

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“TO LOVE SOMEONE IS TO BID HIM TO LIVE”—
 “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD FILLS THE WHOLE WORLD”—
 “BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”

were three of the banners adorning the wall at the South Central Department Conclave Dinner in Little Rock, Arkansas, the second month of 1968. The picture at the right shows York Rite leaders: C. Ellwood Smyrk, G.G.M.G.G. Council and the Most Eminent Grand Master John L. Crofts Sr., as Sprague H. Carter, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International, lights the three lights especially designed and crafted for use on the Holy Table of the stately Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria—the gift of the Grand Prelate,



Canon Curt Junker. The picture to the left illustrates contemporary Valentine cards adorning the high table. Each of the other tables had a contemporary translation of the Bible opened on a cushion, flanked by vigil lights in honor of “The Mighty Acts of God in the History of Man,” celebrated in the hearts of faithful Knights Templar and their ladies and families.

Early Days of Freemasonry

In an earlier issue, the Knight Templar Magazine featured Part One of a paper read June 30, 1967, at the Lodge of Research No. 104, Atlanta, Georgia, by Sir Knight Richard S. Sager, magazine correspondent. In this issue, we offer a further excerpt on the subject of “The Livery Companies.”

Late in the 13th century many of the ancient Guilds or companies started to wear fancy uniforms or “Liveries,” this custom spreading to private individuals and their servants. The idea was that the distinctive uniform showed a man’s occupation, and our Masonic apron today can be looked on as a direct descendant of this idea.

The most important of the Livery Companies from our point of view was “The Company of Freemasons of the City of London.” Its exact date of origin is unknown, but in 1376 it had certainly been in existence for many years, judging by documents still in existence. The London Company took a livery to itself in 1481, but I have been unable to locate details.

The Company was governed by a Master and two Wardens, and when the

franchise was granted in 1481, certain “Constitutions” included various duties. Of interest today, these covered directions for the wearing of the special clothing; fines for refusal to comply; an official Church service every two years; and the holding of a “Ladies Night.”

For nearly 200 years after 1481 this London Company of Freemasons existed, but then fell on evil times. In 1607 a change was made in its rules, and on the eighth Sunday after Easter every year a Master was to be elected, who in turn had to appoint two capable persons as Wardens.

The name was changed in the middle 1600’s to “The Company of Masons,” a change that later was to be important in the growth of “Speculative” Freemasonry. It was also customary by that time to admit members who were not actual operatives; these could be children of Freemen of the Company, or those who bought “Freedom” of the Livery for its social prestige, or even some were given the “Freedom” as a reward for other services received or expected. Therefore we can see here a possible source for the admission of Freemasons as we know them today.

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English bodies which brought Templary to the Colonies, and from the rituals of Templary in England today. Templar rituals are for the purpose of enlisting persons who believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Intercessor in a legion devoted to the defense of the Christian Religion and an exemplification of the Christian virtues. Therefore, the rituals are subject to change as they may better express their purpose to a contemporary audience, and as change can be made without altering fundamental ceremony and purpose. This does not mean that a proper rendition of the ritual is not essentially important. It should use our best qualified members and be presented to the best of our ability. It does mean—in my opinion—that the lesson is more important than the language, and I contend as a qualified instructor that it is more important to be understood than to be accurate. Templary has a valid and relevant social purpose. To explain this fact to a recruit in the most effective manner is the basic purpose of all our ritualistic ceremonies.

Q: Will you comment on the per capita approved at the 50th Triennial Conclave?

A: This one is easy. During the 1964-1967 period Grand Encampment was operating on an income of 18c per year per member levied on the Grand Commanderies, \$1.00 per member per year on the Subordinate Commanderies, supplemented by a 4c per year per member operating deficit, or an expense of 22c per capita, 6c of this being for Triennial Conclave expenses. Due to rising costs and the need for additional services from the Chicago office for all units, a budget indicating and per capita levy requiring 34c per capita per year were proposed and adopted for the operation of Grand Encampment and its services. At the same time, responsively to the decision of Grand Encampment that Knight Templar Magazine should be distributed to all members beginning in July 1969, an

additional per capita of 66c per year was adopted, to be paid beginning on or before July 1, 1969. Thus, the per capita to be paid on or before July 1, 1968 by the Grand Commanderies was 34c, and on or before July 1, 1969 and July 1, 1970, \$1.00 per member. This amount is substantially below that supporting other Masonic bodies—it is not too high in my opinion—I think that we need and will want additional services from the national office and I would support a per capita levy at Denver of \$1.25 for these services and Knight Templar Magazine.

Q: What "good" do you expect for Templary as a result of the Grand Master's Conferences, the August 16-17 Conference, for example?

A: I am most hopeful that we may suggest "guidelines" of a useful nature for the benefit of local commanderies in their various "activity" areas, and for the state or Grand Commanderies in the projection and promotion of these activities. Such "guidelines" would suggest a variety of expressions of our purposes in the several activity areas, rather than require conformity to a single directive. There is a strong demand today upon the Grand Encampment for services and direction of appropriate activities throughout Templary. We should be responsive to this demand, but not incidentally work against valuable initiative at either the state or local level directed toward our established purposes. Eventually, if it is desired, we might refine these informal "guideline" suggestions into brochures relative to our several activity areas, or even into a single manual of Templar purposes and activities with organizational suggestions, subject, of course, to frequent revision. I think all of us who are broadly concerned agree that there is too much lack of understanding among Templars as to our basic purposes and programs appropriate to their accomplishment.

Q: Who were present for the Conference?

A: All of the present elective officers of Grand Encampment, the Grand Prelate and all of the Department Commanders, and the Chairmen of Committees on Jurisprudence, Membership, Drill Regulations, Ritualistic Matters, Religious Activities, Educational Foundation, Eye Foundation, and Patriotic and Civic Activities. Other subjects under chairmanship of elective officers: Triennial Conclave, Arlington Easter Service, Magazine Promotion, York Rite Unity, and Public Relations.

Q: As Grand Master, what is your official assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the Grand Encampment?

A: Grand Encampment has the advantages of establishment, sovereignty, convenient size, elected membership representing all constituents, the confidence of Templars, and the ability to act. I think its weaknesses have been a lack of involvement in the day-to-day efforts of the whole body of Templary, a tiny central office unable to provide needed services, and poor communications. We have been contending against these weaknesses persistently since the first month of Grand Master Moore's term, and have made substantial progress. Grand Encampment was formed by local bodies in 1816 to promote union, order and strength amongst Knights Templar, which I interpret as more an assignment to lead and serve than to rule. The organization as presently composed is in my opinion entirely adequate if we keep our purposes in mind and look to the future.

Q: Finally, do you have a forecast or prediction about Templary's future?

A: Because of its clear relevance to social needs in its declared objectives, i. e., a vigorous defense (or support) of the Christian religion and an active concern for the welfare of others, Templary will persist and is in no danger of extinction. How great its effect will be today and how adequately it may serve social needs in the context of today is the question. It is my opinion that Templars are increasingly aware of their opportunities to be useful as Templars and though the operation of their Templar

bodies in their communities. Thus our future looks bright to me.

Q: Thank you, Grand Master. Do you have any special recommendation or other information to add?

A: Of course! We need to select leaders at all levels from those having the greatest leadership potential. Leadership should know all members and assess their individual abilities, form programs to satisfy their fraternal needs and involve the maximum number of members, identify and meet some community need. In planning such programs, it is not necessary to be restricted to those things which may have been "ordered." It is time for innovation and even experimentation. If it's not either un-Masonic or un-Christian, give it a try!

South Pacific Conference

Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman, R.E. Department Commander, presided over a South Pacific Conference at Moab, Utah, September 19, in connection with the Western Conference of York Rite Bodies, Wallace V. Peck, chairman.

The M.E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., participated in the Department Conference and was the York Rite Conference speaker at luncheon Friday, September 20. Sir Knight Crofts spoke directly and to the point on the subject of York Rite Unity. He was accompanied to the Grand Encampment Department Conference by the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Rodenhauer.

The Department Conference covered the full range of current Grand Encampment projects and plans, including those formulated at the August Grand Master's Conference in Chicago, when Grand Encampment officers and Committee Chairmen gathered to submit recommendations and to receive the directives of the Grand Master for official activities during the ensuing year.

As the current issue of the magazine went to press, other pending Department Conferences were: North Atlantic—September 27-28, Philadelphia; South-eastern—October 26, Macon, Georgia. Sir Knights Frank L. Bourke and C. Wallace Jackson are the respective R.E. Department Commanders.

Dolliver Chapter, DeMolay Fort Dodge, Iowa

The public image of Dolliver Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, is outstanding due to a series of public services the members have rendered the Iowa city, according to a news story published recently in *The Fort Dodge Messenger*.

The most recent public service the Iowa DeMolay chapter has completed is the painting of rooms in the Masonic Temple this summer. Painting included the ballroom, dining hall, and the kitchen which the September issue of the Masonic Temple bulletin termed, "Fine Work."

In the annual report which covered activities concluded during the 1967-1968 year sent recently to the Iowa DeMolay executive officer, C. S. Armintrout of Des Moines, showed 29 public service projects completed during the year which earned the Iowa chapter 50 points in this area of endeavor alone.

The public service projects included in the report was the furnishing of guides at the Fort-Museum for months of June, July, August and September; July 4 parade float; assistance in the Fort Dodge Antique show on September 1, 1967; four separate projects in behalf of muscular dystrophy campaign during November and December, 1967; distribution of T.B. posters; Salvation Army bell ringers on December 13, 1967; clean-up work at Blanden Art Gallery on March 23 and May 4, 1968; erection of tents for Girl Scout camp; and distribution of posters for American Cancer Society on April 1, 1968.

Sir Knight Tom W. Murphy, advisor to Dolliver chapter for the past seven years, termed the report significant as pertaining to the public service area. "It is significant when a certain chapter earns half of its points in one area and it is very significant to Fort Dodge when these points are scored in the public service area. It is proof that our boys want to render this type of service—even at the expense of time which could be spent in recreational endeavors." Sir Knight Murphy is state Representative DeMolay Awards advisor and is a member of the youth committee of the State Association of High Twelve clubs.



IN CANCER CRUSADE—Postmaster and Sir Knights George G. Hendricks of Fort Dodge, Iowa, is reading a sheetlet of information prepared by the American Cancer Society and distributed in Fort Dodge by Dolliver Chapter, Order of DeMolay. This is one of the various public services the DeMolay members perform during the year. From left to right are Bob Clark, Mark Messerly; Steve Drown, past master councilor; and Sir Knight Hendricks.



Mrs. John Amond, curator of the Fort-Museum, is showing an old World War 1 U.S. Army .45 which has just been added to the Fort-Museum collection to two members of Dolliver Chapter, Order of DeMolay, who were serving as guides on that particular Sunday. Dolliver Chapter furnishes guides to the Fort-Museum Sundays throughout the tourist season. From left to right are: Arthur Lott, Todd Janvrin; and Mrs. Amond. Young Janvrin is the son of Sir Knight James Janvrin who is serving as Captain General to Calvary Commandery No. 24 Knights Templar of Iowa.

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