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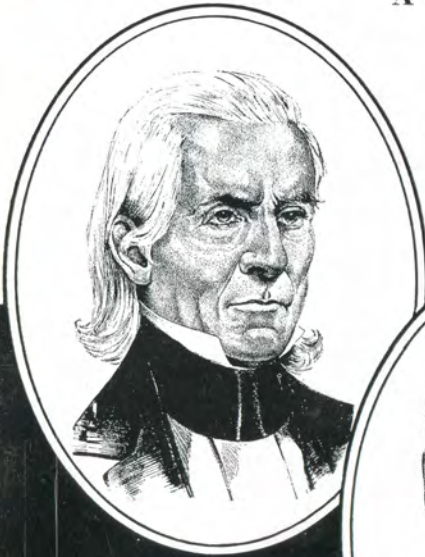
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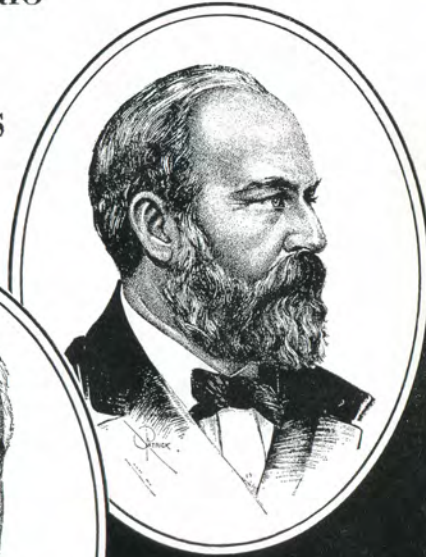
## A NOVEMBER TRIO of MASONIC PRESIDENTS



**JAMES KNOX POLK**  
November 2, 1795



**WARREN GAMALIEL HARDING**  
November 2, 1865



**JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD**  
November 19, 1831



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## THE GRAND MASTER REMINDS US . . . .



Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.  
The Most Eminent Grand Master  
Knights Templar, U.S.A.

Just a year ago we called attention (K.T. Mag. Nov, 1967) to the procedure required before suspending a Knight Templar from membership. Deeming it necessary, we again advise and emphasize that our laws apply to all Commanderies wherever located and that it is the duty of the Commander to see that our laws are observed.

"Section 207. (Statutes of Grand Encampment, as adopted at 50th Conclave, Detroit, 1967) *The Eminent Commander shall supervise and determine whether it is advisable to remit the dues of a delinquent member because of illness, infirmity or financial inability, and shall recommend to his Commandery the remission of dues whenever he deems the same justified. If the Eminent Commander does not see fit to recommend the remission of dues of a delinquent member, he shall appoint a Committee of at least two members to make a personal call if possible upon such delin-*

*quent member, with reference thereto. The report of such Committee shall be reviewed by the Eminent Commander, and shall be reported to the Commandery. The process of suspension shall be undertaken only after the foregoing preliminary requirements have been met. Thereupon, the Eminent Commander shall see to it that the Recorder send either a certified or registered letter to the delinquent member at his last known address, giving official notice of intention to suspend such member, including the date and hour when the suspension proceedings will be brought before the Commandery for action; at the time when such suspension proceedings are brought before the Commandery, the Eminent Commander shall first inform the Commandery of all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding such delinquent member and shall exhibit the return receipt of or the unclaimed certified or registered letter to the delinquent member before any action shall be taken by the Commandery."*

This process of due notice and hearing applies also in every case where a Knight Templar may have been voluntarily un-affiliated with a prerequisite body for a period of six months (Section 201) and in every case where a Knight Templar may have been suspended or expelled from a prerequisite body (Section 202).

**There is no other lawful process. To remove a Knight Templar from membership requires in every case due notice and a hearing at the time and place stated, preceded by personal contact if possible. This requirement merely re-states the value placed by Templary upon each individual Knight Templar.**

**Let all officers and members wherever dispersed take due notice hereof and govern themselves accordingly.**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John L. Crofts, Sr.".

GRAND MASTER



## Arlington, Virginia

I am in need of information concerning a "Mr. Kerney" whose wife Mrs. Sade (Sadie) Kerney wrote in 1910 that she and her husband (She referred to him only as Mr. Kerney)

"came to Englewood in 1882 where he found the Knights Templar and other secret Societies and said that he was ready to settle down."

I do not have the date of Mr. Kerney's death but his widow, Mrs. Sade (Sadie) Kerney, lived with her son, Wylie Kerney, 10030 Longwood Blvd., Chicago, in 1910-1914. From this information could you identify Mr. Kerney and tell me his given name? Do your records show the names of the parents of members, place of birth and date of death?

I would greatly appreciate your assistance as I need the requested information to complete a history of the Kerney family.

(MISS) HELENE PHILIBERT

*Editors Note: Please relay any information to Helene Philibert, 3402 N. Third St., Arlington, Va. 22201*

## Rochester, Minnesota

What is believed to be a very unusual situation has developed in the membership of the Masonic Bodies at Rochester, Minnesota in the period between Oct. 7, 1967 and Oct. 5, 1968.

Most Excellent Companion Glenn C. Jones, a resident of Rochester, was installed Oct. 7 as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

Sir Knight Lee Hargesheimer of Rochester, was installed R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota June 8, 1968.

These two prominent Masons residing in the same city and presiding in their respective Grand Bodies of the York Rite at the same time, are members of the same Masonic and Allied Bodies as follows:

Rochester Lodge No. 21, A.F. & A.M.; Past High Priests of Halcyon Chapter No. 8, R.A.M.; Tyrian Council, R. & S.M. of Red Wing, Minn.; Past Commanders of Home Commandery No. 5, K.T.; Winona Minnesota Scottish Rite

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Bodies, Osman Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of St. Paul; Past Watchmen of Shepherds of Oriental Shrine No. 7, White Shrine of Jerusalem of Rochester; Rochester Chapter No. 193, Order of the Eastern Star.

We believe it unusual to have two Grand Presiding Officers of the York Rite, residing in the same city and members of the same Masonic and Allied Bodies at the same time.

GLENN B. BURBACH, SEC'Y.  
Rochester Lodge No. 21, A.F. & A.M.

### St. Louis, Mo.

A truly momentous occasion occurred Sunday, May 19, when Freedom DeMolay Chapter, Mehlville, Missouri, presented Freedom Lodge No. 636 with a 20 foot pole and American Flag for the front lawn.

The American flag was raised on this new structure by Master Councilor Steve Brown, assisted by Past Master Councilor Art Baumgartner.

The Master of Ceremony was Right Worshipful Brother Donald L. Benson.

Some twenty-five members of Freedom DeMolay and some 100 Master Masons and friends pledged allegiance to the flag.

The pole base was put into place several weeks before the occasion by Steve Brown, Fred Mack, Mike Stevens, Dad Advisor Willor Kleine. The ball on top of the pole was made by Dad Lee Bryant.

WILLOR KLEINE

### Orange, California

In regards to your article on K.T. DeWitt Clinton it was very informative, except for dates.

Born March 2, 1789, admitted to the bar when he was one year old. In 1802 was elected to the United States Senate when he was three years old. In 1803 Mayor of New York when he was four years of age, became Governor of New York at the age of 28.

Raised in Holland Lodge No. 16 (now No. 8) Sept. 3, 1790, at the tender age of one year, became Secretary of the lodge at three years old. Elected W.M. at the age of four and one half, Grand Master at seven years old.

He was exalted in 'old' or 'Ancient' Chapter No. 1 in New York City in 1791 at one year of age, G.M.P. at age nine. Then in 1816 he became General High Priest at 27 years.

If this is true then my two year old son may become a M.M. now, and the 21 year statute does not apply to Freemasonry.

JAMES H. BOECK  
Santa Ana Commandery No. 36  
Lodge No. 293, F. & A.M.

*Editor's Note: We goofed! Born in 1769.*

### Senatobia, Mississippi

Please note the bulletin issued for the Senatobia Rotary Club:

"The September issue of the Knight Templar official publication had this to say about Rotary—

Rotary International has a four way test that may apply to any intended course of action. . .

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendship?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

May God always bless you and yours in all ways."

H. K. BUCK  
Lexington Commandery No. 3

### DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

Among the "second year" Department Conferences recently completed are: South Pacific—Harold S. Gorman, Department Commander—Moab, Utah, September 19; North Atlantic—Frank L. Bourke, Department Commander—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 27; Southeastern—C. Wallace Jackson, Department Commander—Macon, Georgia, October 26. Attendance at all three included the Grand Master of Grand Encampment and the Grand Recorder. Individual reports of the Conference discussions and decisions are being prepared for circulation within the respective Departments.

## \$1,000,000. ATTAINED BY EYE FOUNDATION

The Trustees of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. some time ago voted to establish two classes of funds:

- (a) General Fund
- (b) Permanent Endowment Fund

The objective was to have a Permanent Endowment Fund of at least one million (1,000,000) dollars. We are happy to say that as of October 7, we reached the million dollars and are now starting for our second million.

We place in the Permanent Endowment Fund all monies received from Life Sponsor Applications, Patrons, and Associate Patrons, and any restricted funds. The income from the Permanent Endowment Fund is available for our General Fund from which we finance all applications for surgery and hospitalization, and for the general operating expenses as per our Annual Budget.

Eventually, the income from our Permanent Endowment Fund should finance at least all of our Budget and Administrative Expenses.

A sizable Permanent Endowment Fund, which we now have, adds considerable prestige to our Great Humanitarian Charity, and to the general image of Templary. It impresses Foundations and individuals who might become large contributors to our Charity or those who might name our Knights Templar Eye Foundation as a beneficiary in their Will.

It gives the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., a greater and more impressive standing as a truly National Masonic Charity.

Every Knight Templar can take just pride in our accomplishments in the comparatively short time that we have been in existence. Yet, with it all, we are still in our infancy but well on our way to becoming, as so many predict, one of the world's greatest philanthropies. With the cooperation of our Sir Knights and our Public Relations committee, together with professional help, we will be.

Remember our battle cry, "Onward Christian Soldiers, Onward."

**Walter A. DeLamater**  
Executive Director

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Sir Knight Frederick J. Smith, P.G.C., Oklahoma, announces a change in one of the dates for the Tom Goodwin York Rite Festival at Oklahoma City. The Commandery Orders will be conferred Saturday, December 14, rather than December 7. The change was made necessary by a conflicting event.

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## News Briefs

### Western Conference

Sir Knight Paul B. Pickering, Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Conference of Grand York Rite Bodies, reports a successful 1968 Conference at Moab, Utah, September 19-20. He writes that John Padgett, 1510 West Roma, Phoenix, Arizona, was elected Chairman of the Western Conference, and that Montana was selected as the place for the 1970 Conference. "It has been the custom on the year of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter to hold a dinner at the place of the Chapter Triennial and omit a formal Western Conference meeting. Therefore, the 1969 meeting will be held at Portland, Oregon."

### Royal Order of Scotland Meets

Atlantic City, New Jersey, was the scene of the 91st Annual Meeting of the Provincial Lodge, R.S.Y.C.S., and the Provincial Grand Chapter, H.R.M., September 26. Marvin E. Fowler is Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland; Samuel W. McIntosh is Provincial Grand Secretary. Sir Knight Fowler also is Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia, and Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Washington, D.C.

A special meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland has been called November 9 in Great Falls, Montana.

## Templars Present for Supreme Council Meeting at Atlantic City

Raymond P. Shafer, Governor of Pennsylvania, was one of the 188 who received the 33rd Degree at the 156th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, September 22-26, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. The conferral was witnessed by a large number of Masons, many of them Knights Templar. Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, on the boardwalk, was the headquarters for the sessions and the many attendant events.

Present as the official guest of the Supreme Council, and as York Rite speaker at the meeting, was Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master of Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Crofts, 33rd Degree, is a member of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction. Among the Grand Encampment officers also present were: G. Wilbur Bell, Willard M. Avery, Walter A. DeLamater and Paul C. Rodenhauser, all Honorary 33rd Degree, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Illustrious George A. Newbury, 33rd Degree, Sovereign Grand Commander, who presided over the sessions, was the recipient of the Supreme Council's Gourgas Medal. The impressive presentation was made by Illustrious Richard A. Kern, 33rd Degree, Grand Lieutenant Commander.

The following highlights of the meeting are listed through the cooperation of the Committee on Records and the Supreme Council's Executive Secretary, Illustrious Stanley F. Maxwell, 33rd Degree.

The amount of \$290,000 was appropriated for research and training of medical students, \$14,850 for journalistic scholarships, \$10,000 for Supreme Council's DeMolay and Youth program and services, \$7,500 to assist the financing of the DeMolay Congress. A net gain of 4,303 was reported for Lodges of Perfection. Membership now totals 510,538.

A Committee on Publications will study the nature, format and cost of a quarterly (or more frequent) magazine financed by a per capita increase of \$1.00.



Pausing on the Boardwalk between sessions are: John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master, Grand Encampment; Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Masonic Service Association; and G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Encampment's Deputy Grand Master.



Left to Right: John H. Loree, Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations; Stanley Lehmborg, Pennsylvania; Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; Abner C. Sager, East Central Department Commander.

A purchase of 14.4 acres was made in Lexington, Massachusetts, including a large brick mansion to be occupied as Supreme Council headquarters by the end of the year. Additional adjoining 7.5 acres to be purchased as soon as possible as the site for a new headquarters building.

One hundred and eighty eight received the 33rd Degree at the Atlantic City session. One hundred and ninety one were nominated to receive the degree in Boston in 1969, including the entertainment world's Red Skelton.

## Birth Month for Three Masonic Presidents of the U.S.

*In a supplement to the September 1945 "Masonic World," J. Fairbairn Smith, F.P.S., Editor, Detroit, issued a picture and biographical resume of Masonic Presidents. From his material to a large extent come this issue's references to the three Masonic Presidents born in November—Companion Polk and Sir Knights Garfield and Harding.*

*JAMES KNOX POLK*, 11th President, was born November 2, 1795 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. When eleven, he moved with his family and settled in a rich valley on Duck River in East Tennessee where the Polks erected a log cabin. At the age of 23 he was graduated as the top ranking scholar of his class from North Carolina University at Chapel Hill. He studied law at Nashville, became a member of the Tennessee Legislature in 1923, later serving as Governor. In 1825, he was elected to Congress and acted as Speaker of the House for five sessions. The annexation of Texas was accomplished during the close of John Tyler's administration, bringing about a dispute over the Texas border which resulted in the Mexican War after President Polk took office. Polk's administration also settled the Oregon boundary with Great Britain. Sir Knight Polk, an eloquent speaker, was known to his intimate friends as the "Napoleon of the Stump."

He was initiated in Columbia Lodge No. 31, Columbia, Tennessee, June 5, 1820; passed August 7, raised September 4. In October he was elected Junior Deacon, and in December was elevated to Junior Warden. There is no record of his ever having served as Worshipful Master.

Polk was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason April 24, 1824 in Lafayette Chapter No. 4, Columbia. While serving as President on May 1, 1847 he assisted at the Masonic laying of a cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.

He did not seek reelection to the office of the President, but retired to Nashville following the completion of his term. He died three months later during a cholera epidemic and his remains were committed with religious and Masonic ceremonies.

*JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD*, 20th President, was born in a newly raised log cabin in the Ohio wilderness, November 19, 1831. It is said that he learned to read by the time he was three years old. He acquired an education through great personal effort, supporting himself while attending Eclectic Institute at Hiram, Ohio, and Williams College, Massachusetts, where he was graduated.

He returned to Eclectic to teach; a year later he became principal of the school. Noted for his speaking ability, young Garfield was elected to the Ohio senate. He volunteered for military service at the outbreak of the Civil War and was made lieutenant colonel of the 42nd Ohio Volunteers, many of whom were his former students.

After promotion for gallantry, he resigned as Major General of Volunteers to take his seat in the House of Representatives, where he served for seventeen stormy years. In 1880 he was elected to the Senate. At the Republican Convention the same year, he was nominated on the 34th ballot for President. Elected, he had little time in which to prove his ability. Garfield was shot by a disappointed office-seeker July 2, 1881 and died September 19 of that year.

James Abram Garfield was initiated in Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbia, Ohio; passed two weeks later, then waited almost three years—because of service in the army—for his raising. This occurred, at the request of Magnolia Lodge, in Columbus Lodge No. 30, November 22, 1864. He demitted the following year, then became a member of Garettsville Lodge No. 246, serving as Chaplain in 1868 and 1869. In May of 1869 he became a charter member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 in the District of Columbia. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Columbia Chapter, Washington, April 18,

1866, and received his Templar Orders in Columbia Commandery No. 2, D.C., May 18, 1866.

Garfield was made an Honorary Member July 18, 1881 of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16, Cincinnati. Following his death, Columbia Commandery No. 2, D.C., escorted his remains to Cleveland where he was buried "in the presence of a great concourse of Masons."

**WARREN GAMALIEL HARDING**, 28th President, was born at Corsica, Ohio, November 2, 1865. He was imbued with the ambition as a boy to become a newspaper editor. At 16 he left the Ohio Central College to become a cub reporter on the *Marion Star*; three years later he was editor, and he became the *Star's* owner at the age of 35.

In 1900 he was elected to the Ohio Legislature and served two terms. He was Lieutenant Governor in 1904 and United States Senator in 1914. His voting record as a Senator was conservative and he was made permanent chairman of the Republican National Convention in 1916. In 1920—on the 10th ballot—he emerged as the winning candidate for President.

Harding was the first President to visit the (then) territory of Alaska. In the summer of 1923 he made an extended trip to that area and throughout the West. During his return he became seriously ill at Vancouver, B.C., and was moved to San Francisco. There he died, at the age of 57, August 2, 1923.

President Harding advocated reduction of governmental expenditures and a national budget system. In 1921 a Budget Bureau was set up in the Treasury Department and Charles G. Dawes was appointed Director by Harding. Charles Evans Hughes was his Secretary of State and Andrew Mellon the Secretary of the Treasury. He carried out his campaign policy in regard to the Peace Treaty with Germany, urging its adoption without entrance into the League of Nations. He also inaugurated the calling of the first international Conference on the Limita-

tion of Armament, which was held in Washington in 1921.

Masonically, he spent 19 years as an Entered Apprentice. He was initiated in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio, June 28, 1901. He was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft August 13, 1920 and was raised August 27. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Marion Chapter No. 62 January 13, 1921 and was knighted in Marion Commandery No. 36 March 1. Harding was elected to receive the 33rd Degree of Scottish Rite September 22, 1921, but could not appear the following year because of his wife's illness. He died before the Supreme Council session of 1923.

### Philaethes Society Honors G. Wilbur Bell



Harold V. B. Voorhis, F.P.S., Life, the Chairman of the Committee on Fellows, of the Philaethes, has announced the election of G. Wilbur Bell, Illinois, to be a Fellow of the Society, to take the spot made vacant by the death of our oldest Fellow, Reginald V. Harris, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada,

who died August 2.

Sir Knight Bell, who is the present Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, has been extremely active in Masonic and community affairs, and has been a leader in the Philaethes Society. He was a Chairman of the Masonic Workshop for 1967, and has been active in many other phases of our work. A P.G.H.P., R.A.M., and P.G.C., both of Illinois, he has been active in many of the Masonic bodies of America.

Taken from the "Philaethes," John Black Vrooman, Editor.



## Arizona York Rite Sessions

An attractive and colorful printed program publicized and described the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Arizona at the Masonic Temple, Tucson, October 27-30. Copies of the descriptive programs were forwarded to the *Knight Templar Magazine* by Dwight E. Shannon, Grand Recorder, and Emmett A. Riehl, member of the Program Committee of the York Rite Masonic Bodies.

The schedule listed the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arizona starting with the 8 p.m. Devotional Service Sunday, October 27. This was preceded on Saturday and Sunday by Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Knights of the York Cross of Honor events.

Grand Commandery sessions, election and installation took place Monday. The Grand Council and Grand Chapter sessions were listed for Tuesday, October 29, with a Grand York Rite Banquet Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Masonic Temple. The popular speakers publicized for the evening were Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, R.E. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Brother Ted Walker, Chairman of the Crippled Children's and Burns Hospital Committee, Sabbar Shrine Temple, Tucson.

Presiding for the Grand Council—Sir Knight L. W. White, M.I. Grand Master; and for the Grand Chapter—Sir Knight Virgil W. Balzer, M.E. Grand High Priest. Sir Knight Thomas Eldredge La Count, R.E. Grand Commander, who died September 30, was scheduled to preside for the Grand Commandery sessions.

The 1969 meeting of the Trustees of Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has been scheduled by Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director, for July 18-19 in Chicago.

## "TO HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT"



Knights Templar and their families especially will be interested and delighted to know that the personal memoir of Clair H. Brucker, wife of the Most Eminent Past Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, who was Secretary of the Army under President Eisenhower, has just been published by Vantage Press, Inc., New York City.

The Editor's copy of "To Have Your Cake and Eat It" arrived at presstime, permitting no more than a mention in the current issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. A review of Mrs. Brucker's book will be featured in a forthcoming issue. Although not yet in full supply around the country, those who would like to have copies before Christmas can order direct from the publisher, Vantage Press, Inc., 120 West 31 Street, New York, N.Y. 10001. The book is priced at \$4.95.

One glance at "To Have Your Cake and Eat It" reveals an honest, heartwarming, and beautifully communicative style that makes putting the book aside truly difficult.

Vantage Press says: "Mrs. Brucker's recollections of her husband's years in the Pentagon—her own years as the nation's Number One 'Army Wife'—are crowded with famous names, historic events, and visits to nearby and faraway places. All the pomp and pageantry of official Washington is here, as well as the custom and ceremony of international politics around the world."

If the sales of "To Have Your Cake and Eat It" even partially match the wealth of its absorbing contents, there's a great future in store for this just-off-the-press memoir of Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker. It has both authenticity and personality.

## KNIGHT TEMPLAR HONOR ROLL

*The lifeblood of a news publication is its reporting staff. The Knight Templar Magazine this month salutes the Correspondents who provide information of Masonic events from their respective jurisdictions. In the normal course of magazine publication, there is not always the opportunity or space to properly express credit to these Templar reporters.*

*The Knight Templar Magazine takes this moment to pay tribute to its Correspondents, and, at the same time, to remind all officers and Knights Templar that these are the men to whom jurisdictional information should be relayed—promptly and accurately—so that they can be of increasing service in the compiling of worthwhile news and information for readers of the Knight Templar Magazine.*

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## 50TH DEMOLAY ANNIVERSARY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The Order of DeMolay's 50th Anniversary is just around the corner and plans for the gala year are in full swing, not only at DeMolay Headquarters but in chapters and jurisdictions everywhere.

Word was received in late May that our request to have a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., was granted. Professional float builders were contacted and plans are well underway to begin the DeMolay float which will officially launch our year-long 50th Anniversary Commemoration on Jan. 1, 1969.

All roads will lead to Kansas City, Mo., for the International Conference to be held July 1-4.

Everyone associated with DeMolay is welcome to come and as many as 3,000 are expected to attend.

All general sessions will be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, which will seat more than 5,000 persons. Special exhibits and displays of interest to DeMolays will be set up in the auditorium.

The mornings will be more or less free with optional affairs such as tours, DeMolay educational programs, and degree exemplifications being offered.

Scheduled general sessions with key note speakers and light entertainment will be featured in the afternoons.

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Sir Knight James M. Lawrence, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of South Dakota, announces the appointment of Sir Knight Walter Reekling, P.C., as Grand Recorder to complete the unexpired term of Sir Knight C. E. Buehler, Past Grand Commander, who had served as Grand Recorder from 1962 until his death September 15.

Sir Knight Lawrence writes: "We are all going to miss Sir Knight Buehler. He was a devoted Mason."

Ceremonies, famous speakers and professional entertainment will highlight the evening sessions during the conference.

A gigantic parade has been planned for July 4th in Kansas City which will feature DeMolay marching units, Masonic, military and civic units.

On the 5th and 6th of July, chartered planes will wing their way toward Europe with 320 DeMolays, Advisors and their families. This will mark the beginning of a fabulous two weeks which will include visits to eight different countries.

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## “Let’s Tell Them What’s RIGHT About America!”

*An excerpt from a Veteran’s Day Address by Chaplain (Major) Donis Dean Patterson, U.S.A.R., Rector, Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, Venice, Florida.*

Let education about America then be a renewed enterprise of us all. “Let’s tell them what’s RIGHT about America!” Anyone can protest! Many practice this ‘art’ to be sure, but creativity and growth—the kind our country is built upon—demands something more. Let’s ask our country for the moment not to think only of what is wrong with the United States, but to consider with equal and renewed vigor what is right in our system and way of life.

In America we are free to worship God, each in his own way. We are not compelled to worship; but neither are we denied our rights of worship. This is one thing ‘right’ about America.

In America, the people govern the people and the government is not a supreme entity within itself. Our constitutional government is designed to serve the people; not for the people to serve the government. This, too, is ‘right’ about America.

Here is another ‘right’ in America. We are allowed the right in free speech and freedom of the press.

We have the right to petition for redress on grievances. I ask you, “Does the enemy have any or all these things which are ‘right’ with America?”

We have the right of privacy in our homes and the right to a trial by jury and we *are* innocent until proved guilty.

Here’s another ‘right’ in America: We have the right to move about freely, the right to own private property and the right to free elections with personal secret ballots. Contrast these ‘rights’ with the ‘rights’ of people in North Viet Nam, East Berlin and North Korea today!

We have the right to make a profit. We have the right to contract about our own affairs. We have the right to freedom from arbitrary government regulation and control.

My fellow citizens and dear friends, these are only a few of the things ‘right’ about America, but let’s tell people about them!

## YORK RITE BODIES

### Salute California Grand Master of Masons



Attending the reception for Grand Master of Masons in California by Sacramento York Rite Bodies were, l. to r.: J. Wilbur Combes, M.E. Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter; Lovell E. Spurgeon, R.E. Grand Commander; Arthur B. Ledbetter, M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters; Eugene S. Hopp, Grand Master of Masons; Harold N. Richards, Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge; Dennis Farmery, E. High Priest of Sacramento Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.; and James K. Wilson, E. Commander of Sacramento Commandery No. 2.

Expressing their appreciation for his outstanding leadership of California Masonry, the Sacramento York Rite Bodies held an open reception for Sir Knight Eugene S. Hopp, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California, Saturday, August 17, in the state capitol, Sacramento. The dinner and reception, attended by officers and members of local lodges and York Rite Bodies, provided a most pleasant

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### Connecticut Notes

New Haven Commandery No. 12 will celebrate their Christmas Observance Friday, December 20. This impressive program attracts hundreds of Sir Knights, their ladies and friends from neighbor Commanderies, as well as out of state visitors. The Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut and the heads of coordinate bodies (all are Past Commanders) are invited guests for the occasion.

St. Johns Commandery No. 11, Willimantic, and Columbian No. 4, Norwich, are joint hosts for conferral of the Chivalric degrees in course of the fall program of the Eastern Connecticut York Rite Festival.

James R. Case  
Correspondent

atmosphere for the Grand Master's address, in which he spoke inspiringly of the impact of today's changes in our civilization. Entertainment for the evening's activities was provided by the famed Northern California DeMolay Show and Band. In addition to the presiding officers of several lodges and York Rite Bodies, the dinner and reception were attended by the presiding officers of the California Grand York Rite Bodies. The Grand Master was introduced by Sir Knight Harold N. Richards, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of California. Hosts for the affair were Dennis Farmery, H.P. of Sacramento Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.; William Ambos, I.M. of Sacramento Council No. 1, R. & S.M.; and James K. Wilson, Commander of Sacramento Knights Templar No. 2. Chairman of the very successful event was Sir Knight Kenneth Chase.

James K. Wilson

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

# THE CRUSADER



Serving Templary in Pennsylvania

## “JOIN THE ROUND TABLE AND LET THERE BE LIGHT”

November, the month in which is set aside a special day when we are requested, as a Nation, to pause in our busy lives that we may follow the lead of our Pilgrim Fathers of almost 400 years ago, when they first set foot on this Continent, and that of Governor Bradford of the Plymouth Colony, when he designated a special day for all Colonists to acknowledge, “the gift of the great fruits of the harvest” to the Lord of the Universe. President Lincoln very wisely issued the first Presidential Proclamation for a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1863 and this was subsequently made law when, by an Act of Congress in 1941, the fourth Thursday in November was set aside for this purpose. We as members of this Christian Order are thankful to those who conceived the idea of banding together to protect the Pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre and of those who have preserved the Order to this day. However, if we are to adequately express our appreciation for the Gift of Life, and all that is required to sustain it, including the promise of Eternal Life to those who believe, we should follow the lead of the Master and do for others in His name.

Since November is the month set aside in our program for special emphasis on support of the Eye Foundation, it is appropriated to Thanksgiving. In order for the Foundation to be in a position to serve those who would, otherwise, not be able to obtain help for failing sight or for the loss of it, we who have been blessed in this area should express our gratitude by providing for “all time”

the necessary funds. This can best be accomplished by becoming a Life Sponsor. The Thirty Dollars paid for it will be working long after we have “gone to our eternal reward.”

In this connection your Grand Commander had the good fortune this past Summer to become acquainted with an organization in Templary known as the “Knights of the Round Table,” a group of dedicated Templars with the purpose of furnishing Life Sponsorship for Templars residing in Homes or who would otherwise not be able to purchase them. The qualification for membership is a donation (minimum \$10) to the cause.

I was very much impressed, for the reason that this effort would serve both the Foundation and let the Sir Knight in the “Sunset of Life” know that we are interested in him and take this way of saying “thank you” for his years of service of Templary.

As of this writing we have presented twenty-eight Life Sponsorships to Pennsylvania Templars, and trust that it will not be long before we are able to cover the entire list, now numbering thirty-nine. If you agree that this is a worthwhile project, worthy of your support, possibly you will want to join the “Round Table” along with me. If so I would be happy to receive your checks drawn to “Knights of the Round Table” for Ten Dollars or more. LET THERE BE LIGHT for those in darkness.

G. Calvin Dyson  
Grand Commander

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT

**CYRENE COMMANDERY NO. 34  
OCTOBER MESSAGE**

Sir Knights:

The combined efforts of Cyrene Commandery and Corinthian Chapter, under the able guidance of General Chairman and Past Commander Charles R. Frasch, are aiming for a most significant centennial observance celebration on Saturday, March 22, 1969. Chairman Frasch will have an up-dating report to present to the members of our Stated Conclave this month. The conferring of Orders upon a centennial class of candidates will be a very important and meaningful part of the observance.

The securing of petitions is a pressing challenge at this time. Sell York Rite Masonry to all possible prospects.

**March 22-23, 1969 — One Hundredth Anniversary**

The schedule of events is as follows:

**Saturday, March 22, 1969 —**

2:00 p.m. — Conferring of the Order of the Temple on the centennial class.

4:00 p.m. — Grand Master Crofts will be received in full form and then will address the class.

7:00 p.m. — Dinner at Host Town, Lancaster, for members and ladies. Tickets \$6.00 per person. Entertainment and address by Grand Master Crofts to follow dinner.

**Sunday, March 23, 1969 —**

9:00 a.m. — Breakfast at Masonic Hall, Columbia, for invited guests, officers of the two bodies, Division Commander, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and their ladies. All members and their ladies are invited to attend. (Tickets \$1.75 per person)

10:00 a.m.—Divine Services.

Nelson Sears  
Commander, Cyrene No. 34.  
Columbia

**CORRECTION**

TO THOSE SIR KNIGHTS DISTURBED ABOUT OUR R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, G. CALVIN DYSON HAVING BEEN A CHILD BRIDEGROOM, PLEASE FEEL RELIEVED. THE DATE OF HIS BIRTH PRINTED IN THE JULY ISSUE OF "THE CRUSADER," SHOULD HAVE BEEN 1901.

FRANK W. BOBB  
P.C., MARY No. 36



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM PENNSYLVANIA BULLETINS

**Centennial No. 55, Coatesville—R. Heck Ferguson, Commander:**

"Do not forget the Reception for the Grand Commander on November 23. Time, 6:30 p.m., West End Fire Hall." We now have more than 10% of our membership who are life sponsors in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

**Philadelphia-St. John's-Corinthian No. 4, Philadelphia—William W. Lancaster, Commander:**

"Sir Knights, your ideas (on the Commandery's 150th Anniversary next October) will help your Officers and Committee to formulate plans for this event. Your Committee needs your help."

**Ascalon No. 59, Pittsburgh—Carlyle W. Freeborn, Commander:**

"We can get petitions for Ascalon. We must sign new members for two obvious reasons. First, additional interested members are necessary if we are to build up our activities. And secondly, the dollars must be available to do the things that an active Commandery needs to do."

**DeMolay No. 9, Reading—Lewis J. Zeller, Commander:**

"On November 16 we will have a special Conclave, the purpose being to confer the three Orders—Red Cross, Malta and Temple. We shall confer the Order of the Red Cross at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Order of Malta. We shall recess for dinner and then confer the Order of the Temple. I would expect all the Sir Knights to make a special effort to help in this undertaking."

**Rebecca No. 50, Sharon—Edward W. Hoagland Jr., Commander:**

"Sunday, November 24—Division No. 8 Thanksgiving church services, sponsored by Beaver Valley Commandery No. 84 at the First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, at 7:30 p.m. This is also open to all Masons and their families."

**Mountain No. 10, Altoona—John G. Roth, Commander:**

"As a Knight Templar you can be considered a soldier of the cross, ever ready,

ever alert for those who desire to undermine the foundations which we hold so dear. Read your history, Sir Knights, and you will find many like you who have fought on the side of Justice and Christianity."

**Prince of Peace No. 39, Ashland—Harry N. Horbach, Commander:**

The September Notice of Prince of Peace Commandery listed five petitions for the Order of Knighthood. The Commander's message included this observation: "How rewarding it is to shake the hand of a newly created Sir Knight and know that each one of us had a part in giving him the opportunity to be one of us. Sir Knights, let us unite and work with pleasure."

**Mt. Vernon No. 73, Hazleton—Joseph Osifat, Commander:**

"We all know that the only thing that will keep our Commandery on the move, forward and onward, is new members. If we today do not work a little more for new members, there may not be a Commandery tomorrow."

**Lancaster No. 13, Lancaster—Howard C. Frontz, Commander:**

"Keep in mind, Sir Knights, the need for petitions. The only way for us to perpetuate the Order is through the infusion of new blood. Ask that Master Mason NOW to sign that petition NOW that he might enjoy Commandery NOW."

**Mount Olivet No. 30, Erie—Frederick A. Rogers, Commander:**

"Suggestions would be appreciated as to how we might best attract inactive members to our meetings. What type of program would be of interest both to the Sir Knights and also their ladies? If you have the answer, let me know."

**Pittsburgh No. 1—Arthur A. Krudener, Commander:**

The October Notice of Pittsburgh Commandery listed ten petitions for the Order of Knighthood. "Help us to strengthen

## FIRST DIVISION BARGE TRIP

Sunday, July 28, the Line Officers and Past Commanders' Association, Division No. 1, enjoyed a mule-drawn barge trip up the Delaware Canal starting at New Hope, Pa. It was a gay, leisurely trip on a perfect afternoon through a lovely stretch of Bucks County. The guests sang to accordian music provided by Sir Knight Roger Evans, and cool soft drinks were served by the committee. A delicious supper was enjoyed in a picnic grove situated between the canal and the Delaware River. This annual event is a trip to yesteryear—a journey back to the days of inland waterways and towpaths.

Among those on the barge trip were Sir Knights: G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commander and his wife, Dallas F. Bullock, Past R.E. Grand Commander and his wife, Howard T. Scull Jr., Division Commander and his wife. As President of the Line Officers and Past Commanders' Association, Sir Knight Scull was the host of this outing. Among the 72 Sir Knights, their ladies and guests participating were Sir Knight George Wollrath, E. Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 97, and his wife. A special vote of thanks goes to Sir Knights of the Line Officers and Past Commanders' Association and their ladies who were responsible for the picnic supper: John B. Patterson, Sec'y., and his wife; Samuel B. Black, Treas., and his wife; George F. Held, Past President, and his wife; Earl Edwards, Past President; Harry M. Palmer, and his wife.

Frank W. Bobb  
P.C., Mary No. 36

### ... Bulletins

our Commandery with new petitions," writes the Commander in his message. "Ask that Christian Masonic friend to share our fine organization."

**Rose Croix No. 38, Titusville—Ralph D. Osborn, Commander:**

"The Spring Meeting of the Northwestern Past Commanders and Line Officers Association will be held in Coudersport Wednesday, May 14, 1969. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., D.S.T., followed by meeting of the Association. Potter Commandery No. 69 will be the host Commandery. Sir Knight William L. Carey, P.C., is the new President of the Association."

**Continental No. 56, Chambersburg—Thomas W. Jackson, Commander:**

"We must, if we are going to continue to grow stronger as a Commandery, increase our membership. We must therefore offer to every Masonic brother the privilege of becoming a Knight Templar . . . Their membership will improve our Commandery, and there can be no way of telling how our great Christian organization may benefit them."

### Mizpah No. 96 Hosts Services

The 3rd division of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania held its annual religious service Sunday afternoon, September 29 in the Doylestown Presbyterian church with Mizpah Commandery No. 96 as the host Commandery. In attendance were Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commander; Sir Knight John B. Cottrell Jr., Past Grand Commander; Sir Knight David J. Godschall, Grand Trustee; Sir Knight George H. Garrett, Grand Standard Bearer; Sir Knight Walter W. Heintzelman, Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Knight Walter B. Pearce, Marshall of Grand Commandery; Sir Knight Earle H. Baer, Division Commander of Division No. 9. The sermon was delivered by Sir Knight and Rev. William Faulds, D.D., of Ardmore, Pa. Sir Knight Faulds is a Past Commander of Sterling Commandery No. 35 of Sterling, Colorado. The service was well attended by Sir Knights and their ladies.

Leidy K. Gaugler  
Division Commander, Division No. 3

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS PRODUCE ANOTHER SMILE

Seven-year-old Yvonne Louise Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smith, Shelton, Washington, has a big smile after recuperating from open heart surgery in Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle, sponsored by the Royal Arch Masons Children Heart Foundation. Presenting a check to Mrs. Smith for \$1,375.00 to pay for the surgery is E. Companion Charles T. Hatten, Grand Chaplain of Royal Arch Masons of Washington. Also present is Companion Stephen Beverage, Deputy of the Grand High Priest and Past Commander of Olympia Commandery No. 24, Olympia, Washington.



The Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation, Inc., was founded in May 1961 during the year M.E. Ben Wood served as Grand High Priest and Dr. C. I. Krantz, former president of the Washington State Heart Association, was Deputy High Priest, writes Companion Cecil Ward, Secretary-Treasurer, Past Grand High Priest and P.G.C. The Foundation was to assist in hospital and surgical costs of children under fifteen years of age born with heart defects, whose parents could not finance the costly operation necessary to save the child's life. The resolution of the Grand Chapter in establishing the Foundation provided no funds to finance its activities and was started with donations of \$61.00.

In 1962, patterned after the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Grand Chapter adopted a resolution assessing each Royal Arch Mason one dollar per year to support their Heart Foundation. There was considerable opposition to the resolution and it was freely predicted that the enterprise would never be a success. Many of those "opposers" have now become its best supporters and have served as directors, comments Ward.

No application for treatment was received until 1963. By that time the Foundation and its purpose had become better known and had sufficient funds to start

business. The first application was received from the parents of Elizabeth Doty, a five-year-old girl from Mount Vernon, Washington. She was successfully operated on at the University of Washington and is now a happy, healthy, bright young lady, reports Companion Ward. Her parents have since made a large donation to the Foundation.

To date the Foundation has sponsored 21 cases which could have cost the parents in excess of \$45,000.00. A number of applications are on file waiting to be processed.

An Endowment Fund and a Life Membership have been established, the life membership costing \$30.00. These, assisted by memorials, contributions and bequests have enabled the Foundation to not only finance the cases which it has sponsored, but have helped accumulate nearly \$67,000.00 and equip an efficient office, explains Companion Ward.

The organization is headed by E. Companion S. C. Kelly and governed by seventeen directors including the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary. The directors are elected by the Grand Chapter and serve for five years.

"The Foundation is a success and expects, like the Eye Foundation, to become one of the nation's great philanthropies," concludes Ward with pride.

## Chicago Commandery Installs Officers

"Many of our Scottish Rite brethren were present at the installation of elected and appointed officers of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar, Chicago, June 5," writes Sir Knight Clyde H. Heichel, E. C., 33°. This Conclave was held for the purpose of electing, appointing, and installing officers for the ensuing Templar year. "It was duly noted with deep pleasure that every officer installed was the proud possessor of a paid-up Scottish Rite dues card. Of this fact one and all felt justly proud; and that we were also thus permitted to share in this unified aspect of the work of our Lord."

Sir Knight Sigurd R. Jensen, P.G.C., 33°, assisted by Sir Knights Walter E. Spade, K.Y.C.H.; Olcott N. Collar, 33°, and K.Y.C.H.; and Joseph A. Buckham, K.Y.C.H., installed the officers corps.

"Many of our Masonic brethren have thus completed their Masonic education by membership in both Rites of the Masonic Order. That many will emulate their example and join with them is inevitable. Many York Rite Masons have now contacted Scottish Rite for the first time, and submit petitions for the degrees. Because our great fraternal brotherhood is founded upon the teaching and the fact of the brotherhood of man, and the fatherhood of God, it is conducive to that mystic love which unites and binds us together, as the One in All, the All in One!"



Clyde H. Heichel, K.Y.C.H. (left) installed Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 talks with Sigurd R. Jensen, R.E.P.G.C., installing officer.



Those attending the Conclave included: (front row, l. to r.) Olcott N. Collar, P.C.; Walter E. Spade, P.C., K.Y.C.H.; Clyde H. Heichel, C.; Sigurd Jensen, R.E.P.G.C.; Harry H. Esser, E.P.C., K.Y.C.H. Treasurer; Louie Z. Swygert Jr., Recorder; (back row) William J. Campbell; Wendell H. Olsen; Harold W. Lillard; James Roach, Jacon Sanfor; and Roger B. Kellogg.

## Texas Holds School of Instruction

Midland Commandery No. 84, Texas, was the host unit for the annual School of Instruction for all Sir Knights in the association's District 9, Sept. 7, reports Sir Knight Frank D. Hensel, El Paso, member of district's public relations committee.

Site of the meeting was selected by the Grand Commandery of Texas. The session was held in the Midland Commandery asylum.

Sir Knight Homer Clapp, Troup, Past Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 25, Tyler, conducted the School of Instruction.

Sir Knight Clapp, who has an outstanding Masonic record, writes Sir Knight Hensel, is presently serving as Excellent King of Tyler Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., and Captain of the Guard of George M. Patrick, Council No. 13 R. & S.M. He is a member of Texas Priory No. 14, York Rite College, Austin. He is a Past Patron of Troup Chapter No. 421, O.E.S., and is a Charter Member of Sharon Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

District 9 includes the Commanderies in Midland, Alpine, Pecos, El Paso, Monahans, Odessa, Snyder, Sweetwater, Big Spring and San Angelo.

## HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

More than one thousand Pennsylvania Masons are expected to attend the First Annual Masonic Breakfast of the 36th District of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Sunday morning, December 1, at MacMorland Center, PMC Colleges, 14th and Chestnut Streets, Chester.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons, Sir Knight and Illustrious John K. Young, will address the brethren. Other Grand Lodge officers and Masonic dignitaries will be present.

The purpose of the breakfast is to promote Masonic fellowship and to enjoy a session of Praise and Thanksgiving between two great holidays.

The District Deputy Grand Master of the 36th Masonic District is Sir Knight John B. Cottrell Jr., Past Department Commander and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities.

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## The Castle in the Distance

By V. M. Burrows

There is an old story which gives us a lesson for today.

A poor little boy once lived in a small weatherworn cottage on the top of a hill. Every day at sunset he would sit on the doorstep and look down the road, fascinated by a beautiful house at the far side of the valley. He was greatly dissatisfied with the poverty of his own surroundings, and the sight of the house in the valley, where he had never been, made him very unhappy.

"If I could just live in that beautiful house with the wonderful golden windows, how happy I should be," he said.

The boy made up his mind to go and visit the beautiful house. So early one morning he started out. The road was dusty, and soon the sun was hot, but the little traveller trudged on and on. At length, near the end of the day he found himself at the far side of the valley. But what he stood looking at was only an old tumble-down barn. And the windows were not gold at all, but just ordinary glass, and dirty and broken, too. Tired and thirsty, the boy flung himself on the ground and wept bitterly.

When he arose he saw his own cottage on the hill top, and in the light of the setting sun, the windows were shining as if they were covered with blazing gold.

## IN HIS NAME

*Lewis W. V. Jumper* †

*The early Christians regarded every Sunday as "a little Easter." Sir Knights know that any day can be a "day of Resurrection" to those born into the Incarnate, Risen and Ascended Lord and Saviour. His Holy Spirit moves the People of God. "Behold, I make all things new." Your R. E. Grand Prelate hopes you will "read mark, learn and inwardly digest" the good news proclaimed last spring from the Amphitheater overlooking the troubled Capitol of our Nation.*

### EASTER MESSAGE FROM 38TH ARLINGTON SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE

WILLING TRIBUTE TO CHRIST OUR HOPE—RISEN, YET STILL WITH US!

**Text:** "Yes it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared . . ." Luke 24:34  
(The contemporary Jerusalem Bible translation)

There moves around our sundered and bleeding world, the shock of fresh hope and contagious faith, because this is Easter! Across the globe this is the Day of Days—hailed in chapels and churches, upper rooms and amphitheaters, dugouts or hilltops, the Sunday of Resurrection of One whom death could not hold, whose bruised body and poured-out blood were offered in obedience to His Heavenly Father and in compassion for all mankind! Fragrant Easter lilies express the joy of the Risen Life, transformed and transforming. Newly lighted altar and Easter-tide candles illuminate the action; beloved Books are opened and turned to psalms and hymns, to Holy Scripture and liturgy, that He might refresh and bless. The ancient Creed is corporately reaffirmed: "I believe in—the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,"—hearts and minds and souls—sword hilts too,—are raised to give Him the willing tribute of our praise.

Twenty-three years ago the trumpet call of Easter found multitudes poised in the Pacific, off Okinawa, when the "Landing Day" event and the Easter Day fact coincided. It wasn't the old familiar ring of church bells which greeted that dawn, but a thundering bombardment. Many a man at battle station, or ready to go ashore (and many a chaplain), felt that in such days he had entered more deeply into the significance of that first Holy Week. That, too, had been a thundering and earth-shaking experience. That, too, was a testing, a

determination to see the whole, brutal, bitter business through to the end; a cross accepted, a sacrifice, an achievement, a prelude to victory. That, too, early in the morning of the first day of the week had its anxious thoughts, its fears, and heavy hearts.

Many soldiers, sailors and marines, previously untouched by Good Fridays or Easters, found the spiritual facades of half loyalties breaking away as they thought and gave themselves anew to those held dear, to family and nation, and to the Lord, "The Risen Christ who is alive and is our life."

That Easter dawned bright and calm—a good day for church going and Easter bonnets, yet officers and men had broken the Bread of Life at the midnight hour, worshipping on the eve of Easter, as was the earliest practice of the people of God. They had sung their Easter hymns; had heard that "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." Prepared determined and still praying, they had set forth. Many of them had begun Lent off Iwo Jima or in the Philippines, many of them had been in on other landings; they knew that they might well say: "Lord, I shall be *verie busie* this day, I may forget thee but *doe* Thou not forget me." The message of Easter coming from the far Pacific then was: "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but BE OF GOOD CHEER, I have overcome the world."

GOOD NEWS: GOD IS FAR FROM  
DEAD—MAN IS RECONCILED

The Incarnate Son of God, far from

dead, calls to all men and women this day—to those who are experiencing reverses, physical separation or material loss; and to those who are suffering that infinitely greater loss—the loss of a loved one; to those in ill health; to those who are in trouble of any kind; and to those who face death itself, Jesus Christ says: “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end . . .” This is the source of our Easter Joy—“Good News for Modern Man.”

**“That Easter Day with joy was bright,  
That sun shone out with fairer light,  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their Risen Lord.”**

Easter is the anniversary of both an event and a fact. Easter is an announcement that on a particular morning on the first day of the week, following the feast of the Passover, in the year when Caiaphas was high priest in Jerusalem and Pontius Pilate was governor in Judea, the tomb which held the dead body of the crucified Man was empty of all but the grave clothes, and the man who had died was found to be unmistakably alive again. No longer entirely limited by the restrictions of time and space, He walked and talked with Mary of Magdala and Simon Peter. He ate with His friends at suppers.

How can we hope to appreciate the fears and anxieties of those first Disciples cowering in the secrecy of that upper room? They had seen what the authorities had done to Jesus on Friday. What hope then, had they, to escape a similar fate? They were terrified—make no mistake about it! Some, like Peter, were also afraid that the rumors were true—that Jesus had risen from the dead. He was naturally ashamed to face his Master after his cowardly denials at Christ's trial. These were marked men because they had accompanied with Him. They had let Jesus down in the hour of His greatest need. They had all forsaken Him and fled; so they stuck together. If they were to see Him again, would they dare to look Him in the face? Then Jesus came—all was changed! He breathed peace, hope and love into that trembling, motley company—and He does still! They saw Him, they knew that

voice of forgiveness and assurance: “Peace be unto you.” They knew the loving Lord had restored their relationship and opened all of life to fresh encounter: of God with man—man with man—an interdependence—atonement—“at-one-ment”—fraternity—making possible truly human life and loving response! “This encounter and unity is at the heart of the whole Biblical revelation and renewal.

This is the gift that we celebrate, continuously in all our rites and ceremonies. We have community; it is here: The solidarity of mankind in His Kingdom—we don't have to build it. Our task is to perceive it—to exemplify it—and to share it in His Name. Those risen to Him light the candle, open the Book and exemplify the Way, Truth and Life. This is the aspiration of all Christians and the commitment of those who, one by one, have taken their place in the community of faith. When one chooses this Way and enters therein—knows Him—worships Him—obeys Him—serves Him—as the Saviour and Brother of all mankind, then is that person indeed risen with Christ. Soldiers of Christ down through the ages bear witness to the fact that the Risen Lord is the starting point of life and Good News.

**VICTORIOUS HOPE: THE VICTOR  
OF EASTER MEETS US WHERE  
WE ARE, DAY BY DAY.**

Our Lord has not “remained” in the past. We need not wait for Him to come in the future. He is here with us in our world day by day. Through the darkness of paganism and antiquity a shaft of light had fallen upon a small corner of the earth. When it fell, new life took root and spread. The first growth is long since dead, but new life sprang up to take its place. The light perpetuates itself, and in Jesus Christ we find lasting assurance and hope.

God lives—man is reconciled—the Kingdom is at hand. The brother whom we try first to ignore, then to suppress, and then finally in desperation to eliminate, simply cannot be forced out of our life. He returns, inevitably, because he is eternally the Victor and brother. (Those who put Jesus to death thought they were rid of Him in this life. They

wanted to put an end to His power and influence here. Our Lord was crucified and buried—yes! But on the third day He rose again from the dead.) He is inescapable, inseparable. The only life we have is life together with Him and joined to Him. Putting aside that which obscures and frustrates our unity, we may anticipate all sorts of joyful and graceful, unexpected fulfillment to emerge.

### LOVE INCARNATE, ENCOUNTERS AND SENDS

There is something contagious about Easter-tide; for Easter affirms—life beyond despair—Easter affirms the power of God to make all things new. Easter proclaims that in the midst of even the most noble form of grief and in spite of the most ignoble self pity there stands the risen presence of the loving Saviour. He is the central figure of all our Good Fridays and all our Easters. He is the Resurrection and the life. Without Him there could be no Easter. In Him the Law and the Prophets are fulfilled. Because He lives, we live, and respond.

Easter is God's way of purposeful encounter: Christ calls us by the name given us at our christening. He meets us in unmistakable "Presence at Holy Tables." He meets us as he met Mary Magdalene—beyond the Cross and beyond the tomb, among the living. He sends us to the homes of the disciples—He sends us to the frightened friends and the waiting world. He sends us to those who are engrossed with searching and finding dignity, self-hood and a measure of nobility. He sends us to seek out, cooperate with and support others in the nation-wide community of faith, in bold offers of readiness for righting wrongs, for healing wounds in the body of our nation's life. He sends us to seek reconciliation among young and old, that there may be peace, security and rest in situations where human love fences no one out. The Incarnate Lord sends us to the living with a message: "Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." (John 3:16—Jer. Bible)

Take your place among the faithful of every age who affirm "Christ our Hope is risen! He is risen indeed!

("His risen flesh with radiance glowed,  
His wounded hands and feet He showed,  
Those scars their solemn witness gave,  
That Christ was risen from the grave.")

"O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
Do Thou thyself our hearts possess,  
That we may give Thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.

("O Lord of all, with us abide,  
In this our joyful Easter-tide,  
From every weapon death can wield,  
Thine own redeemed for ever shield.

("All praise, O risen Lord, we give to  
thee,

Who dead, again dost live,

To God the Father equal praise,

And God the Holy Ghost, we raise.  
Amen")

Your R.E. Grand Prelate would be happy to share with the Grand Master and the Religious Activities Committee the names of any whom you would like to hear bring the Easter message some future Easter morn.

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### Sir Knight Crawford Receives Cross of Honor

At the September 17 Grand Commandery Conclave at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, the Grand Commander of the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Gordon C. Player, presented Chester L. Crawford of Dedham with a citation and honored him by pinning the Knight Templar Cross of Honor on his uniform.

This year's recipient is the present Recorder for Cyprus Commandery No. 39, stationed in Hyde Park, where he also served as Commander for two years. He is also the present Financial Secretary for the Mahded Grotto in Dedham, and here he likewise served this organization as its Monarch. He also has other titles in Civic Organizations, Church, and other Masonic Bodies. He is a retired employee of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and now has a TV repair service with his son.



## York Rite Festival

A York Rite Festival is scheduled to begin by conferring all Chapter Degrees starting at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 16 in the Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commandery Orders will be conferred Saturday, November 23, starting at 1:00 p.m. Both events will be followed by a dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Aleppo Temple Shrine Ceremonial is scheduled for Friday, November 29.

## MASONRY IN ACTION

Greetings Sir Knights! Every Sunday morning from studios of Radio Station W E B M—93.9 FM, located in the Chicago Congress Hotel, an invitation is extended to each and everyone's participation as listeners to our "Masonry in Action" broadcasting programming, writes Sir Knight Del Robinson, Director of Radio Ministry, Siloam Commandery No. 54, Oak Park, Illinois.

Chapel Service Time is broadcast at 8:15 a.m. and Bible stories for Children at 10:30 a.m.

"It gives me a distinctive pleasure," continues Sir Knight Robinson, "to announce the following Sir Knights as our Masonic Radio Ministry personalities: Rev. Ridell Kelsey of Mizpah Commandery No. 73, Medinah Temple Chaplain and Pastor of the Brookfield Methodist Church; Rev. Brooks C. Barker of Crusader Commandery No. 17, Rockford, Past President Oak Park High Twelve Club, the Illinois Association of High Twelve Clubs and Pastor of the Ravenswood United Methodist Church; Rev. Charles A. Williams, Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Skokie Valley Shrine Club Chaplain and Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

"Our Radio Ministry programming has been made possible through the gracious courtesy of Noble Buddy Black, a member of Medinah Temple and General Manager and Owner of Radio Station W E B M whose Effective Radiated Power of 37,000 watts broadcasts good music and news around the clock 24 hours a day."

## TENNESSEE SETS GOALS

"Building Greater Strength in our Commanderies" is the announced objective for the Templar years in Tennessee beginning after the 107th Annual Conclave in Nashville, August 24.

The public installation of officers of the Grand Commandery was conducted by members of Park Avenue Commandery. Sir Knight B. Tate Dawkins Sr. installed his son, Benjamin Tate, as Grand Commander, and his other son, Terrell W., as Grand Prelate.



Benjamin T.  
Dawkins Jr.

Grand Commander Dawkins was raised a Master Mason in Park Avenue Lodge No. 362 F. & A.M. December 7, 1913 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1966. He is a member and worker in all York Rite Bodies, as well as in the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Order of Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

As Grand Commander, Dawkins has set a goal of at least 10% gain in membership this year and expects to Knight 300 at the Fall Festival.

## ET TU TEMPLARY

If Freemasonry is to command respect in a community, the Worshipful Master must be a man who commands respect from all. The Master is a symbol of Freemasonry, both in his lodge and in his community. If he is not a man upon whom intelligent people may look with admiration and respect, we need not expect petitions from intelligent men.

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GRAND LODGE, F. & A.M.,  
PENNSYLVANIA

## VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

### Why This Controversy About the Knight Templar Magazine?

I have been surprised and somewhat shocked at the occasional opposition that has been developed since the Triennial in Detroit last year about the matter of our Knight Templar Magazine. Why fight progress and revert to chaos?

No doctor or lawyer in his right mind would fail to keep abreast of the latest and best developments of his profession. Books, magazines, informative material, coming every week and filled with the very latest developments in the field are essential to the upgrading of professional work. Why then, should not Freemasons, and especially Knights Templar, see the need for a similar up-to-date briefing of events, trends, happenings and personalities of our Order? It is useless for any of us (no matter how few) to stick our heads in the sand and try to forget the facts of our existence.

The leadership of our Order is of the highest, and we are not fooling anyone



but ourselves if we fail to acknowledge that leadership and profit from it. Ideas, plans, cooperative activities everywhere, and especially, a communion and awareness among the officers and the working members of the Order, are not only essential, but are comparable to a healthy mental meal.

News, the realization that *people make news*, also gives every reader of the magazine an opportunity to see what other people in other places are doing to make Templary more realistic and more vivid. We must not hide our light under a bushel—it is needful that Templary stand out, with vigor and by accurate knowledge, carry on its sublime work. Let's let in the Light!

NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE WILL FEATURE "KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND KNIGHTS KADOSH" BY SIR KNIGHT WYLIE B. WENDT. JOHN BLACK VROOMAN'S COLUMN WILL RETURN IN THE JANUARY ISSUE.

### "THE GOOD SEED"

Last year, at the Triennial Conclave in Detroit, the Grand Commandery of Iowa distributed, among other area souvenirs, samples of corn. That was in August 1967—but the story does not end there.

Mrs. George C. Patton Jr., wife of the Past Grand Commander of Massachusetts, brought grains of the corn to Massachusetts and gave them to her son-in-law living in New Hampshire. Results—12 large ears of corn ripened this year in New Hampshire soil.

Mrs. Patton mentioned the grains of corn history to the wife of Sir Knight Frank F. Smith, P.G.C., Maryland.

Mrs. Smith had a "stopper." She, too, brought the Iowa corn home with her from Detroit. Her grains went to her young grandson.

The Maryland result!—her grandson planted the grains and won a Blue Ribbon and a cash prize for exhibiting one superb ear of Iowa corn!

## Commander Gooder Knights Gooder and Gooder

A dream of a lifetime was climaxed when Sir Knight Paul O. Gooder, Commander of Long Beach Commandery No. 40, Long Beach, California, knighted his father, Harold G. Gooder Sr., and his son, Harold G. Gooder Jr., Wednesday, September 11. Sharing this special occasion with the three generations of Gooders was a third candidate, Milo Price.



From the left, newly-knighted Harold Glenn Gooder (Grandson), E. Commander Paul O. Gooder (Son), and newly-knighted Harold Glenn Gooder (Father).

Among Masonic notables in attendance were Sir Knights: John B. Nye, Deputy Grand Commander of California; Howard V. Conner, Director of Ritual, Grand Commandery of California; Fred F. Brown, P.C.; Alvin E. Terry, P.C. and James M. Barnett, E.C., St. John's Commandery No. 68; Aubrey E. Fraser, P.C. and Clarence E. Glaye, E.C., Glendale Commandery No. 53; Elruth D. Helwig, E.C., Centennial Commandery No. 74; Louis C. Whaley, E.C., Whittier Commandery No. 51; Samuel G. Rogers, P.C., San Pedro Commandery No. 60; as well as eight Past Commanders of Long Beach Commandery No. 40, Harold L. Bowdish, Manuel F. Castro, William W. Hymer, John B. Nye, James F. Raymond, Otho U. Slaton, Elmer A. Smith and Kenneth S. Whitnaek.

The senior Harold Gooder was raised in Faulkton Lodge No. 95 in 1919, and Exalted in Faulkton Chapter No. 30, R.A.M., Faulkton, South Dakota. Son Paul contends that he cut his teeth on his father's watch fob "keystone." While Sir Knight Paul was a young boy, his father moved the family to California

and did not again become active in Masonry until son Paul petitioned Long Beach Lodge No. 327, F. & A.M., in 1952. Sir Knight Paul was raised January 29, 1953, knighted December 2, 1961, in Long Beach Commandery No. 40, and is currently Commander.

He is also Scribe of Long Beach Chapter No. 84, R.A.M. and Principal Conductor of the work in Long Beach Council No. 26, R. & S.M.

Grandson Harold G. Gooder was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, May 27, 1965, Long Beach Lodge No. 327. His father conferred all of the degrees of the Chapter on him. Then his grandfather joined him, and Sir Knight Paul conferred the Council Degrees and the Commandery Orders.

James Raymond  
Correspondent



Attending the knighting were, front row, l. to r.: Howard V. Conner, John B. Nye, Paul O. Gooder, Harold G. Gooder Jr., Harold G. Gooder Sr., Milo Price and Britton Miller, Captain General; back row, Manuel F. Castro, Edruth D. Helwig, Clarence E. Glaye, Aubrey E. Fraser, James M. Barnett and William H. Hymer.



**Reginald Vanderbilt Harris, Q.C., G.C.T.**  
 Nova Scotia  
 Sovereign Great Priory of Canada  
 Honorary Past Grand Master  
 of the Grand Encampment  
 Born March 21, 1881  
 Died August 2, 1968

**Thomas Eldredge LaCount**  
 Arizona  
 Grand Commander — 1968  
 Born January 10, 1905  
 Died September 30, 1968

**Hal Shaver Moore**  
 Arkansas  
 Deputy Grand Commander — 1968  
 Born July 14, 1920  
 Died October 8, 1968

**Henry G. Watson**  
 Wyoming  
 Grand Commander — 1935  
 Born January 14, 1880  
 Died October 8, 1968

**Jack W. Snouffer**  
 Colorado  
 Grand Commander — 1961  
 Born February 26, 1905  
 Died October 9, 1968

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

## MORE FLAG — WAVING NEEDED

*This thought-provoking expression by Senator and Sir Knight Everett M. Dirksen, Illinois, is recommended to you by the Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities with the conviction that concern and involvement are today's challenges to every citizen, and most certainly to every Templar.*

As if our nation were in not enough unhappy turmoil during the early days of summer in this election year, the cynics and the enemies of old-fashioned patriotism are once again at work on their base theme that there is too much flag waving in the United States of America.

How can there be too much of our flag?

In a day when "patriotism" is in danger of becoming a dirty, unfashionable word, it is high time to wave the flag more than ever, for if the symbol goes, then the substance goes with it.

There has been a studied and growing contempt shown for the American flag both here at home and in foreign lands. It has been burned in our larger cities at rallies that were congregated for the purpose of opposing our engagement in Vietnam.

The flag has been desecrated in one way or another at gatherings on university campuses. In Ghana, in Egypt, in Panama, in Paris and God knows where else it has been hauled down or yanked down and spit upon and trampled and then destroyed.

It is clear that the members of Congress do not anymore intend to put up with desecration of the flag. The United States Senate has a bill for approval that would severely punish those who act violently against the flag. The House passed the bill 385 to 16—a thumping majority vote.

Strangely, in the haste to enact the measure, the House omitted in it any provision that would punish those convicted of burning our national banner.

There were some curious arguments advanced against the bill. Some citizens pointed out that all of the states have laws that make it a misdemeanor to desecrate the flag, so why have a federal law? What was not emphasized was that the state laws do not provide for extradition of a desecrator if he skips across a state line.

And then there was the false and sour argument by some that to punish a person for contempt of the flag is a denial of free expression and, therefore, a denial of the constitutional right of free speech. That bill waiting for final approval in the Senate does no such thing.

A person can revile the flag to his evil heart's content, but it is only if his contempt takes physical form—such as trampling, tearing, spitting and burning the flag—that he can be punished. Only his violence is punished.

Since man first raised a banner to proclaim his love for country, flags have been symbols of greatness and faith. Many centuries ago, the Psalmist sang—"In the name of God we will set up our banners." In all ages, men and nations have fashioned beautiful and colorful banners to express their ideals and devotion. Our banner—The Stars and Stripes—expresses our origin, our hope of expansion, our unity, our belief in God and our devotion to liberty and justice.

When the flag of the United States flies over our installations and people abroad it carries with it a recognition of extraterritoriality and the right of sanctuary for all who seek its protection.

Here at home, perhaps some 50,000 assemblies, forums, schools and public affairs recite each year the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Proud and unabashed, men, women and children recite in unison the pledge: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## Virginia Commander Has Busy Schedule



Sir Knight Silverius C. Churn, Grand Commander of Virginia, had a busy fall schedule according to Sir Knight Galema J. Butcher, P.G.C., Correspondent.

In addition to attending the York Rite Week in Louisville, Kentucky, during September and the Scottish Rite in Richmond, Virginia, during October, R.E. Churn made official visits to Commanderies in Virginia at Petersburg, Winchester, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Marion, Fredericksburg, Norton, Clifton Forge, Bluefield, Luray, Culpeper, Staunton, Lexington, Crewe, Alexandria, Martinsville, Bristol and Portsmouth.

R.E. Churn, the first Eastern Shore of Virginia Mason to be elevated to the office of Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Virginia, was elected to serve during the Grand Commandery Conclave in Lynchburg, May 1968. Washington Commandery No. 1, Hartford, opened their program for the fall by conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on a class of fourteen aspirants.

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## ... Flag Waving

Reverence for our Stars and Stripes is but our simple tribute to the republic and to all of its hopes and dreams.

The argument, then, for a federal statute to provide for punishment of those who desecrate the flag is quite substantial, for don't overlook the sad fact that if our flag is desecrated with impunity here in our own country, then disrespectful persons in other countries have an open invitation to yank it down and burn it.

*Public Law 90-831, passed on July 5, 1968, makes it a federal crime to desecrate the flag.*

## HAWAII YORK RITE BODIES NEED OWN TEMPLE

York Rite Masonry was founded in Hawaii over 100 years ago. In that time, the Rite has grown to such an extent that it has outgrown its present available housing facilities.

Presently, there is one Masonic Temple and one Scottish Rite Cathedral in Honolulu. Each temple has one lodge room, to accommodate 5 Blue Lodges, Shrine, Scottish Rite, 4 Eastern Star Chapters, Daughters of the Nile, White Shrine, 2 Amaranth Courts, Beauceant, who meet in the Dining Hall of the Masonic Temple, and several youth organizations . . . DeMolay, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters.

The York Rite has only one meeting night a week in the Masonic Temple, which is not enough to afford the necessary opportunities to hold officers practices, and an occasional special gathering wherein our ladies can join in entertainment and goodfellowship in addition to our regular meetings, wherein all degrees and orders are displayed in full form. And we need a more spacious storage area to properly store and preserve our expensive robes and equipment. Further, the Ladies of the Beauceant badly need a lodge room to meet in.

This temple will be a memorial dedicated to the founders of the Rite in Hawaii; to the members who lost their lives on the battlefields in the defense of our great country; and to the kings of the Hawaiian Monarchy . . . Kamehameha IV, Kamehameha V and David Kalakaus . . . who were ardent York Rite Masons.

Accordingly, several years ago, the Rite undertook the courageous enterprise to raise money to erect this memorial Masonic Temple. We have been and will be working diligently on this tremendous project.

**Robert C. Kong, P.C., K.Y.C.H.**  
Chairman, York Rite Memorial  
Temple Association

*(Forwarded by Sir Knight and the Rev. George S. Edmunds, Pastor, The United Methodist Church, Oakland-Sidney, whose parsonage is located at 58 School Street, Oakland, Maine.)*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fred W. Hartwig Deputy Grand Commander of Minnesota.....	Nov. 2
Lovell E. Spurgeon Grand Commander of California.....	Nov. 2
Albert G. Tverberg Grand Recorder of North Dakota.....	Nov. 3
Paul S. Thomas Jr. Deputy Grand Commander of Mississippi.....	Nov. 11
E. Bloomquist Grand Generalissimo of Texas.....	Nov. 12
J. Ray Rex Deputy Grand Commander of North Carolina.....	Nov. 12
N. Donald Bell Grand Captain General of North Carolina.....	Nov. 15
Floyd A. Perks Deputy Grand Commander of Idaho.....	Nov. 19
Maurice E. Webb Grand Captain General of South Dakota.....	Nov. 20
Willis H. Gorey Grand Commander of Oklahoma.....	Nov. 25
Lawrence E. Tryon Grand Generalissimo of Oklahoma.....	Nov. 25
Clement E. Smith Grand Generalissimo of New Hampshire.....	Nov. 26
C. R. Buller Deputy Grand Commander of Wisconsin.....	Nov. 30
John D. Buzbee Grand Generalissimo of Arkansas.....	Dec. 3
Lloyd M. Taylor Grand Captain General of Utah.....	Dec. 3
F. M. "Fritz" Lumbard Grand Recorder of Oklahoma.....	Dec. 5
Carl R. Greisen Grand Recorder of Nebraska.....	Dec. 7
Joseph W. Nickle Grand Captain General of Missouri.....	Dec. 7
Willard A. Vincent Grand Commander of Maine.....	Dec. 9
Charles E. Bostick Chairman, Templar History Committee.....	Dec. 10
William D. Geesey Grand Generalissimo of Pennsylvania.....	Dec. 12
Harry W. Pride Deputy Grand Commander of Colorado.....	Dec. 13
Harry L. Beach Grand Recorder of the District of Columbia.....	Dec. 14
Ernest A. Lyon Grand Generalissimo of Utah.....	Dec. 15
F. Y. Williams Grand Recorder of Nevada.....	Dec. 16
James E. Collier Grand Generalissimo of Kansas.....	Dec. 18
Elmer Hall Palmer Grand Generalissimo of Mass. and R. I.....	Dec. 25

Above dates are from information on hand for officers of Grand Commanderies, and for Grand Encampment appointed and elected officers and committee chairmen.

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