SALUTE TO A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

So many beautiful and appropriate tributes to Wilber M. Brucker have been composed or spoken: I cannot be as eloquent, yet I must speak of the man I knew so well.

The inquisitive man, a student of history, of current events, of organizations, of men. On the night we met on the shore of Lake Michigan—both new Grand Commanders—we had a private conversation for more than two hours, and he extracted all I knew of Templary and much more. I thought I had some ability for the in-depth interview, but I quickly recognized the master craftsman.

The talented man, who showed me how to organize, to speak to the point, to preside with skill and finesse, more, with equity and wit. More outstanding in my memory than the triennial conclaves of 1964 and 1967 was his performance as Grand Commander at Detroit in 1952.

The ethical man. He knew that I intended to be a candidate for Grand Captain General in 1958 in Indianapolis, since I felt strongly that the delegates should have an alternate choice. When I was not nominated, he followed me outside immediately and asked me face to face—“Did you make a deal?” His eyes did not leave mine as I described my “father-son” relationship with Earl Delzell, explained that to not make the nomination at that time was his individual decision and contrary to our agreement, but that I conceded such privilege of decision to Earl as his right.

The constant friend, in every way. He even broke protocol to invite me more than once to the small luncheons for Grand Encampment officers at the Secretary’s dining room in his Pentagon offices, though I was not an officer at the time. This generous friendship even extended to my son on a personal basis—the Secretary of the Army and the boy in a military academy at the high school level.

The humble and deferential man. Former Governor, former Secretary, top in his profession, intimate of national leaders, Grand Master, yet the man who submitted his general orders and decisions in rough form to his subordinate for criticism and expected it.

The organizational leader, never satisfied merely to preside. Knowing well the general devotion to the “status quo” of the York Rite but deeply convinced of the need for such change, he led personally the movement for organic merger of the Chapter, Council and Commandery at national and state levels.

The disciplined man. I saw not only the absence of any “bad” personal habits, but the disciplined use of available time. I saw often the rare ability to concentrate totally on one subject and then another, on one person and then another.

The Christian advocate, for 45 years as a Knight Templar, for 74 years in the Presbyterian Church, achieving national recognition in both roles. But, more importantly, a strong spokesman for Christian faith and ethics in his daily life, in his professional work, in his political life and military service. I know of no stronger statement of Templar objectives than “The Purpose of Templary” (pp. 4-5 of “Charting the Course”), which was his own highly personal expression—I recommend it be read aloud in every Commandery in memoriam.

The Sir Knight. He said often that the highest rank a Knight Templar may achieve is the title “Sir Knight.” So I salute him not only as one who rose to command our Order, but more importantly as one who attained that implied perfection of character in the highest degree—Sir Knight Wilber Marion Brucker. Please join me in a toast to him on or near Christmas.
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Salisbury, Rhodesia

I have recently obtained your address through the good offices of the "Philalethes Society," of which I am a member in good standing.

As a member of the Knight Templars here in Salisbury (Robert the Bruce Preceptory and Priory) I would be most grateful if you could furnish me with particulars of your magazine.

DAVID PIKE

Editor's Note: A new subscriber is now on the rolls.

Bremerton, Washington

Sir Knight Frederick H. Waters of Malta Commandery No. 18, Bremerton, Washington, was presented with his 50 year pin in Steadfast Lodge No. 216, F. & A.M., October 1 by Brother James W. Ames, Deputy of the Grand Master in District 12 of the Grand Lodge of Washington.


Sir Knight Waters was born in Wandsworth, England, October 3, 1895. He came to America in 1911 settling in Ellensburg where he served his apprenticeship and worked as a machinist for the Northern Pacific Railroad from 1912 to 1922. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War I and was honorably discharged in 1919.

Sir Knight Waters received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington. Taught in the Junior High Schools of Bremerton. In 1940 went to work in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as an ordnance machinist from which he retired in 1960.

He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1921 and a High Priest of Lincoln Park Chapter No. 56, Tacoma, in 1936, also a dual member of Olympus Chapter No. 27, Bremerton, and a Past High Priest in the Chapter in 1966. Became a member of Malta Commandery No. 18, Bremerton, in 1961 and served as Commander in 1961. He is still very active in the Commandery and Royal Arch, holding stations in both at the present time.

MERRILL D. BEHAM
Recorder
Malta Commandery No. 1

Louisville, Kentucky

Sir Knight Vernon P. Johnson, P.C., Prelate, Bowling Green Commandery No. 23, was named by Sir Knight George E. Hobbs, R.E. Grand Commander, to be the fourth recipient in Kentucky of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. The presentation was made by Sir Knight Hobbs at the second annual York Rite Banquet in Louisville. Singularly enough, Sir Knight Johnson, who is also a Past High Priest and present Secretary of Russellville Chapter No. 8, R.A.M., was again honored the following day at the Grand Chapter session by receiving the annual Grand Chapter Merit Award. This is the first time the same person has received both awards at the same time, and it was pure coincidence, since the Grand Commander and the committee of the Grand Chapter acted independently and without knowing that the other had also selected Excellent Companion and Sir Knight Johnson. Need-
less to say, "Buck," as he is affectionately known, is a hard-working, dedicated Mason, and highly deserving of both honors.

M. L. Cooke, K.Y.C.H.
Correspondent

Glendale, California

Contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation amounted to more than $25,475.00 from the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, under direction of Mrs. John Blue, Supreme President during the past year.

This information was reported at the Annual Convention of the Beauceant Sept. 22-27, 1965 at San Antonio, Texas. At that time Mrs. Charles E. Doey was elected Supreme President for the coming year.

Mrs. Charles E. Doey, President, is now on her itinerary throughout the United States, making contact with each of the 207 Assemblies of the Social Order of the Beauceant, prior to the next convention of the Supreme Assembly to be held Sept. 22-26, 1969, at Denver, Colo.

MRS. CLARENCE L. HAMMET, MEMBER
Knight Templar Magazine Committee
Supreme Assembly,
Social Order of the Beauceant

Arlington, Virginia

Virginia is continuing to exhibit considerable interest in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The following outstanding records have been established by the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction.

1—Sir Knight Greer A. Witten, Chairman of Johnson Commandery No. 14, Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee, Bristol, Virginia, has processed more than 165 eye cases at a cost of over $60,000.

2—Sir Knight Constantinos E. Baches, Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, is the proud possessor of a record total of seven Eye Foundation Life Sponsorships.

3—Virginia is among the leading Grand Jurisdictions (with a percentage of 11.511%) in the number of Life Sponsorships purchased by the Sir Knights of Virginia.

JOE R. HARRIS, P.G.C.
Chairman
Eye Foundation Committee

Du Bois, Wyoming

The Black Horse Troop of Wyoming is in need of old or discarded Templar uniforms which might be re-tailored and adapted for use by the members. If any Commandery, or any individual Templar, has articles of uniform, and would like to present them to the Black Horse Troop, please forward the items to the writer.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

ALBERT W. CROSS, P.G.C.
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Du Bois, Wyoming 82513

The Need to Communicate

It is difficult to talk with someone if you don't know his name. It is impossible to write to someone if you don't know his address.

Each month a number of Knight Templar Magazines are returned to the printer because the subscribers have moved and left no forwarding addresses, or because the addresses listed are incorrect. The same type of problem exists with material mailed from the Grand Encampment office.

With the compilation of names and addresses for all Knights Templar virtually complete at the Chicago office, it now becomes necessary for every Templar to keep his address correctly updated with the Recorder of his Constituent or Subordinate Commandery. The Recorder forwards corrections, additions and deletions of membership monthly to the Grand Encampment office. Thus, only one notice of address change is necessary—direct to the Constituent or Subordinate Recorder.

This becomes an absolute necessity when the Knight Templar Magazine is mailed to each member starting in July. At that time, all address changes, to avoid confusion, omission, or inaccuracy, must be received through the Recorder of each Knight Templar's home Commandery.
THE SWORD AND THE CROSS


Today is Christmas, the day so meaningful to all Christians as marking the nativity of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior of us all. At this hour Knights Templar everywhere are gathered together to celebrate that most important of all Birthdays.

We modern Knights Templar are at least the spiritual, if not the actual, descendants of those chivalric Knights of the Temple of Crusade fame. Being their descendants we have two notable distinctions: First—we are the only Masonic group whose ceremonies are based upon New Testament lessons, and Second—we are the only uniformed Masonic Body. According to Mackay's "Masonic Encyclopedia," the sword was the visible symbol of knighthly status, and as such was an integral part of the daily dress of the chivalric knight. To perpetuate the ancient custom and usage, the modern Knight Templar receives a sword when he is knighted, and wears the sword as a part of his full dress uniform. As the sword is emblematic of knighthood, it behooves us to give some consideration to the symbolism of that article of our regalia.

In its simplest form, the sword consists of the blade, guard and hilt. The blade may be curved like the scimitar, serpentine or wavy like the Malayn Kris, or straight like ours. The blade may be double edged, as were most medieval swords, or single edged like ours.

To the knight of old, the sword, besides indicating his knighthly estate, was one of his primary weapons, and was used for both offense and defense. Today's Knight Templar does not use the sword as a weapon; however, the sword has a definite place in our ceremonies and is used symbolically to teach several important lessons. Let me refresh your memory in this regard.

In the I. O. R. C., we are taught that the sword's glittering blade should symbolize the purity of our intentions, and that with the sword we can defend ourselves against our enemies and maintain the TRUTH. We are further taught in that Order that there are three excellent qualities associated with the sword: the hilt represents Faith; the blade, Hope, and the point, Charity; and we are admonished to let our swords rust in their scabbards rather than draw them in the cause of Injustice, Falsehood or Oppression.

In the Order of Malta we are told to wipe clean the blade of the sword before returning it to its scabbard, thus symbolically wiping away those mortal problems which would keep us from leading pure and spotless lives. Again we are instructed to keep the sword bright as an emblem of Faith and to wield it virtuously without fear of encountering danger or peril in the service of Christ. The admonition concludes with the instruction that we are to use our swords not only to maintain Justice, but also to relieve and protect poor widows and friendless orphans.

In the Order of the Temple we are again told that the sword of a Knight Templar is endowed with three excellent qualities: the hilt with Justice impartial, the blade with Fortitude undaunted and the point with Mercy unrestrained, and we are admonished to wield our swords in defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian Religion.

When we take an overall look at the teachings of the three Orders, we observe two underlying symbolic themes in regard to the sword. The first theme has to do with the physical appearance of the sword blade: its bright and shining condition teaches us to lead pure and spotless lives, ever keeping our honor bright. The second theme deals with the three parts of the sword, the hilt, blade and point, which are used to symbolically emphasize our beliefs in the great cardinal principles of Christianity: Faith, Hope, Charity (or Mercy) and Justice. With a knowledge of the symbolism of the sword, we agreed to use that weapon not to defend ourselves, but to defend the ideals of Truth and Honor, and also to protect the poor and helpless of the
world and our great Christian Religion. Throughout all of our ceremonies, one phrase is repeated over and over again: "I will wield my sword..."

In wielding the sword we are using it as a weapon—to fight for that which is good, and against that which is bad in our lives and in the world around us. Wielding the sword, therefore, can be said to symbolize the mortal side of man, and that no matter how hard we strive, we never quite overcome our mortal faults.

There comes a time in our work, however, when the sword is inverted for a short period, and behold, the weapon of war becomes the symbol of our Lord—the CROSS.

Have you ever seen the opera "Parsifal," a musical story about the search for the "Holy Grail"? One scene in that opera shows a group of medieval knights, kneeling in their armor to receive the blessing of the Church prior to their departure on the quest. Each kneeling knight holds his inverted sword so that he has the Cross before him as he dedicates his life to the search for the Holy Grail.

There is another tremendous scene involving the inverted sword, in the opera "Faust." The plot of that opera has Dr. Faust, an elderly gentleman, agreeing to deliver his soul to the Devil in exchange for a return to youth and the love of a fair young maiden. At the appointed hour, the Devil comes to collect the soul; however, Dr. Faust reneges on his end of the bargain. When the Devil tries to collect the soul of Dr. Faust by force, the doctor's friends draw their swords and attempt to defend him. They soon learn that the sword, wielded as a weapon, has no effect upon Satan; however, the moment the sword is inverted and used as the Cross, they gain the upper hand over the Prince of Darkness. When Satan is confronted by the Cross from every direction, he admits defeat and relinquishes his claim to the soul of Dr. Faust. What a scene it is, watching the Devil rant and rave in all his evil glory until he is confronted with the Cross. Facing the Cross, he reveals his true nature, and he loses his power, becoming an object, cowing and terrified animal to be scorned by all.

These two illustrations will help to explain the underlying principles involved in our use of the inverted sword in the ritualistic work of the Order of the Temple. When used in this manner, the sword has become the symbol of All Good, or the ideal towards which, as Christians, we are striving here on earth.

What a commentary on our lives is thus shown by the combination of the sword and Cross. In our ritualistic work, as in life, the sword is used 90% of the time as a weapon symbolic of the baser side of man. Ritualistically, as in life, the Cross is apparent for only 10% of the time. Let each one of us then, on this glorious Christmas morning, resolve to work wholeheartedly to bring the Cross uppermost in our lives and actions.

Let us work truly for the Cross and all that it symbolizes, to the end that the sword may be eliminated. With the elimination of the sword will come the dawn of that long waited day "When the reign of the Blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation, shall become universal and eternal."

Florida Grand Master Of Masons to be Honored

Start making your plans now for a gala week-end to include a State Class in honor of the Florida Grand Master of Masons, M.W. Brother Clyde S. McLaren, urges the October issue of the York Rite Light, Stephen B. Dimond, Editor.

The class, designated and proclaimed by the three Grand Presiding York Rite Bodies, of which McLaren is a member, will have the Degrees and Orders of the Chapter, Council and Commandery conferred March 8, 1909, in the Masonic Temple, St. Petersburg, writes the York Light.

Those persons interested may contact the General Chairman, Sir Knight Steve VanNorden, Secretary-Recorder of the St. Petersburg York Rite Bodies, 423 39th Ave., N.E., St. Petersburg 33703, for further information.
“Nothing Great was ever Accomplished without Enthusiasm”

Wilber Marion Brucker
June 23, 1894
October 28, 1968

Words and pictures are weak implements to create a portrait of the Wilber M. Brucker we knew, no matter how hard we try to arrange them. His qualities ran too deep for a pen or camera to register.

All who were near to him were influenced by this depth of feeling and understanding. His was an endless well of sincerity, enthusiasm, dynamic strength, warm friendship, quick perception, Christian conviction.

His presence proclaimed Leadership. He did not take kindly to inefficiency, procrastination or indifference because he, himself, was committed wholeheartedly to doing promptly and well whatever he undertook. And in nothing was he more demanding of himself and others than in Templary and all Christian purposes and pursuits.

When he talked, you listened. When you listened, you learned. With his Templar stature in mind, no man can find it in his heart to excuse himself from Knightly duty, dedication and participation. He loved our Templar Order—unabashedly, devotedly. He loved the uniform, sword and plume; even more he loved what these symbolized.

His value to Christian Masonry is larger than our means to measure.

His influence upon those who served with him also is beyond measure. But we know this.

It will endure—in each of us.

P.C.R.

“No person in America endeared himself to more people than did he, so superlative were his talents, talents which reached mountain peaks because of his unswerving dedication and devotion to the everlasting principles. Because a Providence concerned about mankind—and the basic tenets of the United States—allowed the Honorable (and Sir Knight) Wilber M. Brucker to tarry awhile among us, this country is the better prepared to meet its many and complex problems. Indeed, it will meet its rendezvous with destiny heroically because of the late Sir Knight Brucker’s contributions to every good cause.”

Burt D. Pearson, P.D.C., Chairman
Grand Encampment Committee on Religious Activities
DR. HERBERT BEECHER HUDNUT EULOGY

October 30, 1968, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
Grosse Pointe, Michigan

THIS IS AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE:

I will remember Wilber M. Brucker.
I will remember him as one of the great sons of Michigan; his loyalty to his Alma Mater, the University of Michigan; his courage as an Army Officer with the Rainbow Division in World War I; his early rise to national prominence as Governor of Michigan; his forthright, incorruptible character;

I will remember his devotion to his home, to his wife, son, and daughter-in-law, and his grandchildren; his service to his church as Elder and Teacher at Woodward Avenue Presbyterian, at Memorial, and at National Presbyterian in Washington, D. C.; his comradeship with countless numbers of men and women, youth and children everywhere; his enthusiasm for flight in the Heavens, where more than once, in his mind, he reached out his hand to touch the face of God;

I will remember the difficult decision which he faced, with the help of his family, to leave Detroit and serve his Country in the Defense Department — then for 5½ years as Secretary of the Army under President Eisenhower. In this Service, he went as an ambassador of good will to visit his Army in near or remote stations around the world, lifting morale and instilling in the hearts of men and women a new and vigorous love of Country. It was his determined purpose to strive to win friendship for the United States from many rulers and leaders abroad in the military and political fields.

I will remember his unusual ability to communicate with all sorts and conditions of men in government, in his profession, in business, and in the International YMCA. He was an ardent Knight-Templar in his home town, Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1, and for three years, 1964-7, as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the Nation. To know Wilber Brucker was to love him.

I will remember his vision of a greater America where more and more people would volunteer to do the spadework at the grass roots level in building a stronger Nation that would shine as a beacon light, and where justice and brotherhood and decency would prevail. Mr. Gladstone wrote these words in a Bible presented to Queen Victoria: “There is no greatness but goodness, and no goodness but through self-sacrifice.” Wilber was great and good, and he gave himself without reserve to God and Country. He truly made goodness attractive.

I will remember that he asked his minister to kneel with him in prayer in his Pentagon office that he might be faithful and given strength for his task;

I will remember that Easter morning when, accompanied by his Knights, he carried a beautiful Cross of white lilies and placed it on the grave of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington. He has gone from our midst to join the innumerable Host of God. He would expect this of his family and friends, that we close ranks, that we minister to all who sorrow, that we cherish those traits of character, gentleness, courtesy, and thoughtful concern for others, which he so nobly displayed, and that we enlist as he did in the battle for righteousness. Onward, Christian Soldiers! “In quietness and confidence shall be our strength.” His going from us leaves “a lonesome place against the sky.” In our sorrow, we reassert our Christian faith and rejoice that Wilber Brucker was our friend and that our lives were touched by his greatness.
IN MEMORY OF . . .

With Douglas E. Briggs as Prelate, and more than 150 uniformed Sir Knights participating, Knight Templar Memorial Services were offered for Sir Knight Brucker at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Wednesday morning, October 30. Grand Master Crofts and all elected Grand Encampment officers attended. The following morning a Special Army Full Honor Funeral Service in Ft. Myer Post Chapel preceded burial in Arlington National Cemetery. Sir Knight Crofts and other Knights were in attendance. Chaplains were Major General Frank A. Tobey, USA, Ret., and Dr. Elson. Ranking Army Officer present was General Westmoreland.

William E. Barkman, D.C., writes that Sir Knight Brucker is buried in Section 15 of the National Cemetery, intersection of Farragut and McPherson, on the Knight Templar route to the Easter Sunrise Services.

Official and personal expressions from Templar leaders included: Lee Hargisheimer: “We have received your communications regarding the death of our most revered and respected Past Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker, and as the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Minnesota I express my most sincere sympathy for myself and the members of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota who met in Rochester October 29.”

Past Supreme Grand Master F. C. Aokert, Canada: “We shall remember both Sir Knight Brucker and Mrs. Brucker for the friendship and kindness. . . . I should like to express to M. E. Knight Crofts and the Officers my personal sympathy for the loss of M. E. Knight Brucker. He will be greatly missed.”

churchman, and servant of the common good. With thankful hearts, with hymns of affirmation and joy, what is mortal of Wilber Brucker we commit to the hallowed green-tented city of Arlington National Cemetery where he lies down to rest awhile among the men he loved and served, awaiting the final bugle call on the Resurrection morning in the sure and confident faith of the glorious and eternal Resurrection, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
(Pictures of Special Full Honor Funeral Arlington National Cemetery, October 31, 1968—U.S. Army Signal Corp.)

... IN MEMORY OF

Grand Recorder Carl R. Greisen, Nebraska: "We know that the memory of Sir Knight Brucker will live on in the hearts of all Knights Templar and encourage them to take another look at the obligation." William R. Robbins, Department Commander: "Areas near and far will miss his guidance and influence. Particularly has world Templary lost a great and significant leader. The prestige and leadership he provided can never be surpassed."

Recorder Leighton E. Harrell, P.C. "St. Elmo No. 12, Knights Templar stationed at Hyattsville, Maryland... appropriated the sum of One Hundred Dollars to be added to the Endowment Funds of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as a Memorial Tribute to our beloved Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker." Grand Recorder J. E. Moseley, P.G.C., Georgia: "The Order... has lost one of its most stalwart and dedicated leaders. We who had the pleasure of knowing him and enjoying his friendship have suffered a great personal loss."

Antonio Gonzales Sr., P.G.C., Grand Recorder, Philippines: "In the name of all the Sir Knights working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines, we are extending to the Grand Encampment... our sincere condolence on the death of our beloved M.E. Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker."

Below, Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower leaves the Service at Ft. Meyer Post Chapel as the Army pays homage to its former Secretary. Appointed by President Eisenhower, Sir Knight Brucker served five-and-one-half years, longest since Secretary Stanton.

THE ETERNAL ROLL CALL

Tom John Melton
Texas
Grand Commander — 1948
Born November 22, 1903
Died June 27, 1968

J. Fred Huber
District of Columbia
Grand Commander — 1939
Born December 10, 1884
Died September 23, 1968
FOR CHRISTMAS—
A CHRISTIAN FREEMASON’S CROSSWORD
by Norman Peterson
Portland, Oregon

The solution is given on page 35.

ACROSS

1. Egg ______ is a seasonal beverage.
2. German name of a well-known carol about the Christmas tree. The same tune is used for “Maryland, My Maryland.”
5. Let it ______.
7. A partridge in a ______ tree.
9. What Santa wears on his head.
10. Christ is the Prince of ______
15. What Santa found in the fireplace.
17. The ninth reindeer.
19. One of the symbolic colors of Christmas, symbolic also of Fervency and Zeal.

20. A working tool used as one of the emblems of St. Thomas in Christian symbolism because he is said to have built a church with his own hands in India.
22. Gathering of the ______, a family or tribe.
23. A fragrant gum or perfume brought to Jesus by the three wise men or Magi, as a gift. (Matt. 2:11)
28. The chalice traditionally used by Christ at the Last Supper, brought to England by Joseph of Arimathea, and later becoming the object of the quest of the Arthurian knights most notably Galahad and Sir Percivale.
29. The fourth of the reindeer which pulled Santa’s sleigh.
30. A heavenly phenomenon seen by the Magi, but not by the shepherds according to the Bible.
31. A member of the Trinity.
32. What ma and pa did with the Christmas gifts.

DOWN

1. A saint living about 300 A.D., and identified with Santa Claus.

3. Opposite of down.

4. According to tradition, the three wise men or Magi were Caspar the Athenian, Balthazar the Egyptian, and ——— the Hindu.

6. Genesis is in the ——— Testament.

8. On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five gold ———.

11. Hiram practiced the craft of Masonry. Jesus and his father practiced the craft of ———, also a builder’s trade. (Mark 6:3)

12. A toast, or the beverage, flavored with spices, used in drinking a toast.

13. The ——— was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (John 1:14)

16. A feature of Christmas with lights in many homes.

18. Author of “The Christmas Carol.”

21. A bed covering suitable for a gift, and on the American frontier often sewn as a group project.


25. The last of the three Temples built on the same site in Jerusalem was constructed by ——— during the life of Christ, and destroyed about 70 A.D.


33. A French name for Christmas.

Events Merge in Moab, Utah

Coordinating two annual events, the Western York Rite Conference and the Four Corners Royal Arch festival brought over 300 persons—York Rite Masons and their wives, including heads of the Grand Encampment and the General Grand Chapter—to the small inland town of Moab, Utah, in September, reports Sir Knight Gordon R. Merrick, P.G.H.P., Colorado.

Though Moab has fewer than 25 York Rite members and no Masonic body other than the lodge, it has the nearest Masonic Temple in Utah to the “Four Corners,” the only spot in the United States where four states touch—Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. It was the fourth Four Corners festival, the twenty-second conference.

Frank discussion of the future of the Rite enlivened the conference with John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Sprague H. Carter, General Grand High Priest, participating along with Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser and General Grand King Calvin A. Behle, according to Merrick.

Foremost topic in deliberations was the proposal for unity. The Western Conference through its twenty-one years has been learning to work together. Grand bodies within three of the “Four Corner” states, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona, have been meeting simultaneously for several years to expedite transaction of business common to all bodies or dependent upon action of other bodies.

Wallace V. Peck, Utah, conference chairman for four years, will be succeeded by John H. Padgett, Arizona, and Paul B. Pickering, Utah, secretary-treasurer, by Robert F. Henderson. William A. Thaanan, Montana, remains as assistant chairman.

Members of the 11-state conference will have a mealtime get-together in Portland in 1969, resuming the full conference in Montana in 1970.

Fifteen states, including New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Florida, and one Canadian province, were noted in the registration.
C. WALLACE JACKSON PRESIDES FOR SECOND SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE OF TRIENNIIUM

C. Wallace Jackson, Department Commander, presided for the October 26 Department Conference at Macon, Georgia, which was highlighted by the participation of the Grand Master, John L. Crofts Sr., and noon luncheon address by Dr. S. Fleetwood Maddox, a Doctor of Ophthalmology, who gave an "outsider's" view of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Maddox, introduced by Sir Knight James E. Moseley, P.G.C., Grand Recorder of Georgia, as a "fellow Presbyterian, although not yet a Mason," paid strong tribute to the Foundation and especially to Middle Georgia Templars for extraordinary devotion to the service of others. He outlined several cases he had handled for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, endorsed the Foundation's work and noted that no Templar could grasp the scope and benefit of the program until he was a participant.

Sir Knight Jackson called the Conference to order at 9 a.m. Stephen B. Dimond, G.G., Florida, offered the invocation, and the officers from the Southeastern jurisdictions were welcomed by William J. Mobley, Grand Commander, Georgia.

Item by item, throughout the morning and afternoon, Sir Knight Jackson set the stage for discussion and questions and answers in these categories: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Membership, Ritualistic Matters, Patriotic and Civic Activities, Public Relations, Constitution and Statutes, Drill Regulations, Knight Templar Magazine, the Grand Encampment Central Office Activities, Arlington Easter Sunrise Service and York Rite Unity.

KENTUCKY SESSIONS

Kentucky’s Grand York Rite Bodies concluded their second annual joint sessions after a three day meeting beginning September 18 at the Sheraton Hotel, Louisville.

The Grand Commandery met September 18 with Sir Knight George E. Hobbs, R.E. Grand Commander presiding, and Sir Knight Kenneth N. Johnson installed R.E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight John R. Haralson, P.C., presided as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council on the second day, and Sir Knight Noble C. McDougall, P.C., opened the Grand Chapter as Most Excellent Grand High Priest on the last day of the sessions.

Sir Knight Abner C. Sager, R.E. Department Commander, East Central Department, was guest at all three sessions, and represented the M.E. Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts.

Following the Grand Commandery Conclave, “an unusual occurrence took place,” according to Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, Correspondent. The Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Kentucky Priory No. 25, installed newly elected members and in the class were Sir Knights: George Hobbs, John Haralson, newly elected Grand Master John Chandler and Noble McDougall, K.Y.C.H.

YOU TOO CAN BE AN HONORARY STINKER!

The sign read “Welcome Stinkey Malone,” marking the beginning of a new growth in donations for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

The story begins in Ohio, home of Sir Knight Howard Malone, P.G.C., popularly known as “Stinkey.” “Stinkey” was recently welcomed as Inspecting Officer of Cincinnati Commandery No. 3 by the poster below complete with appropriate picture, drawn by Sir Knight Leo L. Demler. Emerging from this jest, due to the inventive minds of Sir Knights Malone and Demler, is the Honorary Stinkey Malone club.

You too can be an “Honorary Stinkey Malone,” with the right to be boozed and carry an official card signed by the “Head Stinker.” To qualify, simply send a contribution for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Sir Knight Howard R. Malone, 807 West Fairview Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45406.

HONORARY STINKEY MALONE
(Gives you the right to be BOOED)

The Grand Commandery of South Carolina participants include, left to right: Andrew C. Gramling Jr., G.C.G.; T. Scott Godfrey, G.C.; James H. Mathias, D.G.C.


Grand Master Crofts’ concise summation of the status and pending prospect of York Rite Unity as the Conference concluded resulted in a lively and extended session of questions and answers.
THE BIRTHDAY PAGE

The Knight Templar Magazine salutes these distinguished Templars who will observe birthday anniversaries during January:

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THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE U. S. TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The well known author of this account of the Masonic Service Association is Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary of the association since 1964. Sir Knight Hahn's distinguished record as a scholar, athlete, teacher, administrator, editor and Mason is presented in summarized form at the conclusion of this month's MSA feature for the "Knight Templar Magazine."

The year 1919 saw the organization of the Masonic Service Association. When Masons in uniform in World War I requested Masonic service and assistance in cantonments and behind the lines in France, their brethren at home hurried to respond to their needs. Practically every Grand Lodge and many of the other rites and orders collected "war chests" for programs of service and entertainment.

To their dismay, Masons learned that they were denied the opportunity to serve their sons and brothers in uniform because the national government refused to work with fifty or more Masonic groups who wanted to do their bit. "Give us one Masonic agency to deal with," said government officials.

Far-sighted and responsible Masonic leaders recognized the need and the opportunity for Masonic service. They went to work to create such an agency. They challenged their brethren to make their beloved Fraternity responsive to a changing world and to a greater responsibility.

By the time the representatives of twenty-two Grand Lodges finally assembled in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in November, 1918, the first World War had ended. But the dedicated Masons who attended that meeting envisioned the future usefulness of a national Masonic agency, in peace time as well as in war. They hammered out the structure of The Masonic Service Association to take home for the approval of their Grand Lodges, and went to work to make it a reality.

As a result, November 11, 1919, saw the call to order for the first annual meeting of The Masonic Service Association of the United States at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Thirty-four Grand Lodges were represented. The dream had come true. On February 25, 1969, the delegates and visitors to the 50th Annual Meeting of the Association will celebrate that event at the Hotel Shoreham in Washington, D.C.

The Masonic Service Association of the United States is a voluntary association of American Grand Lodges. Membership is limited to recognized Grand Lodges of the United States and its possessions. There are no memberships for individuals.

"The object of this Association shall be the Service of Mankind, through education and enlightenment, financial relief and Masonic visitation, and ministering to, comforting and relieving the members of the Fraternity and their dependents, particularly in times of disaster and distress, whether caused by war, pestilence, famine, fire, flood, earthquake or other calamity."

The Masonic Service Association of the United States has been publishing Masonic information and educational materials for its member Grand Lodges for almost fifty years. The Short Talk Bulletin, published monthly since January, 1923, is its most widely known publication. Brethren who want to read short up-to-date essays on Masonic history, philosophy, symbolism, etc., can subscribe to the Bulletin at a nominal cost. The Association makes available other Masonic books and pamphlets. Catalogs of all publications and Masonic motion pictures are free on request.
The great tenet of Relief, which called the Association into being in 1919, has not been neglected. Repeatedly the M. S.A. has been called upon to investigate the needs of Masons and their families in times of widespread catastrophe, to make these needs known to all Grand Lodges in the United States, and to serve as the clearing house for funds contributed for the relief of distressed Master Masons who are victims of such disaster.

As early as 1923 the Association acted for American Grand Lodges in sending money to Japan to relieve the suffering caused by the Japanese Earthquake. In 1927 it performed brilliantly in the investigation of needs and in the coordination of relief activities for the victims of the great Mississippi Valley Flood. More than $690,000 was contributed by Grand Lodges to that humanitarian effort. Agents of the M. S.A. worked on the spot to see that Brother Masons got the temporary help and relief that they required.

When World War II broke out, American Freemasonry was ready to serve its sons and brothers in the armed forces. It now had a single agency to carry on a program of friendly counsel and wholesome relaxation for lonesome boys in training camps and even abroad. Between 1941 and 1946 the M.S.A. established more than seventy Masonic Service Centers near training camps and military bases, where servicemen could go for entertainment and refreshment in a clean and wholesome atmosphere. It was able to staff them with trained and dedicated leaders, members of the Craft, who loved and admired the boys they served. With a unified agency to deal with government officials, to establish consistent Masonic policies in the administration of those "homes away from home", and to economize by "centralized" purchases of supplies and equipment for the program, American Freemasons got a dollar's worth of value for every one of the million and a half dollars which they contributed to that remarkable service.

Through their Masonic Service Association during World War II American Grand Lodges proved that the denial of their "bit" in 1917-18 had been a serious mistake.

So respected and admired was the work of Field Agents in this welfare work for our sons and brothers in uniform that military leaders and government officials requested its extension into Service and Veterans Hospitals, when the mounting number of casualties filled these institutions as the war was drawing to a close.

Since July 1, 1946, The Masonic Service Association has been carrying on, in behalf of United States Grand Lodges, an extensive program of hospital visitation, to bring to our hospitalized sons and brothers the warm greetings and handclasp of a Brother Mason, a morale-building gift of some simple creature comfort, or the patient and willing performance of some little service that a bed-ridden patient cannot do for himself. The magnificent story of this great "labor of love" is told in every supplement to The Short Talk Bulletin. It is called Your Masonic Hospital Visitor.

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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

As we near the Advent Season, when we as Christians should be especially preparing for the anniversary of the Birth of the Savior, let us pause to ask ourselves this question. What is Christmas—to me?

Is it a time of trying to determine how to balance the value of the gifts received against those given, of determining how to appropriately thank Aunt Joe for that atrocious gift she sent without hurting her feelings, of rush, bustle and frenzy to finish the buying, the cookies, the decorations, the wrappings, the mailing of cards to all from whom we received them, and the eventual collapse into an easy chair, with a “Thank God it’s over,” at least on our minds if not on the lips. Is this a description of your household from December 1st to the 24th of each year? Or do you and I attend to the material in a moderate way, giving most of our attention to the “Holy” aspects of the day.

In John’s Gospel 1:14 we read “and the Word became flesh.” This is no “fairy tale.” Christ does live. He is the planned gift of God to the world and for the redemption thereof. Let us as members of this Christian Order and as members of the family of Christ, make every effort to keep our Christmas genuinely and completely Christian this Christmastide. In preparation for the Advent Season, let us be mindful of the Christmas story, and let it recall to us the observance of Christmas in its fullest measure, the reminding us of a God that “so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and that as many as received Him, to them
gave He the power to become the sons of God.” As many as received Him! Perhaps we need to understand that... receiving . . . is even more important than giving at Christmas!

What is Christmas? Can it be redeemed? Yes, if we make it a Holy Day rather than a Holiday.

Our special emphasis for the month of December is for the support of the Church. Let us support the Christ Child by supporting His Church. May you and yours have a most “Blessed Christmas.”

G. Calvin Dyson
Grand Commander
Members of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 31, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, are celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. On Saturday, October 5, they assembled in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, Mahanoy City, and held their centennial banquet.

Following the dinner, Sir Knight Irvin A. Henninger, Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, welcomed the banqueters and introduced Sir Knight Gregory L. Christ, Captain General of the Commandery, who performed the duties of toastmaster. In his initial remarks he paid tribute to Sir Knights Charles H. Engle and Robert L. Blankenhorn, Committee Co-chairmen.

Selections by the Choralairs, a Hazleton, Pa., ensemble of 20 voices under the direction of Miss Marion Howell, were enthusiastically received. Historical remarks by Sir Knight Charles H. Engle, P.C., Recorder of Ivanhoe Commandery, were informative and entertaining. He stated that Ivanhoe Commandery came into being at Tamaqua on March 31, 1868, with 19 Sir Knights. The first meeting under the charter was held June 30, 1868. In one hundred years, 586 Fraters have received knighthood. The present membership is 149. Tribute was paid to many Sir Knights who have contributed generously of their talents, time and money. Sir Knight Engle noted that the oldest living member was Sir Knight Warren R. Borneman, who became a Sir Knight in 1914, and he concluded his remarks by naming the living Past Commanders.

Mrs. Irvin L. Henninger, presented a gift to Mrs. Charles Wolfertz, who was instrumental in organizing Ivanhoe Auxiliary in 1947.

The honored guests at the centennial banquet were the R.E. Grand Commander, G. Calvin Dyson and Mrs. Dyson. After introducing the members of his staff and their ladies, Sir Knight Dyson gave an inspirational talk. He expressed the hope that all Templars may find comfort and leadership in the tenets of their Order and continue to have an influence for Masonry, Templary and the Church of Jesus Christ.

Mary Commandery 99th

Mary Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, celebrated its 99th Anniversary on Thursday, October 10, at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. After a short Conclave, the Fratres retired to the banquet hall where they enjoyed dinner.

Sir Knight Millard F. Martin, Eminent Commander, after introducing the dignitaries present, called on Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, R. E. Grand Commander, for remarks. Sir Knight Dyson expressed his good wishes to Mary Commandery and followed with some timely and enlightening comments.

The speaker of the evening was Sir Knight and Rev. William Faulds, D.D., Past Commander of Sterling Commandery No. 35, Sterling, Colorado. His message was an elaboration of the theme introduced by the Grand Commander in his greetings—the importance of Templar in the way of life today and the need of its practice among Templars as an example to all men of our troubled time. He compared our Order with the early colonists who sailed from the known to the unknown. They had dreams of a better way of life, they had hopes that with God’s help they could establish that way of life, and they were spiritually sustained through prayer. They had no two-way ticket, they had to make it and make it they did. Tempary too is a colony in Masonry; once the vows are taken there is no turning back—we are on a sacred adventure.
Division No. 12 Holds Reception For Commander Dyson


ANNUAL RELIGIOUS SERVICE
DIVISION NO. 3

Division No. 3, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, held its 28th Annual religious service on Sunday, September 29, 1968, in the Doylestown Presbyterian Church with Mizpah Commandery No. 96 as host. Sir Knight Leidy K. Gangler, P.C., Nativity Commandery No. 17, Division Commander, introduced the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania and other visiting officers. Commanders of Division No. 3 attending were: H. Keith Wesley, Jerusalem Commandery No. 15; Frederick R. Brown, Hutchinson Commandery No. 32; Alvin R. Noble, Nativity Commandery No. 71; John G. Maurer, Damascus Commandery No. 95; William H. McKinstry Jr., Mizpah Commandery No. 96, and George Wollrath, Ascension Commandery No. 97.

Grand Commandery Officers in attendance were: Sir Knights G. Calvin Dyson, R. E. Grand Commander; John B. Cottrell Jr., Past Department Commander; David J. Godshall, Trustee; George H. Garrett, Grand Standard Bearer; Walter W. Heintzelman, Grand

Northwestern Commandery was the Host Commandery for the 12th Division for G. Calvin Dyson, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the state of Pennsylvania, accompanied by thirteen Grand Officers and their ladies Saturday, September 14.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander conducted a work shop and instruction period in the Masonic Hall at 4:00 P.M. after which the Sir Knights joined their Ladies at the David Mead Inn for a delicious dinner. After the dinner the Sir Knights and their Ladies returned to the Masonic Hall where they heard an inspiring talk by the Grand Commander.

Sword Bearer; Walter B. Pearce, Grand Marshal; Earl H. Boes, Division Commander, Division No. 9.

The message was delivered by Sir Knight and Rev. William Faulds, D.D., of the First Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, Moderator of the Philadelphia Presbytery, and Past Commander of Sterling Commandery No. 35, Sterling, Colorado.
Huntingdon Commandery No. 65 hosted a banquet and reception honoring Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, R. E. Grand Commander, Saturday, September 28. The event was attended by approximately 130 Sir Knights and their guests from Division No. 6. The Commanders of the six Commanderies comprising Division No. 6 were present: Sir Knights John C. Roth, Mountain Commandery No. 10; George H. Stewart, Lewistown Commandery No. 26; R. Donald Adam, Constans Commandery No. 33; Minter M. Ott, Oriental Commandery No. 61; George A. Luse, Huntingdon Commandery No. 65; and Raymond L. Fenton, Moshannon Commandery No. 74.

The invocation was given by Sir Knight James O. Smith. Sir Knight George A. Luse, Commander of Huntingdon Commandery, greeted the assemblage and introduced Sir Knight W. Earle Troutwine, Division Commander, Division No. 6, who then introduced the other Division Commanders present: Sir Knights Toward T. Scull, Jr., Division No. 1; Earl H. Baer, Division No. 9; and Harry L. Parson, Division No. 15. Past Grand Commander S. Blair Sponeybarger Jr., presented the R.E. Grand Commander, who introduced his grand officers. Sir Knight Dyson spoke on symbols, emphasizing the symbols used in Templary. “If we are to create an image for the good of Templary,” Dyson stated, “our performance must be in keeping with its teachings. It must be that of sincerity, devotion and fidelity thereto. Our performance must be actuated by the symbols of our Order—the Cross, the giving of one’s self as a service for the cause; and the Crown, the glory of that service—in order that the recognition . . . may be found agreeable to the uninitiated and create in them a desire to be a part of this Christian Order. Until then and only then shall we grow in influence for good and in numbers for our Order. May this be our constant aim.”

The ladies auxiliary of Huntingdon Commandery presented an electric percolator to Mrs. Dyson. Johnstown Commandery presented Grand Commander Dyson a portrait, done by one of the Commandery members.

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**COMBINED RECEPTION AT HANOVER**

Sir Knights Harry L. Parson and Russell G. Beckstrom, Division Commanders of Divisions 15 and 16 respectively, are in charge of the two-Division reception for G. Calvin Dyson, Grand Commander, scheduled Saturday evening, December 14, at the Masonic Hall, 855 Broadway, Hanover.

The following morning, Sunday, December 15, Grand Commander Dyson will be the honored guest at the annual Division No. 16 Breakfast and Christmas observance in the social hall of the Masonic Temple, 331 Locust Street, Columbia. Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Nelson Sears, E.C., again will be the host for this annual gathering.

Saturday’s activities at Hanover begin at 5 p.m., when Sir Knight Dyson meets with the Sir Knights of the two Divisions in the Lodge Room. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. While Sir Knights meet at 5 o’clock, the ladies will gather informally in the anteroom of the Masonic Temple.
Past Grand Master Masaji Matsumoto
In Fall Class of Tokyo Commandery No. 1

Orders were conferred on Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan, M.W. Brother Masaji Matsumoto, and 18 other candidates October 12, Tokyo Masonic Temple, Tokyo, in which 25 Sir Knights participated, reports Commander Myron G. Bettencourt.

At the Spring Conferral, the orders were conferred on 18 candidates, making a total of 37 Sir Knights created during 1968.

Newly created Sir Knights and their ladies were welcomed at a banquet at the New Otani Hotel, Tokyo, October 19, at which time the principles of the Order of Knights Templar were explained to the ladies.

Masonic Service

The Masonic Service Association is not merely a group of employees at headquarters in Washington. At present there are more than seventy regular and volunteer Field Agents of the M.S.A., specially trained, visiting in Service or V.A. Hospitals, assisted by thousands of volunteers from Masonic groups and orders—Hi-Twelvevians, Eastern Stars, DeMolay Boys, Rainbow Girls and Jobies, etc. They perform one of the finest public relations programs that American Freemasonry enjoys today.

Such are the achievements which the Masonic Service Association will celebrate in 1969, “FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE.”

His Masonic interests and memberships are intensive and extensive. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut, member of York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, Connecticut; Shrine in Hartford. Royal Order of Scotland and Red Cross of Constantine in Washington. He is a Past Master of Apollo Lodge No. 59, Suffield, Connecticut, and a dual member of Bethesda Lodge No. 204, Bethesda, Maryland. He became an Honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J., 1962.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O Blessed Lord Jesus, give us thankful hearts today for Thee, our choicest gift, our dearest guest. Let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for Thee and Thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where Thou mayest find fit company, where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide, sweet spaces kept for Thee, where holy thoughts pass up and down, and fervent longings watch for and wait Thy coming. So, when Thou comest again, O Blessed One, mayest Thou find all things ready, and Thy servants waiting for no new master, but for one long loved and known. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

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

GRAND MASTER HONORED IN MARYLAND

St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, sponsored a reception and banquet in honor of the Grand Master and Mrs. John L. Crofts, November 23.

Following the entertainment and presentation of the guests, Grand Master Crofts addressed those attending the banquet, located in the Adult Education Center at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Chehalis Festival

The second annual Chehalis York Rite Proficiency Festival September 21 and 28, Chehalis, Washington, was an outstanding success, according to Sir Knight Albert Jensen, Grand Recorder.

More than 200 Companions and Sir Knights attended the conferral of the Degrees and Orders by Chapters, Councils and Commanderies on 15 candidates from Vancouver to Seattle.

The perpetual trophy for the most proficient work in the Festival and the Commandery plaque was awarded to Townsend Commandery No. 9, Port Townsend, for the Order of the Temple. The Royal Arch plaque was presented to Rainier Chapter No. 52, Seattle, for their work in the Most Excellent Master Degree. The Council plaque was presented to Vancouver Council No. 10 for their work in the Select Master Degree. DeMolai Commandery No. 6, Aberdeen, was awarded the membership plaque.

The work in the degrees and orders was judged by M.E. Companion Bill M. Gillis, Grand High Priest; M.I. Companion Guy B. Snigar, Grand Illustrious Master; Sir Knight Kenneth N. Carmody, R.E. Grand Commander, and their Staffs.

The 1969 Chehalis York Rite Proficiency Festival is scheduled for the third and fourth weekends of September 1969.
Detroit Commandery Displays Brucker Oil Portrait

One of the last honors accorded to Past Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker before his death on October 28 was the presentation of his oil portrait at the Order of Malta Dinner, Detroit, Michigan, September 20.

More than 400 Sir Knights and their ladies were in attendance as Sir Knight Alfred W. Wilke, Past Commander, made the presentation for Detroit Commandery No. 1.

The portrait, painted by Sir Knight Jose Cavillo, a member of Detroit Commandery, was immediately presented by the late Sir Knight Brucker to Detroit Commandery to be hung in the Commandery parlor at the Masonic Temple.

In presenting the painting, to S. K. Brucker, Past Commander Wilke emphasized that in the long heritage of Detroit Commandery No. 1, “we have known men of outstanding talents, men who have achieved public acclaim in their chosen professions, in the clergy and in public service, men who have been devoted and dedicated Christian Masons, who have contributed substantially to the growth and strength of Templary throughout the world, but none have contributed more significantly of their rich talents, time and efforts than Sir Knight Wilber. He has brought distinction to the Grand Encampment by his forthright leadership and direction of activity and by his courageous administration, and the success hereof was fully reflected in the great, unsurpassed Golden Triennial in which thousands of Sir Knights throughout the world participated and displayed Christian Masonry in action to a troubled municipality and to a disrupted community.

“The artist,” continued Past Commander Wilke, “has captured in the portrait the firm determination of purpose of Grand Master Wilber as well as the subtle hint of a smile which always seems to invade a serious and dignified demeanor. This excellent work of art was commissioned and underwritten by donations of many, many Sir Knights in Detroit Commandery No. 1, and it reflects their love, honor and respect for their former platoon leader, Past Commander and dear friend, Wilber. The painting is destined to hang in the parlors of Detroit No. 1 as a continuing testimony to a dedicated Sir Knight, a devoted companion in Christian Masonry and a great Christian gentleman.”
Knights Templar and Knights of Columbus March Together

Knights Templar and Knights of Columbus outside St. Mary's in the Mountains Catholic Church, Virginia City, Nevada, after Centennial Mass.

ECUMENISM INCLUDED IN MASS FOR AN EDIFICE


"An occasion of more than passing interest to all Nevadans was observed in Virginia City Tuesday afternoon, when the centennial of St. Mary's in the Mountains Catholic Church was observed with a Mass in the church.

"Both the city and the church are steeped in the lore of Nevada, and the edifice that was blessed by the Mass, though not large, is one of the most striking structures in all the state, or in all the West.

"It remains, after a century, as the outstanding landmark of one of the great mining camps in the nation's history. It withstood the great fire of 1875 and, rebuilt in 1877 by Father Patrick Magonie, who had laid the cornerstone nine years before, emerged more beautiful than before. Or, at least, so 'tis said.

"Of particular note in the celebration of the Mass was the modern day spirit of ecumenism, with the DeWitt Clinton Commandery of Knights Templar being invited to join in the occasion, as part of the honor guard with the Knights of Columbus. Coincidentally, 1968 is also the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Commandery in Virginia City.

"The Knights of Columbus, of course, is an organization of Catholic men, while the Knights Templar is the highest degree in York Rite Masonry.

"Although in this day and age Catholics and Masons seldom, if ever, mention the fact to each other, there was, for generations, an underecurrent of strained feeling between the two, which sometimes is felt even today, but once ran very deep.

"Although not unheard of, it is a rare thing for a member of the Catholic Church to be a member of the Masonic Order, which itself is an organization, religious in nature, requiring a belief in God as the first tenet for affiliation.

"The invitation to the Knights Templar to march with the Knights of Columbus—and the acceptance of that invitation by the Masonic group, was a highlight of the celebration of the centennial of St. Mary's in the Mountains and a refreshing mutual recognition that all men are alike in the sight of God."
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND KNIGHTS KADOSH,
A LETTER FROM ALBERT PIKE

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

During the week of May 6, 1872, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, convened in Louisville, Kentucky, and both Commanderies, Louisville No. 1 and DeMolay No. 12, tendered their services as escort to this visiting body of Masons. The offer was accepted.

It was a knightly act and fully appreciated by the brethren of the Supreme Council, as will be apparent in the following letter written to the Recorder of DeMolay Commandery by Brother (and Sir Knight) Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.

"I esteem it (said Brother Pike) to be a singularly good omen for the future of Freemasonry, that both Commanderies have, with rare and graceful courtesy, tendered, unsolicited, their services as escort.

"For although their ceremonial of investiture is different and their government not the same, the Knights Kadosh are Knights of the Holy House of the Temple, of which branch of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of the Temple of Solomon, the Princes of the Royal Secret and the Inspectors General are but the chiefs. As a Templar degree, that of Knight Kadosh has in other countries been forbidden to be worked. Most of our Kadosh of American birth are also Templars of your branch of the Order, and are sincerely desirous to maintain the most intimate relations of amity and brotherhood with the Knights Templar, all of whom are as Master Masons their brethren, and as Masons of the Royal Arch their companions.

"Be pleased, my very dear brother, to convey to your Commandery, on behalf of the Supreme Council, its earnest thanks, and its glad acceptance of the brotherly service so courteously and kindly tendered.

"And be pleased to assure the Commandery that, highly as the Supreme Council will value these generous offers as proof of the estimation in which the Knights Templar of Louisville held it and its members, it will value them far more for the fraternal feeling which has prompted them, and the welcome assurance they give that in the State of Kentucky, hereafter, the Knights Templar and the Knights Kadosh, neither jealous of each other, nor rivals, will walk hand in hand in the peaceful ways of Freemasonry, pursuing their common purpose of extirpating the worst evils that afflict humanity, injustice, untruth, uncharitableness and intolerance.

"I have the honor to be, as Templar and Kadosh, and in the bonds of Masonic and Knightly brotherhood,

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

ALBERT PIKE
Sovereign Grand Commander

Later, members of the Supreme Council were guests of the Knights Templar at a banquet which brought from the Sovereign Grand Commander another communication under date of May 27, 1872. He wrote:

"The Supreme Council, lately in session in your hospitable city, has charged me to communicate its grateful acknowledg-
IN MEMORIAM

CLARENCE BUEHLER—South Dakota Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Clarence Buehler, died unexpectedly September 15, according to information supplied by Sir Knight John G. West, P.G.C.

He and his wife recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Rapid City, Iowa, with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn H. Buehler, who were celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Sir Knight Buehler's Masonic affiliations included Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic York Rite Bodies, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Past Grand Commander, South Dakota.

Buehler was a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan School of Business and followed the accounting profession. He served two terms as State Treasurer, in 1946 and 1948, and then joined the auditing staff of the State Department of audits and accounts until his retirement in 1962.

Surviving besides the widow and son Lynn are another son, Dean, of California, and daughter, Mrs. Eugene Palmer of Chicago.

HAL SHAVER MOORE—A one-car accident between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Arkansas, caused the death of Deputy Grand Commander Hal Shaver Moore, October 8.

Head of Hal Moore and Associates Real Estate Firm, he was Realtor of the Year in 1964, writes Correspondent Kenneth C. Johnson.

A veteran of World War II, Sir Knight Moore was active in local, state and national Masonic circles. He received the General Grand Chapter Award for distinguished service in 1960.

Sir Knight Moore was a past Monarch of Bendemeer Grotto and a member of Seimitar Shrine Temple. He was a past Preceptor of Holy Grail Tabernacle XI and was a Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest. A member of the Royal Order of Scotland and a past Sovereign of St. Giles Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, Sir Knight Moore was also a past Patron of Esther Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was elected Grand Seneschal of the Convent General Knights York Cross of Honour September 28.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Piekett Moore; his mother, Mrs. Caruth Moore; a sister, Mrs. Maurine Kramer; and one nephew serving in the armed forces.

Albert Pike

ALBERT PIKE (1809-1891) was SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, FROM JANUARY 3, 1859 TO THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. DURING THIS PERIOD HE RE-WROTE THE RITUALS OF THE DEGREES OF THE SCOTTISH RITE, S. J., AND WROTE MANY BOOKS, INCLUDING MORAALS AND DOGMA.


HE WAS THE FIRST COMMANDER OF HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY NO. 1, LITTLE ROCK, WHILE THAT COMMANDERY WAS UNDER DISPENSATION, DECEMBER 20, 1853. THE COMMANDERY WAS CHARTERED BY THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SEPTEMBER 10, 1856. RECEIVED THE DEGREES OF ROYAL MASTER AND SELECT MASTER IN COLUMBIA CHAPTER, R.A.M., WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON MARCH 20, 1853, HE RECEIVED THE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES, 4TH-32ND, AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, FROM ALBERT G. MACKY, AND RECEIVED THE 33RD DEGREE IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1857. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE WAS ELECTED AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL AND WAS ELECTED SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, JANUARY 3, 1859, SERVING IN THAT OFFICE THIRTY-TWO YEARS.
Chapel Dedicated at New York Girls’ School

Seventy Sir Knights of New York’s Zone 5 assisted in the dedication of the Knights Templar Chapel at the Charlton School for Girls, Burnt Hills, N.Y., October 6, writes Sir Knight Warren H. Deck, P.G.C., N.Y.

Most Worshipful Charles F. Gosnell, Grand Master of Masons in New York officiated at the laying of the cornerstone and addressed the audience of nearly 300. In his remarks he explained the purpose and origin of the Masonic ceremony and praised the Knights Templar for undertaking this ambitious project for the Charlton School. Dr. Gosnell is a member of Temple Commandery No. 2, Albany, and is currently serving as librarian at New York University.

The campaign for providing a new chapel was headed by Sir Knight Lowell H. Bryce, P.G.C., who is also a member of the board of directors of the school. The seven Commanderies of Zone 5 raised over $9,000 through voluntary contributions to provide a chapel as an addition to the administration building. Later the board of directors decided to build a separate building and additional contributions were accepted, explained Deck.

Grand Lodge Officers assisting in the ceremony were Sir Knights: William R. Knapp, Deputy Grand Master; Calvin G. Bond, Senior Grand Warden; Robert G. Shield, Junior Grand Warden and Robert L. Olson, Grand Treasurer.

Also, Lowell H. Bryce, acting Grand Secretary; LaVerne W. Getman, Grand Marshal; Lewis Powell, Grand Chaplain; Sewell E. Smith, Grand Standard Bearer; Louis V. Kjar, past District Deputy Grand Master, and Howard W. Becker, present District Deputy Grand Master.

New York Zone 5 includes Commanderies: Temple No. 2, Albany; Lafayette No. 7, Hudson; Apollo No. 15, Troy; Washington No. 33, Saratoga Springs; St. George’s No. 37, Schenectady; Holy Cross No. 51, Gloversville; and Calvary No. 69, Hudson Falls.

History

The Charlton School was founded in 1895 as a Christian Home for wayward and homeless boys. Fire destroy-
Gourgas Medal Winner

Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, as seen at the Supreme Council meeting, N.M.I., 33°, Atlantic City, in September. Sir Knight and Illustrious Newbury received the Gourgas Medal at the meeting.

Pictures by Martin D. Rife, 33°, Pa.

... Chapel

ed all the buildings in 1938. At the urging of the New York State Department of Social Welfare the school was reopened in 1955 as a Christian home for girls. It was the first attempt on the part of the Protestant forces in New York State to accept their share of the responsibility for the care of teenage girls who need help.

Since 1955, over 350 girls have lived at the school. After attending public school, while in residence at Charlton, many have gone to college, into nursing or business. One girl who graduated in 1961 is now an Army nurse at Walter Reed Hospital and is currently assigned to take care of former President Eisenhower.

The Sir Knights of Apollo Commandery and St. George's Commandery make a pilgrimage to The Charlton School each Christmas season and present the annual donations of the Sir Knights of each Commandery to the school.

TEMPLAR PLUMES FEATURED AT GRAND MASTER'S DAY

More than 200 Knight Templar plumes were conspicuous among the thousands of Connecticut Masons and their families who attended Grand Master's Day at the Masonic Home and Hospital, Wallingford, Connecticut, in October.

Grand Commander Ralph L. Kalp and the Templars were welcomed by Grand Master Gail L. Smith, himself a Past Commander of St. John's Commandery (11) of Willimantic. With every Commandery in the state represented by a detachment in uniform, the Knights formed an escort for the procession to the auditorium marquee and participated in the pageant which followed.

Guests at the Home, in costumes and with effects of their own workmanship and production, demonstrated the development of our national flag, and presented scene after scene of episodes in the history of the nation. The narrator was Sir Knight Albert H. Ruwe, Past Grand Master and Past Commander of New Haven Commandery (2). Marshal of the Day was John W. Colody, Past Commander of Washington Commandery (1) and Grand Standard Bearer. Music throughout the day and as background for the pageant was provided by the band of Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport.

CORRESPONDENT JAMES R. CASE

Further comments from Correspondent Case:

Sir Knight William Campbell, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, a member of Hamilton Commandery (5) of Bridgeport, will deliver the Message at the Christmas Observeance of New Haven Commandery (2) December 20th. Dinner reservations are limited to 250 places.

The Grand Commander was received at the October assembly of St. John's Commandery (11) of Willimantic by William R. Kent, Eminent Commander. Special guests of the evening included the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, and the MP Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters, both Past Commanders.
Why I Became A York Rite Mason

Quite a few years ago, after submitting his petition to a Royal Arch Chapter, the writer was asked by a Brother Mason, "WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? When you received the Three Degrees in the Lodge, you had it all!" This statement by a well-meaning but poorly informed Brother is typical of many often made to discourage younger members from seeking more Light in Masonry. At that time, the writer answered his questioner by stating that he was seeking answers to some of the problems and puzzles brought to his attention within the Lodge. His hopes and expectations were realized as many of the veils, hiding our Masonic Truths, were lifted for him—first in the Royal Arch Chapter, and later in the Cryptic Council. When the great Christian Lessons were given him in the Commandery and he was ultimately created a Knight Templar, a wave of humility and gratitude overwhelmed him. This wonderful adventure was his nearly a quarter century ago, and memory is still thrilling.

It has been a pleasure to recommend the York Rite of Freemasonry to all of my Masonic friends. For those of Christian background and religious belief have long been told, "EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHTED TEMPLAR!" None who accepted this invitation have ever felt that it fell short of their expectations.

One of the principal advantages in becoming a York Rite Mason is that the Chapter, Council and Commandery all are housed in the local Masonic Temple or within a very few miles of it. They meet at least once monthly with the con-feral of Degrees and Orders a continual feature throughout the year. In Wisconsin, nearly all Chapters and Commanderies have covered dish or pot luck suppers regularly, generally once monthly. Wives and children are always present and participate in the many social events of the year.

We are proud that part of our dues, paid to each of these York Rite bodies, goes to the local Masonic Temple to help defray the cost of maintaining our Masonic birthplace as it were. In turn, this allows our Masonic Lodge Brother to pay much lower dues than would be necessary if we went elsewhere for further Masonic Light and Knowledge.

The York Rite Mason is proud of the work done with our youth. It was the ROYAL ARCH MASONS who first recognized and sponsored the Order of DeMolay for young men in Wisconsin—an activity in which many local Ma-sonic Lodges now participate. It was as a boy of sixteen that the writer first become acquainted with the Dad Advisors of his DeMolay Chapter. They were, to me and my DeMolay brethren at least, the grand-est group of men anywhere, and because of these dedicated men, many of us decided that we wanted to become Masons and members of the Royal Arch Chapter when we attained adulthood.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION has helped more than 68,000 young men and women complete their college education throughout the United States since its establishment in 1922. Presently, Wisconsin's Grand Commandery Foundation Committee is Number One throughout the Country with nearly $140,000, representing 98.9% of its available funds, being used by approximately 210 Wisconsin students who are completing their collegiate careers.

During the less than fifteen years of its existence, THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION has saved the sight of more than 13,000 persons and donated over $500,000 for research in the prevention of and cure for eye diseases causing blindness. All Knights Templar are proud of their annual contributions to this GREAT HUMANI-TARIAN CHARITY, and over 25,000, including nearly 800 from Wisconsin, have become Life Sponsors of this Foundation for Human Welfare.

Our Grand Commandery has estab-lished THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FOUNDATION OF WISCONSIN which is dedicated to helping the needy in the fields of education and charity. It has been of great help in preparing applicants for assistance from the Eye Foundation by paying for preliminary exam-inations, transportation, etc. Donations have also been made annually to help
CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

The Christmas observance as portrayed by New Haven Commandery has been a significant success.

In order to assure a continuity of this program New Haven Commandery is originating a Fund to be known as the “Christmas Observance Fund,” the income from which will be assigned to assist in defraying the operating expenses.

This cost which includes printing of the special bulletin, floral pieces, entertaining of high ranking Masons as guests and donations to guest speaker and choral group amount to at least $200 per year.

Our goal is $4000.00, the income from which at 5% would be $200.

Donations are solicited large and small. Please make out checks to “New Haven Commandery No. 2 Christmas Fund” and mail to Hubert W. Hope, Treasurer.

The progress may be slow but perseverance will conquer.

From the October Notice of New Haven Commandery No. 21, Connecticut.

Jacksonville York Rite Bodies Honor Past Presiding Officers

Past Presiding Officers of the Jacksonville York Rite Bodies were honored November 14 at the York Rite Temple, Jacksonville, according to Sir Knight J. Frank Nettles, K.Y.C.H., Florida.

A banquet at 6:30 p.m. was followed by entertainment provided by local Rainbow and DeMolay talent groups, and climaxed by an address by Harold LeRoy Beals of Miami, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Florida.


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the aged and infirm. This Foundation is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions for its continued existence, receiving sums frequently as memorials to departed Sir Knights, relatives and friends, and from testamentary trusts.

WHY BECOME A YORK RITE MASON? It continues the Masonic Education of the interested Brother in or near his home community, treating him as an individual; allowing him to further support his own Masonic Temple through his dues; giving him frequent opportunity to attend and participate in the conferral of Degrees and Orders; welcoming members of his family to social activities; allowing him to work with our youth; satisfying his need for giving by his contributions to our Philanthropies; and allowing a maximum of achievement when he can proudly declare, “I AM A YORK RITE MASON—I AM A KNIGHT TEMPLAR!”

From the thoughts of Karl A. Crane, P.G.C., Wisconsin

Many of Jacksonville’s Past Presiding Officers are also Past Presiding Officers (or in the line) of the Grand York Rite Bodies, including Orville A. Clark, G.H.P. in 1951; Wilbur W. Masters Jr., G.H.P. in 1953, and the present Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida, and Floyd M. Crippen, the present R.E. Grand King of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M., Florida.

Knights Templar Shrine Night in Philadelphia

Approximately 434 white Templar plumes and red Noble Fezzes mixed in an impressive display on Knights Templar Night, sponsored by Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 9, reports Sir Knight Frank W. Bobb, Pennsylvania.

Sir Knight and Noble G. Wilbur Bell, R.E. Deputy Grand Master and Past Potentate of Ansar Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Springfield, Illinois, spoke on Masonic Fellowship among various bodies for the event, which honored the contributions of Knights Templar to Lu Lu Temple and Shrinedom.

"Sir Knight Bell, in an inspiring message, stressed that yesterday is past, today is the time in which we live, tomorrow never comes," writes Sir Knight Bobb. Bell pointed out the value and importance of making the most of our todays.

Nobles and Templars, attending in full uniform under the dispensation of Pennsylvania Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson, were welcomed by Noble and Sir Knight George W. Kranish Jr., Illustrious Potentate of Lu Lu Temple. Kranish later presented 115 Sir Knights who were also Nobles, an attractive gold tie tack having the Knights Templar and Shrine emblems on it.

The entire Divan of Lu Lu Temple participated in the event including Nobles: Winner F. Delp, Chief Rabban; Pennsylvania Knights Templar attending "Knights Templar Night" sponsored by Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Principals of the evening, from left, Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, speaker; Illustrious Potentate George W. Kranish Jr. and Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson.

John F. Kull Jr., Assistant Rabban and programmer, Albert M. Battie, High Priest and Prophet; Fred H. Straub Jr., Oriental Guide; Jay Deaville, Treasurer; and John Paul Koitzsch, Recorder.

Among the Sir Knights and Nobles present from Pennsylvania were: Dallas F. Bullock, Past Grand Commander; John W. Laird, Grand Recorder; John A. Roth, Trustee and Howard T. Scull Jr., Division No. 1 Commander.

Also, Charles W. McDermott, Aide to the Grand Commander and Joseph Bomenbiet, Captain of the Escort.
GEORGIA IN THE NEWS

At a Fall meeting of Al Sinah Shrine Temple, Macon, Georgia, (below) checks for $600 were presented to the Scottish Rite Hospital and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Noble Emory Matthews, Potentate, presents checks to Nobles W. L. Barrineau, (center right) General Secretary of the Scottish Rite in Macon and J. E. Moseley, (far right) Grand Recorder. Looking on is Noble Jim Jones, Director of Al Sinah Shrine Circus.

Mrs. Cornelia Braddy, (above) Grand Royal Matron of Georgia, presents a check for $1,000 last Spring to Sir Knight Douglas H. Tidwell, then R.E. Grand Commander, for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY INSTALLS AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Officers of the newly-organized Ladies’ Auxiliary to Palestine Commandery No. 2 were installed October 7 by Sir Knight J. Iverson Carver, P.G.C., West Virginia.

The installation took place following the separate meetings of the Commandery and auxiliary at the Masonic Temple.

Sir Knight Carver commended the women for organizing the auxiliary, one of the few such groups in the state, and said that the Commandery is looking forward to experiencing a revitalization as a result of its formation.

Officers are: Mrs. Howard W. Fisher, wife of the Eminent Commander, president; Mrs. Max D. Bovey, wife of the Generalissimo, vice-president; Mrs. Douglas Rude, wife of the Senior Warden, secretary; Mrs. Earl Hays, wife of the Sword Bearer, treasurer; and Mrs. Robert Butler, wife of the Warden, chaplin.

Mrs. Milton Maisel, whose husband is a Past Commander, is card chairman, but was unable to be present for the installation due to illness.

New members, bringing the total to 23, were welcomed: Mrs. Robert Brumbaugh, Mrs. Norri Orndorff, Mrs. Harry Hesse, Mrs. Robert Barbour, Mrs. Allen Biedler, Mrs. Ernest Richards, Mrs. J. Iverson Carver and Mrs. Howard Tabler.

P.G.M. McAlister Speaks

Knight Companion H. Dwight McAlister, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, was the speaker at the traditional banquet November 2 at Fayetteville, North Carolina, of the annual assembly of St. John of Patmos Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. The speaker was presented by Knight Companion C. Wallace Jackson, Department Commander, Southeastern Department, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

St. John of Patmos was host to St. Titus Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and the candidates of each were jointly installed by Knight Companion Hiram J. Casebolt. Knight Companion Charles C. Rieker, Intendent General, directed the joint installation of officers of both Conclaves.
CHRISTMASTIDE MESSAGE FROM THE PRELATE
THE APPOINTED TIME

‘When the appointed time came, God sent his son.’
Galatians 4:4
(The Jerusalem Bible)

began to show man who God was and what God expected of man.

There is a mystery about light. There was a mystery about Jesus—there is a mystery about him. No God could be more manly; no man could be more Godly. And this is the mystery! The mystery will never be completely penetrated, but it is the mystery of light and, as after a long dark night men rejoice when the dawn comes, so when this Person came like light into the world men rejoiced.

His coming was like light, but not like the light of the sun. The sun, when it rises and when there are no clouds in the sky to intercept its brightness, completely overcomes the dark. His light was more like a search light—it did not overcome the darkness—it made a path through the darkness. Jesus did not take suffering out of the world—He stopped it in some cases—He relieved it in others. But in the end, He bore it himself that other people might be able to bear theirs also. It was a path through the darkness of suffering that he made. He did not take evil out of the world, or sin. He conquered it magnificently in himself, and by his own victory gives to other people the power to meet it in themselves. His light did not banish the darkness; it beat a path, as it were, through it. The path leads, we believe, to the light of perfect day where all things shall be clear and where we shall know even as we are known.

By the time St. John wrote his Gospel, Christ is reported to have said “I am the light of the world.” He is Light by which we walk, and in which we grow, like plants in the sun. He gave the light to other people—his disciples. To these men he said, “You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine, not that men may see you, but that men may see your Father who is in heaven.”

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Beauceant President Visits Oregon

Max G. Cogill, Oregon Correspondent, records an October visit to Western Oregon by Mrs. Charles Doey, Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant of the World. With Mrs. Doey are these Worthy Presidents: Mrs. G. R. Flood, Corvallis Assembly No. 201; Mrs. Van Svarvernd, Roseburg Assembly No. 223; Mrs. Doey; Mrs. Samuel W. Bentley, Eugene Assembly No. 198, the host Assembly; and Mrs. Roy Burright, Portland Assembly No. 41—the first Assembly organized in Oregon.

ACTION IN NEW JERSEY


In a letter to John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master, Sir Knight Brenner writes: "At this affair I was very much impressed to see Sir Knight Norman B. Moore (Commander, Odo de St. Amand No. 12) approach the East and present a check for $400.00 to our Grand Commander. These funds apparently were secured through the children's show."

Twenty-seven received the Orders at the festival. Sir Knight Brenner was unable to witness the first two, but says: "The Order of the Temple was conferred by Trinity Commandery and I have yet to see a better rendition of this most beautiful Order."

At the date the letter was written, forthcoming activities in New Jersey included the Annual Military Ball and a Templar Festival by Odo de St. Amand Commandery at Morristown during which 25 were scheduled to be Knighted.

... Appointed Time

Have we the right to be joyous at Christmas? Have we any right not to be joyous if we have seen the light that shines through the darkness and which in us can light some person's way through some dark place?

"We thank thee, O God, for the light that shines in the darkness, for the Christ who came into our world, and who uses us to be instruments of his glory and love. As we rejoice at Christmas, without forgetting the sadness and the sorrow that is all abroad in the world, we remember that light which the darkness cannot put out and which, if we will let it, will shine in us. Amen."

With our blessing,

... Knights Kadosh

edgement for the excellent courtesy and brotherly kindness displayed by your bodies in acting as escort of the Supreme Council upon the occasion of its holding a Lodge of Sorrow during its late session, as well as for the elegant banquet given its members and those in attendance upon its session, and for your many other courteous acts of kindness and hospitality and generous welcome.

"I perform this duty with infinite pleasure, and beg you to accept assurances of the fervent desire of the Supreme Council and all of its members for the increase and prosperity of your Commanderies, and the advancement of your Order, and for your own individual happiness and good fortune." Signed, Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander.

The above information was taken from the History of DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, Louisville, Kentucky, printed in 1897.
Praise Service Held by Dieu le Veut Commandery

The 39th annual breakfast and Praise Service of Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. was held at Irem Temple Country Club October 13, with Dr. Jule Ayers as speaker.

Participating in the services were the Commandery’s Malta Choir and the Brass Quartet under the direction of Sir Knight Earl McCarty, accompanied by Sir Knight William H. Lewis.

E. Commander Raymond C. Hyatt introduced Sir Knights: Leonard R. Heverly, Generalissimo and David C. Jones, Captain-General of the Commandery; Andrew O’Herko, District Deputy Grand Master and Wilbur H. Schang, Past District Deputy of Symbolic Masonry; Harry H. Ritts, High Priest of Shekinah Chapter; Jesse T. Wilson, Capitular District Deputy Grand High Priest and Charles H. Weaver, Past Grand High Priest. Also, Sir

JOHN H. LOREE PRESIDES OVER HONOR BANQUET

The Bay City, Michigan, Scottish Rite Reunion in honor of Secretary Emeritus, Charles E. Sharp, 33°, was climaxied October 26 by a Reunion banquet with John H. Loree, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, presiding. Sir Knight Loree, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, is chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations.

Featured speaker for the evening was Clyde A. Fulton, 32°, Deputy for Michigan, who was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan in 1933.

Another banquet highlight was the presentation of a Knight Templar Fifty Year Membership Certificate to Sir Knight Sharp by Michigan’s present Grand Commander, Stanley H. Raidle.

Principals at the affair, from 1. to r., are Sir Knights: Peter G. George, Recorder; Rev. Fred M. Eister, Associate Prelate; G. Calvin Dyson, Grand Commander; Rev. Dr. Jule Ayers, Grand Prelate; Rev. Edmund L. Johnson, Associate Prelate, and Commander Raymond C. Hyatt.

Knights: Peter G. George, District Deputy and Harvey O. Nielsen, Grand Principal Conductor of work of Cryptic Masonry; David N. Schooelen, Chanelellor of Caldwell Consistory and Past Potenteate of Irem Temple; and G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commandery

Accompanying Grand Commander Dyson, who addressed the group briefly, were Sir Knights: Earl H. Baer and Howard T. Scull, Division Commanders; Walter H. Heintzelman, Grand Sword Bearer; Walter B. Pearce, Grand Marshal; George E. Garrett, Grand Standard Bearer; David J. Godshall, Grand Trustee; Rev. Dr. Ayers, and William D. Geesey, Grand Generalissimo.

Sharon Hengen, Worthy Advisor

Sharon Kaye Hengen, daughter of Sir Knight and Mrs. Louis Hengen, was recently installed Worthy Advisor of Biloxi Assembly No. 6, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, in the Masonic Temple, Biloxi, Mississippi. Another officer installed was Sharon’s sister, Jamie Lynn Hengen. Their father, a Past Grand Commander and a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, is chairman of the Assembly’s Advisory Board.
The Star of Bethlehem

By Wallace L. Davis, Past Commander, Allen Commandery No. 20, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Occasion: Christmas Observance, Oregon Commandery No. 1, Portland, Oregon, December 17, 1964.

"Where is He that is born King of the Jews; for we have seen His Star in the east and are come to worship Him." St. Matthew 2:2.

One evening some time ago a friend of mine, whom I shall not designate as an atheist, neither as an agnostic, but rather as a free-thinker, accompanied me to the planetarium at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. It was shortly before Christmas. I was hoping that the planetarium lecture would include something about the Star of Bethlehem. My friend was thinking along the same lines, as he asked me whether I could rationalize the story of the Star by proven astronomical facts. (He knew that I am an amateur astronomer.) I mentioned three, which were later confirmed by the lecturer.

First, it could have been a hyperbolic comet. Such comets come into the solar system on wide arcs, pass the sun at speeds greater than twenty-six miles a second, and then go back into the depths of interstellar space, never to return. (A comet coming into the solar system at a lesser speed than twenty-six miles a second will probably be pulled into the system and put into orbit around the sun by the sun's gravitational attraction; then it becomes a periodic comet.) The best-known periodic comet (Halley's) appeared in 1531, 1607, 1682, 1758, 1858, and 1910. Its next appearance will be in 1985.

A comet is a comparatively small body of cosmic matter with a long appendage usually referred to as a tail. As the tail of a comet always points away from the sun, the tail of a comet appearing in the east after sunset would point directly downward into the eastern horizon, and it could have been as St. Matthew describes it. There would have been what appeared to be a star in the east with rays pointing downward.

Second, it could have been a conjunction of the three major planets that could have appeared and been seen in the east after sunset; Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Each of these planets is brighter than most stars and can easily be distinguished from the stars around them. Mars is red, Jupiter is blue and Saturn is pale yellow. This kind of a conjunction actually appeared to be so close together that their appearance was that of a single star. This does not mean that they were close together physically—they were millions of miles apart—but they were in line with each other in the same part of the sky. This is an extremely rare phenomenon and will not recur for fifty thousand years.

Third, it could have been a new star. New stars blaze out ever so often, show up brilliantly in the surrounding heavens, and then either disappear altogether or sink into a very low magnitude. (I saw one of them in 1901.) They are at unfathomable distances, but during their bright periods they will outshine almost any star in the heavens. My theory of new stars is that they are creations, of other worlds without form and void, and what we see is the Light brought to them by the Almighty.

I am only mentioning these possibilities as answers to a question that is sometimes asked. My own thought is that the Light of the Star of Bethlehem appeared but once, and that it was a sign direct from the Holy Throne of the Eternal Supreme Grand Master of the Universe to show where His Son, Whom He had sent to this earth to be the Saviour of Mankind, could be found, and that the Star will not be seen again until the Saviour shall return in all His majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, and Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
Traveling Templars

Among the varied activities of Grand Encaum ment elected and appointed officers in October were:

Roy W. Rieglo, Grand Generalissimo: Represented Grand Master Crofts at Annual Conclave of New Hampshire at Clarendon October 6-7 and served as speaker at the Annual Grand Commandery’s banquet; presented the centennial address at the Centennial Observance of Kansas City Commandery No. 10; attended Saline, Kansas, York Rite Festival October 19 when 30 candidates received the York Rite degrees and Orders; attended with all other elected Grand Encampment officers the Templar Funeral Service by Detroit Commandery for Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, P.G.M.; was Preceptor in conferral of 30th Degree at Scottish Rite Reunion October 31 at Topeka.

Alvin L. Crump, North Central Department Commander: Was honored by Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, when Fall Class was named The Alvin L. Crump Class as a salute to his many contributions to York Rite Masonry.

Abner C. Sager, East Central Department Commander: Served as Marshal for Grand Master Crofts at installation of officers at Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery of Ohio, October 4-7, “first open installation held in Ohio.” Also was a judge in competitive drills. Attended Inspection of Howell Commandery No. 28, Howell, Michigan, where he was told by Eminent Commander Hoisington that Howell was unable to participate in the Grand Master’s special Knight Templar Magazine subscription campaign! Reason—all members (144) already are subscribers!

Also attended Inspections of Genesee Valley, Lansing and Marshall Commanderies; present, as Chancellor in the Conistory, for Scottish Rite Reunion, Bay City, October 26; attended Templar Funeral Service for Sir Knight Brucker at Detroit. Sir Knight Sager notes that the East Central Department Conference has been scheduled March 8, 1969, at Dayton, Ohio.

C. Wallace Jackson, Southeast Department Commander: A major event was the Department Conference, with Sir Knight Jackson presiding, at Macon, Georgia, where Grand Recorder J. E. Moseley, P.G.C., handled local arrangements—including room reservations. Attendees from eight states included Grand Master Crofts and Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment. The Conference (October 26) featured presentation by Sir Knight Crofts on York Rite Unity.

Carl J. Baesemann, North Pacific Department Commander: Was three-time speaker in early November. At November 1 conferment of Order of Temple, Jefferson Commandery No. 39, Golden, Colorado; at Lodge and ladies’ night banquet of Haughton Lodge No. 164, A.F. & A.M., Haughton, Colorado; at banquet for Columbian Commandery No. 18 Reception for Grand Commander Swandt, November 9 at Sioux City, Iowa.

MASONRY IN ACTION—WEBH

Augmenting information in the November issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, Del Robinson, a member of Siolom Commandery No. 54, Illinois, is Director of Radio Ministry for the Illinois Masonic Medical Center. In this capacity, he conducts “Masonry in Action” each Sunday morning over WEBH, an FM station in Chicago’s Pick Congress Hotel broadcasting on 93.9 megacycles. The schedule and participants were listed last month.
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The youth, the man, the Christian Knight
The love of Christ his armor bright,
The sword of truth his righteous might.

His life of service faithful, true,
His strength in God to follow through
Till Heaven's Host came into view.

His record on the perfect scroll,
His answer to the final roll —
The joy of his immortal soul.

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