PROJECT 1969!

The Grand Master Says...

Do you wonder whether the word in the title above is a noun or a verb? Then read on, please!

During the year the Grand Master and his staff, with the support of the Grand Commanders and their staffs, will project Templar activities deemed progressive and necessary for the general good of the Order. Such projections will be by all available means, and will include at least:

. . a healthy membership growth, with careful local attention to pre-planning of ritualistic work and a careful canvass of eligible Masons, at least twice during the year and with close coordination of planning with the Chapters and Councils;

. . a special involvement with and support of the Order of DeMolay in its 50th Anniversary Year, including at least financial support by those able to give it of the 50th Anniversary celebration to be held in Kansas City on July 1-4, joint church attendance of DeMolays and Templars and incidental social affairs (by commandery invitation) on or near Easter or the March 18 anniversary date of DeMolay, by the sponsorship of and involvement in the induction of special DeMolay classes dedicated to PGM Wilber M. Brucker, and increased publicity of DeMolay activities through Knight Templar Magazine and otherwise;

. . another annual campaign for voluntary contributions to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. to meet increased costs of surgery and hospitalization and provide for a healthy growth of our healing mission without increased assessment, through individual and commandery giving as financial ability may permit;

. . a well rounded program in every commandery, with attention to an enjoyable social program and emphasis on religious observances and support of our churches and ministers, on our educational system and our Educational Foundation, our Eye Foundation and other charitable works, and interest in our civic and patriotic institutions;

. . advance planning for a great assembly of Templars and their families at Denver for the 51st Triennial Conclave to be held on August 22-27, 1970;

. . the successful completion and smooth operation of systems necessary to delivering Knight Templar Magazine to all members beginning in July;

. . improved public relations and general communications, so that our own members and the public may better identify who we are and what we are doing.

But the success of these projections depends finally and completely upon whether they are embraced as projects by the local commanderies and made effective by commandery actions. Templary is essentially composed of commanderies — our success or failure depends upon local success or failure in the aggregate — the responsibilities and the opportunities are your at the local level.

Please! Will you review at once your own projected commandery activity for 1969? Are your goals high enough? Is your program vital enough and broad enough to demand the interest and loyalty of your members and the respect of your community?
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

On page 15, November, 1968 of Knight Templar there was an article on the Royal Arch Masons Children’s Heart Foundation, Inc.

The article interested me to the extent that I would like to become a life member of the Foundation. Enclosed is my check for thirty dollars.

The check is being sent to you as I found no address of the Foundation. It would be appreciated if you will forward check to the proper address.

George S. Derry, Jr.
Montgomery Royal Arch Chapter No. 262
Ascension Commandery No. 97
Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Editor’s Note: Letter and contribution were forwarded to Cecil M. Ward, P.G.H.
P.G.C., 8017 Meridian Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington 98103.

Shawnee, Oklahoma

The Tom W. Goodwin York Rite Festival took on an international flavor, a totally unexpected turn of events. We were honored by the attendance of Companion Les Layton Johnson, whose membership is in the York Rite Bodies of Wiesbaden, Germany.

Attendance by Companion Johnson, however, was just one of the highlights of the Chapter-Council portion of the Festival, Saturday, October 26, at the Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City. . . .

Ninety six candidates and Companions were served at lunch; 102 at the evening meal, both prepared and served by the ladies of Queen Christina Court No. 11, Order of Amaranth. . . .

All four York Rite Grand Bodies were well represented. There were 26 candidates for the Super Excellent Master degree.

Frederick J. Smith, P.G.C.

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Kilgore, Texas

An item clipped from the Kilgore News Herald regarding the mention of the paper in the Knight Templar Magazine:

"L. J. Nelson rates thanks, too, for handing us a copy of the Knight Templar, official publication for the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States. The magazine, distributed to thousands across the nation, quoted from our paper's story about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and the various types of aid it provides."

L. B. Nelson, Sec'y-Recorder
Kilgore York Rite Masonic Bodies

Groton, Connecticut

Thought you might find this clipping interesting. Please return for my scrapbook.

"Lodge 13, Limerick ... is the proud possessor of what is claimed to be the oldest Masonic jewel extant. It is dated 1519 and consists of a small brass square engraved with the words: I live with love and cure, by the level and on the square.

"It was found by a workman when Baals Bridge, crossing the Abbey River, Limerick, was demolished in the last century and, apparently, it had been built in among the masonry."

Leslie A. Newby

Please Pass The Word

Maintaining a correct address listing with the Constituent Commandery or Subordinate Commandery Recorders is a need that bears repetition. For the benefit of his own contact with Templary and to avoid unnecessary costs for the Order, it is important that each Knight Templar keep the Recorder of his home Commandery advised regarding his current address. If the Constituent and Subordinate Commandery Recorders have the correct information, all other records (in Grand Commandery and Encampment) will agree.

As a continuing project it will be helpful if all readers of the Knight Templar Magazine will pass along the reminder about up-to-date addresses to other members.

Morgantown, West Virginia

Our R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Earle G. Helmick, alerted all Grand Officers and Past Grandals that Sir Knight Rocco J. Gorman, P.D.C., was celebrating a birthday last September 15. Sir Knight Gorman, born in 1888, received a great number of cards.

In the picture are: George C. Lazenby, G.S.B.; Howard W. Ball, P.G.C.; C. A. Ogle, P.G.C., and the birthday celebrant, Sir Knight Rocco J. Gorman, who was Central Atlantic Department Commander of the Grand Encampment from 1952 to 1955.

All of the above are members of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, Charleston, West Virginia.

Robert H. Bowlby,
Grand Recorder

PERSONAL PUBLIC RELATION

Suggestion: When you receive a community recognition, make a point of listing your Knight Templar membership in any resulting press coverage. Example: You become a member of your American National Red Cross board, of your School board, or receive a promotion in your profession. When your background is listed, be sure your Knight Templar affiliation is noted.

The Order of Knights Templar deserves this public identification with you, and you deserve the identification with Knight Templary.

P.C.R.
“TO HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT” — A REVIEW

It is difficult to be objective in reviewing a book written by Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker. The love and respect in which she is held by everyone in or associated with the Grand Encampment and the Order of Knights Templar, and the admiration and veneration with which we regard the memory of her late husband, combine to impose a great handicap to objectivity.

If it were uninteresting, it would be no effort at all to hail it as interesting and enjoyable. Fortunately, it is interesting, enjoyable, informative—and more!

If you know Clara H. Brucker not at all, you will find her story of Wilber M. Brucker’s years in the Pentagon a fascinating excursion into the pageantry of official Washington, a rewarding “first person” introduction to famous persons and faraway places.

If you know Mrs. Brucker well, your appreciation of the volume will be increased in ratio to the degree of your association with her. You will find her observations and expressions of her own viewpoint informative and revealing—the kind of feeling you gain when a friend takes you on a personal tour and gives you a special introduction to persons you’re read about but haven’t had the opportunity to meet.

“To Have Your Cake and Eat It” is honest and direct, chatty without being fatuous, factual without sounding like a guidebook, observant without being picaresque.

It has a first-hand knowledge and awareness that is refreshing. When you read about “fabulous Hong Kong,” you see the airstrip, the mountains, the ferries, terraces and sampans. When Clara H. Brucker takes you to Bonn, where she converses in German with Army officials and diplomats, you share her enjoyment of the people she meets, the scenes she sees (and snaps!), the impressions of the Germans and of the country.

You’re intrigued with her first formal invitation to an Embassy dinner. The Secretary, after accepting for both, was called out of Washington. “Although uncertain of protocol, I gritted my teeth and braved the ordeal alone,” she writes. “Suffering from a cold, I had hoped the guest of honor would know enough to take his leave soon after the dinner, so that the other guests would not be detained because of his thoughtlessness.” As it developed, she was the guest of honor!

It’s a delightful book, a tribute to Wilber M. Brucker by the one who knew him best, and a friendly, absorbing account of life in the capitals of the world.

(Published November 30, 1968 by Vantage Press. $4.95 at your bookstores.)

Beauchante News

Carson City Assembly No. 236, Social Order of the Beauchante was constituted at Carson City, Nevada, Masonic Temple during the afternoon of November 9. Mrs. Homer B. Miller, Past Supreme Worthy President, was the constituting officer by authority of Mrs. Charles E. Doey, Supreme Worthy President.

Las Vegas Assembly No. 207 presided for the Assembly opening and initiation, with Mrs. Herbert Dixon as President and Mrs. Edwin Zimmerle as Oracle. Twenty nine charter members were initiated. Escort was provided for Mrs. Homer B. Miller, Glendale (California) Assembly No. 45, and Mrs. Karl Gutwein, Pasadena (California) Assembly No. 44, both P.S.W.P.’s, together with five Supreme Officers and three Supreme Committee members.

At eight an Open Installation was held to install the new officers: Mrs. Edward M. Block, Pres.; Mrs. Roy E. Parsons, Oracle; Mrs. Fred Vonsild, 1st V.P.; Mrs. John A. Morgan, 2nd V.P.; Installing Officers, Past Supreme Officers of the Supreme Assembly and residents of California were: Mrs. Homer B. Miller, P.S.W.P., Installing Officer; Mrs. Cordon Purdy, Supreme Marshal, Installing Marshal; Mrs. Karl Gutwein, P.S.W.P., Assistant Installing Marshal.

Visitors included Sir Knight Lawrence Metcalfe, D.G.C., Nevada; Herbert Pfeufer, G.G.; John Williams, D.C.G.; Earl White, G.S.W.; Clarence Jones, G.J.W.; Fred Vonsild, G.W.; Bob Stevenson, Grand Prelate.

Mrs. Clarence I. Hammet
A SALUTE TO THE LADIES

A close association with Christian men and women, being showered with attention and warm hospitality, seeing points of interest and beauty, the pleasure of meeting old friends, and the feeling that their husbands are serving a great Christian organization with sincerity, enthusiasm, and a true desire to make Templary a moving force in the chaotic world of today—are some reflections on what 15 refreshingly enthusiastic women enjoy most about their vital roles as wives of the present and past Grand Encampment elected Officers and Department Commanders.

In a recent interview with the wives of the Grand Master, Mrs. John (FRANCES) Crofts; Deputy Grand Master, Mrs. G. Wilbur (ALMA) Bell; Grand Generalissimo, Mrs. Roy W. (KEITH) Riegle; Grand Captain General, Mrs. Willard M. (MARGARET) Avery; Past Grand Master, Mrs. Walter A. (ROSALIND) DeLamater; Past Grand Master, Mrs. Wilber M. (CLARA) Brucker; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Edmund F. (VIRGINIA) Ball; Grand Recorder, Mrs. Paul C. (HAZEL) Rodenhausen.

Department Commanders—South Pacific, Mrs. Harold S. (MARGUERITE) Gorman; North Pacific, Mrs. Carl J. (RUTH) Baesemann; South Central, Mrs. William R. (MARILYN) Robbins; North Central, Mrs. Alvin L. (MILDRED) Crump; East Central, Mrs. Abner C. (EVELYN) Sager; Southeastern, Mrs. C. Wallace ("PINKIE") Jackson; North Atlantic, Mrs. Frank L. (ELIZABETH) Bourke; each revealed a particular involvement with Templary and her husband’s activities. Such involvement ranged from “helping Ab remember people!” (Evelyn Sager), “packing for my husband, making sure he has all his tickets” (Mildred Crump), being a general secretary (Alma Bell and Keith Riegle), and assisting as a traveling companion, promoting friendship and fraternal relations (Hazel Rodenhausen and Elizabeth Bourke). Margaret Avery also includes in her specific duties as wife of the Grand Captain General, “saying a few words at the ladies’ luncheons,” along with Clara Brucker who remembers “responding to introductions and making remarks when called upon.”

Frances Crofts summarizes by quoting from her minister’s wife, “I think my only duty is to take care of him.” How-

The late Sir Knight Brucker and his wife Clara, in her original wedding gown, pose for the occasion of their 44th Wedding Anniversary with Dr. Herbert B. Hudnut, family friend, and Sir Knight and Mrs. Ed Holloway (P.D.C.), who were also celebrating their Wedding Anniversary. The picture was taken at the Brucker home in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, during an August 18, 1967 dinner party.
ever, she adds humorously, "You also learn to wear comfortable shoes to stand three hours in a receiving line and learn to grasp a hand a certain way in order not to lose the use of it. The last hour it is considered socially correct to use the left hand instead of the right (that’s not what Amy Vanderbuilt says, it’s what Frances Crofts says!)

Their fraternal affiliations in the Order of the Eastern Star, Social Order of the Beauceant and Royal Arch Widows also keep the ladies active and busy.

Mrs. Frank Bourke lists among her Masonic affiliated memberships First Worthy Advisor in the State of Maine for the Order of Rainbow Girls. Mrs. Abner Sager was Past Directress, Impressario for the Jesterettes. Mrs. Wilbur Bell, among other affiliations, boasts a 40 year membership with the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Willard Avery, also a member of the Eastern Star, is Past Worthy Matron, Past Grand Ruth, Past District Deputy, Past Grand Representative and Present Treasurer of her local Chapter. Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker organized a sewing group in 1943 as the wife of the Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1.

A quick look into their personal lives also reveals accomplishments in areas outside fraternal affiliations. Mrs. John Crofts, at the request of the Sarasota County Board of Public Instruction, started and has directed for six years a kindergarten for underprivileged children supported by the Methodist Women. She also started and operates the Methodist Bargain Center, a thrift shop where the money made is used for charitable enterprises. Mrs. Walter A. DeLaMater spends hours every day typing letters and reports, gathering information and going over proofs for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. "Who could ask for more?" she asks when talking about being a part of a foundation which has "restored almost 13,000 persons with vision and contributed over $530,000 dollars for research."

Mrs. William Robbins displays special talents in the music field. Organist for the First Christian Church, she is attending Union Theological Seminary for graduate work in pipe organ, the School of Music. Mrs. Edmund Ball, the mother of five children, is President of the Muncie Symphony League, Past President of the Muncie Arts Association and Board member of the Ball Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

a Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, Mrs. Bell and her husband, Wilbur.

Attending 1967 Triennial breakfast in Detroit, 1967 are, from left, Mrs. DeLamater and her husband, Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, Mrs. Bell and her husband, Wilbur.

a Republican Judge in her precinct.

In traveling with their husbands to different parts of the country, the wives have special memories of the places they visited and the people they met.

Among the many colorful and exciting memories of Rosalind DeLamater is the Grand Master’s train in 1949 to San Francisco, with stops at the Grand Canyon Yellowstone Park, Carlsbad Caverns, Tijuana, Mexico, Los Angeles Knotts Berry Farm and then on to San Francisco where an unforgettable sight awaited her. A mass of golden chrysanthemums in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Gold Rush.

After 18 years of visitations Rosalind DeLamater will never forget the 1958 Indianapolis Triennium. The parade, she reminisced, was one of the “most outstanding I had ever seen at any Triennial. Indiana went all out for us with floats, Sir Knights on horse back and the many thousands of Sir Knights who marched to the battle cry of ‘Onward Christian Soldiers’” Mrs. DeLamater speaks with fondness of the “trout breakfast” and red rocks of Colorado, Glacier National Park, where “the General” was made a member of the Blackfoot tribe, the Canal Zone, where “I had the pleasure of pushing the buttons to let one of our big boats go through the locks on the Canal” and then, of course, “my second home, Texas, where Past Grand Master, John Temple Rice, took me to see a field of Texas blue bonnets, and the folks were so generous. I left a little piece of my heart there.”

Frances Crofts recalls the Florida DeMolay Conclave where “we enjoyed a dinner with Astronaut Captain Wally Schirra (Honorary of Honor) and were thrilled to see 1,000 young men listen intently as Captain Schirra advised them to adopt high goals.”
First on the list of events the ladies are looking forward to is the Easter Memorial service at Arlington National cemetery. Marilyn Robbins, who attended last year for the first time, sees the service as "absolutely" thrilling."

Frances Crofts describes the splendor and glory of the occasion as she expects to see it in 1969 from remembrances of past attendance. "There, in the morning light, I will see white plumes glistening, flags and bannsants flowing in the breeze, the colorful clothing of the people in the Amphitheater. I will hear the Marine Corps band play 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' the Army Chorus singing, an inspiring Easter message delivered by the Grand Prelate, and the singing of The Lord's Prayer. At last the seven-foot cross of Easter lilies will be placed on the Unknown Soldiers tomb. In the hurry-burly life of today, this is one event that still makes my heart tingle."

Another event being anticipated by the ladies is, of course, the 1970 Triennial in Denver, where "some of the finest people in the world," as added by Hazel Rodenhauser, will gather to renew acquaintances and meet new friends. Alma Bell, is especially looking forward to Denver "where Wilbur expects to become Grand Master."

Throughout their Templar years, the wives of the present and past Grand Encampment elected Officers and Department Commanders have experienced many emotional thrills—the warmth extended by people across the country, honors bestowed upon their husbands, inspirational services—all have become part of the lives of these Templar ladies. "Each year in every way, seems to be more rewarding than the previous one," comments Ruth Baesemann.

When speaking of the highlights in their lives, our 15 "lovely ladies" best express their special involvement and participation in Templary. Marguerite Gorman and "Pinkie" Jackson describe their most rewarding and thrilling experience watching their respective husbands being installed Department Commanders in the Chapel in Detroit. Elizabeth Bourke recalls her highlight at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine when "Frank was Grand Commander and arranged a State celebration for the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment at which Mrs. and the late Wilber M. Brucker were special guests."

Clara Brucker will always remember—"the acceptance of thousands of Knights Templar and their ladies of the invitation to be our guests in Detroit at the 50th Golden Triennial of the Grand Encampment in August 1967. Our hearts were warmed by their enthusiastic response."

And thus, we have caught the personalities of the wives of the present and past Grand Encampment elected Officers and Department Commanders as they reflect on their lives, and in them, the presence of Templary. Each is distinct in her own right—but all have a common bond—a love for Templary, a respect for its ideals and the hope that its ranks will continue to grow and shed a shining light for all Christian men to follow.
MARVIN E. FOWLER HEADS COMMITTEE ON EASTER SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, has announced the names of the committee for the 1969 and 1970 Easter Sunrise Memorial Services at Arlington National Cemetery. The new chairman of the Committee is Marvin B. Fowler, 1904 White Oak Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master, again will serve as Liaison Officer.

General Bruce C. Clarke has been named Honorary Chairman. Honorary Vice Chairmen are: Sprague H. Carter, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; George A. Newbury, Sovereign Commander, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Luther A. Smith, Sovereign Commander, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Southern Masonic Jurisdiction; and C. W. Ellwood Smyrk, General Grand Master, General Grand Council. All the Honorary Vice Chairmen are Past Commanders of their respective Commanderies of Knights Templar.


Let’s Go Command-ery

Let’s go Command-ery one night,
You haven’t been for years,
Let’s don our bibs and tuckers, white,
and sit among the peers,
I feel a kind of longing, boy,
To see you climb those stairs,
I know you’d get a thrill of joy,
And lay aside your cares.

I’d like to get out on the floor,
And count a full side line,
I’d like to see you all, once more,
Giving the same old sign,
I’m sure the praises you will sing,
When you hear the organ play,
And too, you’ll hear the old swords ring,
The old familiar way.

I think the Sentinel will let you in:
Although he’ll hesitate,
And then, you’ll see the same old grin
— “Come on or you’ll be late,”
Pass up your bridge or drive-in show,
Your wrestling bout or fight,
Switch off that darned old video,
Let’s go Command-ery one night.

Enjoyed and relayed by
Richard E. Monroe
Commander St. Omer Commandery No. 1
Massachusetts
“The Grand Masters’ Conference”— What It Is and What It Does

The distinguished author of this timely article for the "Knight Templar Magazine" is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, Sir Knight Samuel W. McIntosh, whose biographical summary is listed at the conclusion of the article.

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America presents an opportunity for the leaders of Masonry in the United States and Canada to confer among themselves and with representatives of sister jurisdictions (many from overseas), and to exchange ideas for the betterment of Freemasonry.

The Conference seeks only to exchange views, to engender Masonic fellowship, and to strengthen the ties that bind Freemasons together. No action of the Conference is binding in any way upon any jurisdiction, each Grand Lodge being sovereign in its own jurisdiction.

If Grand Masters really confer, they cannot help but be better prepared to handle the affairs of the high office they hold, as a result of hearing from other Grand Masters how they have advanced Masonry in their jurisdictions, what programs have been most productive, and how problems facing the Fraternity have been or may be solved.

This article does not attempt to present a history of the Conference. That has been done by Conrad Hahn, Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, the Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, in "A Short History of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America," published by the Association, September 15, 1963.

While there have been Masonic "congresses" and "conventions" from time to time, the Conference of Grand Masters, as we know it today, had its beginning in 1925 and 1926 in Chicago and later in Washington, D. C., in connection with the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

The Conference of Grand Masters is historically tied in with the meetings of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association. The laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial first set the pattern for a "National Masonic Week" in Washington. The need for cooperation and for some organization to act and speak for Grand Lodges from a Masonic standpoint, gave rise to the creation of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, which will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 1969. A history of the Association will be published for that anniversary.

All of this crystallized in the need and the opportunity for a conference of Grand Masters to exchange views for mutual benefit. The Conference is, as its name implies, a Conference of Grand Masters. It is not a meeting of Grand Lodges.

By the rules of the Conference, those who are not Grand Masters speak only with the permission of their own Grand Master. This is not to deprive the Conference of the wisdom and knowledge of those who have previously served in that high office, but merely to prevent a "take over" of the Conference by Past Grand Masters, some of whom have limited terminal facilities. Any Grand Master may request the Conference to accord to one of his Past Grand Masters, or in fact any other person, the privilege of addressing the Conference. An exception is made when discussion groups are held.
The Conference of Grand Masters is unique in that each Conference completes its work and adjourns; unless action is taken looking to a subsequent Conference, the body ceases to exist. It is the usual custom to elect a Committee on Time and Place, composed of Deputy Grand Masters who at the time of the next Conference will be reigning Grand Masters. These Brethren present a report prior to adjournment and recommend the place and date of the next Conference.

Likewise, a Conference Committee is elected, composed of eight Deputy Grand Masters. This Committee, with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, prepares an agenda for the succeeding Conference.

In most jurisdictions, Grand Masters serve for a term of one year only. It necessarily follows that the majority of the members of each Conference become Past Grand Masters prior to the meeting of the next regular Conference.

It must be remembered that each Grand Lodge is sovereign in its own jurisdiction. In the United States there are forty-nine Grand Lodges, including the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The Masons of Alaska owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington; those of Hawaii, to the Grand Lodge of California.

There is no national or general grand lodge of the United States. The idea has often been advanced, first in the effort to install George Washington as General Grand Master. His reluctance to accept and subsequent resistance to the proposal have practically set at rest any desire for such an organization.

There are nine Grand Lodges in the Provinces of Canada, but not all of them send representatives to the Conference. Those Canadian Grand Lodges who do participate have contributed much to the general success of the Conference, and have created lasting Masonic friendship on both sides of the invisible border.

Masonic week in Washington, as it has come to be known, centers around the 22nd day of February, the birthdate of Brother George Washington, and the date of the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in Alexandria, Virginia.

The period is given over to the sessions of the Conference of Grand Masters, the Conference of Grand Secretaries, and the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association, as well as that of the Memorial Association.

Occasionally the agenda of the Conference has been changed, from addresses to speakers on positive and negative sides of some Masonic subject, and more recently to several group discussions of particular topics. Grand Masters and others attending are free to elect and to participate in the discussion of one of the subjects chosen for consideration. A Grand Master is designated as leader of the discussion group; another is assigned as a reporter to submit a report to the Conference. He gives a summary of the findings and conclusions of the group as to the proposition discussed.

The Conference is called to order by the Grand Master who was elected Chairman of the preceding conference. In the absence of last year’s Chairman, the Vice Chairman opens the Conference. That office was created a few years ago to provide for an emergency, and to recognize States not having had a Conference Chairman previously.

As the meeting is held in the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, he is accorded the privilege of giving an address of welcome. This is followed by a response on the part of one of the attending Grand Masters.

The Chairman of the Conference Committee which has arranged the agenda for the meeting makes his report, setting forth the program and rules to be followed. A brief report is made by the Executive Secretary. The Chairman of the Conference Committee presents the name of a Grand Master to serve as Conference Chairman; the name of a Grand Master to serve as Vice Chairman; eight Deputy Grand Masters to serve as a Conference Committee for the next Conference; and eight Deputy Grand Masters to serve on the Committee on Time and Place.
JOHN L. CROFTS NIGHT — COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

The Sir Knights of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, and their ladies gathered at the Center of Adult Education Building, University of Maryland, Saturday afternoon, November 23, to honor Grand Master John L. Crofts Sr., and Mrs. Crofts at a reception. This was followed by a banquet in honor of the Grand Master at 6:30 p.m.

Distinguished guests: Grand Master of Maryland Masons, M.W. and Sir Knight William B. Stansbury Jr.; Department Commander Frank L. Bourke; P.D.C. John B. Cottrell, Jr., Chairman, Patriotic and Civic Activities; Maryland Grand Commander Alton G. Billmeier; District of Columbia Grand Commander Frank L. Moreland; M.P. General Grand Master, General Grand Council, R. & S.M., C. Ellwood Smyrk; M.E. Grand High Priest, Maryland Grand Chapter, Roy V. Ringer; M.I. Grand Master Maryland Grand Council, Leland Noel; Two Maryland Past Grand Masters of Masons; Past Grand Commanders and Grand officers of Maryland, D.C., and Virginia; and others.

Grand Commander Billmeier gave the Grand Master an album of Letters of Greeting on behalf of St. Elmo Commandery; and the Eminent Commander of St. Elmo Commandery, Lloyd O. Eshenour, presented him the Legion of Merit of St. Elmo Commandery with a Silver Circle of Distinction. Mrs. Eshenour surprised Mrs. Crofts with a pin on behalf of the Hyattsville Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Mrs. Jeannette Lautenschlager was featured in a program of music with one song dedicated to Past Grand Master Brucker while all stood in silent tribute.

The Grand Master spoke on the needs and opportunities of Templary and stressed the need for all Commanderies to become involved in the Templary program and its humanitarian charity—The Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Master of Ceremonies was Sir Knight Leighton E. Harrell, P.C. of St. Elmo Commandery, who, prior to introducing the Grand Master, presented Mrs. Crofts with a porcelain doll especially made for her.

Dept. Commander Baesemann Speaks At Iowa Reception

Carl J. Baesemann, R.E. Department Commander, was a speaker for the November 9 reception by Columbia Commandery No. 18, Sioux City, Iowa, at the Sioux City Masonic Temple for Sir Knight Herbert A. Schwanndt, Iowa's Grand Commander. Grand Junior Warden Melvin L. Hagberg, also a member of Columbia Commandery, shared in the reception honors.

The speaker highlighted the 1970 Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, when the Grand Commanderies of Iowa and Colorado would serve as joint hosts for the nation's Knights Templar at Denver.

Commander Kenneth L. Bolton welcomed the 226 Knights and ladies in attendance. Gifts were presented to Grand Warden Hagberg from their home Commandery. Entertainment featured the Abu Bekr Shrine Chanters.

A feature of the decorations for the banquet hall was a floral centerpiece of red and white chrysanthemums, pompon and carnations—a presentation by Sioux City Consistory No. 6. Correspondent Claude K. Bradley, P.G.C., points out that Sir Knight Schwanndt has received the K.C.C.H. from the Scottish Rite.
Consider a Drill Team for Commandery
Espirit' de Corps

Presenting Howell Commandery No. 28 for Exhibition Drill at State Conclave

John H. Loree, P.G.C., Michigan, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations, cites Howell Commandery No. 28, Howell, Michigan, for the enthusiasm and pride with which it supports its Sir Knights in exhibition and competitive drills and in street parades. Howell Commandery's story is told by William R. Parker, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Although the Competitive Drill Team of Howell Commandery No. 28 of Howell, Michigan, is a relative newcomer to the Drill Competition at Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, having competed just four times, it is an enthusiastic and hardworking team with high hopes of entering the winner's circle at Denver in 1970.

Howell is a city of 4,500 people, the county seat and largest town in rural Livingston County. Howell Commandery has a membership of 142.

In spite of its size, Howell Commandery has a proud history of active participation in all kinds of drill corps activity.

The first public street parade of this Commandery was in 1904, when Albert L. Smith, Captain General, organized a march to Lakeview cemetery, accompanied by a local band, for an Ascension Sunday Memorial Service. This became an annual observance, with the Howell High School Band and Madrigal Club taking part. Howell Commandery was often joined by surrounding Commanderies.

On the 75th Anniversary in 1945, 400 Sir Knights from area Commanderies joined in the Ascension Sunday Parade. Howell Commandery No. 28, with membership at that time of 89, had 60 Sir Knights in that parade.

From the start of public appearances in 1904, Howell Commandery went on to participate in exhibition drills and street parades at State Conclaves, always accompanied by a marching band.

This history of good participation, good drills, and good times is the soul of Howell Commandery and the proud heritage of its members and their families.

Historically, this Commandery always seemed to have the leadership to get the job done in an excellent manner, whatever the activity. The records show Howell Commandery has had at least four Captains General who, in their 54 years service, have worked very hard to field as many men as possible, neatly uniformed and well drilled.

Other Past Commanders have continued to serve their Commandery as Recorder, each for several years, with distinction. The records of almost 100 years are accurate, detailed and complete. The membership has always been informed by letter of important occasions, notified by post card of regular Conclaves, and reminded by telephone about reservations.

From a high of 200 members in the late 1920's, through the Depression, World War II, to a low of 85 members...
LET'S DO IT NOW!

As I write this we are about to enter the last month of this calendar year and the last half of the Grand Commandery year. For the Constituent Commanders, it is even later, there being but five months left for them to achieve their goals. Since time has a habit of slipping by, we must stop to evaluate the progress that has been made. I am sure that many of the Commanderies have not much more than started, and for all, there remains much to be done.

In many areas of Grand Commandery the results are gratifying. We are showing a greater interest in the support of the Eye Foundation, our Religious Activities, and in building our Membership. The effort expended during the next three or four months (for we cannot afford to let up, even in those Commanderies where much has been accomplished), will determine what history will say of the dedication of Templary in Pennsylvania this year. I urge you to redouble your efforts that this great Christian Order may grow in strength and influence.

January is "Educational Foundation" month. This is another of our projects that illustrate "Templary in action." There surely must be many within this Commonwealth that need and merit our help to further their education, but also need you to make them acquainted with its merits. If you know of a worthy student that qualifies for our help, get in touch with your Commandery Committee, the Director in your area or write the Foundation office of Grand Commandery at the Masonic Temple, No. 1 North Broad Street, Phila., Pa., 19107.

If we are to fulfill our aims, time is of the essence. We cannot afford the luxury of procrastination. LET'S DO IT NOW!

G. Calvin Dyson
Grand Commander
Philadelphia York Rite Assembly

The 1968 Philadelphia York Rite Assembly at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, November 2, 6 and 9, featured 39 candidates in the John C. F. Kitselman Class for the Capitular Degrees sponsored by the Chapters of Districts A, B and C and by Abington Chapter No. 245, District No. 1, Grand R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred by Harry Rubin, Worshipful Master; the Most Excellent Master Mason Degree by John B. Perry, Master; and the Royal Arch Mason Degree by Thomas Watson, High Priest. The assisting casts were excellent and the degrees effective.

On Wednesday evening, November 6, 39 candidates were in the Charles Higgins Class sponsored by Philadelphia Council No. 11, Joppa No. 46, Cryptic No. 51 and Germantown No. 53 of District No. 9, Grand Council of R. & S.M., Pennsylvania. The Royal Master Mason Degree was conferred by Harry Rubin, T.I.M.; the Select Master Mason Degree by John Roth Jr., T.I.M. Again, the casts and degrees were outstanding.

Saturday, November 9 saw 32 candidates in the G. Calvin Dyson Class for the Orders of Knighthood sponsored by the six Commanderies of Division No. 1 of the Grand Commandery, Philadelphia, St. John's, Corinthian Commandery No. 92 and Kensington Commandery No. 54, directed by Virgil L. Wynn, P.C., Kensington, were responsible for the efficient registration of the candidates and co-ordinating guides, armorers, sentinels and directors of work. G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commander, greeted the newly dubbed Sir Knights and threw them the challenge of becoming active in the ranks of Templars—the living body of Christian Masonry. The day was long but profitable in that spiritual enlightenment so needed in today's world.

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Frank W. Bobb

Picture by Charles McDermott
COMMANDERY "GLEANINGS"

A random selection of Commandery notices sent to your Knight Templar Magazine correspondent reveals that work is being done and that there is activity in Pennsylvania. There is a thread of continuity in all of the Commander's messages which reveals itself as a general plea for help to spread the good news of York Rite membership. Petitions are welcome, and needed, by our Commanderies.

Chartiers Commandery No. 78 Carnegie
Richard J. Wilcox class of candidates orders conferred on November 29th and 30th. Sir Knight Wilcox served as Commander of Chartiers Commandery in 1916-17.

Jerusalem Commandery No. 15 Phoenixville
Past Commanders honored at stated conclave November 5th also conferred the Order of the Temple upon 6 candidates.

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 39
9 petitions received in October.

Ascalon Commandery No. 59 Pittsburgh
Drill Corps meets second Friday of each month.

Lancaster Commandery No. 13 Lancaster
Acted upon 11 petitions at stated conclave in October.

Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45 Wilkes-Barre
12 petitions at October conclave.

Baldwin II Commandery No. 22 Williamsport
8 petitions at October conclave.

Lincoln Commandery No. 91 Wilkinsburg
5 petitions in October.

These are just a few examples of the Templar activity in Pennsylvania.

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Centennial Celebration in Erie

The Combined Centennial Celebration of the York Rite Bodies in Erie, was held in the Shrine Mosque, Erie, on Saturday, December 7 with a Dinner-Dance.

Attendance at the event was marred due to a heavy snowfall which prevented attendance from some of the out of town dignitaries. Entertainment was provided by "Scotty" Nimmo on the banjo; The Zem Zem Temple Chanters; The Erepa Grotto Glee Club augmented by Johnny "One Note" and his Sod Busters.


As a memento of the occasion each guest was presented with a letter opener and the evening concluded with a dance, with music furnished by Will Sundy and his orchestra. The first hundred years are the hardest.
Ninth Division Reception for G. Calvin Dyson

Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson and Mrs. Dyson were honored at a Dinner Reception in the Masonic Temple, Allentown, with attendance of 300 Sir Knights and their ladies November 30. Allen No. 20 and Beaucheneat No. 94 were Host Commanderies.


Festivities began at 2 p.m. with a tour of the Mack Motor Trucks Plant, at which time the President of the Company, Sir Knight Zenon C. R. Hansen, presented the Grand Commander with a gift from the Mack Company and the Key to the City.

The Sir Knights attended a Grand Commander’s Conference at 4:30 p.m. In the intervening time, the ladies were entertained at a reception in the parlor.

The dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall had a Polynesian setting. The decor was: fountains, hanging bird cages and table arrangements made of colored, feather flowers. There were also decorations of miniature Knights on Chargers.

The Grand Commander and other dignitaries were then escorted and received in the asylum. Included were the Past Grand Commander of New York, Raymond DuVall, and Mrs. DuVall; Charles B. Wolfert, Past Department Commander, and Mrs. Wolfert; Warren R. Gray, Grand Master of Grand Council, R. & S.M., Delaware, and Mrs. Gray; Clarence E. Hess, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Lehigh, and Mrs. Hess; and Officers of Grand Council R. & S.M., Pennsylvania.

A message was delivered by the R. E. Grand Commander, followed by entertainment furnished by the Ukrainian Male Chorus of the Lehigh Valley.

Earle H. Baer
Division Commander

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The Sir Knights of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 39, Ashland were host to Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commander, on his official visit to the Commandery. He was accompanied by Sir Knight George R. Garrett, Grand Standard Bearer. Among the distinguished guests was Sir Knight Ruben H. Learn, former Division Commander of Division No. 14 and recipient of the K. T. Cross of Honor.

During the regular Conclave of the Commandery the Order of The Temple was conferred upon 14 candidates. Among the newly created Sir Knights was the Honorable G. Harold Watkins, Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. He had the honor of having the Grand Commander create him a Sir Knight.

Sir Knight J. Harold Johnston, Division No. 7 Commander, introduced the Grand Officers and distinguished guests. The Escort included Sir Knights from all the Commanderies of Division No. 7, under the Direction of Sir Knight Leland Wesner, P.C. of Constantine Commandery No. 41, Pottsville. They were received by Sir Knight Harry Horbach, E. Commander, Sir Knight Norman C. Rubright, Generalissimo, and Sir Knight Lewis Klanger Sr., Captain General, officers of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 39, Ashland.

During his remarks the R. E. Grand Commander presented Sir Knight Harry Spotts, P. C., with a lapel pin for having encouraged 5 or more candidates to join the Commandery.

Mrs. Dyson and Mrs. Garrett were entertained by the Ladies of the Auxiliary of Prince of Peace Commandery.
TO DRAW SWORD:

FIRST MOVEMENT: Grasp the scabbard with the left hand. Seize the grip of the sword with the right hand. Withdraw blade about six inches from the scabbard.

SECOND MOVEMENT: Draw sword quickly from the scabbard, throwing sword upward with right arm extended at angle of 45° ahead of body. Drop arm to side bringing blade against (not on) shoulder, holding grip with forefinger and thumb against thigh and other fingers.


TO RETURN SWORD TO SCABBARD:

FIRST MOVEMENT: Seize scabbard with left hand near the mouth and incline forward. At same time, drop sword across body to left and grasp blade between the first two fingers of the left hand. Draw sword upward between fingers until point is level with mouth of scabbard. Insert point in scabbard and return sword to within six inches.

SECOND MOVEMENT: Seat blade smartly in scabbard. Drop hands to side.


TO SALUTE WITH SWORD:

SIR KNIGHTS EXECUTE—PRESENT SWORDS:

FIRST MOVEMENT: Sword is raised and brought to the front with wrist straight with forearm and elbow firm to side. Cross hilt as high as chin with point of blade inclined forward six inches.

SECOND MOVEMENT: Resume position of CARRY SWORDS in one motion by dropping arm to side and bringing blade against shoulder.

OFFICERS' SALUTE WITH SWORD:
(Sometimes referred to as "SALUTE SWORDS").
FIRST MOVEMENT: Sword is raised and brought to the front with wrist straight with forearm and elbow firm to side. Cross hilt as high as chin with point of blade inclined forward six inches.
SECOND MOVEMENT: Drop arm to side, with hand open, side of blade facing forward, and sword pointing about sixteen inches in front of and to the right of the right foot.

RESUME CARRY SWORDS IN TWO MOTIONS:

FIRST MOVEMENT: Rotate wrist inward, bringing edge of blade to front, sword pointing ahead of right foot.
SECOND MOVEMENT: Come to "CARRY SWORDS."

BY COMMANDS:
"PRESENT, Officers execute first movement. SWORDS" Officers execute second movement. (Remain in this position for duration of Salute)
"CARRY, Officers execute first movement SWORDS" Officers execute second movement.
Officers are those Sir Knights wearing shoulder straps or in command of a division such as "Captain of the Guard."
All other Sir Knights and those in line who may be wearing shoulder straps shall execute the regular PRESENT SWORDS.

Division No. 17 Salutes Grand Commander

The Division No. 17 honored Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson and Mrs. Dyson with an attendance of more than 200 Sir Knights and their Ladies at an October 26 Reception.


Leroy P. Tietbohl
Recorder, Baldwin II No. 22
Pennsylvania York Rite Festival

Templar Orders were conferred upon 29 candidates at Ardmore, October 19, in a York Rite Assembly.

Hosted by Ascension Commandery No. 97, the evening was highlighted by an address from Sir Knight John B. Cottrell Jr., P.D.C. Sir Knight Cottrell explained that although the Orders were conferred in a short space of time, only through regular attendance at the Conclaves of their respective Commanderies could the candidates except to achieve complete understanding of the lessons and principles of Christian Knighthood.

The Order of the Red Cross was conferred by the Officers of St. Alban Commandery; the Order of Malta and Temple by the Officers of Ascension Commandery.

The class was comprised of 19 candidates for Ascension Commandery No. 97, 6 for St. Alban Commandery No. 47, 2 for Damaseus Commandery No. 95 and one each for Hutchinson Commandery No. 32 and Centennial Commandery No. 55.

Officers attending Festival are seated, left to right: James L. Wall, P.A., Treas. No. 97; Louis J. Smalley, P.C. D. of W. No. 97; R. Lynn McCall, G. No. 97; John G. Maurer, E.C. No. 95; John B. Cottrell Jr., P.D.C., P.C. No. 97; George Wollrath, E.C. No. 97; R. Heck Ferguson, E.C. No. 55; George H. VanDuzen, P.C., Armorer No. 97; William M. Fraser, C.G. No. 97; Robert S. Hanson, P.C., Recorder No. 97.

Grand Master Young Dedicates
Hamburg Lodge Room

The celebration of the 100th Anniversary and the dedication of a new lodge room of Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg, Pa., took place October 12.

Erection of a Colonial designed Masonic Temple was started in November 1967 by Vaux Lodge No. 406, F. & A.M., Hamburg, Pa. It was completed during September 1968 and the first stated meeting was in October. The lodge room is furnished with 133 permanent seats. Plans furnished by the Grand Lodge were followed in the construction.

Vaux Lodge was constituted March 18, 1968. The celebration of the 100th Anniversary was delayed until October 12, when Brother John K. Young, Right Worshipful Grand Master, dedicated the cornerstone of the new lodge room. More than 200 brethren were in attendance. R.W. Brother Young delivered an impressive talk.

The 100th Anniversary dinner on the same date at 6:30 p.m. at the Reading Motor Inn had 315 in attendance. The Grand Master also addressed the group at dinner.

in 1944, and on to the present, this Commandery still has the same spirit it had at the turn of the century.

Nineteen hundred fifty-five was particularly outstanding in the life of Howell Commandery. Perhaps it was in tribute to Albert L. Smith, P.G.C., Captain General for 24 years and Prelate for 10, who passed away in May of that year; possibly it was honoring Stanley G. Wilson, P.G.C., who was elected Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Michigan that June; or maybe it was due to the fine, hardworking corps of Officers. The Commander was William R. Parker, presently the Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery, and the Captain General was Sir Knight Charles H. Sutton, P.C., who was Captain General of Howell Commandery No 28 for 14 years.

When the Grand Master called for 10% attendance at the Grand Encampment Conclave in New York, this Commandery responded with 11 Sir Knights in the parade and a group of 24 members, ladies and families in attendance.

For the first time, Howell Commandery No. 28 had participated in a Triennial Conclave outside of Michigan. Those who went had such a good time that they started urging others to go to Indianapolis. Their enthusiasm resulted in the organization of the first “B” Competitive team in Michigan.

Sir Knight Fred England Jr., P.G.C., and others of Lansing Commandery No. 25 “A” Competitive Team, were helpful in organization and tactics, but the greatest challenge was raising money for the expenses of the trip.

Howell Commandery has sponsored a Pancake Supper for many years to defray expenses of taking a band each year to State Conclaves, so they decided that a similar project would be more successful. Since 1957, all the members, their wives and widows, have held an Annual Smorgasbord, serving about 700 persons, with all money earned contributed to the Competitive Drill Team funds.

The first “B” Competitive Team in Michigan took the floor in Indianapolis in 1958, extremely happy just to be there. They were very pleased to move up to sixth place at Cleveland in 1961, then fifth place at Philadelphia in 1964 and in Detroit in 1967, still the only

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GRAND MASTER’S JEWEL A MYSTERY SOLVED

Long sought information on the age and origin of the Jewel of Office worn by Grand Master Crofts comes to light in this letter to the Rev. Leighton E. Harrel, P.C., Recorder, St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Md.

In accordance with your request, I am quoting below a paragraph from page 272 of the History of Maryland Commandery No. 1 which was published in 1891:

“At the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held at Washington, D.C. in 1889, the Grand Recorder, Sir William B. Issacs, was appointed a Committee to procure Jewels for the Grand Officers. Designs having been agreed upon, the manufacturing of them was awarded to Sir Anton H. Fitting of our Commandery. The Grand Master’s Jewel having been just finished, was delivered by Sir Issacs to the Grand Master, and by him worn for the first time at our Centennial. In view of the latter fact, it was deemed advisable that a facsimile should appear in the account of our celebration. This beautiful jewel is 4½ inches in length, and is made of gold and purple enamel. The representation of the abacus, which was used as the emblem of authority by the Grand Master of the Ancient Temples, contains forty-one diamonds, the center stone weighing two carats. The cost of this elegant jewel was $765.00.”

Robert P. Gaston
Past Historian
Maryland Commandery No. 1
(Present estimated value of jewel—“more than $4,000.”)

“B” Team from Michigan. They will try hard to improve their rating at Denver in 1970.
"THE POLICIES OF TOMORROW NEED NOT BE LIMITED BY THE POLICIES OF YESTERDAY"

A portion of an address presented during the September 7 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois at Peoria by Sir Knight Louis L. Williams, P.C., Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Commander's Address. Sir Knight Williams, who is Deputy for Illinois, Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, lauded the outgoing Grand Commander, Sir Knight Andrew E. Barton, for his "inspired and inspiring command," "the warm handclasp," "his burning desire for Templar success," then offered a cogent discourse on the present situation in Masonry. His fellow committee members are Past Commanders Ralph G. Larsen and John Alfred Johanson.

It is beyond question or argument that the fundamental principles of Masonry, the tenets of our profession, brotherly love, relief and truth, and the cardinal virtues, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, are eternal and unchangeable. They are the firm foundations on which the superstructure of Masonry is erected. They need to be reinterpreted to each succeeding generation, but in themselves they are as immutable as the laws of nature, to which they are closely allied. But the structure of Masonry, which was man-made, is something else again. Because we know that the principles of Masonry need not and must not be changed, many otherwise thoughtful Masons are prone to confuse the flesh with the spirit and to take the position that no part of Masonry can be changed.

Masonry is a body heavily obsessed with tradition. What our Masonic forefathers decided was right has now the force of unchangeable law. This is a tremendous error, and is responsible for much of the adversity we are experiencing today. The York Rite is a splendid example of my thesis. It grew, like Topsy, in many directions, as did other branches of our Masonic tree. After many decades, it coalesced into the three great major divisions, which we have here in America today. They have unity of thought, ritual, membership, but like Humpty-Dumpty, all the king's horses and all the king's men don't seem to be able to put them together. Any thoughtful Mason can see the remedy, but he runs into the stone wall of tradition and the vested interests of past grand officers, and comes out sadder, wiser, and completely frustrated. No, the policies of yesterday will not serve tomorrow.

The Grand Commander's address touches on several of these traditions which may need changing if we as Temp- lars are to retain a vital position in the Masonic world of tomorrow. Let's face it, brethren, the Knight Templar uniform, a relic of the Civil War, is useful now only as an instrument of ritual presentation. It does not appeal to the rank and file Mason today, who will have none of it. Is it so sacred that it cannot be modernized and made decently comfortable, as other Grand Commanderies have done? Parades, drill teams, the lines,—are they so inherent in Templary that they cannot be placed in proper modern perspective? The Shrine seems to have taken over this function anyhow.

When Templary was at its zenith in public acclaim, with great parades and marching bands, we were a rural-oriented people. Today Masonry is urban, or rather suburban, and civilization is complex and sophisticated. The policies of yesterday will not serve the Masonic needs of tomorrow.

The greatest single forward step we have taken in York Rite Masonry in this century is the idea of York Rite Festivals. They need not be vast and imposing, demanding the participation of half the State. They need to be simplified and brought down to the level of the individual Commandery. This
needs the cooperation of Chapter and Council, but they should be only too happy to help, since their future prosperity, if not their future existence, depends on adapting to the needs of today. For far too long we have hid our heads in the sands of tradition and refused to face realities.

Therefore, your Committee recommends to this Grand Commandery, and to the other Grand York Rite Bodies, that a special committee be appointed to seriously study all phases of this problem. Let it be composed of your best minds and your most progressive thinkers. Let it question every phase of our procedures in the light of what will happen to Templary in the next generation. Let it be fearless in its approach to the problems that vex us. And then let us be fearless in making whatever changes are necessary to insure the future of this Christian Order which we all love so well.

Masonry is a unique institution. Established as an organization of builders, devoted to building great cathedrals wherein God might be worshipped, they evolved into a fraternity of men dedicated to building character in men who worshipped God. In its early operative history, it was composed entirely of Christians. As it became speculative, and adopted an organized status, it sought to become universal. It thus was inevitable that from the first organized Grand Lodge of England, there should spring an offshoot of members who would once again base their beliefs on the Christian religion. This is Templary, Masonic in origin and in fundamental ethics, Christian in that it recognizes the divine mission of the life and teachings of Jesus. We do not seek to conquer the world by force of arms, nor insist that all Masons believe as we do. But we do seek to bring to all men and more particularly to all Masons, a recognition that there is a brotherly love, divinely inspired, that will bring to each individual a consciousness of his divine purpose in life, and of his mission to conquer ignorance, superstition and hatred by practicing those virtues contained in the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Great Light of our profession. This is the mission of Templary. This is the cause to which we, as Christian Knights, should dedicate our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

We may decrease in numbers, but let those who remain be dedicated to the task. Let Faith be our watchword, Love our practice, and Hope our battle cry. Then, and then only, shall we be worthy to wear the Cross of Conflict and the Crown of Victory. Hear the words of a great modern hymn, which might well have been written for the Knights Templar of tomorrow.

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent,
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false aims and hopes are spent.
Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life;
Still let Thy spirit unto us be given To heal earth's wounds and end her bitter strife.
Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us From death and dark despair from sin and guilt;
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives, and use them as Thou wilt.
Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain;
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious;
Thou art our Lord! Thou shalt forever reign!
GRAND COMMANDER CONSTITUTES AND INSTALLS IN NEW YORK

At public ceremonies October 18 at the Hilton Inn, Tarrytown, N.Y., Wesley A. Daniels Jr., Grand Commander, assisted by present and past Grand Line Officers, "Constituted new Commandery and Installed Officers" of Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53, White Plains, for the balance of the Templar year.

This climaxed the Consolidation of Bethlehem Commandery No. 53, Mount Vernon, and Crusader Commandery No. 56, of White Plains, as Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53.

"These two old Commanderies joined hands to better serve Templary in Westchester County, after a long and glorious history of separate existence. Bethlehem for 87 years and Crusader for 95, or a total of 192 years," writes Robert D. Carlson, Recorder.

To implement this step Past Commanders of proven abilities were chosen and elected from both Commanderies, to fill the Stations for the balance of the Templar year.

A dinner attended by 130 Sir Knights and guests preceded the ceremonies. At the Consecration, Dedication and Installation, 160 Sir Knights and ladies were present. A highlight of the evening was the exhibition drill by the Bethlehem Drill Team, captained by Sir Knight Charles S. Borger, P.C.


Proud Flagwavers

'We are all very proud and want to go on record as flag wavers!' writes L. J. Nelson, chairman of a special committee which erected a flag November 11 in front of the 18-year old Masonic Temple in Kilgore, Texas.

The 5 x 8 American flag, which had flown over the United States Capital June 11, was secured from a Texas Congressman. The 36 foot flag pole was constructed from a steel pipe.

The committee was composed of Chairman Nelson and Past Commanders R. F. Hartman, J. Floyd Baton and Keegon Carter.
OUR KNIGHTLY CHARITIES ARE IMPORTANT.

Templary believes in Charity, practices it, and impresses upon its members the necessity of living up to its obligations. Charity is the backbone of Templary. The charity of the ancient Knights to protect innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian Religion, were but the manifestation of their determination to put into practice those tenets of charity which they had vowed.

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, the Educational Foundation, and the individual and corporate acts of present day Knights is but an extension of these tenets, their practical application, and the means by which the Order expresses approval of these tenets.

With this in mind, each Sir Knight—each Commandery and each of the state and national groups must make every effort to extend their charitable activities. It is not enough to make a token display of charity, just enough to satisfy the requirement that the individual or the Order has "practiced charity," but it must be deepdown, fundamental and in all ways heartfelt and enthusiastic.

Think of something else. The United States Government is taking a new and hard look at charity, charitable institutions and exemption from taxes because of this status.

Many institutions and organizations are tax-free because of their activities, but many are doing so little that there is reasonable doubt as to their actually being a charitable organization, and they might be removed from that exemption.

Our Knightly duty is to care for the unfortunate, and it is not too much too require that each Knight do his share of this work, whether in a big or little way. But do something!

The Eye Foundation is something that brings content and happiness to every town and hamlet. There is no limit to the reach of this work. No creed, no religion, no color is exempt, nor does the Order make any requirement other than need, by which the service can be rendered. Who are we, then, to balk at doing our just share of supporting this and other Templar charitable activities? Knights should be ashamed to face up to their conscience if they have not made at least one contribution, however small, to our charities. Let's not kid ourselves, we are not doing our part in this work unless each of us digs down deep and proves that we are a part of the charity of Templary.

"DO YOU REMEMBER?"

Carl J. Baesemann, Department Commander, North Pacific Department, reminds "Knight Templar Magazine" readers and sports car buffs that a distinguished name in the automobile world a half-century ago was the TEMPLAR. The official record says: "The Templar Sports Roadster was built from 1916 to 1924 at Cleveland, Illinois. Exceptionally beautiful design. Very similar in body style to famous 1919 Stutz Bearcat. Top speed, 75 M.P.H."
Dignitaries pictured among the class and members of the conferral teams, are noted by Sir Knight Stewart: Seated, front row—A. Doty Bailey, P.G.M., Grand Lodge, F. & A.M.; L. C. Corbin, P.G.M., Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Grand Treasurer, Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi; T. Olin Gore, Grand Master, Grand Lodge F. & A.M., also, Grand Lecturer, York Rite Bodies; A. H. Hooker, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Mississippi; E. B. Shearer, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter; Cecil A. Thorn, Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand Lodge and Grand York Rite Bodies; R. H. Anderson, Grand Master, Grand Council. At top of picture, immediately in front of the banner, is Lewis Hengen, P.G.C., Mississippi.

Another 18 newly created Knights Templar have been added to the list of subscribers to the Knight Templar Magazine as a result of the Fall York Rite Class of the York Rite Bodies of Biloxi, Mississippi. Sir Knight T. R. Stewart, Secretary-Recorder of Biloxi Chapter No. 11, Alexander Council No. 14 and the Coast Commandery No. 19, writes that the Coast Commandery follows the practice of subscribing for the magazine for each Knight dubbed.

Class activities last fall began Thursday, September 19, with the Royal Arch Degree. The preceding degrees of the Royal Arch had been conferred earlier. Friday, September 20, and Saturday afternoon, September 21, were the dates for the Council degrees. At 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the Coast Commandery conferred the Order of the Red Cross, with the Order of Malta at 4 and part one of the Order of the Temple at 5 p.m. The Order of the Temple ceremonies resumed, after dinner, at 7:15 p.m.
Roberts H. Harrington  
Virginia  
Grand Commander — 1960  
Born February 20, 1898  
Died August 8, 1968

T. Wynn Holloman  
Louisiana  
Grand Commander — 1942  
Born October 4, 1880  
Died October 27, 1968

George Henry Haase  
Texas  
Grand Commander — 1937  
Born December 23, 1884  
Died November 22, 1968

Russell D. Huffington  
Indiana  
Grand Commander — 1962  
Born July 16, 1898  
Died November 24, 1968

Rudolph De Alton Smith  
Vermont  
Grand Commander — 1962  
Born October 23, 1910  
Died September 8, 1968

Edward Peter LaPlant  
Arizona  
Grand Commander — 1943  
Born February 16, 1878  
Died November 25, 1968

Floyd Roberts  
Michigan  
Grand Commander 1943  
Born July 7, 1882  
Died November 27, 1968
Sir Knight Werner F. Ehrhardt, P.C., dubbed and created 17 “new members of our Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple” at a Special Conclave, October 3, Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Saudi Arabia.

Sir Knight Ehrhardt, when first installed, aimed for a 10% gain in membership. By the installation of the new Commander, Frederick W. Elliott, new membership had totaled 23, or a gross gain of 18% based on the membership of 126 as of January 1, 1968.

Sir Knight Ehrhardt, in closing his year as Commander of Al Hasa writes, "I am very grateful for the enthusiastic cooperation, loyalty and splendid response from the members of this Commandery. I consider it a privilege to have served Templary and Al Hasa Commandery especially throughout the years, from our beginning in 1964 up to now, and it is with deepest regret that I hereby say farewell from Saudi Arabia."

A PENDING ATTRACTION

In a later issue the Knight Templar Magazine will present the story of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in an article by the Association’s Secretary-Treasurer, Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, the new Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery.

Knights Templar Assist In Nevada Cornerstone Ceremony

Twelve Knights Templar in full uniform formed the escort for the Eureka County High School cornerstone ceremonies conducted October 27 at Eureka, Nevada, by M.W. George Meyers, Grand Master, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, F. & A.M.

Correspondent Clarence K. Jones notes that the escort members came from Commanderies in Ely, Elko and Winnemucca. The procession for the cornerstone ceremonies, in addition to the Grand Lodge officers, included representatives of the Scottish Rite, Kerak Temple of the Shrine, the Order of DeMolay, Eureka Lodge No. 16, and county and state school officials.

Eureka, in north central Nevada, is an old mining camp with its peak years in the 1870’s and 80’s when lead, silver, and gold mines produced some $122,000,- 000 in ore. The population was more than 10,000 then; today it is under 1,000. Its future is in its livestock ranches and the desert farms of Diamond Valley, “the fastest growing agricultural area in the state.” The new High School will serve not only the town of Eureka but the entire county.

Following the cornerstone ceremony, ladies of the town served a buffet dinner to more than one hundred persons attending from all parts of the state.
Attending the event: (l. to r.) Jay Billingsley, grandson; J. C. Billingsley, son; his wife, Mrs. J. C. Billingsley; Mrs. Willard Day Billingsley; Mrs. Walter Mikolite, daughter; and Walter Mikolite, son-in-law. The elder son, Willard D. Billingsley Jr., of Fort Smith, could not attend.

A Memorial Class and banquet, in memory of Willard Day Billingsley, a Four-Star General in Arkansas Masonry, was held September 28, at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple, writes Sir Knight Kenneth Johnson, Correspondent.

Sir Knight Billingsley, who was an ardent and devoted Mason and Father, was the past head of the four Grand York Rite Bodies of Arkansas and a past Department Commander.

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Arkansas, who sponsored the 73 member statewide class, furnished the different degree teams.

Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1 and Past Imperial Chaplin of the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America, delivered the eulogy to the memory of Willard Day Billingsley.

Mrs. Willard Billingsley presented a colored picture of her husband to his former Commandery, Hugh de Payens No. 1, to hang in its Hall of Fame of distinguished Past Commanders, reports Johnson.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR SERVICE FOR WILBER M. BRUCKER

The Knight Templar Funeral Service for Past Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church October 30, was conducted by Detroit Commandery No. 1. The 143 Sir Knights in uniform included the M.E. Grand Master of Grand Encampment and his officers; the R.E. Grand Commander of Michigan and his line officers, together with Illustrious Scottish Rite brothers, and other friends.

Participating in the service were: Acting Commander LeRoy C. McNally, President of the Past Commanders' Association and a member of Sir Knight Brucker’s law firm; Acting Prelate Douglas E. Briggs, who was a member of the Wilber M. Brucker Class of 1943-44; the Rev. Bertram DeHeus Atwood, Minister, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church; Dr. Herbert Beecher Hndnut, retired Minister of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church, a member of the 1943-

Included in the Memorial Class were two brothers from Camden, Arkansas, (left) William B. Pace and S. Ed Pace, Past Potentate Sahara Shrine Temple, Pine Bluff.

44 Wilber M. Brucker Class, and a lifelong friend of the family.

Burial with full military honors was in Arlington National Cemetery October 31 in a plot at the intersection of Farragut and McPherson, which is on the route to the annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service.
TRAVELING TEMPLARS

Among the varied activities of Grand Encampment elected and appointed officers in recent months:

C Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo: Was visited by Grand Master and Mrs. Crofts October 22 during their stay in Phoenix, Arizona. They were attending funeral services of Mrs. Crofts' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, who were killed in an auto accident a few days earlier.

Past Grand Master and Mrs. Walter A DeLamater arrived October 24 to spend a week in the "Valley of the Sun." During their stay attended the Annual Conclave of Arizona which convened in Tucson, October 28.

Roy W. Riegel, Grand Generalissimo: Attended a reception for Rose Mae Coller, Worthy Grand Chaplain, M.W. Grand Chapter O.E.S. of U.S.A., Dodge City, Kansas, November 2-3. Among those present were Mr. Patterson and his wife, who is M.W. Grand Matron. Also attended Annual Inspection of Emporia Commandery No. 8, Emporia, November 12 and Annual Inspection of Council Grove Commandery No. 32, Council Grove; participated in Veterans Day exercises in Emporia by introducing main speaker, then gave principal address to American Legion at Ogden, Kansas that night.

William R. Robbins, South Central Department Commander: During a stopover in Switzerland on the Kansas Knights Templar Centennial Tour, wrote that he had attended a Blue Lodge meeting in Paris, a Knight Templar Conclave on the Island of Malta (also being visited by 27 Templars from Yorkshire, England), and a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Israel at Tel Aviv. He intends to forward "a photo or two" as soon as possible.

Frank L. Bourke, North Atlantic Department Commander: Attended the Annual Military Ball of the Council Officers and Wardens Association of New Jersey, November 2, at Kings Grant Inn, Point Pleasant, New Jersey. Dignitaries included Grand Commander, Grand High Priest, Grand Master of the Grand Council. Also present for the Annual Masonic Service, Lodges of Essex County, November 3, in Newark's historical Old First Church, where Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey, the Rev. and Dr. Loral W. Pancake delivered the sermon to 300 Blue Lodge Masons and their Knight Templar escorts. Attended John L. Crofts Night, University of Maryland Center of Adult Education on November 23, a testimonial to the M.E. Grand Master by St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland. Special feature of the reception and banquet was the speaker, Sir Knight Crofts.

Abner C. Sager, East Central Department Commander: Presented honorary membership to Grand Commander Stanley Riddle at Inspection of St. Bernard Commandery No. 16, Saginaw, Michigan, on November 8. Also present for Inspection of Charlotte Commandery No. 37, Charlotte, November 12. Served as toastmaster during testimonial honoring Wilfred E. Adams of Saginaw, elected Junior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge, Michigan, at which all Grand Lodge officers were present, November 9 at Saginaw.

Harold S. Gorman, South Pacific Department Commander: Has made arrangements for a conference to be held at Las Vegas, Saturday, November 8, for the South Pacific Department, which consists of the Grand Commanderies of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. Was welcomed to the 104th Annual Communication, Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Nevada by Most Worshipful George T. Myers, Grand Master, November 11 at Reno. Also participated in the November 17 Centennial Observance of De Witt Clinton Commandery, Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, by reading second lesson "14th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John."
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Willard M. Avery
Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment................................. Feb. 2

Robert J. Hackett
Grand Recorder of Ohio............................................................... Feb. 2

Charles L. Jones
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Welland S. Horn
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Will K. Prestidge Jr.
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Alvin L. Crump
North Central Department Commander........................................... Feb. 17

Harry B. Tuer
Grand Recorder of Texas............................................................ Feb. 19

Ralph L. Kalp
Grand Commander of Connecticut................................................ Feb. 27

Stephen B. Dimond
Grand Generalissimo of Florida................................................ Feb. 28

Hugh N. Layne
Grand Recorder of South Carolina................................................ Feb. 28

INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR AT MAINE LADIES NIGHT

Correspondent George Edmunds, Maine, notes the International Flavor of the November 2 ladies night of St. Omer Commandery No. 12, Waterville, Maine. Among those present were, left to right: Sir Knight and Mrs. Melvin Lord, Sir Knight and Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell, Sir Knight and Mrs. Lloyd McKenzie, from St. Stephen Preceptory No. 15A, St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada; Grand Commander and Mrs. Willard A. Vincent, Maine; E. Commander Edwin F. Pinkham, St. Omer Commandery, and Mrs. Pinkham; Grand Commander and Mrs. John M. Meader, New Hampshire; Sir Knight and Mrs. George F. Campbell and Sir Knight and Mrs. Donald Crawford, St. John DeMolay Preceptory No. 3A, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.
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Immediately upon his election by the Conference, the new Chairman takes charge of the meeting. Visitors from sister jurisdictions who are not members of the Conference are then introduced to the assembly. One Grand Master, previously selected by the Conference Committee, presents an inspirational Masonic address, which sets the tone and aims of the Conference. Thus ends generally the first session of the Grand Masters Conference.

The first part of the next session is given over to the Commission on Information for Recognition. This group—a creature of the Conference—is composed of six members, each of whom serves a term of six years, his last year of service being as Chairman of the Commission. The retiring member is replaced by the election of a Deputy Grand Master, generally from the same geographical area as the one whose term is expiring, but not necessarily from the same grand jurisdiction.

The Commission, as a result of its meetings, correspondence, and investigations, gathers and collates information about Grand Lodges abroad, and submits a report to the Conference, giving all available data for guidance in the matter of Grand Lodge recognitions. Its report is published in the Conference Proceedings.

In order that Deputy Grand Masters may become better acquainted, a “dutch treat” breakfast is arranged, at which each is introduced and may respond briefly.

For a number of years the late Frank Land arranged a breakfast during the Conference to which he invited not only Grand Masters and representatives of Grand Lodges, but also distinguished members of the Fraternity holding high official positions in Government. After the death of Frank Land, the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine undertook to carry on this breakfast as a memorial to Frank Land.

The proceedings of the Conference are published annually. Copies are furnished to Grand Secretaries, additional copies being available for purchase by interested Masons.

Samuel W. McIntosh: Coming to Washington, D.C., in 1917 to enter the Federal Service and study law, he graduated from the George Washington University with the degree of LL.B. and was admitted to practice before the District and Federal Courts and the United States Supreme Court. At the present time his special law practice is in matters of oil and gas leasing before the Interior Department.

His Masonic history dates from 1921 when he was initiated in Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 33, over which he presided as Worshipful Master during 1932. He served as secretary of his lodge continuously for 25 years, from 1934 through 1958, including the year 1956 when he was also Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia.

In the coordinate Masonic bodies he is a member of Mount Pleasant Chapter No. 13, R.A.M.; Adoniram Council No. 2, R. & S.M.; Washington Commandery No. 1; Provincial Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland for the United States and Past Sovereign of St. Simeon Styles Conclave No. 51, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a member of the four Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Washington, D.C., and president of their Board of Trustees, a Past Venerable Master of Mithras Lodge of Perfection; and was invested and proclaimed Inspector General Honorary, 33rd, on October 25, 1963. He is a member of Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

He is a trustee of the Grand Lodge and chairman of its Committee on Jurisprudence. On February 20, 1958, he was elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. Since that time he has been reelected each year. In December, 1963, he was presented with the Joseph Montford Medal of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina “for distinguished service to Masonry,” and also the Jewel of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Belgium, creating, proclaiming and installing him as an Honorary Past Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, “for eminent services rendered to universal Masonry.”

M.W. Brother McIntosh is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, Grand Lodge, D. of C.
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