The “Top Ten”

Al Hasa No. 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Delta No. 26, Union, New Jersey
Odo de St. Amand, Morristown, New Jersey
St. Aldemar No. 30, Marshalltown, Iowa
Edward C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City, Nevada
Trinity No. 17, Plainfield, New Jersey
Lafayette No. 22, Rutherford, New Jersey
Yuma No. 10, Yuma, Arizona
St. Andrews No. 2, Dover, Delaware

FOR OUTSTANDING COOPERATION AND
PRODUCTIVE PARTICIPATION
In The 1968 Knights Templar
VOLUNTARY FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN
for
THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

Awarded Gratefully in Acknowledgment
of Christian and Masonic Commitment
and True Templar Spirit

Dated: February 1, 1969

[Signature]

Grand Master

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Knights Templar of the United States of America
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS TWICE...

During the Lenton season of 1968 several hundred Commanderies enjoyed the reward of unselfish participation in a Templar program worthy of the finest Christian principles. They were motivated by Knight Templar zeal to make our first Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation a success—financially and in personal involvement.

The "top 100 Commanderies" are listed and saluted on other pages of this issue of the Knight Templar Magazine. I thank personally and officially the officers and members of all the Commanderies who accepted the opportunity to demonstrate their regard for the needs of others, to cooperate wholeheartedly in translating Templar purpose into Templar practice.

Another such Commandery-centered opportunity is open to all Knights Templar in 1969. At this moment, the chairman of the Wills, Bequests and Contributions Committee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Sir Knight Charles S. McIntyre, distinguished Past Grand Commander of Michigan, is enlisting the views and assistance of his committee in the planning of a new campaign for the Foundation.

The Voluntary Campaign details for this year will be announced fully in the next few months by the committee. Some of the Commanderies already have taken steps to hold benefit activities during the 1969 Lenten season and I wish to assure them that their efforts and results will be most welcome. The new campaign will be planned to receive concerted participation later in the year, with its climax near Thanksgiving Day.

However, any earlier projects and contributions will be just as helpful in enlarging the scope of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation work as those which will be a part of the formal campaign in the fall. For those who plan pre-campaign events, official report cards will be distributed by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment. Funds raised during Lent or any other time of the year will be credited to the account of the respective Commanderies and will be a part of the official Campaign records.

Again, as in 1968, there will be no quotas established. This is a voluntary campaign in every respect. It is a campaign for all Knights Templar, working thru their respective Commanderies. Its benefits include rewarding opportunities for Commandery programs and projects, unselfish giving and for personal satisfaction in a cause in which every Knight Templar can be justifiably proud.

I know you will want to help. Early or late, your interest and effort will be appreciated—by your Grand Commanderies, your Grand Encampment, your communities, and especially, by those persons who will directly benefit from your projects and voluntary contributions.

Opportunity does knock twice!
Springfield, Oregon

Many Oregon Commanderies had to cancel their annual Christmas Observances because of ice, snow and flu. Travel conditions were hazardous. However, the following Observances were held in "The Beaver State":

Malta No. 4, Ashland, December 22; Bruce No. 17, Corvallis, and Temple No. 3, Albany, joint observance at Albany December 22; Oregon No. 1 and Washington No. 15, Portland, joint observance, December 19; Tancred No. 23, Portland, December 21; Ivanhoe No. 2, Eugene, December 22.

The Commanderies are now making their plans for their Easter programs and special services Sunday, April 6.

Max G. Conill, Oregon Correspondent

Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Enclosed is a $10 check to cover a donation to the Eye Foundation from Kathryn L. Goulden, the wife of one of our Sir Knights (Richard I. Goulden), as a form of thanksgiving for having successfully gone through two eye operations, although she faces another next month.

Sir Knight Goulden is a Life Sponsor.

Albert W. Bates
Recorder
Jersey Commandery No. 19

Rapid City, South Dakota

"It would be a wonderful world if we would all smile with as much sincerity as a dog wags his tail."

John G. West

Piscataway, New Jersey

I am writing you if you could send me the names of a few states that have Masonic yearbooks. I do not mean Grand Proceedings, but yearbooks with Masonic stories and Masonic oddities. I know
that printers in different states make them up as a few years ago I had a few of them and I loaned them to friends and never got them back. I have a lot of time on my hands now as I have Osleoathritis of the spine, and books like these will help to take a lot of pain away as I love Masonic reading.

FRANK T. FELLMAN
447 Second Avenue
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Burlington, Vermont

Enclosed herewith is a $10 check in memory of Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker as a contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the Grand Commandery of Vermont.

D. BURLEIGH SMALLEY JR.
Grand Recorder

DECEMBER 15, 1968

DEAR MR. DELAMATER:

I WANT TO THANK YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE UP THERE IN RHINEBECK, NEW YORK, AND ALL THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WHO BELONG TO THE EYE FOUNDATION, FOR MY SUCCESSFUL CORNEAL TRANSPLANT AT THE... COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA, ON AUGUST 11, 1968.

WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE AND THE WONDERFUL HANDS OF DR. . . . AND TOO, OF THE MOST WONDERFUL PERSON I HAVE EVER MET, COMMANDER OF DE MOLAY COMMANDERY NO. 6 OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY, MR. FRED ILIFF AND MRS. ILIFF, WHO HAVE TRANSPORTED ME RIGHT TIMES TO PHILADELPHIA, I COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT.

I DIDN'T KNOW THE WORLD WAS SO BRIGHT AND LOVELY. I CAN SEE BIRDS, PLANTS, EACH LEAF AND APPLE ON THE TREES. IT IS A GREAT FEELING TO SEE MY FAMILY'S FACES ACROSS THE TABLE. I AM SO VERY GRATEFUL.

SINCERELY YOURS,

MRS. RUTH HOFFMAN

“The There is No Greater Satisfaction Than to Serve”

About 11 months ago the “Knights of the Round Table” was founded by a group of Sir Knights in Fort Pierce, Florida. Those Sir Knights knew what a great experience it was to be a part of St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 which was the first Commandery in the world to pledge all the Sir Knights for a Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. (Cost $30 each)

The main purpose of the “Knights of the Round Table” was to get other Commanderies to emulate St. Lucie Commandery and be 100% also. This group would pick up all the Sir Knights that were not in a position to purchase their own Life Sponsorships. The minimum donation is ten dollars.

So far we have 359 members of the Round Table in 32 states and have purchased 112 Life Sponsorships in 91 different Commanderies in seven states and Saskatchewan, Canada. The Round Table gets bigger and rounder every day.

Please send us the name, address and Commandery number of any Sir Knight who cannot afford a Life Sponsorship—we’ll do the rest. If you feel you can afford a donation, make your check payable to the Knights of the Round Table, 6305 S. Federal Highway, Fort Pierce, Florida 33450.

This account is set up so that all money taken out must go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. All postage, printing and clerical costs must come from other donations.

George E. Petrie

The Grand Master announces the appointment of Sir Knight Joseph C. Rodriguez, New York City, to membership on the Grand Encampment Spanish Ritual Committee, which is headed by Dr. J. George Lang, P.G.C., Grand Commandery of New York. The third member of the committee is J. Howard Haring, P.G.C., New Jersey. Sir Knight Rodriguez fills the vacancy caused by the death of Tom J. Melton, Texas.
Grand Master Crofts Commends Commanderies For 1968 Voluntary Campaign Activity For Eye Foundation

Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, Dhabran, Saudi Arabia, led the way in the 1968 Voluntary Eye Foundation fund raising campaign activities as reported by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Rhinebeck, New York. Al Hasa, with a membership of 128, presented the Grand Master with a check for $4,182.00 for an average of $33.00 per member.

Porto Rico Commandery No. 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico, was second with a contribution of $1,005.00 an average of $46.83 per member. In close proximity was Delta Commandery No. 26, Union, New Jersey. Delta's 47 members, to achieve third place, raised $308.00, or $6.54 per Commandery member. Fourth place honors went to another New Jersey Commandery, Odo de St. Amand No. 12, of Morristown, with a total of $900.00 a membership of 190, an average of $4.74 per member.

The fifth of the "big five" was St. Aldemar Commandery No. 30, Marshalltown, Iowa. With a membership of 432, St. Aldemar sent a check for $1,800.00 to Sir Knight Crofts, an average of $4.16 for each member.

The other Commanderies of the top ten producers are: Edward C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City, Nevada, with 55 members raising $180.00 for a per member average of $3.27; Trinity No. 17, Plainfield, New Jersey, $385.00 from 146 members, an average of $2.64 per member; Lafayette No. 22, Rutherford, New Jersey, $284.00 from a total membership of 119, or $2.38 per member; Yuma No. 16, Yuma, Arizona, $251.00 from 109 members, for an average of $2.30; and St. Andrews Commandery No. 2, Dover, Delaware, a total of $198.00 from a membership of 98 for a per member average of $2.02.

Special certificates of condemnation and appreciation have been sent by the Most Eminent Grand Master to the Commanders of the ten most productive Commandaries. Additionally, certificates from the Grand Master have been forwarded to the 90 other Commandaries among the first 100 in results.

A 1969 Voluntary Campaign has been launched by the Chairman of the Committee on Wills, Bequests and Contributions, Sir Knight Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., 1426 East First Street, Monroe, Michigan 48161.

The 100 Commandaries who have been cited for their Voluntary Fund Campaign cooperation in 1968 are:

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One Hundred Seventy Five Years of Pennsylvania Masonry

Lodge No. 62, F. & A.M., Reading, Pennsylvania, is observing its 175th Anniversary throughout 1969 with a succession of ceremonies in the Masonic Temple, West Reading. The committee says: "On the first Monday of each month during the year an outstanding event will be held to commemorate this milestone in the lodge's long Masonic history."

York Rite Nite January 6 was the kick-off event. Special guests included: Herman G. Wilcox, M.P. Grand Master, Grand Council R. & S.M., Pa., James D. Smith, M.E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Pa.; G. Calvin Dyson, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and Department Commander Frank L. Bourke, Maine. Speaker for the evening was Renah F. Camalier, Past Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, a member of the Easter Memorial Sunrise Service Committee of Grand Encompliment.

Other scheduled events for the first six months: February 3—Visitation Night, Scottish Rite Bodies and Dignitaries; March 3—Senator Yarborough; April 5—Grand Lodge Officers; April 7—Past Masters Night; May 5—"Masonry Around the World," Thomas K. Leinbach; June 2—Visitation Night, Lodges outside the 7th Masonic District; June 15—Lodge No. 62 Family Picnic.
Kansas Commemorates Centennial Year with European Pilgrimage

Ninety-eight persons participated in the November 16-30 tour of Europe and the Middle East sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Kansas in commemoration of its Centennial Year. The group visited historical and Masonic landmarks in France, Rome, Malta, Greece, Lebanon, Cyprus, Israel and Jerusalem. Eligible members of the pilgrimage attended a meeting of Concorde Lodge No. 42 in Paris, November 17, a Conclave of Melita Priory, United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, in Valletta on the Island of Malta, November 21, and the installation of Grand Master-Elect Menachem Talmon at a session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, in Tel-Aviv, November 28. At each of the Masonic affairs, the American group was warmly and hospitably received.

A Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner was arranged for the group in the dining room of a Resort Hotel at Tiberias, Israel, with a view over the Sea of Galilee. A service was conducted by the Grand Prelate of Missouri, Dr. A. Willard Gunckel.

More than half the group remained in Europe for a third week, visiting Switzerland, Germany and England prior to departure from Paris for Chicago and Kansas City, December 7.

Included in the group were Grand Secretary-Recorder Charles S. McGinness, P.G.M. of Kansas; S. Louis Smith and Myron Cushman, P.G.C.'s of Kansas; George Schutz, P.G.C. of Oklahoma; Lester McConnell, D.G.C. of Kansas; William R. Robbins, P.G.C. of Missouri and Department Commander, South Central Department; and Mrs. Carlos Pence, General Chairman of Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the Order of Beauceant.

Arrangements for the tour were made by Grand Recorder McGinness and Standard Travel Service, St. Louis.

William R. Robbins

A GOOD SAMARITAN

P. O. Land, Standard Bearer of Malta Commandery No. 16, would get the Good Samaritan of the Year award from the Breezy Maddox*, according to The Valdosta Daily Times, December 12, Macon, Georgia.

Sir Knight Land, also W.M. of Azalea Lodge No. 716, was passing the Maddox home and noticed a fire in a flower bed in front of the house.

He is contributed with saving the house from burning by smothering the fire with dirt in his bare hands.
DeMolay's 50th Anniversary Commemoration

The year of 1969 has ushered in the 50th Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay, the worldwide youth movement dedicated to building better citizens out of teenage young men.

The Masonic inspired and Masonic sponsored organization for young men 14-21 launched its 50th Anniversary Commemoration January 1, with a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

The float carried a DeMolay emblem revolving high atop a stylized crown of youth of 50,000 white chrysanthemums backed with 20,000 red roses. The crown arched up and over the street to a length of 50 feet, with each end resting in a garden area of tropical flowers including orchids, ginger and anthuriums. A replica of the DeMolay coat of arms in white chrysanthemums and blue delphiniums accent each end of the crown of youth. Four DeMolay members rode the float representing the three million DeMolays who, for 50 years, have been “Young Men on the Go” in civic, social and athletic activities and in an interesting and complete program of all-around youth development.

The Tournament of Roses Parade served as an initial step in acquainting the general public, as well as the Masonic public, with DeMolay, especially since it is seen by a million persons who line the parade route, as well as more than 100 million persons on television from coast-to-coast.

The DeMolay float in the Tournament of Roses Parade was one of the many big events planned by the organization during the year. During the month of March, membership classes will be initiated in every jurisdiction and every chapter, with a goal of 10,000 new initiates during the single month. March 15-19 in Kansas City, Missouri, the birthplace of the organization, the annual Supreme Council session will be held, which will include the gathering of the top Masonic leaders throughout the country, who will join with the DeMolay governing body in special anniversary ceremonies March 18, the symbolic birthdate of DeMolay.

On that day, a special Frank S. Land Memorial Foundation will be dedicated at the DeMolay Headquarters building, and efforts are being made to obtain a commemorative postage stamp in honor of the Founder of DeMolay, Frank S. Land.

In June, a special commemorative issue of the Cordon will be published, and July 1-4, a big International DeMolay Conference is scheduled for Kansas City, Missouri. The four-day program includes outstanding celebrities from all over the world, as well as interesting entertainment, degree exemplifications and educational programs.

Immediately following the International Conference, charter planes will take off July 5 and 6 for a DeMolay pilgrimage to Europe. The two-week trip will cover eight countries, and stop at the historical deathsite of Jacques DeMolay, the Order’s namesake in Paris, France, where a special plaque in his memory will be dedicated by the DeMolays.

Not only is the greatest year in the history of the youth movement being planned, but also a program that will be acclaimed as one of the greatest 50th Anniversary celebrations ever staged by any organization. All Masonic bodies and all Masons are urged to lend their support and efforts in behalf of DeMolay to carry out its purpose of creating a more universal awareness of DeMolay during 1969 and in the years to follow.

DeMolay Headquarters

THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDEY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, NEW JERSEY, WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 1 AND 2, AT THE HOTEL DENNIS, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY. THE GRAND COMMANDERY WILL BE CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:30 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
THE GREAT PRIORY OF IRELAND EXPRESSES ITS SYMPATHY

C. Byron Lear, R.E., Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, and the Representative to the Grand Encampment for the Great Priory of Ireland, is in receipt of a letter of “sorrow and sympathy” on the death of Past Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker. Sir Knight Lear’s acknowledgment follows the letter from V.E. Knight Smith.

Dear R.E. Brother Lear,

At the recent communication of this Great Priory warm tributes were paid to the memory of your Past Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber Marion Brucker. Emphasis was laid on his worth to the Order of the Temple not alone within his own domain, but also throughout all territories wherein our most noble Order holds sway.

It was the wish of our Grand Master, Col. Sir Basil McFarland, and all the assembled brethren that I should convey this message of sorrow and sympathy through you to your Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

H. L. S. Smith
Great Vice-Chancellor

Dear Very Eminent Sir Knight,

Your letter of December 16, expressing the sorrow and sympathy of your Great Priory, is acknowledged with deep appreciation on the part of the Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., and the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America.

When we lost Past Grand Master, American Templary lost a great and good man as Sir Knight Brucker contributed much to the stability of our Order in this country and his Knightly influence was likewise felt abroad.

I shall promptly forward your communication to our Grand Master and as your Representative to our Grand Encampment, I express my personal appreciation for the understanding sympathy of your Grand Master, Colonel Sir Basil McFarland.

Courtesy and sincerely,

C. Byron Lear
Past Grand Generalissimo

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New Jersey Class Named For Grand Master of Masons

The second Templar festival class of Odo de St. Amand Commandery No. 12, Morristown, New Jersey, November 9, was named in honor of M.W. Loral W. Pancake, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The class of 22 candidates was the largest by a single Commandery in New Jersey in many years.

The Order of the Red Cross in the morning was followed by a luncheon. After the Order of Malta in the afternoon the candidates retired to the Chamber of Reflection. Dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary and the Order of the Temple was conferred in the evening.

The Grand Master, a member of Odo de St. Amand, was presented with a check for $150 by Norman B. Moore, E.C., for the Masonic Home in Burlington. The Ladies Auxiliary gave a check for $25 and making lap robes for use by paraplegic patients at the Masonic Home.

R. Palmer Hollister, G.C., presented the Commandery with a Certificate of Appreciation for an earlier donation of $400 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and was in turn presented with a check for an additional $25 by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Harold A. Peterson, G.H.P., Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, attended, as did Gordon J. Brenner, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, together with a large number of members of Odo de St. Amand and neighboring Commanderies.

Wallace M. Gage, G.J.W.
Correspondent
The George Washington Masonic National Memorial
by Marvin E. Fowler

Knights Templar have a particular interest in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia. Near the top of the tower is the impressive Knights Templar Chapel, dedicated April 20, 1957, with Richard M. Nixon, then Vice President, as the dedication speaker. "The Knight Templar Magazine" is indebted to Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, for his descriptive and informative account of the Memorial. A biographical sketch of Sir Knight Fowler follows the article.

Designed in the classic architecture of Greece and Rome, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial stands on a prominent hill overlooking Washington's home town of Alexandria, Virginia. This magnificent structure was erected by the Masons of America as a lasting tribute to the memory of that great Mason who was the master-builder of our beloved nation.

The Memorial is the present home of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, the lodge over which Washington served as its first Master under its Virginia Charter, the office he held at the time he was inaugurated President of the United States.

Representatives from eighteen Grand Lodges met in Alexandria, Virginia, on Washington's Birthday in 1910 to consider an appropriate way by which the Masons of America could attest to their everlasting admiration for that patriot whose personal attributes instilled the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. There followed years of planning and fund-raising. Additional Grand Lodges joined in the project and in 1922 the architectural plans were approved, contracts let, and on June 5, ground was broken. The cornerstone of Memorial was laid on November 1, 1923, at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Acting Grand Master Charles

The replica Lodge room

H. Callahan, using the same trowel that Washington had used to lay the cornerstone of the United States Capitol, and assisted by President Calvin Coolidge and Chief Justice William Howard Taft, laid the cornerstone. On May 12, 1932, with President Herbert Hoover assisting, the Memorial was dedicated.

The interior rooms and apartments throughout the Memorial are now completed. The first room entered is the Great Memorial Hall where visitors are inspired by the large statute of Washington executed by the famed sculpturer Bryant Baker. This statue, a gift from the Order of DeMolay, was unveiled on February 22, 1950, with President Harry S. Truman delivering the address.
The tower of the Memorial rises above the Great Hall and is supported by eight 60 ton polished green granite columns. Behind the columns one sees two large 46 x 18 foot murals by Allyn Cox. One depicts the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol, September 18, 1793, with Washington officiating at the Masonic Ceremony. The other shows General Washington and his brethren attending a religious Service on St. John’s Day in 1778 in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Memorial includes the present lodge room of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and a Replica Lodge Room containing furniture saved from the fire of 1870 which destroyed the quarters then occupied by the lodge in Alexandria. The Replica Room also exhibits priceless Washington memorabilia relating to Washington’s membership in the lodge, and many other items of a personal nature. Here one sees the Master’s Chair, brought to the lodge from Washington’s home at Mount Vernon. Here is also displayed the famed Williams portrait of Washington clothed in his Masonic regalia as Master of the lodge.

A large and beautiful semi-circular Auditorium is used for the Annual meetings through the year. Bronze plaques on the wall commemorates over thirteen Presidents of the United States who were Master Masons.

There is a beautiful Assembly Hall, on the floor of which is displayed the largest Royal Meshed oriental rug of its kind in the world, measuring approximately 30 x 50 feet.

A very splendid Masonic Library occupies one level of the tower and the recently completed George Washington Museum occupies the fourth level. The architecture of the Museum room is after the famed Atheneum in Boston. Many of the items on display were the gift to the Memorial of Miss Ann and Miss Patty Washington, fifth generation descendants of Washington’s brother, John Augustine Washington. The central item in the Museum is the Washington Family Bible, purchased by George Washington and bearing his signature on the flyleaf. The pages between the Old and New Testaments contain handwritten statistical data of the Washington family, listing the names, births, baptisms, marriages and deaths of members of the immediate family. Many other valuable Washington memorabilia are displayed in this room and the Museum is believed to contain the most extensive collection of personal items relating to Washington to be found at any one place.

Other rooms and apartments in the Memorial have been furnished and completed by various branches of the Masonic fraternity. Each of the York Rite Bodies has one floor in the tower.

Of special interest to the readers of this magazine is the Knights Templar Chapel, just beneath the observation platform at the top of the tower. This Chapel features a marble Altar and four stained glass windows depicting the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus healing the blind, the Crucifixion and the Ascension. It also contains other relics and banners pertaining to Templary. The Knight Templar Chapel was erected by the Grand Encampment with the assistance and support of Grand Commanderies and Knights Templar throughout America. The Chapel was dedicated on April 20, 1957, with the then Vice President Richard M. Nixon delivering the dedicatory address. The Chapel was designed as a place for meditation and prayer, and many visitors to the Memorial have knelt before its Altar and offered their devotions to Diety.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial is open to the public daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is hoped that those who visit the Memorial will leave with a greater esteem for that great patriot we are proud to call the “Father of our Country.” It is hoped that all citizens of this land will leave the Memorial with a feeling of profound gratitude provided us with the priceless heritage we should enjoy and preserve.

(See page 30)
Maryland Has Busy Month

November was a busy month for the Commanderies of Maryland. A York Rite Festival was held in Baltimore City November 23, 29 and 30 with the following Chapters participating: Concordia, Phoenix, Jerusalem, St. Johns, Adaniram, Druid, Belvedere, Baltimore and Tuscaus; Councils: Concordia, Jerusalem, Hiram and Baltimore and Commanderies: Maryland, Monumental, Crusade and Beauseant. The Chapter and Council degrees were conferred Saturday, November 23, the Orders of Red Cross and Malta the 29th and the Order of the Temple Saturday, the 30th. Seventy-eight candidates were initiated.

Saturday, November 30, St. Bernard Commandery No. 9 at Hagerstown, conferred the Orders on a class of candidates, serving dinner before the conferring of the Order of the Temple.

A York Rite Festival was held in Salisbury in November by the Thomas J. Shyrock Commandery No. 11. The Order of Red Cross and Malta were conferred Thursday, November 14 and the Order of the Temple Saturday, November 16. A Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. at the English Grill on South Salisbury Blvd., with other Commanderies participating.

Saturday, November 23, a reception sponsored by St. Elmo Commandery No. 12 for the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was held at the Adult Education Building, University of Maryland, with an estimated attendance of 500.

Sir Knight H. Paul Bovey has resigned as Recorder of St. Bernard Commandery, as he is retiring and expects to be out of town most of the time. In January York Commandery No. 16 had a Festival and Keystone Chapter No. 32 celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Albion A. Bailey
Correspondent

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**TRIENNIAL MEMENTO**

A fifty-five year old Triennial Conclave memento is one the new and favorite items in the history collection of Sir Knight Blaine M. Simons, P.G.C., Utah, member of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation.

When the 32nd Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment convened in Denver, Colorado, in 1913, Denver Commandery No. 25 was ready with a Triennial souvenir—a handsomely constructed and suitably imprinted writing case. In 1913, it apparently was an eagerly-sought favor. Among its special features is a series of compartments for a variety of objects—including one that few younger persons would recognize by the same name today, "court plaster." Sir Knight Simons, a member of the Westerners Denver Posse, a western history organization, is devoting special attention to the Triennial Conclave material, especially that dealing with the Grand Encampment Conclaves of 1892 and 1913, the two Conclaves for which Denver was host.

Although many favors and souvenirs will be in evidence in 1970, with Denver again the Triennial Conclave city, none is expected to include the mention of "court plaster."
TEMPLAR QUIZ

Match the Officer with the Office

1. Curtis W. V. Junker  
   M.E. Grand Master

2. G. Wilbur Bell  
   R.E. Grand Generalissimo

3. Edmund F. Ball  
   R.E. Grand Treasurer

4. John L. Crofts Sr.  
   R.E. Grand Prelate

5. Willard M. Avery  
   R.E. Grand Recorder

6. Paul C. Rodenhauser  
   R.E. Deputy Grand Master

7. Roy W. Riegle  
   R.E. Grand Captain General

True or False

A. Grand Encampment Officers are elected for three years (T) — (F)

B. 51st Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave will convene in 1969 at New York City

C. Every-member mailing of the "Knight Templar Magazine" starts with July, 1969 issue

D. Knights Templar Eye Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund has passed the $1,000,000.00 mark

E. Only Knights Templar can become Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

F. Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., is Executive Director of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation

G. The Grand Encampment was formed as a sovereign body in 1816

Multiple Choice

I. Individual Knights Templar report corrections or changes of mailing address to: A—Constituent Recorder B—Grand Recorder C—Grand Encampment Office

II. Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies under Grand Encampment total: A—325 B—6,000 C—1,600

III. The honorary title for a Grand Commander is: A—Most Excellent B—Very Illustrious C—Right Eminent

IV. All Grand Commanderies have Annual Conclaves on: A—2nd Tuesday of May B—no uniform dates C—1st weekend of October

V. Total Knight Templar membership under Grand Encampment is: A—385,000 B—111,500 C—87,375

VI. A.O., the Year of the Order, indicates that our Order was founded in: A—1776 B—1314 C—1118

VII. In fealty and purpose Knight Templar is: A—Monotheistic B—Christian C—Secular
"In His Name"

THE POWER OF GOD

Here we are—men of little power and of mean estate—yet, we can lift up heart and voice to God before whom all created things are as dust and a vapour. He is hidden behind the curtain of sense, incomprehensible in His greatness, mysterious in His almighty power; yet here we can speak with Him familiarly as child to parent—as friend to friend. If we could not thus speak to Him, then we are indeed without hope in the world. For it is little that we have power to do or to ordain. Not of our own will are we here, not of our own will shall we soon pass hence. Of all that shall come to us this day, very little will be such as we have chosen for ourselves. It is God, the hidden One, who appoints our lot and determines the bounds of our habitations. It is God who has put power in our hands to do one work and has withheld the skill to do another. It is God who keeps in His grasp the threads of this day’s life and who alone knows what lies before us to do or to suffer. But because He is our Father, we are not afraid. Because it is His own Spirit that stirs within our spirits’ inmost room, we know that all is well. What we desire for ourselves we cannot attain—but what He desires in us He can attain for us. The good that we would, we do not—but the good that He wills in us, that He can give us power to do.

"Dear Father, take this day’s life into Thine own keeping. Control all our thoughts and feelings. Direct all our energies. Instruct our minds. Sustain our wills. Take our hands and make them skillful to serve Thee. Take our feet and make them swift to do Thy bidding. Take our eyes and keep them fixed upon Thine everlasting beauty. Take our mouths and make them eloquent in testimony to Thy love. Make this day a day of obedience, a day of spiritual joy and peace. Make this day’s work a little part of the work of the Kingdom of our Lord Christ, in whose name these our prayers are said. Amen."

(Modified from "A Diary of Private Prayer" published by Charles Scribner's Sons, N.Y.)

Answers: Match the Officer with the Office—4, 7, 3, 1, 6, 2, 5

True or False: A.—True; B.—False (Next Triennial Conclave, the 51st, convenes in Denver, Colorado, August 22-27, 1970); C.—True; D.—True (Million mark was reached October 7, 1968); E.—True (Others can participate as Patrons, Associate Patrons, etc.) F.—False (Sir Knight DeLamater is Executive Director of Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The Grand Master appointed Oliver B. William Chairman of the Committee on the Educational Foundation); G.—True.

Multiple Choice: I.—Definitely the Constituent Recorder! (He is the man to receive all name and address information.) II.—1600; III.—Right Eminent; IV.—No uniform dates (Each jurisdiction names its own conclave date.) V.—385,000 is the closest; (We will have a current and exact number after the data processing project has been completed.) VI.—1118 (which means the current year, A.O., is 851); VII.—Christian—militantly.
COMMENTARY ON OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Col. Leighton E. Harrell, USAR, Rtd., P.C., Recorder, St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, is chairman of the committee of 33, National Sojourners. In that capacity he wrote a recent newsletter from which we quote: "... in Florida there was a rendition of our National Anthem which we believe not to be in good taste. Florida National Sojourners protested to the station concerned. There was a public declaration of policy... With this background, read the enclosed. (policy declaration follows) This illustrates once more that vigilance is important..."

We should like to take this opportunity to comment on the ruckus created today by another personalized public rendition of the National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

This song is not the personal property of anyone, not even Francis Scott Key who wrote it, let alone any individual performer. It belongs to America. As such a National Property it should not be used as a vehicle for individual publicity for an individual singer's style. It should be presented STRAIGHT — right down the middle of America. And thank goodness the middle of America still has the sensitivity to react strongly to invasions of their reasonable attitudes when TREAD UPON TOO HARSHLY. That may not be good English but it sure is good American.

We in television cannot blame the singer. That's the only way he knows how to sing. We blame the people who hire these singers and use them as tools to deliberately degrade our National Heritage and try to advance their own notions about "How it really is, baby!" These are the young, far out, swinging producers—the cute self-styled Sociologists of Tomorrow... those who have some of the responsibility of programming to America, coupled with a burning desire to change America overnight, during their short lifetime of confusion. We also blame the mixed-up old men, not necessarily broadcasters, but there are some of those too, who approve these decisions... but because they are young we'll stay with them a distance... within reason—but not with their ideas of how The Star Spangled Banner should be sung.

There may be some communities in America which would accept it from their broadcasting stations, but we doubt it!

A Personal "Thank You"
From Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker

Knight Templar friends from many parts of the world honored the memory of Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker with contributions and flowers, and with special messages to Mrs. Brucker.

Many of them could not be individually acknowledged because of the absence of addresses and, in some instances, of the last names of the senders. Through the medium of the Knight Templar Magazine, Mrs. Brucker wishes to express her personal appreciation for the kindnesses expressed by so many friends and Knight Templar associates.

Otherwise, says Mrs. Brucker, "I would not know to thank everyone who contributed in some way to the memory of my beloved husband."

However, this station, from now on, will have on standby a STRAIGHT rendition of the National Anthem, and if it is presented again as a musical rag doll by any other originating point, we shall cut it forthwith and present a traditionally accepted rendition of it.

This song means too much to the patriotic living and meant too much to the dedicated and sacrificed dead to play around with.

This, therefore, is a Public Notice to all others: Producers, Singers, Directors, and Funny Writers..."If you want to Swing the National Anthem, Soul Sing it, or Folk Song it... you can do in your own pad, man... not in the living rooms of America."

End of Comment.

From: WFLA-TV, P.O. Box 1410
Tampa, Fla. 33601
Nevada Commandery Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Sunday, November 17, was Anniversary Day for DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1, Reno, Nevada. DeWitt Commandery was constituted 100 years ago in Virginia City and transferred to Reno in 1905.

Representatives of the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon and Protestant faiths participated. Also for "the first time in the history of Nevada Masonry," says Correspondent Clarence K. Jones, "all Masonic Bodies and organizations were invited to participate in a Commandery ceremony." These, in addition to the Grand Lodge, included: Job's Daughters, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Daughters of the Nile, Eastern Star, Area Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, Royal Arch and Royal and Select Masters.

Escorted into Trinity Episcopal Church by twelve uniformed Shrine Patrol members, were: M.W. James A. Morrison, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada; Sir Knight Silas E. Ross, 33rd P.G.M., Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nevada, Grand Chamberlain of the Supreme Council; and Harold S. Gorman, P.G.C., R.E. Department Commander, South Pacific Department. Twelve members of the Knights of Columbus led by Jack D. Muldoon, Master of Fourth Degree, and Father Joseph Welch, representative of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, joined 38 members of DeWitt Clinton Commandery in the procession. Three Justices of the Nevada Supreme Court were present—Justice John Mowbray, Cameron Batjer, and Jon R. Collins. District Judge Emile Gezeln was also present.

Special music was provided by the Episcopal Church Choir, and several choral selections were sung by the Mormon Choir of Reno. Participating clergy included the Rev. James Earle Carroll, Rector, Trinity Church; The Rev. Donald Cole, Assistant Rector, and the Rev. Sir Knight Blake M. Franklin, Prelate, DeWitt Clinton Commandery, and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reno.

Processional going into Trinity Episcopal Church for the Evensong Service.

Sir Knight Lawrence U. Metcalf and Major Gordon A. Sampson made many of the arrangements necessary for the service, assisted by Frank E. Hart, E.C.; Alex Coon, G., and Raymond W. Cable, C.G.

The historical significance was highlighted when the Rev. Mr. Franklin recalled some of the early activities of the Sir Knights in church, state and city and county organizations. In Virginia City the Commandery has a membership of sixty, and there was always an air of excitement in the town when the Sir Knights rode their jet black horses in parade formation. Some of the uniforms worn by members of DeWitt Clinton Commandery today are the same ones worn by the first members in Virginia City. The velvet capes and other trappings are embroidered with silver threads, woven from the ore taken from the silver mines of Virginia City during its hey day.

A truly ecumenical gathering was climaxed with a buffet supper in the Nevada Room of the Mapes Hotel.
Robert J. Hackett, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of Ohio, died December 21 in Akron City Hospital after a brief illness.

He served as Commander in 1931-32 and Grand Commander in 1944-45. Upon completion of his term, he was elected Grand Recorder and served from 1945 until the time of his death.

He became a 32nd Scottish Rite Mason in Lake Erie Consistory, Cleveland, 1922, was president of the A.A.S.R. Officers Association in 1948-49, Most Wise Master in 1951-53 and Commander-in-Chief in 1963-65. Sir Knight Hackett was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary 33rd in 1944.


Member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, sang many years in choir as bass soloist, church vestryman for several years. Former director of Summit County Humane Society. Born in Akron, he was associated with AMH Insurance Co., West Akron, at time of death. Married Helen Stein, well-known Akron singer, 1923. In addition to the widow, survivors are: a daughter, Mrs. Byron G. Fairbanks, Medina; five grandchildren, a great-grandson, and a brother, Warren H., Akron. Services were in St. Paul’s Church with burial in Glendale cemetery December 23.

Carroll H. Lockhart, who died January 1 in Phoenix, Arizona, was an ardent and talented worker in the ranks of Grand Encampment. He is particularly remembered for his longtime service as chairman of the Committee on Finance.

Sir Knight Lockhart, born November 5, 1892, in Columbia County, Wisconsin, retired as President of the First National Bank, Watertown, South Dakota, December 1, 1957, and became Chairman of the Board of Directors, continuing in that position until January of 1966. He served in Company A, 136 Infantry, in World War I, and was subsequently active in American Legion affairs on the local and state level. He served as State Commander of the American Legion in 1930-31.

Former member of the State Central Committee and the Republican National Committee for South Dakota, Sir Knight Lockhart was active in a variety of civic and community affairs in the city of Watertown, South Dakota, where he made his residence. He served on the City Council for several years, the Watertown Independent School District, the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and as an officer or director of a score or more civic organizations.

Masonically, he was a Past Master of Kampska Lodge No. 13, Watertown; Past Commander, Watertown Commandery No. 7; Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota, and a former Grand Treasurer; Past Sovereign of St. Simon Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Sioux Falls; member of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, El Rind Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and Royal Order of Jesters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, who died unexpectedly in early December.
Floyd A. Palmer  
Kansas  
Grand Commander — 1941  
Born October 22, 1888  
Died December 15, 1968

Perry C. Traver  
Indiana  
Grand Commander — 1945  
Born February 15, 1886  
Died December 16, 1968

Robert J. Hackett  
Ohio  
Grand Commander — 1944  
Born February 2, 1898  
Died December 21, 1968

Carroll H. Lockhart  
South Dakota  
Grand Commander — 1950  
Born November 5, 1892  
Died January 1, 1969

Louis Mohler  
Illinois  
Grand Standard Bearer — 1968  
Born February 4, 1918  
Died January 2, 1969

Harry B. Wilson  
Kentucky  
Grand Commander — 1951  
Born May 5, 1888  
Died January 2, 1969

Edmond L. Kimble Sr.  
Louisiana  
Grand Commander — 1944  
Born December 12, 1893  
Died January 9, 1969
". . . For Brethren to Dwell Together in Unity"

An Observation by

The Reverend William R. Deutsch, Vicar

St. John's Episcopal Church, Lockport, Illinois

Eminent Commander, DuPage Commandery No. 88, Lombard

Sir Knight Wylie Wendt has done the Craft a great service in his interesting article in the December, 1968, Knight Templar Magazine. By reprinting and making Albert Pike's letter generally available he reminds us that the Knights Templar and the Knights Kadosh are "branches of the same Order."

We can expand this further. Everyone knows that the York and Scottish Rites differ widely. These differences are striking. The York Rite (like Symbolic Masonry) is organized locally; the bodies of the Scottish Rite include much larger areas. The Scottish Rite has 33 degrees; although the York Rite does not number its degrees, there are 13 degrees and orders. The York Rite, again like Symbolic Masonry, normally confers its degrees and orders on individual candidates; they are "lodge room" degrees. The Scottish Rite degrees are designed for conferral on large groups, are dramatic in form, and are often produced with the skill and polish of the professional theatre. We could extend this list to a much greater extent, but the point is clear. There are great differences between the two Rites.

But there is also a unity. While the differences lie on the surface, the similarities must be sought for in the nature and symbolism of the ceremonies themselves. Is it not interesting that the 13° and 14° of the Scottish Rite have what is really the same legend as the Royal Arch of the York Rite, and incorporate much of the "cryptic" degrees? The 15° and 16° cover much of the same ground as the Order of the Red Cross and parts of the Royal Arch degree. The Knight Templar and the Kadosh are, as Sir Knight Wendt reminds us, related. I am convinced that there is a connection between the Order of Malta and the Rose-Croix degree. A study of these striking similarities leads us, it seems to me, to the conclusion that the York Rite and the Scottish Rite give us two forms of the same degrees.

This conclusion is bolstered by the fact that the 5°, 9° and 10° contain matter that is included in the Master Mason's degree as we know it, but which is omitted in the French forms of the Sublime degree. Can we not say that the Scottish Rite and the York Rite are, respectively, the French and English forms of the same degrees? What we know of the historical origins of the two Rites tends to confirm this.

Of course, each Rite has degrees not found in the other. (The Scottish has more than the York.) But this is an accident of history.

The lesson to be learned from this is simple, but easily obscured in our daily Masonic practice. There are not two different masonic — York and Scottish Rite. There is only one Masonry, which brethren of both Rites share. Each has emphasis and values peculiar to itself; but each is a valid descendant of common ancestors. Many of us belong to both Rites; all of us should rejoice in the brotherly bond of Masonic unity. There is no room for animosity or ill-feeling between the two Rites; we should, all of us, strive to achieve in our fraternal lives the concord inculcated in that verse of scripture so dear to the heart of every Freemason: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

(Sir Knight Deutsch, the author, is a former Grand Prelate, General Grand Chapter.)
San Antonio Commandery No. 7 chartered June 12, 1868, has entered it's second Century with the completion of its Centennial Celebration, Past Commanders Night, December 20. On this occasion the daughter of the first Commander of San Antonio Commandery No. 7, G.C. Lee, presented the Commandery with a large color portrait of her father, who served from 1868 to 1870 and again, from 1883 to 1885.

Highlight of the Centennial Year was the 3 day visit of Grand Master John L. Crofts Sr. and Texas Grand Commander Richard T. Porter and his entire Grand Commandery line, according to Russell C. Hinote, Commander of San Antonio No. 7.

Grand Master Crofts was greeted June 13 with a red carpet by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Committee and a host of Sir Knights.

The following day was proclaimed Knight Templar Day at HEMISFAIR '68, San Antonio's World's Fair, and the Grand Master was welcomed by HEMISFAIR Board Chairman, Sir Knight H. B. Zachery and the Mayor, Walter W. McAllister, class representative of the Centennial Class knighted June 15.

A VIP tour of HEMISFAIR, reserved only for visiting Heads of State, was accorded the Grand Master and his party. He was then received by the chief diplomatic officers at each of the foreign exhibits and by former U.S. Ambassador Edward Clark at the U.S. Pavilion. Lunch was hosted by H. B. Zachery. The day was capped by dinner in the 622 foot Tower of the America where the Grand Master dined with Sir Knight W. B. Jack Ball, San Antonio Masonry's only Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

The city proclaimed June 15 Knight Templar Day and a class of 70 candidates was initiated with the Order of the Temple conferred by the Grand Commander and Officers of Texas. Prior to the conferral, Grand Master Crofts was received under the traditional arch of steel by Sir Knight Porter.

More than 500 Sir Knights and their ladies attended a banquet subsequent to the conferral where Mayor McAllister made Grand Master Crofts an Honorary Mayor and presented him with a certificate commemorating his visit to HEMISFAIR. Grand Master Crofts also received a Stetson One Hundred hat from San Antonio Sir Knights.

Grand Master Crofts delivered the principal address during which he stated his reception was unmatched by any he had received as Grand Master.

The Centennial Year was presided over by Russell C. Hinote and chaired by Past Commander William C. Young.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

C. Warner Carpenter
Grand Commander of New Hampshire ........................................ March 3
Maurice S. Keirstead
Grand Generalissimo of New Jersey .......................................... March 4
Virgil F. Kent
Chairman, Committee on Ritualistic Matters .......................... March 6
Thomas N. Morrison
Grand Recorder of Florida .................................................. March 7
Franklin H. Neumann
Grand Captain General of Wisconsin .......................... March 8
Jacob L. King
Grand Captain General of Arkansas ........................................ March 11
Paul H. Schwindler Sr.
Grand Generalissimo of New York ........................................ March 11
Lloyd E. Poore
Grand Commander of Missouri ................................................ March 15
Calvin A. Behle
Deputy Grand Commander of Utah ........................................ March 16
Ralph W. Hopfgarten
Grand Recorder of Idaho .................................................... March 18
Arch M. Dullig
Chairman, Committee on Finance ........................................... March 19
Herbert D. Sledd
Chairman, Committee on Templar Jurisprudence ........................ March 19
Ehm J. Sorensen
Grand Captain General of Nebraska .................................... March 19
John J. Bahn
Grand Recorder of New York ................................................ March 20
Oscar V. Bowling
Grand Generalissimo of West Virginia .................................. March 26
John H. Loree
Chairman, Committee on Drill Regulations ............................. March 27
Arthur M. Herndon
Grand Captain General of West Virginia ................................ March 28
R. Palmer Hollister
Grand Commander of New Jersey ........................................... March 31
Donald B. Waldhaus
Grand Generalissimo of Connecticut .................................... March 31

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

Special Presentation in Ohio

A special presentation highlighted the annual inspection of Bryan Commandery No. 74, Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Lachlan M. MacDonald, widow of the late Past Grand Commander, gave the Commandery a full color portrait of her husband, who was a member of No. 74, and a framed display of the many jewels and Masonic awards he received.

Attending the presentation were from left: Lloyd E. Roulet, P.G.C., Inspecting Officer, Toledo; E. Commander Charles Wert.

A. Isaac; Mrs. Mac Donald; and Ned Dull, the R.E. Grand Commander of Ohio, Van Wert.
NORTH PACIFIC DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE AT BOISE

Twenty-three officers and members of the Grand Commanderies of the North Pacific Department participated in a Department Conference Saturday, January 11, at the Boise Hotel, Boise, Idaho. Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser, attended. Department Commander Carl J. Baesemann conducted the workshop gathering.

Department Commander Baesemann (at left) emphasizes a point of information while Sir Knights Carmody and Painter observe.

Idaho's Grand Recorder, Ralph W. Hopfgarten (foreground).


Interested participants (right) learn about planned activities of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Grand Master Crofts is interviewed by KBOI-TV newsmnan, one of the several TV and newspaper interviews arranged by Grand Recorder Hopfgarten, Idaho.

SEVEN NEBRASKA 50-YEAR PINS

Eugene E. Whitney, Grand Commander, Nebraska, presented six 50-year Templar membership pins during October; another was presented by William T. Albrecht, P.G.C.

October recipients in Nebraska: Josiah B. Redfield, Palestine No. 13, North Platte; Larious Jensen, Bunah No. 26; Otis E. Mager (pictured with Grand Commander Whitney), Mt. Carmel No. 3, Auburn; and from Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, Lincoln—George Murphy, Earl Brooks, Charles Peters and Eric Miller. Sir Knight Albrecht presented Sir Knight Miller's pin at the annual ladies night banquet at Lincoln.
TRAVELING TEMPLARS

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

Frank L. Bourke, North Atlantic Department Commander: Attended a Christmas Observance at New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Connecticut, with Mrs. Bourke, December 20. The service and program were conducted by P.C. George Schenk. It was well planned and executed. The speaker was M.W. William Campbell, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Also attended Christmas Observances at Portland Commandery No. 2 and St. Alban Commandery No. 8, Portland, Maine, December 25. Responded to the Toast to the M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr.


NEW JERSEY MILITARY BALL

Attending the Military Ball are Sir Knights (l. to r.): J. Howard Haring, P.G.C.; R. Palmer Hollister, Grand Commander; Frank L. Bourke, North Atlantic Department Commander and Jack V. Volkovic, Commander.

Three hundred Sir Knights and ladies attended the Third Annual Dinner and Military Ball sponsored by the Council Officers and Wardens Association of New Jersey, Saturday evening, November 2. The leaders of the York Rite bodies and the active Deputy 33° were honored guests, as was Department Commander Frank Lamont Bourke. This was an evening devoted to pleasure and social togetherness, writes Palmer Hollister, Grand Commander. There were no speeches or remarks permitted. The climax was the Grand March featuring the Sir Knights in full Templar uniforms and their Ladies in evening gowns.
GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

WHEREAS the Order of DeMolay is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 1969; and

WHEREAS Templary recognizes the intimacy between the Templar Order and the Order of DeMolay through ritual, general purposes and the name of the last Grand Master of medieval Knights Templar; and

WHEREAS Templary recognizes the present social value of the Order of DeMolay as well as its past record, and embraces as an opportunity and objective a special support of the Order of DeMolay in its 50th Anniversary year;

Therefore, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, and after consultation with the Committee on DeMolay and the Committee Advisory to the Grand Master, it is hereby ordered:

1. That an expository letter by the Chairman of the Committee on DeMolay and an appeal circular relative to needs of the 50th Anniversary DeMolay Conference to be held in Kansas City on July 1-4, 1969, be mailed to all members of Grand Encampment together with this general order.

2. That in any Grand Commandery where there may not be a Committee on DeMolay, the Grand Commander give immediate consideration to the appointment of such a committee.

3. That each Grand Commander and each Commander of a Subordinate Commandery give immediate consideration to the mailing of similar or substitute expository letters and the same appeal circular (available in any quantity from Grand Recorder Rodenhauser) to all members of Grand or Subordinate Commanderies, so that all may know the need and may respond as they may be able and inclined.

4. That each Grand Commander give immediate consideration to a special DeMolay program or emphasis during the Annual Conclave of 1969.

5. That each Grand Commander give immediate consideration, together with the Executive Officer of DeMolay and the Grand Commandery committee, to the achieving of Constituent Commandery involvement and the active support of DeMolay, by the best and most effective means, through programs including but not limited to the following suggestions:

a. Present a special program designed to recognize Knights Templar who serve as Advisors or are otherwise active in support of DeMolay on a local or other basis, to inform member Knights Templar of DeMolay history, purpose and local activity, and to recruit additional Knights Templar to DeMolay activity.

b. Attend church in a body with DeMolays on the Sunday nearest March 18, and host a related breakfast or other entertainment, or, invite DeMolay and Advisors to the Easter or Ascension Day service of the Commandery.

c. Invite a DeMolay Chapter to confer one or both of its Degrees before the Commandery, and/or make an official group visit to a DeMolay Conclave on a special occasion.

d. Assist the local DeMolay Chapter to recruit and initiate a special “Wilber M. Brucker Class,” including special program and/or refreshments incidental to the occasion.

e. Invite members by appeal letter and circular or otherwise to contribute, as they may be able and inclined, to the cost of the 50th Anniversary DeMolay Conference.

6. That the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment forward to each Grand Recorder a sufficient number of copies of this general order for distribution to each Grand Officer and to each Commandery, together with the Grand Commander’s own order of implementation as may be devised in accordance with (5) above.

[Signature]
KNIGHT TEMPLAR OFFICIATES FOR JULIE AND DAVID

The celebrated marriage of Julie Nixon, daughter of the President-elect, and David Eisenhower, grandson of the former President, was solemnized December 21 in Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, the church of Sir Knight and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

Dr. Peale, after officiating for the ceremony, was the subject of national television and press interviews. He labeled the young newlyweds as "one of the finest couples" he had ever known. Asked about the pastoral counseling he had given them, Sir Knight said that "praying together—aloud" was one of his admonitions.

OKLAHOMA YORK RITE FESTIVAL

The Tom W. Goodwin York Rite Festival concluded Saturday, December 14, in the Asylum of Bethlehem Commandery No. 45, Oklahoma City, when 13 new Sir Knights were added to the rolls of Oklahoma Commanderies.

Approximately 125 Sir Knights, in addition to the candidates, were attendance. The wives of the Bethlehem Drill Team members, all Beauceant members, served the noon meal, with profits going to the fund the ladies are raising to send the team to Denver in 1970 for the 51st Triennial Conclave Drill Team competition.

The Grand Bodies were well represented for the conferrals. Among the Grand Officers present were: Grand Commander Willis H. Gorey; Grand High Priest Cleo A. Walton; Grand Illustrious Master Kenneth M. Blakley; M. W. Past Grand Masters of Grand Lodge, Leslie H. Swan and W. Ralph Howard; India Temple Potentate Tom W. Goodwin, the principal candidate; Past Grand Master General W. King Larimore, Convent General, K.Y.C.H.; from Scottish Rite, Foster H. Garrett, Orient Representative, and Earl K. Roberts, Field Representative, Guthrie Consistory; also DeMolay's Executive Officer for Oklahoma, F. Carley Bryant, a candidate.

MONTANA CROSS OF HONOR AWARDED

Past Commander George M. Durst (right) of Miles City, Montana, receives the certificate and jewel of the K.T. Cross of Honor from Junior Past Grand Commander Elwood I. Naugle, of Billings, during the Miles Commandery No. 11 festival. Sir Knight Durst was chosen from five Montana nominees during the past year.

Grand Master Visits Yaarab Temple

Sir Knight John L. Crofts Sr., Most Eminent Grand Master, attended the Fall Ceremonial of Yaarab Temple in Atlanta, December 11.

Those present included, from left: Sir Knight Crofts; Chester Hogan, Imperial Potentate of all Shrinedom; J. C. Rary, Potentate, Yaarab Temple; and J. E. Moseley, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, Georgia.

"Sir Knight Crofts expresses appreciation to the officers and members of Yaarab Temple for their "wonderful support over the years to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."
A class in honor of Harry J. Guy was knighted October 5 at the Masonic Temple in Winter Haven, Florida. Those attending included Sir Knights (first row, from left): Monte Young, Kent Leonard, Lee Sensabaugh; second row, Don Buxton, Doyle Cox, Ernie Huber, Charles F. Orr, James C. Tyre, John O. Evans; back row, Paul Cory, Generalissimo; E. E. Moore, Commander; Larry Clinton, Captain General; Harry L. Guy.

Commandery News

Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan, observed Annual Inspection, November 9, reports Sir Knight William F. Engel, Recorder. Grand Generalissimo Rex Brubaker was Inspection Officer. Grand Recorder Harold Copp and Grand Sword Bearer William Parker were guests.

After the Knighting of one candidate, the Sir Knights joined their ladies for a Hawaiian Luau with Hawaiian decor and music, each of the 165 guests receiving a lei. Following the dinner, Peninsular presented the Full Form Opening and stood for a Silent Prayer in memory of Most Eminent Past Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker.

Past Grand Commander Floyd I. Manker was the Installing Officer for the elected and appointed officers of Arizona Commandery No. 1, December 30 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Tucson. Others assisting with the program of installation were Past Commanders Marcus Cheese- man, Shelby Wilson, Wayne Kirk, Charles K. Doll, Emmett Riehl, Arthur Kent, Ralph Mobray, and Sir Knight W. E. Shepard. Arizona No. 1 is Sir Knight Manker’s home Commandery, which he served as Commander in 1957.

CONGRESSMAN FLYNT BECOMES LIFE SPONSOR

Congressman and Sir Knight John J. Flynt Jr. seated, with J. E. Moseley, Grand Recorder, looking on, signs his application for a Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Sir Knight Flynt, representing the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia in the United States House of Representatives, is a member of Griffin Commandery No. 35.

Congressman Flynt expressed his appreciation in “having the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile charity.” Sir Knight Moseley writes: “We in Georgia are proud to have this outstanding and dedicated public servant as a Knight Templar—and on our team as a Life Sponsor.”
As this message is written we have just experienced the "Magic" of Christmas, a time when friendship reigns supreme in the hearts of men and even embattled armies cease their gunfire to remember the "Babe of Bethlehem." As this issue comes from the press it will be time to consider and prepare for the Easter Season, commemorating the death and resurrection of the Savior and the part we will have in paying homage to Him.

Sunday, April 6, Templars from various parts of this country will assemble in the Arlington National Cemetery under the sponsorship of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., to greet the "Risen King." While details concerning the Sunrise Service are not at this time available, I expect they will be by the time you read this, and that steps, if not already announced, will immediately be taken that Pennsylvania Templary may have a representative showing to declare our faith in the principals of Templary. We do know that our headquarters will be at the Marriott Motor Hotel, where we will hold the Pennsylvania Dinner on Saturday evening. It is my prayer that all sections of the State will be well represented to, in this way, testify to our faith and honor Him under whose banner we are enlisted.

February is also the anniversary month of the birth of two great patriots, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. While Lincoln was not a Mason, there is much in the lives of both that warrant our emulation. Here we have men of widely divergent backgrounds, one a life of prestige and affluence, the other of poverty and humility, yet both of the same determination that America should survive as a refuge for free men, both willing to spend of themselves that their ideals for it would be accomplished and preserved.

Today we are challenged as were they to preserve our American freedom. May we, as they, consecrate ourselves to the preservation of a free America, and at the same time to preserve Christian Templary in the support of the "Risen Christ."

G. Calvin Dyson
Grand Commander
A Thanksgiving Memory

The five Commanderies of Division No. 8 held Divine Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 24, at 7:45 p.m., in Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls.

The Rev. and Sir Knight George Carson, former Grand Prelate, pastor of the church, conducted service, assisted by the Rev. and Sir Knight Norman C. Young of Ambridge, also a former Grand Prelate, who preached on "The Attitude of Gratitude." The Rev. and Sir Knight Walter Lundberg, Zelienople, read the Scripture.

Music included a duet by Sir Knight Donald Y. Clark and John A. Davidson, and the anthem, "With the Voice of Singing," by the Sanctuary Choir.

Refreshments in the Masonic Temple followed the service.

The five Commanderies marched in full regalia from the Masonic Temple to Trinity Church.

Among those attending: J. Harvey Moore, P.G.C.; Carl E. Irwin, E.C., Beaver Valley No. 84; J. Arthur Snyder, Division Commander; Keith Stevenson, Lawrence Commandery No. 62; and Edward Hoagland, E.C., Sharon Commandery No. 50.

Frank W. Bobb
Public Relations Chairman

School of Instruction Meeting

On January 22, at 7:30 p.m. a meeting to organize the 16th Division School of Instruction was held at Hanover with Bethel Commandery No. 98 acting as the host commandery. A communication issued by the Committee on Rituals and Tactics was thoroughly discussed. Bethel Commandery rehearsed the full-form opening and its adoption for use in the Commanderies of Division 16 is being considered. Uniformity in Tactics and the use of the ritual is the ultimate goal of the schools of instruction in Pennsylvania. To reach this goal it is necessary to have the support of dedicated Sir Knights who are willing to work hard for the furthering of Knight Temporal.

The "Manual of the Sword Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, Published in the January Crusader," was prepared by Sir Knight Walter H. Wooding, Pennsylvania Trustee and Chairman of the Committee on Tactics and Drill, Member of Mary No. 36.

May 3-4 are new dates for the Ascension and Memorial Service weekend of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Dates formerly arranged by the committee had been April 26-27. The weekend events are held annually at historic Gettysburg.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 22 and 23 — 100th Anniversary of Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia
April 5 and 6 — Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington, Va.
April 12 — Public Installation of officers of Division No. 16 at York
May 3-4 — Ascension Festival and Service at Gettysburg
A word about Marvin E. Fowler:
Born in Salisbury, Missouri, October 12, 1904; graduated from Central College, Fayette, Missouri, in 1926 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts.

From 1926 to 1929 taught high school science in Mexico, Missouri. In 1929 he entered the Division of Forest Pathology in the United States Department of Agriculture. Received his Master's degree from George Washington University in 1931.

He was Head Pathologist and Chief Division of Forest Disease Research Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, Upper Darby, Pa., retiring from government service in October, 1963. He was the author of about 100 scientific publications and has lectured extensively at colleges and graduate schools on pathology.

He is now serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.


Life member of Almas Temple, A.A. O.N.M.S.; a member of the Grotto; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Masonic Veterans of

MASONIC BREAKFAST ATTRACTS 700


The breakfast, a between the holidays event, was launched by Sir Knight Cottrell in his capacity as District Deputy Grand Master, 36th Masonic District, Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. Pennsylvania. R.W. Brother Young was the speaker.

the District of Columbia; Life member of Triangle Club of Washington, D.C.; Tom Carlisle Masonic Club of Springfield, Pa.; Pennsylvania College of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitibus Federatis; National Soujourners; Masonic Order of the Bath; and Ye Ancient Order of the Corks.

Holder of Henry Price Medal of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Senior member and Legion of Honor, and active member of International Supreme Order of DeMolay.


Past Sovereign Master of Grand Masters' Council and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.


Past Grand Chancellor of Grand College of Rites of U.S.A.

Knight Companion of St. Simeon Stylites Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, served as Sovereign in 1950.

Member of Royal Order of Scotland since 1932 and Provincial Grand Master since 1953.
Conferral and Inspection For Tennessee

Sir Knight A. E. McClanahan, who was Knighted January 31, 1918, conferred the Order of the Temple on a group of 38 candidates on this 50th Anniversary as a Knight Templar. Sir Knight McClanahan is a past presiding officer of all four of the Grand York Rite Bodies in Tennessee and a member of Nashville Commandery No. 1.

Grand Commander B. T. Dawkins, first from left, made his official visit to Kingsport Commandery No. 33 at Kingsport, Tennessee, November 9.

First Lady of Round Table

Mrs. Herman William (Tess) Boyce, wife of Florida’s junior Past Grand Commander, is the “first lady” of the Knights of the Round Table, according to George E. Petrie, founder and moving force of this unofficial organization dedicated to purchasing Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for those Knights Templar who cannot afford the $30.00 cost.

Knights of the Round Table membership is open to those who contribute $10.00 or more toward the project. George E. Petrie’s address: 6305 S. Federal Highway, Fort Pierce, Florida 33450.

Germany Commandery Installs Officers

Kit Carson Price, Past Preceptor and Prior, Preceptory and Priory of St. Andrew (jurisdiction of Scotland), the new Recorder of Hermann von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany, writes to tell of the installation of new Commandery officers: Thomas H. Russ as Commander, Harold Fisher, Generalissimo, Manfred J. Zecher, Captain General, and Lawrence B. Weaver, Treasurer. Sir Knight Price takes over the duties of Recorder. As a member of Canal Zone Commandery No. 1, he attended the 1964 Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Philadelphia.
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