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TO BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR . . .

. . . The Grand Master Says

As Knights Templar we commemorate the Birth of Jesus in our asylums and churches. We commemorate His earthly Life throughout the year in our religious activities. Now we approach in this season an observance of the last great events — upon which our faith is truly founded — His Death, Resurrection and Ascension.

Our Lord said "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Is it not our basic and solemn task as Christian Knights to so lift Him up in our thoughts and activities that He will be able to draw increasing numbers of men unto Him? We can give evidence of our desire to lift Him up as a Standard in the affairs of men in such a variety of ways in this season, relating to these indivisible three great events of history in our plans for group worship and witness.

Although it has not been emphasized by Templary, certainly Good Friday is a time when we should respond with praise to Christ's sacrifice. This might be in an asylum program, or commanderies could well contact the ministerial associations in their communities and seek to sponsor the traditional three-hour Good Friday services, or to participate with local churches and local ministers in individual church services on this significant day. It has been suggested also that commanderies might well meet before Palm Sunday in an observance designed to deepen our appreciation and increase the participation of members, families and friends in coming events in the church calendar.

Easter, commemorating the Resurrection, has most frequently been observed by early morning breakfasts and devotions, perhaps including by radio the message from the primary Templar observance at Arlington National Cemetery. More commanderies might well seek to sponsor their own sunrise services or to participate by ushering, receiving the offering or in other ways in community sunrise services under the auspices of ministerial associations or councils of churches. This would be an effective way to make the Knight Templar witness if the commandery is too small to have an effective community sunrise service of its own. A commandery might sponsor a dinner in the asylum or in a local restaurant on Easter following the traditional church services. It would be possible also to invite the clergymen of churches in a small community or the officers of ministerial associations or councils of churches in larger communities for dinner or an evening program immediately after Easter, at a time when clergymen would not be involved in all the extra demands of Holy Week.

Some of these ideas would apply equally well to a celebration of Ascension Day. It might be well worth while to contact ministerial associations or councils of churches to learn whether Knights Templar could sponsor some union service on this occasion. Ascension Day is also a particularly appropriate time for commanderies to hold memorial services for those fraters who themselves have been lifted up and have gone before us unto the Father.

Whatever the method, there will be ample opportunity for a creative and concerned Templary to observe the Death of Good Friday, the Resurrection of Easter and the Ascension of the Lord, within the approaching season in the Christian calendar. No congregations of Knights Templar are more specifically related to our fraternal purposes. No commandery programs can be complete without such assemblies. There is a broad choice of expression, giving scope for the most imaginative local initiative. But, whatever we may do, let us remember that to be a Knight Templar is to lift Him up on these occasions, that He may fulfill His promise to draw all men unto Him.

[Signature]
Fort Myers, Florida

On page 19 of the January issue of the Knight Templar there is a cut of the Templar Roadster.

As a former employee having worked in the purchasing department in the year 1920 I did not live in Cleveland, Illinois, but in Cleveland, Ohio.

Possibly Sir Knight Baesemann furnished this bit of past history from a match cover which was in error. I have one of these covers which a friend sent me who knew I was a former employee.

As all editors want their material to be correct at all times the above is just to set the record straight.

HENRY C. COMEY, P.C.
Oriental No. 12
Cleveland, Ohio

Waverly, Ohio

I have received the Knight Templar Magazine for many years and have enjoyed it very much.

I was Knighted in Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Lakewood, Ohio, December 20, 1944 and believe in the slogan, "Every Mason should be a Knight Templar."

On page 19 in the Templar just received and the item "Do You Remember" about the Templar. I was employed by the Templar Motor Co. from April to September 1918 inspecting the eight inch Mortar Shells for the Army which they were making at that time, as no cars were being produced. The factory was located on Halstead Street in Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, not Illinois. The designer and engineer of the Templar was formerly in the same capacity with the Mercer Automobile Co. of years ago.

If my memory is correct the Stutz Bearcat was a heavier and larger car, also higher in price.

My driving experience dates back to 1912 with an E.M.F. (every morning fixit) touring car. At 75 plus I enjoy driving without any accident.

ELLIS W. GIBSON

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Nashville, Tennessee

Having just recently started receiving your very fine publication, I am moved to write as a matter of interest to a very minor detail. In your latest issue (January 1969), page 4, column 1, Leslie Newby sent in a clipping about the discovery of what is claimed to be the oldest Masonic jewel and is reported to carry the date 1519. Just below this item in your publication I have stapled a clipping I took from a Kentucky publication several months ago about the same discovery but it is dated 1517. A Xerox copy is attached.

It is interesting to note how information varies as we transcribe it from time to time. Here the dates vary by two years and it would be interesting to know which is correct. Also the Newby clipping says: “I live with love and care. . .”. The other says, “I will strive to live with love and care. . .” One says, “by the level and on the square,” the other “upon the level, by the square.” So here are two quoted differences since obviously there are not two such finds made at the same site.

Should you have access to the correct date and quoted inscription, I would appreciate knowing which if either are correct.

H. S. Van Deren Jr.
1407 Hemlock Ave.

I had an interesting number combination several days ago when I visited my 559th lodge since being raised a Master Mason October 23, 1965. I was visiting Hendersonville Lodge No. 359 and conferred my 259th degree. This is an unusual grouping of the number 50.

Editors Note: We do not have access to the quoted inscription but refer you to Sir Knight Newby, 368 Benham Road, Groton, Connecticut 06340.

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EDITORIAL

"Young Men on the Go"

The Order of DeMolay is observing the 50th Anniversary of its founding this year. A program of celebrations and activities on national, jurisdictional and local levels has been planned to last throughout 1969.

There is good cause for celebration. In the past fifty years, hundreds of thousands of young men have knelt at DeMolay altars. For them the glamour of Chivalry has lighted the heroic virtues which the Order teaches; in fraternal fellowship, under Masonic supervision, they have learned lessons which point the way to the only true happiness and fulfillment man can achieve—dedication to high ideals of life and service to God and man.

A host of Senior DeMolays in all walks of life bear eloquent witness to the precious value of this experience, while those who have attained distinction in business, professional, political and Masonic fields reflect great credit on the Order. In what can be a puzzling and frightening world for the youngster of today, the importance of DeMolay is incalculable.

Many in the Masonic family have only the haziest conception of the tremendous work done in its name. Sponsoring bodies have been generous to their chapters, national bodies have been of genuine financial help, but the largest financing has been done through the chapters by the members themselves. This year the Order needs financial help at the Supreme Council level to stage the great gathering of DeMolays at Kansas City July 1-4. Money will be helpful, too, for Chapter observances and to help defray part of the members’ expense in attending the Kansas City celebration. Extraordinary expense is always difficult for young men. The money problem is immediate.

There is a long-term view that is fully as important. These DeMolay members need interest and encouragement from Masons—not the casual inquiry, but concrete evidences of sympathetic and continued concern, the unselfish giving of time and thought to DeMolay work. They need more men on Chapter Advisory Councils, greater Masonic attendance at their meetings; they need, believe it or not, fellowship with Masons.

Any anniversary is a time for consideration of both the past and the time to come. It is particularly appropriate at this time for Knights Templar to review what they have done to further this work and what they should do in the future.

DeMolay draws heavily on Templar tradition. DeMolay’s great exemplar was the last of the medieval Grand Masters of Knights Templar. DeMolay’s ritual is filled with Templar significance. DeMolay members work in our lodge rooms and asylums; there is a natural affinity with our Order. Let us help them and ourselves not because of a somewhat selfish desire to see them in our ranks—but because they deserve our effort and interest. DeMolay builds better citizens, regardless of their specific later roles and affiliations.

The Knight Templar who becomes active in DeMolay work will be rewarded beyond measure with the regard and confidence of DeMolay members. In working with them, in sharing their hopes and disappointments, their visions and fears, any Knight Templar vicariously can experience a new youth and a new and rewarding insight into the inner significance of the Christian message which our Order champions.

Charles A. Howard, P.G.C.,
Chairman, Committee on DeMolay
Public Relations and Educational Foundation Guidelines Now Available

A leaflet of guidelines for public relations committee members, magazine correspondents and other interested Sir Knights has been prepared by the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations under the authorization of the Grand Master, John L. Crofts Sr.

Quantities of the leaflets, based on requests from the Grand Commanders, have been distributed. Additional copies are available to individual Sir Knights at the Grand Recorder’s office, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604. There is no charge.


Oliver S. Willham, P.G.C., Oklahoma, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the K.T. Educational Foundation, also announces the pending availability of guidelines for Division Committee members and local representatives.

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Eye Foundation Congratulated

As taken for the “Sioux Falls Argus-Leader,” South Dakota, January 19:

The dead will provide sight for the living.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and to voice my opinion, concerning the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The Masonic Body has been directing the aid-in-eyesight program.

Carl Deming, secretary-recorder of York Rite bodies at the Masonic Temple, has been directing Project Incarnation.

After carefully checking the past five years to my knowledge, the Masonic Body is the only organization which has made complete provisions.

I sincerely applaud all people concerned in this project for their tireless efforts. Eyes donated at the Sioux Falls hospitals will be shuttled to an eye bank at the University of Nebraska, at Omaha. The eye bank personnel will notify the next person in line for a corneal graft. The waiting list is very long. Only a short period of time is needed at the eye bank to prepare for the graft.

North Central Airlines, the South Dakota Highway Patrol, local hospitals and police departments are cooperating in this project.

—Mrs. Carolyn Steensma
719 North Leadale Ave.
Sioux Falls

In addition to Chairman Willham, the committee includes: Raymond D. Douglas, P.G.C., Blaine M. Simons, P.G.C., Donald A. Keys, P.G.C., G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master, Paul C. Rodenhausen, and John L. Crofts Sr.

Grand Master Crofts, whose directives initiated the guidelines, announces that similar materials will be issued by other Grand Encampment committees during the current year. Availability information for quantity shipments will be released to the Grand Commanders and to readers of the Knight Templar Magazine for individual copies.

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WYOMING WORKSHOP

Thirty-four officers of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming assembled for an informal workshop at Casper, February 8 at the call of D. E. Baker, Grand Commander.

Carl J. Baesemann, Department Commander, attended from Denver, and the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, Paul C. Rodenhausen, was on hand to outline roster procedures, magazine plans and to answer questions on the expanded operations and services of the Grand Encampment office.

Planning is now underway for future Wyoming workshops. Grand Commander Baker has appointed a committee to make recommendations on frequency and locations.
Social Order of the Beaumante Commemorates
49th Anniversary in Denver

The Social Order of the Beaumante, a nationwide organization of more than 20,000 wives and widows of Knights Templar, was formed in Denver 1890 at the suggestion of their husbands to assist them in entertaining visitors during the 1892 Triennial Conclave.

Today, the organization, headed by Mrs. Charles E. Doey, Supreme Worthy President, is preparing for its 49th Anniversary in Denver, with 209 Assemblies in 38 states, including Hawaii.

MRS. CHARLES E. DOEY
Supreme Worthy President

After the ladies' first endeavor in 1892, "they had such a good time, and such warm friendships had been formed that they decided to continue their organization, meeting regularly, engaging in charitable work as well as recreation and entertainment for themselves," remarked Mrs. Horace B. Miller, member of Glendale Assembly No. 45, in a recent interview discussing the beginnings and present status of the S.O.O.B.

Their first act in assisting their husbands in 1890 was to raise money for entertainment during the Triennial Conclave. In the two years prior to the Triennial Conclave, the ladies raised $2,500 dollars, a thousand of which they donated to the Triennial Committee. The remainder of the money was used for the Ladies' Headquarters, which maintained an open house day and night. "Their hospitality attracted much favorable notice of the Templars, and they were highly commended for their efforts," said Mrs. Miller.

The organization was firmly established with ritual, emblematic robes, banners and a set of By-laws during the 1913 Triennial Conclave in Denver. A large class was initiated from which several Assemblies were later organized in Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Iowa.

Seven years later, in 1920, Denver Assembly No. 1 invited all the Assemblies in other cities to be their guests in Denver, and in this meeting the Supreme Assembly was organized with 12 Assemblies and more than 900 members.

"Foremost among their philanthropic efforts is the cooperation with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation," Mrs. Miller emphasized. "The Social Order of the Beaumante was first invited by Grand Master Walter A. Delamater in 1957 to participate in this effort and since that time $206,665.17 has been contributed. In addition to these donations by the Assemblies, one of the Past Supreme Presidents has set up a Trust Fund of $25,000, which is administered by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

"Although it has been a tremendous satisfaction to be associated with the Knights Templar in this important work," added Mrs. Miller, "this has not precluded other efforts to ease the burdens of the world. Donations of cash, clothing, food, working hours, a blood bank, sewing, bandage making and hospital and institutional services have all engaged the efforts of members across the nation."

Besides sparking enthusiasm in local Commanderies that have supported a particular Beaumante Assembly, many of the Assemblies support special projects.

Mrs. Miller, herself a Californian, explained several of these projects occurring in her home state. Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 devotes one day a month working for the Orthopedic Hospital. A group of members sew at the hospital making spinal sheets for surgical
Grand Recorder's Staff Enlarges  
To Meet Increasing Demands

CAROLE MANZESKE joined the Grand Recorder's staff in the Grand Encampment's central office, Chicago, in May of 1968, and is actively engaged in serving as an assistant to the Grand Recorder with emphasis upon the Knight Templar Magazine. Editorially, in addition to unpublicized format and background work, one of her recent contributions was the review of Grand Encampment ladies in the January issue—identified by the initials, C.M.M. These initials will distinctively identify other features in the future.

Mrs. Manzeske, 'almost 22,' is a June 1968 graduate of Northern Illinois University, with a B.S. in Education—English major, journalism minor. Her college activities included assistant editorship of the 1968 newspaper supplement, public relations, head of ushering and tours.

CAROLE MANZESKE

JAN AUSTIN HAPGOOD, assistant to the Grand Recorder, began his duties January 14, 1969. A 1966 graduate of Parsons College with a B.A. in Economics, his DeMolay background includes: Initiatory Degree and DeMolay Degree in 1958; Representative DeMolay, Chevalier and Order of Knighthood in March, April and August, respectively, 1962.

Jan served in the United States Army from November 1966 to 1968 with the 21st Replacement Battalion, Frankfurt, Germany, as Administrative Specialist (Senior Clerk) in Battalion Headquarters. Before induction, he was on the instructional staff at Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa.

A bachelor, Jan will assist in general office operations and will become a member of the editorial staff of the Knight Templar Magazine.

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use and green sheets for masking surgical areas and similar equipment. They also do other sewing requested by the staff.

Whittier Assembly No. 78 works one day a month for the Cerebral Palsy Center Day Nursery. In addition to the time spent at the hospitals, hundreds of dolls have been made for the children of the center.

Santa Ana Assembly No. 61 has a continuous endeavor helping the blind. Two such projects were the donation of a braille writer and a new floor covering for a school for the blind in their area.

Each year, the Supreme Worthy President travels throughout the country visiting, inspecting and encouraging each of the local Assemblies. The current President, Mrs. Doey of Los Angeles Assembly No. 42, has been a member of the Order for 38 years. She has held various Supreme Offices and Supreme Committee appointments among which was a two year General Chairmanship for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee, related Mrs. Miller.

C.M.M.
MEMBERSHIP DEPENDS UPON MANY THINGS—EVEN A CHILDREN'S SHOW

By Gordon J. Brenner

Gordon J. Brenner, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, New Jersey, is Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership. In this post he searches constantly for successful projects which stimulate both membership growth and activity. Paralleling the "Acres of Diamonds," theme of finding diamonds in the individual's own backyard, Sir Knight Brenner uncovered his perfect membership example in the jurisdiction of his own Grand Commandery. He writes of Norman B. Moore and Odo de St. Amand Commandery No. 12, Morristown, New Jersey.

A children's show is the nub of this story. Norman B. Moore, as the 1968 Commander of Odo de St. Amand Commandery No. 12, Morristown, New Jersey, decided that his Commandery needed to do something for others and needed to activate its membership at the same time.

Through a commercial booking and production outfit, and with the help of officers and members, he arranged for two children's shows on successive Saturdays last October. The first, in the Alexander Hamilton Elementary School, Morristown, played to approximately 500 children in two performances October 12. The following Saturday the show was booked in the Dover Senior High School. There was one showing only. It, too, was presented to some 500 children.

The acts in each instance totaled three, with a magician—professionally skilled in audience involvement entertainment—as the longer windup feature. The youngsters came from the Salvation Army, the Urban League, Office of Economic Opportunity, the Boy Scouts and others—and they came by busloads. They were guests of Commandery members and businessmen who purchased tickets for them. Purchasers could give the tickets to the children of their choice, or they could turn them over to the Commandery for distribution. Most did the latter.

Representatives of the entertainment enterprise came to town six weeks in advance to conduct the campaign. The Commandery was responsible for office and telephone facilities. The commercial organization did the promoting and handled insurance and practically everything else. The Commandery received 20 percent of all sales by the promoters, 50 percent of all sales by Commandery members and 50 percent of the box-office sales.

Commandery members were ushers, chaperons and goodwill ambassadors in general during the performances. And they thoroughly enjoyed it. Sir Knight Moore, now Past Commander, isn't sure which group enjoyed the shows more—the children or the Sir Knights, but he is sure that both enjoyed the experience.

It was a "first" for Odo de St. Amand Commandery, and it achieved exactly what Sir Knight Moore had visualized, with many other plusses. It was a treat for the youngsters attending, it was a novel and rewarding activity for Commandery members; it served as a vehicle for Knight Templar public relations; it raised a helpful sum of money for the New Jersey Masonic Home and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and it attracted new members.

Two more children's shows are planned for 1969. The first on May 10 will be in Dover. One in Morristown will be scheduled later. "There were Doubting Thomases when we first scheduled these shows," says Moore, "Afterward there was nothing but enthusiastic interest."

Norman Moore can quote a membership acquisition "For instance." During the campaign a businessman, a Mason, called Moore to complain strongly about
Children's Show

The promoter's representation that the Knights Templar were a Masonic group. It's hard to believe, but the businessman had never known the story of Templary. Moore, a member of the man's own Blue Lodge, explained. Today, the businessman is a Knight Templar.

Sir Knight Moore gives full credit to the cooperation and work of his Commandery's membership for the successful results in 1968. The children's shows, although only part of the story, indicate that worthwhile community projects can bring new life to a Commandery and new membership. Attendance at Conclaves picked up by 50 percent during the year. In 1968, Odo de St. Amand Commandery showed a net increase of 35 members, an 18.2 percent gain, one percent of the total acquisition in New Jersey.

None of the activity was accidental. Before Moore took office, he had all his General Orders written, all his appointments were arranged well ahead of time; his plans for the year were fully made. There were two Festivals—one in May with 18 Knightings, one in November with 22. The members handled all the ritualistic work—enthusiastically and efficiently.

Buses last year transported 108 persons to the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington.

ILLINOIS PRESENTS LIFE SPONSORS

Twenty-six Life Sponsorships to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation were presented to Inspecting Officer Eugene McCarty, G.C.G., by E. Commander Harry C. Puckett at the 1969 Inspection of Joliet Commandery No. 4, Joliet, Illinois. The wife of the E. Commander, as President of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented a contribution to the Knight Templar Home for the Aged-Infirm at Paxton.

The Grand Commander, Stuart W. Stone, was present for the afternoon activities. Howard M. Snapp Jr., P.G.C., a member of Joliet No. 4, introduced fellow Past Grand Commanders Flanders, Angel and Koch, also Charles F. Davis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois.

OHIO NAMES EDITOR

SAM FITZSIMMONS, VAN WERT, IS THE LATEST SUPPLEMENTAL EDITOR TO BE NAMED BY A GRAND COMMANDERY FOR THE "KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE." SIR KNIGHT FITZSIMMONS WAS APPOINTED BY GRAND COMMANDER NED E. DULL TO BE EDITOR OF THE TWO-PAGE OHIO INSERT WHICH WILL BE INSTITUTED IN JULY.

ton. The Chairman was Sir Knight Moore. Chairman again this year, he had 91 reservations by the middle of January.

His dedicated interest and his devotion to Templary are well founded. His father, a Knight Templar in West Virginia, died in 1924. Through all the years since, a picture of his father in Knight Templar uniform has held its unchanging position above the fireplace in his mother's home. Templary was a priceless heritage in the Moore household. It still is.

(For additional information on the Odo de St. Amand Commandery Children's Show Project, write Gordon J. Brenner, 530 Tenth Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.)
Plans in Progress for 1969 Easter Sunrise Service

Sir Knights assembling for march to Arlington Amphitheater.

"As the early rays of a new day’s sun fell majestically across the quiet countryside, the famed drill corps . . . led the solemn march of 1,000 uniformed Sir Knights representing Commanderies from across the nation," "a crowd estimated . . . at 'more than 6,000' assembled under perfect skies . . . to hear Easter Greetings," reports the Knight Templar Magazine of previous Easter Sunrise Service Memorials at Arlington National Cemetery.

Arrangements for the 39th annual Easter Service, April 6, are now in progress under the Chairmanship of Marvin E. Fowler, who urges all to attend and make reservations now.

This year, uniformed Sir Knights will march past the grave of the late M.E. Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker on the way to services at the Amphitheater of the Arlington National Cemetery.

Highlighting the service will be the address given by the Reverend Curtis V. W. Junker, D.D., R.E. Grand Prelate and the laying of the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by the M.E. Grand Master, John L. Crofts Sr.

As in former years, music will be furnished by the U.S. Marine Band and U.S. Army Chorus and the service will be broadcast on a nation-wide radio network by the National Broadcasting Co., Inc.

Letters of information have been sent to the Grand Encampment Officers and Committeemen, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders.

In addition to Sir Knight Fowler, the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee is served by Honorary Chairman General Bruce C. Clarke, Honorary Vice-Chairmen Sprague H. Carter, George A. Newbury, Luther A. Smith and C. Ellwood Smyrk and Liaison Officer G. Wilbur Bell.
TIME TO GET MAD!

Clifton J. Toothaker Jr., Chairman of Membership for the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts-Rhode Island, distributed a January letter on the subject of membership with a suggested resolution for the first half of 1969. Sir Knight Toothaker's letter to the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Sir Knights follows:

The time of year has arrived when resolutions are in vogue, therefore, I am asking you to make a resolution that you will get MAD and stay that way until June.

Generally speaking it is a virtue to control one's temper and to be patient under all circumstances, "BUT SELF CONTROL IS ONE THING AND A LAZY SORT OF INDIFFERENCE IS ANOTHER." Sometimes it pays to get good and MAD once in awhile, provided the honest anger inspires constructive action. To quote a renowned thespian, "Most things people achieve in life come because they get MAD enough to go after what they want."

Get MAD at your membership for not promoting Templar in the Blue Lodge and Chapter they attend.

Get MAD at your Blue Lodge and Chapter representatives for not following up on over 1,000 leads furnished to them from the Grand Commandery office thru the medium of notices mailed to the Grand Commandery office.

Get MAD at your Membership Chairman for not contacting the Blue Lodge and Chapters in your Jurisdiction.

Get MAD at your Division Membership Chairman and demand assistance in reaching your goal, if you have one.

Get MAD at me for chiding you each month, write me a nasty letter.

Get MAD enough so that you will visit the Grand Commandery office and take it out on our Grand Recorder.

Get MAD at yourself for not promoting membership and showing the way to others.

Get MAD to the extent that you lose your apathy completely.

Get MAD—it may help you to reach some remote goals, heretofore, considered to be unattainable.

The New Way

The rocks removed,
The briars cut,
Our Master viewed
This every rut.
The way to go,
Now straight and clear,
And Templars know
That goal is near—
Where faith to care.
The Cross above,
Are bonds to share,
Our mystic love...

Ronald E. Westman
New York

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HONORS WYLIE WENDT

Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, K.T. C.H., who is well known to all Knights Templar throughout the country for his Templar and other Masonic activities and honors, has other interests as well. Recently he was honored by his alma mater, the University of Kentucky, upon the celebration of the 1,000th win of the famous Kentucky Wildcats basketball team. Representatives of many of the winning teams were present at the game and a huge cake with 1,000 candles was presented to Coach and Sir Knight Aldolph Rupp (Past Potentate of Oleika Shrine Temple in Lexington).

Sir Knight Wendt was honored as No. 1 among the former team members, having been on the team in 1905-06, and was on the first basketball team in the state to travel outside the state to play a game. Sir Knight Wendt was student manager, sub, purchased the train tickets, made all the arrangements, sold tickets to the game and refereed out of state games. He was featured on the color sports telecast of WHAS-TV, and, as can be expected, did more talking than the sportscaster interviewing him.

Morrison L. Cooke
Correspondent
OHIO DRILL TEAM MERITS RECOGNITION

John H. Loree, P.G.C., Michigan, as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations, has set his sights on "bigger and better" drill competition at Denver during the 1970 Triennial Conclave. In this issue he tells the story of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54 Drill Team of Van Wert, Ohio, as another example of a drill team's value to a Commandery of Knights Templar.

Drill Team of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54

Hardwork, loyalty, inspiration, determination, sacrifice, fellowship and love, have helped to make Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54 of Van Wert, Ohio, "Class B" winner of the last three Triennial Conclaves.

Practice of the 30 member Drill Team starts at 6 a.m. every Sunday under the direction of Drill Captain Ned E. Dull, G.C. Although men reside in a 30 mile radius, they have driven more than 100 miles while on vacation to attend these early morning sessions.

Backings the drill team wholeheartedly are the wives, who not only set the Sunday morning alarm clocks, but aid the team financially. Money needed for uniforms and other expenses is raised from Stanley and Tupperware parties, Bake Sales and the sale of recipe cards. However, the ladies' largest project is the annual Spring hat show which has netted nearly $500 each year.

But, their duties don't stop there. In addition, the wives press uniforms, shine shoes, and give on-the-scene coverage brushing lint, and checking for gloves during the Triennial Conclave.

At the Triennial in New York, August 1955, after being organized for four months, and again in 1958 at Indianapolis, the team went on the floor with a 100% inspection, but finished third in competition. Each loss made the men more determined to be winners. Their first win came in Cleveland, 1961, and then at Philadelphia in 1964. Amidst tears of laughter, joy and pride, the late Wilber M. Brucker, Grand Master, said at the awards banquet, Detroit 1967, "They've done it again!" for the third consecutive time. They were the first team to merit this honor.

Ivanhoe, the "helping hand unit," has traveled miles to help other drill teams in organization or practice.

Through working together, the men have become close associates and sponsor an annual drill team picnic and one or two other social affairs during the year.

The Sir Knights of this team are active not only as members of Ivanhoe's Drill Team, but within their ranks include 15 present or past Masters of Blue Lodges, 14 High Priests, 12 Illustrious Masters of Councils, three District Deputy Grand Masters and seven K.Y.C.H.'s.

The Unit was organized in May, 1955, by the late Sir Knight S. Dillon Hattery, P.C., Celina, Ohio. Although Sir Knight Hattery never joined the masonic ranks because of a heart condition, his strong moral support and guidance are felt today. His death in June 1958 served only to strengthen the loyalty of the team.
Masons of Maine Support DeMolay and Youth

Seeking to broaden, give greater strength and added stability to the DeMolay program in Maine, the heads of all of the Maine Masonic Bodies at a meeting in October voted to organize the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation. The meeting at which this decision was made was called by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maine, Harold L. Chute, who was subsequently elected president of the corporation.

The trustees approved a goal of $100,000 and activity will be undertaken early this year to invite Masons, friends, organizations and corporations to contribute to this endowment fund. The income from the endowment fund will be used to promote DeMolay and youth programs under a budget approved annually by the trustees.

"TELEVISION FIRST" IN MONTANA

A "television first" for KOOK-TV, Billings, Montana, occurred January 21, according to Sir Knight Elwood Naugle, P.G.C., with the presentation of a Knights Templar Eye Foundation program.

Sir Knight Leonard Hiestand, Committee Chairman, arranged the half-hour show which included delineation of material by Sir Knights Walter A. Boettcher, E.C., and Elwood Naugle. These Sir Knights presented information on the history of the Foundation, number of cases, finances promoted and expended and the details of several local cases.

Due to the "interest and many favorable comments already received," a second TV Eye Foundation program is scheduled for the latter part of March. This program is expected to feature local ophthalmologists who will present slides and technical information on eye surgery and treatment.

Organized under the laws of the State of Maine as an educational, charitable and moral corporation the Foundation will seek to implement and encourage educational, religious and charitable programs for the benefit of Maine youth of whatever religion. The articles of incorporation further state that through physical education, sportsmanship, citizenship and public speaking, the Foundation will encourage a reverence for God and the Church.

The heads of all of the Maine Masonic organizations are among the 15 trustees of the Foundation. The officers in addition to President Chute are: Donald D. Higgins Sr., Bangor, Vice President; Roger I. White, Brewer, Treasurer; and George F. Peabody, Bangor, Secretary.

At a meeting of the trustees held soon after mid-January the committees on finance, youth activities and publicity made reports and plans for programming and fund raising.

Solid Recommendations for Special FBI Agent

Although Alvin L. Crump, North Central Department Commander, has been a prolific membership activator, he doesn't recall of any candidate for Templary who had recommenders to match those for Marlin W. Johnson, Special Agent, FBI, Chicago. Brother Johnson's petition for the York Rite was signed by the former Governor and present Judge, Sir Knight Otto Kerner, and the internationally prominent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sir Knight J. Edgar Hoover.

Candidate Johnson has served under the direction of Sir Knight Hoover in the FBI since 1941. He will receive the Chapter Degrees April 26, Evanston Chapter No. 144; the Council degrees May 2, A. N. Gage Assembly No. 124; and Evanston Commandery No. 57 will confer the Commandery Orders May 3. The Medinah Temple ceremonial follows a week later.
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OF THE ORDER OF DEMOLAY.
MARCH 15-19
Kansas City, Missouri

“YOUTH”

Youth is not a time of life . . . it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair . . . these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being’s heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement of the stars and starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station, so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from men and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then are you grown old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.

Anonymous

New Mexico Boys’ Ranch Templar Project

“We . . . appreciate your helping to make this the best Christmas ever . . .” writes Barry Morgan, Superintendent of the New Mexico Boys’ Ranch, to Sir Knight Sam Swysgood, supervisor of the Templar project in New Mexico to assist the Boys’ Ranch.

The boys were invited to the Masonic Temple in Albuquerque, December 21 for a Christmas party sponsored by the Grand Commandery, hosted by Pilgrim Commandery No. 3.

Each Commandery purchased clothes and a gift for an “assigned” boy and contributed to the Christmas dinner, complete with turkey and trimmings, served by the Social Order of the Beauceant.

Entertainment was provided by an electric organ and a combo of youngsters 12 years old and under called the Three Fits and a Misfit.

Also joining in the afternoon’s festivities were Jobs’ Daughters from Bethel No. 6, singing Christmas Carols and decorating the tree with striped popcorn and cranberries. Ballut Abyad Shrine clowns also added to the merriment.

At the end of the party, each boy left with a gift and Christmas sack of candy, nuts, gum and fruit, and happy memories of his first Christmas party.

The project was started about two years ago to provide books for the library at the Ranch. To date, close to 4,000 books have been delivered to them. Last year they provided the Ranch with all new linens and blankets.

Sir Knight Swysgood, Grand Captain General of New Mexico, hopes to expand the Knights Templar Boys’ Ranch project to include all of the York Rite Masonic bodies in New Mexico. The objective of the project is to provide equipment and clothing for the boys to permit the Ranch to utilize its cash donations for major improvements and expansion.
Masonic Hymn

Hymns of love we sing to Thee
Of Thou great Fraternity:
At thine altars, bowed are we,
Bowed upon the naked knee,
Seeking truth, in hopes her light
May illuminate the night.

Gratitude we offer Thee;
Thou who taught us charity:
Thou who taught us in thy walls
How to answer all the calls:
Call of need wherever found:
Thanks we offer, thanks profound.

This is our hope, to live in Thee
As Thy wondrous works we see:
Help us live as Thou hast taught:
Let us fail, we pray, in naught.
Keep us from the low and mean:
Keep our hearts forever clean.

Thou of ancient days and years:
Grey with age and deep with tears:
Tears of grateful mother’s sons:
Tears of hungry little ones:
May we keep our brotherhood
Pure before the eyes of God.

Roy H. Beane, A.M., Ph.D.
Warren Blue Lodge, Montrose
Factoryville Royal Arch Chapter
Dieu Le Veut Commandery
Keystone Consistory
Irem Temple
Pennsylvania

Couver de Lion Commandery No. 9, Knoxville, Tennessee recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Past and present Grand Officers attending the observance, (L. to R.) are: Eugene L. Webb, P.G.C.; Benjamin T. Dawkins Jr., G. C.; Robert H. Gray, G., great grandson of the first Commander, John W. Paxton; and E. Guy Frizzell, P.G.C., Grand Commander during the period that Dispensation and Charter were granted.

WYOMING KNIGHTS
OF NOTE

Constantine Commandery No. 9, Cody, Wyoming, announces the following achievements of their Sir Knights: Pressley S. Clinton has received the Charles S. Smith Activity award in recognition of his civic and community work. The award was made at the annual convention of the Associated General Contractors of Wyoming and Casper.

Bob Fagerberg is on his fourth overseas assignment as an irrigation consultant for the World Bank. He left January 2 with a six-man team to discuss organizational and policy matters of India’s agricultural water resources.

Hugo Wiedekamp has invented an antenna to improve reception for campers in out-of-the-way places. He plans to set up his own assembly line to produce these antennas for campers and trailer owners.

Deaths and Appointments

Death struck unexpectedly in the home of Hoyt McClendon, P.G.C. of Alabama, with the death of his wife. Sir Knight McClendon is a member of the Grand Enamhpment Finance Committee.

Grand Commander Ralph L. Kalp has appointed George R. Schenk, P.C., New Haven Commandery, Grand Senior Warden of Connecticut due to the December 28 death of Sir Knight Stanley E. Conrad.
A HIGHER MEANING

Knights Templar are often asked to explain the jewels they wear on their breast. The jewel on the wearer’s left is known as the Maltese Cross. It’s name refers to the island of Malta which was one of the homes of the ancient Templars. It has, however, a higher meaning, for its eight points remind each Knight of the Beatitudes which we have just read.

The Beatitudes were delivered by Jesus on what Matthew in his Gospel regarded as a most important occasion. His disciples had come for instruction. Jesus was about to commission and charge them to carry his work and his teaching unto all nations. There was a huge multitude gathered about him. In the outer circle of the assemblage, as if to overhear, were “great crowds” that had gathered from every corner of the Holy Land to obtain first hand knowledge of Jesus’ preaching, teaching and healing.

In the inner circle, with ringside seats, we may say, were the disciples as the Master delivered these punch lines of his Sermon on the Mount. Punch lines for each one of them struck at a phase of life in which the populace strayed and sinned. Punch lines indeed, for if a man be struck by their full force, he can never again be a common man.

The Disciples were faithful to the Beatitudes and going forth they “turned the world upside down.” As each Knight Templar has symbolically completed the number of the Disciples, it is fitting that we take a deep look into these instructions by our professed Savior.

The Beatitudes are all promises of the Kingdom of God. Notice that Jesus twice says, “theirs is the kingdom of heaven”, in other words a possession here and now, not a future realm, but a living experience. The Greek word, which is translated in the Beatitudes as “Blessed” is translated in other places in the scriptures as “Happy”. Neither word is rich enough to express the full meaning of the Greek word as it was used to express the sublime and blissful joy in which their mythological gods were glorified.

“BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT:”

Who are the poor in spirit? What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Certainly not poor-spirited nor a dejected, self-pitying spineless creature. Yet it is not one so full of pride as to be satisfied with himself and sure that there is nothing wrong within himself. “The poor” in Old Testament times referred to those who long had endured social oppression and injustices, and being without worldly means, placed their reliance on God and his vindication.

The more we realize that; all we are, all we possess, all we accomplish and all we hold dear, are by the gift and grace of God, the nearer we are to the “poor in spirit”, humbleness at its best. Ralph W. Sockman says, “Christian humility is attained by aiming at the highest we know with the utmost we have, and then feeling how far short we come from the ideal, by constant comparison with the Christ. In such humble hearts the Eternal can dwell,” Thus “theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven”.

“BLESSED IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN:”

The mourner of whom Christ speaks feels more than the private sorrow that pierces the heart. He is the one that feels the sorrow in another heart, the sorrow that is never far from any of us; he is sensitive to the agonies of the world. Tears shed for self are tears of weakness, but tears shed for others are signs of strength.

Sorrow is a wound to the mind. It cuts deeply, but it is a clean wound, and will heal unless something gets into it, such as bitterness, self-pity or resentment. We should be so grieved over our
moral and spiritual shortcomings that we cannot rest until we have found God and our souls are satisfied.

Remember Christ came to men good; not simply to make them feel good. Those who are truly sorry for their sins and mourn their misdoings even more than the evil done to them are truly blessed; "for they shall be comforted."

"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK:"

Now "Meekness" is not apathy or lack of spirit. To be meek, is to be mild of temper, patient under injuries, long-suffering.

In the entire Bible, only two persons are specifically termed as meek. In the Twelfth Chapter of Numbers we find this: "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." If meekness helped Moses in his historic accomplishments, would it not be a good characteristic for a Knight Templar? The second characterization of meekness is found in the Eleventh Chapter of Matthew, Verse 29, Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

The Hebrew word which is translated "meek" really means "to be moulded". In other words, one should allow his life "to be moulded" to the purposes of God. Therefore, Sir Knights be proud of being meek, or moulded to God’s purpose, as you could be in no better company. "For they shall inherit the earth." The earth here being "the promised land" which again is God’s Kingdom on earth.

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS:"

Righteousness is something which we do not possess as a natural gift, but is a God-given gift, to be specially received. To hunger and thirst for food and water is as natural to man as is breathing of air. Tho it be natural, yet man must learn what foods are good for him and what liquids to avoid for his physical and moral well-being. To hunger and thirst after righteousness must also be learned and constantly practiced.

In the parable of The Pharisee and the Publican praying in the Temple; Jesus affirms the Publican was justified rather than the former. David H. C. Reed says that "This man, for all his notorious vices, had in him at this moment the one thing that mattered—a thirst for righteousness, a hunger for God." "Happy are the God-hungry," says Jesus, "for they shall be satisfied."

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL:"

The old law was an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. Hate was answered with hate. Wrongs brought revenge. Then Jesus came and broke the vicious circle by offering men a higher way of life.

Perhaps the loveliest sign of newness in Jesus’ ministry is his overwhelming sense of God’s forgiving love, his mercy. Without hesitation, Jesus pronounces sins forgiven, and instructs his Disciples to ask for such forgiveness daily, even as they ask for food for the day. Christ’s mercy is expressed in his final legacy to those who put him to death, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

"BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART:"

We are a sophisticated people. We do not like to have sin mentioned, we are even embarrassed when the subject sin is brought up in discussions, and even when dwelt upon in sermons by the clergy. Yet, to be frank with ourselves, is not the yielding to the desires of an uncontrolled and uninhibited, untrained and uncultivated heart, the sin of our time? We have heard and believe; "Charity begins at home." Now I would ask, what virtue, or for that matter, what sin does not begin at home? Our morals are determined by our pureness of heart. Full obedience to the constitution and laws of the country can only come when supported by the moral sentiment of the people. May the hearts of our people be so filled with the virtues of the Beatitudes that they may plainly hear the Lord saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it." Being thus, they will recognize

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James B. Patterson
Alabama
Grand Commander — 1949
Born July 23, 1883
Died January 12, 1969

Henry O. Hartman
Louisiana
Grand Commander — 1947
Born September 29, 1897
Died January 14, 1969

Floyd I. Manker
Arizona
Grand Commander — 1961
Born June 8, 1904
Died January 18, 1969

Floyd L. Reynolds
Georgia
Grand Commander — 1963
Born February 6, 1905
Died January 20, 1969

George A. Williams
Pennsylvania
Grand Commander — 1951
Born November 3, 1892
Died February 4, 1969
IT TAKES GOOD DIRT TO GROW BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

By Frank A. Amis

This may sound like a text for some minister or a stereotyped pedagogue but it is full of meat which every member of the craft can apply to himself or any endeavor which he might undertake.

The writer has a degree from one of the largest universities in the west and during my collegiate work, took a great interest in philosophical work. The axioms of all of the great philosophers and teachers always held a great fascination for me, but I do not believe that any one of them ever uttered a more philosophical statement than that of my son. The incidents accompanying it were as follows:

I was in the bath room one morning shaving. I had lather all over my face, when in walked my young heir, at that time about three years of age. He was pulling a small dump truck and in his imaginative way, it was loaded with dirt. He said "Daddy, don't you want to buy a truck load of dirt."

I replied: "Why son, I do not know what I would do with a truck load of dirt."

Then looking at me intently for a moment, he replied: "Why, Daddy, don't you know that it takes 'Good Dirt To Grow Beautiful Flowers.'"

This old world is full of staid old statements, containing a great deal of merit, but among none of them could a more vibrant and pulsating axiom be given than that "IT TAKES GOOD DIRT TO GROW BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS."

Analyzing the statement, its potency will grow as you advance. Not just dirt is essential but "Good Dirt" is essential, but "good dirt" is the qualifying adjective. If flowers only is the goal, then possibly it is not so necessary that the dirt be "good," but if you are a lover of the finest and most gorgeous of flowers, then only beautiful flowers will satisfy you, so it is vital that you have "good dirt."

Does not the parable apply equally as well to us as individuals and more particularly as Masons? I am very frank to confess that Masonry has not made the progress which should have been made, because we have not been so particular as to the quality of the material which we have been using to fertilize the beautiful tenets which the Masonic fraternity give to us. We have been too lax in the quality of the members we have elected to membership. They have not been up to par in character, sincerity and stableness and gradually the perfection of the product which we have been turning out, has been slipping and just as gradually has the beauty of the tenets which we expound, been lost because the seed has fallen on barren ground and no progress has been shown. They do not practice the ideals of Masonry to the letter as well as the spirit of the teachings and they do not take seriously the vows which they have assumed.

The code of ethics of the Masonic fraternity is a character platform upon which all true men should firmly stand and adhere to its provisions. It is the standard of the golden rule and comes very near to the borderland of spirituality. A church man is a better Mason for having been a member of a church and a Mason is a better churchman by having been a member of the Masonic fraternity.

We must realize that it is of vital importance to the Masonic fraternity that if our ideals are to be realized, we must have "Good Dirt in order to Grow Beautiful Flowers."
PATCHOQUE COMMANDERY JOINS CELEBRATION

Patchogue Commandery joined in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Meridian Lodge No. 691, Islip, New York, by attending a Vesper Service January 19 at the Islip Methodist Church. Those attending were: (Front row, L. to R.) R. Green, P.C.; Rev. Thurston, Sr. W.; D. Willis, Jr. W.; M. Juried, P.C. W.

(Back row) K. Edwards; J. Vetter, C.; M. Kelley, P.C.; and V. Fortunato, P.C.

Missouri Tribute

St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, St. Louis, Missouri, plans a practical tribute to three of its members who have passed away during the past year. A class, honoring Sir Knights William J. Holdaway and J. Carle Smith, Past Commanders, and Robert L. Taylor, who died just three days after being installed as Generalissimo of the Commandery.

No dates have been set for the class, but it will probably be held in the fall. It is anticipated that a large number of York Rite Masons, friends and co-workers of the three who are to be honored, will delight to receive the Orders of Templary as a tribute to these fine men and Masons.

William J. Holdaway, Past Commander, and a Past Master of Anchor Lodge No. 443, in 1967 received Grand Encampment's highest award when he was given the Knight Templar Cross of Honor on his hospital bed. Chairman of the Missouri Committee on the Grand Encampment's Eye Foundation, he personally, secured more than a third of the total life memberships for the Foundation in Missouri. He was extremely active until the time of his death, and set a goal that was far above the average.

Sir Knight J. Carle Smith, a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour (K.Y.C.H.), having presided over his Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, was Drill Master for the Commandery and was energetic in his activities for Masonry.

Robert L. Taylor, Generalissimo, was also Past Master of his Blue Lodge, and interested in all things which might be helpful to the Craft. It is anticipated that his class will be a just tribute to these diligent and active Freemasons.

John Black Vrooman
York Rite Public Relations Chairman,
Missouri

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Fiftieth Anniversary

Sir Knights, salute the DeMolays!
Campaign the virile Templar ways,
Go forty miles and then go ten
To help these DeMolay young men
Observe their Order's fifty years,
Their golden day, their day of peers:
Become their comrades all the way,
Support them. Templars—DeMolay!

Milford E. Shields
K.T.C.H., Colorado
THE BIRTHDAY PAGE

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

FRANK M. JAMES
GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL OF ALABAMA .................. APRIL 2

THOMAS W. OLIVER
GRAND RECORDER OF ALABAMA .......................... APRIL 2

LESTER R. KISTER
DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER OF NEBRASKA ............... APRIL 6

J. ZALMON HUNT
GRAND RECORDER OF CONNECTICUT ...................... APRIL 9

CALVIN H. GOULD JR.
GRAND GENERALISSIMO OF MINNESOTA .................. APRIL 10

JOSEPH B. COLE
GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL OF VIRGINIA ................. APRIL 16

WALTER A. DELAMATER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, K.T. EYE FOUNDATION, INC. ...... APRIL 18

RAY B. HARTWELL
GRAND COMMANDER OF ALABAMA ......................... APRIL 19

LESTER E. MCCONNELL
DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER OF KANSAS .................. APRIL 20

LAWRENCE F. MANKER SR.
GRAND COMMANDER OF NEW MEXICO ...................... APRIL 21

DONALD M. KRUEGER
GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL OF MICHIGAN .................. APRIL 26

CHARLES C. RICKER
GRAND RECORDER OF NORTH CAROLINA .................. APRIL 26

NORMAN L. STAVELLEY
GRAND COMMANDER OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND .. APRIL 26

ROY W. RIEGLE
GRAND GENERALISSIMO OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT ............ APRIL 27

HARLAN C. BOKIM
DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER OF MISSOURI ................. APRIL 28

CHESTER H. NEWELL
GRAND RECORDER OF CALIFORNIA ....................... APRIL 28

ORMAND B. SHAW
GRAND RECORDER OF ARKANSAS ......................... APRIL 30

Above dates are from information on hand for officers of Grand Commanderies and for Grand Encampment appointed and elected officers and Committee Chairmen.
Some Observations on Templary Continuity

It is still an interesting study, determining the so-called continuity of Templary, or rather, let us say, a study of the transition from the ancient to the modern tempo of the Order. Many theories have been advanced, but none have ever proved a continuity, and in that, we are intrigued with the period of underground activities following the execution of Jacques DeMolay in 1314.

In the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, K.T. of the U.S.A., for 1901, we find a very plausible and understanding discussion of this matter, which we reproduce in part, for the information of our readers.

"The Order of the Temple is the work of many hands. It has passed through numerous changes and is widely different from its original form. It is, however, a very good illustration of the law of ‘the survival of the fittest.’"

"There is no foundation for the fancied connection between the ‘Ancient Templar’ and the modern institution of Templar Masonry, but the name ‘Knights Templar’ has ever had a charm that attached to no other degree or order in the wide domain of Masonry. It suggests the wonderful achievements of the wars of the Cross and the Crescent, and it comes to us with associations of the dearest and noblest aspirations of history. The heroism of the days of their suppression and the fires of their martyrdom surround the name of Knights Templar with a halo of glory that no other organization ever possessed ....""}

... about 1740, as near as can be determined, the name of ‘Knight of the Temple’ was first given to an Order or Degree as part of a rite or system, which had its origin probably in Paris, but by whom formed has never been settled, and it is not important to our purpose...."

... in 1769 it is said that the ‘Mother Kilwinning Lodge’ of Scotland issued a charter or warrant authorizing the conferring of the ‘High Knights Templar’ in Ireland by the ‘Kilwinning Irish Lodge.’ The Order was found in Dublin prior to that date in the possession of military organizations which brought together the soldiers of the two countries, Scotland and Ireland. There is also authority for the that the Mother Kilwinning Lodge issued over thirty charters or warrants between 1769 and 1803, under which the Order was conferred.

"The Baldwin Encampment, which it is claimed was organized long prior to this time, the date of whose origin is not known, conferred the Order of the Temple and maintained its independent existence at Bristol, England, through all this period of doubtful history down to the time when the Sovereign Grand Body of England took jurisdiction throughout the Kingdom, including its Provincial Grand Bodies. A parchment dated 1789 gives an account of its experiences, and among other things speaks of its early establishment and of other Encampments...."

We can read more in the same issue of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, and shall endeavor, in a later issue, to continue this narrative.
Elmwood Park, Illinois

In regards to the article on page 19 of the January Knight Templar Magazine, about the “Templar” automobile; it says that the car was made in Cleveland, Illinois.

I can’t find “Cleveland” on the map of Illinois. I wonder if you would know where “Cleveland” was, is it located in Illinois?

Incidentally, there used to be a “Cleveland” automobile. I wonder if it was made in the same plant that the “Templar” was made? Also, I want to know about the “Official Record” mentioned in the article. I assume that it must be a record of antique autos.

WALTER O. PYRON
St. Elmo Commandery No. 65

Editor's Note: A call to the Post Office brought us the information that a Cleveland, Illinois does exist. We haven’t found it yet!

Corvallis, Oregon

I would like to pay tribute to a real Knight Templar, whom I have never seen. He is Louis E. Ross, a veteran of the First World War, a member of Potomac Commandery No. 3, Washington, D.C., living in the U.S. Soldiers’ Home in that city. Right after he read the article of this blind girl in the Knight Templar Magazine, he sent a small contribution to her fund, and has been sending them regularly every month since.

To date, he has contributed more to her fund than any other one person in the whole country. In corresponding with him, I find that he has also contributed to the K.T. Eye Foundation; the Grand Royal Arch Childrens Heart Foundation of the State of Washington; and to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Boston, Mass.

To me, this is real Masonry. Masonry at work. He is not a wealthy man, but derives great pleasure and satisfaction in trying to help those in need. May God Bless him, and how I wish there were many more like him.

Thanking you Sir Knight for any consideration you may give this, and I shall ever be grateful.

CHARLES L. WILLEY, P.G.C.
“IN HIS NAME”

During this Lenten season, we look forward to a special growth in spirit, which we hope will have lasting results for us. Achieving this takes planning, intention, rule and discipline. Lent is, of course, a time of drawing apart from the world and of coming closer to God and of becoming more aware of Him. Now is the time to plan a Lenten discipline as a preparation for living and understanding of a glorious Easter.

Planning involves examination of ourselves, our lives and our world. What is it that keeps me from knowing God more fully, from practicing my religion more faithfully? Most of us say, I know I should do better. Lent is the time to do something about it.

Intention, is an act of consecration to a particular purpose. Instead of vaguely planning, make specific plans and register an intention to carry them out in conscience and before God.

Rule is the plan by which we carry out our intention. A rule is a map that guides one to a fuller understanding of Easter. Such as—I plan by rule to attend one of the special study courses available at my church.

Discipline is the way we use our rule. A rule without discipline would be completely useless. Discipline helps us to stick to our rule, and especially helps us stick to it after we have failed. Discipline is that process that makes us take up our rule again and again, no matter how many times we may fail.

The following passages from the Bible are suggested by your Grand Prelate for your personal Bible reading during Lent:

A PROMISE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE
Genesis 9, v 8-17
Genesis 12, v 1-6

A WARNING FOR GOD’S PEOPLE
Deuteronomy 8

A SURPRISE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

Reservations for Denver

For the information of Commanderies and Individuals, details of reservations for the 51st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in 1970 can be secured from the Chairman of the Colorado-Iowa Committee, Richard K. Ayers, 215 Hewitt Building, Denver, Colorado 80202.
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the fulfillment of the promise; "for they shall see God."

Listen to Christ’s admonition; "Be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

**"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS:"**

We are taught that all people of the earth are God’s children. Yet for generation after generation, men have not lived as of one family but have been separated into ethnic groups according to beliefs, to origin, to distribution, or to racial features. Each new generation is indoctrinated with the prejudices, the hatreds and the favorite resentments nurtured by their particular group. Children do not hate by themselves: Adults teach them to hate.

How different from Christ’s hopes and dreams for God’s children. Peace was Christ’s mission on earth. To have peace in both the world and in our souls; not only must hate, suspicion and fear be removed; but love, joy and mercy must be planted and cultivated, and when the harvest is reaped, it will be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Charles L. Allen writes thusly: "In the first seven Beatitudes, Christ lists the qualities of character of the Godly person: poverty of spirit, mourning, meekness, desire for righteousness, mercy, purity of heart and peace-making.

To be poor in spirit means to give up our pride.

To mourn is to be penitent.

Meekness means that we must surrender ourselves to the plans and purposes of God.

Hunger for righteousness means turning away from our appetite for un-Godly things.

To be merciful is to return good for the evil we receive.

For purity we must give up all things impure.

To make peace is wholly to choose God."

The next Beatitude, in its two parts, has to do with living a Christian life in accord with the Beatitudes.

**"BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHT-EOUSNESS SAKE:"**

"BLESSED ARE YE WHEN MEN SHALL REVILE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU, AND SHALL SAY ALL MAN- NER OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY FOR MY SAKE:"

What a ghastly prospect! How could Jesus ever have gained and help Disciples with an appeal like that? And does it not sound like sheer mockery, in the face of tortures of body and soul to which he said they would be exposed, to go on and say Rejoice and be exceedingly glad? Jesus’ love for mankind would never have permitted him to use the words in a light and glib manner. There must be some great mystery here, which we do not see.

What is the secret of this blessedness in the midst of suffering? One reason is that all who suffer for Jesus’ sake are given a share in the sufferings of their Lord. Another is the implied fact that no matter how grim the fears, the suffering and persecution, none of it can frustrate the plans of the Lord. Further, only in suffering do we become aware of the glory of God. Jesus says that the reward of those who suffer for him, is great "in heaven." What does "heaven" mean here? "Heaven" is the realm, the sphere in which God’s rule is in full and absolute force.

Jesus taught us to pray “Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven,” in order to indicate that even in this world that is loaded with opposition to God, and his will is not done, but notoriously opposed; the situation can occur in which God’s will is DONE, fully, completely and uncompromisingly, just as it is in heaven. Christ knew that for a man to live up to these teachings, would be a truly difficult task, in reality, “a cross to bear”, a price to pay. There is a cross for everyone, the sad part of it is that we are so preoccupied with the living of the day, that we fail to see the path that leads to the glory of our own cross. To those who will pay the price, Jesus says: “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven.”
"So Direct Thy Path!"

When Sir Knight Ralph L. Kalp assumed office as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Connecticut, he indicated ten points for the guidance of Templary in the state, which are briefed as follows:

New Lodge of Research

Frederick J. Smith, P.G.C., Oklahoma, reports that the Oklahoma Lodge of Research, A.F. & A.M., is now actively engaged in numerous research projects. The Lodge, chartered February 15, 1967, works under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma.

The charter was issued "for the express purpose of searching out historical and interesting Masonic happenings in the beginning of Freemasonry in the confines of the present state of Oklahoma; the compiling of proper and adequate records of such findings when properly authenticated; and all things thereunto related at all times, subject to all laws and regulations applicable thereto."

Sir Knight Smith, Senior Steward of the Lodge, writes that associate memberships are open to Master Masons of "other Grand Lodges, recognized by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma," at dues of $5.00 per year. Dues for "regular members" are $10.00. He lists the mail contact as: C. M. Lockhart, Secretary, Box 1177, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

Ralph A. Kalp

Good ritualistic work to properly impress the aspirant and meet the approval of onlookers and inspectors.

York Rite Festivals planned well in advance for mutual benefit, and held twice a year to insure good sized classes from all participating bodies.

An active membership committee to seek out and bring in good Templar material in every Commandery.

Keep Templary in the public eye through news items and appearance outside the Asylum. Talk it up among eligible Companions.

Make religious activities and participation more meaningful as manifestations of Templar principles.

Support and promote the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Give more than an eye for an eye.

Spread knowledge of the Knight Templar Educational Foundation. It is designed to help the worthy without discrimination.

Make news in the Knight Templar Magazine more representative by appointment of an active correspondent in every Commandery.

Show our colors wherever and whenever possible in patriotic, civil and religious endeavors.

Stand shoulder to shoulder to advance the interests of Templary in the Commandery, in the state, and in the Grand Encampment.

James R. Case
Correspondent

... Meaning

As Knights Templar we may not be able to change the world, but it is certain that the Beatitudes can change our world. By striving again and again after failing, we may not only attain a beauty attitude toward life, but our own lives will have a higher meaning to God, to our country, to our neighbors and to ourselves. Let us pray:

O Lord, our Redeemer and Savior: Take the inadequate words which we have used and multiply the responses to them in our hearts, as thou did multiply the fishes, that they may adequately fill our needs in these hours.

AMEN.
TIME TO "COME ALIVE"

March signaling the end of winter and the beginning of spring. When all nature experiences a rebirth bids us to "come alive" for Templar and reminds us there are but two months to accomplish our aims for this Templary year.

Nineteen Sixty-Nine marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay and since March has been set aside in our program to emphasize support of DeMolay, what better incentive could we have than fifty years of this Order's service to the youth of America. Templary acts as the sponsoring body for many of the Chapters of this Commonwealth and we should therefore furnish the leadership for the promotion of this Anniversary.

Let us as Templars assist in sponsoring DeMolays to go to the convention to be held in Kansas City, July 1-4, attend Church in a body with them, invite their attendance at Easter and Ascension services, have them confer one of their degrees before our Commandery, assist them in recruiting for a "Wilbur M. Brucker" class, but above all let them know we are willing to give of ourselves to help their cause. These are our future Masons and Knight Templar.

This is also the month to promote our Ascension Service to be held in Gettysburg, May 3rd and 4th (note change in date). This is an opportunity to display Templary to the public and it is important that it be up to our full potential. The Committee is busy with plans for your comfort and enjoyment. A dinner will be held on Saturday evening, we will attend the Church of our choice Sunday morning, and then assemble in the afternoon for the parade to the National Cemetery where our service will be held. Details are not ready at this time but I am sure they will be by the time this is published. If you cannot be with us for Saturday evening, then plan to be on hand for the parade and service Sunday afternoon. We need public displays such as this to combat the effect of the radical elements parading our streets today.

G. CALVIN DYSON
Grand Commander
150 Years of Capitular Masonry

News from Harrisburg, received just before presstime, tells of a 1968 Chapter highlight—the observance of 150 years of continuous Capitular Masonry by Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter 21, Harrisburg. Perseverence is the second oldest Chapter warranted by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

A news clipping of last year’s event, forwarded by P.H.P. Melvin B. Spengler, Secretary, notes that there were 154 candidates in the anniversary class. Highlights included a grand banquet in the Scottish Rite ballroom, with M.E.H.P. Paul E. Deitzel as toastmaster.

In addition to Companions Deitzel and Spengler, other Perseverence officers at the time of the observance were Charles W. Wagner, Donald R. Anspach, Wayne A. Hivner, Elmer F. Myers, Earl D. Schwartz, Henry C. Ferber, Paul F. Steever, Charles S. Bowman, Raymond H. Barrett, William A. Drumheiser, Donald E. Cassell, Calvin C. Beard, George H. Hohenshildt, Robert S. Kohn, John D. Witmer, Kenneth W. Nebinger, Harry E. Sauer and Josiah R. Reinhold.

The special guests included D.D.G.H.P. Lawrence L. Brown, Mechanicsburg, and Arthur R. Diamond, Jenkintown, then Grand High Priest.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BY CYRENE COMMANDERY
NO. 34, COLUMBIA

Saturday, March 22— 2 p.m. Confer the Order of the Temple on Centennial Class (approx. 30 candidates)

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

7 p.m. Dinner at Host Town Motel, Lancaster for members, ladies and guests. Address by Grand Master and entertainment to follow dinner.

Sunday, March 23— 9 a.m. Breakfast at Masonic Hall, Columbia, for invited guests, members and their ladies.

11 a.m. Divine service at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 6th and Locust Sts., Columbia, Pa.
DRAMA — ITS PLACE IN TEMPLARY

Wylie B. Wendt, K.Y.C.H.

The staging of a play or the presenting of an Order as conferred in a Commandery of Knights Templar should have dramatic direction. There is probably no business on earth involving action and progressive accomplishment wherein the art of direction is more essential than in the theatre. And it must be one man direction. Authority as to how a Degree or an Order or a play is to be presented cannot be divided.

While we all know that there are Orders in a Commandery and not Degrees, it is difficult to refer to the work without using the word “Degree.” In Commandery ritualistic work, there should be two types of Directors. One, the Degree Director (my Commandery calls it “Co-ordinator”), has charge of the business of the Degree, of rehearsals, attendance, equipment, paraphernalia, and such other matters that need attention aside from the actual presentation of the Degree. The other is the Dramatic Director or Director of Work, who is responsible for the manner in which the Degree (the Order) is presented. The Director of Work should not be responsible for notifying the East, getting them to rehearsal, seeing that all robes are in condition and that all equipment and props are available. However, in some Commanderies, the two jobs may have to be combined in one person.

The Degree Director, who may be compared to the captain of an athletic team, is responsible for the preparation of the Degree Team for action. He delivers the team for action. He delivers the team to the Director of Work, who may be compared to the coach of an athletic team. The Degree Director, upon delivering the team to the Director of Work, then becomes a member of the team or sits on the sidelines, unless he is a member of the stage crew.

In rehearsals or during the conferring of an Order, the worker should not concern himself with the major problem of running the show. That responsibility is up to the Director of Work. But each member of the cast should very definitely and with intelligent absorption pay attention to every minute detail of his own performance. The individual worker should be familiar with the entire Order or play. This does not mean that he has to learn all the lines, but unless he has an overall picture of what is going on and how it all fits together, he cannot by any stretch of the imagination, do good and intelligent work.

One important item in conferring an Order is the timing. There should be no delays, as this is one of the reasons the work drags along and the Commandery is closed at a late hour, much to the disgust of the members in attendance, who want to get home at a reasonable hour.

One of the distressing things in working in a play or conferring an Order is to have performers criticize each other publicly. This should be left to the Director of Work and it should be done diplomatically.

It is understood that the Degree Director or the Director of Work should not be responsible for the placing of scenery, furniture or equipment. This should be left entirely to the stage crew and again this emphasizes the importance of a well organized and smoothly operating stage crew.

While we use the expression a “minor part” on the team, there are really no minor parts, as all parts are important. A so-called minor part, incorrectly performed, can ruin a good performance.

The conferring of an Order within a Commandery offers wonderful possibilities of impressing the candidate, and after all, that is what we are trying to do, to teach the lesson of the Order and leave a lasting impression on the candidate. It is hoped that all members of the team will consider it an honor to be on the team and will avail themselves of every opportunity to improve the work.
ANNUAL CONCLAVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES CONVENING IN APRIL

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TRAVELING TEMPLARS

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

Roy W. Riegel, Grand Generalissimo: Principal speaker at 106th Anniversary of Columbia Commandery No. 2, Washington, D.C., January 11 and made first visit to grave of the late M.E. Grand Master, Wilber M. Brucker. Principal speaker at the Scottish Rite Dinner, Masonic Temple, Topeka, Kansas, January 14.

Present at a meeting of Missouri and Kansas Grand Commanderies’ Committees working toward Kansas City as meeting place for Triennial Conclave in 1976, January 25.

Acted as Prior in the conferral of the Order of Malta at the Masonic Temple, Emporia, Kansas, January 3.

Frank L. Bourke, North Atlantic Department Commander: Observed opening event of year-long celebration of Lodge No. 62 on its 175th Anniversary at the Masonic Temple, Reading, Pennsylvania, January 6. DeMolay’s Grand Master Ruerat was principal speaker.

Attended Ladies Night at Eusebins Conclave, Knights Red Cross of Constantine at Masonic Temple, Lewiston, Maine, January 18.

Attended annual meeting of Put Stevems Court No. 107, Royal Order of Jesters, Portland, Maine, January 31.

Sir Knight Bourke has undertaken a special study and analysis in a medium sized Constituent Commandery of age ratios, operational functions and morale for the purpose of evaluating basic difficulties and to develop remedial recommendations.

William R. Robbins, South Central Department Commander: Will show colored slides, with his wife, Marilyn, at the Arkansas Annual Conclave April 21-22, of the Kansas pilgrimage to Europe.
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