Nil mortabilus ardui est.

"No height is too arduous for mortal men."

Horace 65-8 B.C.
"A JOB TO BE DONE"

... Says the Grand Master

That's all it is, a job to be done, by Templars for Templary, to give Grand Recorder Rodenhauser a complete and correct list of names and addresses of all members in good standing. With the general, personal and official cooperation of many who must do a little and the few who must do much, it will be a relatively simple routine job.

Following the strongly affirmative decision of Grand Encampment, the national congress of Templars elected by Commanderies and Grand Commanderies everywhere, work has been in process for more than a year toward completion of such a list, so that the Knight Templar Magazine may be delivered to all members beginning with the July issue, which will be printed and mailed during the last ten days of June. You might ask why it should take so long, and why the job is not completed now. I in turn might ask why so many local Recorders needed four or five months to type up a list of the names and addresses of their members and why so many have failed to up-date this information monthly as requested. But these things are of the past, and such questions are really pointless, aren't they?

In the first days of April, we were forced to the conclusion that information in hand was neither complete enough nor accurate enough for the purpose, and that a complete review was necessary. We were forced also to the conclusion that non-performance by Templar officers of whatever rank could no longer be excused or even tolerated. The result—General Order No. 7, which is printed in full in this issue.

A list of members’ names and addresses has been printed for each Commandery showing information we had as of April 8, and these lists have been sent to all local Recorders through their Grand Recorders. Each Recorder had at least ten days notice of the job to be done through delivery of General Order No. 7, and has seven days to make the necessary corrections. The lists are being returned to Chicago through the Grand Recorders, and correction of the unit record cards will then be made. There is time enough for this work, but not a day to spare. Deviation from the schedule by anyone will create an impossible situation. It is expected, of course, that Commanders and Grand Commanders will enlist whatever help Recorders and Grand Recorders may need.

"A job to be done." Can we do it? Of course we can!

[Signature]
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The Cover:

Hugh E. May, Lt. Col., U.S.A.F., will author an article in the July "Knight Templar Magazine" on the timely subjects of space travel and Masonic astronauts. This month's cover illustration from NASA reminds us that new vistas of exploration are upon the horizon, and that Horace wrote truly, more than two thousand years ago, when he expressed his conviction: "No height is too arduous for mortal men."
Kendallville, Indiana

On April seventeenth, eighteen hundred sixty-nine, Apollo Commandery received a Charter from the Grand Commandery of Indiana. Thus, on April seventeenth, of this year, Apollo Commandery will start their second Century of Templar Masonry.

On May ninth of this year, Apollo Commandery will celebrate and commemorate their Centennial. An appropriate recognition of the event is being arranged.

Ben Shankland Recorder

Brunswick, Georgia

February 25, 1969, the Don R. Roberts Chapter, Order of DeMolay, initiated a class of 23 candidates into the Order of DeMolay. This class was designated the "Wilber M. Brucker Class." The initiation was followed by refreshments and the Chapter was honored by over twenty visitors from the Cecil Cheeves Chapter, Order of DeMolay from Savannah, Georgia.

At 9 a.m., Sunday, March 16, St. Elmo Commandery No. 21, was host at a breakfast for the members of the DeMolay Chapter and their Advisors. This was held at the Driftwood Room of the Crews Restaurant and there were 49 DeMolay members, Advisors and Sir Knights present.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, more than 65 DeMolay members, Advisors and Sir Knights attended the morning services at McKendree Methodist Church, Brunswick, Georgia.

William M. Roach, E.C. St. Elmo Commandery No. 21

Billings, Montana

After reading in another national publication of the distances traveled by officers in other areas, I would be interested in having the following topped:

Montana, a state some 700 miles wide, with a total population of only about three-quarters of a million, has 21 Commanderies and 323 Chapters. Naturally, there are considerable distances between them.

Billings, Montana, in the South-Central part of the state, has the town of Hardin 55 miles to the east, and Red Lodge 60 miles to the southwest. Each of these towns has a Royal Arch Chapter. The members there belong to the Council and Commandery at Billings. Each of these neighbors also has officers in the Billings bodies. Hardin has had two Commanders who nightly traveled more than a hundred miles to fulfill their duties. One of these also ranched at Lodge Grass, approximately 90 miles from Billings, traveling some 180 miles to preside over Aldemar Commandery. This year the Senior Warden is also from Lodge Grass, another 180-miler! And these Sir Knights very, very seldom miss a meeting—many times over icy roads and snowdrifts. The "male" must go through!

Red Lodge, 60 miles away has also furnished a Commander, who never missed a meeting, except once when he was snowbound at his ranch for several days. One hundred and twenty miles roundtrip for this dedicated Templar.

Each of these adjoining towns has also furnished several officers for Adoniram Council, Hardin having furnished four Thrice Illustrious Masters.

These three areas annually have a district meeting to confer the Chapter work, with each portraying the work. The Council and Commandery also
travels to the adjoining towns on occasion to exalt and knight candidates.

Let's see someone top this traveling!

ELWOOD I. NAUGLE, P.G.C.

Midwest City, Oklahoma

I am seeking information concerning the possible affiliation of my father, James R. Beverley, with the York Rite bodies. Among his effects after his death June 17, 1967, were found a Blue Lodge lapel pin and a Royal Arch Mason lapel pin.

He was born June 15, 1894, was raised June 30, 1920 in Rock Island Lodge No. 869, Dalhart, Texas; demitted February 13, 1922, and affiliated with University Lodge No. 1190, Austin, Texas, 1922 as a Charter Member. He demitted June 4, 1931.

My father went to Puerto Rico in 1925 as a practicing attorney and distinguished himself in his profession and in public service. The Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico has no record of his affiliation with a lodge there.

JAMES R. BEVERLEY, JR.
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Temple City, California

Regarding your article and inquiry in the March issue of Knight Templar Magazine on Cleveland, Illinois, I offer this information.

I am a member of the Illinois State Historical Society and a native of Illinois. The information is from a recent book by the Society, "Illinois Place Names."

CLEVELAND, (Boone Co.) PO established (changed from Long Prairie) June 25, 1840; changed to Middleville April 28, 1847 (in Winnebago Co.) prior to creation of Boone Co. Feb. 28, 1843; now Cherry Valley, Winnebago Co. See B&S (Boone Co. 699.)


CLEVELAND (Sangamon Co.); Now Loami (B&S 725).

(B&S—Bateman & Selby's Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois for various counties.) (Inc-v-Incorporated as a village.)

The appendix—List by Counties shows Cleveland in both Boone Co. and Henry Co. However, my Post Office Zip Code book, 1966, does not show a Cleveland in Illinois. I hope this will help Sir Knight Pyron in his quest.

I am a retired Los Angeles Postal Supervisor.

DAVID V. PRIMM
Alhambra Commandery No. 48

Spokane, Washington

It has recently come to my attention that my great-grandfather, the late Charles Mellish, was a member of the Knights Templar at his death in Portland, Oregon, April 9, 1925. Evidenced also is reason to believe that Knights Templar officiated at the funeral services.

In my search for an accurate genealogical history of the Mellish family, I have found little information about Charles Mellish, except he lived most of his life in Saginaw, Michigan.

If you would have any information in your files about this man, or could suggest other people I could contact, I would be most appreciative. If photostatic copies of any evidence, such as personal correspondence or applications is possible, please, indicate this.

My thanks and deepest appreciation for any attention given this matter.

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Phoenix, Arizona

I heartily agree with Sir Knight Oftedahl's suggestion regarding a change in the Knight Templar uniform, and may I add the sooner the better.

It was a privilege and an honor to wear the uniform, but like everything else a change is due and if we are to move forward with the changing times, then a change in the design of the Knight Templar uniform should not be an earth shaking event.

LOUIS WARDELL, P.C.
Mishawaka Commandery No. 51
Mishawaka, Indiana
Kansas City Hosts 49th Annual ISC Session

Adding luster to the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Order of DeMolay was the annual session of the International Supreme Council held in Kansas City, Missouri, March 15-19. Stanley Garrity of Wichita, Kansas, was elected and installed Grand Master.

Tuesday, March 18 was set aside for anniversary events which included a memorial service at the graveside of Frank S. Land, dedication of the new Frank S. Land Memorial Fountain at DeMolay Headquarters, and the world premier of the new DeMolay motion picture film, "Young Men on the Go!". The events took place before more than 300 persons.

The traditional Grand Master’s Banquet Wednesday evening, the 19th, had a special speaker in the person of John L. Campbell, Assistant to the President of the U.S., who talked on the Nixon Administration policies and outlook toward youth and youth groups. "DeMolay of the Year" Dale Dissinger of Cincinnati, Ohio, also received the traditional trophy signifying his honor.

Following the banquet, Grand Master Garrity, Deputy Grand Master J. Chris Nungesser, of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Senior Councilor Walter O. Helwig of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Grand Junior Councilor Chester Hodges of Middletown, Ohio, Grand Secretary George M. Saunders of Chicago, Illinois, and Grand Treasurer Chandler C. Cohagen of Billings, Montana, were installed as the elected officers for the ensuing year.

Serving as the Grand Installing Officer was P.G.M. and Grand Secretary George M. Saunders. Installing Grand Marshal was P.G.M. Joseph S. Lewis.

Active Member H. Roe Bartle, former Kansas City Mayor was Master of Ceremonies at the banquet. Following the entrance of the distinguished head table of Masonic leaders from all over the country and the ISC head table group, outgoing Grand Master Albert P. Ruerat and Mrs. Ruerat entered the Regency Ballroom under the escort of Grand Marshall Robert W. Markham of Rhode Island, to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Committee meetings started on the 14th with the Executive Committee meeting and Executive Officers’ Conference Saturday, the 15th, followed by the Grand Master’s reception Saturday evening. Supreme Council members attended a special church service in the church of Grand Chaplain Herbert E. Duncan Sunday morning. After a scheduled luncheon, the session was officially opened at 2 p.m. by Grand Master Ruerat.

OHIO WINS RD

For the fourth consecutive year, Ohio won the RD plaque for the highest percentage of RD’s (they also had more than 500 quality for the top total output). Executive Officer Chester Hodges and R. D. Governor O. Tower Swartz received the plaque.

At the Wednesday session, a number of contributions were received from national Masonic bodies including: $7,500 from both the Southern and Northern Supreme Councils A.A.S.R. for underwriting the second International DeMolay Congress; $10,000 from the Supreme Council Scottish Rite N.M.J.; $500 from the Royal Order of Scotland; $500 from the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters; and $1,000 from the Grotto.
Be Master Of Yourself

Be Master of yourself— the job is up to you
That you may daily learn the methods to pursue
In life’s daily tasks— that will come your way
Ask Divine guidance— that will enable you to say
I am Master of Myself— I am a DeMolay.

Accomplishment is rewarding when you have done your best
When day is done and you have stood the test
In a courageous manly manner— you can simply say
I am Master of Myself— I am a DeMolay.

Dedicated to the men of tomorrow
THE DEMOLAYS

For aine M. Smith
(M. Luther A. Smith)
"MAISON LAUDS ORDER OF DEMOLAY"

Kansas City communications media gave extended coverage to the 49th Annual Session of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay March 16-19. On the opening day, a newsman interviewed Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., who was present in two capacities — as a Distinguished Guest and as an Active Member of the Supreme Council.

While the formal opening session of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay was taking place in the room across the corridor yesterday, an early-day DeMolay and high-ranking Mason sat and extolled the virtues of the organization and its young members.

John Lawton Crofts, Sr., of Nokomis, Florida, who is Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States, a retired advertising and publishing executive and a firm supporter of DeMolay, is impressed with the organization and the youths who comprise it.

"The young men I have met in this organization are just about as fine a group as you could hope to ever meet," Crofts said. "They are young men with a purpose in life and a positive attitude toward things.

"The difference I see in these men and the ones you hear so much about on campuses and so on is that they have been exposed to, and have accepted a positive attitude. I would have to say that responsibility is probably the hallmark of the DeMolay."

More than 200 persons arrived here yesterday for the four day session at the Plaza Inn. Among those attending are more than a dozen Masonic leaders from throughout the nation.

DeMolay was founded in Kansas City by the late Frank S. Land, who then was director of the Social Service Department of the Scottish Rite here.

Headquarters for the DeMolay is on the fourth floor of the Phillips Petroleum Company Building, 201 East Armour Boulevard.

Yesterday, as the heads of the various DeMolay Chapters from throughout the country and the Masonic hierarchy met and talked, Crofts pointed out that from the time a youth was initiated into DeMolay until he reached adulthood, there was a continuous period of development and positive growth.

"He has tremendous potential for character development," Crofts said, "and he is exposed to virtuous things which it is difficult for the parent to provide for — things like loyalty to God, to family, to school and to country. In DeMolay, all of these things are taught constructively."

Crofts briefly discussed the current campus unrest, hippies, yippies and the others, but added that he did not enjoy talking about them because he did not like to see them publicized.

"I will say this, however," he concluded. "I don't think the world is going to fall apart, not when we have boys like these (DeMolays). I will say that they are the ones who deserve the recognition and appreciation."

DeMolay represents about 166,000 members in 2,500 chapters in 11 countries and territories throughout the world.

A full-scale meeting is scheduled for July to observe the 50th Anniversary of DeMolay.

Results of the International DeMolay oratorical and essay contests were announced last night. The contests were part of the 50th Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay.

Bruce A. Haverberg, 20, of Arlington, Virginia, won the essay contest, and Paul Bohannon, 18, of Del City, Oklahoma, was runner-up. John S. Mooney, 18, of Houston was the winner, and Mark W. Radeeke, 16, of Baltimore, runner-up in the oratorical contest.
Templar Names in the News at DeMolay Supreme Council

Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., a Senior DeMolay, Active Member of the Supreme Council, was also a Distinguished Guest at the 49th Annual Session of the Council at Kansas City, March 16-19. He was the first to be received and the first to address the session. DeMolay Grand Master Ruerat introduced him as "tall in Masonry, tall in stature."

Sir Knight Crofts saluted DeMolay on its 50th Anniversary, referred to its close association with Knights Templar and renewed Grand Encampment's pledge of interest and active assistance.

G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Senior DeMolay, Active Member of Supreme Council, Executive for Southern Illinois, member of the Supreme Council Executive Committee, was named Executive Officer for the state, a step that unites Illinois as a single jurisdiction, with James R. DePew and Walter E. Bischoff, Active Members, Supreme Council, assisting him.

Stephen B. Dimond, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Florida, Member Grand Encampment Committee on DeMolay, Active Member of DeMolay's Supreme Council, Grand Junior Steward, member of the Executive Committee, long time DeMolay leader in many capacities, conducted the March 17 International Supreme Council State of the Order Committee Meeting (as a committee on the whole).

The Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, Lloyd E. Poore, was one of those received in the Distinguished Guest category.

Grand Encampment's Chairman of the Committee on DeMolay, Charles A. Howard, Jr., P.G.C., South Dakota, is an Active Member of the Supreme Council of DeMolay and Executive Officer in his state. Bruce H. Hunt, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri, is an Active Member of the Supreme Council. California's Past Grand Commander

Robert A. Miller attended for Northern California's Executive Officer, John L. Wixon.

Marvin E. Fowler, Senior DeMolay, Active Member of the Supreme Council, was also received as a Distinguished Guest. Sir Knight Fowler, a Grand Commandery officer of the District of Columbia, Chairman of the Grand Encampment, Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, is Secretary-Treasurer. George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Joseph S. Lewis, as Past Commander of Knights Templar, is a Past Grand Master of the Supreme Council. He is Chairman of the DeMolay Committees for the Grand York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma.

William J. Tobler, Sr., P.G.C., Missouri, an Active Member of the Supreme Council, DeMolay, is a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on DeMolay.

Roy W. Riegle, R.E. Grand Generalissimo, was on hand for the opening session of the 49th Annual Session of the Supreme Council March 16.

Charles A. Howard, Jr., Chairman, (left) and members of the Committee on DeMolay, meet with Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell between Supreme Council sessions at Kansas City to plan forthcoming committee projects. Next to Howard are Sir Knights Bell, William J. Tobler, Missouri, and Stephen B. Dimond, Florida.
It was early Monday morning, the twenty-first of August, 1967. Twenty-five Sir Knights of the Drill Team of St. Elmo Commandery, Hyattsville, Maryland, grouped together in one of the caverns adjacent to Cobo Hall, Detroit. They spoke in almost hushed voices and the few attempts at humor fell flat. The testing moment for which the team had worked so hard during the past months was at hand, and now that the moment was here there was a nervous tension felt by all.

Across the room were two Past Grand Commanders of Maryland whose faces also betrayed a tension within, for this was the first Drill Team to represent Maryland in 28 years, and there was a strong disbelief that this Drill Team could perform in such a manner as to bring credit to Maryland.

Just then an intent-looking group came in. These were the Drill Competition Judges. The Drill Team Captain was told to bring the Drill Team to the appropriate place for Inspection prior to Drill Competition. The orders were given, but the voice of the Drill Team Captain betrayed the tension he felt. He well knew the struggle which had been made to weld this group into a functioning team; he knew the difficulties in providing uniforms, and that some of them were indeed makeshift; and he knew that being the first team to perform carried a special burden.

And now the Team stood at “Attention” and the Judges looked each man over. Out of the corners of their eyes the members of the team, though looking straight ahead, could see the nimble fingers of the Judges as they marked their papers, and each wondered, “Is it I causing those marks?” Inspection over, a slight pause, and then the order to move out on the exhibition floor.

On the floor of Cobo Hall a ripple went down the line, and suddenly the hesitation, the uncertainty, and the doubt were gone. This was a unified team in action, and the precision and confidence, which come only with long practice, made themselves felt. The team moved from formation to formation without hesitation; suddenly the 20 minute drill exhibition was over. The team moved off with a smooth rhythm, and the followers from Maryland clapped loudly enough to cause an echo through the almost empty Cobo Hall.

The Past Grand Commanders of Maryland met the team again in the caverns, now pride and appreciation in their faces and voices. They were proud of this black-plumed team from Maryland.

One member summed up the feeling of the team when he said, “Well, this I know, regardless of where we place, we have never drilled better.” And indeed when the ratings were given out the following day this team, participating in National Competition for the first time, had placed ninth. The members took a deep breath and said, “In Denver in 1970 it will be different.”

How had this team come into being?
How had it developed? How could one explain the first team from Maryland in 28 years?

It is often true that at any given time one cannot predict that this or that event is the beginning, or the deciding point, of what follows. In retrospect, one feels that many little things, scarcely noticed at the moment, made a contribution that was unthought of at the time. So it was with St. Elmo’s Drill Team.

In the Commandery year 1962-1963, St. Elmo had its largest class of Sir Knights in its history. One hundred and thirty-seven were knighted that year—108 of them in one day. The Commander insisted that the officers be proficient in their work, that they learn to handle the sword—even to the point that some of the officers drilled by themselves at home. For the first time this Commandery became the No. 1 Commandery in Maryland.

During the two years which followed, St. Elmo Commandery relinquished over 100 members, and at least half of its officers, to form a new Commandery.

The Eminent Commander for the year 1965-1966 determined that the time had come to press again for proficiency, and once again stress was placed upon tactics and formations as well as upon ritualistic work. Also, during this year the officers of St. Elmo began another drive for members. Many petitions were secured just prior to the summer recess of 1965. It occurred to the Commander that some petitioners, relatively young men, might like to learn something of the use of the sword, and some of the formations. During the summer a group of these petitioners, with most of the officers, met once or twice a week and rehearsed tactics and sword manual. When these men were knighted in September 1965 there had never been a class as proficient in handling the sword as they were. One side-liner remarked, “It looks like the candidates know more about handling the sword than do some of the officers.” And, truthfully, it was almost so.

These new Sir Knights were immediately used in the guard line, and, for the second time, St. Elmo Commandery became the No. 1 Commandery in Maryland.

The Commander for 1966-1967 had the dream of a visit from the Most Eminent Grand Master. Without going into details, the M.E. Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, visited Hyattsville in November 1966 on the invitation of the Grand Commanderies of Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia, with St. Elmo as the Host Commandery.

In preparation the officers redoubled their efforts on formations and sword manual, when the Grand Master saw them on the night of his visit he was lavish in his compliments. He was told that, in part at least, it was his publication, “Charting the Course,” with its section on Drill Teams, which had inspired this Commandery. The Grand Master insisted that the Drill Team should come to Detroit in August 1967 and enter National Competition for Class “B” Teams.

About this time, at the invitation of Col. Barkman, who handled the Drill Team for the District of Columbia and was Grand Commander of D.C. that year, members of our officers and guards went into Washington and drilled with the members there. By the time of our Grand Commandery Conclave in 1967 there was a feeling that going to Detroit was more than a dream—it could become a reality. This was bolstered both by the fact that once again was St. Elmo the No. 1 Commandery in Maryland, and by the fact that the Grand Commandery of Maryland appropriated $300.00 toward the expenses of any Drill Team that actually competed in Detroit in 1967.

Upon request, the material for drill teams was furnished the Commandery. The Recorder of the Commandery completely diagrammed the several formations listed for the competition and furnished a copy to each member of the team for them to study at home. During the summer of 1967, as many as possible of the Drill Team met twice weekly on the parking lot behind the Methodist
EASTER AT WASHINGTON

With approximately 450 Knights Templar in uniform and some 7,000 other Templars, friends, leaders of government and members of the general public in attendance, the Easter Sunrise Service at Washington took place April 6 under a clearing Easter morning sky. Heard by the Arlington Amphitheater worshippers and by NBC Radio Network listeners were the General Chairman, Marvin E. Fowler; the Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Sr., and Dr. Curtis W. V. Junker, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, who presented the Easter sermon.

Captain Robert F. McComas, Senior Chaplain, United States Naval Academy, offered the prayers of invocation and benediction; Samuel T. Farmer, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, led the Sir Knights in the Apostle’s Creed; and Easter music of worship was presented by the United States Army Chorus and the United States Marine Band.

The service concluded with the Grand Master’s placing of a cross of lilies at the Tomb of Unknown Soldiers in the name of the Knights Templar of the United States.

. . . . Drill Team Impact

Church. The lot was measured and the exact size of Cobo Hall was marked off, and here the team drilled. There were still spaces to fill; there were uniforms to secure; there were untrained members to shape up; and there was the expense of the trip to Detroit to provide for—at least in major part. But week after week the work went on. Finally the papers were sent in and St. Elmo was Committed to appear in Detroit. Then the drill periods became even more severe. Dual members were secured to fill vacant spaces, and Col. Barkman came from the District of Columbia as often as he could to give his help and advice.

Then on to Detroit. Once there, drills continued on parking lots. When the drawing for order of drill competition was made St. Elmo drew the first position early Monday morning. On Monday morning, August 21, 1967, phones rang, each person was checked and a hasty snack secured, and then to Cobo Hall.

But this is where we came in!

And that is how St. Elmo got its Drill Team. Who was responsible? Who cares? We wear our St. Elmo emblem proudly, and we know that though we may never be the best Drill Team in the United States, we have a fine group of men whose lives have been enriched by this experience, and that friendships have been formed and made strong as we worked together. These are the things which are really important. But we do say: ON TO DENVER IN 1970!

Received, Noted
And Appreciated

Virgil F. Kent, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters, reports that there has been a large response to the Committee’s invitation to forward suggestions and expressions of viewpoint on the subject of the Ritual.

The ideas and recommendations submitted for study by the Committee have been too numerous to acknowledge individually, says Sir Knight Kent. He wants to thank all Sir Knights who forwarded comments and let them know that each suggestion or opinion has received full consideration.

Many of the responses suggest changes or modifications. These, and all others, will be compiled and studied by the Committee and a full report and series of recommendations will be made during the 1970 Triennial Conclave at Denver. The Chairman points out that there is still time to forward additional Ritual observations to him at 824 South Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.
Ball Brothers Research Corporation
Named Colorado Employer of the Year
For Hiring the Handicapped

Because of its relationship to Edmund F. Ball, Grand Encampment Grand Treasurer, Carl J. Baesemann, North Pacific Department Commander, has relayed the following clipping from the Denver, Colorado, "Rocky Mountain News" of March 12, 1969.

John Behr applies a special lubricating material to aerospace hardware to allow its operation in space. His department manager says, "He has all the qualities you search for and rarely find in a worker. We would like to hire every man like him that we could."

Joan Spaulding’s job involves threading a third wire through microscopic ferrite “doughnuts” for computer memory core planes. Her supervisor commented, "She’s one of the quickest learners I’ve ever seen. She learned an eight-week course in three weeks."

Behr, a precision machinist, contracted osteoarthritis about 1940 which crippled his back. Miss Spaulding, who three months ago was made assistant lead girl in charge of 19 workers, was afflicted by polio 20 years ago.

They are two of the handicapped workers employed by Ball Brothers Research Corp. (BBRC) and part of the reason for the company’s receiving the 1968 Colorado Employer of the Year award for a firm employing more than 200 workers.

The other reasons are the more than 75 persons at BBRC who are secretaries, clerks, technicians, engineers and production workers with afflictions ranging from disabled limbs to diabetes.

They may work in the company's aerospace division at Boulder's Industrial Park on space hardware or in the commercial division at 33rd and Walnut Streets where television equipment, printed circuit boards and core planes are manufactured.

The figure of 75 handicapped workers was furnished by the state rehabilitation department as BBRC does not keep a separate file on these employees.

Consequently, among the BBRC staff, people like Dewey Windsor and Nick Perry are considered special, but not unique. They’re special because they’re above average workers and perform their jobs unaffected by legs that were crippled from birth defects.

Many of the handicapped at BBRC, like Perry, Windsor and Miss Spaulding, work in the commercial division where much of the manufacturing work is done on production lines.

"You need patience on this type of job," said a supervisor, "and the handicapped have it."

"If a handicapped person is placed in the right position, he does an excellent job," the official added.

A deaf mute has proved so capable in core plane manufacturing that a second deaf mute has been hired, and the first girl is helping to train the second girl.

BBRC’s nomination for state and national employer awards for hiring the handicapped was made by Roger Cozens, senior counselor of the northern district office, Colorado Department of Rehabilitation.

The BBRC personnel department was unaware of Cozens’ recommendation until the award was announced.

This didn’t surprise Cozens, who said, "This office hasn’t had much direct contact with the BBRC personnel department to urge them to hire the handicapped. We haven’t needed to. Ball Brothers has done it on its own.

"Ball takes them strictly at face value, without attaching special significance to the handicap and treats the handicapped employees the same way as others—same pay, same fringe benefits.

"Ball Brothers has never made a big deal out of it."

“KNOW YOUR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS”

Ralph C. Pierée, Chairman, Grand Commandery of Wisconsin Patriotic and Civic Activities Committee, points to a “flag and community” feature of Racine Commandery No. 7 as an example of effective Commandery programming. The presentation, with Eminent Commander Harley Brown presiding, brought together Racine’s Fire Chief and Police Chief, Sir Knight Russell Anderson and Leroy Jenkins, as speakers. Their talks were followed by demonstrations by personnel from their respective departments.

Following the program, Ronald O. Baymiller, President, and Secretary-Treasurer Niles W. D. Allen, P.C., Wisconsin Society, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a National Citizenship Medal and Citation to Fire Chief Anderson and a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Citation to Police Chief Jenkins. Appropriate flag ceremonies opened and closed the program, which was open to all Wisconsin Masons and their families.

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**Grand Master’s Conference**

A conference of the elected Grand officers of the Grand Encampment was called by Grand Master Crofts at Washington, D.C., April 3-4, in connection with the Easter Sunrise Service gathering at the nation’s capitol. In attendance were Sir Knight Crofts, Deputy Grand Master Bell, Grand Generalissimo Riegle, Grand Captain-General Avery and Grand Recorder Rodenhausen.

The purpose of the Grand Master’s conferences is to review all aspects of Grand Encampment activities and to plan and execute future assignments. On the agenda at Washington were: the new International York Rite Council which will convene May 8 at Milwaukee; 51st Triennial Conclave schedules and activities; the compilation of membership names and addresses from all 1,600 Commanderies of the Grand Encampment; the forthcoming every-member mailing of the Knight Templar Magazine; Conclave visitations.

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**CONNECTICUT NOTES**

Gail L. Smith, Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, and Past Commander of St. John’s Commandery No. 11, Willimantic, congratulates his son Nelson whom he knighted last February.

This doesn’t happen very often! The York Rite Directory of Norwich bodies for March 1969 listed John Crowe, Jr. as High Priest of Franklin Chapter No. 4, R.A.M.; Thrice Illustrious Master of Franklin Council No. 3, R. & S.M.; and E. Commander of Columbian Commandery No. 4.

**Sir Knight John G. Hamilton was installed as E. Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 6, New London, succeeding Sir Knight Robert E. Cushman.**

Sir Knight Kenneth B. Gray of New Haven Commandery No. 2 was elected Chairman of the Presiding Councils Association at their annual meeting last month.

James R. Case
Correspondent
Dr. Howard R. Towne, Former Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment, Honored This Month by First Congregational Church Members

The Record-Eagle, Traverse City, Michigan, gave advance publicity to an appreciation dinner for Dr. Howard R. Towne, pastor of First Congregational Church, Traverse City, longtime Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and former (1964-67) R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.

The dinner, a Friday, May 2, event, was arranged by the congregation to honor Dr. Towne for his 40 years as minister of the church.

The Record-Eagle story says in part: “Dr. Towne started as an assistant to Dr. Demas Cochlin in November of 1927 and served for a full year as associate minister from May 1928 until May 1929. On the first Sunday in May 1929, Dr. Towne succeeded Dr. Cochlin, who also served the congregation for 40 years from May 1889 until 1929.

“Thus the church has been served for 80 years by only two ministers, a record, it is believed, for any one church.

“During Dr. Towne’s pastorate, the church has grown in membership from 373 persons in 1929 to 1,654 today. It is estimated that he has married more than 2,500 couples, baptised more than 1,600 persons and conducted more than 2,000 funeral services.

“In 1959, the church congregation moved into its new church on Center Road from its location on Washington Street. Dr. Towne was instrumental in initiating this major project.

“Dr. Towne is a director of the Traverse City Rotary Club and a Knights Templar, has served on many community service organization boards, and has been very active in the United Church of Christ at state and national levels.”

WHAT’S IN A NAME...

When M.W. Brother Elvis A. Mooney, Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, was received with honors and addressed the 49th Assembly of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay March 16 at Kansas City, he described to the members and guests the difficulty he had encountered through much of his life because of his first name.

Elvis, often interpreted as a girl’s name, caused mix-ups in grade school, high school and college, where he was sometimes listed as “Miss Elvis.”

In World War II Navy he felt the problem was solved until the creation of the WAVES. Then, again, he began to receive letters and directives addressed to “Miss Elvis Mooney.”

After the war, the gyrations of another Elvis, whose last name was Presley, became a sensation on television. Soon the name, Elvis, was a byword from coast to coast.

“Never again was I addressed as a girl,” M.W. Master Mooney told his appreciative audience, “I don’t know what rock n’ roll has done for you,” he said, “but it’s made a man out of me!”
TRIBUTE TO A LEADER

Four hundred and fifty uniformed Knights Templar executed "Eyes, Left" at the intersection of Farragut and McPherson Avenues in Arlington National Cemetery early Easter morning as they processed to the amphitheater for the 39th Annual Easter Sunrise Service.

They were officially saluting the memory of the late Wilber M. Brucker, Past Grand Master, former Secretary of the Army, who was buried with full military honors October 31, 1968. A Templar honor guard stood at attention as the procession moved past the grave.

A small cross of lilies was placed by Mrs. Brucker in front of the stone marker for Sir Knight Brucker on the eve of Easter. For some eighteen years, Sir Knight Brucker had been a part of the annual Easter Service procession, marching along the same route, passing the spot where his honored remains now rest.

Commandery News

ILLINOIS

Austin Commandery No. 84 is sponsoring an Ascension Observeance for all of the Greater Chicago Commanderies Sunday, May 18, at the Methodist Church of Glenview, 728 No. Harlem Ave., Glenview, Illinois. The service is scheduled at 11 a.m. Assemble in Templar Uniform, without swords, at 10:45 a.m. A place will be provided to change into uniform.

Immediately after the services, the Glenview Temple Board Annual Dinner is scheduled. This is a fund-raising event and the proceeds are used to improve the facilities of the Glenview Masonic Temple.

PENNSYLVANIA

G. Calvin Dyson, Grand Commander, will preside over the 116th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania Tuesday, May 27, and Wednesday morning, May 28, in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. Attendant events will start Sunday, May 25, and will include: A Templar Parade at 7 p.m. followed by Divine Service in the Chambers Wylie Memorial United Presbyterian Church; and, on Monday, May 26, a Conference of the Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captains General, Recorders of Constituent Commanderies, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Division Commanders.

Louisville Sir Knight Dies

Sir Knight Louis W. Weissgerber, Past Commander of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, died in Louisville, March 17, while undergoing surgery for a suspected brain tumor. He had been ill for several weeks.

Sir Knight Weissgerber was a faithful and devoted member of Louisville-DeMolay, where he was presently serving as Recorder. He received the Commandery Merit Award for outstanding service, and the Drill Corps award, with bars, for his many years of service as Drill Captain. He was also acting as area inspector for the Grand Commandery for the current year.

He was a Past Master and Treasurer of Preston Lodge No. 281, a member of Eureka Chapter No. 101 and Hiram Council No. 29. He was active in Kosair Temple of the Shrine.

Sir Knight Weissgerber captained the Drills Corps when it marched in the Triennial parade in Indianapolis in 1958, and in the Drill Corps competition when it was held in connection with the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. He will be missed.

Morrison L. Cooke
Correspondent

W. Bernard Rocke
West Virginia
Grand Commander — 1955
Born November 24, 1898
Died January 27, 1969

Kaplan H. Andrew
Texas
Grand Commander — 1963
Born August 29, 1902
Died March 14, 1969

William S. Hamilton
Massachusetts & Rhode Island
Grand Commander — 1933
Born September 14, 1887
Died March 21, 1969

Robert F. Patterson
South Dakota
Grand Commander — 1955
Born October 14, 1905
Died March 27, 1969
$24,000 To Knights Templar Eye Foundation

"Faith may be lost in sight. Hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave into the boundless realms of eternity."

This axiom was generously illustrated when the Knights Templar Eye Foundation received a check for $24,000 with the promise of another $7,000 from the estate of Augusta Ziska of Denver, Colorado. Miss Ziska was the daughter of the late August Ziska, a Past Commander of Colorado Commandery No. 1 and a Past Commander of the Grand Commandery of Colorado. "Cap," as he was affectionately known, was a lieutenant in Colorado No. 1's drill team that won first place at the Grand Encampment Triennial in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1901. He was a devoted Knight Templar and his devotion was shared by his daughter.

Other recipients of Miss Ziska's estate were El Jebel Shrine, represented by William Muchow, Potentate; The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star; Robert Williams, bank officer distributing checks; and Carl J. Baesemann, North Pacific Department Commander.

Receiving parts of Miss Ziska's estate are: (l. to r.) William Muchow, Potentate; Thelma Kovacs, Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star; Robert Williams, bank officer distributing checks; and Carl J. Baesemann, North Pacific Department Commander.

Wanted — By Kit Carson Price

Sir Knight Kit Carson Price, Recorder, Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt/Main, Germany, wants to learn of the current whereabouts of the following former members of Hermann Von Salza. He will appreciate all possible information and can be reached by writing to: Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Kit Carson Price, Recorder, Box 488, APO 09057 New York.

John Adsit
William Banta
Bobby Beasley
William Bodley
Jimmy Bolen
Kenneth Budreau
Michael Burns III
Samuel Cart
Robert T. Casteel
George Chatfield
Martin Deen
Joseph H. Dillehay
Orvis Gibson
Herbert Glenn
Harry A. Graham, Jr.

William Hanna
John Hartman
George Hawley
Norman Heck
Noble Hodgkin
Lester Hopkins, Jr.
James C. Hunsicker
Arthur Johnson
Glenn Kendreck
Robert O. Lewis
Walter L. Lewis
Robert D. Lipscomb
Knorad Merkel
Robert D. Morris, Jr.
Frank B. Morrison

William S. Moustroupnis
Charles L. Park
Lloyd N. Pease
Robert E. Pederson
Kenneth W. Roberts
Charles T. Shanks, Jr.
Hergert L. Smith
Louie H. Turner
Martin E. Urbanski
Melvin E. Ward
Herman L. Wentzler
Hans Wieland
Jack McCoy Wiggins
Walton M. Williams
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master
P. O. Box 718, Nokomis, Florida 33555

Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder
14 E. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604

General Order No. 7

TO: The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A., the Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders of all Grand Commanderies, the Commanders and Recorders of all Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, and to all Knights Templar holding allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.,

FRATERNAL GREETINGS:

BECAUSE – We must be fully prepared to mail the Knight Templar Magazine to every member within the Grand Encampment jurisdiction beginning with the issue of July, 1969, in accordance with a firm contract commitment with the printer...

BECAUSE – We all are under the same orders expressed in the Grand Encampment Resolution adopted at Detroit, August 22, 1967, which in part is as follows:

"Further, for such purpose (mailing the Knight Templar Magazine to each Knight Templar in good standing), all officers of the Grand Encampment and of its Grand Commanderies, Constituent Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies are hereby directed, through the offices of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies, and the Recorders of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies, to prepare a complete and current list of the names and addresses of all such Knights Templar, and to revise and correct said list each month by information from and through such offices . . .”;

BECAUSE – Any lack of accuracy in the membership lists and mailing addresses in the Chicago office, whether as a result of tardiness or failure of Recorders and others to perform as directed, mail delivery failures, Chicago clerical errors or reasons, will in turn result in -(1)-- non-delivery of the Magazine to members and -(2)-- excessive postage costs of magazines returned as undeliverable, which will be both unnecessary and unbudgeted;

BECAUSE – Principally as a result of the serious delay or failure of some local and Grand Recorders to perform as instructed in submitting original lists, correcting printed lists after the original key-punching work and forwarding monthly updating forms showing changes in membership and addresses, and because of any clerical errors in the Chicago office or elsewhere;

AND ALSO – That although it always had been the desire to furnish, as a convenience to Recorders, a final set of printoffs before the every member Magazine mailing – if time and more capable data processing equipment permitted – it is now a vital necessity that this second printoff distribution be executed because of the aforementioned delays, non-performance or errors. (The corrected printoffs thus secured will excuse Constituent Commanderies from monthly update reports for April and May, and therefore will not be a penalty to those Recorders who have
faithfully and accurately followed the requirements);

BECAUSE — In the present situation it is deemed necessary for the general
good of the Templar Order;

THEREFORE — By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, IT IS
HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment shall distribute copies of this
General Order, together with the attached performance schedule, to each Grand
Commander and Deputy Grand Commander and to each Recorder of a Subordinate Commandery, and in such quantity to each Grand Recorder as
will permit compliance with (2) below, by mail posted on April 3, 1969 and by
postage or handling classification which will insure delivery on or before April 7,
1969;

2. Each Grand Recorder shall mail to each Commander and Recorder of a
Constituent Commandery a single copy of this General Order and the attached
schedule, by first class mail, not later than April 9, 1969;

3. The Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment shall make all corrections to
member lists received by him on or before April 8, 1969 and then disregard any
further corrections received as a result of previous routine and instructions;

4. The Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment shall provide in triplicate
roster printoffs of members of each Commandery and will mail in accordance with
the attached schedule to Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies and to Re-
corders of Subordinate Commanderies, such printed lists to identify the Command-
ery concerned and list members’ names and addresses as per information received to
and including April 8, using first class mail or special mail handling within the
continental 48 states and air mail elsewhere;

5. Grand Recorders shall forward Commandery printoffs received, by first
class mail or special handling, to the several Recorders of Constituent Command-
eries, not later than the second day following the day when they are received from
the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment;

6. Recorders of Commanderies shall read carefully and shall correct and
complete in detail roster printoffs received as directed in (4) and (5) above. Corrected rosters (original and second sheets) shall be returned to Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies by Recorders of Constituent Commanderies and to the
Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment by Recorders of Subordinate Command-
eries, not later than on the seventh calendar day after printoffs are received for
correction;

7. By telephone, Grand Recorders shall advise Grand Commanders, and in
the case of Subordinate Commanderies the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment
shall advise the Grand Master, of those Commanderies from which the corrected
rosters may not have been received on the 12th day after rosters are mailed by
them to the Commanderies, as a basis of official attention to these delinquent
Commanderies;

8. On the date indicated on the enclosed schedule, Grand Recorders shall
forward to Chicago the original copies of all corrected rosters received, and shall
again inform Grand Commanders of any rosters not received as of that date;

9. It is the Templar duty of Grand Commanders and Commanders, as well as
of Grand Recorders and Recorders, to see that this General Order is carried out. In
practical application, any extra help needed by Grand Recorders or Recorders in
this critical situation should be provided. Nevertheless, it should be understood that
any deliberate non-performance by any Templar officer with regard to this General Order is hereby defined as unknighthly conduct and cause for removal from office;

10. Following the correction of the printoffs referred to herein, the next "update" information desired and expected will be sent by local Recorders to the Grand Recorders on or before the last day of June, covering the period from the printoff as corrected until that time. Monthly reports at the end of April and May will not be needed or desired. After the report at the end of June, monthly update reports shall be forwarded by each Recorder on or before the last day of each month to the Grand Recorder of the jurisdiction in the case of Recorders of Constituent Commanderies and to the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment in the case of Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies. Such reports should be mailed even if there are no additions or corrections, with the notation "No Change," so that no delinquency will be assumed. These monthly update reports beginning at the end of June must be on the triplicate "no carbon required" forms already furnished;

11. In the mailing of the Magazine, the Chicago office will rely upon the accuracy of local Recorders. Information on returns furnished by Postmasters will be forwarded to local Recorders monthly. A return of 1% is deemed a reasonable maximum and is all the Magazine budget will cover. Postage on returns of more than 1% will be billed monthly to the Grand Commanderies and to the Subordinate Commanderies;

12. Delivery of a periodical to their members is accomplished by all sorts of organizations, and it can be accomplished with little confusion by Templary if there is general, personal and official cooperation. Such cooperation by all officers concerned is requested in the most earnest and most knighthly manner. Compliance with this General Order is required.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, at Nokomis, Florida, this third day of April, 1969, A. O. 851.

Courteously and Fraternally,

[Signature]

Grand Master.

MAGAZINE REFUNDS

At the direction of the Grand Master, those Knights Templar with paid-up subscriptions for the Knight Templar Magazine beyond July will have their "claims" honored at the rate of 6 ¼ cents per month if the individual subscriber will forward the back cover of his May or June magazine, or the label portion of the back cover, to the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

A letter of request or explanation is not necessary. The label segment will show the name, address and expiration date. The months remaining on the individual subscription, starting with July 1969, will be counted at 6 ¼ cents per month and a check will be processed—if the amount exceeds 20 cents.
A Prayer

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in Whom we have our trust and being, and Who art the Great Giver of All Good Gifts and Graces:

With reverence and adoration we praise and worship Thy Hallowed Name and Thee, in Their transcendant glory and magnificence, for Thou art truly the Omnipotent, the Omnipresent and the Omniscient Jehovah!

We thank Thee for life and the love Thou hast given unto us.

We are dependent upon Thy Infinite Power and Eternal Spirit, and pray that Thou wilt continue to show mercy unto us always.

We are indeed humble and grateful for the countless blessings bestowed upon us, especially Thy bounties of nature.

Forgive us our trespasses, our faults, our frailties, our iniquities our many deficiencies and imperfections. As sincere penitents we are deeply sorrowful of our transgressions.

O Lord, cleanse our minds, hearts and souls of any form of malice, whatsoever -- such as covetousness, deceitfulness, envyousness, greediness, meanness or selfishness -- toward our fellowmen, of whom we may never be so despicable as to have knowingly cheated them, willfully stolen from them, unwittingly lied about them, or otherwise wrongfully harmed them in any way.

Forbid us the prejudices of bigotry; or rather endow us with the broadmindedness of tolerance, and make us sensible of the folly of vanity, vice and every low pursuit.

Aid us in our daily endeavors ever to be mindful of that celestial spark called conscience, which enables us to discern right from wrong -- to distinguish good from evil -- thereby creating an Intrinsic beacon of light that ever points the way toward real joy and the serenity of peaceful happiness.

Guide us in our search to understand the wonderful truths and may we be empowered to appreciate the marvelous and harmonious beauties of Thy universe.

Give us the wisdom of righteousness and justice that we may practice vigorously and enthusiastically -- with indomitable fortitude, preserving patience and resolute determination -- the homely virtues of loyalty, honesty, sobriety, humility, assiduity, frugality, gentility and generosity.

Also grant each of us the moral strength of an upright character, based upon sound principles of judgment, rectitude of conduct, and purposeful, as well as resourceful, integrity; that we may, in Thy sight, develop a noble personality, founded on the dignity of the individual, with rational liberty in defense of honor and a reasonable freedom of choice in performing our duty; together with that unity of fellowship, and zeal for humanity, so necessary in our hopeful efforts to be worthy of Thine enlightenment, Thy providence and graciousness.

Finally, help us to do Thy will of devotion and service -- one to another -- as taught us so profoundly in the most excellent Sermon on the Mount, so well-expressed in the charitable Golden Rule, and so ably exemplified in the inspired parable of the Good Samaritan -- all sanctified by the Messiah's passion -- His suffering upon the cross in climactic atonement for the remission of our sins and the rewards of our salvation.

With a firm faith in Thee and a steadfast belief -- or courageous conviction -- in the Holy Trinity, and immortality of us all, may we keep ever before us the Sublime Example, the miraculous deeds and benevolent teachings of Thy Immaculate -- Only Begotten, Crucified and Risen -- Son, Jesus Christ, the Humane Savior of the World and the Divine Redeemer of Mankind. Amen.

Howard O. Gray, Prior
Missouri Priory No. 17, KYCH
(1967-68)
The Knight Line

Now that the deadline date for the every-member mailing of the *Knight Templar Magazine* is approaching—and, with it, the supplemental two-pages for every Grand Commandery, all accent is on the updating and correcting of membership names and addresses.

The necessary attention to the rosters has brought some unusual circumstances to light. One Constituent Commandery found it was paying dues and assessments for a man who was not on the roll for five years. Another discovered the Commandery had three more members than they knew about—until the rosters were brought up to date a few months ago.

Speaking of the magazine (and we hope you are—favorably), we recently received, very close together, three constructive suggestions. One pointed out that the *Knight Templar Magazine* should contain some “inspirational” articles instead of “nothing but news items about other jurisdictions.” The second said, in effect, “How ‘bout including news of events in other Grand Commanderies so we can learn what’s going on elsewhere?” The third wanted to know why the magazine contained “nothing but reports about the Grand Encampment officers and activities in other Grand Commanderies?”

People, present company excepted, may be peculiar—but they’re nicer than anybody else we know!

R.E. Grand Prelate Curtis W. V. Junker was a special guest at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina. When it was announced that Dr. Junker was a bachelor, a well known North Carolinian lady in attendance said, “That’s obvious. His eyes are so peaceful.”

Fred Herrmann, who had been a part-time assistant in the Grand Encampment office, Chicago, is confined to his home as the result of a 1968 stroke. Many longtime members will want to remember Fred with a card or letter. His address: 7741 South Shore Drive, Chicago 60640.

George Petrie, Fort Pierce, Florida, continues to impress everyone with his unabated and zealous efforts for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. His special project is the Knights of the Round Table, a $10. membership organization that buys Life Sponsorships for Knights Templar, particularly those who have retired as wage earners and who cannot afford the purchase themselves.

According to an announcement from the Supreme Council a “DeMolay Special” will be telecast over the ABC- TV Network Sunday, June 1, at 1 p.m., E.D.S.T.

C. Kritt Reporter

Wyoming Legion of Honor Awards

Drew Prugh, Greybull, Past Grand Master of Wyoming, and W. L. Dumeen, Lander, have been awarded the Legion of Honor DeMolay Degrees.

Presentation at Greybull Masonic Temple was made by Paul Woodward, Executive Officer of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, in Wyoming. He was assisted by Dave Dahl, Greybull; Clarence Rue, Casper; Harold Mai and Fred Sellin of Cheyenne and Harvey S. Balison, Basin.

Selection of the awards was made by the International Supreme Council at their 48th annual session in Washington, D. C. in 1968. Active Legion of Honor awards are given to Senior DeMolays who are successful in fraternal life including DeMolay activities. The Honorary Legion of Honor is awarded where there is evidence of a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order of DeMolay.

The two men are Sir Knights of Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7 of Lander, Wyoming.

Ernest R. Burgon
Wyoming Correspondent
Knighthood – The Poor Soldiers of Jesus Christ

The Reverend and Dr. William H. D. Hornaday, 1967-68 Grand Prelate for the Grand Commandery of California, is a historian of note. In this issue, for its informational value and its inspirational appeal, the “Knight Templar Magazine” presents his Annual Conclave address of 1968. The address, with Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., among the assembled listeners, was acclaimed by the Grand Master as an outstanding “relating of the old to the new.”

The responsibilities of Knights Templar today are as real as the day when the valorous knights stood guard over the Sepulcher, charged with holy zeal the Saracen hosts and carried the cross like a flaming torch into the wild, barbaric night of the Middle Ages. We, who are gathered here, have the responsibility of continuing to war against corruption, oppression and unbelief as did they.

For a moment, let us turn in history to the ancient knighthood.

Those of us here do not claim direct descent from the “Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ” who overcame the oppression of the Musselman and wrested the Holy City from those hands, and who, under their later name of Knights of the Temple, rode about the world rescuing captives, slaying tyrants and administering aid to the pilgrims.

Between an act of treachery plotted by a French King and a Pope who was his vassal, which in 1313 ground the illustrious Order into the dust of history, and the first glimmery revival of the order in a London tavern in 1717, gaps a period of four hundred years – a break which no amount of conjecture can bridge with certainty.

We Knights Templar declare ourselves to be allied to those ancestral knights only insofar as we still feel the thrill, the challenge of their mighty deeds and the lofty ideals of olden knighthood. We claim only the heritage of the courage which did not permit an ancient knight of the Order to surrender to fewer than three enemies, and the faith which the original Templars nurtured along the weary march of the ages with penitential garb and burning taper.

The great battle cry of Templars then, as now, was, “In Hoc Signo Vincet,” (In This Sign We Conquer), the insignia, the Cross and Crown of Him who found glory upon it. We remember Parzifal, the immaculate knight, who was escorted by their numbers when he embarked on the search for the Holy Grail, and St. Louis who had Templars in his army when he took Damietta from the awe-stricken Mohammedans.

Before the Order was cradled on an olive-fringed hillside of Jerusalem, near the site of the Biblical Temple of Solomon, the hoofs of Saracen horses thundered over North and Central Europe. The Infidels had seized the Holy Land, invaded Spain and Portugal.

Under a French monk, Peter the Hermit, ragged and undrilled hordes of France and Italy, roused to fury and horror by Pope Urban II, gathered in 1096 and set out for the Holy Land.

Think of it! Through Germany, Hungary and Greece, the march led. There were no great armies, no disciplined forces, in those days. That first Crusade was a mob of illiterates, adventurers and fanatics. The pillaged, ravaged and sacked as they went. Most of them were slaughtered by the Moslems.

Out of that picturesque venture, the true Crusades were born. An indignant Europe heard of its exploits. Six trained armies, embracing 100,000 knights and 500,000 foot soldiers – the flower of chivalry – started out in 1097, and drove the Infidels out of Jerusalem in 1099. At the first sight of the Holy City, those early Crusaders were said to have fallen on their knees, laughing and crying like children.
One of their number, Godfrey de Bal-dwyn, sometimes spelled Bouillon, was elected King of Jerusalem after the conquist.

Christians now guarded the tomb, but the roads that led thither through Europe and Asia Minor still bristled with dangers for devout pilgrims.

To protect them and to clear the roads, nine noble knights in 1113 formed the brotherhood of the "Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ." They were Hugh de Payens, Godfrey de St. Aldemar, Roral, Gundemar, Count of Provence, Godfrey Bisol, Payens de Montidier, Archibald de St. Amar and Andre de Montbar.

The reason they called themselves "poor" was because, although they had tremendous financial backing at the beginning, the long, hard fighting had now exhausted their funds. So King Baldwin of Jerusalem gave them a habitat on Mt. Moriah, in that part of his palace which was nearest the sacred site of Solomon's Temple, the first permanent dwelling of the religion of God.

From that Holy Temple, the "Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ," in 1118 took the name of Knights of the Temple. They wore the white robe of purity and the red cross of martyrdom. They took the vows of celibacy, poverty, obedience and military discipline.

The retainers were attired in black. Later, married men were accepted as affiliated members. The Order held most of its meetings in secret and put nothing in writing. One Grand Master ruled all the Templars in the world.

After the Crusades, the Order became very wealthy and had many possessions. They possessed rich lands, palaces, castles, fleets and even forts became Templar possessions. Templars ransomed kings and castles, opened their purses freely, were the first to attack and the last to retreat.

Meanwhile, the Saracens had captured, lost and recaptured the Holy Land. Europe was beginning to weary of the struggle and lost interest after the seventh Crusade. The Templars fled to the Island of Cyprus, which became Templar headquarters after 1291.

Faced with these new conditions, the warriors of the cross now set themselves to fight the corruption which they found in Europe. Rapacious monks and clergy had perpetrated all manner of frauds and forgeries under the pretext of heresies. Beggars thronged the highways, lands and castles were confiscated by the mighty. Quietly and covertly, the Templars went about punishing the usurpers and doing their best to right the wrongs.

Their wealth and power began to excite the suspicions and avarice of kings, popes and the old Order of the Knight Hospitaleurs of St. John of Jerusalem, which later became the Knights of Malta. This had been the first military Order to develop in Palestine out of the Crusades. Fierce and deep were the hostilities between the two Orders.

The Hospitaleurs whose headquarters were the Island of Malta, until Napoleon abolished the Order in 1798, are said to have aided King Philip the Fair of France and Pope Clement V in the plot which in 1313 dealt the death blow to chivalric Templary and dragged its sable-and-argent banner through blood and glory. Philip had quarreled with Pope Boniface VIII who died in 1303. He inveigled Clement V into the papal chair and ever afterwards claimed him as his tool and vassal.

King and Pope lusted after the fat lands and castle of the Templars, and so, pretending to call another Crusade, the King sent a message to the Templars at Cyprus to come to France secretly and to bring money to raise an army.

Unsuspecting, Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master, started out for the trap with sixty knights, 150,000 gold florins and ten horses laden with silver. As soon as he arrived in Paris, the Pope ordered all Templars seized as heretics and imprisoned.

Incredible stories were spread against
them. They were said to have concubines and to burn their children to destroy the evidence. They were said to hold orgies on Good Friday and to trample on the cross. They were whispered to be idol worshippers and, worse, enemies of the King.

More than one hundred and forty Templars were put to torture in an effort to make them confess the charges. One hundred and thirteen refused and were burned at the stake. After six lingering years in a dungeon, De Molay, protesting the innocence of the Order, was also burned. From the stake he called down the wrath of heaven on the King and Pope. Before the close of the year, Philip died of a baffling illness and a few months later the Pope followed him to the grave, a victim of dysentery.

The Knights of Malta shared in the subsequent dividing of the Templar spoils. (May I point out that the Masonic degree of Knight of Malta conferred in Templar Commanderies has no connection with the historic Order.)

How Templar which thus died was reborn again as Masonic Templary four hundred years later, belongs to history's mysteries.

How Templar, essentially an order with Christian faith and noble birth as prime requisites, was grafted on the democratic, non-sectarian body of Masonry, is still a greater mystery, wrote Edwin A. Sherman, Masonic historian.

Insofar as it is necessary today for a Knight Templar to be a Mason first, the modern revival of Templar is dated back to 1717, the year of Free Masonry's rebirth. In that year, four scattered Lodges met at the Apple Tree Tavern in London and formed the Grand Lodge of England. The first recorded reference to a Knight Templar in America occurred in 1760 in St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge, at Boston, Massachusetts. The record reads that in that year, "Brother William Davis came before the Lodge, begging to have and receive the parts belonging to a Royal Arch Mason, which, being received, was read; he was unanimously voted in, and accordingly made by receiving the four steps, that of Excellent, Super-excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar."

As the years passed, numerous Templar Encampments were formed in Atlantic States, but not until 1816 was the Grand Encampment of the United States formed, with DeWitt Clinton, Governor of New York, as first Grand Master.

During its first fifty years on the American Continent, Templary increased its ranks from five hundred to twenty thousand. Four years after the discovery of gold, the first Encampment of Knights Templar in California, and the first on the Pacific Coast, was organized in San Francisco.

It has been necessary, in my humble opinion, for us to review a short, capsule history of the reason for Templary.

I ask you, is it not true that conditions in our world now are quite comparable to those of the past? The Infidels exist today. They have power and strength because they work at spreading their influence. Are we spreading the influence of the cross?

We observe the pillaging, the looting, the appearance of hooliganism in basically every city across the nation. There are those who seek to destroy and make invalid the Constitution of the United States of America. Assassins and snipers are ever present. Our streets are not safe for our wives and our children. Are we still going to stand by in apathy, or will we draw the sword of truth and put on the armor of faith?

As the use of narcotics increases in unbelievable proportion, as the increase in crime rises alarmingly each year, are we to sit still and call ourselves Knights Templar?

Jesus started with twelve and only eleven remained, but they did change the history of the world.

At this moment, can we not raise the reason for our own existence to
Grand Master and Staff Visit Pennsylvania for Anniversary

Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master, headed the York Rite leaders who assembled at Columbia, Pennsylvania, March 22-23 for the Centennial Observance of Corinthian Chapter No. 224, R.A.M., and Cyrene Commandery No. 34. Corinthian's High Priest is C. Harry Mable; Nelson Sears is Cyrene's outgoing Commander. General Chairman for the two-day celebration was P.H.P., P.C. Charles R. Frasch. Historian Walter E. Yohe was in charge of the printed souvenir program and of DeMolay activity.

The M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, James D. Smith, was a distinguished guest, as was Herman Wilcox, M.P. Grand Master of Pennsylvania's Grand Council, R.&S.M. Grand Commander G. Calvin Dyson headed the Grand Commandery officers, who included Deputy Grand Commander

... Soldiers of Jesus Christ

exemplify good, to hold high the lamp of truth which the cross represents?

Jesus the Christ proclaimed, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) What is your proclamation?

At this time, may we look deep within ourselves and analyze well the thoughts that dwell within. Let us cast out the thoughts of apathy, the thoughts of uncertainty, and magnify the thought of courage, as we walk together.

As our world becomes the Temple of the Most High, wherever there are those who deny our God, wherever there are money-changers who defile the Temple, let us take action. Our God has given each and every one of us the tools and the equipment, the courage, the strength and the wisdom to carry on as the "Poor Soldiers of Jesus Christ" in the beginning.

May we humbly, but dynamically, give thanks that we still have the opportunity.

Charles R. EURICH and Grand Generalissimo William D. Geesey. Other elective and appointive officers were in attendance from the three York Rite Bodies. William W. Wright, D.D.G.H.P., a past presiding officer of both Columbia York Rite Bodies; Clyde M. Miller, Grand R.A. Captain of the Host, and Russell G. Beckstrom, Commander of Division No. 16 of the Grand Commandery, participated in the planning and execution of the observance. Past Division Commander John P. Wildasin and Secretary-Recorder Ralph G. Habecker were among others having roles in the event.

Frank L. Bourke, Maine, North Atlantic Department Commander for the Grand Encampment; John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.D.C., Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities; and Paul Rodenhauser, Grand Encampment's Grand Recorder and a Past High Priest and Past Commander of Columbia's Chapter and Commandery, accompanied Grand Master Crofts. Sir Knights Cottrell and Rodenhauser are Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Members and visitors witnessed the conferral of the Order of the Temple upon a class of thirty Saturday afternoon, March 22, with P.C. Maximillian M. Biffart as Commander. The class was addressed by Sir Knight Crofts and Sir Knight Rodenhauser. The Grand Master also was the speaker for the Anniversary banquet Saturday evening. Commander Sears was toastmaster.

A Sunday morning Masonic Temple breakfast was followed by a procession to St. John's Lutheran Church. Pastor H. James Meyers presented the anniversary sermon; Grand Master Crofts spoke on Templar church relationships. DeMolays of Riverside Chapter and Sir Knights Biffart, Harry Bartich, Clarence Sourbeer and Frank H. Shank were ushers. The latter was chairman for the service—broadcast over WCOY-Radio.
"Let's All Invade Philadelphia"

This is being written during Holy Week as I contemplate the glory of Easter Morn and our service at Arlington when we shall pay homage to the Risen Lord. May we all experience a rebirth of spiritual enthusiasm as we continue to serve Him in our churches and this Christian Order.

With this issue of the Knight Templar we enter a new phase for this publication. For the first time it is being addressed to ALL TEMPLARS residing in Pennsylvania and I am happy to be able to reach so many, including those of Sister Jurisdictions residing within this Commonwealth. We hope they may visit with us in our various Commanderies and enjoy our Templar fellowship. We trust all will find it interesting and will look forward to reading it from month to month.

May 25-28, 1969, is the time for the 116th Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery to be held in the Bellevue Stratford-Philadelphia. The Committee is hard at work preparing for all who will attend and we do hope you will find the program interesting, and will plan to be on hand in great numbers. "Let's all invade Philadelphia" for this all important event for Pennsylvania Templars. Additional Tentative Programs and Reservation Blanks are available from Sir Knight Samuel B. Black, c/o the Grand Recorder, 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

Since this is the last message I will direct to you through this medium as the Grand Commander, please accept my "thank you" for the opportunity to have served this great Christian Order. It has been a most rewarding year for both Marion and me, and while we realize the final results may not be as we would have liked them, we do feel progress has been made. With your full support of the programs of the future, great strides can be made and we do pray you will accept the challenge.

The courtesies extended to us and the friendships made during our "tour" will long remain in our hearts as one of the very happy eras of our lives. We pledge our continued love and support to this Christian Order and to those who follow us on the road we have traveled.

G. Calvin Dyson
Grand Commander
GRAND OFFICERS HONOR MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY

Conferral of the Order of the Temple on a class of candidates, a reception for Grand Commandery officers and the awarding of four 50-year membership certificates highlighted the Good Friday Conclave of Mountain Commandery No. 10, Altoona, in the Masonic Temple April 4. Formally received after the ritualistic work were the Grand Commander, G. Calvin Dyson; Deputy Grand Commander Charles R. Eurich, Grand Captain General Ewart Roberts, Past Grand Commander S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., and Division Commander W. Earle Troutwine. The Eminent Commander, John G. Roth, presided.

Grand Commander Dyson presented 50-year certificates to William T. Canan, Gustave Etienne, George A. Moore and George A. Tipton.

The Good Friday Conclave is an annual feature of Mountain Commandery.

Grand Commander Dyson is shown with Grand officers, Past Grand Commander Sponeybarger, and Mountain Commandery’s Roth, Bailey and Potts.

Sir Knights Canan, Etienne, Moore and Tipton display their 50-year membership certificates.

Sir Knights gather for a closing dinner following the Good Friday Conclave of Mountain Commandery No. 10.

The officers and members of Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, and Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter No. 224, Columbia, wish to express their thanks to all the officers of Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery and visiting Sir Knights for their assistance in making the 100th Anniversary celebration of these two York Rite Bodies a wonderful success. The members of the Anniversary Class have, individually, expressed their thanks for having the honor of receiving the Orders in the presence of the Grand Master.
Thirty-Five Representatives at South Central Conference

Grand Encampment officers and representatives from four Grand Commanderies gathered at Kansas City, Missouri, March 14-15 for an exchange of information on a variety of Templar topics ranging from Ritualistic Matters to York Rite Unity. The South Central Department Conference, with Department Commander William R. Robbins presiding, had an attendance of 35 Sir Knights including officers and Past Grand Commanders from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri. Representatives from Texas and Louisiana were unable to attend.

The Conference began with a March 14 dinner at the Prom-Sheraton Motor Hotel, was resumed the next morning at 9 and concluded at 4 p.m. Dinner features included a description of last November’s Kansas Centennial Pilgrimage to the Holy Land by Charles S. McGinness, Grand Recorder of Kansas, and a narration and slide presentation covering former South Central Conference by P.G.C. Fred Smith, Oklahoma.

Grand Master John L. Crofts addressed the group Saturday morning and answered a wide range of questions on Knight Templar needs and operations. Generalissimo Roy W. Riegle covered the Easter Sunrise Service arrangements; Dr. Oliver S. Willham, chairman, spoke in informational detail about the Knight Templar Educational Foundation, and Charles A. Howard, Jr., reported as chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on De-Molay. Paul Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder, explained the every-member compilation project and the procedure for the forthcoming two-page magazine insert for each jurisdiction.

A panel discussion by Grand Commanders was conducted by Lloyd E. Poore, Grand Commander of Missouri. A similar panel discussion by Deputy Grand Commanders was conducted by Missouri’s Deputy Grand Commander, Harlan C. Boehm.

The group with their ladies climaxed the day by attending the Ararat Temple Masonic Musical program.

Present and participating in the Conference were:

**Grand Encampment**

John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E.G.M.
Roy W. Riegle, G.G.
Paul C. Rodenhauser, G.R.
Charles Howard, Chairman, Committee on DeMolay
Oliver S. Willham, Chairman, Committee on Educational Foundation
William R. Robbins, Department Commander

**Oklahoma**

Willis H. Gorey, G.C.
Frederick J. Smith, P.G.C.
F. M. Lumbard, G.R.
James C. Abernathy, G.S.B.

**Arkansas**

Franklin B. Trusdell, G.C.
John Buzbee, G.G.
Ormand B. Shaw, G.R.

**Kansas**

C. R. Dean, G.C.
Lester E. McConnell, D.G.C.
Charles S. McGinness, G.R.

**Missouri**

Lloyd E. Poore, G.C.
Harlan C. Boehm, D.G.C.
W. Bush Walden, G.G.
Joe W. Nickle, G.C.G.
Roy A. Dickie, P.G.C.
Walter J. Eddlemon, P.G.C.
Louis F. Heger, P.G.C.
Julius L. Johnson, P.G.C.
Cal M. Keller, P.G.C.
J. M. Sellers, P.G.C.
Leslie R. Cox, Jr., G.S.W.
Marion L. Dollison, G.J.W.
Pressly L. Crummy, G.S.B.
A. M. Wilson, G.S.B.
John M. Bennett, G.C.G.
Morris E. Ewing, G.T.
Bruce H. Hunt, G.R.
Dr. Z Willard Gunckel, G.P.
O. W. Blankenship, Former Recorder
PICTORIAL REVIEW, SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

By Fred Smith

Fred J. Smith, P.G.C., Oklahoma, "Official Photographer for the South Central Department," had a busy role in the March 14-15 Conference at Kansas City, Missouri. In addition to presenting a slide-narration program to dinner guests March 14, he provided camera coverage of participants from arrival to departure.

Prom Sheraton Hotel Lobby


Saturday Conference

Sir Knights listen attentively during conference discussions and speeches.

Friday Evening Banquet


Saturday Morning Conference

Sir Knights attending Grand Commander's Panel Discussion.

After Banquet

# Annual Conclaves of Grand Commanderies Convening in June

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