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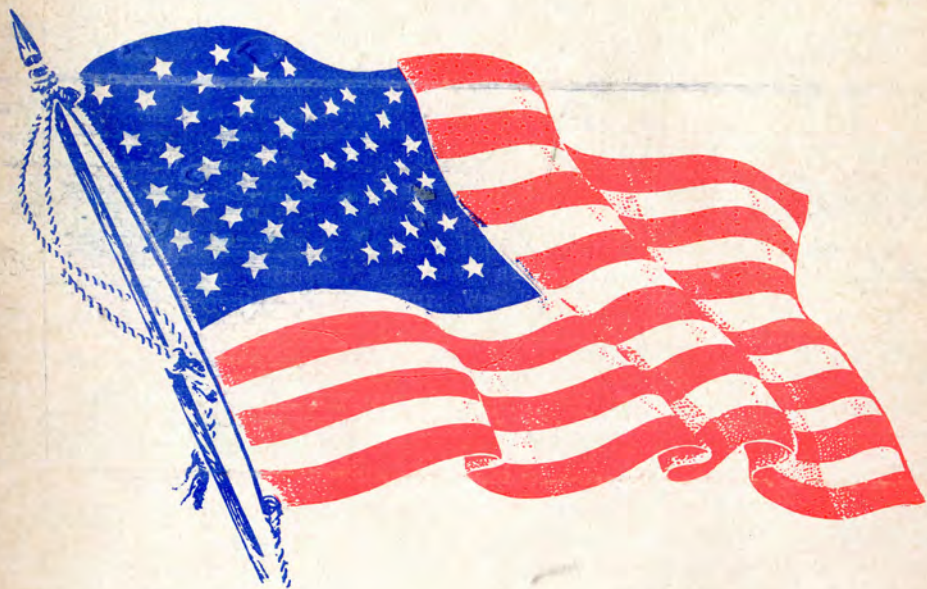


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The Grand Master Comments

AT THE END OF AN ERA

With this last issue of *Knight Templar* on a paid subscription basis, we close a period of development which began with the first monthly issue in November 1961.

This has been a period of constructive growth for our primary public relations vehicle — growth of circulation from 8,000 to a high of 35,000, increase of contributed thoughts and news from members from practically none at all to several times what space permits so that we could become increasingly selective, a rise in general appreciation of members to the point where our national assembly decided by an affirmative vote of 82% that all members should receive *Knight Templar* as soon as a member list could be compiled and the necessary flow of funds established.

Two things seem appropriate to be said in this last message to subscribers only:

As we did last June, and because you represent the active leadership of the Order, let me re-state the importance of the coming summer months. *What happens this Fall will be planned this Summer.* It is time for officers and committees to review progress, to adopt goals, to examine plans already made and refine and amplify and develop them, at the local, district and state levels.

Our members need, want and deserve active and interesting programs designed to appeal to and involve the greatest possible numbers, and carry to our membership and into our communities our positive and benevolent purposes. It is a time for membership promotion looking forward to Fall activity. It is a time for informal meetings under the broad classification of "summer fun" with our Christian Brothers.

I certainly should express officially my appreciation of your support during these growth years, which has made possible the development of *Knight Templar* to the point where every-member distribution was deemed wise. You have subscribed and re-subscribed in spite of the inconvenience of the small transaction, and you have encouraged others to do so. With my sincere thanks for your loyalty, let me point out with some personal satisfaction that you will now receive an even better publication at less cost and without the necessity to send or obtain further subscriptions.

You as well as the editors and official staff, are entitled to a comfortable feeling of accomplishment.





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The Cover:

The flag of our nation reminds all Templars of the forthcoming days of special significance for the display of the flag — June 14, Flag Day, and July 4, Independence Day. On the back cover is Sir Knight Sidney L. DeLove's traditional and oft-quoted "Can We Wave the Flag Too Much?"

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Tucson,
Arizona

From the MAIL BIN

Am writing about the letter of Grand Commander Earl I. Oftdahl, Wisconsin, in the April issue, concerning a new uniform.

Personally, think this a most timely idea. My feeling about designing a uniform is that the manufacturers should be the ones to submit new ideas and designs. They would be the ones to benefit financially . . . they have the staff, or should have, to go into designing a uniform. Let them supply their ideas to a committee, as the Grand Commander suggested.

Why not submit the idea to the various manufacturers of Knight Templar uniforms? The one coming up with the best idea would be able to collect a royalty on his design from the others. Let's pursue the idea.

Should also express my elation over the article on York Rite Unification, on page 11. It almost seems we may be about ready to move off dead center.

B. KENDALL PITKIN, P.C.
Arizona Commandery No. 1

Wantagh, New York

Herewith a high note on my thin reed:

I have heard it said, and it makes sense, that men are in no manner better arrayed than in the simple garb of a dress suit or tuxedo. Usually, in my case, I'm a sloppy dresser, but when I put on my tux with pleated cummerbund I somehow feel more or less complete and acceptable. But man's opinion of such controversial matters should not prevail over that of the distaff side. Whoever

has jurisdiction over any forthcoming change should carefully ascertain the taste, discretion, judgment of ladies who are cognizant of Templar standards and ideals.

To me it is more impressive to see the Masonic Purple in tuxedo with appropriate sash, medal, badge of honorable service, rather than in more colorful and flamboyant plumage. I believe the black tuxedo is a symbol of solidarity and unity as opposed to the gaudy and shameless trappings of the aristocratic, the unusual, the snobbish, the elect, or of the offensively upper "U."

My vote, therefore, leans to a Spartan simplicity with a muted indication of merit and Masonic or Templar status.

RONALD WESTMAN

Seattle, Washington

I think that Sir Knight Oftdahl has a good idea. Why should we let the Order die in order to preserve the uniform?

I have had several prospective candidates for the Orders say no because they would not wear our uniform. Of course this effects the Royal Arch and the Council because why should they join the Royal Arch and then stop without taking the Commandery.

Personally, I thought that the uniforms that the Sir Knights from the Panama Canal Zone wore at the 1964 and the 1967 Encampments were nice looking. They were white and similar to our fatigue uniforms in style. They wore Sam Brown belts of contrasting color with them.

Maybe something on that same order, only black, would be good. Or, we could wear a black uniform in winter and a white uniform in summer, if two uniforms would not be too much of a bite finan-

cially. A Pershing style cap with bands of black and silver, black and gold, purple and gold, as well as leaf patterns could be adapted.

Also, we might take a look at what the Knights of Columbus wear. I am not too familiar with it but I understand that they wear a tuxedo suit for a uniform with a baldric. The sword and scabbard is hung on the baldric. Sometimes the baldric is worn under the coat and sometimes over it. Different colored stripes on the baldric could denote rank. Some wear a jewel on a ribbon around their neck.

Also, we might do away with the uniform altogether and wear a white cape like the Canadians do. Similar to white mantle authorized in 1955.

We also need a collapsible sword. One that would fold up to 24 inches. I have an idea for folding the scabbard but the blade still baffles me.

W. LLOYD LYONS, P.G.C.

El Paso, Texas

I made a report from figures furnished by Sir Knight Aubrey C. Martindale, Chairman Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, Grand Commandery of Texas, showing the rating of all Texas Commanderies with the percentage of Life Sponsors to total membership in each Commandery. I thought possibly this report might be of interest to you or to the Grand Encampment.

Due to the devotion of the Knights in our Commandery I am happy that I have been able to raise the number of our Life Sponsors from 2 to 112 since being Chairman of our local Eye Foundation Committee. We are the number one Commandery in Texas, and I will continue working to keep El Paso Commandery No. 18 in the first place.

Please give my regards and the regards of all our Sir Knights to our former Commander, Sir Knight John Temple Rice, I pray that he is getting along better, and is happy in the Home at Paxton, Ill.

FRANK D. HENSEL



JOHN L. CROFTS CLASS

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of
MARYLAND

To all to whom these presents shall come
GREETINGS

Be it known that:

whose name appears hereon received the ORDERS of TEMPLARY and was knighted as a member of the JOHN L. CROFTS CLASS OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MARYLAND OF 1968-1969.

All candidates received in the Constituent Commanderies of Maryland during the 1968-69 Templar year were designated members of the John L. Crofts Class. Each received a full sized certification as illustrated.

Flowers may have a language of their own, but they won't talk to Lloyd A. Landgren, K.G.C., who completed his term as Grand Sovereign, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, May 10 at Milwaukee.

Knight Companion Lloyd and Mrs. Landgren were told that two large bouquets would be outside the door to their hotel suite during the Assembly. The flowers were found with no card or identification attached. The junior Past Grand Sovereign would like to thank the thoughtful and kind donor and has made numerous telephone calls and other inquiries for that purpose, all to no avail.

Latest word from the Landgrens was that they enjoyed the bouquets tremendously; their enjoyment would be enhanced if they knew whom to thank.

Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania Workshop for officers and committee members is scheduled June 14, beginning at 10 a.m., at Holiday West, near Harrisburg.

Past Grand Master McAlister Looks at the Future of Masonry

H. Dwight McAlister, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, was the featured speaker at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association February 25 of this year in Washington, D. C. "The Knight Templar Magazine" is privileged to present a portion of his address. His subject: "The Future of Masonry."

Gillet said, "We are always looking to the future; the present does not satisfy us. Our ideal, whatever it may be, lies further on." This is true of Masonry, the M. S. A. and other organizations.

Longfellow said, "Look not mournfully to the past - it comes not back again; wisely improve the present - it is thine; go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart." This should be our determination.

Someone has said, "The golden age is not in the past, but in the future." Masonry and the M. S. A. have a glorious past but the golden age is in the future. The best is yet to be if we are willing to plan, work, and make the necessary sacrifice.

I would suggest that THE FUTURE OF MASONRY depends upon many things. I mention four of the most important.

The FUTURE OF MASONRY Depends Upon Leadership

Tell me about your Leaders and I can predict at least something of the future of your organization. Leadership is always an important part of the future of any organization.

Leadership is not only important in Grand Lodge line but in local lodges as well. Leadership is probably more important in the local lodge than leadership in the Grand Lodge line. If the golden age of Masonry is in the future we must have good leaders at the grass roots of the organization.

One of the great needs today is to get the young men more involved in the work of Masonry. Many young men who come into our lodges never have a chance. If they speak out, oft times, they are "put in their place," so to speak, by some

older Mason. We need young men, full of energy, with vision and a willingness to work, or the organization becomes known as an old man's fraternity and dies a natural death. Many lodges today report more deaths than new members during the course of a year. Let's focus our attention upon the young men in our lodges, helping them increase in Masonic knowledge, and give them a chance to be participants and not just spectators. This is the work, and should be the goal, of every leader.

Any organization is but the lengthened shadow of its leaders. Its success or failure depends almost entirely on what they do. If they start out with the command, "Come on, Men!", success is sure. If the command is "Go on, Men!" the organization will be assured of almost total failure.

The FUTURE OF MASONRY Depends Upon Education

Tell me about your program of education and I can predict something of the future of Masonry.

Many of our Grand Lodges have a program of education, a program which in many cases is assisted greatly by the Masonic Service Association through the Short Talk Bulletin, films, and other resource materials.

However, I am afraid that many times our educational programs are given too much to a fixed course or routine, a repetition of forms or phrases without giving attention to meaning and instruction as to how these truths are to be applied to everyday life.

How much do you know about Masonry? Many of you no doubt are good ritualists. You know the work, the words, the signs, the grips, but if this is

the sum total of your Masonic education, you have learned only the first lesson. You cannot do unless you know, but knowledge without application is of little value.

Mr. Benjamin Kidd in his book, "The Science of Power," gives voice to the judgment that it would be possible to change the trend of an entire nation in a single generation if the ideals of the desired end could be implanted in the youth of that generation.

From this judgment no thoughtful, intelligent man is likely to dissent. The power of education in the shaping of national life is a fact which the entire course of civilization clearly demonstrates.

Can you imagine the results if somehow we could get the ideals and the teachings of this great fraternity firmly implanted in the hearts and minds of the some four million members? The future of Masonry for good would surpass even the imagination of the most optimistic.

**THE FUTURE OF MASONRY
Depends Upon Dedication**

Tell me of the dedication of your members and I can tell you something of the future of the fraternity.

Dedication to the point of faithfulness to the tenets of our fraternity begins with faithfulness in attendance at the regular meetings of the lodge. How often do you attend the regular meetings of your lodge? How long has it been since you attended a regular meeting?

Many things you might not be able to do such as putting on the work or giving a lecture, but with a little effort you can attend. These lines illustrate what I am trying to say:

I have no voice for singing
I cannot make a speech
I have no gift for music,
I know I cannot teach.
I am no good at leading
I cannot organize

And anything I write
Would never win a prize.

But at the roll call in the meetings
I always answer, "Here"
When others are performing
I lend a listening ear.

After the program's over,
I praise its every part,
My words are not to flatter
I mean them from my heart.

It seems my only talent
Is neither big nor rare --
Just to listen and encourage
And to fill a vacant chair.

But all the gifted people
Could not so brightly shine
Were it not for those who use
A talent such as mine.

Our dedication to the common good without regard for personal aggrandizement must go deeper than the form of unselfishness expressed in the maiden's prayer: "O Lord, I ask nothing for myself, but will you please send dear mother a son-in-law."

**THE FUTURE OF MASONRY
Depends Upon Action**

Practice or action will play a tremendous part in the future of Masonry. Oft times I think of Masonry as a sleeping giant, and try to imagine the future if suddenly we would come alive and put into action the ideals, the teachings, and the principles of Masonry.

We talk much about Speculative Masonry but we need to take this Speculative Masonry which we talk so much about, and make it operative in our lives. In Masonry we need to "Become doers of the word and not hearers only." "By their works ye shall know them" is most true when spoken of Masons. The only way we are known is by our works and not by our ritual or secrets.

Masonry must act if it is to find concrete leverage in the world. A woman recently went into a five and ten cents store and asked for compasses. "We have

compasses for drawing circles, Madam," the clerk said, "but not for going places." Masonic truth has often been a compass for drawing circles, endless discussions that go round and round. But it is emphatically a compass for going places, for movement, for action, for definite arrival at definite goals.

A. Masonry in Action is a group of men at work, Godly men, seeking to overcome the spirit of Godlessness in the world, for the Spirit of Masonry is a spirit of Godliness. There is a need for this spirit in the world today when God is being decisioned out of life. Masonry is not a religion but it is made up of Godly men, men who have professed their faith, their belief in God.

B. Masonry in Action is a group of men at work seeking to overcome the spirit of selfishness in the world. The spirit of Masonry is a spirit of friendship and brotherly love. Masonry is an organization in which we are taught, not only our duty to God, but also our duty to our fellow man.

When God measures a man, He's not going to put the tape around his waist or his head but around his heart. When God measures a man, He's not going to measure him by the words he has spoken but by the deeds he has done.

As Masons we need to pray the prayer of Francis of Assisi:

Lord:
 Make me an instrument of Your peace –
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love –
 Where there is injury – pardon,
 Where there is doubt, Faith,
 Where there is despair, hope,
 Where there is darkness, light – and,
 Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master
 Grant that I may not so much seek to be
 consoled as to console,
 To be understood as to understand,
 To be loved as to love,
 For it is in the giving that we receive,

It is in the pardoning that we are
 pardoned,
 And it is in the dying that we are born to
 eternal life.

C. Masonry in Action is a group of men at work seeking to overcome the spirit of immorality in the world, for the spirit of Masonry is a spirit of morality and virtue.

As we follow the teachings of morality and virtue we are better men and thereby we help to build a better world. It's a known fact that you cannot have a better world without better men.

Your task –

To build a better world, God said.
 But I answered, "How?"
 The world is such a large, vast place
 So complicated now,
 And I so small and useless am;
 There's nothing I can do.
 But God in all his wisdom said –
 "Just build a better you."

That's what Masonry is all about.

Tell me about:

1. Leadership in your lodge
2. Your program of education
3. The dedication of your leaders and members
4. The practice of the lessons in everyday life –

and I can predict the future –

For the Future of Masonry depends upon:

1. The ability, devotion and zeal of leadership
2. The extent of Education
3. The depth of Dedication
4. The breadth of Action.

I predict that the golden age of
 Masonry is in the future.

If your address requires a change or correction, WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL RECORDER.

Juvenile Court Judges Workshop

by Ira R. Huffaker

M.E. Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter
R.A.M., Georgia

During the past five years the Grand Chapter of Georgia, R.A.M., has sponsored a workshop for juvenile court judges, paying for the lodging and principal meals of judges, professors, and consultants who attended the workshops, held at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, and who were not local residents in Athens. The workshops are for judges who preside over juvenile courts throughout Georgia. Each workshop covers a period of two days beginning at noon on a Tuesday and closing at noon Thursday. These meetings are a means of bringing together those who are involved and most interested in one of the most serious and urgent problems we face today—the guidance, training and control of our youth.

A consideration of the following facts, taken from the *United States Book of Facts, Statistics, and Information* should indicate the seriousness of the problem. The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported a 21 per cent increase in crime in



the United States during 1968. An analysis of the statistics indicates that the number of crimes committed by persons in the different age groups rises to a peak at age seventeen, declines rapidly to age twenty-seven, then

decreases gradually through the older age groups. Tabulation number one at the bottom of the page shows the number of arrests per 100,000 population by various age groups.

It should also be of interest to us to note, as in tabulation number two, the figures show that of the 5,016,407 arrests for crimes in 1966, the largest percentage—thirty-four—were of young people in the eleven to twenty year age group.

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Age Group	100,000 population Arrests per
11-14	3,064
15-17	8,050
18-20	7,540
21-24	6,547
25-29	5,367
30-34	5,086
35-39	4,987
40-44	4,675
45-49	4,102
50—	1,987

2

Age Group	No. of Arrests	Per Cent of Total
11-20	1,710,013	34
21-30	1,047,873	21
31-40	857,200	17
41—	1,401,321	28

3

Most Common Offenses	Age 11-20	Age 21-30	Total, All Ages
Larceny	274,349	60,045	398,623
Disorderly Conduct	170,480	172,001	520,136
Burglary	139,911	39,119	199,781
Violation of liquor laws	138,046	22,524	194,095
Drunkenness	95,501	268,352	1,485,562
Auto theft	85,794	13,794	105,778
Other assaults	54,017	65,723	198,390
Driving while intoxicated	14,761	70,459	255,097
Total of above offenses	972,859	712,917	1,685,776

Some comparison of the type and extent of crime by youths with that of persons in the first ten years of adulthood is also revealing in tabulation number three.

It should be noted that a similar comparison of serious crimes such as murder, manslaughter, and forcible rape shows youths of 11 to 20 responsible for 48.4 per cent and adults of 21 to 30 with 51.6 per cent of these crimes committed by persons who fall within this twenty year age span.

The fact that we know the extent of crime, the percentage committed by different age groups and the rate of increases does not, however, give us any answer to how to deal with the problem of crime. It does give emphasis to the more serious question of why these things are true, and since there appears to be no list of acceptable answers which have been universally or generally agreed upon, the finding of the best answers should be an apt subject for study and discussion in a workshop of judges who preside over juvenile courts. These judges face important and serious questions and responsibilities, the dominant among them being what action should and can be taken within the law to rehabilitate the offender, administer justice, and decrease the crime rate. Those who attended the workshop proved their sincere interest in these matters.

During the first session of the workshop it may have appeared to a layman that too much attention was being given to technicalities of procedures and too little thought to the question of guilt and the administration of justice. However, it soon became evident to an interested observer that the members of the workshop were a group of able, well informed and extremely dedicated public servants, who are faced with problems or questions so numerous and difficult it is hardly possible that each judge individually and separately would arrive at the same answers. A consideration of the questions and problems a presiding judge must face should help non-judicial people understand the need for workshops.

Of course, the first requisite for an attorney or judge is ample knowledge of

the code of laws, how to apply the law in line with well established precedent and how to find and recognize precedents applicable to a case. Certainly this is not new, and it is pointed out here only to round out the scope of responsibility. The enactment of many new laws, numerous Supreme Court rulings, and the establishment of administration guidelines have greatly increased the problems of judges. Certainly each new law and each court ruling should be explicit, or possibly there should be some leeway for

Dear Mr. Huffaker:

I have read with great interest your report on the workshop for Juvenile Court Judges sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Royal Arch Masons of Georgia.

I commend you for a very fine report and your keen insight into the problems of juvenile justice. You have grasped the meat of the situation that there are many complex problems and very few answers — those are evasive. I think the report is an excellent one and should stimulate further interest and concern in the problems confronting us as a community, a state and a nation.

Again may I express to you and to the Grand Lodge the appreciation of at least one judge for your generosity and hospitality in sponsoring the annual workshop.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,
John S. Lanford, Jr.
Judge

local application of judgment. At any rate, in the case of new rulings handed down by higher courts, there may be no established precedents on which to rely. Another development is a recent requirement to break down the "disorderly conduct" charge into several types of conduct. This requirement has increased the problems and work of our courts. Recent Supreme Court rulings in regard to use of confessions as evidence have also created problems. Does the cry "police brutality" rightfully forestall the use of evidence which reveals the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Are not these problems?

Of great importance are answers to questions implied above. What action will rehabilitate youthful offenders? What detention homes or places are

WHAT IS A BOY!

He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting and when you are gone, attend to those things you think so important. You can adopt all the policies you please but how they will be carried out depends upon him. Even if you make leagues and treaties he will have to manage them. He will assume control of your cities, states and nation. He is going to move in and take over your prisons, churches, schools, universities and corporations. All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him. Your reputation and your future are in his hands. So it might be well to pay him some attention.

From Square and Compass

... Judges Workshop

maintained? What programs for teaching or training our youth in citizenship are in existence and being followed? Are there sufficient facilities and trained personnel to implement the program?

The answers have not been tabulated, but it is hoped that a few more questions may stimulate our thinking and our search for the correct answers. What will restore to all our people a sense of moral responsibility? What will renew respect for law and order? What will prove that our courts are dispensing justice impartially? Is it justice with firmness, justice with mercy, maudlin sentimentality with the admonition to go now and be a good delinquent? Is all of this the responsibility of juvenile courts and their judges? As good men and true should we try to mould public opinion in support of honesty and truth? Each of us must answer the final question—
WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT IT?

Chester Wins 2nd Title As Chapter of the Year

When the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, completed its rankings of Chapters throughout the world for 1968, the No. 1 Chapter was in Chester, Pennsylvania. This is the second consecutive No. 1 ranking for the Chester Chapter.

At the 10th Anniversary Banquet of the Chapter in February, Dad Advisor Robert F. Stark, E.C., Chester Commandery No. 66, read the letter announcing the ranking from DeMolay Secretary George M. Saunders. It was a well-kept secret and came as a surprise to the 750 attending the anniversary celebration. The audience responded with a standing ovation and cheering, the boys with back-slapping and broad smiles.

Says Dad Stark: "In 1969 the Chapter will continue its programs to promote the Order of DeMolay and to cooperate with all DeMolays in advancing the purposes common to all Brothers of the Order. Other DeMolay Chapters have called Chester 'The Friendly Chapter,' a coveted title of the Chester group and one they ardently wish to retain. It might be said, therefore, that 'The Friendly Chapter Is The Best Chapter.'"

Lee Lockwood Named Grand Sovereign

Lee Lockwood, Texas, was elected and installed M.I. Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, at the 97th Annual Assembly in Milwaukee, May 9-10. Lloyd A. Landgren, retiring Grand Sovereign, presided over the assembly events. Irving L. Heller, Intendent General, Past Department Commander, Grand Encampment, was general chairman. More than 350 were in attendance.

Kenneth C. Johnson, Arkansas, was elected Grand Sentinel; Oliver S. Willham was elected Grand Trustee. Other officers were elected to progressive stations.

Grand Commandery Editors for Knight Templar Magazine

Starting in the July *Knight Templar Magazine*, pages 28 and 29 each month will carry a two-page Supplemental Insert for the respective Grand Commanderies. Examples: Knights Templar living in Alabama will find pages 28 and 29 devoted to whatever localized news and information are provided by the Supplement Editor for Alabama; Templars living in California will receive magazines featuring the California Editor's material on pages 28 and 29. The same pattern will prevail for all other Grand Commanderies.

Magazines going to members of Subordinate Commanderies (in Alaska, Canal Zone, Delaware, Hawaii, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia and West Germany) will spotlight still other Templar and Masonic news on pages 28 and 29. This means there will be 49 sets of Supplemental Inserts for each issue -- 48 sets for 48 Grand Commanderies and one set for the combined 15 Subordinate Commanderies -- all printed on pages 28 and 29.

The Supplemental Insert each reader receives in his magazine will be determined by his residence. He will receive the Supplemental Insert prepared by the Supplemental Editor for his jurisdiction. All of the remaining 30 pages of each month's magazine will feature the same material for each reader, regardless of residence.

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"All the News That's"

Delaware Holds DeMolay Conclave

A DeMolay Conclave for the State of Delaware is being held Saturday, June 21, 1969, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Order of DeMolay. A parade is planned in Dover, Delaware, as part of this celebration from 2-4 p.m.

The presiding officers of all Masonic Bodies in Delaware have been invited and they or their representatives will be present. Units of the Shrine and Tall Cedars of Lebanon are also planning to participate in uniform in the parade to represent Knights Templar. Under the instructions and intent of General Order No. 6, St. Andrews plans to march as a uniformed body to support Delaware DeMolay in their celebration.

DeMolays in Germany Honored



Commander Thomas H. Russ, Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, hands Master Councilor David Lynn Harvey, Land Hesse Chapter, DeMolay, a check for \$25. The \$25 was given to the Chapter for the purchase of safety candles for DeMolay ceremonies. The presentation was made during a short program to open DeMolay week, March 16, in Frankfurt/Main Germany.

Iowa Conclave - A Preview

Sir Knight Herbert Schwandt, Grand Commander, will preside at the 105th Annual Conclave of Iowa, June 22-26, Templar Park.



Herbert Schwandt

Sunday, June 22, will be devoted to fellowship and the evening Vesper service. Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master, and Mrs. Crofts, will be honored at a social hour in the hotel rotunda after the services.

Templar business will be conducted Monday through Wednesday. The installation of new Grand Officers will be held Thursday morning.

Social events will include the Grand Ball, evening parade and a "Fun Night," with the theme "Barn Dance and Hoe Down."

The Iowa Association of Past Commanders will hold their regular meeting Thursday afternoon with entertainment that evening.

Claude K. Bradley
Correspondent

Commandery of 48 Knights 16

Pennsboro Commandery No. 23, Pennsboro, West Virginia, had a membership of 48 less than two months ago. Now the membership totals 64 -- the result of the C.R. Sullivan Memorial Class conferrals of March 22.

On that date, a class of 16 had the Order of the Temple conferred upon

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them. Pennsboro Commandery's Recorder is E. Ray Cottrell. B. F. Gilmore, Jr., was Eminent Commander. Sir Knight Earle G. Helmick, then Grand Commander, notes that the class included the Mayor and one Councilman. "Every member of the class," he says, "purchased a new uniform."

One Armed Eminent Commander

Sir Knight George H. Sackett of New Haven was determined to advance in Masonry in spite of the loss of his right arm in an industrial accident. So unflagging was his zeal and so fervent his attention to duty that he has passed the chair of presiding officer in Lodge, Chapter and Council. Last winter he climaxed his progression through the York Rite bodies by election as Eminent Commander of New Haven Commandery No. 2. (Photo by Al Gray)



James R. Case
Connecticut Correspondent

Chippewa Falls Highlight

One of the highlights of the past year for Tancred Commandery No. 27, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, was a Special Convocation which resulted in the knighting of 23 candidates in one class. Fifteen came from Tancred Commandery, six were candidates of St. Croix No. 14, and two each for Sparta Commandery No. 16 and Weillsville Commandery No. 36. Floy L. Ashley was Eminent Commander of Tancred Commandery when the class was formed and the Orders conferred.

OREGON INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Grand Commandery of Oregon announces the April 14 installation of John W. Givens, Portland, as R.E. Grand Commander. Other officers installed were: Lloyd K. McRae, Helix, Deputy Grand Commander; Robert F. Wagner, Eugene, Grand Generalissimo; and Charles K. Davis, Bend, Grand Captain General.



John W. Givens

Ernest W. Peterson, Salem, is Grand Treasurer and Rex W. Davis, Salem, is Grand Treasurer, Emeritus. Ray B. Allen, Eugene, continues as Grand Recorder.

Wyoming Commandery Observes Easter

Forty Sir Knights from DeMolay Commandery No. 6, Sheridan, Wyoming, gathered in full uniform at 6:30 a.m. for Easter Services, April 6. After gathering at the Asylum they assembled in front of the Temple and marched to the First Christian Church, where they were joined by members of the Beauceant. Reverend Lloyd Sparks led the Devotions.

After the Services approximately 170 Sir Knights and ladies of the Beauceant breakfasted at Kalif Shrine Mosque with members of Job's Daughters and DeMolay. Sir Knight Harry Jones was in charge. DeMolay's Commander is Harold Wood.

TEXAS GRAND COMMANDER INSTALLED



Texas has a new Grand Commander (he is the one on the left) and so do most of the other Grand Commanderies. But few of them can boast such beautiful help in their installation ceremonies. Mrs. Lawrence DeHay pins the jewel of command on her husband as he assumes office during the 116th Annual Conclave of Texas, April 11-15.

New York DeMolays Invest in Camp

The DeMolays in New York have signed a contract to purchase a 250 acre camp, about 150 miles northeast of Albany, according to Sir Knight John Krings, a member of Trinity Commandery No. 68, New York. The New York Council of Deliberation (Scottish Rite) gave the DeMolays \$5,000 as a down payment on the camp. It is equipped with a dormitory which will sleep between 40 and 50 DeMolays and has all the facilities for indoor and outdoor sports. The boys plan on many hours of swimming, skiing, snowmobiling and camping.

For further information on the camp, contact Robert M. Walker, DeMolay Executive Officer, Suite 1800, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14203.

Lester H. Ness is President Of Great Lakes Shrine Ass'n.

The following is from the Wisconsin Masonic Journal:

Lester H. Ness, Milwaukee, was elected president of the Great Lakes Shrine Association at the group's annual business meeting in Evansville, Indiana. Ness is a Past Potentate of Tripoli Temple, executive director of the annual Midwest Shrine football game, and a member of the board of governors for the Chicago and Twin Cities Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

In business life, he is a senior vice president and secretary of the Cramer-Krasselt Company, a Milwaukee advertising agency.

Ness will preside over the 1969 Great Lakes Shrine Association Ceremonial to be held in Milwaukee on September 19-20. More than 10,000 Shriners and ladies from 22 Great Lakes area Temples are expected in Milwaukee for the two-day convention which will include a gigantic Shrine parade on Saturday evening.

York Cross of Honour Conclave



The Annual Conclave of Convent Knights of the York Cross of Honour will be held at Jackson Lake Lodge, Wyoming, September 25-26. Lyman E. Smith, Grand Master General, will preside over the Conclave. Sir Knight Smith is a member of Aldemar Commandery No. 5, Billings, Montana.

The 86th Annual Assembly of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada will be held in London, Ontario, August 9th to 12th, 1969, with Headquarters at Hotel London.

Oregon Grand Master of Masons Becomes Knight Templar

M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Oregon, Warren A. McMinimee, was dubbed and created a Knight Templar March 25, accomplishing another first for St. Aldemar Commandery No. 11, Astoria, reports Sir Knight Max G. Cogill, Correspondent. Sir Knight Albert Porter spearheaded the formation of the Warren A. McMinimee Knights of Malta Class.

To culminate the year, Sir Knight John R. Williams, then Grand Commander, with Triangle Guards composed of John R. Givens, D.G.C.; Ray E. Allen,

Recorder; Douglas R. McWorkman, G.S.W.; T. Herbert Hacker, Supervisor for District No. 9; and Lawrence W. Pruet, G.C.G., participated in the ceremonies. Sir Knight Ed Ridderbusch is E. Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery.

Sir Knight Porter is presently engaged in arranging his next class, the Wendell Wyatt Class. Wyatt, a Royal Arch Mason, is a U.S. Congressman from Oregon and plans on continuing his advancement upon leave from Washington, D.C.



Present at the dubbing and creation of the March 25 class were, front row, l. to r.: Ray Allen, G.R. and P.G.C.; Richard Lee, Ken Erickson, Danny Jones, Ed Ridderbusch, C.; J. R. Williams, G.C.; Warren McMinimee, G.M.; Douglas Kaufman, Eckard Toy, Douglas McWorkman, G.S.B.; L. W. Pruet, G.C.G; and John Givens, D.G.C.

Second row: Joe Blanc, Art Phaus, C. Mc-

Intyre, C.G.; G. N. Hoard, Albert Porter, E. Kirola, J. Ward, E. T. Fowler, George Taft, Prelate; and John Prepula.

Back row: Ralph Walter, E. E. Macy, E. Troyer, R. G. Beard, Clyde McCormack, Earl Sutherland, George Ostrom, P.G.C.; Edgar Elms, D.D.G.M.; Ted Reynolds, M. Hille, W. A. Wilbonn, H. T. Hacker, P. Hopkins and H. E. Baker.

Pilgrim Commandery Installs Officers

Sir Knight Charles R. Eurich, (second from left), now the R.E. Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, congratulates Sir Knight Charles S. Bowman, newly installed E. Commander of Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, after ceremonies April 19 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Others are Sir Knight George H. Hohenshilt, left, Generalissimo, and Sir Knight Robert S. Kohl, Captain General.



Highlights of the 97th Annual Conclave of Arkansas

Highlighting the Banquet at the 97th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, April 21-22, was a slide narration on the Holy Land by Department Commander William R. Robbins and Mrs. Robbins.

The slides and narration covered the many places where Jesus lived, ministered, was crucified and buried.

Department Commander Robbins also addressed the Grand Commandery, making a number of valuable suggestions with regard to improving the overall program of Templary, including the permanent contributing memberships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the effectiveness of the Educational Foundation, additional expansion of the public relations program and the retention of members, reports Kenneth C. Johnson, Correspondent.

The Scimitar Shrine Temple entertained the delegates at a luncheon at their Mosque on the second day of the Conclave.

There were a number of visitors from other jurisdictions, including Arizona, Oklahoma and Missouri.



Mr. and Mrs. William R. Robbins

Class Conferred in Laurel, Mississippi



Laurel Commandery No. 33, Laurel, Mississippi, conferred the Order of the Temple on a class of thirty-five candidates. Joe B. Nesom, Past Grand High Priest of Mississippi, acted as Commander. Dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star and the Work followed with three Past Potentates and two Past High Priests of Mississippi present for the conferral.

The printing of a revised 1967 Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment has now been completed. Copies are available to Knights Templar at \$1.50 each, which includes postage and mailing charges. To order, make your check payable to Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., and mail to the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

June Conclave for Wisconsin

The 111th Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Wisconsin will convene in the Masonic Temple, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Friday, June 20, and continue until Saturday, June 21. Registration will start Thursday morning, June 19, at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple.

ALL ABOARD THE VERMONT "YORK RITE SPECIAL!"

Past Grand Commander Welland S. Horn used a "train on the downgrade" as an illustration in his addresses as Grand Commander to the Commanderies in Vermont. Exhorting Vermont Sir Knights to reverse the trend, Grand Commander Horn pointed out that "it is not yet too late" to get the "York Rite Special" on the upgrade in Vermont. Correspondent Franklyn H. Churchill relayed the speech material from which the following excerpts were taken.



"Well over a century ago, groups of men with high ideals had a fervent desire for additional Masonic knowledge available to their brethren. They formed a train in order that they might travel in harmony for a common goal. Each group occupied a separate car, but excellent communication was maintained.

"The train was unique in that it had no motive power or braking power other than that provided by the passengers themselves. From time to time, additional groups in separate cars were added to the train and, occasionally, for one reason or another, it was necessary to shunt a car into sliding.

"Through the years the track over which this train, which we might call the YORK RITE SPECIAL, traveled, has been smooth and it has been rough. The upgrade has been steep, the downgrade equally so. But, in general satisfactory progress has been made until recently.

"Some years ago... this train was switched off the main track onto a spur line. The downgrade... has been incredibly steep and the downgrade speed incredibly alarming. . . . Further down is an open switch which, if the train is not halted, will bring all concerned to utter destruction. This condition has been caused by lethargy on the part of the passengers and crew.

"But, it is not yet too late. There is still ample strength among the passengers, sufficient directive intelligence within the crew to halt the downward rush and to bring the train back onto the main track and to direct its progress in the way it should go."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR DISPLAYS

A number of Knights Templar Cross of Honor medals have been made available by the Grand Master for display in Masonic museums, libraries and similar locations at no cost. A medal for such purposes can be secured by applying to the Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Sr., at Box 718, Nokomis, Florida 33555.

Identification of the medal is provided by a small easel-type card bearing this inscription:



St. Andrew's Commandery, Dover, Delaware, has accepted an invitation to march in a DeMolay parade at 2 p.m., June 21, in Dover. Sir Knight C. Ray Scarborough, E. Commander, urges all Sir Knights in uniform to "turn out both to support DeMolay in Delaware and to promote Templary."

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MAINE FESTIVAL



Present for the Knight Templar Festival at Waterville, Maine, March 29, were: (left to right) Frank L. Bourke, Department Commander; Donald S. Higgins, A.A.S.R. Deputy for Maine; Roger I. White, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine; Edward F. Pinkham, E.C., St. Omer Commandery No. 12; Grand Commander Willard A. Vincent; Grand Warder Victor N. Greene, who also is Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine.

Host Commandery, St. Omer, conferred the Order of the Temple upon 44 candidates, reports Correspondent George S. Edmunds. Portland Commandery No. 2 conferred the Order of Red Cross; the Order of Malta was conferred by St. John's Commandery No. 3, Bangor.

Sir Knight Roundy Honored



Sir Knight Arthur F. Roundy, left, receives the Knight Templar Cross of Honor from Willard A. Vincent, Grand Commander of Maine. The award was made for outstanding service to Templar Masonry. Roundy has been Recorder of St. Omer Commandery, Waterville, for 29 years. He is a Past Commander, Past Master of Waterville Lodge, Past High Priest of Teconnet Chapter, P. A. M.; Past Master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, Waterville; Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine.

Dr. Mauro Baradi Greeted



Dr. Mauro Baradi, right, noted Philippine patriot and Ambassador, renews his acquaintance with Earle D. Webster, Portland, Grand Recorder. Dr. Baradi, who has been the Minister from the Philippines to the United Nations, is on a lecture tour for Rotary International and has been a speaker at various Masonic groups. He is a Past Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and a 33rd Degree Mason, A.A.S.R. He was at Unity College as guest speaker at the college's Art Festival, and was a guest at the Maine Knights Templar Lodge on Saturday, where he delivered an

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NEWSPAPER PUBLICIZES KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Fort Pierce, Florida, News Tribune devoted a March story to the subject of Knights Templar and the Order's Eye Foundation. Staff writer Rae Tarr's story follows.

On March 26 a 15-year old Port St. Lucie girl will undergo surgery at the Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital to correct a birth defect — crossed eyes. She is just one of the 20 people in this area who have received correct sight through the effort and funds of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The Knights Templar represent a Christian branch of Masonry, the modern successors of the Crusaders who protected the pilgrims on their way to Holy Places at Jerusalem in the 11th century.

In a way, they are still on a crusade . . . for sight for the sightless. In their endeavor to follow Christ's example in Luke 18:42, in which Christ healed the blind beggar with the words, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well," they established, 11 years ago, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This is a great humanitarian charity for research surgical treatment and hospitalization of those who suffer from diseases of or injury to the eye which, if untreated, might result in blindness. This relief goes to those who are unable to afford to pay and is given without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, national origin, or Masonic affiliation.

St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 of the Knights Templar was the first Commandery, of the 1,363 Commanderies in the world, to pledge all members for life sponsorship in 1966. In the last two and a half years, the local Commandery has spent more than \$9,000 for operations in this area.

On the national scene, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, since it was founded 11 years ago, has spent approximately \$4 million on surgery and about one half million on institutions working

in eye research.

George Petrie, Fort Pierce chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, describes it enthusiastically as the "biggest thing ever to hit the face of the earth." He noted that 13,500 people have been given the precious gift of sight. He also noted that, locally, cataracts and crossed eyes in children constitute the largest portion of the 20 people aided in the Fort Pierce area.

"It is heartwarming to see the gratitude of families," said Petrie. For instance, little Lisa Washington. Born blind, with cataracts covering both eyes, she was given normal sight two years ago at the age of two. She is living in Syracuse, N.Y. now with her mother, "leading the healthy, active life of the normal four-year-old child," according to her grandmother, Mrs. Willie Mae Boney, Fort Pierce.

Recently, a 58-year-old woman was referred to the Eye Foundation as an emergency case. She needed an operation to remove cataracts or blindness would ensue within 30 days. In cases like that, a phone call to Rhinebeck, N.Y., headquarters of the K.T. Eye Foundation, for authorization will insure coverage of the medical bills.

Any member of the Knights Templar may become a life sponsor with the donation of \$30. There are over 25,000 Knights Templar who are life sponsors. Donations from everywhere are gratefully accepted, however.

About a year ago the "Knights of the Round Table" was formed in Fort Pierce. Made official now, it was founded one evening over a cup of coffee by Knights who had been the first to pledge life sponsorship in the K.T. Eye Foundation, even though it was necessary to borrow money from

NORTHWESTERN COMMANDERY PRESENTS 50-YEAR CERTIFICATES

Northwestern Commandery No. 25, Meadville, Pennsylvania, presented ten 50-year Certificates at the stated Conclave, March 25. Three of the honored were able to be present for the presentation by Sir Knight Russell Robison, Grand Senior Warden, and Sir Knight Lloyd Bashaw, Division Commander.

Those in attendance were, front row, l. to r.: Charles J. Jelbart, E.C.; (seated) Charles Ernst, Karl A. Miller and Clair Allen, P.C.; Russell Robison, G.S.W.

Second row: Wilson Sweeney, S.B.; Harold Shartle, P.C.; Harley Morris, P.C.; William Fejes, W.; John Weikal, C.G.

Back row: James Weikal, G.; Laddie Walker, P.C.; Lyle Jones, P.C.; Charles Underwood, P.C.; Mark Harrah, S.B.; Louis Byham, S.W.



... Publicizes Eye Foundation

others to pay for all the old, sick and needy in the No. 17 Commandery.

It is the goal of these Knights of the Round Table to obtain life sponsorship for all 400,000 Knights Templar. This group pays the life sponsorship tab for old, sick and needy Knights wherever they may be. This gains a five-way benefit says Petrie. It helps the aged, sick or needy to become life sponsors, helps those who need eye surgery or treatment and who cannot afford it; it inspires members in other cities to pledge, "It helps Templary, and it helps Masonry," he said.

So far, the Knights of the Round Table has 417 members, has purchased 136 life sponsorships, and assisted Comanderies in 11 states.

Deputy Grand Master Bell Accepts Check for Eye Foundation



Ned E. Dull, Grand Commander of Ohio, watches as Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell accepts a \$1,000 check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from Sir Knight Joseph B. Shirley, of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16, Cincinnati, Ohio. The presentation was made during Hanselmann Commandery's April Festival.

PROOF THAT THE "WILD" WEST WAS NOT ENTIRELY WILD

A four column ad in the Arizona Republic, Phoenix, April 12, brought an illustration of the Gay Nineties to readers — and, to Knights Templar, a reminder of the Grand Encampment's Triennial Conclave of 1892 in Denver.



A clipping forwarded by Past Grand Generalissimo C. Byron Lear contains the advertisement of the famed Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado. The ad copy reads:

From its magnificent opening banquet for the Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar on August 12, 1892, to the present day, The Brown Palace Hotel has served its patrons with a grand tradition of elegance and graciousness. And thanks to constant renovation and improvement... achieved without any cessation of its fine service... the guest of today, as in 1892, enjoys completely modern facilities. "Where the World Registers" is indeed true of this fine hotel. The home away from home for presidents, royalty, visitors to Denver from near and visitors from far alike.

The same Brown Palace that catered to the Knights and ladies of 1892 will be headquarters for the 51st Triennial Conclave August 22-27, 1970, at Denver.

Wisconsin P.G.C. Weds

Victor George Nowack, P.G.C. of Wisconsin, wed Mrs. Thelma Matschke, widow of Willard Paul Matschke, also a P.G.C. of Wisconsin, April 12, in the United Church of Christ, Dousman, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Marvin Baker, Grand Prelate, performed the single-ring ceremony.

Mrs. Karl Crane, wife of a P.G.C., Racine, and George Hughey, Grand Generalissimo, Sun Prairie, were attendants.

Soloist was Mrs. George Hughey, accompanied by John Noerenberg, Grand Organist.

The couple will make their home in Watertown after June 22. Nowack owns and operates a wholesale tobacco business.

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Died April 9, 1969

Thomas E. Doss
Tennessee
Grand Commander - 1953
Born June 3, 1890
Died May 4, 1969

Chester A. Floyd
New Mexico
Grand Commander - 1950
Born May 4, 1883
Died May 11, 1969

"Every Christian Mason Should Be a Knight Templar"

by the Reverend William R. Deutsch, Vicar

St. John's Episcopal Church, Lockport, Illinois

Eminent Commander, DuPage Commandery No. 88, Lombard

The sentiment "Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar" is well known to us all. We quote this motto at every opportunity; we print it on the pages of our magazines, we post it prominently in our meeting halls, and we find it often in the pronouncements of our leaders. Since we use it so often, it may be in order for us to consider what it means.

To most of us, it is a recruiting slogan. The orders of chivalry, as exemplified by our Commanderies, are founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian Virtues; and, therefore, have as their prerequisite the profession of Christian faith. It is certainly in order to call these facts to the attention of our co-religionists who are brother Masons.

It is possible to use this slogan cynically. If we are merely interested in petitions as statistics by which we can make a proud name for ourselves, or if we seek candidates simply to use their fees and dues to help us pay our bills, our voices will ring hollow and will fall upon deaf ears. But if we are sincere and earnest in calling our Christian brethren of the Craft to join with us in the solemn work of improving our lives after the Perfect Model, that call will resound, as the blast of a trumpet, in the souls of serious Christian Masons.

Yes, every Christian Mason *should* be a Knight Templar. The beauty of the Orders, the deep, self-sacrificing personal dedication to truth, honor and justice that is the quintessence of Knighthood, and the privilege of public witness in bearing the Savior's Cross before men, are three reasons that should attract the dedicated Christian Mason, who takes his faith and craft seriously. (The Com-

mandery is for serious men, because it is not "just another honor," nor a stepping stone to higher things, but a wide field of service that is well worth a man's best efforts.) We must not forget that factor of our chivalric life that we all value so highly: the warm fellowship we have with our brother Sir Knights. All Masonry is close brotherhood of like-minded men who are united in seeking to make themselves better. When this brotherhood is leavened with teachings and spirit of Christianity, the result can, and should, be glorious.

But there is another reason why every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar, a reason perhaps more weighty and important than any other. We know that Freemasonry teaches us by signs, legends and symbols. Each Mason must seek to understand the meaning of the mysteries for himself. Masonry has no dogmas here: no official explanation of its rites and ceremonies; each of us must, by reflection and the use of reason, strive to interpret them for himself. Although we may discuss them, and seek to persuade others to our views, we cannot compel a brother to accept our interpretation as correct, nor can we be compelled to adopt another's interpretation. There have been many theories of the real meaning of Masonry. The secrets of Nature, the teachings of the Oriental Sages, and many other doctrines have been declared to be secrets of the Fraternity. But as we struggle to understand the legend of the Slain Builder, or of the Secret Vault, we should be aware that the oldest and most widely-held interpretation of the meaning of Masonry is the Christian interpretation.

I firmly believe that the Christian

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 6¼ cents per month if the individual subscriber will forward the back cover of his 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 6¼ cents per month and a check will be processed — if the amount exceeds 20 cents.

Requests for refunds will be accepted until July 1, when any that might be submitted will be processed.

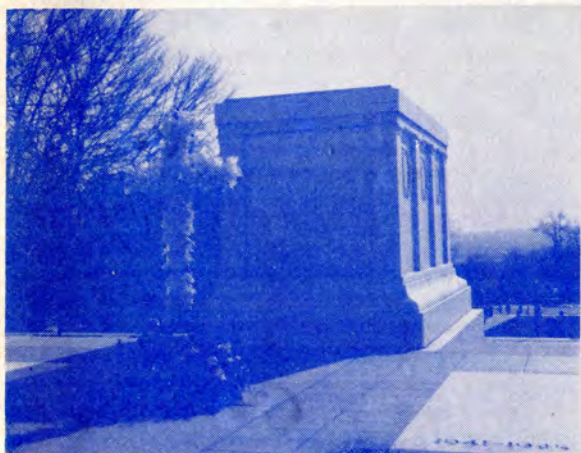
BIRTHDAYS

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

Charles H. Cover Deputy Grand Commander of Maryland	July 2
George M. Fulmer Deputy Grand Commander of the District of Columbia	July 3
A. Lynn Keyser Grand Commander of West Virginia	July 4
D. E. Baker Grand Commander of Wyoming	July 7
Oscar L. Wheeler Grand Captain General of Kentucky	July 7
Cecil A. Thorn Grand Recorder of Mississippi	July 8
Herbert A. Schwandt Grand Commander of Iowa	July 9
Robert H. Emmons Grand Captain General of Ohio	July 10
Stuart W. Stone Grand Commander of Illinois	July 11
Gordon J. Brenner Grand Recorder of New Jersey	July 14
Marion L. Miller Grand Recorder of Iowa	July 14
W. Phelan Douglas Grand Recorder of Tennessee	July 18
K. Edwin Applegate Grand Commander of Indiana	July 21
Chester B. Emerson, D.D. R.E. Grand Prelate Emeritus	July 28
G. Burton Long Grand Recorder of Mass. & R.I.	July 29
Charles L. Hamm Grand Commander of Maine	July 31

Above dates are from information on hand for officers of Grand Commanderies and for Grand Encampment appointed and elected officers and Committee Chairmen. (New Dais officers are requested to forward day and month of birth for Magazine.)

REMEMBRANCE OF EASTER . . .



"Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God." Shown at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is the Templar Cross of Lilies, an Easter Morning tribute of remembrance placed by the Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.

The Knight Templar lines stand at solemn attention after the traditional Cross of Lilies is presented in memory of America's unknown soldiers. This ceremony annually concludes the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery.



1969 pictures courtesy Sir Knight Melvin W. Byers,
Secretary-Treasurer, National Sojourners, Inc.

. . . Should Be a Knight Templar

revelation alone will permit us to understand Masonry fully. Templary is a light that can illuminate the whole Masonic structure, and by that light we are able to see and know the treasures of darkness and the hidden riches of secret places. Being a Knight Templar can make one a better Mason and a better Christian. That is why every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.

THE REPORT FROM THE 1969 ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEVADA, ANNOUNCES NO ELECTION OF INSTALLATION AS THE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED AT THE 1968 ANNUAL CONCLAVE WERE INSTALLED TO SERVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 1970.

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Message From the Right Eminent Grand Commander

On May 28, 1969, with humility and a heart beaming with gratitude, I assumed the responsibilities of the Office of Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

First, I want to "Thank You" for the honor you have conferred upon me. It is a great honor and will be remembered the rest of my life. These are trying times when all the qualities of leadership are put to a test. The responsibilities of directing the affairs of our Great Order will never be taken lightly. By the help of God, with your Prayers and mine, I shall do my best to bring continued prosperity to our Beloved Order, dedicated to the Christian Faith and the practice of Christian Virtues.

I am asking you Sir Knights to help me make this a year of Service and a year of Outstanding Contribution to Templary in Pennsylvania. I have confidence in the Officers and in every Sir Knight of our Grand Commandery. We have fine leadership but we must put forth greater efforts. The success which we will enjoy the coming year depends upon the efforts put forth by your Commandery and the individual Sir Knights.

I have no magic formula for the coming year. Our program which was revealed in Philadelphia at the 116th Annual Conclave will need the active cooperation and keen interest of every Sir Knight and a desire to secure results. During the years many of our Comman-



deries have shown an Optimistic and Dedicated Spirit, and that spirit must spread to all Commanderies if we are to move forward and fulfill our duties and obligations as Templars. The Commandery which has enjoyed Inspired Leadership have made remarkable gains in all phases of our Templar Program, and it is my hope that that Spirit will "Spill Over" into the other Commanderies and we will have a "Rebirth" of the Spirit of Templary in Pennsylvania.

I assure you that by the Grace of God, I shall do all within my power to supply the leadership which our Grand Commandery so justly deserves. MAY I HAVE YOUR COOPERATION?

Charles R. Eurich
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The Knight Line

J. Walter Thompson recently said it: "The swift current of life keeps moving, and you must move with it all the time or be left far behind."

Bill Roach, E.C., St. Elmo Commandery No. 21, Brunswick, Georgia, works wholeheartedly for DeMolay. He has been an Advisor for the Don R. Roberts Chapter of DeMolay for the last 13 years. He describes it as a "fine 'going' Chapter."

Brunswick Chapter R.A.M. recently presented the Don R. Roberts Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and the Brunswick Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, with checks for \$150. each to assist them in their activities.

Additionally, Sir Knight Roach, as Commander, and his St. Elmo Commandery, sponsored a Sunday morning breakfast for members of the Don R. Roberts Chapter, followed by an 11 o'clock church service to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the DeMolay founding.

Communicating with each other seems a simple process. But, a news leaflet recently pointed up some of the problems. A long distance call came to a hotel room clerk for a room reservation. The clerk asked, "Do you want a room with a tub or a shower?"

"What's the difference?" the caller replied. The clerk responded patiently. "Well, with a tub you sit down."

The story is a thumbnail sermon. The clerk and the caller each had understood "difference" to mean a different thing. To the caller, it referred to price; to the clerk, it meant a difference in function. The same thing happens in many attempts to communicate and not all are so trivial or readily overcome.

In Templary, as in all else, communi-

cation is a fine art. It requires understanding as well as information.

John Temple Rice, P.G.M., former Grand Recorder, is a resident of the Illinois Knight Templar Home for the Aged-Infirm at Paxton, Illinois. He was visited Sunday, April 20, by Grand Recorder Rodenhauer and Department Commander A. L. Crump (and their ladies) and found to be cheerful and conversational — enjoying one of his "good days" of health. Sir Knight Rice, Grand Master, 1946-1949, was Grand Recorder from 1949 to December 1966. He has been a resident at the Paxton home since January 1967.

The Honor Guard for the Grand Lodge cornerstone laying ceremony of Fort Pierce Lodge No. 87, Fort Pierce, Florida, was provided by St. Lucie Commandery No. 17. Music was furnished by Mahi Shrine Palm Beach Drum and Bugle Corps. M.W. Clyde S. McLaren, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Florida, officiated. C. A. Guild is Worshipful Master of Ft. Pierce Lodge.

Overheard in a Masonic gathering: "Too many Masons are affected and swayed by self-righteous truism that passes for thought."

He was writing of the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general in the April *News-Letter* of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree, N.M.J., but the thoughts of Illustrious John G. Fleck, Grand Prior, might well be considered by York Rite Masons in particular. The following are quotes:

"Looking back on the history of the Craft, we can see many places where great choices have come between the things which made for life and things

which made for extinction."

"What is our measurement of the time of busy, capable men, needed by the Rite for dynamic leadership? We are very considerate in bringing busy people into the Rite -- through one-day reunions. Then we ask of these same busy men too much or too little, -- we offer a job too demanding or too trivial. No longer can quality leaders spend twenty-one, fifteen, seven or even three years ... to be a magnetic leader of the Craft... Many adjustments must be made in the Rite if it has any serious intention of enlisting young, enthusiastic, imaginative leaders. The Rite must choose life."

Harold V. B. Voorhis, Historian Emeritus, Grand Commandery of New Jersey, offers the inspection visitation record of William P. Hayes, of Trenton, New Jersey, as an example of achievement. Sir Knight Hayes, who died May 22, 1936, was Grand Commander of New Jersey in 1915. In April 1934, he made his 600th consecutive inspection visit -- at his own Commandery. Sir Knight Voorhis lists it as an all time record.

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Reporter

Grand Commander Vincent Offers New Challenge

Grand Commander Willard A. Vincent offered a new challenge and established a new goal for Grand Commanders during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine at Portland when he personally delivered the sermon for the May 4 Divine Service. Sir Knight Vincent, an active layman, spoke on "The Power of Faith." He also collaborated with the E. Grand Prelate, the Rev. Aubrey L. Burbank, in a memorial service for departed Knights Templar.

The new Grand Commander of Maine is Charles L. Hamm. He has not announced sermon arrangements for 1970!

From the March notice of Portland Commandery No. 2, Me.

Loyal Sir Knight John L. McNeill, who almost never misses a Conclave of Portland Commandery No. 2, as well as other Commanderies, graced the Recorder's Office with money in his hand. The Recorder said, "John, you don't owe any dues." John said, "I know it. I want a Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, I don't want someone else to suffer as much with eyes as I have and I want to help." The Recorder assisted in sending in his order form and here is a facsimile of a letter received from the Foundation:

Dear Sir Knight McNeill:

We are enclosing herewith your card and certificate as a Life Sponsor. We were delighted to receive your application. It is a real inspiration to know and realize that you are concerned about helping others, when you have eyesight in but one eye with a cataract on the same. We also note that you are eighty-three, and we want to commend you for your interest in being of assistance to others of your age. We appreciate this contribution more than we can express; not just for the amount of money alone, but for the thought and spirit that are behind it. It is really an indication of a true Christian gentleman and Knight Templar. We are very proud of you and proud to receive your contributions.

Walter A. DeLamater
Executive Director

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Can We Wave The Flag Too Much?

by Sir Knight SIDNEY L. DeLOVE

Is it possible to wave the flag too much? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Lincoln or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much. The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. I believe that we are not waving our flag enough, not nearly enough. It seems to me that we are developing a tendency to be timid or even apologetic about waving the stars and stripes. Walk up and down the streets on July 4th and count the flags. It is our nation's birthday, a sacred day in world history, the most important day of America. Why isn't the flag flying on every rooftop and from every home and building? This complacent attitude is strong evidence of cancerous patriotic decay. The flag is a symbol of our national unity. It is the spirit of our undying devotion to our country. It stands for the best that is in us... for loyalty, character, and faith in democracy. Isn't our flag a synonym of the United States of America? Does it not represent man's greatest, noblest, most sublime dream? Is it not the zenith of achievement, the goal to which generations have aspired? Ladies and gentlemen, I believe it is time for us... for the mad, rushing Twentieth Century American... to stop for a moment and think. Let us arrest our near reverential admiration of material success and return to the spiritual and ethical values. Let us imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old-fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devotion to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded. Should not every home own and proudly display the colors on holidays and other such occasions? Isn't the flag Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Nathan Hale, Gettysburg and Valley Forge, Paul Revere, Jackson and other great men and women who have given us our heritage. When you look at the flag can't you see the Alamo, Corregidor, Pearl Harbor, The Monitor, The Merrimac, Wake Island, and Korea? Lest we forget, isn't the flag Flanders Field, Bataan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Babe Ruth and Davy Crockett? The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag. It is a symbol of this blessed nation, a giant in industry, education and commerce. Millions of fertile square miles, wheatlands, coal mines, steel plants. Our great republic, the chosen infant destined to be man's last and remaining hope for suffering humanity, a shining beacon of light, noble and glorious, the haven for the oppressed and persecuted and truly God's gift to mankind.

That is what the flag means to me. Can we wave the flag too much? I don't think so.

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