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Says the Grand Master . . .

TO ALL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, FRATERNAL GREETINGS!

For the first time I have the great thrill of addressing a cordial fraternal greeting to all Knights Templar of the U.S.A. To do so is the realization of a dream persisting through a long period of growth, after much loyal effort by many.

1943: *Grand Encampment Review* instituted on a quarterly basis to replace the previous annual "review" of Grand Commandery proceedings. 1952: Grand Master Gordon instituted personal messages in each issue, placed more priority on current reporting. 1955: Grand Master DeLamater adopted the title *Knight Templar* and the smaller, more attractive format, developed the use of current news and pictures. 1961: Grand Master Moore ordered monthly publication, developed news sources and pushed a strong subscription campaign. 1964: Under Grand Master Brucker, *Knight Templar* achieved a full official status, subscriptions were increased to 35,000, and the feasibility of every-member distribution was studied, presented to Grand Encampment, and adopted. In the present administration we have constructed an every-member roster with addresses and completed plans for printing and mailing, as well as developing sources and editorial style and policy.



Without question, our monthly communication to and between all Knights Templar by means of the magazine will be invigorating to the Knight Templar Order. Our purpose at the same time is to make *Knight Templar Magazine* useful to the individual Knight Templar — to inform him, to display the great dimensions of his Order and its current social relevance, to provide a broad exchange of ideas. Yes, to provide a total Masonic chronicle of events and the latest possible information on a broad basis.

We will look forward each month to presenting our "page 2" messages. Grand Recorder Rodenhauer and his staff will assemble, rewrite and present the maximum amount of interesting news, information and inspiration. We hope in each issue to suggest something for the development of local programs, and to bring to every member a higher appreciation of his Order and the privilege of being a Knight Templar.

But, in the final analysis, much of the future success of *Knight Templar Magazine* will depend upon the support of a great number of Templars as individuals. Will you, please — (1) Read *Knight Templar Magazine*. We know you are often too busy — put it by your favorite chair until you have a few minutes. (2) Keep Templary in your mind from day to day, and send any thoughts you may have, anything you may write or do, anything you read, that you think will be interesting to all Knights Templar, to Editor Rodenhauer.

May you feel some of the thrill and some of the appreciation of your Grand Master, as we take together this great step toward the advancement of our Christian and fraternal purposes!



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The Cover:

The breathtaking spacecraft view of the earth is from a NASA picture provided by Colonel Hugh Edward May, Brevard Commandery No. 24, Cocoa, Florida. Colonel May, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery of Florida, compiled the background for this month's feature on Masonic Astronauts.



From the MAIL BIN

Vacaville, California

Vacaville Commandery No. 38 has about 35 Knight Templar uniforms in good usable condition which we would like to donate to some Commandery that might have use for them. All they would have to pay is the shipping charges.

CHARLES E. MOOMEY, Commander
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Alma, Michigan

We enclose a picture of the presentation of the life memberships in the Eye Foundation, presented at the Michigan Masonic Home in Alma, Michigan.

These certificates were awarded by the Florida Round Table Knights to residents of the Michigan Masonic Home.



Pictured presenting the certificates is Grand Commander of Michigan, Stanley Raidle. He is accompanied by Sinclair Hoefling, E. Commander, Ithaca Commandery No. 40, on the left, and Christ Goutis, Chairman of the Eye Foundation, Ithaca Commandery No. 40, on the right.

Residents receiving the awards are: left to right, first row, Arthur Yeagley, John Crawford, Raymond Wetzel and William Duguid. Standing, Alonzo Allen, William Thompson, MacDonald Kennedy, Robert Swiss, Clarence Harvey and Floyd Burch. Not pictured were William Ohne and James Coote.

SINCLAIR HOEFLING
Resident Counselor
Michigan Masonic Home

Chicago, Illinois

The Past Presidents' Club meets the first Thursday September to June, Chicago, Illinois. Our membership is 53 members and one honorary. Most of our members are past 65 years old. Only five are under 65 years.

In November of 1968 we gave a check to the Knights Templar Home at Paxton for \$150. Then for Christmas each man and woman received a pair of knitted woolen slippers, 28 pairs in all. Due to the flu epidemic which took in my husband and I they were not delivered until February 5th with several kinds of Fannie May candies. In April a check of \$50 was given for a locked wheel chair and \$53 per capita, a total of \$253.

We hope to continue helping as much as we can.

MRS. HARRY CROCKER
President

Billings, Montana

Great oaks from little acorns ---- is

not just an idle expression. Reference is made to the Philisophical Society of Billings, a group of only thirteen members. After viewing a TV program sponsored by Aldemar Commandery No. 5 setting forth the aims, purposes, etc., of the Eye Foundation, the President of the society, Mrs. Dorothy Hankins and their Secretary, Bernice O' Meara called on the local Eye Foundation Committee and presented a check of \$80, a contribution to the Foundation; this being fifty per cent of their receipts allocated for charity. An associate patron certificate has been presented to the Society and is hanging proudly in their assembly room.

The society is not active during the summer months, however, when their activities resume in the fall, we are assured of further support for the Eye Foundation.

Our sincere thanks to these good people.

LEONARD D. HIESTAND
Recorder

Atlanta, Georgia

One of our fine Brethren in Masonry is Rankin Smith, owner of the Atlanta Falcon Professional Football Team.

Each year this good Brother gives to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and the Scottish Rite CrippledChildren's Hospital of Georgia, 20,000 seats to an exhibition football game (this year the Atlanta Falcon - Washington Redskin) and the proceeds of these tickets will be shared equally between these two wonderful charities. Date of game: August 23

20,000 seats, at \$6.00 a seat, represents \$120,000 and our Eye Foundation stands to receive \$60,000 (one-half of the amount) if we can sell all the tickets.

Those of you who would like to help this wonderful cause may purchase a ticket, or two, by making your check payable to the Atlanta Falcons, and

mailing it to me: Edward J. Scheiwe, 1776 Peachtree Street, Suite 535, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. The price of each ticket is \$6.00.

I know that a Knight Templar in Racine, Wisconsin or Seattle, Washington or Ann Arbor, Michigan or Dallas, Texas will not be able to attend this game, but I will see to it personally that a worthy child, or possibly a deserving disabled Vietnam veteran will see the game as your guest.

Help us make this game a financial success for our Eye Foundation.

EDWARD J. SCHEIWE
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 4
Atlanta

San Lorenzo, California

Cleveland, Illinois used to be a thriving community on the Rock River not far from Carbon Cliff. I have visited the place many times in the early 1920's. My mother's uncle (John Moyer) ran a little country store there and operated the ferry across the river.

In the early days before the turn of the century it was a mining town and the railroad had a spur there. The coal mine played out and the railroad took up the spur. In the 1920's all there was left was about 6 houses, the country store, a church and the park.

I have in my possession a Masonic Apron that bears the name of B. L. Shuey, Cleveland, Ill. That was in my mother's possessions and undoubtedly cam from my grandfather's possessions. I believe that the Blue Lodge was at Cologna, Ill. Should you or anyone else be interested in it I will gladly send it to them.

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FREEMASONS IN THE SPACE AGE

A little more than 10 years ago the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas, chose seven astronauts for the Gemini Program to provide scientists and engineers with information required to land "a man on the moon."

This goal is becoming a reality. Apollo 11 is scheduled for a lunar landing the week of July 20, at which time, two Americans, 20th Century Homo sapiens, will set foot on the moon.

The space program, which has cost 24 billion dollars, has reached its pinnacle, and even the cost conscious taxpayers are holding their breaths for this centuries old dream to come true.

The astronauts, who have grown to number 55, are the men we associate with as being responsible for these feats, requiring skill, courage and endurance. Eight of these men (one deceased) are highlighted in this month's *Knight Templar Magazine* in connection with their Masonic affiliations. Among these men are participants in Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Shrine. We present them here with pride and respect for their deep commitments to American ideals and Christian beliefs.

The first astronaut to be honored with a state-wide York Rite class was Gordon L. Cooper, Jr., January 18, 1963, when 167 candidates were knighted in Brevard Commandery No. 24, Cocoa,



Gordon L. Cooper, Jr.

Florida.

Sir Knight Cooper was one of the original seven astronauts and has been awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, Air Force Commander Astronaut Wings, the Scottish Rite 33rd Degree and has received several York Rite recognitions.

Many Americans know him for establishing a new space endurance record and becoming the first man to make a second orbital flight, winning for the United States the lead in space manhours, accumulating a total of 225 hours and 15 minutes.



Virgil E. Grissom

Sir Knight Cooper is a member of Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado, a dual member of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1270 in Clear Lake, Texas, a member of Indian River Chapter No. 27, R.A.M., Hiram Council No. 13, R.N.S.M., Orlando Valley Scottish Rite and Arabia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Houston, Texas, and Chapter No. 366, National Sojourners, Patrick AFB, Florida.

He is the recipient of Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay and a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Doudnation, Inc.

Sir Knight Cooper carried tow flags with him on the MA-9 flight, a 22 orbit mission which he piloted. One flag was presented to his home lodge and the other was exhibited during the New York World's Fair.

A second Templar class in honor of the late astronaut Virgil E. Grissom, was held in Orlando, Florida, October 12, 1963, wherein 351 candidates were knighted. Sir Knight Grissom lost his life

during a simulated countdown at Cape Canaveral, January 27, 1967. A memorial class which knighted 401 candidates was held in Orlando, October 14, 1967.

Grissom was also one of the original seven astronauts and commanded a three-orbit mission March 23, 1965.

He was a member of Mitchell Lodge No. 228, Mitchell, Indiana, and Indian River Chapter A.A.R.O.N. Council, Brevard Commandery in Cocoa, Orlando Valley Scottish Rite, Arabia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Houston, Texas, and Cape Canaveral Chapter No. 366, National Sojourners, Patrick AFB, Florida.

Sir Knight Grissom was also a life sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.



Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.

Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., a member of Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Houston, Texas, is presently scheduled to be one of the first two astronauts to step foot on the moon in July, as part of the Apollo space team.

Sir Knight Aldrin was awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal and is and Elder and Trustee of the Webster Presbyterian Church



Donn F. Eisle

in Texas. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Selected an astronaut in October 1963, Donn F. Eisle is a member of

Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Columbus, Ohio. He has petitioned and been accepted by Brevard Commandery No. 24, Cocoa, but has not yet presented himself for the degree. Eisle is a member of Chapter No. 366, National Sojourners, Patrick AFB.

Our fifth astronaut, Walter M. Schirra, Jr., was made a Master Mason at sight by the Most Worshipful John T. Rause, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of Florida in Jacksonville, November 4, 1967. This was the third occasion of such an event in the history of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Schirra has received two NASA Distinguished Service Medals and an NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

He occupied the command pilot seat on the history-making Gemini 6 flight, which made a rendezvous with the already orbiting Gemini 7 spacecraft. This was the first rendezvous of two manned maneuverable spacecraft, establishing another first for the United States.



Walter M. Schirra, Jr.

Schirra is a member of Canaveral Lodge No. 339, F. & A.M., Cocoa, Orlando Valley Scottish Rite, A.A.S.R., Governor General's College, York Rite, Sovereign College of North America, and has been honored by York Rite bodies nationally.

He is the recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay and an Honorary member of Arabian Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Ft. Myers, member of Cape Canaveral Chapter No. 366, National Sojourners, Patrick AFB.

Brother Schirra has petitioned and been accepted by the Florida York Rite

Bodies but has not yet presented himself for the degree.

He carried several Masonic items with him on his Apollo 7 flight. Among them were two 12 x 15 inch flags — one he presented to the Scottish Rite Museum, Washington, D.C., in October.

Thomas P. Stafford, who was Commander of the Apollo 10 team which orbited in May to prepare for the forthcoming moon flight, is affiliated with Western Star Lodge No. 138, Weatherford, Oklahoma.



Thomas P. Stafford

Stafford also participated in the Gemini 6 mission which rendezvoused with the orbiting Gemini 7 crew.

The two remaining astronauts with Masonic affiliations are Edgar D. Mitchell, a member of Artesia Lodge No. 28, Artesia, New Mexico and Paul J. Weitz, a member of Laurence Lodge No. 708, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mitchell and Weitz were two of the 19 astronauts selected by NASA in April 1966. They are currently involved in training for future manned space flights.

Templary, as well as Masonry, can be proud to have members of these teams among its membership.

C.M.M.

Special credit is given to Brevard Commandery No. 24, Cocoa, Florida, through the services of Lt.-Col. Hugh E. May, for the background material and pictures used in this feature on Masonic astronauts. Due to the busy schedules of the astronauts, we especially appreciate Sir Knight May's efforts and cooperation with the "Knight Templar Magazine."

E. Creighton Wilcoxon

December 1, 1899 - May 9, 1969

Sir Knight E. Creighton Wilcoxon, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, passed away suddenly May 9 in his home in Lexington, Kentucky. Sir Knight Wilcoxon had been Chairman of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee of his Grand Commandery since 1958, and was appointed by the late Grand Master Wilber Brucker to be Secretary of the Eye Foundation for Grand Encampment.



This genial and beloved Sir Knight was a true Kentucky gentleman, being the great-grandson of John Wilcoxon, who was married to Sarah, sister of Daniel Boone. He had lived in Lexington all his life, attending school there, and owned his own plumbing and heating business. In that capacity he became very familiar with many of the famous horse farms of the Blugrass, planning water supply systems of Kentucky limestone water.

Sir Knight Wilcoxon was a member of all the York Rite Bodies in Lexington, Indra Consistory, A.A.S.R., Covington, and Oleika Shrine Temple in Lexington.

Under Wilcoxon's leadership, Kentucky held an outstanding record in the Eye Foundation, both in Life Sponsors, and in services received from the Foundation for Kentucky. His untimely death is a blow to all of us, from the Grand Encampment on down. A devoted, hardworking Knight Templar has gone.

Morrison L. Cooke

Sir Knight Kenneth N. Johnson, Grand Commander of Kentucky, has appointed Sir Knight Grover W. Church, Jr., Cold Springs, Kentucky, Chairman of the Kentucky Eye Foundation.

“IF THE TRUMPET GIVE AN UNCERTAIN SOUND, WHO SHALL PREPARE HIMSELF FOR THE BATTLE?”

Decisive leadership is one of the two or three most important characteristics of a fraternity or any just cause or meritorious movement.

Knights Templar of the U.S.A. have that brand of leadership.

Consider just one phase of our Order's activity — Communications.

If any one man can be credited with decisive development of Communications in Templary, that man is the 42nd Knight Templar to serve as Grand Master.

This issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* goes to every one of nearly 400,000 members because John L. Crofts, Sr., carefully, thoroughly, persistently, scientifically studied the need and the medium, then proved to the satisfaction of the majority that this Order, to progress and make itself felt as an entity, had to have the cohesive information that only every-member distribution of a Templar “house organ” could bring.

He was not a follower, but a leader in this action. There were objections and apathy to overcome — the inertia which comes from dormancy, the quibbling and foot-dragging which are characteristic of any change, particularly one which causes work and detail.

In cooperation with the late Paul Miller Moore, P.G.M., he authored much of the policy expressions in the Grand Encampment doctrine, “Set of the Sails.” With the late Wilber M. Brucker, P.G.M., he worked long and painstakingly on the course-of action guidelines of “Charting the Course.”

With the consistent attention to detail, coupled with a far-seeing approach to Templar communication, he labored through the years to help make the publication more informative, more helpful, more available. When Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, then Grand Master, broadened the format and changed the title from *Grand Encampment Review* to *Knight Templar Magazine* in 1955, Sir Knight Crofts was a leading supporter and later worked to make the transition from a 16-page quarterly publication to a 32-page monthly magazine. With this issue he sees it become, for the first time, a 100% membership project.

Lines of communication in the past reached the active leaders, those devotedly engaged in official duties and responsibilities. Too often the information of Templary, the Grand Encampment, the Educational Foundation, the Eye Foundation — and other facets of the Order — penetrated no further.

We hope the *Knight Templar Magazine* will measure up to the expectation of readers, that it will meet the informational needs of our members, and, especially, that it will prove worthy of the vision and effort of the Grand Master and those who labored with him to make it possible for Stage One — the launching of every-member distribution of an official Knight Templar publication.

PROFILE

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, is known throughout the world as the Creator and Director of the greatest law enforcement agency ever assembled, but little is known of his personal and Masonic background. It is a privilege to set forth just a few facts about this great American of our time.

Sir Knight J. Edgar Hoover was born January 1, 1895, in the city of Washington, D.C. He was educated in the public schools of that city and received Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws Degrees from the George Washington University. He has since received 19 honorary degrees from colleges and universities throughout this country. He entered the Department of Justice in 1917, served as Special Assistant to the Attorney General 1920-21 and as Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation 1921 to 1924. On May 10, 1924, he became Director of the F.B.I. at the age of 29, and has continued to serve this country in that capacity ever since. During his 52 years of government service, Sir Knight Hoover has served under 10 Presidents and 19 Attorney Generals.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Federal Lodge No. 1, District of Columbia, November 9, 1920 and became a Charter Member of Justice Lodge No. 46 upon its organization December 15, 1926. He was exalted in Lafayette Chapter No. 5, District of Columbia, April 1921 and the Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Washington Commandery No. 1, District of Columbia, in July 1921.

Sir Knight Hoover was made a Scottish Rite Mason on December 6, 1954 and was elevated to Honorary 33rd Degree by the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, in Washington, D.C., October 21, 1955. He was elected a member of the "Honorary Legion of Honor," Order of DeMolay, in August 1945 and an Active Member for Life, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, March 9, 1950. He became a Noble of Almas Shrine Temple in Washington, D.C., March 1, 1922.

In addition to the numerous honorary college degrees he has received, Sir Knight Hoover has been honored by receiving the highest awards of most of the leading Criminal Detection and Investigational Associations in this country and abroad. Among other honors he has been given Presidential Citations, Senate Citations, awards from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Veterans Associations and from numerous Greek Letter Fraternities.

Among his many Masonic Honors is the Grand Lodge of New York Achievement Award, the General Grand Chapter Gold Medal and the Scottish Rite, S.J., Grand Cross.

Sir Knight Hoover has authored three books, "Persons in Hiding," 1938; "Masters of Deceit," 1958 and "A Study of Communism," 1962. In addition to articles contributed to the "Knight Templar" in the past he has written numerous feature articles in Law Reviews, Police Journals and other magazines and papers.

John Edgar Hoover is a bachelor, a practicing Presbyterian, a man of integrity, outstanding character and great ability. He has a warm personality, tremendous energy and is devoted to his country and his fellow citizens.

John B. Cottrell, Jr., Chairman,
Patriotic and Civic Activities Committee



“ . . . THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND. . . ”

by

*John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice*

Seven years short of two centuries ago, on a July day in 1776, a deep-toned bell began to peal. To many listeners, the insistent reverberations echoing through the hot streets of Philadelphia must have sounded like the repetition of a single word — “Liberty! Liberty! Liberty!”

That pealing of the bell marked the issuance of a superb statement — a Declaration encompassing both the ideal of American liberty and a unique concept of the origin and purpose of human government. It ushered in, at the same time, a bitter war and almost two centuries of what history may one day term the Age of Revolution.

The bell itself, ordered for the State House at Philadelphia in 1751, bore a prophetic legend:

“Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”

The Americans who sounded the Liberty Bell in 1776, knowing their stand would precipitate a bitter struggle, had no doubt as to the source of true freedom. They were a God-fearing, Bible-reading people. The wellsprings of their strength were spiritual and idealistic. Had they not read “Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty”? Did not those who had escaped the varied tyrannies of the Old World know only too well that where there is license there is no liberty? Indeed, scores of tyrants had taught them the truth of Milton’s statement that “None can love freedom, but license.”

“ . . . not freedom, but license.”

The two are incompatible, but the line which divides liberty from license is



gossamer thin. That line is intangible, yet it is clearly discernible to good men who, loving freedom, willingly accept and discharge the heavy responsibilities which enable self-government to survive. These sentinels who safeguard liberty, however, cannot for long bear the crushing weight occasioned by an abdication of responsibility on the part of increasing numbers of citizens. Nor can the bulwarks of liberty endlessly withstand the assaults resulting from opening gates to a flood tide of unrestrained behavior. Readers of *Knight Templar Magazine* know that such behavior can only be categorized under the heading of “License.”

Liberty — or license?

Our Nation was not built on shifting sands. From the beginning it has stood on a foundation of spiritual values up-

held firmly by men and women who cared intensely, who labored tirelessly, and who served devotedly. In the initial paragraphs of the great document marking our independence, the Founding Fathers acknowledged the ultimate Source of authority in their reference to the fact that men "... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ..."

Not only did those early Americans acknowledge their debt to a Being greater than themselves; they were wise enough to acknowledge their dependence as well. John Witherspoon — clergyman, college president, signer of the Declaration of Independence, coiner of the term "Americanism," and practitioner of the art of common sense — summed it up neatly:

"It is only fear of God
that can deliver us
from the fear of man."

When man forgets God and ignores the inexorable laws by which He rules the Universe, the door is opened to license. Chaos and anarchy follow, and, treading close in the wake of these vultures, tyranny — soulless and vicious — crunches its way across the graveyard of liberty.

What kind of world will we leave the children of this generation? What, by our acts, are we teaching them to treasure? Are we, in fact, instilling in our youth a love of beauty, order and obedience to law? Or have we treasured our great gift of liberty so lightly that thousands upon thousands of youthful Americans are receiving their magnificent inheritance without knowledge of its worth?

Have we, as a people, placed too great a stress on the material and so transmitted to many young Americans a wholly false image of what freedom really means? Have we tried to ascertain why so many young people today confuse license with liberty? Have we truly sought to acquaint our youth with the fact that simply by being born Ameri-

can, all of us bear responsibility for a spiritual contract drawn up by the Founding Fathers nearly two centuries ago? Have we tried to help them understand that that contract means Americans continuously share the obligation of proving to the entire world man is, indeed, capable of self-rule?

When President Lincoln addressed his Second Annual Message to Congress, he saw the preservation of the Union as something holding meaning for the whole world, not just the American people. Understanding the meaning of that spiritual contract, he phrased the thought in unforgettable words:

"We shall nobly save or meanly lose
the last best hope of earth."

This year, when church bells, throughout all the land, proclaim again the anniversary of our independence, let us renew our dedication to preserving an inheritance which Thomas Jefferson termed "... what is most valuable to man, his right of self-government."

Let us rededicate ourselves to the cause of liberty. Let us speak loudly, clearly and forthrightly in behalf of liberty. But never, under any circumstances, let us lend support to those who, whether from ulterior motives or in the mistaken belief that they are exercising their "liberties," indulge in license.

Freedom is not without limits. And the soundest way for free men to insure the continued enjoyment of freedom is to make certain that all citizens recognize the boundaries which separate liberty from license — and honor them.

The Great Smokies Assembly of Cryptic Masonry will meet July 13-15 in Waynesville, North Carolina.

The 38th Biennial Meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada will be held August 21-23, in Atlanta, Georgia. Headquarters will be the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta.

DENVER 1970

Contrary to the belief of some, the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment is for everyone. The Conclave committee is working hard making arrangements for everyone - for those who are members of the Grand Encampment who will be housed in the Headquarters Hotel to those who will be housed in other Hotels, Motels and those who will want to park their campers.

All Sir Knights, their Ladies and children are urged to witness the drill team competition on Saturday and to attend the Western extravaganza in the Stadium on Saturday night. The members of the drill team have spent long hours perfecting themselves and they are worthy of your attendance and support.

For some it will be the first opportunity to participate in a parade in which all Sir Knights are urged to don their uniforms, and be a part of this Great Christian Pageant which will march to an inspirational Religious Service in the new multi-million dollar Convention Center.

All Sir Knights are welcome to attend all sessions and to listen to the review of the past Triennium by the Most Eminent Grand Master and to hear his recommendations for the future. This in itself will be well worth the trip for we have indeed been fortunate to have had the dedicated leadership of Sir Knight Crofts. You will have the opportunity to rub shoulders with the members of Grand Encampment, representatives from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, The Great Priory of England and Wales, The Great Priory of Helvetia, The Great Priory of Ireland, The Great Priory of Scotland and the Titular Heads of the National Bodies of the United States.

We will be looking for you in Denver.

*G. Wilbur Bell
Deputy Grand Master*

Each Grand Commandery now has the opportunity to have its own Grand Commandery Supplement on pages 28 and 29 of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. If your Grand Commandery has provided its two-page "Supplement," you will find it — appropriately headed — on pages 28 and 29 of this issue. Other Templar material is utilized on those two pages if your Grand Commandery has not furnished its own jurisdictional news or information for the purpose.

Subordinate Commandery members (those holding memberships in Commanderies in West Germany, Tokyo, Honolulu, Alaska, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Delaware) will receive general jurisdictional material on pages 28 and 29.

GRAND MASTER SALUTES

GRAND OFFICERS

For the interest of all Knights Templar of the U.S.A., we present in this first every-member issue your Grand Encampment officers, the official staff at the national level.

Each is a most distinguished Templar by prior service, but more importantly each deserves the respect and appreciation of every Knight Templar for his present dedicated Leadership. None is merely a casual official — all are dedicated to our service — to the fraternal prosperity and organizational welfare of 385,000 Knights Templar in 1,600 Commanderies.

As does perhaps each Grand Master, I feel that my Staff is the best ever assembled. With intimate knowledge of the abilities and zealous devotion of each, I present them proudly to all Knights Templar with my personal commendation and appreciation.



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Oregon DeMolay

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon, released their special May 19 Conclave to Eugene and McKenzie River Chapters, Order of DeMolay, to confer the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees upon a class of five candidates from Eugene, McKenzie River and Cottage Grove Chapters, reports Sir Knight Max Cogill, Correspondent.

McKenzie River Chapter, under the leadership of Master Counselor Terry McFerrin, opened and conferred the Initiatory Degree; Eugene Chapter took over under their Master Counselor, Merritt Adams, to confer the DeMolay Degree, flower talk and closing ceremony. The Dad Advisors of all three Chapters were present, Sir Knight Ronald E. Brown, McKenzie River; Brother Richard Roblyer, Eugene, and Sir Knight Oscar Wilson, Cottage Grove.

Sir Knight Donald L. Caton, Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery, presented to Eugene Chapter and McKenzie River Chapter a check to purchase a sword for their Chapters and a special gift to the Dad Advisors of Eugene and McKenzie River Chapters.

New Keystone State Officer

Howard T. Scull, Jr. — Navy veteran of World War II, Personnel Safety and Fire Protection specialist in the chemical industry, Boy Scout and sports club leader, active Presbyterian, Kiwanian and VFW member — is the newly elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.



Easter Service in Memphis



The joint Easter Sunrise Service of Memphis Commandery No. 4, St. Elmo Commandery No. 15 and Park Avenue Commander No. 31, was held at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. More than 1,500 worshippers filled the sanctuary. B. Tate Dawkins, Jr., Grand Commander, led the colorful procession and George H. Davis, Grand Warder, was in charge of the lines. The Memphis Al Chymia Shrine Temple and the Order of DeMolays participated.

A First for Fayetteville

One hundred fifty persons were present, forty-five of them candidates, for the first one-day York Rite Festival in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Saturday, May 17.

Registration started at 7:30 a.m. Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., all Chapter degrees were conferred. After a forty-five minute lunch break, the Council degrees were conferred. At 3:30, the Commandery conferred the Orders of Red Cross and Malta. After dinner, the Order of the Temple was conferred, guests were introduced and the Commandery was closed at 9:30.

Clarence W. Guptill, St. John's No.

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10, New Bern, lists the distinguished York Rite leaders present: R. Tyler Freeman, G.H.P.; W. C. Hammond, Jr., G.P.S., D.D.G.H.P.; Lucas L. Lee, G.M. Second Veil; C. Wallace Jackson, P.G.H.P., P.G.C., R.E. Department Commander; W. Reid Howe, P.G.H.P.; James H. Horne, Grand Conductor, Council; Thomas G. Slate and James E. McDavid, P.G.I.M.; J. Ray Rex, G.C., Grand Commandery; Warren H. Coolidge, G.J.W.; Nelson B. Banks, G.S.B., Sudan Temple Recorder; Clifton C. Duell, Dist. Commander; William Lee Ramsey, P.G.C.; W. R. Higgins, Potentate, Sudan Temple; with David C. Smith, Marshal and Outer Guard John P. Gore.

General Chairmen were James H. Horne, Morton T. Fleishman and Edward B. Wells — High Priest, Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander respectively.

BROTHERS-IN-FACT



Florida's Grand Commander in 1958-59, Arthur S. Stewart, left, installs Florida's Grand Commander for 1969-70, John W. Stewart, Jr., at Tampa, Florida. The two are brothers. Grand Recorder Thomas N. Morrison, P.G.C., P.D.C., writes that he knows of father and son installations, but doesn't recall a brother installing a brother before. "Damasus Commandery No. 2, their home Commandery, is equally proud of them... because of the character and humility with which each served in every station of York Rite."

Kansas Lodge and York Rite Has Banquet

Washington Lodge No. 5, together with the York Rite Bodies of Atchison, sponsored a banquet for members and their ladies, May 16, not only for the social pleasure, but also for the presentation of emblems to those members who had 25 or more years membership.

Washington Lodge presented a 50-year emblem to John E. Herod. The emblem was persented by Robert D. Caplinger, Grand Junior Warden. W. Edward Hall, D.D.G.M., presented 25-year emblems to 16 members. There are 20 others who will receive emblems by mail.

Washington Commandery No. 2 presented twenty-one 25-year emblems. Twenty-three other members who could not attend will receive emblems by mail. Dee Duttweiler, Grand Warden, presented the emblems.

Washington Chapter No. 1 presented 50-year emblems to Howard Hudson and Harry Itschner. Harry Crosswhite, G.C.G. and Past Grand High Priest, doing the honors.

The following Grand Officers were present: V. Fishel, Grand Marshall of the M.E. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Kansas; Henry Scheidegger, D.D.G.H.P.; W. Cushman, M.I. Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters, Kansas. Tom J. Dunning, Secretary, Washington Lodge No. 5, served as Master of Ceremonies.

This is the second time that this event has been held jointly by Washington Lodge No. 5 and the York Rite Bodies in Atchison. The banquet was provided by the Social Order of the Beauceant.

JOINT FESTIVAL HELD IN NORTH CAROLINA



York Rite Bodies of Greenville and Washington, North Carolina, held a joint festival on two succeeding Saturdays, reports A. Oden Latham, Correspondent. Degrees of the Chapter and Council were conferred in the Masonic Temple at Greenville, May 3. Calvery Commandery No. 25, Washington, conferred the Orders

of the Commandery on 15 candidates at the Masonic Temple in Washington, May 10.

Grand Officers participating in the work included: W. Hoke Smith, Grand Master of the Third Veil; John A. Conway, District Master of the First Cryptic District; Edward D. Austin, District Cryptic Lecturer of Greenville; Nelson B. Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and Grand Sword Bearer of New Bern; Blake C. Lewis, Grand Captain of the Host; A. Oden Latham, Grand Captain General; Joseph Frederick Keyes, Assistant Grand Instructor-Inspector and District Commander of the First Chivalric District. The Rev. A. Oden Latham, Jr., minister of the First Christian Church at Greenville, was the active candidate in the Order of Malta which was conferred by his father.

Calvery Commandery of Washington knighted five candidates May 13.

Checks Presented to Eye Foundation and Scottish Rite Hospital



Checks in the amount of \$500 were presented to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Scottish Rite Hospital by the Columbus-Ft. Benning Shrine Club at a recent meeting.

Noble Ward, (left) President of the Shrine Club, presents checks to A. John Fulton, S.G.F.G. in Georgia, and J. Willard Register, G.J.W. of Georgia.

MAYOR TATE AT CONCLAVE



The Honorable James H. J. Tate, Mayor of Philadelphia, pauses during his May 27 visit to the 116th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to be photographed with, left, Ashby B. Paul, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; Frank L. Bourke, R.E. Department Commander; right, G. Calvin Dyson, retiring Grand Commander; and John W. Laird, Pennsylvania's Grand Recorder, who officially presented the Mayor.

La Institucion De La Comandancia Tijuana, B.D., Caballeros Templarios



Three descriptive communications from three different participants attest to the success and impressiveness of the formal institution of Tijuana Commandery, B. D., Tijuana, Lower California, Mexico, Saturday, May 31, with H. B. Willard, P.G.C., Iowa, member of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, officially representing Grand Master Crofts for the presentation of the dispensation and installation of the officers.

C. Byron Lear, R.E. Past Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment, joined Installing Officer Willard as Installing Grand Prelate; John B. Nye, California Grand Commander, was Grand Marshal; Howard V. Conner, California's Director of Ritual, Installing Grand Recorder. Among other California Templar visitors was Correspondent James Raymond, who compiled the proceedings both in Spanish and English.

Sir Knight Willard's report reflects the "enthusiasm and purpose" of the 22 founding members, with the reminder that they need equipment and Templar assistance. "Several have offered to help," he writes, "led by Sir Knights Nye, Connor and Raymond."

William Webber, P.C., the new Commander, reports all officers were in full Templar uniform and that there were 40 visiting Sir Knights. In his program remarks he noted that two R.A.M. Chapters and one R. & S.M. Council are presently in the region, and with the establishment of Tijuana Commandery, "the entire York Rite system will be completed and will serve to further the cause of Christian Knighthood in this great country."

In addition to Sir Knight Webber, Tijuana officers include: Joaquin Aquilar Robles, G.; Alejandro Orozco Gastellum, C.G.; Andres Torres Campos, T.; Fernando Gonzalez Olivares, R.

To all Tijuana Caballeros Templarios
— Atentos Saludos Fraternalnes.

Webb Commandery No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky, announces their sesqui-centennial celebration to be held January 3, 1970 with a banquet in the Phoenix Hotel. Approximately 450 to 550 Sir Knights are expected to celebrate the anniversary of the second oldest Commandery in the Western Country. Sir John Snow first established the Commandery on January 1, 1820. Present Commander of the 800 member Commandery is Sir Knight Norman R. Hart.

MAGAZINE AVAILABILITY - INDIVIDUAL AND BULK

Two types of inquiries have been received at the Grand Encampment office regarding the availability of additional copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine* and have resulted in provisions for (1) the handling of individual subscriptions from those who are not Knights Templar, and (2) bulk shipments in quantities of 50 copies or more to Commanderies, officers or members who wish to re-distribute to widows, organizations, libraries, out-of-state members and others.

Knights Templar now receive the *Knight Templar Magazine* by virtue of their membership. A plan has been adopted to permit *other individuals* to order the magazine on the following subscription basis:

ONE YEAR - \$1.25

FIVE YEARS - \$5.00

Interested individuals may relay their orders and checks to KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE, Suite 1733, 14 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604. Checks to be made payable to the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.

Bulk Quantities

In response to requests, particularly from Recorders, regarding quantity purchases (for prospective candidates, institutions, etc.), bulk order arrangements have been made as follows:

1. Minimum bulk order, 50 in any one month
2. Maximum, no limit — with advance notification
3. Cost, five cents per copy

It is necessary that all orders for copies in quantity be made before the first of the month preceding the issue month of the magazine. Example: A Commandery or member wishing to receive 50 or more copies of the November issue must have the order and check in the Grand Encampment office, Chicago, before October 1 to permit time for printing and mailing arrangements.

Reminders, bulk orders:

- Can be accepted at five cents per copy rate only in quantities of 50 or more of any month's issue
- Quantities from one thru 49 are "individual" orders at \$1.25 per year each or \$5.00 each for five years
- Bulk orders can be executed only if received before first of month preceding the issue month
- Each bulk quantity ordered will be mailed in one package to one address only



Executive Director
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Rhinebeck, New York

Dear Sir:

I have waited until Marjorie's eyes healed to get a clear picture for comparison, so you could really appreciate the improvement this surgery made in her appearance.

I could never fully express my eternal gratitude to all members of your organization, as this was an emotional situation, as well as a physical one. So many times she had cried, having been teased by schoolmates calling her "cross-eyed."

Now, she is a well adjusted and very happy little girl.

Again — my thanks, and hers, for your kindness!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ruby Colleen Lay
(mother)

Oc-co-nox-ee Council No. 55, R. & S.M., at Defiance, Ohio, which was chartered October 16, 1869, has set Saturday evening, October 18, for its Centennial Celebration.

Templars or Members

WYLIE B. WENDT

P.C., K.T.C.H., Kentucky



As a general rule, Orders of Chivalry are emanations of royalty. Our Order of Knights Templar is a Chivalric Order, but it does not have a royal founder.

The period of the Crusades extended from 1096 to 1272, and during the early years of the Crusades, three Orders of Knighthood were founded and have left their records on the pages of history. In the order of their establishment, these Orders were (1) Knights Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, later known as the Knights of Malta, organized 1048 as a Hospitaler Order, and became military in 1119; (2) Knights of the Temple of Solomon or Knights Templar, organized 1118 as a Military and Religious Order; and (3) Teutonic Knights of St. Mary of Jerusalem, later known as the Teutonic Knights, organized 1190. The founders of these three Orders were all of noble birth and were knights at the time of the formation of the Orders.

There may have been other Orders of Knighthood in recorded history formed by the voluntary association of members, but these three are the only ones that come to mind at the present writing. All other recognized chivalric Orders were founded by kings or emperors or persons of royalty, such as the Knights of the Round Table by King Arthur; Knights of the Golden Fleece by Philip, Duke of Burgundy, in Flanders; Knights of the Garter by King Edward III of England; Knights of St. Andrew, or the Thistle, by Robert Bruce of Scotland; Order of the Bath by Henry IV of England; Legion of Honor by Napoleon of France; and the Order of Dannebrog by Waldemar II, of Denmark; to name but a few.

In addition to the Knights Templar

and Knights of Malta, both of which were formed voluntarily by Knights, Freemasonry has the following legitimate Orders of Knighthood, small selective groups, which by tradition have backgrounds of royal founding: (1) Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, founded by Emperor Constantine the Great; (2) Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, founded by Empress Helena, the mother of Constantine; and (3) the Royal Order of Scotland, founded by Robert Bruce of Scotland.

All five of the above named Orders of Chivalry connected with Freemasonry are organized entities, having national organizations, national officers, and are in no sense merely degree conferring groups, but exist as Orders of Knighthood with traditional and historical backgrounds.

Orders of Chivalry or Knighthood, with their respective statutes and insignia and decorations, seem to have been the result of the desire among men-of-arms to recognize and reward outstanding service. These Orders originated largely between the age of Charlemagne and that of the Crusades. In recent years they have lost much of their martial character and have served principally as instruments through which governments and organizations could honor men who have distinguished themselves in some field of activity.

The Order of Knights Templar is such an Order of Chivalry, the last step of progression through the York Rite of Freemasonry, and while the Order is interested in a substantial growth, it

should be concerned more in securing Templars than in obtaining members.

In the opinion of the writer, a Commandery of one hundred active and interested Templars is a more valuable adjunct to the Order than a Commandery of five hundred members that merely exists, drifting along without a program, with no vision of the purpose of Templary, and believing that a Commandery is formed solely for the purpose of securing members with no program or activity for these members once they have been obtained.

In speaking of the priesthood of Christ, Hebrews 5:6 states "Thou art a priest forever after the Order of Melchisedec". Christ was made a priest forever.

When a Knight of Malta is dubbed and created a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, he is created a Knight forever. He is not just joining a Commandery, he is not just taking another step or grade in Freemasonry, he is being dubbed and created a Knight forever, with all this statement implies. He is not just joining a fraternity or society, he is becoming a member of an Order for life. He is now a Knight of the Temple. He may demit, but he is still a Templar, although unaffiliated.

As stated earlier in this article, all Orders of Knighthood have insignia and decorations. The Order of Knights Templar has been a uniformed Order ever since it became active in this country in the days of the American Revolution. It has always had its distinctive insignia which sets it apart from all other branches of Freemasonry. It is the only historical Order connected with the two popular rites. Surely, Freemasonry is worthy to have a uniformed Order of Chivalry affiliated with it.

The uniform is essential to the successful prosecution of a program of a Commander. A Sir Knight without a uniform cannot function in all the activ-

ities of his Commandery, if that Commandery has a program that follows the Templar pattern. No Commandery will ever become inactive if it maintains a uniformed unit.

Templary is the handmaiden of the Church. Our Order is the only branch of the two popular rites of Freemasonry predicated upon the Christian Religion. The cross of Christ appears upon our banners, our uniforms, our swords, our belts. The cross is the outstanding insignia of our regalia. Surely a real Knight Templar has a desire to wear the insignia of our Order and wants to be seen and counted as a Soldier of the Cross.

Let us begin to want to wear the uniform at Knight Templar functions. Let us become interested in creating Templars, rather than just members, even as necessary and desirable as members are. And then let us devote some time to developing a program for old members, instead of concentrating on new members.

Local Recorders Are Source For Address Changes

Distribution of past issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, including the June issue, was handled by the printer, Mitchell-Fleming, Greenfield, Indiana, through the medium of addressograph plates containing the names and addresses of subscribers. Only exceptions were small trial runs for the May and June issues to test new labeling and printing procedure.

With the current issue all addressing is handled in the Grand Encampment office in Chicago and is based on roster information received from the Constituent, Subordinate and Grand Recorders. Corrections, additions and deletions in the membership lists originate with the local Recorders.

STATUS AND PROSPECTS FOR UNITY DISCUSSED AT MILWAUKEE MEETING

Eleven of the thirteen members of the International York Rite Council met at Milwaukee, May 8-9, before the opening of the 97th Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, to discuss continuing prospects for a common program on the subject of York Rite unification.

Participating in all or part of the group's sessions were: John L. Crofts, Sr., Chairman; Calvin A. Behle, Edward M. Selby, Charles K. A. McGaughey, C. Ellwood Smyrk, Vernon W. Mokler, Hoyt McClendon, G. Wilbur Bell, Roy W. Riegle, Willard M. Avery and Paul C. Rodenhauer. Absent were Sprague H. Carter, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, who was on a Maine visitation, and Bruce H. Hunt, Grand Recorder, General Grand Council, whose office was being moved to a new setting (same mailing address) on the dates of the meeting.

The Council, composed of the dais officers of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Grand Encampment -- with the Grand Recorders of the three Grand Bodies as associates -- met Friday afternoon and Friday morning, adjourning at noon to permit attendance at the United Grand Imperial Council's Annual Assembly.

Consensus after some six hours of discussion is that members remain convinced of the need for ultimate York Rite Unity, with some more positive of the need than others. Among the actions: Adoption of coinciding regional boundaries for Departments and Sections among the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Grand Encampment to make jointly-planned area conferences and meetings possible; the formation of a committee (Sir Knights Bell, Behle and Mokler) to submit recommendations and proposed guidelines for combined business meetings of York Rite Bodies at the state and local level.

Chairman Crofts states that follow-up discussion and recommendations will be considered when the International York Rite Council meets Thursday, October 2, immediately following the closing session of the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Portland, Oregon.

THE CALL TO SERVICE

Let me relate an experience of mine.

In a manner so valiant and sublime,
A signal honor was conferred upon me,
Knighthood in the Order of Templary.

Now I'm arrayed in Templar black,
With stripped belt around the back,
Chapeau and crest, with plume of white,
Armed with the sword so shining bright.

Wearing the Chapeau with honor and pride,
Its symbol of purity never denies;
Uncovering in moments of devotion and prayer,
Kneeling before God with head bowed there.

Carrying the sword with a steady hand,
Obeying the order of one in command;
Always remembering that every true Knight
Draws it only in defense of the right.

This is Templary around the world,
Marching for Christ with banner unfurled,
Noted for deeds of kindness and love,
Following the example of our Commander
above

And so should all knights with ready ear
Hear the command of our Saviour clear:
"Be true! be vigilant!, no matter the loss,
There is no crown, without the cross!"

The Rev. Ernest G. Rice
Superintendent,
West Virginia Masonic Home
E.C.. Calvary Commandery No. 3
Parkersburg, West Virginia

To the Memory of a Christian Warrior — A Year Later

In 1968 a great Mason died in Nevada. Because of his determination and courage, this brief review of his life by Sir Knight Clarence K. Jones is featured for the inspiration and example it offers Masons everywhere.

Walter Christian Sorensen was born in Los Angeles, California, May 14, 1913, the son of Christian N. and Meta H. (nee Jensen) Sorensen. He graduated from Franklin High School, Los Angeles, in 1932; following graduation he worked as a purchasing agent in the building trade. In 1937 he married Lyndell Keen of Los Angeles.

Wally came to Las Vegas in 1938 and later petitioned Vegas Lodge No. 32; was initiated September 19, passed October 26 and raised November 9, 1945. He served his Lodge as Master in 1954; High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 6, R.A.M., in 1955; Illustrious Master of Hiram Council No. 5, R. & S.M., in 1960, and at the organization of Zabud Council No. 10, he served as its first Illustrious Master in 1963-64, and at the time of his death in 1968 was Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council, R. & S.M., Nevada. He was Commander of Malta Commandery No. 3 in 1958, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nevada in 1967.

Having served as the presiding officer of the four prerequisite Masonic bodies, Sir Knight Sorensen was crowned a Knight of the York Cross of Honour in 1961, and was Eminent Prior of Nevada Priory No. 50, K.Y.C.H., in 1966. He was a member of the Order of High Priesthood and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel.

This eminent Mason became a member of Kerak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., on November 3, 1962. He became identified with the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry April 27, 1968. Other fraternal honors included Past President, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

As a youth in Los Angeles, Wally

earned the title of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and shortly after his arrival in Las Vegas, he materially assisted in the reactivation of scouting in this area; he also served as Scout Master in 1940. His great interest in civic affairs over a period of many years culminated in a term as President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas.

Wally Sorensen immortalized his name locally and statewide by the superb excellence of his delivery of any assignment from Entered Apprentice through the Order of the Temple and the York Cross of Honour. He was an inspiration and a pattern for the junior officers of all Degrees and Orders.

The last two years of his life were indeed a trial of his courage and constancy. For more than a year before his death, he knew that his was a terminal case. In September 1967, he told this correspondent that his one and only prayer was to be permitted to live through June 13, 1968, when he would complete his term as Right Eminent Grand Commander. Those who travelled with him on his visits throughout the West as Grand Commander were well aware of the severe trial he was enduring. Nerve, determination and a firm reliance upon Divine Providence enabled him to complete his term as Right Eminent Grand Commander.

It is the destiny of a few to lead and many to follow. Walter Christian Sorensen was truly a leader, and has earned an enviable place as a great exponent of Freemasonry in Nevada and the West. He passed to his eternal rest June 23, 1968, just twelve days after his earnest request had been granted.

Clarence K. Jones
Nevada

"HE NOW CAN MARVEL AT COLOR OF RAINBOW"

Two and one-half-year-old Clark Morton can marvel at rainbows from a prism, watch in wonder at a bird in flight and gaze at a gaping gold fish just like any other curious little boy because his grandad made one telephone call.

That call was to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a philanthropic project of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar. Its purpose is to give aid to those who have eye ailments for which treatment is priced beyond the scope of the average family income.

Clark had the same problem his father — Kenneth Morton of Ft. Collins — had, retina blastoma. When Kenneth was a baby, there was no known cure, and Kenneth grew up blind.

It looked as though it would be the same story for Clark until a friend of the family mentioned the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to H. K. Morton, Clark's grandfather.

"I had known about the foundation — I'm a Knight Templar myself — but I hadn't thought about asking for help," Morton reminisced. "But I called one morning and within one hour everything had been set up for an eye operation in New York.

"They only asked me two questions — how much my son made and could I pay the plane fare to New York. They took care of the rest. We've never

gotten a bill and we'll never know how much it cost.

"I'd seen things like this happen to other people but I never figured it would happen to us. You can't imagine what a wonderful feeling it is to know my grandson's sight is saved.

"He has one good eye and 90 percent chance of full recovery for the other one."

Carl Baesemann, chairman of the Denver project, says the same kind of help is available to anyone medical science can help if he could afford the treatment.

"We help the people who are trying to help themselves. We don't enter welfare cases — we handle cases who are outside of welfare

but still can't afford major medical bills.

"We've had cases ranging from crossed eyes to detached retinas to cornea transplants and our patients have ranged from three-day-olds to 87 years old."

In the 14 years the foundation has been operating, 38 Coloradans have received treatment. Local facilities and local eye doctors are used whenever possible.

Foundation funds come from yearly assessments on members of the Knights Templar, bequests and contributions from friends.

One of the effective promotions for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation given by a newspaper was the "He Now Can Marvel at Color of Rainbow" story provided by News Writer Pat Hanna in the "Rocky Mountain News" of Denver, Colorado. The story, partially condensed, is reprinted on this page.

Annual Conclaves of Grand Commanderies Convening in August

Jurisdiction	Location	Date	Representative
Tennessee	Nashville	August 7	Sir Knight Bell
Illinois	Bloomington	August 29-31	Sir Knight Crump

The Knight Line

Schuyler C. Blackburn, P.G.C., P.D.C., longtime personification of Grand Recorder efficiency in the Grand Commandery of Maryland, has passed the key to the Grand Recorder's office in Baltimore to the newly-elected Grand Recorder, Edward J. Warwick, P.G.C. Sir Knight Schuyler, an avid fan of Monument City sports, will now have more time to attend the games of the Colts and the Orioles, but those who know him predict no letdown in his Templar participation. His new title is Grand Recorder Emeritus.

Another change in Grand Recorders occurred during the April Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California. Chester H. Newall, whose name is almost synonymous with Templary and Masonry in this large West Coast jurisdiction, stepped down from his post of Grand Recorder and is currently extending transitional aid and succor to his elected replacement, the highly qualified new Grand Recorder, William C. Leeson.

Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Louis L. Williams, Deputy for Illinois, will be honored guest and speaker at the 98th Convocation of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation July 11 "for the transaction of business concerning the welfare" of A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry in the District of Pennsylvania in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Williamsport. Sir Knight Richard A. Kern, Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Deputy for Pennsylvania, will preside. Dr. Kern was a distinguished guest during the May 25-28 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Ruskin M. Phelps, Pueblo, Colorado, in his Colorado York Rite Bulletin for the capitular Information Committee, says a good place to start or end a

vacation is the Ranch of Companion Buster Brown at Glenwood Springs, the August 14-16 scene of this year's York Rite Festival. Chapter degrees on Thursday, Council on Friday, Orders of the Commandery Saturday. Lunches and dinners for the three days will be under the "Big Top," with "special entertainment in the evenings."

J. Winston Coleman, Jr., Webb Commandery No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky, received his LL.D. June 15 at Transylvania College. It's nice to have another Doctor in the Templar house.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Ireland, Colonel Basil Alexander Talbot McFarland, Baronet, C.B.E., E.R.D., H.M.L., is a familiar and welcome visitor to the Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment. On his last visit, he was asked about some of the abbreviations which follow his name. As this month's special bit of little-known information (on this side of the Atlantic), we pass his translation along. C.B.E. stands for Commander British Empire; E.R.D. means Emergency Reserve Decoration; H.M.L. is the abbreviation for Her Majesty's Lieutenant.

The 108th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee at Nashville, August 1 and 2, will feature Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell as the banquet speaker. Sir Knight Bell will be the official Grand Encampment representative of Grand Master Crofts.

An unusual exhibition of Templar items was on display in a window of the Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, during the 116th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Frank W. Bobb, Public Relations

Committee Chairman says the display focused on the Holy Bible, "the Great Light of Freemasonry, with the crossed swords marking Templars as defenders of the Faith." Display included old Conclave badges, jewels, souvenir plates and other rare Templar and Masonic memorabilia. Sir Knight Charles S. Baker, Assistant Curator-Librarian, Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, assembled the collection.

Some 2,000 years ago Cicero listed his "Six Mistakes of Man": 1. - The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others. 2. - The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected. 3. - Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it. 4. - Refusing to set aside trivial preferences. 5. - Neglecting development and refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study. 6. - Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

C. Kritt
Reporter

To Knights Templar:

I am writing in reference to the Christopher Elder case. You recently approved a grant for his eye surgery. He is now home and doing quite well.

Being Chris' father, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I feel your Foundation is one of the finest and kindest in the world. I have been aware of the Masons for a long while, as I have several relatives that are members. In the past, I have thought many times I would like to belong, but never did anything about it. This past week I approached a member for an application.

You have my permission to use any part of this letter for publicity purposes.

In closing I would once again like to thank you for all your help and kindness.

Martin H. Elder
Susan M. Elder



E. Creighton Wilcoxon
Kentucky
Grand Commander - 1962
Born December 1, 1899
Died May 9, 1969

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

George F. Giddings
Maine
Grand Commander - 1928
Born August 8, 1874
Died June 11, 1969

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



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"Turn the Corner"

As I write this message for the July issue of the *Knight Templar* I have been your Grand Commander for only three days. I was much impressed by the spirit and enthusiasm shown by the Sir Knights who attended the 116th Annual Conclave in Philadelphia last May. I am confident that we will translate this spirit into action and that we will "Turn the Corner" in this Templar Year.

I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Grand Commander, and for the warm expressions of good will which Betty and I have received. I especially want to thank Past Grand Commander S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., his magnificent installation team of Sir Knights Jule Ayres, Larry R. Miller, Walter B. Pearce and Russell Haycock, and Sir Knight Clark E. Bair and Mrs. Earl Zimmerman for a job well done. I also want to thank the Fifteenth Division Escort who performed commendably, and all the Sir Knights and their ladies who attended the installation.

In June the Membership, Patriotic and Civic Activities, Religious, and Publicity Committees will hold a workshop at which each Committee will develop a forward-looking program for the Templar Year. In the weeks to come these Committees will inform you of your share in their programs.

July and August will not be considered a vacation for the Sir Knights of Pennsylvania. Implemented by the plans of our Committees, we are going to accomplish our program which was revealed in Phila-



delphia. WE NEED YOUR FULL SUPPORT. WE ARE GOING TO CREATE A NEW IMAGE OF TEMPLARISM. As a result, the non-Mason will want to become a Mason and eventually join our ranks. Because of our program, Masons who today are not members of our Order will want to join our Commanderies when they are approached to do so.

YOU ARE ALL MEMBERS OF MY TEAM. WE WILL WORK TOGETHER. I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU. WE WILL WIN OUR OBJECTIVES AND "TURN THE CORNER."

LET'S MAKE THIS A BANNER YEAR FOR TEMPLARISM IN PENNSYLVANIA. I KNOW YOU WILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND GIVE US YOUR BEST.

Charles R. Eurich
Grand Commander

116TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 116th Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery opened Sunday evening, May 25, with a church service at the Chambers-Wylie Memorial United Presbyterian Church. Escorted by the Fairmount Park Mounted Troops and the Police and Fireman's Band, the Templars in full uniform paraded from the Municipal Services Building to the Church.

Sir Knight and Rev. Jule Ayers, Eminent Grand Prelate, preached a sermon, "Rise up, O Men of God." Following the church service a fellowship hour was held in the church hall.

An unusual exhibition of Pennsylvania Templar items was on display in a window of the Philadelphia National Bank Building, Broad and Chestnut Streets. The display was focused on the Holy Bible, the Great Light in Freemasonry, with the crossed swords marking Templars as defenders of the Faith. On the lighter side, were old Conclave badges, Templar jewels, and souvenir plates of various Commanderies.

Monday, May 26, was full of Templar activities. Outstanding was the exemplification of the DeMolay degree in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, by the Chester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, the Number One Chapter in the world. That evening, the Grand Commander's Banquet was held in the Ball Room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. The guest speaker was Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauer, R.E. Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Rodenhauer's subject was "Change" and how people are so set against it regardless if it be good or bad. He gave all in attendance much food for thought.

Following the dinner, Sir Knight G. Calvin Dyson, R.E. Grand Commander,

was presented a handsome Philadelphia Bowl by Sir Knight Howard T. Scull, Jr., Division Commander of Division No. 1, on behalf of the Division. The Philadelphia Bowl, made by Wedgewood in England, depicts scenes of Philadelphia history, including in its center the Pine-Savage painting of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. The bowl was mounted on a teakwood stand bearing the presentation plaque.

The 116th Annual Conclave was convened on Tuesday, May 27 and following a full day of business everyone enjoyed the Grand Tourni and Ball in the evening. Wednesday was another busy day when the officers of the Grand Commandery were advanced, and to the line was elected Sir Knight Howard T. Scull, Jr., Eminent Grand Junior Warden.

Sir Knight Charles R. Eurich, R.E. Grand Commander, bid us Godspeed and the Templars disbanded until Harrisburg, May 24-27, 1970.

ANNIVERSARIES

It is indeed a landmark of distinction to celebrate Centennial Years in Templary. This honor is shared this Templar Year by three Pennsylvania Commanderies: Cyrene Commandery, No. 34 (Columbia); Allegheny Commandery, No. 35 (Pittsburgh); Mary Commandery, No. 36 (Philadelphia). To celebrate 150 years of Templary is a rare accomplishment indeed. On Saturday evening, June 7, Philadelphia, St. John's, Corinthian Commandery, No. 4, celebrated this great occasion with a banquet in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The high point of the evening was the presentation by the R.E. Grand Commander, Charles R. Eurich, of 50-year citations to 24 Sir Knights of the Commandery.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Sidney E. Friar	
Grand Generalissimo of New York	August 1
James Joyce	
Grand Recorder of Minnesota	August 3
John B. Cottrell	
Chairman, Patriotic and Civic Activities	August 7
Warren Ensign	
Grand Commander of Montana	August 7
Cornelius K. McAvoy	
Grand Captain General of Florida	August 7
Charles L. Harrison	
Grand Commander of Virginia	August 8
Stanley E. Conrad	
Grand Captain General of Connecticut	August 10
James D. Lewis	
Grand Captain General of Mississippi	August 12
George L. Tracy	
Grand Generalissimo of Washington	August 14
Clifford J. Turner	
Deputy Grand Commander of Alabama	August 15
Ray E. Allen	
Grand Recorder of Oregon	August 21
Charles R. Stott	
Grand Recorder of Colorado	August 23
August S. Johnson	
Grand Generalissimo of Oklahoma	August 25
Paul C. Rodenhauer	
Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment	August 26
Robert H. Bowlby	
Grand Recorder of West Virginia	August 27
James M. Lawrence	
Grand Commander of South Dakota	August 28
Charles H. Cheney	
Grand Recorder of New Hampshire	August 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.)

The 9th Annual Assembly of the Wisconsin York Rite College at the Kenwood Masonic Temple, Milwaukee, May 17, featured an exemplification of the Knight of York for four invited members. Elections of officers followed. Gordon W. McDonald, P.G.H.P., Fond du Lac, was elected Governor; Gerald E. Muir, Kenosha, Deputy Governor; William L. Kastman, Kenosha, Chancellor; Alfred E. Buerosse, Fond du Lac, Treasurer; Harold D. Williams, Kenosha, Secretary.

MARLIN W. JOHNSON BECOMES KNIGHT TEMPLAR



Marlin W. Johnson, second from right, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, a member of the May class at Evanston Commandery No. 58, is pictured with Sir Knight Edward Brown, 33rd Degree, Commander-in-Chief, Oriental Consistory, member of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, left; Alvin L. Crump, R.E. Department Commander Grand Encampment; and Stuart W. Stone, Illinois Grand Commander.

Evanston Commandery, says Sir Knight Crump, a Past Commander, has knighted the most candidates of all Commanderies in the state for the past 14 years except one, when Elwood Commandery No. 6 took the honors.

WHEN SUMMER COMES, CAN VACATIONS BE FAR BEHIND?

The annual tribute to a stenographer, as typed by the perennial one-fingured typist in the executive's chair:

My steno has gone on a holifay
My steho has gohn on a spree
Mxsteno hap gone oh hyr haliduy
A bring bacq my steno to me.

Bling bac& 1K sring back
Oh Bynk brck my steno to mi, tu me,
Btung bicq oscling' ack
Ah Blunch B!! myt1/2psy to m1/4.

"O God, we pray that Thy spirit may take hold of us at times when we least expect it, and give us the power we need, not to do spectacular things, but to do the next thing, to help the person next to us, to say the word that should be said, and to go on and on in the strength of that power, to serve that other king. Amen."

*Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D.
R. E. Grand Prelate*

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"WE CAN CIRCLE THE MOON . . ."

Have you looked at your country lately? What kind of country do we have? Have you thought of its future? Are you really interested? . . .

We can circle the moon and send back revealing photographs of the world . . . but we still cannot penetrate the jungle cover of Vietnam and tell what is hidden underneath, or solve the conflict which frustrates us there . . . We haven't conquered disease, and we haven't eliminated poverty even for those who are willing to work to escape poverty . . .

We, as good Americans and as Masons, can contribute to a secure and progressive tomorrow. We will have great tasks before us and they are tasks which will test our strength, and our character; sometimes our very souls. But what a wonderful opportunity will be ours in the process . . . Tomorrow can still be bright with promise . . .

It is time to start thinking of the opportunities which are ours to render a greater service to our own country. It is time to encourage the great overwhelming majority of the people who believe in America to speak up for it.

. . . These are the things which Masons have been taught to believe and practice. I am proud that I am a Mason for I see in Masonry a Temple to a great principle to which all free men should be devoted.

Excerpts from an address to the Grand Lodge,
F. & A.M., Florida, by Congressman and Sir Knight
Robert L. F. Sikes, 33rd Degree, member of the
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