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OUR MOTIVATING PURPOSES

*(Third of a general information series
by the Grand Master)*

The continuing dynamic of a valid and relevant social purpose is essential to long-term success of a fraternal order. Templary is clearly and simply so endowed -- as were our medieval antecedents -- our purposes being a vigorous defense of (support of) the Christian religion and a Christian concern for human needs.

Grand Master Brucker said it so well in "Charting the Course (1965)": "Templary is Christian to the core -- and we must never allow this fact to escape us for one instant. Our very reason for existence as an organization depends upon our observance of this central fact... Our pledge of warfare against the deceptions of the world is not allegorical but is very real, and for our lifetime! Let it be Proclaimed that this warfare is not defensive, but aggressive. The righteous and benevolent influence of Templars and of our Commanderies is needed everywhere. Our influence in the form of our programs and projects is limited only by the devotion and resources of our members."



The abrupt transition in the York Rite from a series of teaching degrees to induction into ancient Christian Orders for positive social purpose -- as it occurs between the Orders of Red Cross and Malta -- must be clear to all Knights Templar. We demand Christian character and profession as a prerequisite, rather than undertaking to teach it. We invest each new member with the proud title of Knight Templar, after he has made personally a series of strong and deep Christian Declarations.

It follows then that a program of religious activities is essential to Commandery success, as the profession of our Knights demands such expression. Recommendations made from the national level in "Charting the Course" (not intended to be exclusive or limiting) suggested (1) Promote by every means, for the individual Templar, an earnest devotion to the program and work of his own church, (2) Celebrate Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day, our three primary festal days, (3) Bring a religious emphasis to every Conclave, perhaps by a brief but dynamic presentation based on a selected Scripture reading, (4) Appear in public as Knights Templar in churches, in parades, at funerals, at Masonic or community affairs -- to identify ourselves and bear Christian witness, (5) Assist in Christian burial or conduct memorial services for our own members, (6) Be close to our ministers and their programs, (7) Join with other highly motivated organizations in appropriate programs.

Each Commandery has able and imaginative members who will be challenged especially to plan and conduct special programs which will interest, involve and activate the maximum number of Knights. Let's use their talents to make our splendid motivating purposes clear to our members and to the public.



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The Cover:

Against the background of a map which outlines the jurisdictions of the Grand Commanderies is the Passion Cross surmounted by rays of light, the jewel of office for a Grand Commander. The rays from the cross represent humility, love and benevolence—emanations which should "ever characterize the members of this Christian Order."



From the MAIL BIN

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Thank you very much for the wonderful little *Knight Templar Magazine*. I am a Massachusetts Mason, Blue Hyde Park Lodge, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.; Norfolk R.A. Chapter; Council, R.S.M.; Cyprus Commandery No. 39 Hyde Park; Aleppo Temple A.A.O.M.S. Boston.

I was born in Greece 1883. Remember as a boy, 16 years old, my father took me to Athens (1899) and at that time saw a parade of Knights Templar. I was so impressed that wished someday will be one. I came to U.S.A. in 1905, twenty-two years old. Made a Mason in 1926, Chapter in 1927, Council in 1927, Commandery 1927, Shrine 1928, Guard for Second Division 16 years.

ARTHUR L. MOREN

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Needless to say, I was pleased and thrilled to see the picture of our Malta team on page 19 of your September issue.

It was my pleasure to have been a member of this team for several years before moving to Colorado and I can

assure all Sir Knights that their work is as fine as their appearance in the Malta uniforms.

Congratulations on a fine publication. You may be sure that I always read it with interest.

BURKETT A. DAVIS
Bethel Commandery No. 36
Elgin, Illinois

Rockport, Massachusetts

It is a pleasure to receive the *Knight Templar* publication for July and August issues.

I was made a Knight Templar in Joliet Illinois Commandery No. 4, September 15, 1921. I am still a member of the Joliet Commandery and it would be a pleasure to hear from some of my old Templar buddies.

HOWARD P. GLEISSUER
P. O. Box 314

Towson, Maryland

I don't know why my husband has never received your magazine before last

month, but we are certainly glad that he received these last two copies.

In the one before this, August 1969, you had an article about the Denver Conclave of 1892. My husband has a steer's horn with the words "Denver Conclave" and a Knight Templar on a horse carved into it. A lady gave it to him when he admired it while working in her house. He has always liked it, but your article made it seem more important.

Now this month (Sept. '69) you have an article about the Dudley Masonic watches. He has one of these in his possession also! It was given to him to keep for our son by the family of our son's godfather. He had been a Mason and was proud of his watch, which is beautifully engraved on the back of the case, with his initials in the center. After his death, they wanted us to have it.

I just wanted to tell you how much we have enjoyed your magazine. I hope my husband continues to get it. Maybe we'll have something unusual from another copy! Thank you.

MARGARET W. TODD

Tiffin, Ohio

I would like to request a change of address. I could cut the mailing label off my last *Knight Templar* but that would be mutilation of a very good magazine.

JESSE R. GRIFFIN

Lemoyne, Pennsylvania

I just finished reading from cover to cover the September *Knight Templar*

Magazine and must offer my congratulations to you and your staff, for the outstanding job you are doing in providing such an interesting and informative publication to Knights Templar everywhere.

My only wish, which I feel sure is equally yours, is that every Sir Knight would read his copy and feel the pride in being a member of this Christian Order.

CHARLES S. BOWMAN

Orange Park, Florida

A word of thanks and appreciation for the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I am a resident here at Moose Haven for five years and am pleased with the issues. I enjoy reading them. Brings me back to the days of being a member of Marion, Ohio, Commandery No. 36 Drill Team.

I always enjoyed taking part in the York Rite Conventions in our own state and outside. I was Keeper of the Treasury in Red Cross, Keeper of the Black Banner of Malta, and a member of Triangle in dubbing Sir Knights. I was active in Commandery until my health went bad so I was sent to Moose Haven.

I am the only Knight Templar living here to my knowledge. There may be others. I would like to meet them.

JOHN REAMSNYDER
Moose Haven

Camdenton, Missouri

All hail to thee "*Knight Templar*"! One more publication without sex, pornography, incest, rape, dope, and depravity. What a shining jewel in the midst of literary muck!

If ever there was a time for a New

(Mailbin - from page 5)

Crusade it is now; a revived chivalry would segregate the sloth and dregs of humanity, and unite the worthy in efforts to zero-in the targets of old: the perpetuation of honesty, integrity, and dignity.

Surely mankind must not be dragged down to the depths of infamy as long as there are orders of honor, able to resist.

Thanks for the *Knight Templar*. Please don't let me miss an issue.

GILBERT H. HILL

Past Commander

Coronal Commandery No. 36

Denver, Colorado

Chicago, Illinois

I wish to thank you for your generous gesture in using our article on the Nursing shortage in the recent issue of your magazine, *Knight Templar*.

It is a realistic need that could affect all of (us) in the future.

Current information about the field is important to stimulate recruitment and the wide exposure in your magazine is excellent.

MARGARET G. SCULLY

Rapid City, South Dakota

I'm very grateful to have received copies of *Knight Templar* and have my name included and placed on your list. Your articles are commendable and worthwhile.

Thanks again.

JOHN E. MARRISH

Oakville, Ontario, Canada

It is an excellent magazine and my only real contact with Commandery.

DAVID E. MALCOM

Ft. Pierce, Florida

Many nice things happen to me but I can't recall when I was more pleased than when the recent issues of *Knight Templar* reached me. My what an inspiration and I have read the two issues from cover to cover with a great deal of interest. It served as a booster shot for the Commandery.

Already I have taken steps to play a more active part in its wonderful work. Really I think those who have been responsible have done an outstanding job and are to be complimented and congratulated. I am looking forward to the next issue.

Thanks very much.

L. M. BURCH

Denver, Colorado

I just read my September *Knight Templar Magazine* which I really enjoy.

Thank you for publishing such a fine magazine. I am grateful to you and I do wish for the success in the future of this fine magazine as it means so much to me.

FRANKLIN O. KNUDSEN

Ascalon Commandery No. 31

Denver, Colorado

Denver, Colorado

I do enjoy receiving the *Knight Templar*. It communicates to me as a Life Member of Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 in an important way that I like.

As I now live way out here in Denver your interesting publication keeps me informed as never before. Of the many articles I have read and enjoyed I wish to mention the one by Brother J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. and I was glad to

(see page 26)

HIGH HOPES AND PLANS -- AND A YEAR WITH WINGED FEET

A well-known leader in both York and Scottish Rite Masonry is Louis L. Williams, P.C., DeMolay Commandery No. 24, Bloomington, Illinois, and 33rd Degree, Deputy for Illinois, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

He served as the General Chairman for the 113th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois in 1969 and, as Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Commander's Address, spoke on a theme that applies to Grand Commanders and to all Masonic presiding officers. A portion of his address follows.



As each Grand Commander comes to the end of his year of service, (and this is applicable to every presiding officer, from Worshipful Master onward), he looks back over the past with mixed emotions. Even when he has done his best, and all strive mightily to do their best, he recognizes his own limitations, and wishes his energies and his accomplishments might be multiplied a hundred fold. His report must contain, and always does contain, three important elements.

The first element is composed of pride and humility. He is grateful for the honor of serving in the highest office that State Templary can bestow on him, and is proud that he was chosen. And he is humble enough to know that were it not for the help of those who preceded him and trained him for the office, and the help of those who loyally served under him, his reign would have been greatly lessened in its effectiveness. No man can carry such a load alone, and no one is better in position to realize this than the grand presiding officer.

Second, he comes to this office with high hopes and plans, and suddenly realizes that the year has passed by on winged feet, and his goals are not fully

realized. Then he knows how short a year can be to human hopes and human dreams. But his year is over, the baton must be passed on to a successor, and just when he is getting well-experienced in office, the opportunity is gone. Every presiding officer will confirm the fact that the time is too short in which to realize his ambitions for the Order. But as the French say, "C'est la vie," or "that's life."

But the two emotions or elements we have described with which each Grand Commander looks back on his term, namely his pride and humility in serving and his recognition that the time is far too short, are human elements. The third realization that comes to each brother allowed to serve in high office is a different and more exalted feeling, which most of us can scarcely put into words. It is a feeling of the awesome grandeur of this great institution which we have the honor to serve -- Masonry. What is the genius, the inner core, the consuming spirit of Masonry that would cause countless thousands of men to enlist under its banner and render it a lifetime of service?

It has no secrets that are not shared by

ADDITIONAL K.T.C.H. AWARDS SINCE OCTOBER 1

To complete the salute appearing in the October issue of the Knight Templar Magazine to Sir Knights receiving Templary's most coveted award for exemplary contributions to the Order, herewith are the names of the recipients of the 1969 Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award from the Grand Commanderies of Ohio, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and of Arizona:

Grand Commandery	Commandery	Recipient
Ohio	Marietta No. 50	George Azel Edwards
Ohio	Steubenville No. 11	Miles E. Ryder
Mass., Rhode Island	DeMolay No. 7	Chester George Parsons
Arizona	Arizona No. 1	Wayne Lee Kirk

. . . High Hopes and Plans

millions and yet it is that very inner secret that eludes so many. It returns no compensation measurable in tangible terms, and yet its rewards are limitless. It offers no salvation from sin or evil, yet its inspiration has caused many men to devote a lifetime of dedicated service to its cause. The essence of Masonry, distilled into words, is so simple one can scarcely recognize its vast import. It is service to God by service to one's fellow man. It is the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. This concept is truly so great it defies the imagination.

To this concept Knight Templary adds a third dimension. The service which every Mason owes to God is glorified by service in the name of His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. How dare any Sir Knight do less than to devote his whole life to such service?

In the last few verses of his Epistle to the Galatians, written while Paul was organizing the Church in Rome, Paul said, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). Isaac Watts, about the year 1740, shortly after the Grand Lodge was formed in London, wrote an immortal hymn on those lines, which we may well ponder over and over; ---

"When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride."

And these last lines, which are the ultimate challenge to all Sir Knights- - -

"Were the whole realm of nature
mine, That were an offering far too
small; Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Spotlight on Grand Commanders

GRAND COMMANDERY LEADERSHIP 1969-70

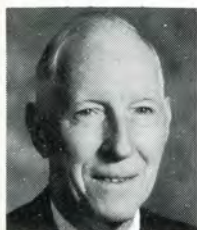
Serving as Grand Commander of a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar is more than making visitations, sitting at the headtable, offering appropriately-worded responses, signing dispensations, maintaining a watchful eye over uniforms and ritualistic work. A Templar, to become the elected head of his Grand Commandery, has a deep insight, an understanding of the past of the Order but, of even more importance, also an intelligent awareness of its future. He has executive ability, not dedicated devotion alone. He is more than a protector of the Order's landmarks; he is a leader.

As Grand Commander he is in a position to question and contribute, to involve those who will follow him in office and draw upon their programming strength and assistance. He is one of 48 similarly elevated Knights Templar in the Grand Encampment who, by station and talent, can help immeasurably to influence the progress of the Christian branch of Freemasonry for countless years.

Of such qualities and abilities are the Grand Commanders whom the *Knight*

Templar Magazine salutes in this Thanksgiving month of November. Each has a rich background of Masonic preparation. Each has the desire and determination to advance the status of Templary in both his own jurisdiction and in the Grand Encampment. Each, with the aid and cooperation of his constituents, is working diligently to inform, to direct, to execute his duties of leadership for the lasting benefit of the Order.

SIR KNIGHTS, BEHOLD YOUR GRAND COMMANDERS!



Charles L. Jones
ALABAMA



John C. Walton
ARIZONA



John D. Buzbee
ARKANSAS



John B. Nye
CALIFORNIA



Harry W. Pride
COLORADO



W. C. Van DeWater
CONNECTICUT



John W. Stewart, Jr.
FLORIDA



Thomas J. Jones
-GEORGIA



Floyd A. Perks
IDAHO



J. W. Wheeler, Jr.
ILLINOIS



K. Edwin Applegate
INDIANA



Guymon Wilsey
IOWA



L. E. McConnell
KANSAS



Donald E. Freer
KENTUCKY



Leonard C. Martin
LOUISIANA



Charles L. Hamm
MAINE



James Primus
MARYLAND



Benjamin W. Wise
MICHIGAN



Fred W. Hartwig
MINNESOTA



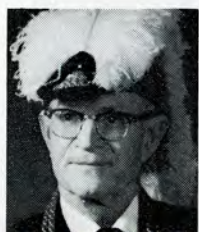
P. S. Thomas, Jr.
MISSISSIPPI



Harlan C. Boehm
MISSOURI



William W. Ensign
MONTANA



Lester R. Kister
NEBRASKA



Roy C. Mills
NEVADA



Clement E. Smith
NEW HAMPSHIRE



C. W. Vreeland
NEW JERSEY



Harlan C. Morris
NEW MEXICO



Ralph J. Ely
NEW YORK



J. Ray Rex
NORTH CAROLINA



Thomas P. Rankin
OHIO



Clyde S. Heckrodt
OKLAHOMA



John W. Givens
OREGON



Charles R. Eurich
PENNSYLVANIA



W. K. Prestidge, Jr.
PHILIPPINES



James H. Mathis
SOUTH CAROLINA



M. Dale Anderson
SOUTH DAKOTA



Hilton H. Usher
TENNESSEE



Lawrence DeHay
TEXAS



Calvin A. Behle
UTAH



Brooks E. Booth
VERMONT



Charles L. Harrison
VIRGINIA



Arnold L. Johnson
WASHINGTON



A. Lynn Keyser
WEST VIRGINIA



Charles R. Buller
WISCONSIN



Carl S. Gilbert
WYOMING



Henry L. Wright
DIST. OF COLUMBIA

In absence of prints, Grand Commanders not shown are: Jack R. Baker, Mass.-R. I.; and Harley R. Kingsbury, N. D.

BEAUCEANT 49th ANNUAL SUPREME ASSEMBLY

The following condensed report of the 49th Annual Supreme Assembly was provided by Mrs. Homer B. Miller, California, Past Supreme Worthy President.

The 49th Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant convened in Denver September 25. Social events including luncheons, breakfasts, tours and the official Annual Banquet preceded the official opening.

The influx of visitors and delegates began on the Saturday before the official opening with people from every corner of our country, and continued until the official opening on Thursday.

This year the S.O.O.B. was highly honored to have as the chief Banquet speaker on Wednesday evening the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr. His greeting was warm and enthusiastic and he urged the ladies and Sir Knights to return to Denver again next year for the Grand Encampment triennial. He was encouraged in his address by the presence of ninety seven past Commanders, six Past Grand Commanders, and two present Grand Commanders of various jurisdictions, and a total of two hundred twenty five Sir Knights who registered during the convention.

Sir Knight Crofts was permitted to see the first part of the official opening of the Supreme Assembly on Thursday morning, and expressed himself as impressed with the beauty and dignity of the officers in their opening march. He again declared his satisfaction with the cooperation of the S.O.O.B., especially in their work and contributions to the

Knights Templar Eye Foundation. During the past year these offerings amounted to \$24,820.05, the largest amount for a single year so far.

Mrs. John L. Johnson of Idaho Falls Assembly No. 138 was installed as Supreme Worthy President at the final session Friday evening. She represents the north west and presented a large group of members from her own Assembly and others of Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Idaho and Utah, who were present to do honor to one from their section of the country.

In the October issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* Wylie B. Wendt's article entitled "Ramsay's Oration" detailed the claims for the continuing development of Templar Masonry. The sixth claimant as it appears in the article on page twenty-one should be the seventh in the sequence with the sixth having been omitted. "The sixth claimant is the Swedish Rite which is known to have Templar elements." Whether this error was one of omission or commission the Editor is not sure, but the information is presented herewith in order to set the record straight for those interested in Templar History.

COLORADO
IN 70



THE CHALLENGE OF TEMPLARY

by the Reverend and Sir Knight Leighton E. Harrell P.C.

The following is a summary of an address given in Washington Commandery No. 1, D.C., by Sir Knight Leighton E. Harrell, P.C., Recorder, St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, on the occasion of "Maryland Night in Washington Commandery.



In speaking on this subject I would like to ask three questions. I shall not undertake to answer them for you, for, in reality, each of you must answer these questions for yourself. I shall only ask the questions, make comments, and leave the answer to you.

The first question is: HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Tucked away in a corner of a newspaper recently I read what purported to be an interview between a reporter and one of the leaders of rioting then taking place in that city. The reporter asked how the rioters knew whom to follow for there were so many saying such different things. The rioter answered in effect: "That is easy. We follow those who have paid their dues." He then went on, "You people get worked up over a lot of people, but not us. We only ask before we listen, 'Has he paid his dues?' Now you take Cassius Clay—he has paid his dues. He put himself and his boxing title on the line for what he believed in. When he speaks, we listen to him. He has paid his dues. There are others who have talked big,

but, when the chips are down, they are somewhere else. You may be afraid of them, and that's all right with us, but we don't follow them unless they've paid their dues."

This brings me back to my original question: Have YOU paid YOUR dues to Templary? I do not mean just a check at the beginning of a year, but have you laid yourself on the line for Templary? Templary stands for a belief in the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. You have promised that you would "wield your sword" in the defense of the Christian religion and for the practice of the Christian virtues.

The world is little concerned about the professions you make, but it is intensely concerned about the validity of your acts. Have you paid your dues?

Nearly everywhere I go I find persons talking about what has happened to Masonry; why has its influence seemed to wane; what needs to be done now; and on and on. The answer really is simple. The principles and ideals of Masonry and Templary are as valid

as ever. Our Templar expressions must be changed, but nothing could be higher than the practice of the Christian virtues. We need men who live by their profession of these ideals. We need to ask ourselves: **HAVE WE PAID OUR DUES—more particularly, HAVE I PAID MY DUES?**

The second question is: **HAVE YOU COMMITTED YOURSELF?**

Someone has truly said that a person never reaches his finest or highest state of development until he commits himself to a cause which is bigger than he is, and which is worthy of his best. So I repeat my question: **ARE YOU COMMITTED?**

We hear a lot about becoming "involved." I am not talking about "becoming involved" as most of us use it. We are involved in too many things. We rush pell-mell from one thing to another. There are not enough hours in a day to do the many things we wish to do. Each night we think of things we had planned to do that day, but which somehow we never got around to. We are **INVOLVED**, too much **INVOLVED**, but are we **COMMITTED**? Have you committed yourself, heart and soul, in those things in which you say you believe?

As Christian Masons we say that there is nothing higher than our Christian faith. We kneel at the open sepulcher of our Master and rejoice that we worship not a dead leader, but a triumphant and living Lord. We give lip service to the Great Captain of our Salvation, and call Him the Blessed Emmanuel. That is fine, but have you really committed yourselves to Him and to His cause?

So often people ask me about "life"; what it "means"; how they shall find their "place" in this world; and establish

their own "identity?" You have the answer already. Commit yourselves to your Christian faith as expressed in the practical teachings of Templary, and you will find that, if you really do commit yourselves you will better understand life, its meaning, your place, and your identity.

Communism has made much of its headway because it challenges its followers to forget themselves; to be willing to lose their lives in its cause; to understand that what they profess is bigger than they are; and that by giving themselves they are building a new and better world. Some of our young people and "avant-garde" thinkers have been stirred by the appeal without testing the validity of the cause.

Read your history. Despite its many failures; despite the weakness of many of its leaders; despite many things which an earnest believer would like to erase, the Christian faith, with its Jewish predecessor, has been the only thing which has stood for the worth of the individual; the rights of man; the uplift of the fallen; and in its finest expression it has distributed alms far and wide; fed the hungry; clothed the naked; bound up the wounds of the afflicted; and has inculcated the duties of charity and hospitality to all. Take these teachings out of our lives and we soon return to savagery. I repeat my question: **ARE YOU COMMITTED?**

This brings me to my third question: **HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?**

I am not talking about your bank account, nor about any position of influence or honor you may hold, but really **HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?**

Before inflation, if you asked this question of a chemist he might answer that a 150 pound man, when reduced to his chemical elements—iron for nails,

sulphur for matches, a couple of buckets of water, etc., his chemical elements would be worth about \$1.98. But you and I know that this is not the real answer.

Turn to the pages of the Old Testament and you find the story of a famous king who had grown old in the service of his people. His son aspired to the throne and had won the hearts of many persons until he was strong enough to challenge his father. The king had to flee from Jerusalem. He had to take refuge in a small city and had drawn around him some of his loyal followers. The day of battle had come and the king wished to lead his followers into that battle against his son, but the Captain of his armies said, "Oh, No. You remain here in the city to inspire us. If we die it doesn't matter, but if you die it does matter for you are worth a thousand of us." Can anyone say of you or me that we are worth a thousand of those around us? How much are YOU worth?

As we have worked in our respective fraternal bodies we have known what men would do even before the test came. There are those who are "against" almost everything; there are those who will promise much but do little; there are those who will criticize everything but refuse responsibility; and there are those who will only ask, "What is right, and what is best? This we will do!"

Each of us should ask ourselves HOW MUCH AM I WORTH? If I should die tonight would the world be better because I have lived in it; would I leave a vacancy which would be hard to fill; outside of my wife and children would it really matter to anyone?

Tonight, before you retire, look yourself squarely in the face in your mirror and ask yourself not what people think

of you; nor the nice things which have been said to you; nor about your bank account, business deals or positions you may hold. Ask yourself what kind of a man you are, and, in light of these comments, ask the specific questions of yourself:

1. Have I paid my dues?
2. Am I COMMITTED or just involved?
3. What am I worth to the cause of Templary?

If you face these questions honestly, you will be face to face with THE CHALLENGE OF TEMPLARY.



To our Readers:

In this harvest season of Thanksgiving we express to each Templar, his family and friends a sincere "thank you" for the interest, the support and the helpful letters this publication has received in the year that has passed.

May your Thanksgiving be richly rewarding; and may we all be truly thankful for the ennobling joy of our fraternal heritage of Christian fellowship.

The Knight Templar Magazine

PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT -

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KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

New Nebraska Grand Recorder

Ralph R. Carleton, P.G.C., Sidney, Nebraska, has been selected as the new Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska. He takes the place of Carl R. Greisen and will serve as Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite bodies of the state.

Sir Knight Greisen, after assisting Grand Recorder Carleton with the transfer of duties and responsibilities, will spend some time in travel with Mrs. Greisen, including some "neglected visits" to family members.

"Connie" Raider Saluted

Conrad J. Raider, P.G.C., Maryland, a charter member of Baltimore Council No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, was an honored guest at the September 18 assembly of the council in Towson, Maryland, when he was presented his 50-year membership pin. On hand for the occasion was M.I. Grand Master Harry F. Luckabaugh and Grand Council officers.

A release from C. Wallace Jackson, Department Commander, Southeastern Department, announces that a York Rite "Regional Conference," postponed from October, has been arranged for January 16 - 17, 1970, at Atlanta, Georgia, with presiding officers and representatives from all three Grand Bodies participating. The General Deputy Grand High Priest for the area is James E. Moseley, Georgia; the Grand Master's Representative for General Grand Council is Milton L. Fegenbush, Alabama.

FORWARD WITH "PRIDE"

Denver, Colorado, to be the scene of the 51st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in 1970, was the setting for the 94th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Colorado September 12. Virgil Viers, completing his term as Grand Commander, presided. Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., accompanied by Grand Recorder Paul Rodenhauer and Department Commander Carl J. Basemann, was the featured guest and served as Installing Officer for the new Grand Commander, Harry W. Pride, and the 1969-70 officers.



Richard D. Ayers, newly elected Captain of the Guard, was the recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor award—presented by Grand Master Crofts, Grand Commander Viers, and Eminent Commander Smith, Coronal Commandery No. 36, for the "professional skill and Templar dedication" Ayers displays as Triennial Committee chairman. Sir Knight Pride will head the Grand Commandery of Colorado during the 1970 Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Denver.

The annual banquet of the Past Commanders Association was the closing event for the Colorado Conclave, with Sir Knight K. L. "Mac" MaHolland, airlines executive, presiding as the association president.

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Sir Knight Zenon C. R. Hansen, Life Member of Oregon Commandery No. 1, has received the Honorary Legion of Honor Award from Sir Knight William S. Mc Culley, Pennsylvania, executive officer of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay. Sir Knight Hansen is president and chairman of the board of Mack Trucks, Inc., Allentown, Pennsylvania. Since locating in Allentown Sir Knight Hansen has extended his heart, his know-how and purse in behalf of youth, business, finance, patriotism, religious activities and Masonry, naming but a few, not only in the Allentown area but throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.

Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, Chairman 1969 Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign, issues reminder that all Campaign supplies are available exclusively from Grand Recorder's office, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 60604.

Reports and checks, however, go direct to K.T. Eye Foundation, Box 191, Rhinebeck, N. Y. 12572.



Warren N. Barr, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Masonic Medical Center and famed comedian Red Skelton were accorded the honorary 33^o—highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member of the Scottish Rite. Warren Barr (second from left) took the opportunity to invite Red Skelton to attend Illinois Masonic's fall Benefit, the Tranquility Ball, (which celebrates the moon-walk as its theme) to be held at the Drake Hotel on Friday, November 7.

Pressing the invitation were two men who are also dedicated to the progress of the medical Center—James D. Green, (left) member of the Board of Trustees, who was made an Active Member of the Supreme Council at this Session; and Thomas C. Roberts, (right) member of the Medical Center's Citizens' Board and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital. Both Jim Green and Tom Roberts already hold the 33.

Also lending his invaluable support was Louis L. Williams, (second from right) Illustrious Deputy for the State of Illinois.

Rainbow for the Eye Foundation



Karen VanScoy, Worth Adviser of Warner Robins Rainbow Assembly, near Macon, Georgia, presents Assembly's check for \$100.00 to Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Pictured, left to right: Grand Recorder James E. Moseley, Miss VanScoy, Sir Knight DeLamater, Howard VanScoy, P.G.I.M., Grand Council, R & SM, Germany. Mrs. VanScoy, and Ross Mainor, of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee in Georgia.

Midsummer Class for Rupert Queen



Rupert Queen, K.Y.C.H., P.C., Recorder, Blue Ridge Commandery No. 37, McCaysville, Georgia, is surrounded by the 26 members of the Rupert Queen Knight Templar Class in this picture forwarded by Richard S. Sagar, DeKalb commandery No. 38, Decatur, Georgia.

Sir Knight Sagar writes that DeKalb Commandery keeps open during the summer. In addition to a successful midsummer class of their own, DeKalb Sir Knights traveled by bus to McCaysville, on the Georgia-Tennessee line to confer the Orders of Red Cross, Malta and Temple on the Rupert Queen Class, perhaps "the first time the conferrals have been seen in these parts, in full form with all robes, uniforms, equipment and music."

Flag Presentation in Oregon



Masonic Temple, Portland, Oregon, was the setting for a flag presentation to the M.W. Grand Master of Masons, Warren A. McMinimee, (left), by Grand Commander John W. Givens, assisted by Deputy Grand Commander Lloyd D. McRae (also P.G.M. of Oregon); Sir Knight Wilbur Welburn, Grand Orator, Grand Council, R & SM., and Grand Recorder Ray E. Allen. Reporter Max Cogill notes that Grand Master McMinimee is an active Knight Templar. The group also presented a flag of Canada to the Grand Master during the June 11 ceremonies.

Commandery Salutes Heroes

Following the October 20 Conclave of Niagara Commandery No. 64, Niagara Falls, New York, Savings Bonds awards were made to two local men—Louis Davis and David Menter—in recognition of an act of heroism which saved a seven-year-old girl from a perverted attacker "at great personal peril to themselves and the wounding of Louis Davis." All Sir Knights were urged in advance "to come out on this date and help honor these fine young men."

LEE LOCKWOOD SCOTTISH RITE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM DEDICATED

The Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum, a new \$1.5 million building in Waco, Texas, was formally dedicated Saturday, September 27, with ceremonies conducted by Henry C. Clausen, 33rd., Deputy Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction. The distinguished 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons participating included the Honorable Allan Shivers, former Senator and Governor; Governor Preston Smith; M. W. Grand Master J. Guy Smith; also the elective officers of the Grand Lodge of Texas and other Grand bodies. The program was called to order by the president of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas, John McKee, 33rd.



Sir Knight and Illustrious Lee Lockwood, whose likeness in bronze sculpture stands near the entrance of the new library-museum, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the state for the Supreme Council, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council, and presently serves also as Sovereign Commander of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine. In that capacity he will preside over the 98th Annual Assembly in Dallas June 5-6, 1970. The Mason in whose honor the library was erected has had numerous other official positions of leadership in both York and Scottish Rites. He is a Past Grand Master of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.



The building is an outgrowth of the Texas Scottish Rite Centennial observed in 1967. Scottish Rite came to Texas in 1867 when the San Felipe Lodge of Perfection was founded in Galveston. The inscription on the cornerstone reads in part: "This Library and Museum Houses Gifts Made in the Hope That the Light of Truth and Wisdom of Knowledge Will Someday Illuminate the World."

COMING, IN DECEMBER ISSUE: Illustrious Brother George A. Newbury, 33rd degree, Sovereign Grand Commander, the Supreme Council 33rd degree, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, will author a special observation for Knights Templar in the December issue of the "Knight Templar Magazine."

157th ANNUAL SCOTTISH RITE MEETING

George A. Newbury of Buffalo, New York., was re-elected to a three-year term as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, as the Scottish Rite group concluded its 1969 Annual Meeting at Boston. Commander Newbury is a former president of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo and a civic leader in the Niagara Frontier area.

Speaking before the Supreme Council's Annual Meeting, Commander Newbury reminded the audience of 1,200 Thirty-third Degree Masons that "Freemasonry has something to say to that great mass of struggling humanity whose voices rise to the heavens from every corner of this troubled sphere. Fundamentally, all are seeking a better way of life, even those who speak in terms of anger and of hate. The teachings of Freemasonry proclaim that better way."

Additional Supreme Council posts are filled by Albert P. Ruerat, Foster, R.I., Grand Treasurer General; William E. Yeager, Warren, Pennsylvania., Grand Captain General, and John W. Barkley, Cleveland, Ohio, Grand Standard Bearer.

Two new Active Members were elected to the governing board of the Supreme Council in the closing sessions of the 157th Annual Meeting of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Named to the top administrative group are: Alfred M. Kramer of Buffalo, New York. Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, a former District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in New York and a former Commander-in-chief of Buffalo Cinsistory, and James D. Green of Chicago, Executive Vice President—Real Estate, Northern Trust Co., Chicago, President of the Chicago

Scottish Rite Cathedral Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago unit of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled and Burned Children.

Richard A. Kern, M.D., of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania., was re-elected as the Northern jurisdiction's Grand Lieutenant Commander and also as Deputy for Pennsylvania. Dr. Kern, a retired Admiral in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, is Professor Emeritus at Temple University Medical School, a past president of the American College of Physicians and a past president of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

John W. Bricker, of Columbus, Ohio, former Governor of Ohio and former U.S. Senator, was re-elected to the third-ranking post as Grand Minister of State.

Other officers elected at the triennial election of the 510,000 member Northern Scottish Rite Jurisdiction are: Norris G. Abbott, Jr., Providence, Deputy for Rhode Island, and Grand Keeper of the Archives; August C. Ullrich, Sea Girt, Deputy for New Jersey; Clyde A. Fulton, Charlotte, Deputy for Michigan and Grand Master General of Ceremonies; L. Todd McKinney, Dayton, Deputy for Ohio; George B. Ward, Portsmouth, Deputy for New Hampshire; William H. Cantwell, Wilmington, Deputy for Delaware; Irving E. Partridge, of Wethersfield, Deputy for Connecticut; Donald S. Higgins, Bangor, Deputy for Maine; Laurence E. Eaton, Needham, Deputy for Massachusetts and also Grand Secretary General; Louis L. Williams, of Bloomington, Deputy for Illinois; Oscar A. Richter, of Manitowoc, Deputy for Wisconsin; Waldron C. Briggs, Burlington, Deputy for Vermont; Raymond C. Ellis, Setauket, Deputy for New York; Albert N. Hepler, Jr., of South Bend, Deputy for Indiana, and also Grand Marshal General.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TRIENNIALS

The 54th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and the 30th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters International were York Rite highlights at Portland, Oregon, September 28 through October 2. Council sessions were conducted Monday morning and Tuesday morning, September 29 and 30. Chapter meetings were held Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning and afternoon, and Thursday morning.

An open installation for both General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter was featured Wednesday, October 1, at 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Statler-Hilton. The formal Triennial Banquet, at 6:00 p.m., September 30, was attended by approximately one thousand, with Sprague H. Carter, retiring General Grand High Priest, presiding, and C. Ellwood Smyrk, retiring General Grand Master, offering a welcome.

The climax of the banquet was the presentation by General Grand High Priest Carter of Royal Arch Medals to Senator Mark O. Hatfield, Oregon, and William A. Patterson, former Chairman of the Board, United Airlines.



One of the major portions of time at both the General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter sessions was devoted to discussion, amendments, amendments to amendments and balloting on per capita increases. In Council, the per capita was established at a standardized three-cents. In Chapter, after lengthy debate, the per capita was increased by two-cents, one third of the finance committee's recommendation.

The Elections

Delegates to the General Grand Council sessions elected Verne W. Mokler General Grand Master of the General Grand Council. Calvin A. Behle, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah, was elected General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter.



Deputy Grand Master (Grand Encampment) Bell, left, congratulates new General Grand Council Grand Master Verne W. Mokler, while the Grand Master of The Knights Templar of the U.S.A., John L. Crofts, Sr., right, extends congratulations to the new General Grand High Priest, Calvin A. Behle.

Other elected officers of General Grand Council are: Hoyt McClendon, Alabama, Deputy General Grand Master; Owen L. Shanteau, Ohio, General Grand P.C. of Work; Charles F. Adams, Nebraska, General Grand Treasurer; Bruce H. Hunt, Missouri, General Grand Recorder. Olin E. Lehman, Arizona, was appointed General Grand Chaplain.

The General Grand Chapter officers, headed by Calvin A. Behle, include: Edward M. Selby, Ohio, General Grand King; H. K. Halldorson, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, General Grand Scribe; Dick C. Holihan, Michigan, General Grand Treasurer, and Charles K. A. McGaughey, Kentucky, General Grand Secretary. The appointed General Grand Chaplain is the Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, North Carolina.

Attendant Events

A well-attended Red Cross of Constantine breakfast was featured Tuesday morning, September 30. Introductions of distinguished Masons were made by Youngson, K.G.C., Past Grand Sovereign, United Grand Imperial Council.



York Rite Masons, leaders in Grand Encampment — or in General Grand Chapter or General Grand Council — but all members of Red Cross of Constantine.

A K.Y.C.H. breakfast was held Wednesday morning, October 1. The Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests met for an off-again, on-again luncheon Wednesday. There also were sightseeing tours, workshops and a variety of discussion meetings.

The Mutual Guild, association of national Grand secretaries-recorders, met Sunday afternoon, September 28, and elected W. Phelan Douglas, Tennessee, Regent; Stanley Ford, Vice-Regent; the Rev. Henry F. Collins, Chaplain, and William C. Leeson, Secretary-Treasurer.

The ballroom of the Statler-Hilton was thronged Sunday evening for the Triennial Worship Service of the two bodies. The Triennial message was presented by the Rev. Gerald E. Bisbee, 1966-69 General Grand Chaplain for the Grand Chapter. Participants included the Rev. Henry F. Collins and the Portland Scottish Rite Chorus.

International York Rite Council

The International York Rite Unity Council, with Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., presiding, met Thursday noon, October 2, following the adjournment of General Grand Chapter. The purpose of the three-body Council is to develop ways and means for York Rite cooperation and unity.

Among the results of the meeting was the definite establishment of unified York Rite areas and the appointment of General Deputy Grand High Priests and General Grand Council Grand Master's Representatives to work with the Department Commanders of Grand Encampment in holding Regional York Rite Conferences.

The Council authorized the three Grand Body representatives — the Department Commander, General Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Master's Representative in each area — to select their own chairman for each York Rite Conference. Conference agendas are to be designed to permit the officers and representatives of the three national or international Grand Bodies to relay information to state officers and their constituents. Both individual and joint sessions are to be incorporated in the Conferences.

The International York Rite Unity Council will meet again during the Grand Masters Conference in Washington, D.C., next February. Announced date — Sunday, February 23, at 3 p.m. The location — the Shoreham Hotel.

The 1967 appointments of Grand Master Crofts and the new General Grand Chapter and Council regional appointments are as follows:

YORK RITE REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Grand Encampment, 1967-70 General Grand Chapter, 1969-72 General Grand Council, 1969-72

Region	Department Commander	General Dep. G. H. Priest	Grand Master's Representative
Northeastern	Frank L. Bourke 27 Alpine Road Portland, Maine 04103	George S. Mason R.D. 2, S. Main St., Ext. Jamestown, N.Y. 14701	Waldo I. Powell 2 Sandy Pond Road Lincoln, Mass. 01773
Southeastern	C. Wallace Jackson P.O. Box 725 Fayetteville, N.C. 28302	James E. Moseley 811 Mulberry St. Macon, Ga. 31201	Milton L. Fegenbush 828 S. 80th St. Birmingham, Ala. 35206
East Central	Abner C. Sager 1863 Glendale St. Saginaw, Mich. 48603	Stuart M. Rutter 1527 Spencer St. Lansing, Mich. 49721	William H. Harmon Cheboygan, Mich. 49721
South Central	William R. Robbins 515 De Bolt Street Trenton, Mo. 64683	Ambers J. Lewis 439 Riverside Dr. Bossier City, La. 71010	Bernard F. Mandlbaum 1537 S. Hickory Bartlesville, Okla. 74003
North Central	Alvin L. Crump 2701 Payne Street Evanston, Ill. 60201	Mark C. Morgan 16 W. Lonquist Blvd. Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60057	John H. Watts 1001 E. Main St. Grand Junction, Iowa 50107
Southwestern	Harold S. Gorman 223 Court Street Reno, Nev. 89501	E. Monroe Foster 3553 Sixth Ave. San Diego, Calif. 92103	Robert L. Karnes 621 N. Keenan St. Montebello, Calif. 90640
Northwestern	Carl J. Baesemann 3091 West 38th Ave. Denver, Colo. 80211	Herbert G. Fitz New Meadows, Ida. 83654	Edward J. Skibby Box 123 Lewistown, Mont. 59457

(Additionally, the General Grand Chapter has designated General Deputy Grand High Priests for other areas as follows:)

Hawaii:	Robert C. Kong, 740 - 17th Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii 98616
The Orient:	Nohea O.A. Peck, 203 Yamate-cho, Naka Ku, Yokohama, Japan
Latin America:	Alexander G. Wygard, Baltimore No. 84, Mexico City 18, D.F., Mexico
International:	Roger K. Becker, 6712 Arcadian Highway, Evansville, Ind. 47715

In Memory of-

The June 10 death of Sir Knight Martin W. Nelson, Birmingham, Alabama, is the subject of Mrs. Nelson's letter to the "Knight Templar Magazine." She writes: "My husband was born 1904. While he did not seek or hold high office he was always loyal to Masonry and ready to defend it, and is worthy of mention. He was a Knight Templar and a Shriner."

I am sorry to inform you that my dear husband passed away at the age of 69 on August 5, 1969 at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, after a long illness. He was a long time Knight Templar and distinguished lawyer.

He belonged to St. Louis Chapter No. 8 Royal Arch Masons, Moolah Temple, AAONMS of St. Louis, Mo., Cache Lodge 416, AF&AM, lawyers association, Bar Association, Ascalon K. T., No. 16, and Mo. Bar.

Marie Peel Hill

Mrs. Lewis H. Hall writes from Van Nuys, California: "This is to advise you of the passing of my husband, Lewis H. Hall, September 21, 1969. Our memories are only pleasant of the Masonic organizations he belonged to."

The "New York Times" and other eastern newspapers recorded the death of John Jay Naugle, 87, on August 20. Sir Knight Naugle, a life member of New York's Pilgrim Commandery No. 71, was noted as an inventor of sugar-refining processes.

The Knight Line



"God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives." The words were those of Sir Knight James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States. Garfield, whose birthday anniversary is this month -- November 19, was born in 1831. He was initiated in Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbia, Ohio, raised in Columbus Lodge No. 30, demitted and became a member of Garrettsville Lodge No. 246 and served two years as Chaplain -- then, in 1869, became a charter member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 23, District of Columbia. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Columbia Chapter, Washington, in 1866. In the same year he was knighted in Columbia Commandery No. 2, D.C. He was made an Honorary Member of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16, Cincinnati, in 1881, the year he was shot by an unbalanced office seeker at Washington.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, Kankakee, Illinois, rated a mention in the *Wall Street Journal* of October 6. In a feature on "The Big Top," an account of a tent circus appearing at Kankakee which has survived by making innumerable one-night stands each year, reference is made that the shows usually are sponsored by civic or fraternal groups. "In this case," says the article, "it was Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, a Masonic group."

It has been remarked that a man sometimes lets his wife rule the household, fearing that if she can't reign, she'll storm.

Grand Master and Mrs. Crofts are the proud grandparents of a new September arrival, a boy, to Dr. and Mrs. John L. Crofts, Jr. Another event for celebration: Son John, now a captain in the Army Medical Corps, completed his physicians' examinations with top honors in an Army class of 450 doctors. Residence and area of service for the foreseeable future--West Germany.

After observing the general run of theatrical productions--stage and cinema--that are in vogue, it would appear that the only thing left in the world that can be shocked is grain.

Ohio newspapers gave large scale picture and copy coverage in October to the 127th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Grand Commander Ned Dull was saluted by the newspapers for his being nominated to receive the 33rd Degree from the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, N.M.J.; Department Commander Sager and Sir Knight Dull were pictured in the papers as the latter presented the Department Commander with a \$27,000 check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. And the Templar parade received special attention.

Only one thing was amiss. The reporter thought it was a Shrine parade. Example of the coverage: "A breezy cloudless day provided 2,500 Shriners with the perfect setting to display their white-plumed chapeaux . . ." and "Shriners from 10 Divisions of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio, marched . . . past the reviewing stand."

C. Kritt, Reporter

BIRTHDAYS

The Knight Templar salutes these distinguished Templars who will observe birthday anniversaries during December:

John D. Buzbee Grand Commander of Arkansas	December 3
Lloyd M. Taylor Grand Generalissimo of Utah	December 3
F. M. Lumbard Grand Recorder of Oklahoma	December 5
Joseph W. Nickle Grand Generalissimo of Missouri	December 7
Burt D. Pearson Chairman Com. Religious Activities	December 8
John Temple Rice Past Grand Master	December 9
Charles E. Bostick Chairman, Templary History	December 10
William D. Geesey Deputy Grand Commander of Pennsylvania	December 12
Harry W. Pride Grand Commander of Colorado	December 13
Harry L. Beach Grand Recorder of District of Columbia	December 14
Ernest A. Lyon Deputy Grand Commander of Utah	December 15
F. Y. Williams Grand Recorder of Nevada	December 16
James E. Collier Deputy Grand Commander of Kansas	December 18
Ray Jack Freeman Grand Captain General of Oklahoma	December 20
Elmer Hall Palmer Grand Generalissima of Mass. & R. I.	December 25

Kansas Passion Cross in Parade

The photo by "Hutchinson (Kansas) News" shows massed Templar Drill Team members in Passion Cross ready to pass reviewing stand on Main street. This annual affair demonstrates the color and pomp which can be expected in Denver next summer. Estimates indicate 15 musical units and more than 10 times that number of Sir Knights in uniform.



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see the National Sojourners had elected Brig. General John D. Billingsley as President.

STEPHEN M. GOODNOUGH

Blackshear, Georgia

First, I just want to express my appreciation for the wonderful magazine. I look forward eagerly for each issue to arrive, This is something we have needed for a long time. I hope it never stops.

Second, It seems that we are beginning to hear a lot about the Knight Templar Uniforms, Apparently some of the members want to get something different from the old standard uniforms, I can't for the life of me understand why. Can you think of anything prettier than a company of Knights Templar marching down the street. Beautiful white plumes waving in the breeze. The little white collar showing above the top of the coat collar, Swords belt and baldric. White gloves. To me nothing can be more thrilling in a parade or where Knights Templar gather than to see them dressed like this. And furthermore any one that sees them knows they are Knights Templar.

Some complain that the old uniforms are too hot. They can be made of light weight material, for Summer wear. And you don't have to wear a shirt under them as the white collar fastens to the coat collar. Some seem to want to modernize the Organization. The Commandery is not supposed to be a modern organization. It is dedicated to the Knights of old who dedicated their lives, their fortunes, and their honor to protect the Christians and the Christian religion. Let's keep it that way.

Personally I would like to see the

Grand Encampment issue a edict that no Knight Templar could appear as a Knight Templar in any uniform except the old standard uniform, Except it be a member in the uniform of the armed forces of the United States.

Lets don't change the uniforms Sir Knights, lets dress like Knights Templar, look like Knights Templar and above all live like Knights Templar.

HARRY PHILLIPS
Miami Commandery No. 13
Miami, Florida

Sterling Park, Virginia

I would appreciate it very much of you would publish, in the Mail Bin, the following;

" I have a complete uniform, size 46, tropical worsted material which has never been worn. It is available for \$100.00

Please address inquiries to Sir Knight Donzel George, 1052 S. Ironwood Road, Sterling Park, Virginia 22107.

Thank you very much."

DONZEL GEORGE

Baker, Oregon

In reading the August *Knight Templar*, I notice that one of the fellows was selling uniforms to keep the K.T. alive--wonder if it would help his income any? Also, the writer in the next column--who was he selling? If he doesn't like the plume and the Chapeau--there is a fatigue hat available.

The distribution of this fine little magazine to all Templars is a master stroke and fills a need beautifully! Congratulations! We'll Help!

V. SHIPMAN

Tucson, Arizona

In your fine September issue, a Sir Knight from Sandusky, Ohio, asked how old were the two who urged new uniforms. Believing I may be one of those referred to, will say I was 57 early in October.

Was Knighted in Washington No. 1, Hartford, Conn., April 4, 1944. Have been an active Commandery member and an officer most of the time since. From Washington No. 1, transferred to St. Elmo No. 65, Chicago, to Westchester No. 42, Ossining, N.Y., to St. Elmo again and finally to Arizona No. 1, Tucson, where I finally made Commander in 1967.

Why a new uniform? When joining in 1944, you had to have a uniform of your own to be Knighted. Then you served a long apprenticeship in the lines if you hoped to become an officer, because there were so many active, uniformed members.

Today, many Commanderies cannot get enough uniformed Knights to open in full form. This seems apparent everywhere from what you read and hear. And, how many candidates would we have if they had to buy a uniform in addition to the fees?

As Commander-elect, there were many I would have liked to have as officers. These Sir Knights had no uniform and worst of all, no interest in buying a uniform even though our Commandery has a fund for purchasing uniforms that can be paid back at only \$5 per month! I have had scores of Sir Knights tell me they would not wear the uniform!

Part of this refusal to wear our uniforms seems almost a revulsion to

any uniform on the part of many who served in W.W. II, Korea or Viet Nam. Part of it is probably the revulsion to anything military by so many young men today. When did we ever see soldiers refuse to stand up and fight... refuse to obey orders, as is happening all too frequently on the fronts today? This revulsion to regimentation is world-wide, it is not localized.

I certainly do not have the answers, when thousands of leaders who are close to the situations do not have the answers to today's problems with youngsters.

But I do not want to see Knight Templary wither and die. It seems pretty well wilted today. I love my uniform, am proud to wear it and enjoy wearing it. However, if eliminating the uniform and going to a cape or tux will get more men interested in Templary, then I'm for it. If it is being radical to want to see York Rite stay alive and grow, call me a radical. One entity -- not three separate organizations going their own ways.

The main thing is to arouse the too many lethargic Sir Knights we have now. The very few replies you have printed on the uniform change points up this lethargy.

In the Order of Malta there is one occasion where the candidate is struck a light blow and told to 'Awake. . . be not asleep. . .' We need something to awaken Templary... to bestir us all. What will it take? I do not know. Maybe we will have to try many different, new ideas. The main thing is to get going... AWAKE... BESTIR THYSELF... DO SOMETHING!!!

B. K. PITKIN

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation may be designated as one of the world's greatest humanitarian projects. To date more than \$500,000.00 has been spent in research in college and university laboratories for the study of diseases causing blindness. More than \$2,500,000.00 has been spent for surgical and hospital expenses. This money was spent in behalf of our fellow human beings who lacked both personal resources and access to any publicly supported program which would enable them to have surgical treatment to ward off or correct the actual condition of blindness.

As your Grand Commander I am asking and urging you to support full-heartedly the Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign. Definite information has been sent to every Constituent Commandery by Sir Knight Russell R. Robison, E.G.C.G., Chairman for Pennsylvania.

Or, may I suggest, if you are not already a Life Sponsor, that you fill out



an application, write a check for \$30.00, payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., mail to P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572, and thus establish for yourself a Living Memorial. Your wife may wish to give you a membership as one of her Christmas presents to you.

I am confident all Sir Knights will co-operate and make a good showing for Pennsylvania.

Charles R. Eurich
R.E. Grand Commander

Sir Knight William D. Geesey, V.E.D.G.C., Chairman of Ritual and Tactics Coordination, has issued a "suggested short form for opening a Constituent Commandery." Its use should promote a renewed *esprit de corps* within the ranks of Pennsylvania Templary.

TEMPLAR HIGHLIGHTS

Mary Commandery No. 36 will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on October 31. S.K. Joseph L. Ramsay, E.C., has called a Special Conclave to give proper recognition to this momentous occasion. Following the conclave, a banquet will be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. A gala evening has been planned. Among the distinguished guests will be S.K. and Bro. John K. Young, R.W.G.M. of Penn., and S.K. and Ill. Bro. Richard A. Kern, R.W.P.G.M., speaker, both members of Mary Commandery; Sir Knights G. Wilbur Bell, R.E.D.G.C., and Paul G. Rodenhauser, R.E.G.R., Gr. Encampment; Charles R. Eurich, R.E.G.C., Gr. Commandery; John A. Roth, M.P.G.M., Gr. Council; James D. Smith, M.E.G.H.P., Gr. Chapter. S.K. Walter H. Wooding, Gr. Trustee, will be Toastmaster.

Mary Commandery was constituted October 19, 1869. She has been honored by having had in her ranks many men of distinction and accomplishment, including four Grand Commanders of Pennsylvania: Sir Knights Ezra S. Bartlett, 1903; William J. Milligan, 1909; Paul J. Pontius, 1927; and Edward F. Roberts, 1946. Officers serving in the Centennial Year are: Sir Knights Joseph L. Ramsay, E.C.; William P. Green, G.; Albert E. Martindale, Jr., C.G.; Richard H. Brehm, 2nd, P.C., T.; Earl Edwards, P.C., R.

The York Rite of Freemasonry of Wilkes-Barre has established the following degree and orders schedule: Shekinah

Chapter will confer the Chapter Degrees, Oct. 24, Nov. 19 and Nov. 21; Mt. Horeb Council will confer the Council Degrees, Dec. 6; and Dieu Le Veut Commandery will confer the Orders of Knighthood, Nov. 24 and 29.

Sir Knight George F. Held, P.C., Recorder of Phila., St. John's - Corinthian Commandery No. 4, has been appointed Division Commander, Div. No. 1, vice H. Richard Schupeltz, who recently resigned for reasons of health.

At the October 16 Conclave of Germantown Commandery No. 82, S.K. Horace W. Paul, P.C., will receive his 50-year pin and certificate from an Officer of the Grand Commandery.

Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, under S.K. John L. McCain, E.C., has come up with an idea that is bringing out the fraters - Nationality Nights. At the May Conclave "Scottish Night" featured such Scottish dishes as shortbread and scones. Pipers were present to create an authentic mood, "Italian Night" in September opened with a pre-conclave spaghetti dinner. Later, a travel film of Italy was shown and Italian pastry was served for refreshments. The January Conclave will have a German theme: Sauerkraut, pork, and mashed potatoes will be featured, along with other German treats. Maybe this idea is worth copying?

Golden State's Grand Recorder



California's Grand Recorder is William C. Leeson, P.C., Chico Commandery No. 12, now in his first term as replacement for Chester H. Newall, Grand Recorder Emeritus, who served Grand York Rite Bodies of California for 23 years as Grand Secretary-Recorder and other capacities. Sir Knight Leeson, among his other duties, is Secretary-Treasurer of the Mutual Guild, national association of Grand Secretaries and Recorders.



LETTERS TO N.A.S.A.

According to bulletins and other communications in the mail these days, a number of churches and individuals are calling for "Christian action and response" to Mrs. Madeline Murray's petition which condemned the astronauts for giving readings from the Bible during their space flight last Christmas Eve. One church announces a drive to secure 100,000 letters to present to N.A.S.A., Houston, Texas, expressing "appreciation for the Christian testimony made by our astronauts." Mrs. Murray is remembered for her earlier activity which resulted in the banning of prayer in schoolrooms.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Although the mailing of the *Knigh Templar Magazine* was the initiating factor for Knight Templar membership compilation, the Grand Encampment office maintains an every-member ROSTER -- not a "magazine mailing list" as such.

There is a distinction. The magazine is mailed to all members on the roster, but the roster does not exist only to mail the magazine. For reports, for statistics, for reference -- at all levels -- it is necessary that the roster be accurate, complete and official. Therefore, all changes, corrections or additions of names and addresses for the roster must originate with the *local* Recorders.

OUR UNKNOWN HEROES

The joy of life was sweet to them indeed,
The song of love enhanced their noble breed;
Then sounding loudly, clearly over all,
The voice of duty was a bugle call.

Forsaking warmest comforts known to man,
They entered into freedom's greater plan;
They joined the battle with our distant foes
Till mortal combat brought them death's repose.

They gave their lives that liberty should live --
No greater gift is any man's to give;
Their full reward is still our country free:
God bears them witness it shall ever be.

The proud procession and the noble ride
Return them to their soil with sacred pride:
Sarcophagus and crypts with honor high
Become our country's altar to the sky.

Milford E. Shields
Colorado

THE LETTER "G"

He entered the Lodge and filled each chair,
Was sent to the East and presided there,
He could give the lecture of each degree,
But fell down on the letter "G."

Though he said each head must "in honor bow,"
Yet out of the Lodge he forgot, somehow,
For from his careless and prayerless lip,
The Name Jehovah would oft times slip.

He recited the lecture with solemn tone,
When the letter "G" to the Lodge was shown,
But we knew at once why the world did scoff
When he heard this man with his apron off.

The Fellowcraft, too, when the Lodge was through
Listened as you and I would do,
But the work though finely exemplified
Was spoiled by his talk in the room outside.

For no one did as the Master said,
Not a "humble bow" from a single head.
So the Fellowcraft thought as he said goodnight,
"I will talk as before and 'twill be all right."

If Masonry does what we claim for it
We should guard our tongues lest we forget
To use that great high Name with care
While employed at work or engaged in prayer.

For the world is watching both you and me,
To see if we honor the letter 'G.'
And our lives and teachings they compare,
To see if we're plumb and on the square.

Author unknown

Forwarded by A. L. Palmer
Birmingham, Alabama



DO PROMISE AND VOW THAT
I WILL SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN
THE CONSTITUTION, STATUTES
AND RITUALS OF THE GRAND
ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ...

The vow taken by every Grand Commander binds him to the support of the Grand Encampment, to leadership of his Grand Commandery, to faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which he has been chosen.

It is a solemn moment in the life of the Christian Mason so selected and so obligated. The full import of the responsibilities comes when the Installing Officer proclaims before the assembled Knights and friends: "Sir Knights, behold your Grand Commander; Grand Commander, behold your Grand Commandery."

In this issue each Knight Templar in his jurisdiction is invited to **BEHOLD HIS GRAND COMMANDER.**



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