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*Says the Grand Master . . .*

## THE LOCAL PROGRAM

*Some thoughts by the Grand Master as the fourth of a series on basic subjects.*

The local commandery program is the important program of Templary, not only in the sense of a single event, but more particularly as to what is done during a commandery year. True, our state and national bodies offer many opportunities for special occasions and expression on a district, statewide or national basis in addition to providing unity, direction and assistance for the local bodies. However, the great majority of Templars find satisfaction or disappointment -- purposeful activity or frustration -- in the program of their own commandery.

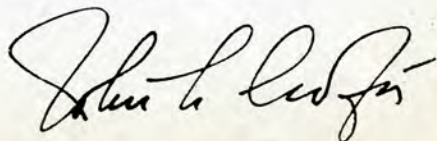
A commandery must transact certain business, such as hearing proposals and acting on them, paying bills and keeping records but such matters should be handled expeditiously and are not particularly interesting to the average member. Let me suggest that a commandery program will contain at least three elements on a pre-planned basis, using as much variety as possible and involving the maximum number of members.

1. *Fraternal growth.* The best ritualistic performance a commandery can present is essential, and national policy suggests the use of casts chosen from the whole membership on the basis of ritualistic ability and use of the best "staging" possible. Supporting this we must have careful canvasses of desired and available candidates, related to the planned ritualistic work. Both presentations of work and enlistment efforts are most effective if planned jointly with Royal Arch Chapters and Councils, R.&S.M. -- so that we can present all of the York Rite in "festivals" whether they are "fast" or "slow", local or on a district basis.

2. *Fraternal enjoyment.* Men who are both Masons and Christians tend to enjoy social association and a commandery program must include such opportunities with maximum frequency, variety and general appeal. Planned programs around the festive board are fundamental and may include families and friends. Beyond this the choice is limited only by propriety and imagination. All other commandery programs benefit if the social program is broad and approached with full advance attention to detail and good communications.

3. *Fraternal expression.* Recognized Templar avenues are of course (1) Christian interest and support, (2) Educational Loan Foundation and other local and state programs related to interest in education and students, (3) Knights Templar Eye Foundation and other charitable projects, (4) Patriotic and Civic Activities related to current social needs. In these areas members find outlet for their benevolent character and purpose, and Templary is identified and receives recognition both within and outside Freemasonry.

Finally, this suggestion to the individual "average" member. If you find the program of your commandery uninteresting, please make a constructive suggestion to your Commander--and--make yourself available to implement it!





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### The Cover:

The cover illustration, for those who might find it faintly familiar, was commissioned in 1965 by the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations and was featured on the cover of the December issue of that year. Today, as then, it is intended to symbolize Templary's commitment to Christianity and to exemplify to all readers Christmastide Joy and Peace.





## From the MAIL BIN

### Chicago, Illinois

As per my telephone conversation with you last week, I wish to present complimentary copies of THE QUIET BETRAYAL to *Knight Templar Magazine* readers.

This offer is made in view of the fact that many Knights have expressed its relevancy to our present times, even more so than when it was written over 13 years ago.

Your readers may write to us direct for this complimentary copy.

S. L. DeLOVE  
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Chicago, Illinois 60645

*Editor's note: Sir Knight DeLove, nationally known author and lecturer, has written many popular books and patriotic treatises. He will send a complimentary copy of THE QUIET BETRAYAL to the first 2,500 readers who so request.*

### Indianapolis, Indiana

I have thirty high-neck Knight Templar Uniform Coats for sale. All in good condition. To be sold as is, for \$5.00 each. Contact:

JOSEPH A. BARNES, Rec.  
Trinity Commandery, No. 62 K.T.  
201 S. 7th Avenue  
Bush Grove, Indiana 46107

### Cucuta, Colombia

I enjoy getting the *Knight Templar Magazine*, although there is a two month period between the time you mail it and when I receive it.

New address is Apartado 93, Maracaibo, Venezuela.

ALVIN L. SCHUCKERS

### Duncan, Oklahoma

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It creates happiness, fosters good will, brings rest to the weary, cheers the discouraged, and sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for troubles.

My monthly receipt of the new *Knights Templar Magazine* has brought many smiles and now it's my hope that I may be able to live long enough to receive a full York Rite magazine with as good reading of consolidated organization as your *Knight Templar* has proven to be.

At this time I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Sir Knights who were kind enough in 1965 to my receiving the Certificate of Award of the Knights Templar cross of honor in our wonderful state of Oklahoma, where every Sir Knight should visit, also my congratulations to others having received the honor.

ALFRED S. BRYAN

**Fort Pierce, Florida**

The Round Table is still getting nicer and rounder – Summer Progress was slow – but look for an increased tempo in the months to come. Last Sunday Night we had a District Meeting here in Fort Pierce with free steak dinner – about 150 present. We introduced a little boy (age 6) who just had his eyes straightened by K. T. E. F. The program went very well. Several people joined up, also two ladies. The R.E. G. C. gave us his blessing to help set Templary on fire here in state of Florida.

GEORGE PETRIE

P.S.: 470 members; 170 Life Sponsorships purchased; 31 Ladies of the Round Table.

**Williston, North Dakota**

If you have not already received 400 letters postmarked 'somewhere in Montana' in reply to the letter of Sir Knight D. H. Sanders, Jr., relative to the three Masonic Bodies in Staten Island, N.Y. all No. 66 – in the October *Knight Templar Magazine*, may I add the following interesting information?

In the Masonic Lodge Rooms at Virginia City, Montana (Population about 194) the following charters hang side by side:

Virginia City Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M.  
Virginia City Chapter R.A.M. No. 1  
Virginia City Commandery, K.T. No. 1

All dated 1866.

It was my privilege to attend the Centennial Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Montana held there in 1966.

BERNARD J. WESTDAL, P.G.C.

**Lexington, Kentucky**

I am receiving and greatly enjoying the *Knight Templar Magazine*. It is most interesting. In the October 1969 issue, Mr. D. H. Sanders, Jr. Recorder of Empire Commandery in Staten Island, New York inquires as to the possibility of any other community having three Masonic bodies with the same number.

I am happy to inform you that Lexington, Kentucky, has four Masonic bodies with the same number and incidently they are all Number 1.

Lexington Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M.  
Lexington Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.  
Washington Council No. 1, R. & S. M.  
Webb Commandery No. 1, K. T.

AUGUST H. MATTMILLER

**Hamilton, Ontario**

I think that this (*The Knight Templar Magazine*) is the best notice that I receive, giving so much information on the Templar membership.

JOHN H. EYDT  
Past Grand Master  
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

I read with much interest the article in your October 1969 issue, page 14, by William R. Deutsch about our present Knight Templar uniform.

I fully agree with him that we should start now to consider a change. This, I think, merits careful consideration.

Our present uniform is neither authentic nor modern.

HENRY LAWRENCE K.Y.C.H.  
Sec.-Rec., York Rite Bodies



**Bellmore, Long Island, New York**

I have been receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine* through the kindness of the Grand Commandery. I have enjoyed it very much and I perceive that the Central and Western part of U.S.A. is much more active than the Eastern. I am glad to learn and know this fact. I'm much interested in reading about the older members. At this writing I am nearing my 94th birthday in December. I have had the privilege and the honor of being a humble member of Coer De Lion Commandery, K.T. No. 34 of Medford, Massachusetts.

Formerly was in Charleston, Massachusetts, a part of Boston, Mass., since 1902. It has been my privilege and pleasure to parade in full uniform of Grand Encampment in Chicago, 1910; also in San Francisco, 1934. Plus parades in New York City; Springfield, Massachusetts; Hartford, Conn.; Worcester, Mass. - two times; Providence, R. I., three times, and at 94 years able to parade a short distance; served on the Guards six years. My *Knight Templar Magazine* has meant so much to me. I am still a member but being in New York - Long Island district, I don't get to meetings as often as I would like.

The change in Uniform is agreeable to me. Would suggest that we let the older members remain as they are. But new members, new uniforms.

I get over to Ivanhoe Commandery in New York City once in a while. I have been a Mason since 1898 - Chapter 1899 - Council 1900 - Commandery 1902 - Scottish Rite 1920. Organist for all York Rite Bodies for quite a long number of years.

FRED E. BROWN  
2500 West Wilson Avenue

**Detroit, Michigan**

I have been reading the article about the miserable K. T. uniform in the October *Knight Templar*.

What sort of a Commandery does this man belong to? I am a member of Detroit Commandery No. 1 and we do not shuffle a lot of old worn-out uniforms around. Each Sir Knight has his own. Unless he is past 65 when he petitions for membership, he cannot come in without a new uniform of his own. Due largely to the efforts of the late Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, this regulation has been carefully observed state-wide. Perhaps there is an isolated case here and there when a friend turns his uniform over to another, but that is the rare case in this state.

I am proud of my uniform and I have sleeve "patches" to prove it on my fatigue coat.

It seems to me that since we have jurisdiction on a national basis that the Grand Master or someone assigned by him should look into what is going on in the area the author writes about. Our brothers in Canada wear the white cape in addition to the uniform, but they do not use swords because of some government regulation they have not overcome. For ritualistic work the cape adds somewhat to the outfit but for street or public use it seems a burden.

My future in Templary is behind me and what is done is of little interest to me. My dear friend, Wilber Brucker, was my inspiration and he was a "stickler" for proper uniforms kept in good condition.

LARRY W. LANG  
Chaplain, Oriental Lodge No. 240

# "IN HIS NAME"



"Advent tells us Christ is near;  
 Christmas tells us Christ is here.  
 In Epiphany we trace  
 All the glory of his grace."  
 Children's Hymn 235 in Hymnal 1940

The earliest celebration of Advent came as a spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christ's Nativity in the Church in Gaul in the year 490. By the 12th century the celebration expanded into a whole preparatory season representing a threefold "Advent":  
*His past coming*, in Bethlehem of Judea  
*His present coming*, through grace in the hearts of men  
*His future coming*, at the fulfillment of time.



The wood of Golgatha's CROSS is foreshadowed in the Advent CROWN and candles as in the Manger of Bethlehem.

The Advent wreath originated hundreds of years ago among the Lutherans of Eastern Germany. It was suggested by one of the many light symbols used by Christians in medieval times and especially understood by the "Ritter Order" or Teutonic Knights. In the 16th century the custom started of using such lights as a religious symbol of Advent and the Twelve Days of Christmas in the houses of the faithful. This practice quickly spread among Protestants and Roman Catholics of Europe. More recently it is finding increased acceptance in America. The symbolism of light expressed through candles is one of anticipation and preparation for the Nativity, and to give the proper Christian emphasis for the whole season, beginning with the first Sunday in Advent through Epiphany - 6 January.

tionally, each year Austrian pine is cut from the same parishioner's tree, and gold ribbon "crowns" the handsome wreath. Thick, hand-made candles are placed in the four corners: three violet and one rose candle for "Mothering Sunday," a fifth white "Christ Candle", taller than the others, is placed in the middle. Each

Sunday in Advent a candle is lighted to announce the approaching birthday of our Lord. On Christmas Eve, at the midnight service, the Christ Candle and all the candles in the wreath are lighted. Throughout the "Twelve Days of Christmas" they all burn during worship, and altar candles are lighted from the Christ Candle.

The Advent wreath pictured is in the home parish of the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Curtis W. V. Junker, Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he has been Pastor and Rector eleven years. The sturdy oak "cross," made by a Masonic parishioner, is suspended from the lofty ceiling of the gothic church above the chancel. Tradi-

Truly, the wood of Golgatha's CROSS is foreshadowed in the Advent CROWN and candles and in the Manger of Bethlehem. The CROSS and the CROWN are a fact and not just a symbol. Those, who in compliance with venerable custom and in response to the prompting of their heart share in the Christmas Observance and Toast to the Grand Master, will be reminded in his Response that:



## International Hymn

God of our embattled nations,  
Mighty King of martial songs,  
We have not advanced Thy purpose  
By enduring ancient wrongs:  
Racial strife and class oppression  
Are the corner-stones we lay;  
Father, rescue us from hatred,  
Lead us to a warless day.

God of our discouraged nations,  
Show the challenge of Thy Word;  
Statesmen fail to see Christ's vision,  
Prophets still betray their Lord.  
Justice, love, and understanding  
Will restore our world to peace;  
Bring us, O Thou one great Spirit,  
To the time when wars shall cease.

God of our self-righteous nations,  
Cross our restive, tribal lands;  
Sit at every council table,  
Guide our hearts, our minds, our hands.  
Brotherhood shall be exalted  
By the power of truth and right,  
Where Thy children humbly serve Thee,  
Lord of Peace, Eternal Light.

— Herbert Beecher Hudnut  
Detroit Commandery No. 1

Knight Templar Eye Foundation  
c/o Grand Recorder  
14 E. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Ill. 60604

Dear Mr. Rodenhauer:

Last year, the Nevada Rainbow Girls for a state service project participated in and contributed to several programs aiding the handicapped child.

Besides the donation of hours to these children, the girls would like to help them by donating the enclosed check for \$200.00 to the Eye Foundation. I hope that this is agreeable with you.

Sincerely,

Diana L. Titlow  
Jr. Past Grand Worthy Advisor

... "In His Name"

"Without Easter and the Resurrection, there would be no cause to celebrate this Nativity — Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. Then Pentecost! The fire of His Holy Spirit laid hold upon the early Church and sent it out into a dark, cold and joyless world. That candle — and any candle — can remind Templary of our part, by His grace, in manifesting 'enabling life, reconciling love and healing, guiding light.'

"Rejoicing together, praying together, working together, in Him, by Him and through Him, 'let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.'"

Life, light, love, peace, joy and charity  
..... Christmas!

So, a Blessed Advent and Nativitytide to you and yours!

Your R.E. Grand Prelate,  
Curtis W. V. Junker

COMING IN FEBRUARY — Illustration of a United States Flag Plaque and directions for its construction from Howard N. Nelson, Twin Cities Commandery No. 39, Wisconsin.





A  
 MESSAGE TO  
 ALL TEMPLARS  
 FROM THE CHAIRMAN  
 OF THE 1969 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
 EYE FOUNDATION  
 VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

As we approach the season of the year that holds so much significance for Knights Templar and all Christians, we become more aware than ever of the needs of others.

The closing weeks of the 1969 Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation give us the opportunity to transfer that awareness to practical action, giving assistance to those who need financial aid for eye treatment or surgery.

Our annual assessments and our Life Sponsorships are a continuing project, but the Voluntary Campaign is a special one-time-a-year opportunity for Templars. Now is the time to give additionally, not routinely. This is the time for Giving not related to assessments and Life Sponsorships.

I know we are going to have a successful and rewarding campaign. When the reports are issued early next year, I am sure that all of us can take justified pride in what Templary has done for its humanitarian project. Then we can pick up the theme of assessments and Life Sponsorships with renewed vigor and conviction. In the interim, however, let's be sure to place the emphasis where it belongs — on VOLUNTARY GIVING.

I thank our M.E. Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Sr., for appointing me Chairman of the Voluntary Campaign. I thank Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., for his warm, wholehearted and understanding cooperation in helping to make this special project of the Grand Master and the Foundation Trustees a success. And I thank all the Knights Templar — officers and members — for serving with me in this great exemplification of Christian sharing.

Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan

## HENRY C. CLAUSEN ELECTED SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Henry C. Clausen, California, was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, at a special session October 16 at the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C. He succeeds Luther A. Smith, Mississippi, who retired from office after having served in that capacity since 1955.

Lee Lockwood, Texas, was elected Deputy Grand Commander. The officers were installed Thursday, October 23, in ceremonies at the House of the Temple. On the same date, at the Scottish Rite Temple, the 33rd Degree of Scottish Rite was conferred upon a class for which Astronaut Walter M. Schirra served as the active candidate.

Three Grand Crosses were awarded by retiring Sovereign Grand Commander Smith, who presided for the sessions. Recipients were: Robert Watts, C. F. Kleinknecht, Sr., and General Lyman L. Lemnitzer. General Lemnitzer was the speaker for the Grand Commander's Banquet October 21st. The banquet for Inspectors General Honorary and special guests October 23rd featured Astronaut Schirra as the speaker.

Among the special guests for the sessions and events, extending from October 20 thru October 23, were Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., and Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell. Both are 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons in addition to their years of leadership in Templary. The Grand Master is a member of the Southern Jurisdiction; Sir Knight Bell of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Sir Knight Clausen, the new Sovereign Grand Commander, is a member of California Commandery No. 1, San Francisco.



Henry C. Clausen

**COLORADO**  
IN **'70**



## “ACCENTING THE POSITIVE”

*Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother George A. Newbury, the Masonic statesman who authored this message expressly for the readers of the Knight Templar Magazine, is the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, and the more than half-million Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. His theme is directed to neither the members of the Scottish Rite nor those of the York Rite, but to all Masons everywhere.*



### “Accenting the Positive”

A popular song of some years ago had this theme — “Accentuate the Positive.” It was a lively song with a catchy tune. Possibly — although this is pure speculation — it was prompted by the Coueism, “Every day in every way I am feeling better and better.” Be that as it may, it strikes a note well worth our reflecting on.

There are few problems or life situations that are solved or even helped by a negative approach. Positive thinking and doing built America from a few struggling colonies on our eastern seaboard to the world’s most powerful nation. Positive thinking and initiative have been at the root of every successful business and of every personal achievement.

So it is and always has been with Freemasonry. Freemasonry is strictly a positive philosophy. It accents the positive from its early interrogation, “What came you here to do?” to its final injunction to carry our Masonic light out into the world.

Our ancient brethren were among the most ardent exponents of this positive approach to life. They were builders.

Without the aid of the phenomenally powerful mechanical devices used by today’s builders, they created massive cathedrals which stand today, after the lapse of centuries, as monuments to the builder’s art. The designs placed upon their trestleboards by the master craftsman were carried out by workers of lower rank, — apprentices, fellowcrafts, etc., with no thought except that of achieving perfection — which is a major aspect of positive thinking.

This basic concept was carried over into Symbolic Masonry as it began to develop in the forefront of the eighteenth century. Our early leaders — truly profound thinkers — saw in Freemasonry an opportunity to perpetuate the high principles, fine motivation and idealistic concepts of the Master Workmen in the Craft Lodges by adapting them to the building of men. In doing so they used the builders’ tools as symbols of the positive virtues they sought to inculcate in their followers.

This concept of the builder with all that it signifies, especially in terms of a striving for perfection, is still at the heart of our Masonic teachings. As our Masonic forbears strove for perfection in every



detail of the magnificent structures they built, so we in Freemasonry are urged to seek that same perfection as we build the structures of our lives. And in all of this Freemasonry takes a positive approach — “Accenting the Positive.” Belief in God — maintaining a high standard of morality in private and public life — reverence for sacred things — respect for the individual — loyalty to country — and all those homely virtues that over the centuries mankind has found essential to the development and maintenance of a viable society — are all positive concepts.

This is not to say that all opposition is to be condemned. Obviously, it is not. The mere fact that we stand unalterably for those basic tenets to which our Fraternity adheres clearly implies that we oppose the antithesis of them. Belief in God will prompt us to abhor any tendency toward atheism. Morality demands vigorous opposition to immorality. What it does mean is that the *ACCENT* should be on the positive. Far more is accomplished in this world by those who suggest “Do” by word and precept than by those who habitually intone “Don’t.”

This is something we should keep constantly in mind as we further this work of our Fraternity in these days of chaotic change. NO one schooled in the fundamentals of Freemasonry can accept much of what we hear and see today in the field of morals and in denials of the existence of a Supreme Being. It is easy to condemn it and, of course, it should be condemned. But condemnation will accomplish far less than affirmative positive action on our part upholding the lofty ideals, the fine moral concepts of our Masonic teachings and evidencing our unalterable belief in the existence of an ever-living and true God. Condemnation can and will be shrugged off. The example, firm and sincere, of adherence to the things we profess will command respect.

We hear much these days of the so-called “generation gap” — a wide

disparity between the conduct and thinking of the younger generation and those of us of more mature years. And certainly there is such a generation gap. But has it occurred to you that we of the older generation are largely responsible for it? Our youth really are telling us something, and the things they are telling us are not flattering. They are telling us that we have failed to practice those virtues to which we pay lip service. They are telling us that if we really believed in the existence of God, we would be seen in church more regularly. They are telling us that in large part we are a generation of hypocrites. Their manner of telling us is pretty rough — often crude. But it is positive. And we won’t meet it successfully by merely condemning it. If we really want to eliminate this generation gap, we must do so by positive action. We must “Accent the Positive” by conscientiously and sincerely practicing those things in which we profess to believe.

We often complain that our youth are not coming into the Masonic Fraternity as they did in former years. Can it be they are not doing so because we show so little interest in it? When attendance at Lodge meetings is down to a bare quorum, is it likely to appeal to a young man at the most vigorous stage of his life? We may tell him of the beauty of its ritual and the profound tenets of its philosophy, but he will be more impressed by the act that very few are sufficiently interested to attend meetings. We not only are failing to accent the positive, we are accenting the negative. Let dad’s lodge become an enthusiastic gathering place and we won’t need to worry about a son wanting to join. All we need to do is to accent the positive.

There are those who attribute their non-attendance at meetings to the fact that they have seen the ritual so many times it has become dull. That is a negative approach if ever there was one. It is the equivalent of a businessman



saying, "My business has begun to drag so I will neglect it." We know that would not be the reaction of an up-and-coming businessman. Neither should it be our reaction to growing sluggishness in our Lodge or other Masonic body. The situation clearly calls for positive action. There are myriad ways to liven up our meetings without doing violence to our ritual provided we have the initiative to devise them. However, if time-worn ritualistic practices no longer impress our candidates and teach our lessons, we should have the good sense to change them. It is our Masonic lessons that are immortal — not some lines of ritual that no longer carry our message to our initiates. Here is a glorious opportunity to "Accent the Positive." Negativism in this area is likely to prove deadly.

The great need in Freemasonry today is to attract and hold the interest of youth. Unless we do, many of our Bodies will be laid away with us when we come to the end of the trail. If we are to appeal to youth, we must overcome our lethargy, our tendency to react negatively to suggestions of change and innovation. We must positively support our Lodge, our Chapter, our Council, our Commandery, our Scottish Rite Valley. We must let our idealism show by our enthusiasm for Freemasonry and the things it teaches. In short we must "Accent the Positive." And if we do so we will find the generation gap disappearing and youth with its glorious idealism and vision of things as they ought to be flocking to our standard. Youth glories in accenting the positive and in supporting those institutions which progressively point the way to a better and fuller way of life.

"So nigh is grandeur to our dust  
So near is God to man,  
Where Duty whispers low,  
'Thou must'  
The youth replies, 'I can.' "

Emerson, *Voluntaries*

## 100 Years to the Day

October 27, 1969—the exact anniversary date—marked the 100th Charter Anniversary celebration of Hospitaller Commandery No. 31, at the Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, Illinois, with G. Wilbur Bell, R. E. Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U. S. A., as the featured speaker.

Sir Knight Bell, a Past Grand Commander of Illinois, challenged Masons to look to the future and to concern themselves in the affairs of government.

John W. Wheeler, Jr., G.C., expressed the greetings of the Grand Commandery and introduced the guests of the evening. Thomas W. Richards, D.G.C., a Past Commander of Hospitaller Commandery, reviewed the history of the Commandery and responded for the Past Commanders and others who served Hospitaller during the past century.

Other Grand Commandery officers present included Grand Captain General J. Emerson Miller, Grand Standard Bearer H. Vere Dawson, Grand Sword Bearer Charles R. Neumann and Grand Color Bearer Samuel S. Blaine. Illinois Grand Chapter and Grand Council, according to the reporter for the occasion, were well represented; attendance was approximately 200.

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Accenting the Positive — the way of youth — the sure way to success in any enterprise — the sure way to make Freemasonry an ever-greater force in the forward march of men toward the goal of universal brotherhood.

George A. Newbury

## Sprague Hanna Carter, P.G.G.H.P.

March 16, 1898 – November 9, 1969

Sprague Hanna Carter, who presided over the 54th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International at Portland September 28-October 2, died suddenly at 10 a.m., Sunday, November 9. Interment was at Pendleton, Oregon, Thursday, November 13.

Sir Knight and Companion Carter was born in Baker, Oregon, March 16, 1898. He was a commissioned officer during World War One and remained in the 381st Oregon Infantry Army Reserves until 1929. In World War Two he served on the Selective Service Board and later became Director of Selective Service for the State of Oregon. He was awarded the Congressional Selective Service Medal in 1946.

On February 12, 1922, he was married to Kate Miller. They were the parents of two children – one son, Sprague, Jr., and one daughter, Suzanne.

Sprague Hanna Carter was an active participant in civic and public service fields. His activities included: President of the Pendleton Rotary Club, Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, President of the Civic Music Association, Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Salvation Army. He was Mayor of Pendleton for four years and served in the State Legislature for two sessions.

He was a Past President of the Pendleton Toastmaster's Club, President of the

Umatilla County Realty Board, Vice President of the Oregon Association of Realty Boards, member of the Board of Directors of the world-famous Pendleton Round-up for four years, President of the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents in 1946 and later Director of the National Association of Insurance Agents.

Masonically, he served as presiding officer of his Chapter, Council and Commandery, and as Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1952 and 1953, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter 1954-55. Sir Knight Carter was Recorder of Pendleton Commandery No. 7 from 1940 to 1948. He was Grand Captain General in the Grand Commandery of Oregon until 1958. His Scottish Rite memberships were in the Valley of Portland, and his Shrine membership in Al Kadar Temple.

At the General Grand Chapter convocation in Sun Valley, Idaho, in 1957, he was elected General Grand Captain of the Host of the General Grand Chapter, advancing until elected General Grand High Priest at Boston in 1966.

Roy W. Riegler, Jr., son of the Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment and Mrs. Roy W. Riegler, died suddenly, Friday, October 31, after a series of recurring heart attacks. He was born in Emporia, Kansas, in 1926.

Sir Knight Riegler, a Past Commander of Emporia Commandery, and Chief Counsel of the Douglas Aircraft Division, Long Beach, California, at the time of his death, resided in Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, with his wife, Mary, and their four children.

He served in World War II with the

U.S. Marine Corps, participating in the Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima landings, and in the Korean conflict as legal officer at Quantico, Virginia.

He practiced law for five years with his father, was a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, State Bar Association of Kansas, Oklahoma and California, the Long Beach Bar Association and the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. He had been associated with Douglas Aircraft since 1957. Funeral services were conducted November 4 at Long Beach.



### In Memory of

Robert Dale Penn  
Texas  
Grand Treasurer 1969  
Born March 10, 1912  
Died October 13, 1969

George H. Riley  
New Jersey  
Grand Commander 1941  
Born January 8, 1889  
Died October 22, 1969

Sir Knight Floyd H. Mooneyham, Montgomery, Alabama, passed away in his sleep May 1, 1969. Mrs. Mooneyham writes that he was 73 and "had lived a full and rich life in service to the church, his community and in civic and fraternal circles." He had served as Potentate of Alcazar Shrine Temple.

Sir Knight Glen R. Hufford, Indianapolis, Indiana, died August 3, 1969. The death was reported by Miss Edith K. Hinman, sister of Mrs. Hufford, who had preceded her husband in death in 1967.

Mrs. A. W. Noland, Bogue Chitto, Louisiana, reports the May 8, 1969 death of Sir Knight Noland.

Mrs. Durastus Headrick, Louisville, Kentucky, writes of the death on August 16, 1969 of her husband at the age of 87. Sir Knight Headrick was a Past Commander of Owensboro Commandery No. 15. His widow writes: "I have the beautiful medal he received in 1919 when he retired from his post."

Mrs. Emerson Rossel Lewis, Evanston, Illinois, wrote November 4 to report the death of Sir Knight Lewis in August.

Mrs. T. G. A. Henstridge, St. Albans, Vermont, has advised the "Knight Templar Magazine" of the death of Sir Knight Henstridge September 2, 1969. He was a member of Lafayette Commandery No. 3, St. Albans.

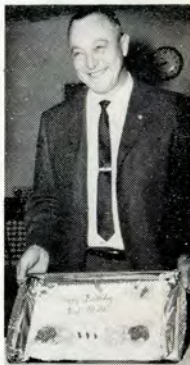
A Military and Masonic Service for Sir Knight William Burch Lee, Jr., San Antonio, Texas, is reported by Mrs. Lee. Sir Knight Lee had his Templar membership in Ascension Commandery No. 6, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The widow of Sir Knight A. R. Campbell, Oak Park, Illinois, has reported the September 18, 1969 death of her husband.

Sir Knight James A. Tingler, 47, Chicago, Illinois, died October 11, 1969. He was a World War II veteran. His widow and his father survive him.

### Grand Commander's Birthday

James H. Mathis, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of South Carolina, celebrated his 46th birthday October 1 — with special assistance from Col. Claude E. Sawyer Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Aiken.



Some 25 DeMolays were joined by the Chapter Sweetheart in presenting Grand Commander Mathis with a birthday cake at Aiken.

### BUILDING WITH GOD

Lord, help me as a Christian man,  
Help me to build as Thou dost plan,  
Thou art the Superintendent here,  
The Master Builder, Overseer.  
Help me to choose the very best,  
Materials that pass the test —  
Combine faith, hope, and charity,  
With honor, zeal, sincerity.  
The foundation Thou dost provide,  
Thy Holy Word our rule and guide,  
And if good work we have in mind,  
Then we must follow Thy design.  
And when the contract here is done,  
Full payment Thou wilt give each one,  
With promise that as each has tried,  
His talents shall be multiplied.

—Richard C. Glasgow, P.C.

Palestine Commandery No. 4, New Jersey



# PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Templars Salute Heroes



Louis Davis and David Menter, Niagara Falls teen-agers, were honored by Niagara Commandery No. 64 for heroism in the rescue of a young girl from a reportedly armed attacker in this New York community. Davis was stabbed during the rescue and Menter helped the police make the arrest. Presentation of Savings Bonds and citations to the two young heroes was made by New York's Deputy Grand Commander, Paul H. Schwindler, right. Eminent Commander John M. Broughton is shown on the left.

## Templar Is Textbook Author

Sir Knight Walter Greene, P.C., De-Molay Commandery No. 10, Minot, North Dakota, now instructor at Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, is the author of a new book just off the press — "Plant Location Factors." His book is intended as a supplement to the textbooks in Production Management. He is a member of the board of directors of the Administrators Cooperative of St. Louis, Missouri, and a retired Air Force officer. Sir Knight Greene's teaching field is Production Management and Business Administration.



## Wyoming Meets at Wheatland

The 82nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming at Wheatland September 15, with Grand Commander D. E. Baker presiding, had representatives from 12 jurisdictions in attendance, with the Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, Willard M. Avery, representing Grand Master Crofts. New Grand Commander is Carl S. Gilbert. Others: Charles A. Painter, D.G.C.; Glenn W. Hill, G.G.; Ralph Drury, G.C.G. R. S. Allen continues as Grand Treasurer and Marcus R. Nichols as Grand Recorder.

## St. Graal Commandery Centennial

Acacia Masonic Temple, Columbia, Missouri, was the scene of St. Graal Commandery's Centennial Observance October 25, with Department Commander and Mrs. William R. Robbins as centennial guests. The couple presented slides of their 1968 visit to the Holy Land following the evening banquet. Eighty Knights and ladies attended.

Grand Commandery officers present included Grand Commander Harlan C. Boehm, Deputy Grand Commander W. Bush Walden, Grand Generalissimo Joseph W. Nickle, Grand Junior Warden Pressley L. Crummy, also Past Grand Commanders Roy A. Bickie, Walter J. Eddlemon and James H. Cockerham. One of the seven candidates for the afternoon conferrals was Ernest E. Harrison, 88 years old and 50 years a Mason.

A condensed history of St. Graal No. 12 was presented by R. A. Miller. At the start of 1969, St. Graal's membership was 355. William Dudley Payne is Commander; John W. McBride, Generalissimo; Marvin L. Painter, Captain General.



# MASONIC NEWS IN TEMPLAR REVIEW

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## Breakfast in California

To further "Operation Egdac," (Exalt, Greet, Dub and Create), the plan of Grand Commander John B. Nye for increased membership, the four Commanderies in Dept. 6, Div. A of the Grand Commandery of California sponsored an October 5 breakfast in Santa Monica Masonic Temple, with the DeMolay boys doing the serving, the Al Malaikah Shrine Polka Band furnishing the music, and Elmer E. Fitz, P.C., No. 53, presenting a talk on York Rite Masonry.

Those from Grand Commandery included William D. Tucker, P.G.C.; James F. Graham, G. St. B., and Robert J. Miller, Grand Warder. Plans were discussed for the cooperative conferring of Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees and orders November 10 thru November 24. Clarence E. Glaze, P.C., No. 53, Dept. California Membership, Public Relations and Publicity Committee, was in charge of the meeting.



Among the California breakfast participants at headtable: Grand Warder Miller; Lloyd Ebinger, E.C., No. 75; Robert E. Strassen, Shrine Club Membership Chairman, Al Malaikah Temple; Eugene Capachelli, Chairman of Al Malaikah Membership; C.E. Glaze, standing; Milton H. Carlson, E.C., No. 61; Sir Knight Fitz, and Cecil Dryer, S.W., No. 61.

## \$510 for Life Sponsorships



Department Commander A. L. Crump is the recipient of a check from Betty Mae Betts Adams, Foundry Supplies Manufacturing Co., Chicago, for Life Sponsorships in the K.T. Eye Foundation in memory of Sir Knights Henry Victor Adams and Henry Cox Gale. The check for \$510.00 will cover 17 Life Sponsor recipients to be selected by the Officers of Siloam Commandery No. 54.

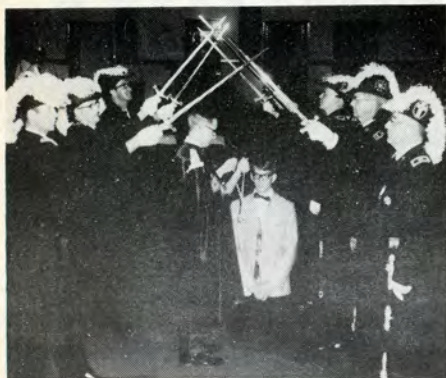
Sir Knight Crump accepted the check on behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Foundation at an October 31 K.Y.C.H. banquet held at Oak Park Arms Hotel.

## Address Adjustments

John Harris Watts, listed among the General Grand Council officers in the November issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, notes that his home address is 1011 East Main Street, Grand Junction, Iowa 50107, rather than 1001 East Main Street.

Past Grand High Priest Stuart M. Rutter, newly-appointed General Grand Master of the Second Veil, General Grand Chapter, also forwarded a correction for the zip code which had been furnished for the Knight Templar Magazine listing. Instead of 49721, his zip code should read 48915.

## Pennsylvania DeMolay Ceremony



P. Franklin Hartzel, Jr., is shown receiving the DeMolay Degree of Chevalier from Ronald Brown, Past Master Councilor, Chevalier, Representative DeMolay, Blue Honor Key, and Commander for the degree, at Sunbury, Pennsylvania. Hartzel, also P.M.C., R.D. and Blue Honor Key, is State Treasurer for DeMolay. Both he and Brown are members of Augusta Chapter, Sunbury. The Honor Guard members from Mt. Hermon Commandery, Sunbury, left to right, are: Charles Dale, P.C.; Clark Bastress, E.C.; George Rice, Warder; Edward Walker, G.; Paul Derk, P.C., and P. Franklin Hartzel, Sr., Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania Standard Bearer, father of the recipient.

\$10,000. from K.T.E.F. Trustees



John Buzbee, Jonesboro, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Arkansas, presented a \$10,000.00 grant to the University of Arkansas Medical Center, Thursday, November 6, at 10:00 A.M. The presentation was to Dr. Win Shorey, Dean of the University of Arkansas Medical School, at the New Eye Clinic Building.

The check was a part of the 1969 grants authorized by the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Dr. F.T. Fraunfelder, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Medical Center, made the application to the Eye Foundation on behalf of the Eye Clinic. The \$10,000.00 grant will be used with a like amount from other sources, to purchase a photocoagulator machine which uses laser ray type heat in tissue welding of hemorrhaging blood vessels of the eyes.

Frank Trusdell of Fort Smith, Immediate Past Grand Commander, is chairman of the Arkansas Grand Commandery Eye Foundation Committee. (Reported by Kenneth C. Johnson, P.G.C.)

## Lapel Pins

Nevada's Grand Generalissimo, Herbert J. Pfeufer, Past Patron Park Chapter No. 26, O.E.S., received a check for \$12.50 from the chapter to purchase a Past Patron's lapel pin. He thought it would be put to more effective use and has forwarded a \$12.50 contribution for the Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign.

W. Lynn Dixon, Grand Captain General, Arizona, has a practical lapel pin experience of a different nature. When a man is Raised in the Blue Lodge at Scottsdale, the York Rite Bodies of the community make a lodge presentation, "in the name of the York Rite bodies," of a Master Mason's Lapel pin to the new Master Mason.





## THE CHRISTMAS TOAST and the Grand Master's Response

By **Burt D. Pearson, Chairman**  
The Religious Activities Committee, Grand Encampment

Sir Knights and sometimes others frequently ask how, why and when the Grand Encampment's worldwide Christmas Observance came into being. It is a dramatic story which does credit to a great Christian order.

In the November-December (1952) issue of the Grand Encampment Review (forerunner of Knight Templar, the present general publication of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America) the query is revealed in exciting and dynamic words.

The writer, or writers, are not identified. However, the late Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, Marshall, Missouri, was then the Most Eminent Grand Master and the Grand Recorder was Sir Knight John Temple Rice, the predecessor M. E. Grand Master. The late Sir Knight Chalmers L. Pancoast, then of New York and a Past Grand Commander, was the editor and official reviewer of the Grand Encampment Review. It could be that all had a hand in the writing in a kind of collaboration.

According to the Review narrative, the first Knights Templar Christmas Toast was proposed in 1876, 93 years ago, by Sir Knight Stephen Berry, P. C. of Portland Commandery No. 2, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maine from 1892 to 1917. He started the moving custom when he invited the Templar Correspondents of Grand Commanderies to drink a toast at noon on Christmas Day in expressing the fine sentiments typical of the great order and its allegiance to the Great Captain of Our Salvation.

In 1885, the then Grand Master, the

late Sir Knight Robert Enoch Withers (1883-86) was stationed in Hong Kong as United States Consul. Sir Knight Berry (the Christmas Festival in mind) sent him a warm, religious greeting captioned "To Him That's Away!" He invited an answer. The Grand Master responded in the following words:

"The Noble and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar — though Continents expand and oceans roll between us, heart responds to heart in loving greetings."

This encouraged Sir Knight Berry to enlarge the scope of the toast, and in a circular widely distributed requested all Sir Knights to join the Templar Correspondents on Christmas Day at noon in a libation pledging loyalty and obedience to the Grand Master.

Grand Master Withers in his report to the Grand Encampment in 1885 referred to the Christmas Observance as "a novel and pleasant episode," stating further, "The responses to this circular appear to have been numerous and cordial and at the appointed time 'the Antipodes united in a Fraternal embrace' on Christmas Day at noon, Eastern Standard Time (equivalent to 5 p. m., Greenwich).

"Several of the Grand Commanders issued invitations to all the subordinates in their jurisdictions, and from Maine to Texas, and from Massachusetts to Oregon and California, at the 'witching hour,' the Templars rose simultaneously to honor the sentiment and the response.

"'The Chain was unbroken from America, through Paris, France.' Hubert of the *Chine d'Union*, highly commended it in his January Magazine. Through



England, Ireland and the British Provinces the idea was carried out. The London Freemason suggested that Australia should join the chain and complete the circuit of the Globe."

The recital says the custom was unofficially continued throughout the following Triennium.

Eighty years ago, in 1889, Grand Master Charles Roome appointed a "Committee on Christmas Toast" which reported in 1892, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: That the Grand Encampment approves and gives its official sanction to the observance of Christmas Day by Knights Templar either in their individual capacity, or as Commanderies, and that annually there be a Christmas Toast and Response prepared and transmitted to all Grand and Constituent Commanderies owing allegiance to the Grand Encampment. — The report was adopted."

Seventy-one years ago (in 1898), Grand Master LaRue Thomas enlarged the Christmas Service as a progressive movement for Templary. In his report of 1898, he said in part: "Hundreds of telegrams and letters have been received each Christmas, all containing sweet words of encouragement to the Grand Master, and all testifying to their love of our Noble Order, and their loyalty to our Grand Encampment."

"Many of our Commanderies are beginning to make our Christmas Observance very elaborate affairs, and accompanied by their wives and families, assemble, and, with music and Scriptural reading and suitable addresses, celebrate the day in a manner well calculated to do great good. I have done all I could to encourage it and trust all our Commanderies will follow the example and make the day what it should be."

Sixty-eight years ago in 1901, says the recital, Grand Master Reuben Hedley Lloyd in his report said in brief: "From far-off Manila, 6,000 miles beyond the sea, on Christmas Day, A. D. 1898, I received a telegram from Sir Knight Duboce, the gallant colonel of the California Regiment of Volunteers, saying: 'The sojourning Templars toasted you on Christmas Morning.'"

The same year (1898), a message came from Sir Knight John Gilson of Alaska saying, "According to the custom of the Knights Templar the world over, to meet this morning at 12 o'clock, Washington time, wherever they may be and drink a Toast to the Grand Master of Knights Templar, fourteen Sir Knights residing in this far-off Northern Land, left their cabins this morning, two hours before daylight, 40 degrees below zero, and met in Fraternity Hall and there drank a Toast to the health and prosperity of the Grand Master and the Noble Order of Knights Templar."

Fifty-six years ago, in 1913, Grand Master William Bromwell Melish, in his address observed: "While the Christmas Observance had become an established custom dear to the hearts of Sir Knights and Commanderies, yet it was not recognized by the Statutes, and no provision made for a regular Committee to prepare the Toasts." It was his recommendation that the subject be referred to a committee of five for consideration and report.

Such a committee was appointed and it counseled that the action of the Grand Encampment in 1892, approving the custom of the Christmas Observance be confirmed and that it be considered one of the established practices of the Order; and that the Observance be continued and held on Christmas Day, preferably at noon. However, that Grand, Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies fix the hour to the best advantage for the convenience of the Sir Knights and for the



## \$9,400 Grant from Trustees of Knights Templar Eye Foundation at Mary Commandery's Centennial

A check for \$9,400 to the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, one of approximately \$25,000 in 1969 grants authorized by the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was presented October 31 during the 100th Anniversary Banquet of Mary Commandery No. 36, Philadelphia, Pa. Presentation was made by Pennsylvania's Grand Commander, Charles R. Eurich, to Dr. Theodore W. Sery, Senior Scientist in charge of research at the hospital.

G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., and Paul Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder, were guests for the centennial observance — the former as the representative of Grand Master Crofts. The guest list was headed by the R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Sir Knight and Illustrious John K. Young.

Speaker of the evening was Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Richard E. Kern, R.W. Past Grand Master, Grand Lieutenant Commander and Deputy for Penn-

### ... The Christmas Toast

assurance of the largest participation; that a regular standing committee of one be appointed by the Grand Master to prepare the Christmas Message, and that it be promulgated with the Grand Master's Response throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which report was unanimously adopted.

In 1937, the address made by Grand Master Andrew Davidson Agnew, Wisconsin, contained a complete history of the Knights Templar Christmas Observance. This article is largely derived out of that address or report.

On this 93rd anniversary (1969), the Observance should be widely exemplified. Honor tributes might well be paid to those Sir Knights and Grand Masters of



Dr. Kern

sylvania, Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, N.M.J., who spoke on the history of Masonry and urged members of Mary Commandery not to rest upon past laurels but to "stir the waters" and create new energy, enthusiasm and Templar progress.

Walter H. Wooding, P.C., Trustee of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, served as master-of-ceremonies for the formal banquet. Greetings were extended by Eminent Commander Joseph L. Ramsay. Mrs. John J. Fleming, president, presented six sterling libation goblets to Commander Ramsay during the program. General Chairman of the celebration was Frank W. Bobb, P.C. The banquet in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel was attended by 387 Knights and ladies.

an earlier day, who laid the foundation on which has been erected this noteworthy and sacred Knights Templar religious program, a cause in the Master's Service which brings Sir Knights and their families into increasingly closer bonds in Holy Spiritual Communion.

In the words of the 1952 Review, it is noted: "If all the Christmas Messages written by the Grand Encampment Committees of the past, together with the Responses of the many Grand Masters, and the inspiring messages of the Grand Commanders and the Grand Prelates, were collected and compiled into one volume, it would form the most precious and inspiring Templar literature ever written and offered to all the Sir Knights in this Order of Christian Knighthood." And so it would!



## FIVE STATE CONFERENCE AT LAS VEGAS

Twenty-eight York Rite leaders from five Southwestern states at Las Vegas, Nevada, November 7-8, heard the titular heads of General Grand Council, General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment present their respective (sometimes combined) programs and projections for implementation at state and local levels.

Harold S. Gorman, Grand Encampment's Department Commander for the Southwestern Department, arranged the conference and presided over the agenda for the Friday evening and Saturday sessions of information. Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., reviewed the development and status of York Rite Unity in the nation, discussed current expressions of opinion on Templar uniforms, many of which are reflected in the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

He, with Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, after a report on the *Knight Templar Magazine* and central office operations by Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, reviewed the additional Grand Encampment services now in effect and the staff, space and equipment needs for additional Templar and York Rite services.

Sir Knight Bell discussed budget needs for action at the 51st Triennial Conclave in Denver next August. He stressed the need for early reservations with the Housing Committee - especially on the part of dais officers of the Grand Commanderies. (Housing chairman - James F. McCann, 223 Colorado Building, 1615 California Street, Denver 80202.)

Calvin A. Behle, General Grand High Priest, outlined his triennium program for the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. He referred to survey observations and proposals prepared by the Rev. Gerald F. Bisbee, 1966-69 General Grand Chaplain, and stated his program efforts would be

devoted to meeting the situations listed, which include: "Old methods of operation," need for younger members, apathy, unwillingness to participate, lack of sufficient budget, urban decay, lack of continuity created by change of executive leadership, lack of good communications and training.

Verne W. Mokler, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, spoke briefly during the Saturday morning session and touched on aspects of the General Grand Council operations for the next three years. He was accompanied by Robert L. Karnes, California, General Grand Master's Representative for the Southwestern region. Present with Grand High Priest Behle was E. Monroe Foster, California, the appointed Deputy General Grand High Priest for the area. Other attendees and participants included: California - Grand Commander Nye, Deputy Grand Commander Wilson, Grand Generalissimo Pannell, Grand Captain General Francis, Deputy Grand High Priest Jones and Grand Recorder Leeson; Utah - Deputy Grand Commander Lyon, Grand Captain General Saunders, and Grand Recorder-Grand Secretary Pickering; Arizona - Grand Commander Walton, Deputy Grand Commander Adams, Grand Captain General Dixon, Past Grand Commander Jolley, Grand High Priest Spitler and Grand Recorder-Grand Secretary Shannon; Nevada - Grand Commander Mills, Grand Generalissimo Pfeufer, Grand Captain General Williams, Grand High Priest Bourse; New Mexico - Grand Generalissimo Swysgood.

One of the accented themes of the conference was, established by Department Commander Gorman, the involvement of new members in York Rite work. He emphasized the urgent need for officers and older members to take steps to incorporate new members in the ritual, committee and program work of the bodies.



## THREE HUNDRED FIFTY AT RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE EVENT

William E. Yeager, Warren, Pennsylvania — M.E. Grand Viceroy, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine — represented M.I. Grand Sovereign Lee Lookwood at the traditional Buck Hill Falls assembly October 24, 25 and 26. William R. Burchfield, P.G.S., K.G.C., again served as general chairman for the three day event which was climaxed by attendance of 350 Knights Companions and ladies for the Saturday activities.

Other Past Grand Sovereigns and Knights Grand Cross present were William H. Cantwell, Delaware, and Maurice A. Hammer, Pennsylvania. Grand Treasurer William G. Mateer and Grand Recorder

Paul Rodenhauer participated. Knight Companion Cantwell was toastmaster for the dinner and entertainment Friday evening and the formal banquet and entertainment Saturday evening. All events were held at The Inn.

Seventeen Sovereigns and 14 Viceroys were coronated and consecrated Saturday morning, and 21 candidates were among the Knights Companions who witnessed the exemplification of the Appendant Orders Saturday afternoon. Grand Chaplain John C. Brunbach conducted the Sunday morning religious service to bring the assembly to a close.

### Forthcoming BIRTHDAYS

Walter P. Worland	
Deputy Grand Commander of Indiana	January 2
Robert S. Schoedinger	
Chairman, Com. on Dispensations and Charters	January 4
Edmund F. Ball	
Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment	January 8
Omar E. Hager	
Grand Generalissimo of Indiana	January 9
George William Davidson	
Deputy Grand Commander of Ohio	January 13
Albert Jensen	
Grand Recorder of Washington	January 16
James H. Doyle	
Grand Generalissimo of Maine	January 17
Thomas P. Rankin	
Grand Commander of Ohio	January 18
C. Wallace Jackson	
Department Commander, Southeastern Department	January 21
J. Howard Haring	
Chairman, Com. Cross of Honor Award	January 23
Clyde S. Heckrodt	
Grand Commander of Oklahoma	January 23
Gordon Miller Pannell	
Grand Generalissimo of California	January 24
Henry B. McCarter	
Deputy Grand Commander of New Mexico	January 28
John William Givens	
Grand Commander of Oregon	January 29
Bruce H. Hunt	
Grand Recorder of Missouri	January 29
Crayton N. Slaughter	
Deputy Grand Commander of South Carolina	January 31

# The Knight Line



**Correspondence from Kit Carson Price**, Recorder, Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt-Main, Germany, indicates a successful York Rite dinner meeting at the Rhein-Main Non-Commissioned Officers Club, Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, October 4 – sponsored by the Commandery, Europe Council No. 5 and Living Arch Chapter No. 1. Wrote Sir Knight Price: "We are happy to report as result of the dinner, we have four petitions for York Rite. Also one man requested information on how he could become a Mason. He now has a petition."

**M.W. Brother Donald E. Krueger**, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, has approved a 14-day all-inclusive Hawaiian tour designed specifically and exclusively for Wisconsin Blue Lodge Masons and their immediate families. First departure date is January 10. The second is March 14.

**Ideas are peculiar.** They won't work unless you do.

**The Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island** – "A Friendly Voice of Templar Interest to Knights Templar" prepared for distribution by Grand Recorder G. Burton Long – carried this October observation from Sir Knight Jack R. Baker, Grand Commander: "Gone are the days when a good ritualist was the necessary prerequisite to a place in line. Today we need organizers and administrators. Some will say we must work with what we have. I say true, but let us work the the BEST we have."

**Closed circuit television** is utilized in the Illinois Masonic Medical Center School of Nursing for a portion of the nursing education. Sir Knight Del Robinson, Siloam Commandery No. 54, Oak

Park, Illinois, says that "Mr. Harry Raftis is our television engineer in charge of maintenance and programming and I help operate the audio-visual equipment."

**The 1970 East Central Department Conference**, says Department Commander Abner C. Sager, will be in session February 7 at Columbus, Ohio. Specific details later. Sir Knight Sager notes that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment will be participants.

**The Southwestern Department Conference** was a November 7-8 success at Las Vegas, with Department Commander Harold S. Gorman, presiding. Sir Knights Crofts, Bell and Rodenhauser were present to relay and discuss Grand Encampment programs and operational information – ranging from Eye Foundation developments to 1970 Triennial Conclave plans.

**Charles D. Knight, E.C., St. Alban No. 8**, Portland, Maine, is proud of the new cover for St. Alban's monthly calendars or notices. It is based on the 1968 Christmas cover of the *Knight Templar Magazine* and shows a mounted Knight lifting his eyes to a cross in the sky, "the unchanging beacon of Templar faith." In the November notice, the first with the new cover, he gives credit to Russ Edwards, Art Hahn and Sir Knight Raymond Woodworth for development of the project.

"It is Christmas in the mansion,  
Yule-log fires and silken frocks;  
It is Christmas in the cottage,  
Mother's filling little socks.  
It is Christmas on the highway,  
in the thronging, busy mart.  
But the dearest, truest Christmas  
is the Christmas in the heart."

C. KRITT, Reporter



# DEPUTY GRAND MASTER YOSHI YAMADA IN COMMANDERY CLASS



The fall class of Tokyo Commandery No. 1 included the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan, Yoshi Yamada. Twenty-two candidates were in the class at the Masonic Temple, Minato-ku, Tokyo, to bring the 1969 total to 51. Pictured, far left, front, is Commander Floyd B. Jimerson; far right, Prelate John Buey. Deputy Grand Master Yoshi Yamada is fourth candidate from left, second row. The third row,

among other Templar and Masonic leaders, includes William Lepper, K.Y.C.H., P.C.; Floyd Robertson, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and Myron Bettencourt, P.C.

## Commander Knights Two Sons

\$28,812.98 for Eye Foundation



Edwin W. Bode, Eminent Commander, California Commandery No. 1, knighted his sons, Edwin W. Bode, Jr., and Wayne E. Bode, at a memorable Order of the Temple October 11. A large group of Fraters witnessed the ceremony in the Asylum at 25 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. Among those present were: Findlay Francis, Grand Captain General; Ernest Armando, Grand Captain of the Guard, and Ernest Damsell, Inspector, Division A, Department One. Sir Knight Francis is shown presenting Grand Commandery Certificates to the newly created Sir Knights with the assistance of the proud father and the Inspector.

Wayne E. Bode is the Junior Warden of Golden West Lodge in San Francisco. He is the owner of a Super Market in San Francisco.

Edwin W. Bode, Jr., is a member of Amity Seal Rock Lodge in San Francisco. He is Assistant Vice President of the Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco and the Loan Supervisor for the West Bay Area District. He is also the Chairman of the MIWOK District of Marin County, San Rafael Area Boy Scouts of America.

The Feast of the Tabernacle is a special occasion for the Valley of Atlanta, Georgia, Scottish Rite, when officers of Masonic bodies are invited to an annual dinner and meeting. Especially significant this year, the meeting was the occasion for the final presentation by Yaarab Temple of funds resulting from the pro-football benefit of August 23. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital, reports Richard S. Sager, each received \$28,812.98.



Pictured are Yaarab Potentate Charles A. Wofford, KYCH, KCCH, left; Grand Commander Thomas J. Jones; Illustrious Brother A. Dittler, Chairman, Crippled Children's Hospital, as presentation of checks is made.



(Mailbin views - from page 6)

**Port Huron, Michigan**

Having just received my copy of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, my attention was drawn to the article entitled, "One Templar's View On The Uniform Of A Knight Templar," by Rev. William R. Deutsch.

I also have a view on the same subject, and am moved to try and express myself.

Undoubtedly Rev. Deutsch is most sincere in his expression, and has given it much thought and true he does raise some valid points, I firmly believe our uniform is a definite asset than a liability.

I am only thirty-eight years old and have been a Templar since 1957. I still consider myself one of the younger members both in age and in years of service.

I doubt very much if I would have chosen the York Rite in Masonry if it had not been for the uniform. Many times I have had non-members say to me, "That is a sharp looking outfit, or that is some uniform!" Expressions such as this are not uncommon.

Most of us will agree that all the work in Masonry is beautiful and meaningful when well done. However the uniform of the Knight Templar is a distinguishing characteristic of Templar Masonry.

As to the statement, "That few Sir Knights buy a uniform until they're ready to assume the Commander's station," only exists within jurisdictions where this practice is allowed to happen. Not all jurisdictions are so inclined.

My own situation is as follows: True, I was Knighted in one of the older style "Horse Blanket" uniforms which I had altered and it looked reasonably good. Five years ago when I entered the line I purchased a complete new light-weight uniform. Just last week I purchased another new uniform in anticipation of assuming the Commander's station next year. Possibly I am unique, but I don't think so. The uniform is important to Templar Masonry, and many will not be inclined to Templary without it.

Insofar as changing to a mantle such as our Canadian and other European Brothers wear, this interests me not at all. For myself, I would much rather appear in a business suit and would think more than once about appearing in public in such costume. In Canada and Europe this is well and good, but in our own country we have the honorable image of uniformed soldiers of the cross.

True, we find the uniform expensive, and often think if a candidate did not have to purchase one our ranks would swell, but I believe any man who truly wants to become a Knight Templar, will find a way to having a respectable uniform, and like many of us be exceedingly proud of it and what it represents.

If I have conveyed the impression that I am a man of means and that uniforms are easily come by, this is not so. I am employed as a teacher in the public schools, and only of ordinary circumstances. However, through tradition or whatever I feel that the uniform is a part of Templary, at least in the United States, and we would be sorely disappointed without it.

WILLIAM E. MORRISON, Generalissimo  
Port Huron No. 7



## Templar Uniform Heyday Is Gone

Congratulations to Sir Knight — the Rev. William R. Deutsch (PC) for his article, October issue, pertaining to current results from holding on to an outmoded Templar uniform. His opinions were timely and especially so — in that it appears the Grand Encampment Officers may present measures for adoption with an objective to elevate Templar Masonry to a position compatible with its sister Rite. Marching Templars were once viewed with an awe and reverence. However, the generations in World Wars I, II and later engagements are tired of uniforms, and apparently believe the principles of the Blessed Emmanuel should be portrayed through giving relief from human suffering — rather than by public display of the black cloth and its trimmings. It should be realized that Blue Lodge Masons, when considering advance into one of the two Rites of Masonry, compare the amount spent for uniforms against the unseeable results from wearing them.



Templar Masonry is in need of young and clear-minded Sir Knights — and it is believed the York Rite is not getting its share of the young men who advance up the ladder of Masonry. There are multiple reasons for this situation, but — the two prime ones are believed to be: “Men’s Time” and “Cost of the Uniform.” No age ever has placed greater values on men’s time — than now; which means — the young and/or busy man will desire to support a successful active organization, and especially one that is doing great work in the field of humanity.

Most Commanderies are unable to own and possess the necessary complement of uniforms which are presentable and well fitting. The idea of supplanting the uniform with Templar Robes (similar to those in Canada) appears to be both practical and economical, not as a requirement for all Templars, but as property of the respective Commanderies; thusly — each stationed officer would be robed with his particular insignia, together with an extra number of general robes to be used by other Sir Knights when doing Templar work. In the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Scottish Rite and Shrine, Officers wear the seasonal tuxedos. The required use of the sword over a tuxedo would look undignified for a group of Officers and especially at Stated Conclaves. Further, Commanderies would be able to robe individuals of any size, therefore, eliminating many unrepresentable conditions before the Sir Knights in general.

The objective of this article is to focus further attention toward the extent of funds now expended in uniforms with the hopes of diverting such costs into the Eye Foundation or other benevolent enterprises.

THINK, SIR KNIGHTS, THINK!  
Hasn’t the Templar Uniform had its heyday?

GALELMA J. BUTCHER, P.G.C., Virginia

(More views in future issues)

The old observation still applies:  
“Keep smiling; it makes everyone wonder what you’re up to.”

# PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

December brings Christmas — the birthday of the Greatest Man who ever lived — OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Let us not turn our backs on Him and say there is no room for Him in our hearts. We cannot forget Christ because He is our only hope. We must make a real effort to give to this season the real emphasis that it deserves.

Christianity and Templary united are a formidable bulwark against the forces of wickedness and ignorance. Templary leagued with the Christian Church will be the decisive factor in winning the struggle for our nation and all that it stands for.

I charge all Sir Knights this Christmas to raise high the banner of Christ, higher than ever before. We need — for the sake of mankind — to revitalize our moral and spiritual values. We must do this in order to bequeath to the next generation the great heritage of a free America.



The spirit of Christmas belongs to all of us. The Officers of Grand Commandery join with me in extending to you, your families and friends, and to all Masonic Brethren and their loved ones, sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PEACE AND LOVE.

Courteously and fraternally,

Charles R. Eurich  
R.E. Grand Commander







Honored Guests at Division 11 Reception. Seated, l. to r.: Mrs. Peter G. George; Mrs. Harry H. Ritts, Jr.; Harry H. Ritts, Jr., Div. Com.; Charles R. Eurich, R.E.G.C.; Mrs. Charles R. Eurich; G. Calvin Dyson, P.G.C. Standing, l. to r.: Richard Oliver; Miss Janet Thorne, Pres., Ladies Auxiliary; Peter G. George, Div. Co-ordinator and Master of Ceremonies; Leonard R. Heverly, E.C., Dieu Le Veut Commandery; Mrs. Leonard R. Heverly; Mrs. G. Calvin Dyson; Rev. Fred M. Eister, Prelate.

## RECEPTIONS

DIVISION NO. 11 held a dinner and reception at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, Pa., honoring R.E. Grand Commander and Mrs. Charles R. Eurich. The dinner program began with an ode to the flag by S.K. Peter George, and following the dinner, Miss Janet Thorne, President of the Auxiliary to Dieu Le Veut Commandery, and S.K. Leonard R. Heverly, E.C. of Dieu Le Veut Commandery, presented gifts made of anthracite to Sir Knight and Mrs. Eurich. Mrs. Olive Smith of Sunbury entertained the more than 200 guests with a monolog on "Views of Pennsylvania Dutch Country Family Life." Earlier in the day, S.K. Harry H. Ritts, Jr., presided over a conference of officers and members of the division with the Grand Commander and his staff.

DIVISION NO. 2 honored the R.E. Grand Commander Charles R. Eurich, the Grand Officers of Grand Commandery, and their ladies, at its Annual Reception, Banquet and Ball on Saturday evening, Oct. 18, at the Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh. A large representation of the Sir Knights of the Division, including all Commanders and most of their officers, with their ladies, gathered for an evening of Templar fellowship. Among the distin-

guished guests were Sir Knight William D. Coffman, E.G. Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Ohio and his lady Martha, and Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Pa.

COMMANDERY NO. 4, Philadelphia — St. John's-Corinthian, held a reception and dinner at its November Conclave to honor S.K. Howard T. Scull, Jr., R.E. Grand Junior Warden, and S.K. George F. Held, Division Commander, Div. No. 1, and Recorder of Commandery No. 4. A good turn-out of fraters heard both these distinguished Sir Knights speak on the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the need for eye research and its financial support.

## GIFTS FOR SIGHT

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation figured prominently in the 100th Anniversary celebrations of Allegheny and Mary Commanderies. At its banquet on Oct. 25, Allegheny Commandery No. 35 presented the Foundation with a commemorative check for \$100. The Anniversary banquet of Mary Commandery No. 36 on Oct. 31 was privileged to include the presentation of a check for \$9,400 from the Eye Foundation to the famed Wills Eye Hospital of Philadelphia to be used in eye research.

## THE CHALLENGE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

An Address by  
**The Rev. Henry F. Collins**  
 General Grand Chaplain

*Presented before the Triennial Assembly  
 of the General Grand Council of Royal and  
 Select Masters, International, October 1969*

When the land of Canaan was being distributed among the tribes of Israel by Joshua, Caleb said, "Give me this mountain." The mountain referred to was a most uninviting area, and one which, very probably none of the other tribes would have chosen. They had been told that this area was inhabited by giants, and they knew that it was a very rugged land.

Caleb, too, knew all these things; but he also knew that it offered a great challenge, and he was anxious to pit himself against it.

Throughout all of history men have generally risen to their best under pressure. The difficult seems to bring out that extra something within man which enables him to meet the challenge. Most men derive little or no satisfaction from doing the ordinary; but they get a thrill out of doing something no one else has ever done — the extraordinary.

Students of unusual abilities get bored in schools when they are forced to drag along with those of lesser abilities, or those who are content to "just get by." Unlike the little boy who, upon being asked how he liked school, replied that he didn't like it at all because they were always trying to teach him something about which he knew nothing.

There seems to be something about the greatness and majesty of the mountains which inspires men to rise to unusual heights of greatness — greatness to match the greatness of the mountains.

A tourist, we are told, was touring through a very rugged part of Maine some years ago, when he saw a man digging and planting something in a most unpromising patch of rocky ground. The tourist stopped and asked the man what he expected to grow on such sorry soil. The farmer (noted for brevity) replied, "Men."

A glance at the history of our civilization reveals the fact that many of those who have contributed most toward its advancement have come up through great difficulties. We are reminded of:

Homer, blind, living on crumbs,  
 leading the company of poets;

Milton, blind, living in hell, writing  
 Paradise Lost;

Beethoven, deaf, yet giving to the  
 world some of its greatest music;

Helen Keller, blind and deaf, yet  
 rising to heights of greatness un-  
 equaled by any other under such  
 handicaps. She once said: "I knew  
 there would be obstacles in the way,  
 but I was eager to overcome them.  
 Everyone who wishes to gain true  
 knowledge must climb the hill of  
 difficulty alone."

What gave us John Huss, Martin Luther, John Wesley, Cromwell, George Washington, Lincoln, Livingston, William Booth, Jane Adams, Booker T. Washington, and hundreds of others? The answer is: Persecution, Slavery, City Slums, Dark Continents, Civil Wars, Ignorance, Hard Places — DIFFICULTIES.



Our fathers sang: "Faith, mighty faith,  
that promise sees  
And looks to that  
alone,  
Laughs at impossibil-  
ities  
And cries, "It shall  
be done."

The U.S. Corps of Engineers have a motto: "The difficult we do at once; the impossible takes a little longer."

Although man is challenged by the difficult, the impossible offers him his greatest challenge. Tell a man that something is impossible and immediately some sort of chemical action takes place which seems to make him determined to make you out a liar.

You have to be careful today about saying that anything is impossible; for, the chances are that someone is already doing it. In industry, medicine, communications, transportation and in many other fields, things thought to be impossible have already been done. To name a few: the steam engine, the internal combustion engine, telegraphy, the telephone, the wireless, the radio, television with color, orbiting the earth, landing men on the moon, splitting the atom and harnessing the power of the gun to do our bidding — all of these things were once believed to be impossible.

It seems tragic that we are able to do so many difficult and seemingly impossible things and yet are unable to do so many possible things which need so desperately to be done. Could it be that the possible does not offer the same challenge? It cannot be that these possible goals are any less important.

Doesn't the accomplishment of the following possibilities offer the promise of thrills, challenge and rewards?:

To provide decent homes for every family; To provide adequate food and

arrange for its distribution to alleviate the hunger and malnutrition of all people; To make available to every child, who is capable and willing to accept it, a good education; To greatly reduce crime, whether in our streets, campuses or elsewhere; To provide proper medical care for everyone; To halt the pollution and contamination of our rivers, lakes, and air; To bring to a halt the unconscionable, legalized slaughter of human life by war, thus making real the possible dream of Isaiah, when he said:

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Let us continue to accept the challenge of the difficult and the impossible; but let us give high priority to the possible. Someday we may find that these possible goals offer to mankind his most urgent and challenging opportunity for service; and that the accomplishment of them may prove more rewarding and beneficial to mankind than all the explorations of outer-space.

For what shall it profit a people though they conquer outer-space and plant plaques on hundreds of planets, if in the meantime, they, through a misplaced sense of values, destroy or make uninhabitable, this wonderful earthly heaven which God in his great love has so graciously given to us?



# I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW, 1863

J. BAPTISTE CALKIN, 1872

1. I heard the bells on Christ-mas day Their old fa-mil-iar car-ols play,  
2. I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all Christ-en-dom  
3. And in des-pair I bow'd my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;

And wild and sweet the words re-peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
Had roll'd a-long th'un-bro-ken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."  
The wrong shall fail, the right pre-vail, With peace on earth, good will to men.

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