

Knight



Templar

VOLUME XVI

JANUARY 1970

NUMBER 1



DENVER IN 1970

The snowcapped Rockies are a spectacular backdrop for bright and gleaming Denver, where thousands of Templars and Templar Families will gather for the 51st Triennial Conclave, August 22-27, 1970.



Official Publication for the Grand Encampment of
Knights Templar of the United States of America



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER - -

OUR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

(Fifth of a general information series— by the Grand Master)

Pioneers (1922) in the field of assisting students to obtain higher education, Knights Templar through our Educational Foundation have made loans when needed to 63,995 young people in the total amount of \$21,785,754 as of the end of 1968. At that time the net worth of the Foundation nationally was \$5,503,961, of which \$3,423,601 was in the hands of student borrowers. Certainly such a massive and mature program, undertaken and pursued over the years without self interest, must be a satisfaction to every member. Some, possibly learning the basic facts for the first time, may ask "How may I help this worthy enterprise?" May I suggest to them, and to all Knights Templar —



Learn about it. The Foundation, though national in scope and directed by a national committee, is administered in each jurisdiction by a "Division Committee." Loans may be made to students above high school level taking college, post graduate, vocational or technical training, *provided* they are in the last two years of the intended course of study. Loan limit is \$1,500 in each of the last two years, but the Division Committee may approve up to \$2,500 if for last year only. Interest charged is presently 5% *beginning* at time of graduation or other termination, and repayments are scheduled over a 4-year period. There are forms, of course, designed to satisfy the Division Committee that the student (1) needs the loan, (2) will be successful, and (3) will repay the loan. More information may be obtained from your Commandery Chairman, your Grand Recorder (Secretary of the Division Committee), or by writing to Sir Knight Rodenhauer at the Grand Encampment office.

Tell about it. Strangely enough, after 47 years the individual or group you talk to is probably completely uninformed. You should carry the basic facts to Masonic and Masonic-related organizations, teachers and administrative people in educational institutions, *especially* to our Masonic-related youth groups. A simple presentation is enough if you close with an invitation to contact you when need arises.

Support it. The annual assessments that built the Foundation were stopped in 1931 for reasons obvious to those who remember that year: thus today few of our members have the satisfaction of a personal contribution. Your Grand Recorder is authorized to accept any donation you wish to send, and your contribution will be retained in your own jurisdiction to help your own young people.

Enjoy it. To help a young person to realize his human potential is clearly a satisfying experience. Your Educational Foundation makes it possible for you to enjoy such an experience, while at the same time promoting this established public program of Templary.



Knights Templar

JANUARY 1970

Official Publication of the Grand
Encampment of Knights Templar
of the United States of America.

JOHN L. CROFTS, SR.

Grand Master

Box 718, Nokomis, Florida 33555

PAUL C. RODENHAUSER

Grand Recorder

14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1733
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Mail news, articles, pictures and
magazine correspondence to Paul
C. Rodenhauser, Editor, 14 East
Jackson Blvd., Suite 1733,
Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Material for Grand Command-
eries' two-page Supplements is to
be directed to the respective
Supplement Editors. Address
corrections from members are to
be sent to the local Recorders.

POSTMASTER: Send notice to
GRAND RECORDER, Knights
Templar, U.S.A., 14 East Jack-
son Blvd., Suite 1733, Chicago,
Illinois 60604. Second Class
Postage paid at Greenfield,
Indiana 46140.

CONTENTS

Sir Knight Crofts – “Our, Educational Foundation”	2
Mail Bin	4
Thomas R. Charsee – “Keep Your Voice Down”	7
Perpetual Calendar	9
Edward M. Selby – “A Problem of Templary”	11
Desiderata	14
“The Knights of Malta in Rome”	20
Wylie B. Wendt Reviews American Templary	22
Steam Boat Apollo I	26
Knight Line	27
1970 Annual Conclaves	31

The Cover:

In the far left of the aerial view of Denver on the cover is the Queen City's classic Civic Center. In the center foreground is the gold-domed State Capitol, modeled after the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Thirteenth step at the west side of the Capitol is exactly one mile (5,280 feet) above sea level.



From the MAIL BIN

St. Paul, Minnesota

A day home sick with the cold is good for something. I just finished reading my November issue *Knight Templar*. Thank you for the wonderful little magazine. It is so full of information, and being one of the lethargic Sir Knights referred to in this issue, regarding a change of uniform, I will endeavor to change this present status of mine. This issue has also made me once again mindful of my role as a Knight Templar. Thank you and keep them coming.

C. CURTIS SNEEN
Darius Commandery No. 7

Mango, Florida

I thank you for the *Knight Templar*. I'm getting it regularly and proud of it. I read it through and get a lot of good from it.

My Blue Lodge is in Paris, Tennessee — also my Chapter, No. 129; my Commandery, No. 16. Got my Super Excellent way out west in Phoenix, Arizona, and my Scottish Rite and Shrine in Detroit, Michigan.

I really enjoy the Templar news. Lived in Detroit 42 years. If you see fit, put a few words in the *Knight Templar* so my Paris, Arizona and Detroit brothers can know where I am.

WILLIAM B. WHEELER
P.O. Box 423
Mango, Florida 33550

Portland, Maine

I want to congratulate you on the October *Knight Templar*. I read an item on the 5th page about "200 Years a Mason" which caused me to think back of the years I have had that honor.

I just phoned the Grand Secretary of the Portland Masonic Temple, Earle Webster, and came up with the following dates.

Deering Lodge, No. 183 — 1915
Greenleaf R.A. Chapter No. 13 — 1916
Portland Commandery, No. 2 — 1917
Consistory 32nd, Valley of Portland — 1918
Portland Council, No. 4 — 1919
Kora Temple, Lewiston, Me. — 1919

Guess that makes me an old 50-year man at age 76.

My dad, who passed away 36 years ago, belonged to all the bodies and I was thrilled to march beside him in the Easter Parade in 1919, as I was just home from overseas, and I know he felt as I did about the occasion.

CARL L. PEARSON

Tokyo, Japan

Believe me, I thoroughly enjoy reading the *Knight Templar Magazine*. It is one of the few remaining contacts with those in the states now.

WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS
Pacex Procurement Office — Japan
CMR Box 1696
APO San Francisco 96525

Wilmington, Delaware

My letter is in response to D.H. Sanders, Jr., Recorder, writing in the Mail Bin.

It is my distinct pleasure to hold membership in the following Bodies, all located in Wilmington, Delaware.

Washington Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M.
Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, R. & S.M.
St. John's Commandery No. 1, K.T.

Strictly by accident, I do not belong to: Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 2, R.A.M. also located in Wilmington, Delaware.

Compliments to the Grand Encampment for general distribution of *Knight Templar* for the good of the Order.

RALPH CASSEL, Guard
St. John's Commandery No. 1, K.T.

Bellingham, Washington

I have been a Sir Knight since 1946, and have enjoyed every minute of it. The *Knight Templar* is getting better all the time. Enjoy it very much, wish more were receiving the all-inspiring messages from it.

Paterson P. Fugitt KYCH

Fremont, Nebraska

"Thank you," Mr. Rodenhauer for the publication for the Grand Encampment.

I am Mrs. Roy S. Planck and I am writing for my brother Herman Hein who is very ill and lives with me. He is a 50-year member and is so very proud of it.

Thank you again.

MRS. ROY S. PLANCK
1950 N. Main St.
Fremont, Nebraska 68025

Green Bay, Wisconsin

I had a letter written regarding the change of uniform but it was so much like the one from Sir Knight Harry Phillips that he would think I copied it. Let's keep the traditional uniforms and look like Knights Templar and not like a bunch of waiters.

And why not do something about us oldtimers — paying dues for 50 years and on pension for 15. I am sure there are many living on a pension and just making both ends meet.

H. E. GRIFFITHS
Palestine No. 20

Allenhurst, New Jersey

Re: October, Volume XV, No. 10, penultimate page, The Knight Line and your reference to a quotation of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Go often to the house of thy friend, for weeds choke the unused path." For many years I have understood the Arabs have the quotation, namely "Go oft to the house of thy friend, ere weeds grow up and block the path."

WILLIAM C. GRAY
Rockland No. 75, Haversborow, N.Y.

Editor's Note: Perhaps the Arabs and Emerson shared the same thought. Emerson also said: "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."

Rockford, Illinois

Just thought I would write you a letter concerning the article "One Templar's View on the Uniform of A Knight Templar." This uniform is a relic of a long-gone era and my opinion is that it should be changed.

HAARVEI HAAKON

Rockport, Massachusetts

Just want to thank everyone who had a hand in making *Knight Templar Magazine* available.

I was made a Knight Templar in Joliet Commandery No. 4 located in Joliet, Illinois September 15, 1921 and I am still a member in Joliet Commandery No. 4.

HOWARD P. GLEISSNER
P.O. Box 314
Rockport, Mass.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Like Sir Knight Yungkurth, I have been interested for some time in finding information on the poem used in our ritual and identified as "Ode to the Skull." While I have not found the poem itself in any other publication, I have found two references to it:

On page 338 of John Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations," (12th Edition) the poem is entitled "Lines to a Skeleton" and is credited to Anna Jane Vardhill (1781 - 1852).

On page 875 of Granger's Index to Poetry and Recitation, the poem "To A Skeleton" is listed under the author's name, Anna Jane Vardhill.

No doubt some more research on the subject of Anna Jane Vardhill would elicit some very interesting information. Unfortunately, we have no work by this authoress on file in our public library. Perhaps some Sir Knight who has access to a larger library will be good enough to look up the works of this authoress and send you the pertinent information for publication in this magazine.

J. G. LEIGH, P.C.
Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1

Niceville, Florida

I agree wholeheartedly with the article by one of the Past Commanders, the Rev. William R. Deutsch, Lockport, Illinois.

To my way of thinking this present uniform is not in keeping with the original and should be declared obsolete, due to many factors. First, the uniform gives the wearer the appearance of the uniform worn by the navy during ADMIRAL DEWEY's time; further it is too costly; next it does not coincide with the dress of a Christian Knight but gives the appearance that it should be on some union general of the civil war period.

Here is the description of the adopted uniform of the first Knights Templars as given in a publication in my book collection. An 1836 printing "PENNY MAGAZINE," a collection of this magazine in issues in a book form; and I quote as follows: "In 1128 they (Knights Templars) were recognized by the council of Troyes, when a rule or constitution was prescribed to them, and a WHITE CLOAK, with a RED CROSS on the left shoulder was appointed to be the uniform or canonical attire of the Order."

As was said by the Rev. Deutsch in his article, this would be a more becoming apparel, and it would lend prestige to the Order.

We as Masons wear only the Apron or lambskin in memory of our ancient order and its founders. The Shriners' badge of Shrinedom is the Jeweled FEZ, so why not adopt an appropriate uniform in commemoration of our ancient Order of Knights.

ELMER D. GORDON
Crestview Commandery No. 25

(More Views — Page 30)

KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN

by

SIR KNIGHT THOMAS R. CHARSHÉE
P.M., Ancient Lodge 724, 5th Manhattan Dist.
Columbian Commandery, New York City.
Boumi Temple Shrine, Baltimore, Md.

President Richard M. Nixon said in his inaugural address: "In these difficult years, America has suffered from a fever of words; from inflated rhetoric that promises more than it can deliver; from angry rhetoric that fans discontents into hatreds; from bombastic rhetoric that postures instead of persuading. We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another — until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices."

How often do people shout when they are angry? No longer do lawyers raise their voices when they plead their cases before juries. They speak in low and calculated tones, because it has proved to be more effective. So when you speak keep your voice down or don't speak at all. Go placidly amid the noise and haste, remembering what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly. And listen to others, even the dull and ignorant, for they too have their story.

It is well to avoid loud and aggressive persons. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be persons greater or lesser than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs for the world is full of tricksters. Be yourself and especially do not feign affection. I have seen people become very affected, simply because they attended a certain college or university. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to

shield you in sudden misfortune. So keep your voice down and be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. We are children of the Universe, no less than the trees and stars; you have a right to be here. And, whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the Universe is unfolding as it should. With all its sham, drudgery, broken promises and dreams, conceit and loud voices, it is still a beautiful world.

The politicians are always shouting about helping the little man. This little man routine has irked people for a long time. Who is this little man the politicians keep talking about? There are no little people anywhere. Everybody I know is just as big as I am and maybe bigger. Just as big as everybody else, too. There are some poor people and some sad people; some sick people and some crazy people; some people who listen to the gossip of others, but do not have the courage to form their own opinions; some plain no good people, but no little people. Not in the sense it is used today.

There are plenty of big people around with little minds and little morals, and little aims and little ways of forwarding those aims. I would call a great many of our politicians little in the sense that their talents are too small for the jobs they assume. Mark Twain once said that one of the greatest men he ever met in his life was a bartender. Little people! They pay taxes and they vote, and they breed and they fight wars, when the big people, through their own crassness, involve us in conflicts as a cheap solution to their own stupidity. Is a man little because he can't get into exclusive clubs or circles? Is he little because he doesn't own a pair of striped pants? Is he little because his

Illinois "Blackwell Class" in November Festival



The "Blackwell Class" in the North Shore York Rite Festival at Wilmette, Illinois, was well-named. Among the 55 candidates were Charles C. Blackwell, Sr., and sons Charles, Jr., Robert and Richard. Harold H. Lundberg, Grand High Priest, Grand R.A.M. Chapter of Illinois, presided over the November 8 York Rite Festival ceremonies in the Wilmette Masonic Temple.

. . . VOICE DOWN

grandfather was born outside the country, or because he cleans streets, or drives a truck, or never gets his name in the papers, except when it appears in the obituary columns.

To the best of my knowledge the little man has just as many eyes, ears and noses as the big people. He needs roughly the same amount of food, sleep and friendship. He catches the same diseases and when he dies he goes to wherever the big people go. By what right is he referred to as the poor man, or the little man, or as the Communists do it so charmingly, the masses. It occurs to me that Christ would qualify for the little man tag today, in that His parentage were humble people and He was a semi-skilled carpenter, and on occasion without a place to lay His head. There are no little people anywhere, except possibly the big and important people, who suckle in their own delusions of grandeur, and who lose

themselves so permanently in the clouds of their delusion and they are constrained to enshrine themselves as gods by peering down their noses at less lucky folk. There is no little or common man. All mankind is uncommon, at least to himself, and when you start to lump him in a mass, he gets as mad as a wet hen. That is when he hauls the big man down to the level that the big man sets, and then proceeds to kick his teeth in. The so called little man lowers his voice, keeps his cool, but carries a big stick.

NOTE: The above is a reprint from **The Record**, Havre de Grace, Maryland, February 27, 1969, a weekly newspaper. The author, who lists himself as "now 78 years of age," has been a writer and columnist for **The Record** for many years. He is a retired trial attorney from the Internal Revenue Service and now resides at 330 West Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey. His column is reprinted and offered as an expression of his own philosophical viewpoint.

DR. WILLARD E. EDWARDS' PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Dr. Willard E. Edwards, member of Honolulu Lodge No. 409 F. & A.M., whose father was a Knight Templar in Quincy, Massachusetts, has devised a Perpetual Calendar that he feels would be of inestimable value if it were adopted by our Federal Government. Dr. Edwards, retired Engineer, has devoted many years to research in calendar reform. In his opinion, the two outstanding faults in the current civil calendar that his Perpetual Calendar would correct are: 1. Its lack of "fixity" and 2. Its unequal divisions.

In his explanation, Dr. Edwards points out that the use of his Perpetual Calendar would benefit all nations and save much time and money which is now being wasted through having to figure with our present ever-varying Gregorian Calendar. Every year starts on a different day of the week, and the lengths of the months, quarters and half-years are unequal, resulting in much inconvenience and great annual expense in the social, economic and business worlds.

The present calendar has been in use for about two thousand years. It was considered corrected in 1582 when a fixed date was chosen for Spring. The Council of Nicea had met in A.D. 325 when the vernal equinox occurred on March 21. This month-date was therefore chosen for future use as the first day of Spring in order to commemorate the meeting of the Council.

The Julian Calendar averaged 365.2500 days in length. An annual gain in the calendar of 0.0078 day had thus occurred between A.D. 325 and 1582. By the latter date, Spring was arriving on March 11. This was two weeks before the beginning of the Christian year at that time. Ten calendar days (October 5-14) were therefore dropped in 1582 to make the next vernal equinox occur on March

21, 1583. At the same time, the beginning of the year was moved from March 25 to January 1. These changes were not accepted by Great Britain and her colonies until 1752, and 11 days were then dropped. George Washington, born February 11, 1732, had to wait until February 22, 1753 before he became 21 years old.

In the Perpetual Calendar advocated by Dr. Edwards, the months would always begin on significant weekdays: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Each quarter of the year would have 91 days, with three complete months of 30, 30 and 31 days. To replace the presently-used 400-year old calendar rhyme of Richard Grafton — "Thirty days hath September," — the following would apply:

*With a day apart, the year's begun,
Followed by thirty, thirty, thirty-one.
Months always start a certain way,
On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
Each quarter and each year the same,
Is the perpetual calendar's aim.*

In the revised calendar, each month is the same as the one above it, but not the same as the one preceding it or the one following it. Hence the calendar has regularity and fixity without monotony. The calendar need not be portrayed in full — to know one quarter is to know them all.

N.Y.D. or New Year's Day (or January Zero) is a day apart from any week or month. It is the first day of each year and the third day of an annual 3-day week-end. It precedes Monday, January 1 as an international holiday.

L. Y. D. or Leap-Year Day (or July Zero) comes between June 31 and July 1 in leap year days as a second holiday apart. It is the first day of the second half year and the third day of a 3-day week-end.

THE PERPETUAL CALENDAR - originated by Dr. Willard E. Edwards

N.Y.D.	JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
1st	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Q	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	-	-	1	2	3	4	5
U	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
R	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
T	29	30	-	-	-	-	-	27	28	29	30	-	-	-	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
E																					
R																					
2nd	APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
Q	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
U	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
A	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
R	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
T	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
E	29	30	-	-	-	-	-	27	28	29	30	-	-	-	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
R																					
L.Y.D.	JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
3rd	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Q	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
U	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
R	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
T	29	30	-	-	-	-	-	27	28	29	30	-	-	-	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
E																					
R																					
4th	OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
Q	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
U	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
A	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
R	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
T	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
E	29	30	-	-	-	-	-	27	28	29	30	-	-	-	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
R																					

With New Year's Day as a day apart, the remaining 364 days in ordinary years are readily divisible into 52 complete weeks. Each three months will have exactly 91 days — 13 weeks — the months being arranged in a 30, 30, 31-day sequence. This allows each month in the year to have 26 workdays, plus rest days or Sabbaths.

The last day of each quarter, a Sunday, could be efficiently used, thinks Dr. Edwards, for accounting purposes. Each quarter's bookkeeping and tax figuring may then be completed within that quarter. Accountants would be paid overtime

for that day, and they would not be interrupted by the usual weekday customer work.

Dr. Edwards says, "We have one clock in the world, why not just one civil calendar? They both simply record time."

Born in Chatham, Massachusetts, Dr. Edwards attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Oklahoma where he received his degree in Engineering. In World War II he attained the rank of Lt. Commander in the Navy. Now retired, one of his keenest interests is passage of a bill before the House of Representatives to adopt the Perpetual Calendar which he feels would be a most worthwhile contribution by a Brother Mason.

A.M.H. Staff

ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS: The Conclaves of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar are convened triennially. In August 1970, Denver will be the location of the 51st Triennial Conclave, with Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., presiding. For the advancement and "good of the Order," every voting member should be present. Voting members are Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos and Grand Captains General. In the event of unavoidable absence, each of the above, with the exception of Past Grand Commanders, is permitted to be represented by a proxy, a member of his own Commandery. Each member — in person or a proxy — has one vote.

Voting members also include current Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains General of Subordinate Commanderies, which are Commanderies not under the jurisdiction of a Grand Commandery but of the Grand Encampment itself. The same proxy privilege applies. ALL Sir Knights, voting members or not, are invited and urged to attend. Sessions and events are open to every Knight Templar. The date — August 22 through August 27.

*A Royal Arch Mason's View***A PROBLEM OF TEMPLARY**

By Edward M. Selby

General Grand King
General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International

In keeping with a policy of providing a forum for the frank exposure of sincere and responsible opinion on subjects affecting the various branches of Masonry, the Knight Templar Magazine presents this month the view of a General Grand Officer of the General Grand Chapter. Sir Knight Selby's individual expression of viewpoint is on a topic bearing on an aspect of York Rite Unity – the Christian foundation of Templary.

A PROBLEM OF TEMPLARY

Unification of the degrees of Chapter, Council, and Commandery, popularly known as the York Rite, has been discussed and studied for many years. This is a hope often expressed by workers in each of the three bodies and is shared by many leaders of Freemasonry in spite of several recognized obstacles. To persuade state Grand Bodies to relinquish sovereignty or to overcome deepseated opinions and habits is in itself a formidable task. An even greater barrier is the exclusively Christian character of the Commandery.

Since Anderson first published his Constitutions in 1723 Freemasonry has welcomed into its ranks men of every country sect and opinion and the only religious requirement of the Mother Grand Lodge was a professed belief in Deity. Conditions in England two hundred fifty years ago were different from those we know today. The country had passed through two hundred years of religious ferment. The Reformation began with Henry VIII, whose motives were primarily selfish. It passed through many phases which included an established national church that accomplished real reform but was beset with frequent periods

of Catholic resurgence, fanatical Puritanism, and the incredible religious and political follies of the Stuarts.

A Jacobite revolt in 1715 had just been suppressed and it would occur again in 1745. Spiritual life in England was at low ebb and two prominent figures in the Grand Lodge, Dr. James Anderson and Dr. J. T. Desaguliers were, respectively, a Presbyterian minister serving a Church in London, called a Dissenter, and a Huguenot refugee whose family had been driven from France when the Catholic King Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

In the midst of this confusion there is little wonder the new Grand Lodge determined early in its development to be only a fraternal society which would limit its religious doctrines to beliefs in which all men could agree, leaving religious opinions to themselves. On that basis Freemasonry grew, prospered, and became the great institution we know today.

In fairness it must be said that this Deistic philosophy did not meet with universal approval. Medieval operative masons considered themselves an arm of the Church and during the incipient stage

of Speculative Masonry, which began about 1600 A.D., the teachings of the Craft and its burgeoning ritual were definitely Christian. This thinking lasted many years after 1723 and, in fact it persists today among Masons who insist upon Christian interpretations for various segments of the ritual. Templar Masonry was a natural response to this sentiment and has for over two hundred years been a place where Christian doctrines could be expressed by Masons without contradiction or fear of reproach by other masons who held different convictions.

In this matter of York Rite Unity the Grand Encampment stipulates that any plan considered must preserve the Christian principles of Templarism. Therein lies the problem. Royal Arch Masonry and its close Masonic relative, the Council, has to keep in mind its non-Christian membership, many of whom are active and zealous. Some have held high office in their state Grand Bodies. And the recent extension of the Royal Arch into such places as Israel and Japan where the Christian population is small, and its continued growth in Hawaii and the Philippines where Christian influence is greatly diluted, causes Capitular and Cryptic leadership to weigh carefully any organic union with Templarism, particularly when its system includes the terminal degrees of any proposed York Rite system.

We live today in an ecumenical age and witness such tradition bound institutions as the Roman Catholic Church extending a hand of friendship and understanding, not only to Protestants, but also to Jews and Moslems. It seems the religions of the world are finally beginning to see good in each other in an age that has little else to recommend it. A question then for Templars to consider is if modern Christianity, of which Templarism professes to be the handmaiden, can be this broad in its concepts why cannot it also adopt a similar attitude? Is there any formula possible which will allow Templarism to

come within the spirit and scope of the rest of Freemasonry?

Recent correspondence with Grand Master Crofts gave this writer a new understanding of Templary. He stated that the Templar Order does not attempt to teach, as we do elsewhere in Masonry, but is rather an induction ceremony, sacramental in form, which commits a Mason to the service to Christ. As a Christian communicant and as a Knight Templar I find this a thrilling idea. On the other hand is not such a commitment and dedication also suitable for sincere believers who serve God in a manner somewhat different from our own?

This question is asked. Is it not worthwhile, in the interest of achieving ultimate unity in the York Rite, for Templarism to explore avenues by which it can unite with *all* York Rite Masons and not exclude those in the U.S.A. who constitute a small non-Christian minority? Rejection of them is repugnant to Masons who are steeped in the universal principles of the speculative Craft. As a start in approaching this question the following is suggested.

Let Templarism depart from its exclusively Christian position and extend John Croft's concept of commitment and dedication to whatever religious worship is embraced by any Mason. Since English speaking Masons are overwhelmingly Christian there is no problem in retaining for them the present Templar ceremonies which are wholly Christian in character. No change is necessary in the present ritual of the Commandery. But, for York Rite Masons who are unable to accept existing Templar engagements let there be an alternate ceremony, structured on the existing ritual, which will give to them the same sense of dedication and commitment to their faith that is now given to Christian masons. Thus it would be possible for them to become York Rite Masons in the fullest sense. Let it be remembered that Templar traditions are

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Rhinebeck, New York

Dear Sirs:

When I read the letters of appreciation in the *Knight Templar Magazine* from people who were helped, I am glad that I could help a bit with the good work that you are doing. Therefore I am enclosing my check for \$250.00 as a contribution to your Great Charity.

Very truly yours,
Grover Dow
1911 Mill Ave.
Billingham, Washington

Davenport, Iowa

From an indifferent member of St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery No. 9 K.T. Davenport, Iowa — your monthly appearance of *Knight Templar Magazine* has awakened me from years of non-attendance and “do nothing,” for my Commandery to a better appreciation of what Templary means. I hope that those hundreds of members, like myself, are experiencing a rejuvenation. THANKS!

H. CURTIS ABBOTT

A PROBLEM

not the exclusive property of Templarism. The late Melvin M. Johnson³³⁰, Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R.N.M.J., used to greet visitors from the Grand Encampment to his Supreme Council by recalling the common traditions of Templarism upon which both Rites were founded. The Scottish Rite long ago solved this problem. In that Rite both Jews and other non-Christian Master Masons are given work, comparable in many respects to that of the Commandery and Christian in spirit, which they prize and which does not interfere with their own beliefs. The example of the Medieval Templar, his self sacrifice and devotion, and his willingness to suffer for his faith, is a powerful instrument for Masonic improvement. So let it be for all masons.

It is recognized that this will be opposed by many zealous Templars. To them it is as objectionable today as was the revolutionary concepts of Anderson, Desaguliers, and their associates in 1723. To these is pointed out that the Grand Master of all Templars was himself a Jew and was devoted to everything which was good in the religious doctrines of His people. Exclusion and rejection were foreign to the thinking of this Great Teacher who based everything he did on love of

God and one's fellow men. The test is how he himself would regard this, and from His lofty eminence in Heaven it seems certain He would look down and approve.

Templarism therefore, holds the key to unity of the York Rite. If it is possible for it to unite with *all* masons irrespective of faith, in the Capitular and Cryptic Rites, then there is a good chance that real progress toward unity can be achieved. Otherwise Templarism must be content to occupy a position of separation from the rest of Masonry where its present exclusive and doctrinal position consigns it.

It is submitted here that this is a matter which calls for enlightened and statesmanlike thinking on the part of the leaders of Freemasonry, particularly those in the York Rite. Rigidity in maintaining past positions is a damaging thing in this changing world. Inspired leadership will meet new conditions and still preserve everything which is good in Masonry's past. Masonry of the future must continue to be what it always has been, since Speculative Masonry assumed its modern image in 1717 — an agency which builds character in men and brings them closer to their God.

DESIDERATA

The wording of "Desiderata," (things desired), was forwarded by William A. Van Deusen, Hollywood, California, P.C., Robert McCoy Commandery, Madison, Wisconsin, with the notation that the copy, dated 1692, was "found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore, Maryland."

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; listen to others; even the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career; however humble, it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is. Many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself; especially do not feign affection, neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, but do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here and whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life — keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Forthcoming BIRTHDAYS

Charles L. Jones Grand Commander of Alabama.....	February 4
Guyman Wilsey Grand Commander of Iowa.....	February 4
H. O. Lee Fenstadt Grand Generalissimo of New Jersey	February 12
Ralph J. Ely Grand Commander of New York	February 12
David Saunders Grand Captain General of Utah.....	February 13
Harry B. Tuer Grand Recorder of Texas.....	February 19
Stephen B. Dimond Deputy Grand Commander of Florida	February 28
Hugh N. Layne Grand Recorder of South Carolina.....	February 28



Mortimer W. Schroeder
 Massachusetts and Rhode Island
 Grand Commander — 1955
 Born November 18, 1897
 Died November 25, 1969

Schuyler Coe Blackburn
 Maryland
 Grand Commander — 1943
 Born June 24, 1898
 Died December 6, 1969

Archibald G. Smith
 New Jersey
 Grand Commander — 1920
 Born April 7, 1896
 Died December 11, 1969

Chester A. Floyd — Gallup, New Mexico — May 11, 1969. Member Commandery No. 12, New Mexico.

E. E. Cambell — Birmingham, Alabama — May 14, 1969. Member Commandery No. 1, Alabama.

William P. Burnham — Boothbay Harbor, Maine — May 21, 1969. Member Commandery No. 15, Massachusetts.

Webb Vinson — Jackson, Mississippi — June 1, 1969. Member Commandery No. 33, Mississippi.

Rev. Clark S. Attridge — Detroit, Michigan — July 2, 1969. Member Commandery No. 38, Michigan.

M.S.W. Dingwall — Falls Church, Virginia — August 16, 1969. Member Commandery No. 17, Maine.

Carl S. Dickens — Ardmore, Oklahoma — August 25, 1969. Member Commandery No. 14, Texas.

Vernon Brown — Palm Desert, California — August 29, 1969. Member Commandery No. 43, California.

Francis B. Schmidt — Port Jervis, New York — September 26, 1969. Member Commandery No. 44, New York.

George H. Marting — Greenville, South Carolina — September 30, 1969. Member Commandery No. 4, West Virginia. His widow writes that death followed a fall September 29, when Sir Knight Marting fractured his hip.

Edwin B. Samuell — Dearborn, Michigan — September 29, 1969. Member Commandery No. 29, Michigan.

James J. Canaga — Stockton, California — October 4, 1969. Member Commandery No. 80, South Dakota.

Earl D. Patton — Brielle, New Jersey — October 7, 1969. Member Commandery No. 27, New Jersey.

Joe B. Sanders — Las Vegas, Nevada — Oct. 13, 1969. Member Commandery No. 3, New Mexico.

Francis A. Davis — North Canton, Ohio — Oct. 15, 1969. Member Commandery No. 54, Missouri.

M. Algernon Moore — Crosswell, Michigan — October 16, 1969. Member Commandery No. 27, Michigan.

Phillip E. Nordaker — Greenville, Ohio — Oct. 20, 1969. Member Commandery No. 41, Indiana.

Rudolph F. Anderson — Flag-bearer National Colors, Thomas Smith Webb. Commandery No. 51, Cranston, R. I. — Oct. 21, 1969.

Roger S. Creel — Ft. Lauderdale, Florida — Oct. 23, 1969. Member Commandery No. 11, Virginia.

Halsey S. Garland — Atlanta, Georgia — Oct. 30, 1969. Member Commandery No. 22, Georgia.

James A. Graham — Johnstown, Pennsylvania — Nov. 1, 1969. Member Commandery No. 61, Pennsylvania.

George F. Bodfish, Jr. — New York, N. Y. — Nov. 4, 1969. Member Commandery No. 1, New York.

Joseph H. Hutchinson — Covina, California — Nov. 7, 1969. Member Commandery No. 9, California.

Karl A. Hess — Detroit, Michigan — Nov. 9, 1969. Member Commandery No. 39, Michigan.

Robert Mc Auley — Vancouver, B. C. — Nov. 12, 1969. Member Commandery No. 48, California.

Emil Kern — St. Petersburg, Florida — Nov. 15, 1969. Member Commandery No. 46, New York.

PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

VOLUME XVI

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

\$1,600 from Bethlehem Commandery

The November 24 Voluntary Campaign report from Recorder William T. Green, Jr., Bethlehem Commandery No. 27, Ridgewood, New Jersey, shows a Commandery contribution of \$1,600 in the 1969 Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master, personally commended Bethlehem Commandery in a letter to Sir Knight Green, expressing his "appreciation and admiration for the vitality of your Commandery which has made this activity possible."

The Recorder, in forwarding his report, noted that the "donation is through the efforts of Eminent Commander Thomas Talarico for sponsoring a Children's Show in Ridgewood."

The contribution is even more remarkable in that Bethlehem Commandery's membership totals 98. The \$1,600 reported in November represents an average per member figure of slightly more than \$16.32.

Edmund F. Ball Award

The Edmund F. Ball Award in Indiana for the "outstanding Camper and Citizen during Knights Templar boys week at Camp Crosley" went to Albert Groff, a boy sponsored by Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4. Eminent Commander Richard Peden joined Grand Commander K. Edwin Applegate in making the presentation. The award annually goes to the boy twelve years of age or older who so qualifies.

Harold S. Gorman Presides for Nevada Governor's Conference

Governor Paul Laxalt's 1969 Manpower and Economic Development Conference for the state of Nevada November 13, 14 and 15 had Harold S. Gorman, Southwestern Department Commander, as its presiding officer at Stateline, Nevada.

Sir Knight Gorman, as the Conference Chairman, was in charge of the full range of discussions and panel programs, including topics from "Area Promotion" to "Vocational Education and Its Relationship to Industrial Development."

Speakers included Governor Laxalt, the Dean of Business Administration at the University of Nevada, Chairman of the Board of the Tyson-Curtis-Wilson Advertising Agency, the Las Vegas Convention Authority's Director of Advertising and Publicity, the President of the Southern Nevada Industrial Foundation, the President of Lear Motors Corporation, and other leaders of business, industry, tourism, recreation, advertising and public relations.

"QUIET BETRAYAL" GETS LOUD RESPONSE

In a letter printed in the December *Knight Templar Magazine*, Sir Knight and Dr. Sidney L. DeLove offered complimentary copies of his book, "The Quiet Betrayal," to the first 2,500 readers who mailed him their requests. As of Wednesday morning, December 10, Sir Knight DeLove's staff had counted and honored 3,246 requests for the volume. Sir Knight DeLove's reaction?— "If you don't mean it, don't say it in the *Knight Templar Magazine!*"

MASONIC NEWS IN TEMPLAR REVIEW

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

NUMBER 1

MASONIC RADIO CLUBS

D. A. Pallotto, Chicago and Walter G. Lind, Holland, Illinois, Radio Amateurs, have announced the organization of a Masonic Radio Club.

On November 2 and 9, 1969 they discussed their plans on the air and received responses from 34 representatives of DeMolay, Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and Eastern Star from a seven-state area.

The group plans to form Masonic Radio Clubs throughout the country and contribute their dues to various Masonic institutions.

Roll of members will be called each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. at 7290 kilocycles on the 40-meter band.

Originators of the Masonic Amateur Net:

D. A. PALLOTTO
11049 Ave. E.
Chicago, Ill. 60617
Call: W9BOX - Phone 221-7949

WALTER G. LIND
16713 Elm Street
South Holland, Ill. 60473
Call: K9ETP - Phone 331-1155

Current Questions and Answers

Page two of each issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* continues to bring readers official observations of Grand Master Crofts on "the organization and purposes of Templary, our need to relate to current questions we think need to be answered for the general good of the Order."

DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

The Christopher Inn, Columbus, will be the setting for a Conference of the East Central Department February 7. Abner C. Sager, Department Commander, has announced that particulars will be distributed to the Grand Officers in the Department early this month. Past Grand Commanders also are invited.

"Umpqua Project"

Charles W. Kirkendal, P.C., Ascalon Commandery No. 14, Roseburg, Oregon, has forwarded a clipping from the *Roseburg News* of particular interest to Knights Templar.

The newspaper publicizes the designation of Frank Moore, Umpqua Lodge, Steamboat, to receive "the highest honor of the Oregon Wildlife Federation" at the Governor's Conservation Achievement Award Banquet in Portland October 18.

Moore received the award for "State Conservationist of the Year." He was selected in recognition of his outstanding work for protection of the North Umpqua River and its tributaries. He demonstrated how removal of cover and other practices increased water temperature beyond tolerance of fingerlings, destroying the usefulness of streams for reproduction of fish. His film, widely shown, resulted "in many changes by private and public agencies to improve conservation practices."

What the newspaper did not note was that award-recipient Moore, according to Max G. Cogill, of the Oregon Public Relations Committee, is a member of Laurel Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M.; Laurel Chapter No. 31, Ascalon Commandery No. 14, also Hillah Shrine, Ashland.

Templar Receives Kim Khanh Medal



Sunday, November 30, 1969 at 11:00 A. M., Dr. Wm. H. D. Hornaday was awarded the Kim Khanh medal, the highest decoration and honor of the Government of South Viet Nam. Dr. Luong Nhi Ky, Consul General of that Country, made the Presentation by order of The President of South Viet Nam.

The Medal was given to Dr. Hornaday in recognition of his efforts in behalf of World Peace and for promoting Friendship and Understanding between the United States and South Viet Nam.

Dr. Hornaday is now the Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of California.

He is an Honorary Past Commander of Calvary No. 62, South Pasadena, California, and was Grand Prelate for 2 years, 1967-1968 and 1968-1969.

A "Knights' Chat"



Sir Knight and Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., is flanked by Brig. General and Sir Knight Carl F. Steinhoff, M.D., and Department Commander Alvin L. Crump at the Masonic Medical Center "Tranquility Ball," Drake Hotel, Chicago, in November.

Tijuana Commandery U.D.

Tijuana Commandery, Lower California, Mexico, operating Under Dispensation since May 31, 1969, has since held four Stated and four Special Conclaves and has added 15 members to its roll for a total membership of 36, an increase of approximately 70 percent.



Pictured are members of the class of 10 Knighted November 14 by Eminent Commander William Webber and the officers of the Commandery. Three others had been Knighted August 18. Two Knights were voted into dual membership November 14.

Masonic Temple, Fitchburg, Mass.



William D. Blake, Sr., thought readers would be interested in seeing the Masonic Temple at Fitchburg. Dedicated in 1964, the Temple is the center for Aurora Lodge, Charles W. Moore Lodge, Thomas R.A.M. Chapter, Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, Lady Emma Chapter O.E.S., Fitchburg Assembly No. 23, Rainbow for Girls, and Fitchburg Chapter DeMolay.

HARRY O. SCHROEDER HONORED

The News, Frederick, Maryland, devoted a full page of its Thursday, October 30, issue to picture and text coverage of a tribute to Harry O. Schroeder, senior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, hosted by Columbia Lodge No. 58, Frederick. The occasion was the presentation of his 50-year service pin. Nine fellow Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Maryland were on hand for the presentation and tribute.



Active in York Rite and Scottish Rite, and in all branches of the Masonic family, Sir Knight Harry received this newspaper tribute:

The man is Harry O. Schroeder and he is more than "a well known resident" in Frederick and he is more than "widely known" in Maryland.

"Hos" Schroeder is one of the most revered men in Masonry.

He is a 33rd Degree Mason, currently serving in the office of Grand Steward, Supreme Council, 33 Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

This is a signal honor for any Mason, but it is only one of many which have been earned by this man whose life has been dedicated to his fellow man.

On June 11, 1919, Harry O. Schroeder was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Columbia Lodge No. 58, Frederick. Recently, the Grand Lodge of Masons in Maryland, represented by Worshipful Grand Master William B. Stansbury and most of his Grand Officers, presented to Past Grand Master Schroeder, the coveted 50-Year Service pin, emblematic of a half-century of service to others.

Eight past grand masters and the Grand Master attended this tribute hosted by Columbia Lodge. It is believed to have set a

record for the number of past grand masters ever to assemble together for such an honor in Frederick.

Harry Schroeder is a past master of his home lodge, and he has served in virtually every capacity in the Masonic fraternity. The list is long and his contributions are legend.

He was recently honored in the "Knight Templar," the official publication of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, as chairman of the George Washington Memorial Chapel Committee.



BROTHER
CORONATES
BROTHER

For what is considered to be the first time in the 98 years existence of the Red Cross of Constantine in the United States, Mexico and the Philippines, a brother coronated his brother a Puissant Sovereign of a Red Cross Conclave.

Knight Companion Kenneth C. Johnson, Intendant General for the Division of Arkansas and Grand Sentinel of the United Grand Imperial Council, coronated his brother, H. Siegfried Johnson, Sovereign of St. Giles Conclave, Little Rock, Arkansas.

This coronation was the highlight of the fifty-fourth Annual Assembly of St. Giles Conclave December 12, 1969. Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns from other Conclaves and states witnessed the coronation.

There are 143 Conclaves with a membership of 5,335 Knights Companions in the United States, Mexico, the Philippines and Okinawa, also in Tokyo.

THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA IN ROME

By
FORD E. SAMUEL

Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of California, Past Commander of Alameda Commandery No. 58 and its Prelate for 37 years.

One of the most beautiful sights in Rome is from the Aventine Hill, where one sees a panorama of the city and its many ancient structures, with the River Tiber winding through their midst. Here is located a very lovely villa owned by the Knights of Malta. It is surrounded by a high fence, and very few outsiders are admitted. However, they are permitted to peek through the keyhole of the gate to receive a great surprise, for they find themselves looking down a straight gravel walk leading to the edge of the hill. On each side of this walk is a high, closely cropped hedge and as they gaze through the keyhole and down this narrow path, they see, at the further end, the great dome of the Church of St. Peter backed by the blue of the Italian sky. It is just as though one had trained a telescope on the dome, and the effect is not only startling, but very beautiful, indeed.

I asked the guard at the gate how a person could get permission to see the villa, and he replied that it would be necessary for me to obtain a pass from the Secretary of the Knights of Malta at his office in downtown Rome, but that I would have to have a valid excuse to get it, for he would not give me one merely because I was a tourist.

I decided to try. So the next time I was in the vicinity of the Secretary's office, I took a deep breath, walked in and introduced myself as a Knight of Malta. He was a very pleasant fellow, smiled broadly and shook hands with me. He told me that he was familiar with our ritual, but how he obtained the information, I do not know.

"You would be surprised," he said, "how closely your ritual corresponds with ours. I am inclined to think that whoever wrote yours, must have either belonged to our Order or, in some way, obtained it from one who did."

"Historically," he continued, "your ritual is correct but, like Protestantism in general, it has broken away from the church."

The modern Knights of Malta in Rome are very wealthy and the Order is extremely exclusive. It descends directly from the Crusades, but it belongs, part and parcel to the Papacy.

However, the Secretary was very pleasant and gave me passes for both my wife and myself to visit, not only the Villa on the Aventine Hill, but the Headquarters of the Knights of Malta in Rome, as well.

So we again ascended the Aventine Hill, and the guard at the gate where we had our peek at St. Peter's dome through the keyhole, upon presentation of our passes, opened the portal wide and let us pass through. Here we were met by a most pleasant old caretaker, who had been apprised of our coming, and who acted as our guide.

The garden is beautifully and artistically laid out, with winding paths, trees, flowers and comfortable benches and from wherever we stood or sat, the view over the city was magnificent, for there before us, as far as the eye could reach, were monuments representing antiquity and the present; the old and the new; youth, old age and decay.

The grounds contain a little stone church which once formed part of the palace of Alberic, Senator and Prince of Rome in the 10th Century. It has been set aside for use, exclusively, by the Knights of Malta. It is very artistic and contains the tombs of several of the Grand Masters. It is interesting to note that at the end of each pew is a carving of the Malta Cross, and one is also seen on the large banner hanging above the altar.

On the second floor is a large picture gallery with portraits of the Grand Masters of the Order, beginning with Gerard, who died in the year 1113.

The next day we made use of our second pass by visiting the headquarters of the Knights of Malta, located in Rome near the Forum of Augustus, not far from the Colosseum. They date from the Twelfth Century and are known as the "Cassa del Cavaliere di Rodi," which means House of the Knights of Rhodes (or of Malta).

We were shown the great hall where the Knights met, with a platform at one end where the Popes blessed the Knights about to leave for the Crusades against the Infidels. The hall has been restored to its original condition and, about the walls, are relics of the ancient Knights, including banners with the Maltese Cross and ancient shields, battle axes, spears and suits of armor.

Our visits to these interesting, historical places were well worthwhile. I am certainly not a Papist in any sense of the word, but I am a Knight of Malta, which dates back to those days when our ancestors were all of the same faith. Martin Luther did not come on the scene with the Doctrines of Protestantism until around 1520, several hundred years after the Crusades, so I was glad to view these old reminders of the Knights whom we emulate whenever we take part in the Order of Malta.

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

Dear Mr. Crofts:

I wish to register my wholehearted agreement with Rev. Deutsch's article in Vol. XV, No. 10 of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. His views on changing the K.T. uniform are long overdue.

It may be said by some in our Order that the wearing of the present uniform is a test of the wearer's faith and sincerity, but I say that anything which makes men shy away from public support of our Order is not healthy for the Order.

I believe also that you may see the logic behind replacing the present uniform with an "original" type such as the "mantle."

1. If we are descended from the original Order as we claim, then let's wear the original garb. It certainly will not take greater courage.

2. Witness also the youth of America. Preoccupation with beards, beads, capes, medallions, etc., is a throwback, to be sure, to an earlier age. Is it not entirely possible that attire such as Sir Gawayne wore would be very acceptable to our real younger generation's spirit?

Kenwood A. Botzner
3812 Dina Terrace
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

P.S. I have worn both the present uniform and mantles. There is no comparison to me as regards utility, practicality or good looks.

WHENCE CAME AMERICAN TEMPLARY? A REVIEW

by Wylie B. Wendt

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



This article is called a "Review" rather than a "Research," as this latter term is a much abused word. Research means a searching for something (literal interpretation — a searching back) especially with care and diligence, or it may mean careful and critical examination in seeking facts or principles, the purpose of which is to add to the sum total of human knowledge. This article is a study or review of existing knowledge in the hope that it may be interesting to Templars. It does not purport to add any knowledge to mankind.

At the outset we are met with the question as to the origin of the modern Order of Knights Templar. What is its relation, if any, to the Ancient Order, founded A. D. 1118 by Hugh de Payens, and which was abolished by a Bull of Pope Clement V in 1312. The Grand Master of Templars, Jacques de Molay, and the Grand Preceptor, Guy de Charney, were burned at the stake outside Paris in 1314, and the members of the Order scattered throughout Europe and the British Isles.

The Knights Templar, as an Order, disappeared from the pages of recorded history, only to reappear in the 18th century as an appendage to the fraternity of Freemasons. The missing link between the 14th century and the 18th century has yet to be found.

The first appearance of Templar Masonry on the American continent, or elsewhere as far as any written evidence at present shows, was at Boston, Massachusetts, when St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge, working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland as a chapter,

conferred the Order of Knight Templar on Brother William Davis (a captain in the Massachusetts militia) on August 28, 1769. The record of this meeting contains the first account of the conferring of the Order of the Temple that has yet been discovered in manuscript or print.

How the ceremonial was obtained or whence it came does not appear but it is almost certain that the degree of Knight Templar, as then conferred, had its origin in Ireland.

On October 1, 1768 several regiments of British soldiers arrived in Boston. Among them were the 14th Regiment (Irish), in which Army Lodge No. 58 was held, and the 29th Regiment (Irish) in which Army Lodge No. 322 was held. In the second week of November, 1768, the 64th Regiment (Irish) in which was held an Army Lodge also arrived. These Army Lodges brought to Boston a knowledge of the Order of the Temple.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge on August 12, 1769, four members of Army Lodge No. 322 were present, and in all probability assisted in conferring the Order of Knighthood on August 28, 1769, when Captain William Davis, a Past Master, received the four steps of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar.

On December 11, 1769, St. Andrew's R. A. Lodge conferred the Order of the Temple on Paul Revere, and on May 14,

1770, the Order was conferred on General Joseph Warren, Past Grand Master of Masons, who lost his life in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The earliest record in England of conferring the Knight Templar degree was 1779, ten years later than Boston. In Great Britain, as in America, the degree was conferred in lodges, or in chapters working under lodge warrants.

In "Highlights of Templar History," by the late William Moseley Brown, P. G. C., Virginia, the following events are dated:

February 7, 1779, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Thomas Proctor is designated as a Knight Templar in a public address.

Sometime during 1780, Charleston, South Carolina: An Encampment of Knights Templar is organized.

March 3, 1782, Charleston, South Carolina: Lodge No. 190 issues a certificate to Donald McPherson, stating that he had been dubbed a Knight Templar. This is the oldest K. T. certificate known to be in existence.

August 1, 1783, Charleston, South Carolina: Henry Beaumont receives diploma certifying he had received the degrees of Royal Arch, Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, Charleston. (End of quotations from Brown's Highlights).

In Boston, St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge continued to confer the Templar degree until November 12, 1794, when it was taken over by a Council of Red Cross Knights which had been organized by Benjamin Hurd shortly before that date. In the "History of the Grand Encampment," by Francis J. Scully, P. G. G., Arkansas, the following appears: There are no remaining records of that Council, but in the minutes of St. Andrew's Royal

Arch Chapter on February 3, 1797, there is the following note:

"Voted: That the Knights of the Red Cross by Benjamin Hurd, Jr., be, and they hereby are, permitted to make their records in the books of this Chapter." (End of quotations from Scully's History)

If any Knight Templar has additional information on the subject of how Templary came to the United States, it is hoped that he will forward it to the *Knight Templar Magazine*. This applies especially to the gap between the 14th century and the 18th century.

Research observations and comments may be sent to Wylie R. Wendt at 5012 East Manslick Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40219.

The November class of the Valley of Trenton, New Jersey, A.A.S.R., was named in honor of Sir Knight Harold V. B. Voorhis, prominent York Rite member who also is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J. Degrees were conferred upon 190 candidates in the Harold V. B. Voorhis class November 8 and 15.

Three hundred and fifty years of 50-year memberships were signalized October 29 at Portsmouth, Virginia, when Eminent Commander James C. Mintz, Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, presented membership pins to Sir Knights Robert L. Sweeney, R. W. Chapman, William McCabe, Claude H. Ashberry, Frank L. Wickers, W. M. Doll, Charles H. Kneeburg, William Gleason, Jr., M. Ashby Taylor, J. Walter Bozeman and S. L. Carr. Interested guests included Grand Commander Charles L. Harrison and Department Commander C. Wallace Jackson, also Past Grand Commanders S. C. Churn, Ernest M. Moore, Jr., and Walter H. Stanford.

Portsmouth Commandery chartered in 1827, is one of the oldest Commanderies in Virginia.

**BAZAAR OF BETHEL NO. 41,
JOB'S DAUGHTERS RAISES FUNDS
FOR K.T. EYE FOUNDATION'S
VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN IN MARYLAND**



*A Letter from Donald E. Cheville, P.C.,
Chairman, Eye Foundation Committee,
York Commandery No. 16, Camp Springs*

"In response to the appeal of our Grand Master, Sir Knight Crofts, for the 1969 Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, I am pleased to report that Bethel No. 41, International Order of Job's Daughters, promoted and held a November 22 Bazaar for the Voluntary Campaign.

"Aided by Sir Knights of York Commandery, Camp Springs Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and many willing parents, the venture was very successful and I was able to forward a check for \$200.00 as a donation and a check for \$100.00 for a Patron Certificate for Bethel No. 41.

"The Honored Queen of Bethel No. 41, Deborah Bankston, is the daughter of Berger M. Bankston, P.C., Prelate of York No. 16, and the Guardian of the Bethel is his wife, Mrs. Margaret Bankston. The Associate Guardian is Henry Rowell, our Standard Bearer. Donald Kemp, Generalissimo; Milton Bascue, Treasurer, and Prelate Bankston are all Past Associate Bethel Guardians. Eminent Commander of York No. 21 is William R. Odom.

"We of Commandery No. 16 are as proud as a new father of our girls of Bethel No. 41. I am enclosing several photographs which I took during the Bazaar."

(Pictured below, left to right: Mrs. Blankston, Sir Knight Powell; below them, Sir Knights Rowell, Bankston, Odom; then across, Sir Knight Manning, who donated autographed copy of Apollo 11 pamphlet which brought a \$30.00 donation; Commander Odom and Honored Queen Debbie Bankston. Lower row shows scenes of girls at work.)



MOMENT FOR REFLECTION AND REDEDICATION

God and the world we worship still together,
 Draw not our laws to Him, but His to ours,
 Untrue to both, so prosperous in neither,
 The imperfect will brings forth but barren flowers!
 Unwise as all distracted interests be,
 Strangers to God, fools in humanity:
 Too good for great things, and too great for good,
 While still "I dare not" waits upon "I would."



---Coleridge

AN ETERNAL GIFT

Sir Knights:

Seeing the above caption your first thought undoubtedly is, "What in the world is an eternal gift?"

The answer is simple – a life membership in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is "an eternal gift." How? Because the interest from your gift will be spent each year by the Eye Foundation as long as Knight Templary exists – which we hope and trust will be forever.

Yes, a hundred years from now you can be helping the blind and partially blind to regain at least a portion of their sight – five hundred years from now your gift can be working to restore lost sight to the suffering. Yes, a life membership in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is AN ETERNAL GIFT.

Remember the Knight Templar saying, "he who would perpetuate his name to posterity must ennoble it by acts of charity and deeds of pure benevolence." A life membership in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation can be your monument far into the future. Its membership list will live on thru the ages, with your name indelibly engraved upon it.

Why not make your Eternal Gift now? Send your contribution in the amount of \$30.00 to the Recorder of your Commandery, and receive from above ETERNAL THANKS!

John R. Nocas, Generalissimo
 Calvary Commandery, No. 62, California

Steam Boat Apollo I

In ancient Greek mythology, the names of two sun gods are frequently confused. They are Helios and Apollo. Helios was the sun god who drove a flaming four-horse chariot across the sky daily from Oceanus in the east to his golden palace in the west. Apollo was the god of manly youth and beauty, of poetry, music and oracles. He was also the god of healing. This god was the favorite object of worship among the Greeks and in many of the temples erected in his honor his oracles gave revelations of the future. The most celebrated of these temples was at Delphi.

It seems fitting that the master minds of our Twentieth Century space program should select "Apollo" as the name of the spacecrafts that carried the astronauts to the moon.

Norman Mailer — A Fire On The Moon — (*Life Magazine*) said in essence that he hardly knew whether the space program was the noblest expression of the Twentieth Century or the quintessential statement of our fundamental insanity.

In striking contrast to the new mysterious world of space established by the moon landings of Apollos 11 and 12, Joseph Bean, Rockford, Illinois, brings us back to earth with a little-known story of another Apollo in another century.

Back in 1898, the name of "Apollo I" was selected for a steam boat in honor of Apollo Commandery, Chicago, whose members had made group visitations to the Wisconsin Dells for several summers.

The boat was designed to carry vacationers on river cruises through the scenic playground of the famous Wisconsin

Dells. But on the day of her maiden voyage a sudden violent storm broke over the area with electric fury. The Apollo I was blown about helplessly, then dashed against the river's shores where she rolled until the storm subsided.

Although fast motor boats and diesel-engined water craft were added attractions that came to the Dells with the passing years, the Apollo I remained a favorite of the visitors for nearly a quarter of a century. Picture (if you will) the members of Apollo Commandery, Chicago, among them Frank Hoffman and Harold Derusha, mustached and tight-vested with Masonic emblems on their gold watch fobs, taking over the little steamer in jolly good fellowship as they sailed over blue waters under summer skies.

One grey February day in 1922 another storm was destined to break over the Apollo I. Forsaken by the gods, battered and broken, she sank at her landing. Although raised and repaired, her glory had faded; a new steam boat took her place; she was kept at the dock as a wharf boat for a few more years.

Obsolete and weatherbeaten, the steamer's last voyage brought her to the Upper Dells where the timbers of her barnacle-covered hull were burned and her charred hulk was sunk near the entrance to Witches Gulch.

Note: Source of information for the foregoing vignette was the "Milwaukee Journal" of August 31, 1969. Clippings of its story on "Steamboats at the Dells" were forwarded simultaneously by Sir Knight Joseph Bean, Rockford, and Sir Knight John Davies, Milwaukee, because of the reference to Apollo Commandery No. 1. A.M.H. — Staff

The Knight Line



November 13 was the night "to dine according to immemorial custom" and to extend "a knightly greeting to honor our Designates and Ladies" for the members of Honolulu Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. The Pacific Club in Honolulu was the setting for the assembly with Sovereign Edward Crapo presiding. The oration on the traditional history of the Order was given by Joseph B. Stickney, Prelate. Harold W. Kent, Past Sovereign of Honolulu Conclave and former Intendant General for Hawaii, is Grand Standard Bearer of the United Grand Imperial Council, which will convene for its 98th Annual Assembly June 5-6, 1970 in Dallas, Texas.

Milford E. Shields, Durango, Colorado, "Poet Laureate" for Colorado's Grand Commandery, is composing two Triennial poems at the invitation of Grand Commander Harry W. Pride for the 51st Triennial Conclave at Denver next August 22-27.

Highlight in the history of Webb Commandery No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky — the January 3 celebration of the Commandery's 150th Anniversary, with Grand Master John Lawton Crofts, Sr., as the speaker. When Webb Commandery was chartered in 1820, the (General) Grand Encampment was just four years old, the Savannah had become the first steamship to cross the Atlantic (partly by sail) a few months earlier, and the Monroe Doctrine was still three years in the future. Napoleon was living as a prisoner on the Island of St. Helena and Texas was a part of Mexico. Victoria, future Queen of England, was one year old when Webb Commandery was constituted.

This month's "thumbnail course in history" reminds us that the following Presidents of the United States were also Brother Masons: George Washington,

James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Knox Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Abram Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren Gamaliel Harding, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and one of today's two surviving former Presidents — Harry S. Truman. There may be more, but Masonic historians generally limit the list, in the absence of definite records, to those named above. Others to whom Masonic membership is sometimes ascribed include Presidents Samuel Adams, Millard Fillmore, Ulysses S. Grant, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Zachary Taylor, John Tyler.

December 7 was a special day for the Medinah Temple Motor Corps of Chicago. On that date NBC of Chicago, WMAQ, telecast a special feature on safety driving habits for motorcyclists and the Medinah Motor Corps Shriners handled the demonstrating. Commanded by James G. Sotern, the Motor Corps members are cooperating with Chicago police in conducting safety programs. The new safety project may have possibilities of adoption by the International Association of Shrine Motor Corps with membership in most of the 176 Shrine Temples in North America.

When you come to the end of your holidays and the sunset shadows fall;

When you think of the busy passing hours and the cheer that filled them all;

When you look ahead to the new-born year and remember the year that has passed,

May all your skies be bright and clear with the promise of peace that will last.

C. Kritt, Reporter

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



FRANK W. BOBB, Editor
6 Maple Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I hope you and your families have had a very happy and enjoyable Christmas Season. Now that Christmas is in the past, it is time for all of us to review our membership goals and if we have not done too well in 1969 to make sure we do better in 1970. Our aim is to "To Turn The Corner" this year and finish with an increase in membership. Many of the Commanderies have done well the past several months. However, I feel that there are still many Master Masons who are just waiting for an invitation to join our ranks and become Sir Knights.

Some Commanderies have not done too well. You are losing members and not doing anything to replace them. May I urge you to review the available list for membership and make every effort to have them join our ranks. It is only by a co-operative effort by all Commanderies that we can accomplish our goal. Your Grand Commandery Officers will never be satisfied until we begin that upward climb. Let's all go to work and make 1969-70 a BANNER YEAR FOR TEMPLARY. Remember, you are all members of my membership committee.

Regarding suspensions, work closely with the Chapter. Letters and phone calls may not be enough. Personal visitations may be necessary. **DO NOT SUSPEND ANY SIR KNIGHT WITHOUT A COMMITTEE MAKING A VISITATION.**



In the February Issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, Pennsylvania Supplement, you will find Registration Forms for the 117th Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery to be held in Harrisburg, Penn., May 24-27, 1970. Remove them from the Magazine and forward them to the Sir Knight as directed. This is your official registration form. It is the only one you will receive.

Charles R. Eurich
R.E. Grand Commander

Sir Knight John L. McCain, Eminent Commander of Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, December 3, 1969.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Committee announces a "Package Plan" for Annual Pilgrimage to Arlington, Va., March 27, 28, and 29, 1970. Arrangements have been made with the Marriott Motor Hotel, Twin Bridges, Washington, D.C., for headquarters. The "Package Plan" includes housing, the traditional Pennsylvania Knights Templar Family Dinner on Saturday evening, and the Grand Encampment Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service, which events will be held at the Marriott. Please use the official form to make your reservations *prior to the closing date of March 23, 1970*. Official forms will be available from your Recorder and your Commandery Publicity Officer. Please fill in the form and mail it to Charles R. Frasch, Treasurer, 831 Houston St., Columbia, Penn. 17512.

The "Package Plan" costs are as follows:

Double occupancy, 1 night per person, \$24.00; 2 nights per person, \$36.00.

Single occupancy, 1 night per person, \$31.00; 2 nights per person, \$50.00.

The above costs include: Room, Pennsylvania Dinner, Grand Encampment Easter Breakfast, and ALL TAXES AND GRATUITIES.

Single event reservations:

Double occupancy, per night, per person, \$13.00

Single occupancy, per night, per person, \$19.00

Pennsylvania Knights Templar Dinner, \$9.00

Grand Encampment Easter Breakfast, \$3.50

Amphitheater Spectator Tickets are required for Sir Knights not in uniform, Ladies, Guests and Children. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THESE TICKETS, and they should be requested on the above-mentioned form.

The Easter Sunrise Service Committee thanks you for your co-operation. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW. Our witness to the Risen Lord is the Templar answer to "God is Dead." Stand up for Jesus, ye Soldiers of the Cross!



Annual Grand Conclave? No, the Grand March at Division No. 2 Reception to Sir Knight Charles R. Eurich, R.E.G.C., on October 18.

(MAIL BIN — from Page 6)

Brooklyn, New York

Pratt, Kansas

I have read with great interest the October issue of *Knight Templar* and note that in a number of letters they add after their names their Masonic affiliations of long standing and would like to add mine just for the records.

Thanks a million for your fine magazine. Surely a worthwhile publication.

I am enjoying my 50th year as a Master Mason and recently was so honored. Am now rapidly approaching my 50th year as a Templar.

	Years	
Cosmopolitan Lodge	Joined 1913	56
Fellowcraft Team	100 third S without a miss	
Master	1924	
Secretary	1925-1965	41
Orient Chapter	1915-1969	54
Most Excel Degree Team	1915-1940	25
Meritorious Companion	1948	
Brooklyn Council	1919-1969	50
Secretary	1933-1943	10
Master	1932	
Grand Repres. Ala.	1931	4
Damascus Commandery	1919-1969	50
Long Is. Grotto	1915-1969	54
Long Is. Patrol	1916-1922	6
Kismet Shrine	1920-1969	49
Brooklyn Masonic School Council Officer	1925-1931	6

The work I contributed to the York Rite is now a pleasant memory.

With best wishes to all Sir Knights

O. C. STEINHEUSER, P.C.
Pratt Commandery No. 56

Logan, West Virginia

I have now received three issues of the *Knight Templar* and until I received my first copy did not know it existed. I read it from cover to cover. Congratulations!

I was particularly interested in the article by P. C. Rev. William R. Deutsch in your October issue wherein he gave his view on the K.T. uniform revision. I have long thought that a committee should be appointed to make a study of it and report to the Grand Encampment which after being acted on favorably be made mandatory in the entire jurisdiction.

Have not missed more than a dozen funeral services conducted by the lodge. Have always been a stern believer in same as it is the only time we are before the public in Masonic work. A good, dignified attendance with a good speaker makes a big impression and gets people asking questions. I have one-page stories of this. Sorry to say we have all been getting away from them.

The present cost of our uniforms is excessive and tends to discourage persons eligible for admission. This in turn retards membership and makes it necessary for the Commandery to impose dues in excess of what some Masons feel that when added to their requisite Masonic dues becomes burdensome.

Am now confined home with incurable ailments, with time running out fast.

Therefore it would seem to me that it would be appropriate for the Grand Encampment to consider the matter and if in its wisdom feels any changes desirable to act accordingly and to make it applicable to the entire realm of American Knights Templary.

Guess that's all I can annoy you with. Excuse errors and typing due to eye cataract.

THEODORE C. OLDEHOFF

HAROLD H. OAKLEY P.C.
Logan Commandery No. 26

Chronological Listings
1970 ANNUAL CONCLAVES
 and
GRAND MASTER'S REPRESENTATIVES

<i>Grand Commandery</i>	<i>Conclave Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Representative</i>
Nevada	Elko	Feb. 9	G. Wilbur Bell
North Carolina	New Bern	Mar. 3	C. Wallace Jackson
South Carolina	Spartanburg	Mar. 9	Paul C. Rodenhauer
New Jersey	Atlantic City	Mar. 13-15	Frank L. Bourke
Mississippi	Jackson	Mar. 20-21	C. Wallace Jackson
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	Apr. 6-7	William R. Robbins
Nebraska	Lincoln	Apr. 9-10	Roy W. Riegle
Texas	Dallas	Apr. 13-14	William R. Robbins
Oregon	Portland	Apr. 13	G. Wilbur Bell
Philippines	Manila	Apr. 18	Wallace H. Morris
Arkansas	Little Rock	Apr. 20-21	Roy W. Riegle
Alabama	Birmingham	Apr. 22	C. Wallace Jackson
New Mexico	Tucumcari	Apr. 25	John L. Crofts, Sr.
North Dakota	Grafton	Apr. 26-27	Alvin L. Crump
Connecticut	Danbury	Apr. 27	John L. Crofts, Sr.
Oklahoma	Ardmore	Apr. 27	G. Wilbur Bell
California	Long Beach	Apr. 30-May 1	Harold S. Gorman
Maine	Portland	May 4	Frank L. Bourke
Dist. of Columbia	Washington, D.C.	May 9	Roy W. Riegle
Kansas	Hutchinson	May 11-12	Willard M. Avery
Utah	Provo	May 11-12	Harold S. Gorman
Maryland	Baltimore	May 13	Frank L. Bourke
Georgia	Athens	May 13-14	John L. Crofts, Sr.
Virginia	Norfolk	May 14-16	Willard M. Avery
Missouri	Columbia	May 15	William R. Robbins
West Virginia	Beckley	May 15-16	G. Wilbur Bell
Washington	Tacoma	May 17-19	Riegle
Florida	Jacksonville	May 18	G. Wilbur Bell
Indiana	Bloomington	May 22-23	Abner C. Sager
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	May 24-27	G. Wilbur Bell
Vermont	Montpelier	May 25	Frank L. Bourke
Idaho	Pocatello	May 25-26	Carl J. Baesemann
Michigan	Kalamazoo	June 5-6	Willard M. Avery
Minnesota	Hutchinson	June 12-13	Willard M. Avery
Montana	Great Falls	June 12	Carl J. Baesemann
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	June 19-20	John L. Crofts, Sr.
Iowa	Spirit Lake	June 22-25	G. Wilbur Bell
Tennessee	Chattanooga	Aug. 9-11	Roy W. Riegle

Note: Representatives will be assigned at the Aug. 22-27 Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment for the following Annual Conclaves:

Illinois	Springfield	Sept. 4-5	New York	Garden City	Sept. 18-20
Colorado	Pueblo	Sept. 11	Kentucky	Louisville	Sept. 20-21
Wyoming	Dubois	Sept. 12	Ohio	Akron	Oct. 2-3
South Dakota	Spearfish	Sept. 13-15	New Hampshire	Nashua	Oct. 5
Mass. & R.I.	Boston	Sept. 18-19	Arizona	Prescott	Oct. 25-26

Point of Information: The Knights Templar Eye Foundation address is P. O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.

51ST TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A. AT DENVER, COLORADO, AUGUST 22-28



THE CIVIC CENTER
in the
mile-high city of
Denver, Colorado

The 51st Triennial Conclave will be hosted by the Grand Commanderies of Iowa and Colorado. Program activities will begin at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 22, with Drill Team Competition in the Convention Center Arena. The Grand Encampment sessions will conclude at noon, Thursday, August 27, with the installation of officers for the 1970-1973 Triennial period at the Brown Palace Hotel.

Between those two events will be a range of Templar conferences, meetings and official sessions, plus a wide variety of formal and informal luncheons, dinners, tours and Conclave entertainment.

Every Templar is invited. The M.E. Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Sr., will preside at the climax of his three years of leadership over the nearly 400,000 Templars under the sovereign jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. To support him in the closing deliberations during his decisive direction of Grand Encampment, to salute and assist the officers for the next Triennium, to help further Templary's organizational advancement, and to enjoy the hospitality of the Conclave sponsors, each Knight Templar is urged to make immediate arrangements to attend. Information and assistance can be secured from the 1970 K.T. Conclave Corporation, 3155 South Broadway, Englewood, Colorado 80110. For Housing, write James F. McCann, 223 Colorado Building, 1615 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

STALLSMITH MAURICE C
642 MC GRANN BLVD
LANCASTER PA 17601

3701337000

PENNSYLVANIA

POSTMASTER: Send notice to
GRAND RECORDER, Knights
Templar, U.S.A., 14 East Jack-
son Blvd., Suite 1733, Chicago,
Illinois 60604.