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WHAT MEANS IT —

THIS PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES?

Seventh and last of a general information series by the Grand Master.

Defined and projected by Grand Master Gaylord in 1951, the area of Templar interest called Patriotic and Civic Activities remains too little understood and included in Commandery programs. I am reminded of an outstanding and admirable young German DeMolay I worked with at the Second DeMolay International Congress, who said in effect "We sometimes do not do so much ritual work. We are more likely to discuss 'What means it — this Filial Love?'" Perhaps we need such group discussion at the Commandery level.



Perhaps we need also to relate more to positive attitudes. For example, we as Freemasons properly avoid discussion of partisan politics as such, but is not politics a proper subject, being by dictionary definition the science of civil government? Our Masonic forefathers in America certainly became involved, and while the records show nothing of their ritualistic proficiency, our republican form of government stands as a memorial to them as it preserves human dignity and human rights.

Also, it seems reasonable, even necessary, that we include more in our programs a specific interest as Templars in current events, in the condition of our society. We ought to admire and express our admiration for meritorious service, whether by groups or individuals, political leaders, ministers, teachers or students, whether by awards or lending a helpful hand.

Our Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Educational Foundation are in the broad sense civic activities, though so important we have set them apart as national programs. There are so many more ways we can express our Christian concern for human needs. Our expressions may vary from state to state, from Commandery to Commandery. The general rule is to find a need and meet it, within the limits of available funds and manpower, and within the general limitations of Masonic and Christian principles.

A new brochure by the Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities is now in the process of distribution to all units through the Grand Comanderies. We know it will be helpful to understanding "What means it — this Patriotic and Civic Activities?" We trust that it will be useful to you and will lead to meaningful Commandery programs, will direct us toward "deeds of charity and pure beneficence."



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The Cover:

Sir Knight Gerald Cleveland, Arlington, Virginia, while visiting in Texas with Mrs. Cleveland, discovered the age-yellowed likeness of the head of Christ which he has photographed for the Knight Templar Magazine. Photographer Cleveland feels that readers will be impressed with the unknown artist's skill in depicting the thorn-crowned head "by varyingly strengthening certain letters within the ellipse containing the entire book of Matthew."



From the MAIL BIN

Canton,
Ohio

I just wanted you to know that we sincerely thank you for answering my letter concerning trying to locate our grandson Buddy's wife in Michigan, and I thought you'd like to know that they did locate her and did have a visit with her. When they started back home from here on the 4th of December she had received a letter, presumably from the Knights Templar of Michigan alerting her to the fact that they were searching for her. So thanking you again for your trouble, we remain gratefully yours,

MR. & MRS. GEORGE WARD

Penn Yan, New York

I read with interest the proposal by Dr. Willard E. Edwards in regards to his "Perpetual Calendar."

The only opposition to this plan most likely will come from the industry that makes calendars.

One change that I have felt should be changed is indicated in the proposed calendar, and that is: Monday is listed as the first day of the week, so Sunday is in compliance with the seventh day.

Best of luck in getting approval to the change proposed.

FREDERICK J. EGGER
Jerusalem No. 17, NY

P.S. In case you are wondering about the name Penn Yan, it was named by the settlers from Pennsylvania and Yankees from New England.

Moberly, Missouri

As I am nearing 63 years of age I think you had better give me a more appropriate name which is *Foster* instead of *Faster*.

Thank you for the wonderful magazine as I enjoy every issue no matter what name I receive it under.

R. CLYDE FOSTER

Chicago, Illinois

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$20.00 for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation given in memory of:

Mrs. Martha Marie Johnson

who was a former member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Illinois Commandery No. 72, K. T., and whose husband Gustave Reinhold Johnson is a lifetime member of the Brotherhood Lodge.

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MRS. GORDON GUSTAFSON, Daughter

Washington, D. C.

Belatedly, I am writing to express my extreme pleasure in reading each issue of the *Knight Templar* publication.

I have been a lawyer for over 30 years but once was a newspaper editor and columnist, hence, I feel that I am in a position to judge the merit of publications. In my opinion, human interest stories constitute the backbone of a news organ. Without several human interest yarns, a publication usually fails due to disinterest by the readers thereof.

The *Knight Templar Magazine* is replete with human interest stories, history, and new information about the Masonic Craft, therefore, I have read every issue from cover to cover and, I might add, there are very few of the plethora I receive in which I display such interest. Since I have traveled all over the world in Masonry and in business, your publication frequently brings me first-hand news of friends and acquaintances. Congratulations on the publication of a newsy, well-edited, fraternal magazine.

ORVILLE F. RUSH
Imperial Potentate, 1966-67

McLean, Virginia

It has been a great pleasure and benefit to receive each issue of *Knight Templar*. Since being Knighted in Paducah, Kentucky Commandery No. 11, I have moved to Virginia.

To those who read its articles, news items and letters, as I do, each issue of *Knight Templar* must serve to make us again mindful of our duties and responsibilities as vowed.

Thank you... for serving as my Guide.

RUPERT G. MACPHERSON

Melbourne, Florida

Want to let you know how much I appreciate receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I enjoy reading it from cover to cover.

GARLAND M. TERRY

Lecanto, Florida

I want to thank everyone who made *Knight Templar Magazine* possible. I have been a Sir Knight a good many years and always thought the Commandery would be more complete and better connected if we had such a publication. I enjoy each issue and do not wish to miss a copy.

A. FRANK JONES

Windsor, Ontario

I have a Knight Templar uniform, including hat with plume, in excellent condition. Would fit anyone of height approximately 5 ft. 10 in., and weight 150 lbs. to 160 lbs.

Any Knight Templar interested, please contact the writer. You set the price after you have tried it on.

Thanks for the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

R. B. ELLIOTT
1920 Tuscarora, Apt. 11
Windsor, Ontario

Fort Gordon, Georgia

The magazine is one of constant enjoyment to myself. Keep up the good and most worthwhile job.

BUD. E. BARNEY

Dallas, Texas

I have a special interest in Perpetual Calendar by Bro. Edwards, January *Knight Templar*. It is similar to the World Calendar I became interested in about 40 years ago. It, too, suggested four quarters of 91 days each, beginning on Sunday as the first day of the week, 31 - 30 - 30, with the necessary intercalary days, which he refers to as 'days apart'.

At one time 14 different nations signified a willingness to adopt this calendar. The last I ever heard of this calendar it was in the hands of some committee of the United Nations.

We talked this freely 30 years ago and found that people were rather reluctant to accept the intercalary days. I am very sure they would be more reluctant to accent Monday as the first day for the week. We are fully persuaded that Sunday should be the first day of the week as it has been during the life of our present calendar.

To get started on calendar improvement we should be willing to restore 30 days to February as it once was a 30-day month. Then let the pattern be 31 - 30 - 30 for three quarters and 31 - 30 - 31 for the fourth quarter. Leap years would carry 31 - 30 - 31 for the second quarter. After a few generations we believe people would be willing to accept intercalary days, and that the World Calendar would be adopted to make every year the same thruout all generations to come.

M. J. SPINKS

Montverde, Florida

It is a pleasure to receive the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I read it from cover to cover.

MAURICE W. SMITH

Niceville, Florida

Re: "Problem of Templary" article by Edward M. Selby.

... We must not forget the Master Builder and we must not let anyone enter into the Order of Knights until he has accepted our Lord and Saviour ...

We accept all men in love; but those especially of the household of faith. This was a commandment of the very Christ whom we as Knights have sworn to uphold ...

Burning at the stake did not change us as Knights Templar. It is our ... sacred duty to hold fast to our convictions.

ELMER D. GORDON
Crestview Commandery No. 25

Aurora, Nebraska

I appreciate very much the *Knight Templar* publication and hope to not miss any of them. I'm a member of LEBANON Commandery No. 6 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

RICHARD S. McKELVIE

Grinnell, Iowa

I want to thank you for sending me the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I have read every page, each month, July 1969 thru January 1970. I think it is the best magazine put out by any one.

I live in Grinnell, retired, and belong to Commandery at Cedar Rapids, and visit the Council, Chapter and Commandery at Newton, Iowa.

I certainly enjoy the *Knight Templar*.

HUGH E. HANSON

J. EDGAR HOOVER YORK RITE FESTIVAL AT FORT WAYNE

FBI Director to Address March 14 Class. Commemorative Festival Souvenirs to be Presented to all Candidates

The Indiana York Rite Association announces that its 1970 Spring Festival will be named in honor of Sir Knight J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sir Knight Hoover's schedule, according to James S. DeMond, in charge of Festival arrangements, has been arranged to permit his March 14 participation, barring unforeseen emergency. Grand Commander K. Edwin Applegate states that in event of an emergency, Sir Knight Bernard M. Suttler, the FBI Director's chief assistant, will be the speaker.

The Festival begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 7, when the Chapter and Council degrees will be conferred. Registration Saturday, March 14, will be at 9 a.m., EST. Teams from Ohio and Indiana will confer the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta. The Order of the Temple conferral will be presented by Battle Creek Commandery No. 33, Battle Creek, Michigan. Luncheon tickets are \$1.50; dinner, \$2.50.

The program, in addition to the distinguished Templar speaker, includes a band concert by Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4, a public exhibition drill by a 36-man team from Battle Creek Commandery No. 33, and entertainment for the ladies by Fort Wayne Assembly No. 39, S.O.O.B. The special exemplar candidate for the Orders will be the Hon. E. Ross Adair, 33 Degree, Representative, 4th Congressional District.

Joining Grand Commander Applegate for the Festival will be Grand High Priest Alfred L. Apple, and Grand Master of Council H. Hanley Hammel, Jr. The Masonic Temple, 216 East Washington Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be the setting for the Festival. Sir Knight DeMond, who

Grand Master Crofts -

"UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR A FAMOUS TEMPLAR AND PATRIOT"

John L. Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master, Knights Templar, U.S.A., hails the Indiana York Rite Festival for the privilege it offers candidates to identify themselves with the internationally renowned Director of the FBI, and "the unique opportunity for all Knights Templar to honor a famous Templar and patriot - J. Edgar Hoover, a Christian Mason whose name has become synonymous everywhere with law and order, unwavering integrity and Templar conviction."

The Grand Master urges all Knights Templar to extend special support to the Indiana York Rite Festival at Fort Wayne and to "attend if at all possible."

is Grand Standard Bearer for Indiana, urges "all Sir Knights to attend and "every York Rite body to support this Festival by bringing candidates for the J. Edgar Hoover Class."

Immediate reservations can be made by writing or calling James S. DeMond, 5011 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805. Phones - (219) 749-8546, office; 483-7440, home.

The committee plans distinctive J. Edgar Hoover commemorative insignia for class members only.

"FAR REACHING PROPOSALS" AT DENVER

Proposed amendments for the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment will be discussed, ballotted upon and decided at the 51st Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Denver in August.

Any proposed amendment in these classifications, submitted in writing and signed by a voting member of Grand Encampment, will be accepted if received by the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment at least three months in advance of the Triennial Conclave convening date. The final date for receipt of such proposed amendments is May 23, 1970.

Notice of Conclave

Section 29 (e) of the Constitution, in reference to the duties of the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, reads: "To give notice of Triennial Conclaves. Such notice shall be issued two months in advance of the time fixed for any Conclave and shall set out all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals"

Therefore, printing and distribution of all proposals properly received will be made to all Grand Encampment members in a Notice of Conclave two months in advance of the Triennial Conclave by the Grand Recorder. For the 51st Triennial Conclave, such Notice will be mailed from the Grand Recorder's office the week of June 22.

It is noted that resolutions which do not seek to amend the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals are not subject to the same advance filing and printing requirements, although they should be filed in writing sufficiently in advance of the Triennial Conclave to permit their being included in the agenda.

Voting Members

While all of us as Knights Templar are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, the

"members" are defined under Section 2 of the Constitution: *Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies; The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, The Grand Generalissimo and The Grand Captain General* of each of the Grand Commanderies; also, *The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General* of each of the Subordinate Commanderies, (by Subordinate is meant those Commanderies NOT working under the direct jurisdiction of a Grand Commandery), and - *The Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.*

The listed officers of the Grand Commanderies and the Subordinate Commanderies, and the Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment, are members by virtue of their offices and are designated as "Representative Members." The Past Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies are "Permanent Members" of Grand Encampment. These categories make a variable total of 1,200 voting members.

Each of these thus becomes, in fact, a "Templar Legislator," representing his constituents to the best of his ability and knowledge in deliberations and decisions for the advancement of the Order in all its phases. Every Knight Templar can and should communicate his considered suggestions for the progress of Templary

to the Sir Knights he has helped elect to positions of "Legislators."

Also, in the interests of Templary and its development, all members of our Christian fraternity are urged to be present for the sessions of their Grand Encampment to hear the plans and discussions, to learn more about what the Grand Encampment is — what it does, its purposes, aims, projects, and its projections for growth in strength and capability, in ritualistic significance and structural effectiveness.

Proxies

Proxies who vote at the Grand Encampment Conclave for "Representative Members," the specified officers of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, must be members of the same bodies. However, each person — officer or proxy — shall have only one vote. This is covered in Section 9 of the Constitution: "The members . . . may be represented by proxies belonging to the same Bodies. A proxy does not by virtue of such appointment become a member of the Grand Encampment. He shall, before acting, produce acceptable evidences of his written appointment. Each member present in person or by proxy shall have only one vote."

Proxy forms, four for each Grand Commandery and three for each Subordinate, will be distributed to Grand and Subordinate Recorders April 1 by the Grand Encampment office. Each of these Recorders also will receive "Representative" forms which will permit certification for officers who are voting members by virtue of the offices they hold.

The "one man-one vote" rule makes the selection of a proxy of special importance. A Past Grand Commander, for example, designated as a proxy for his absent Grand Commander, could vote

either for himself or the Grand Commander, but not for both. In effect, he would lose a vote. A Past Commander of a Constituent Commandery, because he is a member of the same Grand Commandery, could be named a proxy without loss, for he otherwise would not be eligible to vote.

Officers of a Subordinate Commandery can be represented by individual proxies under the provisions if the proxies are members of the Subordinate Commandery.

The Sessions

The Triennial Conclave with its attendant Conclave events starts early Saturday morning, August 22. Official Triennial sessions are scheduled from Monday morning, August 24, thru Thursday morning, August 27. The 51st will be the third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Denver, the first since 1913.

P. C. R.

P.G.M. Risberg Grand Secretary

Grand Master Donald E. Krueger, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, has announced the appointment of Past Grand Master Perry A. Risberg to the post of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Acting Grand Secretary Frederick A. Kucknuk as been named to the position of administrator of Grand Lodge Affairs.

The appointments followed review and consideration of 36 applicants for the two positions, conducted by the Personnel and Executive Committees of the Grand Lodge. An analysis of the office of Grand Secretary had resulted in the decision that the duties be divided and filled by two men because of the "many and diverse areas" that require execution.

40th EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT ARLINGTON MARCH 29

The strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers," played by the famed United States Marine Band, will mark the start of another procession of uniformed Knights Templar to the Memorial Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery, for Easter worship March 29 at 7:00 A.M.

Promptly at 7:30 A.M., after the estimated 8,000 Templars and members of the public have taken their places, the 40th annual service will begin. As usual, NBC Radio will make the 7:30 to 8:00 A.M. portion available to its affiliated radio stations throughout the country.

The United States Army Chorus will participate as in the past. Immediately following the service, a Cross of Easter Lilies will be presented by the M.E. Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Sr., at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The 1970 Easter Morning sermon will be given by Bishop David Frederick Wertz, Resident Bishop of the West Virginia Area of the United Methodist Church, well-known for his membership and activities in both York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry. Dr. Wertz administers the work of the United Methodist Church of the West Virginia area in some 1,600 churches with a total membership of 220,000.



Born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, in 1916, Sir Knight Wertz served as President of Lycoming College, Williamsport, from 1955 to 1968, when he was ordained a Bishop and assumed his present church post. He is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, Epsilon Chapter, Dickinson College. Masonic memberships include: William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, F. & A.M., Harrisburg; Scottish Rite, Valley of Williamsport, and Baldwin II Commandery No. 22, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He is an Honorary Member, Supreme Council, 33 Degree, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

The Easter Sunrise Service Committee of Grand Encampment is headed by Marvin E. Fowler, 1904 White Oaks Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22306, with General Bruce C. Clarke as Honorary Chairman. The Grand Encampment liaison officer is G. Wilbur Bell, R.E. Deputy Grand Master.

Templar Promotes Safety

Robert E. Pfaeffle, a member of San Francisco Commandery No. 41 since 1920, enjoys a sense of satisfaction in the creation (1966) and current educational activities of the U. S. Department of Transportation, the nation's youngest Cabinet Department.

Sir Knight Pfaeffle, a consulting safety engineer, has had a lifelong interest in highway safety. It was he, as a 1938 delegate to the TPA convention of the California Division, who authored the resolution calling upon Congress to establish such a department.

In addition to his more than 50 years of Templary, Sir Knight Pfaeffle is a charter member of Islam Temple Shrine Transportation Club.

A Templar Minister Speaks — — —

THE CHALLENGE OF TEMPLARY

by The Rev. Philip R. Jones

Sir Knight Jones, Minister to the First Presbyterian Church, Milton, Pennsylvania, is a former Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. A well-known leader in service organizations and community affairs, he takes time from his schedule of church administration and civic involvement to express his view that "Templary must demonstrate the constancy of its convictions."



Carl Sandburg, in his book *Remembrance Rock*, said, "... we know that when a nation goes down and never comes back, when a society or civilization perishes, one condition may always be found. They forgot where they came from. They lost sight of what brought them along."

These are words of wisdom and warning. They speak to us as a part of an affluent society, as citizens of a great nation and as members of the body of Templary. They speak to men in community and to each man in his own conscience. They are a solemn warning that the beginning purpose not be forgotten and that the sacrifices of yesterday not be wasted.

There is no intention, or suggestion, that we live in temples of tradition. We live in an era of change. This is a changing world and we must change with it. New ideas, new thoughts, new methods are all around us and we must be prepared to accept those that will strengthen our cause and fulfill our purpose. There is little value, however, in bartering your birthright at the market-place of expediency. There is no value in sacrificing your life on the altar of change. Our Master once said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Christianity is the soul of Templary. Apart from the life, death and resurrection of the Son of God the Order of Knights Templar has little meaning and no reason for being. Its motivating force and distinct purpose has been always a vigorous defense (or support) of the Christian religion and a Christian concern for the needs of others. Templary stands boldly and unashamed upon the affirmations of the Christian gospel. It holds aloft a banner emblazoned with the Cross and Crown symbolizing the redemption of mankind by God in Christ. In the beauty of its Orders, Templary leads every Knight Templar into a deeper personal commitment to the Christian faith and enjoins each one to a dedicated practice of the Christian virtues in every facet of life.

Despite its human weaknesses, Templary stands as something more than another fraternal body. There is this underlying Christian concern which transcends the ordinary objectives of other fraternities. The title of Knight Templar means more than knowledge and Masonic achievement. It is a proclamation, an affirmation, a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a personal commitment by the Christian Mason to dedicated service in the Christian religion. This is the soul of Templary without which it cannot live and be true to its

heritage and its purpose.

To some this Christian emphasis is a barrier. It is a problem, a stumbling-block. For nearly two thousand years this has been true. The Grand Master of all Templars walked the earth with open arms. His love embraced all kinds of men in all kinds of places. He spoke of the love of God and the brotherhood of man. He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Templary has accepted this open invitation. It has taken up the Cross and seeks to be His servant.

This stance of Templary on the side of the Christian faith is not a position of separation. It is one of service. The very nature of our Orders makes Templary amenable to better understanding and cooperation. The exercise of Christian love and truth enable Knights Templar to share with all men in the building of a better world. In this day of ecumenicity, no better example can be found than the Roman Catholic Church. Recent developments do show a distinct change in the attitude of our Christian brethren. It has extended the hand of friendship and understanding to Protestants, Jews, and other religions. It is working with others who have different doctrines but the Roman Catholic Church is not sacrificing its basic beliefs to accommodate others. To do so would be destroying its reason for being. Templary lives in the spirit of Freemasonry and extends its hands in fellowship and understanding but any sacrifice of its basic tenets would destroy its reason for being.

Today we have more than enough of destruction. Beyond the tragedy of war there is a continuing attack upon religion, the Church, ethic, morals, values and the government itself. The Order of Knights Templar finds itself confronted with a challenge not unlike that of early Christians and the knights of the Crusades. The times demand no weak-

New Guidelines Available

New folders of guidelines for Grand and Subordinate Commandery officers and committee members will be distributed in March from the Grand Encampment office. Single copies will be mailed to Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders and to the dais officers of Subordinate Commanderies for their inspection and study. Requests for additional copies will then be honored, at no charge, by the Grand Encampment office, Chicago.

The guidelines, prepared and distributed under the direction and authority of Grand Master Crofts, are from the COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES, John B. Cottrell, Jr., Past Department Commander, Chairman; and the COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, prepared by Dr. E. Robert Chable, former Grand Prelate of Grand Encampment. These will be followed by a third from the COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, Gordon J. Brenner, Chairman.

ening of our purpose or our mission. Knights Templar need to make bold and courageous affirmation of their convictions. It is a time which needs a proclamation of the Christian gospel expressed in the lives of Christian Masons everywhere. It is a time when all Masons must learn to live and work together in the unity of the spirit. It is the time when Templary must demonstrate the constancy of its convictions and give evidence that it has not forgotten where it came from nor "lost sight of what brought it along."

THREE-WAY AREA CONFERENCE AT ATLANTA JANUARY 16-17

Representatives of General Grand Council, General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment assembled for a three-way Southeastern York Rite Conference January 16-17 at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, with General Grand Council's Hoyt McClendon, Deputy Grand Master; General Grand High Priest Calvin A. Behle, and the Grand Master of Grand Encampment, John L. Crofts, Sr., in attendance.

The three bodies held individual sessions Friday, January 16, from 1 to 5 p.m., and from 8 to 10 p.m. The joint meeting Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. featured addresses and greetings from the three ranking General Grand and Grand Encampment bodies.

The Knight Templar meeting Friday, conducted by Southeastern Department Commander C. Wallace Jackson, covered: Grand Encampment Office operations, reported by Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser; York Rite Unity and Coordination, with the Grand Master reviewing the background and present status; the Knight Templar Uniform, featuring a full representation of the Arlington Easter Sunrise Service, Educational Foundation, Eye Foundation; Committee report on Patriotic and Civic Activities, by P.D.C. John B. Cottrell, Jr., Chairman; proposed Ritual Changes, and a policy address by Grand Master Crofts.

The Grand Master stressed attendance at the Triennial Conclave in Denver, urging all to be present to help make plans for the future progress of Templary — to listen, learn, discuss and vote on far-reaching decisions for the good of the Order.

He also addressed the joint session Saturday morning and reviewed the present status of York Rite Unity, noted the need for sound promotional materials for Templary and for an increasingly strong organizational structure. "We are both a fraternity and a business," he said, "and the business must be strong enough to support the fraternity." His visits throughout the country have indicated to him that "members of the craft are convinced of the need for stronger national organization and services."

Calvin A. Behle, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter International, spoke at Saturday's joint session, referred to the need for York Rite Masonry to "travel first class." He urged members to eliminate any "inferiority complex," and called upon York Rite Masons to live their principles in public, not just behind closed doors. He told the participants that "we will try to do our best in General Grand Chapter within the framework you have established," and reminded Royal Arch Masons that the next triennial gathering would be in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1972.

Hoyt McClendon, Deputy Grand Master, brought the greetings of General Grand Council and expressed the regrets of Grand Master Verne Mokler, absent because of illness in the family.

James E. Moseley, General Grand Captain of the Host, and Grand Chapter area representative, presided for the R.A.M. sessions and reports that the following topics were discussed:

DeMolay with emphasis on the DeMolay Endowment Fund of the General Grand Chapter, Membership, Festivals, Reports, Suspension NPD, Ritual, it was pointed out that there are several discrepancies in the Book of Essentials and the Ritual.

Royal Arch Mason Magazine, and suggestions for increasing subscriptions.

The General Grand Secretary, Charles K. A. McGaughey, discussed the operation of his office relative to the work of General Grand Chapter.

Juvenile Court Judges Workshop, a presentation by M.E. Companion Ira R. Huffaker, Past Grand High Priest of Georgia.

General Grand High Priest, Calvin A. Behle, addressed the group.

General Grand Chapter topics included:

- (A) Candidates for the General Grand Chapter Gold Medal Award

(B) Sending Royal Arch Advance to all General Grand Chapter members

(C) The Bronze Awards

(D) Royal Arch Affirmation Day

Presiding for the Royal and Select Masters Conference was M. L. Fegenbush, whose agenda, starting at 1 p.m., and continuing until 10 p.m., included the following topics, each followed by discussion periods:

Aims and Purposes, Cryptic Rite (Wheeler); Problems of Cryptic Rite (Cook); How to Preserve Cryptic Rite (Copeland); Membership and Suspensions; Finances of General Grand Council (Williams).

The following York Rite Masons registered for the sessions:

GRAND COMMANDERY

Virginia:	Charles L. Harrison, G.C.; Laurence J. Ranck, P.G.C.; Ernest M. Moore, Jr., P.G.C.; William T. Buckner, P.G.C., GR.
North Carolina:	J. Ray Rex, G.C.; Donald Bell, G.G.; Charles C. Ricker, G.R.
South Carolina:	James H. Mathis, G.C.; Crayton N. Slaughter, D.G.C.; Andrew C. Gramling, Jr., G.G.; John W. Walters, G.C.G.; Hugh N. Layne, G.R.
Georgia:	Clinton O. Morris, G.St.B.
Florida:	Stephen B. Dimond, D.G.C.; J. R. Reid, G.G.
Tennessee:	Hilton H. Usher, G.C.; Buford E. Thomas, G.C.G.; J. P. McGinness, D.G.M.
Alabama:	M. L. Griffith, G.S.B.
Mississippi:	Paul S. Thomas, G.C.; J. D. Lewis, G.C.G.
Grand Encampment:	John L. Crofts, Sr., G.M.; Paul C. Rodenhauser, G.R.; C. Wallace Jackson, D.C.; John B. Cottrell, Jr., P.D.C., Chairman Patriotic and Civic Activities.

LOOK AHEAD

Did you make mistakes during the past year? Of course you did; we all did. But why worry over them? The mistakes you made are behind you. Face the future bravely, with determination to improve by past experience. Look ahead for better things. Get together with yourself for a few minutes and resolve to forge ahead. Never mind the slings and arrows; keep busy and forget them. The busy man has no time for trivial things, especially those of the past.

Yesterday, like the water of the mill stream, has gone over the wheel and you cannot bring it back. Look ahead; today is here and tomorrow confronts us. Forget the failures of yesterday and conserve your strength for the big things of today and still greater things for tomorrow. Look ahead!

From Thought-Torials

by the late Edward W. Libbey

Past Grand High Priest, Grand

Chapter, R.A.M., District of

Columbia; former Grand Monarch,

Supreme Council, M.O.V.P.E.R.

. . . Three-Way Area Attendance

GRAND CHAPTER:

Walter H. Winchester	Grand Scribe	Florida
William J. Hofheinz	Grand King	Florida
Joe C. Foster	Grand High Priest	Tennessee
G. W. Kitchens	Grand Scribe	Georgia
Thomas J. Brake, Jr.	Grand High Priest	Georgia
Ira R. Huffaker	P.G.H.P.	Georgia
Ralph C. James	P.G.H.P.	Georgia
J. E. Moseley	P.G.H.P.	Georgia
Hugh N. Layne	P.G.H.P.	South Carolina
R. Taylor Freeman	Grand High Priest	North Carolina
Charles C. Ricker	Grand Secretary	North Carolina
A. J. Lewis	P.G.H.P.	Louisiana
Charles K. A. McGaughey	Gen. Grand Secretary	Kentucky
Calvin A. Behle	Gen. Grand High Priest	Utah

GRAND COUNCIL:

W. G. Cotton	Dep. Gr. M.	Mississippi
T. Olin Gore	P.G.M.	Mississippi
Harry E. Copeland	M.I.G.M.	Georgia
Lonzo Pope	P.G.M.	Georgia
Hiram J. Casebolt	Dep. Gr. M.	North Carolina
M. L. Griffith	Gr. P.C.W.	Alabama
Hoyt McClendon	G.G. Dep. G.M.	Alabama
M. L. Fegenbush	P.G.M.	Alabama

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Three-Way Conference at Boise

The 1970 York Rite Conference for the Northwest area will be in Boise, Idaho, March 13 and 14, according to Carl J. Baesemann, Northwestern Department Commander for Grand Encampment.

Herbert G. Fitz, New Meadows, Idaho, is the General Deputy Grand High Priest for the Northwest, and will be responsible for the Chapter sessions. Council's participation will be directed by the General Grand Master's Representative for the area, Edward J. Skibby, Lewistown, Montana.

The Conference will include separate sessions Friday, March 13, and a joint meeting Saturday.

Hamilton Commandery Features Youth in Christmas Observance



Hamilton Commandery of Bridgeport, Connecticut was host to Clinton Commandery of Norwalk and Stamford Commandery at their joint Christmas observance last December. Fifty Rainbow girls and DeMolay boys provided a colorful and contrasting background.

North Carolina Templar Honored

A national release from the Jaycees of Concord, North Carolina, announces that their "Senior Man of the Year Award" has gone to the Rev. G. Howard Allred, a



member of Concord Commandery No. 38, for outstanding civic endeavor. Sir Knight Allred, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, Concord, served as a pilot during World War II, received the Distinguished Flying Cross and was awarded the

Air Medal five times. He has been active in community projects, including the United Fund, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Hospital Blood Bank, the School of Nursing and the Mental Health Association, which he served as County President. He and Mrs. Allred are the parents of three children — Don, in the Air Force; Susan, a High Point College student, and Laura, who attends Concord Junior High School.

75 Years of Masonry

A delayed report from Dunkirk, New York, tells of a 75 Year Membership Award last October to Harry B. Lyon, who became a Mason in Irondequoit Lodge No. 301 in 1894.

The award program was arranged by Irondequoit Lodge, with Harry Marquardt as chairman. The speaker was Leslie E. Chard, Past Grand Chaplain, and

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the presentation of the award was made by Robert Shield, Junior Grand Warden.

Honored Guest Lyon was Master of his Lodge in 1903-04, High Priest of his Chapter in 1906, Illustrious Master of Dunkirk Council in 1905-06 and in 1939 and 1945, and Eminent Commander of Dunkirk Commandery No. 40 in 1909-1910. He is an Honorary 33 Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and has held numerous offices and responsibilities in Masonry.

A dentist for 58 years, he served as Dunkirk Mayor in 1912-13 and 1920-21 and was commissioned a Commander in the U.S. Navy in 1925.

Grandson Becomes Brother of Grandfather

The E.A. degree was conferred upon Norman LeRoy McKay in North Star Lodge No. 46, Glasgow, Montana, recently by his grandfather, George A. Haynes, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Montana and present Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Sir Knight Hanes has performed a similar service for his son-in-law, Norman's father. *The Montana Masonic News* notes that he also conducted the work when his daughter, Mrs. McKay, was initiated into Valley Chapter No. 29, O.E.S.

Based on statistical information prepared by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and published in more exact form in the *Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin*, there are approximately 3,900,000 Masons in the United States, approximately 240,000 in Canada.

Templars in Grand Lodge

Two present Commanders and one Past Commander are in new Grand Lodge positions in Pennsylvania.

1. John L. McCain, Commander, Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, was elected R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

2. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Commander, Allegheny Commandery No. 35, has been appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by Sir Knight and Brother Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Grand Master.

3. Frank W. Bobb, P.C., Mary Commandery No. 36 and Editor of the *Pennsylvania Supplement*, has been appointed Librarian and Curator for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

STATE MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENTS

Pages 28 and 29 of each month's issue are reserved for free use by the individual Grand Commanderies for State Supplements — two pages which are utilized for state information of particular interest and importance to Templars living within the respective Grand Commandery jurisdictions.

The State Editor for each Grand Commandery is exclusively responsible for the material utilized on pages 28 and 29 — for its preparation and for its editing. In the absence of Supplement material from any Grand Commandery at any time, pages 28 and 29 become a part of the "general" *Knight Templar Magazine* and the additional two pages are devoted to incorporate articles of national news and information.

IT'S TIME TO THINK

Fraternal brotherhood we proclaim
 In Scottish and York Rites just the same.
 It's not the Rite that makes the man
 But the practice of all the virtues he can.

We listen attentively to each degree
 And the goodness therein we surely see.
 Charity is there and honesty too
 So practice them in all you do.

Sublime Prince and Sir Knight
 Each must keep his lantern bright.
 For many men will lose their way
 When night abides instead of day.

So trim the wick with service true
 That is the least that you can do.
 There are many oils for you to use
 So be most careful when one you choose.

Prince and Knight we all should be
 And live that way for all to see.
 Practice the virtues they both display
 And many will join you on your way.

By Hart Oldham, P.C.
 Marshall Commandery No. 17
 Member, Bloomington Consistory AASR,
 Bloomington, Illinois

Annual Session of the International Supreme
 Council of the Order of DeMolay will be held
 April 5-8 in Omaha, Nebraska.

George M. Saunders, Grand Secretary

Past Department Commander Charles
 B. Wolfertz and Mrs. Wolfertz, Allen-
 town, Pennsylvania, celebrated their 50th
 Wedding Anniversary February 14.

"HE GROWS ON ME"

A Salute to Our Veep

*After reading "Enough of
 Government by Street Carnival" in
 Readers Digest for February, the
 Grand Master forwarded the follow-
 ing comment:*

From the time when he admitted so
 candidly and humorously that his name
 was not exactly a household word, our
 Vice President has come a long way. The
 man who now appears is competent,
 concise, consistent, appealing, manly,
 and deserving in our opinion of the
 praise herein expressed.

To those who may cry "politics" I
 say that I speak of Mr. Agnew as he
 appears to me personally, of the man
 and not in a partisan way. I do not make
 comparisons or speak for all though I
 think most Templars share my admira-
 tion of the man and his posture.

Our Veep speaks to Americans collec-
 tively instead of to pressure groups, to
 principles rather than issues. His lan-
 guage is forceful, colorful, direct and
 purposeful, easy to understand. He can
 joke and take joking, even the crude and
 cruel "night club" variety, shrugs off
 politically inspired scorn and being
 quoted out of context, rarely explains
 what he has said.

Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Agnew
 speaks of what is good in America, of
 the Judeo-Christian ethic which estab-
 lishes both the importance and the
 responsibilities of the individual, of our
 republican form of government as the
 protector of human rights including self-
 expression and self-government.

Everyone knows him now. We trust
 he is enjoying his presently rather re-
 markable wave of popularity!

John L. Crofts, Sr.

Change of Conclave Date: Grand Commandery of Kansas Annual Conclave is now sched-
 uled at Hutchinson May 2-3 instead of the early announced dates of May 11-12.

“No Greater Monument” —

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

By Oliver S. Willham

Dr. Oliver S. Willham, President Emeritus of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, is the widely-known educational authority who serves as chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation. In his special article for the Knight Templar Magazine, he spells out the history, loan procedure, the operation and the opportunity offered by the Foundation.

Heraclitus said some 2,500 years ago that there is nothing in the world really permanent except change. Roy V. Edwards, President of Wilson & Company, recently said that our goals and efforts in all business must basically be directed toward understanding the characteristics of change, overcoming its problems and capitalizing upon its opportunities.

The future is determined by those individuals or organizations who have the knowledge, wisdom, judgment, and foresight not only to anticipate changes that are on the horizon but also to solve the problems which are created by those changes. They are able to capitalize upon the opportunities presented by change.

In 1922, The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America demonstrated its knowledge, wisdom, judgment, and foresight in anticipating some of the great changes that were destined to take place in American education. The leaders of our Great Christian Order in 1922 established The Knights Templar Educational Foundation by using \$100,000 from the Permanent Fund and by adopting an assessment of \$1 per member per year for a period of 9 years. This gave the necessary capital to start a student loan fund. These forward-

looking Knights Templar had this to say when they founded this student loan program, and I quote: “We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to put into effect a plan which will provide educational advantages for the youth of our beloved country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better citizens of this Republic.”

Our Christian Order was the first fraternal organization to start such a student loan program. Many such programs have been established since that time, and many have been patterned after the Grand Encampment Program.

TODAY'S ASSETS

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation now has assets of approximately five and one-half million dollars to loan to worthy students. From its establishment to date, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation has made loans to approximately sixty-five thousand young people and enabled them to complete their education. The above loans amounted to approximately one-third of a billion dollars. It would be very difficult to estimate the great good that has been done by these loans. There is no

better investment than one in education. During the year (1968), the Foundation made loans to 1315 students for a total of approximately one million dollars. We can all be proud of this accomplishment.

By far too few of our Knights Templar are aware of this excellent student loan program and the opportunity it gives our Christian Order to shape the future.

In the United States there are approximately sixty million persons studying full time. This represents about one-fourth of the entire population. Enrollments in all types of education increase annually. It is difficult to find the necessary funds to finance this huge program, either publicly or privately. As a result, more and more of the cost of education is having to be paid by the student or his parents. It is estimated that at least 75 per cent of the cost is being paid by the student if the loss of earnings is considered.

In 1937 the expenditures for formal education in this nation were three billion dollars. At the present time the expenditures are some sixty billion dollars. Keep in mind that these figures include only expenditures for buildings, equipment, and salaries at chartered institutions. If everything that is connected with the educational effort in the USA were included in the above expenditures, the total would reach the staggering figure of two hundred billion dollars. These figures are given to impress upon all of us the enormous size and costs of education in this Republic. It is little wonder that many young people have had to resort to borrowing money to pay for their education. In this Republic the money invested in education has always paid large dividends.

As foreseen by the Grand Encampment some 50 years ago, education has become necessary for every person in the

nation. The necessary education may be obtained in a vocational, technical, professional, or standard liberal arts college or university.

Many boys and girls find it necessary to borrow funds to complete the last two years of their work.

LOANS

We are in position to loan a worthy student \$1,500 if the student has only one scholastic year required to complete his or her course. If two years are required, the Foundation can loan said student \$1,500 each of the last two years, or a total of \$3,000. In case of unusual conditions where the expenses run very high, permission can be obtained to raise the upper limit of \$3,000. The Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee must concur in the permission in order to raise the limit above \$3,000.

The present rate of interest on such loans is 5 per cent. This interest does not start until graduation or until the student withdraws from school. The terms of repayment following graduation are very liberal. The student is asked to repay 10 per cent the first year, 20 per cent the second year, 30 per cent the third year, and 40 per cent the fourth year. These loans are indeed excellent for the students. Where else today can a student secure money this reasonably?

A worthy student desiring such a loan should contact the Constituent Commandery in his home community, if there be one. If unable to get the desired information and application forms from the local representative, the student should contact the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of his state. It is realized that many students may be in schools located out of their home state and they have no knowledge of the name or address of the Grand Recorder. In this

case, said student should write to Mr. Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder; Suite 1733, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604 and obtain the name and address of the Grand Recorder in his or her state. After obtaining the name and address of the home Grand Recorder, the student should write and ask for the necessary application forms and also ask if the Division has the money to loan. If this is all done promptly, the student should be able to secure a student loan in a relatively short time — provided the Grand Commandery in his home state has money available to loan. With about three exceptions, every state does have the money available to make student loans. Three states have been keeping 100 per cent of their available funds in student loans.

The Committee for the Educational Foundation in each state or Division is the entity making the student loans. The Grand Encampment Committee for the Educational Foundation attempts to coordinate the policies governing student loans and to pass judgment on the unusual cases. It also works with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment in approving budgets for each Division.

COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Student Loan program is really a cooperative undertaking. The Division Committee is charged with the responsibility of making, servicing, and collecting student loans; the Constituent Commanderies are the entities which touch the people. They are the ones who are familiar with the prospective students of their jurisdiction. They can assist so much in spotting worthy students, helping with the investigations, and finally in aiding in the collection of the loans.

Many student borrowers want to express appreciation and thanks for their student loan when they complete paying it off. This is made much easier if the Constituent Commanderies are involved. This program needs to be kept on a personal basis insofar as it is possible. The local representative helps to maintain this close relationship.

Unfortunately, due to the difficulty some nations have in securing foreign exchange, it is deemed unwise to make loans to students from neighboring countries around the world.

PUBLICIZE AND PROMOTE

Each Division Committee should endeavor to publicize their student loan program in the way that is most applicable to their conditions. They may use brochures to be distributed to student loan officers at the various schools in the state. They may want to divide their jurisdiction into a few regions and have a member of the Division Committee head the promotion work in their area. We need to get the information about the student loan program to prospective students. First, however, we must be certain that each Knight Templar in the Division is aware of this excellent program and can explain how it functions when asked by some interested student or parent. If every Knight Templar was fully informed about the student loan fund and how it functions, we would have at least 95 per cent, instead of 64 per cent of our assets in student loans at present.

Fellow Sir Knights, we have a wonderful opportunity to have a part in shaping the future of our great Republic through the aid we can give to worthy students. If you are not already well informed about this great service being rendered by Templary, do secure a copy of the 1967 Regulation and Standard Practice from the Grand Recorder and study it closely.

The student loans are handled very much like commercial loans. The Division Committee must first satisfy its members that the student is worthy. It must next determine if said student and his family are reliable and honest. Finally, the Division Committee must help the student determine the minimum loan that will be necessary to complete his course. After a loan is made, the Division Committee, through its local representative, should keep in contact with the student and ascertain his progress in school. The Educational Foundation should manifest an interest in the student and keep in touch with him or her even after the said loan is repaid.

Our Christian Order is not competing with the banks or other lending agencies. It is using its assets to help students who for the most part may have problems securing a personal loan to be used to pay educational expenses. It has been my experience during a life time of service in higher education that students are extremely grateful to secure a student loan. Many of them write to the loan fund officials to express their thanks.

A short time ago it was my pleasure to be in an oilman's office. He had set up a student loan program on his own and asked a particular institution to manage it. He was extremely proud of the student letters of appreciation and frankly said it was one of the most rewarding experiences he had ever had. Knights Templar throughout the entire world I am sure would have the same experience and reap the same rewards.

We are entering a new decade. This decade might well be labeled the "Decade of Education" or of the "Knowledge Industries." This decade will see much more emphasis placed on vocational and technical education. There will be many students in search of places to borrow money to complete their education. The

Knights Templar are in position to help such students. In a very short time we should try hard to place as nearly 100 per cent of our Educational Foundation Funds into good student loans as we possibly can.

This Christian Order will be able to have a profound influence on shaping the youth of this decade if it will only take seriously the purposes and aims that our predecessors had in mind in 1922.

Let us all endeavor to make this decade of the 1970's the most significant one in the history of this Republic so we can truly celebrate our 200th anniversary in a manner appropriate to our great heritage.

St. Petersburg, Florida

I have read with a great deal of interest, the article "A Problem of Templary" by Edward M. Selby in the January 1970 issue of *Knight Templar*.

It appears to me that more explanatory articles on this subject by Grand Officers, both national and state, should be published.

I believe the rank and file of York Rite members are of the opinion that the three Bodies should be consolidated or effect a close relationship as in the Scottish Rite and feel that the Grand Officers should push this movement or explain why it has not been done.

If the York Rite is to grow in membership, or at least maintain its present membership, some definite action should be taken.

E. J. OSBORNE, P.C.



Daniel N. Cushing
Texas

Grand Commander 1939
Born March 13, 1875
Died January 13, 1970

Homer Douglas Corley
Mississippi

Grand Commander 1947
Born January 3, 1888
Died January 26, 1970

Charles Jeanneret
Arkansas

Grand Commander 1940
Born December 17, 1894
Died January 17, 1970

Albert C. Wheaton — Eugene, Oregon —
September 28, 1969 — Member of Com-
mandery No. 24, Washington.

G. T. Searl — Westlake, Ohio — October 8,
1969 — Member Commandery No. 29, Ohio

Clifford R. Briggs — China Lake, California —
October 28, 1969 — Member Commandery No.
23, California.

Charles J. Kelly — Chicago, Illinois — November
13, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 54,
Illinois.

John W. Allerton — Prospect, Pennsylvania —
November 14, 1969 — Member Commandery
No. 35, Pennsylvania.

William E. Kuhns — Greensburg, Pennsylvania —
November 19, 1969 — Member Commandery
No. 18, Pennsylvania.

Edward E. Rummel — Lewistown, Pennsylvania —
November 27, 1969 — Member and longtime
Recorder, Lewistown Commandery No. 26,
Pennsylvania.

S. Morse Travers — Long Beach, California —
November 30, 1969 — Member Commandery
No. 40, California.

Joseph Joy — Rye, New York — December 28,
1969 — Member Commandery No. 16,
Michigan.

Charles M. Johnstone — Munhall, Pennsylvania —
December 30, 1969 — Member Commandery
No. 1, Pennsylvania.

James B. Mehaffey — Mars, Pennsylvania —
January 1, 1970 — Member Commandery No.
1, Pennsylvania.

Trygve Nostwick — Sun City, Arizona —
January 8, 1970 — Member of Commandery
No. 65, Illinois.

William S. Baird, III — Ironwood, Michigan —
January 12, 1970 — Member Gogebic Com-
mandery No. 46, Michigan.

Dr. R. C. Slater — LaSalle, Illinois — January
18, 1970 — Member Commandery No. 26,
Illinois.

Prominent Michigan Judge Dies

Sir Knight William S. Baird III, P.C.,
Prelate of Gogebic Commandery No. 46,
Ironwood, Michigan, died suddenly
January 12, the result of a heart attack.
He was District Judge for Gogebic and
Ontonagon Counties, Michigan, has
served as presiding officer of his York
Rite Bodies and was an active member of
the Shrine, Scottish Rite, Red Cross of
Constantine and numerous service, civic
and professional associations. A Knights
Templar Memorial Service was conducted
by Gogebic Commandery.

HE WAS MY BROTHER

He hears not the Master's gavel!
He sees not the outstretched hand!
He speaks no more, his voice is still.
He is of the dead, and yet he lives,
For he lives on in the Golden Temple,
That Golden Temple of Cherished
Memory.

He was my Brother.

Eugene E. Lutz
Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9
Fremont, Nebraska

THE INDICTMENT

Crampton H. Helms, M.D.
Morristown Commandery No. 22
Morristown, Tennessee

It is strange how often intelligent, well intentioned people will study a situation and decide upon entirely different conclusions. There are many reasons for this; perhaps, the most important is that facts must be interpreted in order to become intelligible. This "interpretation" introduces the individual prejudices of the thinker into the system of facts, producing individual viewpoints which can be widely different.

Such a case is possible with regard to the very thoughtful essay included in the January, 1970, issue of *Knight Templar* composed by Sir Knight Edward M. Selby, and entitled "A Problem of Templary." For those who may have missed this item, it raises several important questions, and presents an indictment against the Commandery and its exclusively Christian foundation.

The essence of that indictment is developed in the form of pointed, charged questions. After discussing the problem of unification of the degrees of Chapter, Council, and Commandery as regards their historic differences, the Christian character of the Commandery is correctly presented as the key, pivotal issue. Then, four questions are asked.

1. "If modern Christianity, of which Templarism professes to be the handmaiden, can be this broad (i.e. to extend the hands of friendship and understanding to Jews and Moslems) in its concepts why cannot it (Templarism) also adopt a similar attitude?" The question implies that Templarism does not extend the "hand of friendship and understanding" to the non-Christian religions of the world. This is charge number one.

2. "Is there any formula possible which will allow Templarism to come within the spirit and scope of the rest of Freemasonry?" This query suggests that the principles of the Commandery are alien to the family of Freemasonry. This is charge number two.

3. "Is not such a commitment and dedication (i.e. the Templar's commitment and dedication to Christ) also suitable for sincere believers who serve God in a manner somewhat different from our own?" This question indirectly charges the Commandery with preventing non-Christians who are Freemasons from dedicating and committing themselves to their own concept of the Deity. This is an extraordinary idea.

4. "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?" This question finally charges the Templars with religious discrimination.

Remembering that it has already been said that the key difference in the character of the Commandery is its Christian foundation, the fairness of these charges can be analysed.

Does the Christian character of the Templar prevent him from extending the hand of friendship and understanding to his Brother Mason, be he a Jew, a Moslem, or any other faith? The Templar is a Freemason, who is taught to regard the whole human species as one family, a principle uniting men of every country, sect, and opinion. Surely, there is nothing hostile in the parable of the Good Samaritan?

Portland Attorney New Scottish Rite Deputy

Clarence D. Phillips, Portland, Oregon, has been appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council, 33 Degree, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, for Oregon. The appointment was announced by Henry Clausen, Sovereign Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Phillips is a member of Portland Commandery No. 1, K.T., and active in both York and Scottish Rite bodies.

. . . The Indictment

Belief and trust in God is fundamental to the spirit and scope of Freemasonry. Does not the Christian believe in God? Is a belief in Christ alien to a faith in God?

It has been said that the Templar Order is an induction ceremony, sacramental in form, which commits a Mason to the service of Christ. This is certainly one important aspect of the Commandery. Surely, the example of the Christian Mason committing himself to his concept of the Deity does not prevent the non-Christian Mason from doing the same to his own concept of God.

Finally, does the Christian Mason practice religious discrimination? Any Free and Accepted Mason, in good standing with his Lodge and his God, who is willing to comply with the ritual of the Commandery, can become a Knight Templar if he so chooses. Exclusion is self imposed.

In conclusion, to this author, the charges are not adequately substantiated. The Templar is first a Freemason, and second a Templar. There is nothing in the belief of Christ that is alien to Freemasonry. No Templar would think of preventing the non-Christian developing his own Rite for commitment to his God. And, finally, any Freemason earnestly desiring the Rites of the Commandery, can and should become a Knight Templar.

American Passion Play



The 47th annual season of the original American Passion Play will open Sunday, March 22, 1970, and the Play will be given at the Scottish Rite Temple, Bloomington, Illinois, each Sunday through May 24th with two Saturday afternoon presentations of April 11th and April 25th at 2 P.M.

March 22 to April 25, Central Standard Time. April 26 to May 24, Central Daylight Time.

The Play has been presented each year since 1923 to give a better understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus, and it covers the entire three years of Jesus ministry from The Sermon on the Mount to the Ascension. It is produced by a cast of more than 200 persons and with more than 50 scenes.

The American Passion Play was written by Brother Delmar Duane Darrah, P.G.M., (1869-1945) and originally presented by him in 1923.

The net proceeds are given to the Grand Lodge of Illinois to be used for the Illinois Masonic Children's Home at La Grange.

An illustrated folder giving dates and other information may be obtained from Frank Hartenstein, Business Manager, The American Passion Play, P.O. Box 647, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

THE TRUE EASTER RESURRECTION

By
SIR KNIGHT ALVIN B. LOWE
 Grand Prelate
 Grand Commandery of Utah

The resurrection was not an event that occurred only once over two thousand years ago. Every time a heart that is filled with hate and fear repents and receives the Christ spirit, the resurrection is again repeated. Then God is lifting man up to eternal life.

It is recorded in John's Gospel, that the Master said to Mary, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." In this verse is found the promise of true resurrection, the promise of eternal life. Throughout the western world, more and more people are turning to daily prayer, appreciating that only prayer can bring fulfillment of Jesus' statement, "I am the resurrection and the life." Every American should realize that only consecrated prayer can prevent the taking over of our nation, of our American way of life, by the many subversive groups who are attacking from within. It is proved by the membership gains in most Christian churches that people are praying more earnestly than ever before. Easter morning should bring all of us a better understanding of what Jesus meant, when He said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." This gives men a perspective to live by. To all Christians, Easter morning, and every morning, should establish the fact that the Christ is with us continually, at all times, in all places and under all circumstances, that His message is not merely an empty symbol of the distant past. The risen Christ is our daily companion. His resurrection is the guarantee to all mankind that if life is true, then life must be indestructible, eternal.

Jesus demonstrated the eternity, the indestructibility of His life, proving that neither hatred, betrayal nor ingratitude had any power to destroy Him. His resurrection proved His cause to be right, His purpose pure, His aim Godward. As we pray more sincerely, more earnestly, our lives will become more Christlike, more Godlike. As these goals are achieved, neither hatred, envy, bitterness nor despair can touch or affect our lives. As the Christ spirit is revealed to mankind, men lose their belief in, and the fear of death, and then they will gain the evidence that man exists forever in the Kingdom of God. This is the true Easter resurrection that all men should strive to attain.

Paul, in First Corinthians, gives the value of prayer, when he said, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain." If we are to counteract the anti-Christ thought, which seems to be ever active in our midst, we must again return to the realization that Christ is ever present in our lives, that His resurrection was for the benefit of all men. By accepting the omnipresence and omnipotence of God and His beloved Son, we can hallow our own lives and the lives of those around us.

Easter reveals, though it may seem incredible, that love is stronger than hate, that the ultimate victory in this world lies with love, and that when love is used in human relations, love does drive out fear. In that marvelously simple, yet complete prayer, is found the petition, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Daily utilization of this entreaty, and the

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entire prayer, will help us as we go about our daily tasks. It sustains our immortal Soul. It strengthens our relations with our fellow man in the light of His love and projects us into the Kingdom of Heaven, into the realm of God.

When asked what is the greatest commandment of all, the humble Nazarine replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind . . . And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." There is an eternal law which makes our neighbor's welfare our own. No one can gain the true joy, the rich knowledge of the Kingdom of Heaven, and receive the spirit of the resurrection unless he is willing to share this joy with others, to be a real brother to all who are in need of comfort and inspiration. When that spirit prevails an unbelievable happiness pervades our lives. That spirit can be, must be, projected into the business world, into the office, the factory, the schools and into politics. It is, indeed, important to send out into a world inflamed by war and engendered by hate and envy a deep appreciation of the resurrection of Christ Jesus on that first Easter morning. We can do this by giving proof of our friendship for, our interest in and our love for our fellow men the world over. Throughout Masonry, from the Entered Apprentice degree in the Blue Lodge to the Order of the Temple in York Rite and the 32nd in Scottish Rite, we learn to extend a helping hand to the needy and distressed. If we are to have a universal fellowship, it must spring from a love that is all encompassing. Christ Jesus demonstrated this all pervading love. He came into the world to give to all mankind a knowledge of God. He prayed that all men would learn, demonstrate and prove the Love that is of

God and the God that is Love.

The Easter message is interpreted in many different ways. The young may find in the risen Christ their leader. The older generation, their refuge and strength. The soldiers may find their Supreme Commander, the peace loving will find the good shepherd and eternal protector. But all of us, rich or poor, young or old, can be assured of peace and happiness, and of having a part in the true resurrection, if we turn to God in daily consecrated prayer.

In an ancient manuscript from Buddha, there is found a wonderful message, "Return to him who does you wrong, your purest love, and he will cease from doing wrong, for love will purify the heart of him who is loved as truly it purifies the heart of him who loves." We must all endeavor to make the brotherhood of man a reality, by a better understanding between all men. The Master said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Peter also said, "Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Are not these statements direct commands to love all mankind? Our love should not be limited to those who love us, to love this neighbor and that relative, or to love one nation more than another. When we follow these commands, we will rejoice in the true resurrection and be inspired by a hymn written by Frances Thompson Hill:

Let us sing of Easter gladness
That rejoices every day.
Sing of hope and faith uplifted;
Love has rolled the stone away.
Lo, the promise and fulfillment,
Lo, the man whom God has made,
Seen in glory of an Easter
Crowned with light that cannot fade.

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Grand Commander's Message

We cannot be too often reminded that Templary is the Christian branch of Masonry, that we are dedicated to the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. Never has our Christian heritage been challenged like it is today, never has our mission as Knights Templar been so important. Spiritual values are everywhere being threatened by the forces of evil.

It is time for Christian warriors to face up to realities and let the world feel the impact of our power on the side of Christ and His Church. Now is the time for Knights Templar to become more militant than ever before in showing our colors before the general public and in furnishing an example that will encourage others to follow our leadership.

Easter brings immeasurable joy and quickens the soul of every Christian. Easter is the very heart of our Christian Faith — when the stone was rolled away from the tomb, and Jesus Christ arose from the dead to become the first fruits of them that slept. Easter brings the glorious message of immortality, with its victory over the grave. Easter proclaims that Christ lives and that we too shall live beyond the grave.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation has funds available for loans to qualified college students. During 1969 more than \$105,000 was loaned to 135 students. Under the Knights Templar — DeMolay Scholarship program, scholarships were awarded to eight Representative DeMolays throughout the State. Let each Sir Knight consider himself a "Committee-of-One" to publicize both the Loan Fund and the Scholarship program.



I urge every Knight Templar and his family to attend Easter Church Service on Sunday, March 29, 1970, and show by his presence, his loyalty and allegiance to Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and the Great Captain of Our Salvation.

If at all possible, let's make the Pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., and participate in the 40th Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Service. A "Package Plan" with information on arrangements is included in the January issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, Pennsylvania Supplement.

Charles R. Eurich
Grand Commander



DeMOLAY PRESENTATION: Master Councilor David Myers, Northwestern Chapter, Meadville, Pa., presents S.K. Russell Robison, Gr. Capt. Gen., a check in the amount of \$25 for the Eye Foundation, and to S.K. James Weikal of Northwestern Commandery No. 25, Div. No. 12, a certificate for the Commandery's sponsorship of the DeMolay Chapter. Sir Knights Lewis Byham, Capt. Gen., and John Weikal, Gen., are shown with James Myers, Jr. Steward, and David Mitchell, Sr. Councilor.

DIVISION NO. 4 active in Eye Foundation Fund Raising. McKeesport Commandery No. 86 sold candy, had a rummage sale, raised \$605. The Ladies Auxiliary, Uniontown Commandery No. 49, donated \$50; Jacques DeMolay No. 3 gave the proceeds of a special dinner.

Div. No. 4 held Divine Services for all Masons and their families, Jan. 18, 1970, in Uniontown Third Presbyterian Church. Over 400 attended. Presiding officers of all Masonic Bodies were present. In uniform were 55 Sir Knights. Also participating were Kedron Drill Corps, Scottish Rite Uniontown Choir, McKeesport DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters. S.K. and Rev. W. S. Blair, Div. Prelate, spoke on the history of Templary, "The Army of the Living God." The offering of \$205 went to the Eye Foundation.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES were held throughout the State. Germantown Commandery No. 82, Div. No. 1, S.K. G.W.S. Johnson, Jr., E.C., sponsored an annual service of carols and devotions, with the toasts from the Committee on Christmas Observance of Grand Encampment. Mindful of our needs for members was a program note: "Any Christian Mason is eligible for Membership in Knights Templar. (YOUR INQUIRIES ARE INVITED)."

Line Officers and Past Commanders of Div. No. 1, S.K. G. C. Haggbottom, Pres., held their traditional Christmas Observance at historic Gloria Dei Church, Phila. The six Eminent Commanders of the Division attended and participated in the toasts. The service was arranged by S.K. George F. Held, Div. Com.

Bethlehem, Pa., the "Christmas City," hosted Div. No. 9 reception for S.K. Charles R. Eurich, R.E.G.C., Dec. 6, 1969. Amid colorful Christmas decorations, over 250 Sir Knights and ladies enjoyed a musical program by Les Chantiers of Freedom High School, S.K. Martin E. Edwards, Div. Com., presided.

Calvary Commandery No. 37, Div. No. 14, received many favorable comments for its float, "The Annuciation," in the "Put Christ in Christmas" parade in Danville, Pa., Dec. 23, 1969.



The Knight Line



Noted on a printed reference to J. Worth Baker, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine for North America – “If it’s worth anything, it’s Worth Baker.”

Ronald E. Westman, Wantagh, New York, came across a clipping that explains “cocked” hats. In France a few centuries ago, long curled hair or elaborate horse-hair wigs were stylish for men. When furs from America became plentiful, wide-brimmed beaver hats were the mode. To show off their curls, men turned up the brim – first one side, then another, finally the third. This was called “cocking the hat.” It produced a style that lasted a century. Perhaps today’s preference for long hair may bring it back!

There’s a moral here. Viewing Newton Commandery’s November Inspection from the sidelines in Newton, Kansas, was an unfamiliar experience for Frank B. Plummer, P.C. For decades he had participated in the line, on the committee, in the escort – wherever he was needed. His reaction was this: “I assure you, it was an inspiring experience! . . . Who said Templary was dead? Far from it. The Order of the Temple is the pinnacle of Christian teaching.” Seems to illustrate that Templary has more than temporary appeal and value; the longer and more frequent the Templar service, the greater a man’s appreciation for the Order.

“Dick” Reid, Florida’s Grand Generalissimo, treated participants in the Southeastern Department Conference at Atlanta in January to freshly-picked tangerines which he brought with him from Ft. Pierce. At least one Templar saved breakfast expense by enjoying tangerines and coffee in his hotel room – and quite a number of suitcases and handbags revealed citrus bumps and bulges at check-out time.

Grand Recorder Dwight Shannon, Arizona, was justifiably delighted with the report he was sending to the Grand Encampment office last month. “Had a net gain of 145,” said Dwight. His report showed the York Rite to be in a progressive condition in Arizona. In addition to the Grand Commandery increase, Grand Chapter showed a gain of 105 and Grand Council 119.

Leland E. Gardner, historian, tells of the unique Orcomot Club of Ararat Shrine Temple, Kansas City, Missouri. It is composed of Commandery ritualists and other Templars willing to assist in conferrals in the area whenever the need arises. The name comes from the initial letters in the Order of Red Cross (ORC), Order of Malta (OM), Order of the Temple (OT), thus ORCOMOT. Members have four business meetings a year, a mid-summer picnic, and a Christmas party. Says Sir Knight and Noble Gardner: “It is a cooperative and reciprocal plan between the Shrine and the several Commanderies in the greater Kansas City area and has worked well for fifteen years.”

Stanley Lehmberg, Commandery No. 4, Philadelphia, has a meteorological observation to pass along. “Look for rain or snow,” he says, “either three days before or three days following every full moon.”

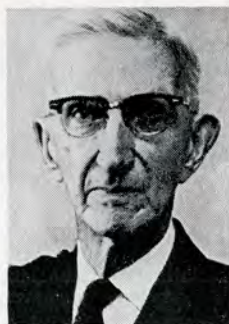
When the speaker quoted Brownell’s, “The ladder of life is full of splinters, but they always prick the hardest when we are sliding down,” one of the Templar listeners observed, “That applies to Masonic organizations as well as individuals. It hurts more to drift back than to make progress.”

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THE FAR FLUNG LINE OF TEMPLARY

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The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is enjoying cordial fraternal relations with the Sovereign Templar bodies of the world, as follows: The Great Priory of England and Wales, The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, The Grand Priory of Switzerland, The Great Priory of Ireland and the Great Priory of Scotland.

The full and complete name of the Great Priory of England and Wales is The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales and the dominions and dependencies of the British Crown.

As might be expected, the jurisdiction of this Great Priory extends to the far corners of the earth, following the British flag. It includes Provincial Priories (much like our Grand Commanderies) not only in England and Wales, but in Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, China, and South America, as well as unattached preceptories in such British Islands as Malta, Bermuda, Barbados and Jamaica. In and near China, for instance, the Provincial Priory has preceptories at Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. The Provincial Priory in South America includes two preceptories in Buenos Aires.

The English preceptory is much smaller in membership than our average American commandery. While they are not adverse to enlarging their membership, their preceptories do not exist primarily for the purpose of seeking new members. But they do enjoy the fellowship of their members gathered around the festive board. The number of conclaves per year for each preceptory may not number over four, but the

attendance will be practically one hundred percent. English Templars regard their obligations and responsibilities very seriously.

The Great Priory of Scotland exercises jurisdiction over District Priories (much like our Grand Commanderies) not only in Scotland, but in Australia and New Zealand. The local bodies are called Preceptories as in the English system. In addition to the preceptories under the jurisdiction of the District Priories, there are preceptories directly under the Great Priory located at Bombay, India; Johannesburg, South Africa; Launceston, Tasmania; Port of Spain, Trinidad; and Simonstown, South Africa.

Our own Grand Encampment has commanderies under its jurisdiction in all states of the union and in the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Mexico, and in Guam, Okinawa and the Philippines, the last three under the Grand Commandery of the Philippines.

These references relative to the location of Templar bodies have been made to indicate to our Sir Knights the wide distribution of Templary around the world. If an American Knight of the Temple were to travel beyond the borders of his own country, and stop at some of these key stations located in the out of way places, there he will find kindred spirits and fratres in the same Order of Chivalry in which he takes so much pride.

PRAYERS FROM THE R.E. GRAND PRELATE
Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D.

For Good Friday

We thank thee, God, on this solemn day, for all those who have sacrificed their lives for others. Help us to feel a personal debt of gratitude to those who, through death, have proved their devotion to the ideals of freedom and faith by which we live. We thank thee too for those who, through dedication of their lives, have given themselves to others through such vocations as teaching, medicine, government, social service, or the ministry. Above all, we thank thee for Christ, who on this day bore witness that faith in a great principle is more important than life itself. In His name. Amen.

For Easter

We thank thee, O God, on Easter morning for this day of praise and joy after the somber Lenten weeks. May we find, on this great climax of the Christian calendar, the fresh flowering of faith, the renewed conviction of the power of good over darkness — even the darkness of death. We pray for the worshipers thronging the churches and for those who lead in worship, that this may be a day of inspiration for all who seek thy guidance. In the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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