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Survey on Templar Dress

WHY? — — *Explained by the Grand Master*

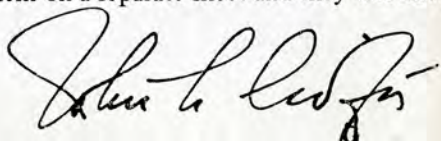
Why? Because we need the opinion of Templars generally before discussions and decisions at the Denver Triennial. What we decide there needs to be supported by a broad base of Templar opinion, as it is today clearly futile to impose any regulations which will not have broad support.

From about 1880 to about 1930, the military style Templar uniform with its frock coat and chapeau with plumes was popular and generally worn. Since then, fewer uniforms have been bought and smaller numbers wear them. Half the jurisdictions have adopted "short" coats, though the "traditional" chapeau is still required by Grand Encampment law. Officers and knights in line are required to be in uniform, but candidates are generally not required to buy them so few do until they become officers. The fact can not be evaded, though opinions vary as to the cause — high cost of uniforms, war-born revulsion against uniforms, objection to discomfort or inconvenience, difficulty of alterations or repair, decline of the popularity of parades, or general rejection of conformity.

At the Grand Master's Conference in August 1969, the officers and committee chairmen attending discussed our uniform regulations and general conditions in depth and came to two conclusions; (1) that there is a real question as to whether our uniforms serve and stimulate our Order more than they inhibit activity and participation, and (2) a committee should be appointed to study the broad subject of Templar uniforms and present its recommendations to the 1970 Triennial Conclave. The seven Department Commanders were so appointed, as those most broadly and currently informed, with Sir Knight Robbins as chairman.

The Committee, after much correspondence with individuals and study of the styles of Templar jurisdictions outside the U. S. (all of which use a traditional "Crusader" regalia on a mandatory basis), circulated a questionnaire to the Dais Officers and Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies. 70% of them responded, and while some seemed to have more factual information and some tended to express personal preferences rather than observations, you will find their composite interesting by comparison to your own opinions. They said 88% of our officers and 19% of the other members have "good" uniforms. Virtually all said Templars should have a distinctive mode of dress. 59% said members are satisfied with the present uniforms, though they noted a desire for reduced cost, easier availability and easier carrying — 31% said members are dissatisfied. Almost all want swords for officers, and only 40% think other members need to wear swords. 42% are opposed to the military chapeau. 53% are opposed to the Canadian mantle and cap as a substitute for present styles, but this is the only alternate style strongly supported.

Now — you tell us what you want by returning the form on page 31 of this issue. Simple answers — please — as indicated, as these will be tabulated. If you have extended opinions or suggestions, enclose them on a separate sheet and they will have attention.





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Thumbnail Editorial: The cover salutes a national leader — in fact, not titular — of whom every member is justly proud. John Lawton Crofts, Sr., Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., executes a leadership that brings credit to all Masonry. His talents, resources and immeasurable hours are devoted to this Christian Order. His direction has established a revitalized Templar structure, a reactivated appreciation of Templar significance, a renewed prestige and recognition of the Templar role. Every Knight Templar stands indebted to Grand Master Crofts for his active and productive leadership, and none can be more aware of this debt than those honored to work closely with him in the world of Templary.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Editor



From the MAIL BIN

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

□ My most enjoyable hobby is collecting masonic items, preferably glass or pottery, no matter whether Blue Lodge – Chapter – Commandery – or Shrine. If you do not think it too commercial, I would enjoy having a notice published in the "Mail Bin." I will buy or possibly trade some of my doubles.

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Prairie Village, Kansas

□ Fifty years ago I was made a Mason in Chicago at Lawn Dale Lodge No. 995 which entitled me later to be Knighted in Kansas.

Many, many thanks for the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

JACKSON F. BOEHM

Akron, Ohio

□ We, the members of the Crusader's unit of Tadmor Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., wish to thank you and those who work with you in the publication of the *Knights Templar Magazine*.

K. J. SHIBLEY, Secretary
Crusader's Unit

Sheridan, Wyoming

□ After reading "A Tribute to the United States Flag" in your February issue of the *Knights Templar*, I want you to know what I think about our Flag.

As Editor of our local Shrine publication *Kalif Kall* in the February issue of 1968 I wrote as follows:

"Last year the Post Office Department put out several Flag Stamps. This week there is to be another put on sale.

These all look fine in a collectors album but it makes me sad to get a letter that started out with a beautiful emblem of our nation pasted in the corner but when it reached me it had been desecrated with a black blob of a canceling machine by some employee of the Government.

As an American I refuse to use these stamps. To use them I would be a partner to the desecration of our Flag."

If I cannot get a 6 cent stamp other than a Flag I use two 3s.

E. F. DIERS

P.C. DeMolay Commandery No. 6

Princeton, West Virginia

□ I have a Knight Templar uniform, including hat with plume, cap, sword with case (all except suitcase) in A-1 condition. Size 36. My height 5 ft. 10 in. If interested advise and will send for your inspection.

ROLLIE ORTON
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N. Hollywood, California

□ A body might think that my family is afflicted with a Hollywood syndrome. I have been a resident of Hollywood and No. Hollywood for almost 48 years. I am a member of:

Hollywood Lodge No. 355
 Hollywood Chapter No. 120
 Hollywood Council No. 33
 Hollywood Commandery No. 56

My wife has been a resident of Hollywood and No. Hollywood for 57 years and attended Hollywood High School.

My two children were born in Hollywood Hospital. We came here as tourists, but now think we might stay.

JACK H. WALLER

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

□ I am a member of Frankford Commandery, No. 92, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

I have in my possession, one of the souvenirs from the 34th Triennial Conclave held in Philadelphia in September 1919. It is a beautiful metal box, wood lined, such as would be a ladies jewel box. The outside is embossed, the lid having a picture of the Masonic Temple with the printing commemorating the conclave. On the sides are embossed figures of Greek Mythology, namely Heba, Flora, Hesta, Cupid and the Vestal Virgin. This box could also be used for cigarettes.

Not having any sentiment for the article, my wife and I were wondering if any of the Fraters would like to purchase it. The money derived from the sale would be donated to the Eastern Star Home in Philadelphia. If any one is interested in purchasing it, write me and submit a bid. We will sell it to the highest bidder.

WALTER G. THOMAS
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Sunnyvale, California

□ For the MAIL BIN section please, so some of my Masonic buddies may know where I am now located:

In 1921 I became a member of Blue Lodge at Greensburg, Kansas and before I was 22 years of age I became a member of Oklahoma Consistory No. 1, Guthrie, Oklahoma. In 1925 I became a member of Champaign Chapter No. 50 and Champaign Commandery No. 63, Champaign, Illinois, and the following year I became a member of Oleika Temple of the Shrine, Lexington, Kentucky. Now retired living at Sunnyvale, California — my Consistory membership is the Valley of San Jose, California and my Shrine membership is with Islam Temple, San Francisco.

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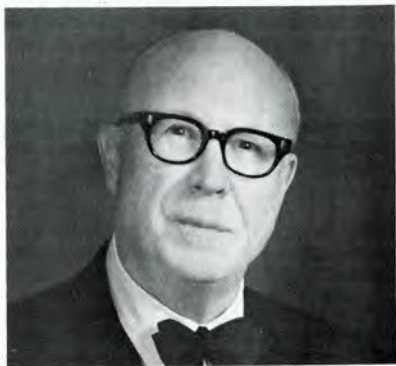
□ As a collector of these, I responded to Sir Knight Charles Frasch's offer of Chapter and Commandery coins. When I received them, the idea occurred to me to offer to purchase or trade, or make a suitable donation to the Templar Eye Foundation or any Masonic Home, to obtain more coins or tokens with Masonic subjects. These could be Chapter Pennies, Blue Lodge Anniversaries, Identification tokens with Masonic themes and similar items. My collection is housed in plastic pages in binders and I intend for it to go into our Masonic library, a very fine library in our Temple here in Warren.

Would appreciate bearing from owners of this material, especially recorders of chapters.

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United Grand Imperial Council

Lee Lockwood, Grand Sovereign, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, will preside over the 98th Annual Assembly of the Order at the Statler Hilton, Dallas, Texas, Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6. The registration desk will be open starting at 9 A.M., Friday. Sessions will begin Friday at 1 P.M. Hosts for the Assembly are DeMolay Conclave, Waco, and St. Mark Conclave, Dallas. Chairman is John McKee, P.O. Box 1850, Dallas, Texas 75221



Grand Sovereign Lockwood, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas and Deputy Grand Commander, Supreme Council 33^o, Southern Jurisdiction, is a past presiding officer of the York Rite bodies of his area, serving as Commander of Waco Commandery in 1945, and is a Knight of the York Cross of Honour. He was the 1945 Sovereign of St. Timothy Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and Charter Sovereign of DeMolay Conclave in 1958.

He was the first DeMolay in the United States to become a Grand Master and the first to become an Active Member of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite. A Past Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the International Order of DeMolay, he is active in business, education and public services. The Grand Sovereign is a trustee of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Eye Foundation and a Prisoner's Eyes

Saved from a life of darkness by the transplant of eyes from a deceased prisoner in a Virginia penitentiary, the grateful patient wrote this note to Joe R. Harris, P.G.C., Knights Templar Eye Foundation Chairman for Virginia:

Just a short note to let you know that Norman has told me all the things you have done. I want to thank you so very much. I really appreciate it. I thank God for all the marvelous people like you. I went to see the surgeon yesterday. He said I'm doing fine.

"Jeanette"

Galelma J. Butcher, P.G.C., wrote an account of the case for the Sir Knights of Virginia "so they would see an example of what their KTEF money is doing." He says that Jeanette (full name withheld) was told by a surgeon that she would lose complete vision within 90 days unless she received a transplant.

The committee learned of the case near the end of the grace period and, within two days, arrangements were made thru the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for surgery. The successful transplant was made with the eyes of a prisoner who died, leaving his eyes to an Eye Bank — and the result is a life of vision for Jeanette.

DeMolay and Templar Promotion

York Rite Mason John J. Dietrich, Mayor of Columbia, Pennsylvania, proclaimed March 15-22 International DeMolay Week in Town Hall ceremonies. Present for the proclamation signing were: Sir Knights Walter E. Yohe, Advisor to Riverside Chapter DeMolay; Ralph G. Habecker, Advisory Council Chairman, and the Chapter's Master Councilor, John B. Hartman. *Columbia News* gave front page picture coverage.

INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, DEMOLAY

Omaha, Nebraska, was the scene of the 1970 sessions of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, with Nebraska's Executive Officer, Walter Miller, as official host. The activities, including the DeMolay Congress and related events, extended from April 4 thru the concluding highlight, the Grand Master's formal banquet, April 8 in the ballroom of Omaha's Fontenelle Hotel.

J. Chris Nungesser, New Orleans, DeMolay Grand Master for 1969-70, presided for the sessions. Two weeks earlier, the DeMolay leader had completed his York Rite Masonic advancement when he was knighted by a team of New Orleans Templars in the presence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, John L. Crofts, Sr., and G. Wilbur Bell.

Walter O. Helwig, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, was elected Grand Master of DeMolay for 1970-71. Long active in York Rite as well as Scottish Rite Masonry, he has been an Active Member of the Council and Executive Officer of Wisconsin for 18 years.

Other officers elected include: Chester Hodges, Middletown, Ohio, Deputy Grand Master; J. W. Nutt, Little Rock, Arkansas, Grand Senior Councilor; George M. Klepper, Memphis, Tennessee, Grand Junior Councilor. George M. Saunders, Chicago, and Chandler C. Cohagen, Billings, Montana, were re-elected Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master of Knights Templar, Sir Knight Crofts - Active Member at Large - was appointed Grand Senior Deacon: the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Bell - Active Member and Executive Officer for Illinois - became Grand Standard Bearer of the International Supreme Council.

Among major committee assignments of the two Knight Templar leaders for the 1970 sessions were chairmanship of the International Relations Committee by Sir Knight Crofts and chairmanship of the Nominating Committee by Sir Knight Bell. In his capacity as Grand Master, Sir Knight Crofts was present also as a Distinguished Guest for the sessions, in



Upper picture, left to right: DeMolay Past Grand Master Nungesser, Knight Templar Grand Master Crofts, DeMolay Grand Master-Elect Helwig, Knight Templar Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Lower picture: Sir Knights Nungesser; Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, Active Member ISC; Crofts, Helwig, Bell, and Charles Howard, Jr., Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on DeMolay and a member of the ISC Executive Committee. (Pictures by Jerry Palmer, Public Relations, ISC staff.)

THE 51st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S.

By
Conrad Hahn
Executive Secretary

The weatherman blessed the meetings of "National Masonic Week" in Washington, D.C., February 21-26, 1970, with some of the finest weather conferees have enjoyed in decades. "Sunny, mild, and clear" was the daily report.

Thursday, February 26, promptly at 9:30 A.M., the 51st Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association got under way in the Diplomat Room of the Shoreham Hotel.

P.G.M. Newell A. Lamb of Indiana, Chairman of the Association's Executive Commission, presided. Another Past Master of Indiana, John H. Jefferson, the Imperial Chaplain of the Shrine, invoked the blessings of the Diety.

After the roll call of member Grand Lodges, the meeting was ready for the election of a Chairman, since the Association's By-Laws require that no Executive Commissioner preside as Chairman at its Annual Meeting.

Upon nomination by Grand Master Burton A. Greer, Sr., of Georgia, Grand Master Harry E. Wimer of Wyoming was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting. He was quickly installed by Newell A. Lamb, Chairman of the Executive Commission.

Most Worshipful Brother Wimer first "turned the tables" on the installing officer by calling him back to the lectern to present the Report of the Executive Commissioners for the year 1969.

An interesting supplement to the financial statement about contributions for the Mississippi Hurricane relief was

read because many Masonic groups had sent their contributions directly to the Grand Master of Mississippi. More than \$206,000 had been raised for the relief of stricken Masons and their families in that state, which had been hit hard by Hurricane Camille in August, 1969!

Applause greeted the announcement that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana had not only sent a generous check immediately for relief in Mississippi; but, determined to care for its own victims of Hurricane Camille in Louisiana, had raised more than \$110,000 in its own jurisdiction to help, aid and assist their stricken brethren.

Brother Paul S. Murphy, a Past Master of Chevy Chase Lodge No. 42, has been serving as a Masonic Hospital Visitor in Washington, D.C. since November, 1959, when he retired from government service.

Brother Murphy came to the Annual Meeting to share with the delegates some of the joys and satisfactions which he has experienced as a Masonic Hospital Visitor. Many of his listeners regarded his address as the highlight of their Washington experiences. His vivid stories of the heart-warming situations into which he was lead made every Mason proud of the revelation of Masonry in Action.

Concluded Brother Murphy with a happy countenance, "These ten years as a Masonic Field Agent have been the happiest and most satisfying ones of my life."

An unscheduled ceremony occurred when Indiana's Grand Master, Robert D.

Joyce, was recognized by the Chairman of the Meeting. With the help of Indiana's Grand Secretary, Dwight L. Smith, he presented to the Association's Executive Secretary, Conrad Hahn, the Caleb B. Smith Medal, the infrequently bestowed Distinguished Service Award of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Under the leadership of the Chairman, Grand Master Otto Haakenstad of North Dakota, the Hospital Visitation Committee presented a crisp but comprehensive report about the Program's needs and support.

Commenting on Wyoming's great increase in voluntary giving by individual Brethren, Chairman Harry Wimer commented, "Oh, we know there's inflation, so this year we asked each Brother to send a contribution of a dollar and a quarter when he paid his dues to the lodge!"

When the Committee on U.S.A. Relief presented its report, Grady H. Barnhill, Grand Master in Mississippi, vividly described some of the devastation he had seen along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, how his Grand Lodge had organized and was still administering Masonic relief to stricken Masons and their families, and warmly thanked every Mason and Masonic organization for the generous assistance which had been sent to relieve his Brethren in Mississippi.

Judge Newell A. Lamb, P.G.M. of Indiana, was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Executive Commission of 1970.

After the usual brief caucuses of the six Divisions of the Association's membership, the incumbent Commissioners were nominated and re-elected as follows: For the North Atlantic Division, P.G.M. E. Walter Parsons, Jr. (N. J.); for the South Atlantic Division, P.G.M. L. Wade Temple (S. C.); for the Central

Grand Master's Conference

Sir Knights G. Wilbur Bell, D.G.M., Roy W. Riegle, G.G., Willard M. Avery, G.C.G., Paul C. Rodenhauser, G.R., and five of the seven Department Commanders gathered at Washington, D.C., prior to the Easter Sunrise Service events, to meet with Grand Master Crofts for briefing and the exchange of information on Grand Encampment projects.

The conference Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, covered Triennial Conclave planning, the York Rite Unity Commission, central office developments, and the report of the Committee on Uniforms. This committee, consisting of the Department Commanders, was represented by the chairman, William R. Robbins, and Sir Knights Frank L. Bourke, C. Wallace Jackson, Harold S. Gorman and Alvin L. Crump.

Several chairmen of other Grand Encampment committees were present for separate meetings on committee subjects - including John B. Cottrell, Patriotic and Civic Activities; Gordon J. Brenner, Membership; Dr. J. George Lang, Spanish Ritual, and Marvin E. Fowler, Easter Sunrise Service.

Division, P.G.M. Herbert A. Ronin (Nebr.); for the Southwestern Division, P.G.M. Lamoine Langston (N. Mex.); for the Pacific Division, P.G.M. Glenn B. Van Fleet (Colo.); and for the Great Lakes Division, P.G.M. Robert A. Hockstad (Mich.).

A resolution was then passed approving the Report and decisions of the Executive Commission during 1969, after which the delegates rose with warm applause to approve a resolution commending M.W. Harry E. Wimer, Wyoming, for his skillful handling of the Association's 51st Annual Meeting. An impressive benediction by P.G.M. John H. Jefferson of Indiana closed the meeting.

The Holiday That Wasn't

On February 23, while most of the United States was celebrating the birthday of George Washington with a day of carefree relaxation, an emergency situation was brought to the attention of Pasco Commandery No. 21, Pasco, Washington. Two year old Angela Johnson's eyesight was in peril.

After having performed surgery on her eyes, the surgeon in charge felt that he had done all he could and that unless some other highly specialized care could be given immediately, Angie's sight was in grave danger of being lost. An appointment was made for February 24 at the University Hospital's Eye Clinic in Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Judy Johnson, Angie's mother, had previously applied for assistance through Welfare but could not receive aid there. After learning of the facts a call was put through to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation through their emergency numbers. Realizing that the headquarters was closed due to the February 23 holiday, the operator put through a call to the residence of the Director of the Eye Foundation. Upon his receiving all the information, an immediate grant of \$700 for an operation was authorized with the stipulation that if more were necessary it might be available on a further call.

Amazing, isn't it? An emergency situation. Help asked - assistance offered - all in a matter of minutes!

February 24, in Seattle at the Eye Clinic specialists decided that medication would be the wisest choice. March 3, Angie again returned to the clinic for further treatments. It is now hoped that surgery may not be necessary as continued treatment is proving most effective.



Lutner R. Thomas
 North Carolina
 Grand Commander - 1944
 Born October 10, 1890
 Died January 12, 1970

Robert L. Krause
 District of Columbia
 Grand Commander - 1953
 Born March 31, 1890
 Died March 23, 1970

Paul A. Chapman, Sr.
 Tennessee
 Grand Commander - 1964
 Born March 23, 1902
 Died March 24, 1970

Hale Clyde Salter
 Texas
 Grand Commander - 1940
 Born August 23, 1892
 Died March 27, 1970

R. Dewey Stearns
 Michigan
 Grand Commander - 1954
 Born October 11, 1898
 Died April 17, 1970

Sir Knights, this wonderful story about our great Humanitarian project (which, incidentally, takes no holidays) is just one of over 13,000 of those that are on file. Yes, Sir Knights, you may be assured that your Knights Templar Eye Foundation dollars and Life Sponsorships are ready to serve those in need 24 hours a day and are as near as your telephone when an emergency arises.

Donald R. Schroder
 Richland, Washington

THE UNIFORM QUESTION

An excerpt from *Thumbnail Sketches on Medieval Knighthoods* written in 1945 by Harold V. B. Voorhis, New Jersey.

There is no subject connected with Templary in the United States that has caused more trouble, that has had more trouble, that has had more attention and settled less satisfactorily, than the subject of uniform and dress. In fact, starting in 1856, this subject was argued for thirty-three years from many and various angles on the floor of the Grand Encampment. During this same period and subsequently, many of the Grand Comanderies have also argued the question. It has not been permanently settled yet. The reasons for these diversified opinions can be summed up by simply stating that our Order, unfortunately, adopted a uniform and dress which was military (then) and not religious nor ancient. It is not, and has nothing in common with, the dress of ancient Templars or any Knight-hood in Europe, from whence we came. It was devised at the time of the war between the States and closely resembles that of the full dress naval uniform of that period. Why a Knightly Order should perpetuate this atrocious design, long since discarded by every major country having armed forces, can not be successfully defended.

It was at the Thirteenth Meeting of the Grand Encampment, at Hartford, Connecticut, on September 9, 1856, that General Grand Master William Blackstone Hubbard, in his Report to the Grand Body, brought up the subject of dress officially in the General Grand Encampment. In 1862, when the subject did not come up for discussion, amendments were either proposed or adopted on various details connected with dress. Subsequent attempts to basically change these laws have failed, the latest being in 1943. After a lull from 1892 to 1940 agitation has broken out again on the uniform question.



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Easter Worship Service Heard By Radio Across the Country

Many Templars and members of the general public were able to join in the 40th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington by means of NBC network radio.

Dr. Oliver S. Willham, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation, was one who followed the service on radio. Temporarily confined to a hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sir Knight Willham reported his enjoyment and appreciation of the Arlington service. "The radio portion was beautiful throughout, and I especially appreciated the words of the Grand Master in his Easter greeting and the most impressive sermon of Dr. Wertz."

Deuteronomy 32:26 . . .

"I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men."

DO MEMORIES LAST FOREVER?

By Donald Craig Kerr

The Rev. Donald Craig Kerr, a member of Beauseant Com-mandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland, is the minister of Baltimore's Roland Park Presbyterian Church. His message is reprinted from a sermon presented in 1968.

How long is a memory? If you think back through your memory to previous years, how far back can you remember? How far back should we remember? Is it beneficial or wise to recall to mind experiences which should remain forgotten? How much of the past should be preserved for future recollection? Is it productive to keep tracing the lines of our ancestral origin, recovering from the family tree images that do not belong to the present? Should we keep reverting to the minds of our forefathers, reflecting upon the wisdom of previous generations?

There is always some pleasure and satisfaction in visiting the restored towns and sites of the historical past. Imagination and excitement are aroused whenever we tour the battlefields of a by-gone era. We find a certain happiness and security in tracing our allegiance to the roots of our family heritage. Memory can lead us backwards to many, many thankful and happy thoughts; but, it can also bring into our minds thoughts of sadness and grief.

Long ago in ancient China there was a very popular form of religion in which the worship of ancestors was a most central and basic feature. That ancestral form of worship was apparently in vogue when Confucius was alive and he reacted

quite strongly against it. He believed in the value of remembering the tradition of the past and in being mindful of the family heritage; however, he saw in the practice the possibility that people could live so far back in the past that they grew out of touch with the present. Well, if you were to apply this principle to history and ask yourself, "Does history teach us anything we should remember," what do we learn from the past?

Should we keep in mind the tragic lessons of war or should we forget them? Should we go back to our history books and read again about the horrible killing and maiming of mankind and the wicked distortions of truth which every war creates or should we allow those unpleasant events to be unmentioned and forgotten?

It used to be the custom in the little town where I was living to have a parade on Memorial Day. It was the biggest show of the year. The whole town and the surrounding countryside would turn out to watch the parade. Always included among the marchers was the one and only fire truck of the Volunteer Fire Company. Its red-painted body and its metal adornments, shined to perfection, added the necessary glamor.

A farmer's truck, draped with flags,
→ → →

carried a ten-piece band, which tried as hard as it could to stay on key. The funeral director donated his hearse to carry the flowers. A few veterans were dressed in their faded uniforms. Along the highway and up the hill the parade made its way to the cemetery. At the cemetery the assembled throng gathered around some of the soldiers' graves. There would be a speech and a song and a prayer and the decoration of the graves. It was a colorful and impressive occasion. With all that was said and done people were trying to express a feeling. For a few hours attention was focused upon some thoughts of patriotism.

It is a right feeling that we should display our patriotism. There should be no reason for any of us to be hesitant in our expression of that virtue. Patriotism is loyalty. It is reverence. There are times when we need to say what is in our hearts. It is a dull, insensitive, irrational mind that fails to respond in love and devotion to his country.

No country is perfect. America is not perfect. The world is not perfect. Nevertheless, what we are as Americans is inherited from those natural resources which no man created; and yet, by which every man is given the opportunity to earn a livelihood. It is right for man to be a patriot. We need to be reminded, from time to time, of our authority and to be told that there is a discipline which demands obedience. If our flag and our country cannot excite this emotion from us, then restraint will give way to anarchy.

It is a right thing to demonstrate our gratitude for those who have given their lives in battle for the honor of our country. Their lives may appear insignificant to the rest of the world; but, because of them, the cause of evolution has been advanced another degree upward. It would have become a very sad and perilous age to be alive, for example, if Nazism had been allowed to terrorize

the earth; or, if the union of the United States had been permitted to be divided. There are no Americans that I know who approve of war as a national policy of government. No American that I know rallies with enthusiasm to fight a war. Certainly no American needs ever to believe that war is necessary to this country's development.

At the same time, every American ought to know that the resources of our land are the prize for which every nation under the sun would be willing to pay a price to control. Every American should also know that these resources have been widely dispersed throughout the world and will continue to be but they are not to be stolen or to be possessed as booty. In the degree to which America has been blessed, to that extent has America the responsibility not only to protect but to expand and to enhance the gift.

This is not a job to be handed over to others. This is our job. If you were to be given a million dollars, you would be considered foolish and foolhardy if you were found to have wasted and dissipated your inheritance. Furthermore, you would under no circumstances willingly hand over your fortune to some one else to be used whimsically at his discretion. To America has been given an abundance of wealth. It is our job to see that it amounts to some benefit for the glory of God's creation. To this end we salute the fallen who have defended with their lives the duty that belongs to us all.

There is, however, a parallel to all of this. There is another side to the story which says that it is wrong to get so wrapped up in the American flag that we have neither hands nor heart nor will to take hold of what is going on before our eyes. There is something unreal about a patriotism which faces backwards and not forwards. It is almost like a heartache, like some haunting nostalgia which chants a refrain of thoughts that belong to a by-gone era. While there is much

remembrance and sentiment in the past, there is also something wrong about an attitude that dreams of what used to be and cannot accept what will be.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae died in France in the First World War, while serving with the Canadian Medical Corps. Before he died, he gave immortality to his name by writing, "In Flanders Fields." One verse repeats the pathos and dream of that age:

"Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Field."

Something does not seem exactly right about our patriotism which forgets what the past has committed to the present. Memories are soon out-lived and we fail to remember that history does repeat itself. We forget that every new generation is required to do its own battle with its own enemy and its own evil.

In the dark days of the Second World War there was a Danish Lutheran minister by the name of Kaj Munk. On the Sunday that he was seized by the Nazis, which led in time to his murder, Kaj Munk was preaching in the Cathedral at Copenhagen, saying, "To remain silent when face to face with evil is to speak the language of the devil."

Something is wrong with Americans when they stand face to face with evil and remain silent. Who can deny that a devil is set loose in our land and in its own devilish way is chipping away at the foundations of our national and institutional security? In all corners of the country the voice is heard whose language and thought are aimed at the destruction and elimination of our ordered structured society.

From young people to poor people the impression gains conviction that what is being demanded is an overthrow of the established, entrenched majority. The demonstrations designed to take over control go far beyond the point of justifiable grievances. They have become political action, moving independently of any law or authority but actively contending for the power to dictate and to regulate it. Social reform appears to have moved beyond the point of any equal exchange of thought and attitude and has assumed the position of armed revolution in order to seize and to consolidate.

Our memories apparently soon lose their perspective and we forget how in vain the Czar, Nicholas, tried to stem the tide of the Marxist rebellion by calling an urgent meeting of the Russian National Assembly. It was then, however, far too late and the Assembly was then far too old and indecisive. Legislation no longer could protect sanity or justice, nor could it conciliate the revolutionist-mind. Disorder had prevailed far too long and out of the confusion of governmental inaction the soul of Russia was consumed from within.

Something like this seems to be on the verge of happening all over the world. It could be on the verge of happening here. We cannot believe it could happen and we do not want to believe it and we will never believe it, as long as we shield our eyes and fold our hands behind a warm nostalgic patriotism which salutes the past but will not reckon with the present.

If you will read in the Book of Deuteronomy the long speech of Moses (chapter 32), which he is reported to have made on the eve of his disappointment upon learning he would be forbidden to enter the Promised Land, you will feel the sentimentality of his thoughts as he reflects upon the past and those long arduous years of exodus from Egypt.

He strikes one note that is worth thinking about. He says that if the children of Israel enter the Promised Land and become contaminated by false gods and forget the tradition of faith which has guided them to the fulfillment of their dreams, then, said Moses, "I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men." That's it. That is the point at which we are. If the false gods of barbarous insult and hostility absorb the passions of mankind, then whatever memory the future may have of our age will have been vitiated and whatever chance we might have had will have been taken from us.

On the one hand, the danger is severe and grievous that we shall ourselves be fooled and tempted and converted by the falsehood which parades in the name of militant disorder. On the other hand, the prospect is at hand of a new age and the dawning of a spiritual consciousness which can advance our age to heights beyond our sight. Evolution works according to this pattern. Its motion forward struggles against resistance.

Our job - your job and my job - is to find ourselves in that stream of truth which will pull the consciousness of mankind into its next higher stage of evolution. Something is vitally stirring in our society, we know. Something is stabbing our consciences awake. The next phase in the evolutionary spiral will be to spin us out of this concept of a materialistic, egotistic society into an avenue of thought which will connect us - like the waves of energy - with the eternal soul of the universe, which, in the simple words we understand, is Christ and the love of God.

The Roland Park Presbyterian Church
is located at 4801 Roland Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland 21210.



Sir Knight Aldrin at Ruthven

Astronaut Edwin Eugene Aldrin, Jr., 1969 recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, was formally presented with the medal and certificate March 13 at a Conclave of his home Commandery, Ruthven No. 2, Ruthven, Texas, by Grand Commander Lawrence DeHay.

Robert Magruder, Recorder, had been attempting to establish a date for the presentation since August of 1969, but Sir Knight Aldrin's schedule of official commitments following his moon landing understandably made it impossible.

Sir Knight DeHay says: "Sir Knight Aldrin made an excellent acceptance speech and requested that his personal regards and appreciation be expressed to the M.E. Grand Master, John L. Crofts, Sr."

Dear Sir Knight Rodenhauer:

On September 18 and 19, 1969 the York Rite Bodies in Saudi Arabia held a York Rite Festival culminating in the dubbing and creating of thirty-two new Knights of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple. Immediate Past Commander Frederick W. Elliott and other members of the various degree teams did outstanding work in putting on the degrees. With the addition of the new Sir Knights, the membership in Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, K.T. now stands at 171. Presently, there are 95 members residing in Saudi Arabia while the remaining 76 are scattered throughout the world. At this writing, twenty-eight of the new Sir Knights have been enrolled as Life Sponsors in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

With knightly greetings, I remain

Courteously and fraternally yours,

L. E. De St. Croix, Correspondent
Al Hasa Commandery No. 1, K.T.
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Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

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Missouri Amaranth Gives \$1,700

Mrs. Dixie Edison, Royal Grand Matron, Royal Court of Missouri, Order of Amaranth, presented an Amaranth check for \$1,700 to Sir Knight Wayne E. Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, at the opening session of the Order at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, February 12.

The session featured a factual talk on the Eye Foundation by Past Grand Commander James H. Cockerham. Thomas Edison, St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, is serving as Royal Grand Patron. The Amaranth philanthropic project for the year was the Eye Foundation.

Other Templars present included Grand Senior Warden Marion T. Dollison, Regional Grand Commander Blair C. Mayford, and Eminent Commanders Elmer Kaegel (St. Louis No. 1) and Charles G. Bander (Ascalon No. 16).

Royal Arch Wives of Anchorage

Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., was the recipient in February of a \$150.00 check for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from Amulet Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Wives, Anchorage, Alaska.

In his response to Mrs. Lewis E. Stone of Amulet Chapter, Sir Knight Crofts wrote: "We are of course happy to have the money for our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, but as importantly, we are encouraged in our efforts by having your good opinion of our charitable work."

Regional Conferences

Among recent Regional York Rite Conferences jointly arranged and attended by official representatives of General Grand Council, General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment were the East Central Conference at Indianapolis March 6-7, and the North Pacific Conference at Boise, Idaho, March 13-14.

Stuart M. Rutter, William H. Harmon and Abner C. Sager arranged the Indianapolis meeting, with special participants Calvin A. Behle, General Grand High Priest, and Willard M. Avery, R.E. Grand Captain General attending.

At Boise, 40 Council, Chapter and Commandery officers gathered for a three-way conference arranged by Herbert G. Fitz, Edward J. Skibley and Carl J. Baesemann, with Mervin Purcell as a host-correlator.

Among those attending were the presiding officers of the three national York Rite Bodies, Verne W. Mokler, Calvin A. Behle and John L. Crofts, Sr. Also participating were Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer and Grand Chapter Secretary Charles K. A. McGaughey.

Three Receive 50 Year Pins

Three 50-year pins have been presented to three Sir Knights who completed a half century of membership in Genesee Commandery No. 10, Lockport, New York, in January. The three recipients are Fred J. Sweet, William J. Crego, and Herbert B. Cannon.

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Hermann Von Salza Installation Scenes



Pictured above during the installation of officers of Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, are, left to right: Generalissimo Delbert Lee Peterson, Preceptor-Prior Robert Gay McKenzie, Preceptory-Priory of St. Andrew, Frankfurt (under Great Priory of Scotland), and Eminent Commander Harold Brooks Fisher.

Below, in foreground, Installing Marshal Don La Spina pins jewel on Sir Knight Fisher. In background left to right are: Recorder Kit Carson Price, Past Prior of St. Andrew's, and Sir Knights Calvin Coolidge Snow and Hall Paul Kane.



Drummers and Trumpeters, VFMA



Eleven of these Drummers and Trumpeters from the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pennsylvania, will be a feature of the Installation Ceremony for William D. Geesey, when he becomes Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Wednesday, May 27, at Harrisburg. Sir Knight Geesey was Cadet Conductor of the band in 1934-35. The group played for the two inaugurations of President Eisenhower, also for the inaugurations of Presidents Kennedy and Nixon. The band and glee club played a command performance for President Nixon in the White House one year ago.

Salute to a Departed Leader

Two honor guards stood at attention at the grave of Past Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker, former Secretary of the Army, as 359 Knights Templar marched thru Arlington National Cemetery for the Easter morning service. The command, "Eyes Left," was a Templar tribute to a fallen leader, and the grave a reminder to each Sir Knight of the "mortality of the body and the immortality of the soul."

EASTER MORNING RAIN DAMPENS UNIFORMS ONLY

Rain, the first on Easter morning at Arlington in more than a dozen years, fell on the 359 uniformed Knights Templar attending the 40th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery March 29 – but, in the words of Grand Master Crofts, without “dampening the ardor and devotion of the Sir Knights.” The Grand Master saluted the participants for their loyalty and dedication when several hundred Templars and ladies gathered for the post-service breakfast at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motor Hotel.

Attendance at the service, lessened by the steady, driving rainfall, was approximately 2,500. The 7:30 service was preceded by selections on the Amphitheater carillon as the Templars, representing some 30 states, assembled at the West Gate of Arlington National Cemetery under the direction of the parade marshal, William E. Barkman. The procession to the Amphitheater was led by the United States Marine Band.

Marvin E. Fowler, committee chairman, opened the service – and the NBC radio network broadcast – with the scripture lesson. Easter greetings were extended by the Grand Master, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr. The order of service included: Prayer – Colonel Alexander L. Paxson, Post Chaplain, Fort Myer; “O Filii et Filiae” – the United States Army Chorus; The Apostles’ Creed – led by Samuel T. Farmer, Grand Prelate, D.C.; the Sermon, “This Is the Dawning,” by Bishop and Sir Knight D. Frederick Wertz, D.D.; Anthem, “Chorale,” by the United States Marine Band; The Lord’s Prayer – sung by William Jones, United States Army Chorus; Prayer and Benediction – Colonel Paxson; and “The Star Spangled Banner” – the United States Marine Band.

The Sir Knights then formed at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier for the

placing of a Cross of Lilies by Grand Master Crofts, assisted by the honorary chairman, General and Sir Knight Bruce C. Clarke, while the United States Marine Band played “Lead Kindly Light,” followed by “Taps.”

A Saturday afternoon highlight was a reception at the Washington Hotel for the Grand Master and Mrs. Crofts. The reception line included Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell and Mrs. Bell; Grand Generalissimo Roy W. Riegle and Mrs. Riegle; Grand Captain General Willard M. Avery and Mrs. Avery, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer. A luncheon preceding the reception was hosted by Mrs. Crofts for the wives of officers of Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies present.

A number of jurisdictions enjoyed “state” dinners Saturday evening – among them the Grand Commanderies of Illinois (John W. Wheeler, G.C.), Maine (Charles L. Hamm, G.C.), New Jersey (Maurice S. Kierstead, G.C.), New York (Ralph J. Ely, G.C.), and Pennsylvania (Charles R. Eurich, G.C.)

George R. Mitchell

A note of sadness in the Easter morning assembly of Knights Templar at Arlington was the unexpected death of Sir Knight George R. Mitchell, P.C., Hudson River Commandery No. 35, New York, who collapsed before processing into the Amphitheater and died before arrival by ambulance at the Fort Myer Post Hospital. Sir Knight Mitchell had been the longtime chairman of the Easter Weekend arrangements for the Grand Commandery of New York. He had scheduled and attended the New York dinner the night before his death.



Hands of Samaritans

March 18

To: Fred W. Hartwig, Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Minnesota

I am pleased to enclose a check from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in the amount of \$500 covering a contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., for research, surgical treatment and hospitalization of indigent people suffering from the diseases of the eye. The Grand Lodge feels that the work of this Foundation on behalf of all peoples is very worth-while.

Franklin G. Emrick
Grand Master



We are enclosing a picture taken at one of our meetings which you may use. My father is a York Rite Mason and I saw one of the stories in the *Knights Templar Magazine*.

March 21

To: Knights Templar Eye Foundation

During the September-December term of the Kaiserslautern Assembly No. 2, Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Kaiserslautern, Germany, the girls sold window stencils with the understanding that 1/3 of the profit would go to Charity. As Worthy Advisor during this term, I designated the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as my Charity project. The coin march collected during my term also went to help some child to be able to see the beautiful colors of the Rainbow.

We are late sending this check but the love and hope for its use in your deserving work is just as sincere now as in January.

Carla Stonehocker, P.W.A.
Pauline Stonehocker
Supreme Deputy in Germany

March 26

To: The Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Attached is a \$100 check from the Newton Bible Class of the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, for a Patron Sponsor.

The Newton Bible Class is the Sunday School Class of Sir Knight John A. Williams, Commander of Hugh DePayens Commandery No. 1, Little Rock.

Kenneth C. Johnson, P.G.C.

I am a Past Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, Kankakee, Illinois.

I cannot find words to express my thanks to the Eye Foundation for the assistance I received toward my cataract operation in November 1969. Everything turned out perfectly and I now have better vision than I ever had.

Please accept my humble thanks and you have my permission to publish my letter in the *Knights Templar Magazine*. I really enjoy receiving my copy each month.

MERVIN T. REED, P.C.

The Prints of a Fellow

Sir Knight E. A. McGinity of Baltimore, Maryland read the recent article on Sir Knight J. Edgar Hoover in *Knights Templar* and decided to have "some fun."

He wrote a letter to the FBI Director, signed only with his fingerprints.

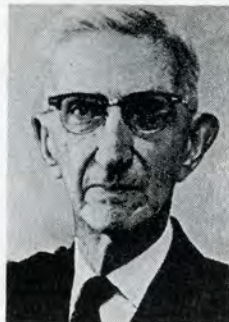
(McGinity's prints were taken in 1917 when he went into the army.)

Within a week, Hoover had "tracked down" his man and McGinity received a letter of reply from Hoover.

THE PICTURE AND THE FRAME

**By WYLIE B. WENDT
P.C., K.T.C.H., Kentucky**

Sir Knight Wendt, long recognized as a leading authority on Masonic subjects, has received a new honor and recognition from the craft. He was elected and installed Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, February 21 during the 37th Annual Communication of the Council in Washington, D.C.



How many of us have attended a concert of a singer with a marvelous voice only to have the program ruined by the facial gyrations of the artist or by his or her gestures? The rendition of the music is the real picture. The gyrations and gesticulations are added by the performer in the hope of adding to the beauty of the song. In the opinion of the writer, these motions constitute the frame of the picture. And the frame gets in the way of the picture.

A beautiful oil painting is complete without a frame. But if a frame is added, it should be in good taste and must not detract from the beauty of the painting. The frame is used to improve or set off the picture, not to over-shadow it. The frame should be well chosen and should supplement the picture.

So it is in the work of conferring the Orders in a Commandery of Knights Templar. The rendition of the ritual is the picture. The floor work is the frame. One is the complement of the other, but the floor work should not be overemphasized at the sacrifice of the ritual. The floor work consists of the full form opening, the correct formal closing, and the interpretation and performance of what is known in liturgy (or ritual) as the rubric.

The rubric is a part of a written or printed work colored in red, hence it is an instruction or a prescribed rule for the

conduct of a service, and was formerly always printed in red. The word "rubric" appears in each of the first two paragraphs on page 44 and on page 37 of the K. T. ritual.

There is floor work in each of the three Orders: Red Cross, Malta and Temple. The floor work should be properly performed. The members of the team should know what is to be done and then should do it correctly. Floor work should be rehearsed. Good floor work is necessary. It is not something to be treated lightly. The floor work is the frame of the picture, and as mentioned earlier, the frame should not spoil the picture.

The rendition of the ritual is the picture. The ritual is the important part, and this consists of each officer memorizing his part and being so familiar with that part, that he can devote some attention to dramatic effect. It goes without saying that the pronouncing vocabulary in the rear of the ritual should be studied and used. There is no excuse for any officer to mispronounce any word. Our Order is an organization of Christian gentlemen and a gentleman is educated in the correct use of his mother tongue.

Good ritualistic work will result in a good picture. Good floor work and tactics will result in a good frame. Let us

International York Rite Council

The International York Rite Unity Council, born in Washington, D.C., February 1969, completed its first annual cycle of existence with a scheduled discussion gathering Sunday, February 22, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington.



Sir Knights Bell, Shanteau and Avery



Sir Knights Mokler, Behle and Crofts

The informal session featured the presence and participation of the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Verne W. Mokler; the General

... WYLIE WENDT

strive for an excellent picture and an excellent frame.

When a candidate is elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood, he receives three things for his money. First, he receives the work; second, he receives legitimacy or regularity; third, he receives the association and fellowship with the members of the Order.

While all three purchases are valuable, the first one, the work, is the most important. This is the thing which sets our Freemasonry and Templary apart from all other organizations. Our Order has beautiful work; it is the New Testament of Masonry. It is our responsibility to see that the work is well performed. The work consists of the ritual and the rubric, the picture and the frame. Let us bring all our artistry into play and paint an outstanding picture and then attach a frame that is in keeping with the picture.

Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Calvin A. Behle; and John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

Following the rotation system established a year ago, General Grand High Priest Behle was elected presiding officer of the International Council for the ensuing year, succeeding Sir Knight Crofts, and General Grand Secretary Charles K. A. McGaughey became the Council secretary, succeeding Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer.

Discussion centered on exploratory consideration of possible methods of establishing a format for combined business meetings of Council, Chapter and Commandery bodies at state and local levels. With Grand Encampment as the only sovereign body of the three, tentative plans were formulated for presentation at the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, U.S.A., at Denver in August for any possible solution to permit unified meetings.

The two Grand Secretaries, Sir Knights McGaughey and Hunt, and the Grand Encampment's Grand Recorder, Paul C. Rodenhauer, were authorized to establish guidelines and agenda formats for combined Regional Conferences.

Present were: Sir Knights Crofts, Bell, Riegler, Avery and Rodenhauer, Grand Encampment; Behle, Selby, Martini, Halldorson and McGaughey, General Grand Chapter; Mokler and Shanteau, General Grand Council.

Aubrey G. Graham of Virginia



In July of 1970 – Sir Knight Aubrey G. Graham, Deputy Imperial Potentate, will be in line to become the Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America. Templars in the Commonwealth of Virginia are longing to share with great pride in having one of its own to be elevated to the Station of “Imperial Potentate” – the highest office in Shrinedom. This great Mason from Virginia carries the love and esteem from all Masonic hearts and especially from all Knights Templar.

Norfolk, Virginia – is the birth place of Aubrey Graham, where he attended school – until he entered the University of Virginia. Aubrey and Elizabeth Hornaday Graham are blessed with a son and daughter, who also reside in the City of Norfolk. He and Elizabeth belong to the Park Place United Methodist Church (Norfolk), where he has had continued membership since 1920; and where he has been on the Board since 1946.

He is one of Norfolk’s most public minded citizens and activity leaders,

devoted to serving the citizenry in general. His career includes: Deputy Clerk of the Corporation Court, Executive Secretary to the City Manager, Industrial Relations Officer, during World War Two, representing the City to all Military Commands, and is now Norfolk’s Postmaster – since his appointment thereto in 1945 by the President of the United States, Sir Knight Harry S. Truman. Of all his varied civic activities – it appears that the Red Cross, Boy Scouts and the Oyster Bowl are his favorites. The cities in Tidewater have recognized this strong leader’s accomplishments with appreciation, and the news media therein have bestowed many editorial commendations upon him.

In addition to his basic Masonic affiliations, he was Coronated 33^o Inspector General Honorary – in October of 1969. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Shriner’s Hospitals for Crippled Children and of the Burns Institute of North America. The civic and fraternal career of this Shriner is an enviable one. The Nobility of North America is fortunate in having such a strong Noble as Aubrey G. Graham in waiting to become its Imperial Potentate for the years of 1970 and 1971.

The warm Masonic hearts in Virginia join with those in other states in wishing Aubrey and Elizabeth Graham health, happiness and success during the year of his forthcoming responsibility.

Galema J. Butcher

1969 Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign

News of contributions received in response to the 1969 Voluntary Campaign at the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Rhinebeck, New York, will be released in the Knight Templar Magazine as soon as the recording and tabulating have been completed at the Rhinebeck office. Citations in the form of certificates and plaques will be presented by the Grand Master to those Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies achieving the highest productive rating in this Grand Encampment humanitarian project.

An Address by the Great Chancellor General, Order of C.B.C.S., Geneva

At the 1969 International Meeting of the Ordre des Chevaliers Bienfaisants de la C.S., (the Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City), the Great Chancellor General of the Order, Arnold S. Gubser, Geneva, Switzerland, explained the background of the Order in his address to members and visitors:

"It may be interesting to the Representatives of the allied Obediences to receive some information about our Order with which they may be only partially acquainted.

"Our Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City refers itself to the illustrious Order of Templars which was abolished in 1314. The main accusation against it was the crime of derogation from the dogmas of the Catholic Church. In fact, the Templars had been in regular contact with the sectarians called Johannites, the Hebrews, the Mahometans, and had adopted a liberal and independant spirit.

"They manifested a more personal and deeper belief by seeking a closer contact with the Divinity through Jesus Christ. Our Order tries to follow them in this way.

"We are and remain defenders of an enlightened, freely accepted faith in God, in future life of the soul, and we are trying, with the aid of the Lord, to live the precepts of the Gospel. We seek also the closest possible relations with the Obediences which profess the same principles.

"In the 18th Century, our Order was divided into 9 Provinces over the whole of Europe up to the confines of Asia and constituted by the Nobility, Gentry and the higher classes of the Society. It enjoyed a general high esteem.

"But the French Revolution, the

Grand Master of DeMolay Knighted

Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., and Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell were present March 23 when a selected ritualistic team conferred the Order of the Temple on J. Chris Nungesser, Past Grand Master of Louisiana Masons and Past Grand Master of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

Also present were Dr. Robert M. Robinson, then Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, and the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Thomas B. McIntosh, Jr.

decline of the Nobility, the social troubles and the materialistic philosophy made gradually go down our Holy Order. Finally, at the end of the 19th century, only the Prefectory of Geneva remained of the ancient, so highly respected Rectified Regime. However, the Genevese Knights did not release and maintained their faith in the Order against all difficulties. They were rewarded for the perseverance.

"Neuchatel, Zurich, Basle joined Geneva, the Grand Prieue des Gaules were installed in Paris, the Gr. Priory of America was founded and a center of C.B.C.S. was formed within the Great Priory of England with 9 members, directed by the Grand Master, Lord Harris.

"In 1958, at Zurich, a General Convent installed the General Council of the Order which unites administratively the Rectified Regime and watches over the respect of the Constitution.

"Actually, our Order entertains official relations with all Scandinavian Grand Lodges, the Great Pories of Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada as well as with the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U.S.A."

The Knight Line



A delightful letter from Miss Louise Day relays her interest in the Triennial Conclave in Denver, expresses her love for the Denver area and offers "Western Hospitality" to Templars for personal tours of outstanding residential areas. Miss Day writes: "If any of you... would like to see some of the residential spots that are really swank, posh or whatever, I'll be more than happy to donate my 'know how' to show you around if you wish to have me get in your car and direct you... I live only a few blocks from the famous Unsinkable Molly Brown and Mamie Eisenhower's house. I went to the same school with Mamie." Miss Day, at 1138 Clarkson Street (phone 623-7924), is the daughter of Cassius M. Day, who was chairman of the baggage committee for the huge Knight Templar Triennial Conclave in 1913.

Sir Knight Tibor Usti, artist-in-residence at O.C.L.A., Chickaska, Oklahoma, and Academician dell Accademia, Tiberina di Roma, has received another artistic honor — decoration with the Croix de Commandeur du Merite et Devouement Francais in Paris, France.

Scenic beauty seems to be a special theme for Regional Assemblies of the Red Cross of Constantine. Jerry K. Thomas, Sovereign, Black Hills Conclave, Rapid City, South Dakota, has announced plans for the Conclave's 1970 Spring Assembly at the Sylvan Lake Resort, Custer State Park, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, May 23-24. Knight Companion Thomas says it is a "charming and rustic spot close to nature, with the Black Hills in late May in their full spring glory." A later Western Regional Assembly, arranged by Irvin S. Gress, Intendant General, will be held

September 11, 12 and 13 at Olympic Village, Squaw Valley, California. Past Grand Sovereign William R. Burchfield and Intendant General John G. Eshleman will be involved in the traditional Regional Assembly at Buck Hill Falls, in Pennsylvania's scenic Pocono Mountains, October 23, 24 and 25.

A distinguished York Rite Mason attending the banquet of the 121st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Illinois March 19 at the Pick-Congress, Chicago, spoke about student riots and urged parents of college students to discipline their children or face the risk of having the educational system of America destroyed. The speaker — Governor Richard B. Ogilvie.

"All I can do is 'live with my memories,'" writes Elmer A. Smith, now of Garden Grove, California — but what enjoyable memories they must be! Sir Knight Smith was made a Mason in 1918 in Stansbury Lodge No. 24, District of Columbia, then returned to his home in Peoria, Illinois, where he became a York Rite Mason, later moved to California and affiliated with the York Rite bodies in Long Beach, advancing to presiding officer in each. One of the highlights he recalls was the laying of the cornerstone of a new Stansbury Lodge Masonic Temple by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, then Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and General John J. Pershing. "I was standing less than six feet from them," says Sir Knight Smith.

When arguing with a stubborn, opinionated person, be sure he isn't doing the same.

C. Kritt
Reporter

Trenton, New Jersey

What reason do I have to wear
 A Templar uniform?
 Some of them are kept with care,
 Others are badly worn.
 You may have bought a new one when
 You wore size thirty-six,
 But you have changed a lot
 since then,
 You're in an awful fix.
 I think that if they understand
 Conclaves they can attend,
 We might have more Sir Knights
 on hand,
 Dressed just like other men.
 Or if you think it would be nice,
 A Malta Cross worn should suffice.
 At least it might be worth a trial,
 What do you have to lose?
 You might find some men might
 come out
 And even bring their dues.

Richard C. Glasgow, EPC
 Palestine No. 4, N. J.

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company with presiding officers or the representatives of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, both Southern and Northern Masonic jurisdictions, the Imperial Shrine, Supreme Council of Grottos, High-Twelve, United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council and others.

Essay and Oratory Winners

The DeMolay finalists in the International Supreme Council Essay Contest and Oratorical Contest for 1970 appeared before the Council with their respective presentations.

Mark W. Radecke, Overlea Chapter,

Baltimore, Maryland, runner-up last year, was elected as the winner of the Oratorical Contest. In addition to his all-expense paid trip to the session, he receives a specially engraved plaque. Plaque for second place goes to Thomas G. Howell, William Mason Saunders Chapter, Alexandria, Virginia.

Essay Contest winner was Richard C. Anderson, of the Wayne DeMolay Chapter, Michigan. Anderson receives a plaque and a \$200 cash prize. Second place went to David Boykin, Tidewater Chapter, Norfolk, Virginia, in the Essay Contest. His cash prize is \$100. Subject for both contests was: "Youth - Our Greatest Investment for Tomorrow."

Time and Place

Approved were the following scheduled meetings of the DeMolay Congress and the International Supreme Council:

- 1971 - Sacramento, California
 March 25-27, Congress
 March 28-31, ISC
- 1972 - Hollywood, Florida
 June 15-17, Congress
 June 18-21, ISC
- 1973 - St. Louis, Missouri
 June 14-16, Congress
 June 17-10, ISC
- 1974 - Vancouver, B.C.
 June 13-15, Congress
 June 16-19, ISC

Birthday for P.G.M.

April 6 was the birthday anniversary of Past Grand Master of DeMolay Joseph S. Lewis, Ponca City, Oklahoma. Luncheon proceedings Monday were called off for several minutes while the Council members and ladies saluted the well-known Mason in word and song. Lewis was Installing Officer Wednesday for the new Officers during the Grand Master's banquet. Albert P. Ruerat was Installing Marshal.

J. Edgar Hoover York Rite Class



The J. Edgar Hoover Spring Festival climaxed March 14 at the Fort Wayne Masonic Temple.

Pictured above is the 130 member J. Edgar Hoover class of new Knights Templar.

Sir Knight Bernard M. Suttler, Chief Inspector and Staff Aid for the FBI Director, is shown in the center at right. Hoover was unable to attend due to a heavy work load.

The bottom picture shows the 36 member drill team of the Battle Creek Commandery No. 33 at "Repose" after conferring the Order of the Temple.

1300 Sir Knights and ladies attended the dinner. Fifty Commandery officers representing Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia were in attendance.



\$33.00 to Eye Foundation



Thomas Talarico, E.C., Bethlehem Commandery No. 27, Ridgewood, N. J., is pleasantly surprised with the presentation of \$33.00 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the Ridgewood "Ladies of the Round Table," a self-named group of wives who enjoy their own informal projects and activities while their husbands attend Bethlehem Conclaves. The presentation was made in memory of Mrs. Anna Roth, mother of P.C. Robert M. Roth.

Chapel Visitation



L. to R. in Knights Templar Chapel in George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Va., February 23. John B. Cottrell, Past Dept. Commander; G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master; John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master; Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder; Alvin L. Crump, Dept. Commander. (Picture — Morrison L. Cooke)

DeMolay Plaque to Hoover



A Delegation from the International Supreme Council in Washington, D.C., for the Grand Master's Conference, on Feb. 24, presented FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover with a plaque featuring a medallion commemorating the Order's 50th Anniversary for his service as International Honorary Chairman. Shown in Mr. Hoover's office are (l-r) Deputy Grand Master Walter O. Helwig, Grand Master J. Chris Nungesser, Mr. Hoover, Grand Senior Councilor Chester Hodges, Grand Junior Councilor Jack W. Nutt, and ISC Executive Director Richard E. Harkins.

Illinois DeMolay Honors



During Chicago Ceremonies in March, M.W. Clinton Lang, Grand Master of Illinois Masons, and Stuart W. Stone, P.G.C., Illinois Templars, received the Honorary Legion of Honor degree from the International Supreme Council, DeMolay. Pictured, left to right: G. Wilbur Bell, D.G.M., Active Member Supreme Council of DeMolay and Executive Officer for Illinois; Grand Master Lang, Sir Knight Stone, and Corville Wilson, Active Member, Supreme Council, DeMolay.

"Our Templar history is tremendously significant, but our greatest duty is to meet the responsibilities of today."

Grand Master Crofts
At Southeastern Department Conference

Masonic Presidents

The Brother Masons among our Presidents total thirteen,
Though there could be a few more, betwixt and between.
We know for certain that one was George Washington,
And Ohio's Garfield, McKinley, Taft, Harding, each a favorite son;
The two Roosevelts, the virile Teddy and Franklin D.,
While Monroe, Jackson and Polk make for another three;
And Buchanan, who preceded the great Lincoln we love,
And the man who followed Abe, is the Johnson I'm thinkin' of.
And Truman, if instead of Harry would've been named "Hurry,"
Would have rhymed far better with his State of Missouri,

*To sum it up, the number "13" thus –
Unlucky for some, but lucky for us.*

James A. Rasor
Massillon, Ohio

PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This will be my last message to you as your Grand Commander. It hardly seems possible that a year has almost passed since my installation. Betty and I appreciate very much the generous hospitality and good fellowship we enjoyed during our visitations and we thank you all most sincerely. I also appreciate the fine spirit of co-operation and harmony that we experienced among all Masonic Bodies in Pennsylvania. We did not accomplish all we set out to do, but I DID MY VERY BEST.

May I remind you that your Grand Commandery can only encourage, suggest, advise and guide the Constituent Commanderies. You must do the work. The Grand Commandery cannot do it for you. The accomplishments of the Grand Commandery are the direct results of your accomplishments. The more effective the programs of each individual Commandery, the more effective the Grand Commandery will be.

There have been many York Rite festivals during the past year, with rather large classes. I know that a lot of hard work went into these festivals. Those dedicated Sir Knights who worked so devotedly in this activity have my thanks and admiration for promoting our Christian Order.

In a few short days a new line of Grand Officers will be elected, appointed and installed. I pledge to my successor and to each of the other Grand Officers my wholehearted support, and urge that



you too give them your complete support in their endeavor to lead Pennsylvania Templary to greater heights.

We are looking forward to a large attendance at our One Hundredth Seventeenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar to be held in the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, May 24 - 27, 1970. Let's make an extra effort to have all our Constituent Commanderies represented.

As Templars of Pennsylvania, may we move forward with unity and zeal in the performance of our Knightly duties.

Courteously and fraternally,
Charles R. Eurich
Grand Commander

PENNSYLVANIA TEMPLARS can take pride in the fine representation of their Commanderies in the Annual Easter Weekend Pilgrimage to Arlington

National Cemetery. The contingent was led by Sir Knight Charles R. Eurich, R.E.G.C., his entire line, and six Division Commanders. Also in attendance were Sir Knights Dallas F. Bullock and G. Calvin Dyson, P.G.C., and Sir Knights John B. Cottrell, Jr., P. Dept. Com., and Paul C. Rodenhauer, Gr. Recorder of Grand Encampment, both P.G.C. of Pa. At the Pennsylvania Dinner were 119 Sir Knights, their ladies and guests.

For the first time in 13 years, Easter morning dawned to the dismal sound of RAIN. But orders were to march. To the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," played by the U.S. Marine Band, and led by Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., 370 Templars marched in driving rain into the Amphitheater for the Annual Sunrise Service. Nothing was omitted from the ritual of the observance. But cold and wet though it was, the heart and spirit were warmed by the Sun of the Resurrection.

MARY COMMANDERY No. 36 concluded its Centennial Year with a Communion Service at the Arch Street United Methodist Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, April 5. Fifty Sir Knights in Templar uniform, representing the six Commanderies of Div. No. 1, attended with their ladies and friends.

Rev. and Bro. James M. Haney, D.D., Gr. Lodge Chaplain, conducted the worship. Following the service, a fellowship hour was held in the Church reception room. S.K. Joseph L. Ramsay, E.C. of Mary Commandery, and his Officers and Sir Knights thus concluded a most successful Anniversary Year.

KEDRON COMMANDERY NO. 18 paid tribute to Sir Knight Maurice A. Hammer, P.G.C., by naming a class of 29 candidates in his honor. S.K. Hammer is not only a distinguished Knight Templar, but shares honors in the York Rite and

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. S.K. Maury, as he is affectionately known, was Eminent Commander of Kedron Commandery in 1930 and Grand Commander in 1948-49. S.K. Charles R. Eurich, R.E.G.C., attended the Conclave held Feb. 26 to pay his tribute to S.K. Hammer. Other Grand Officers attending were Sir Knight Ewart Roberts, Gr. Gen., Russell R. Robison, Gr. Capt. Gen., and Vernon M. Stambaugh, Div. Com. of Div. No. 4. Also in attendance were Sir Knight and Ill. Brother Paul L. Davis, Right Puissant Grand Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council. After the three Orders were conferred, S.K. Eurich spoke on Templary and what it means to be a Christian Mason."



Class of newly created Sir Knights of Chartiers Commandery No. 78. There were 28 in the class: 24 from Chartiers Commandery; 3 from Jacques De Molay Commandery No. 3. The class was held on Dec. 6, 1969, in honor of the Past Commanders of Chartiers Commandery, Div. No. 2.

Templar questions/answers

Question: Walter J. Way, P.C., Muskegon, Muskegon Commandery No. 22, Muskegon, Michigan, asks for information about the Council of the Nine Muses; Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons; Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A.; Ye Antient Order of Corks; the Society of Blue Friars; the Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.; the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight – also the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland, "and any other of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A."

Answer: The Grand Recorder notes that it's a large order and that several issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine* will be required to relay all the requested information – if available. The present references, by way of abbreviated reply, are from the the printed directory of "Allied Masonic Groups and Rites," published by the Masonic Service Association, 724 Ninth Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Council of the Nine Muses. (Under Allied Masonic Degrees). Limited to nine members. Permanent Secretary, Harold V. B. Voorhis, 105 New England Avenue, Apt. 2-B, Summit New Jersey. Sir Knight Voorhis also serves as M.E. Great Chief, Order of Knight Masons. Order formed June 18, 1923, Dublin, Ireland, and May 20, 1936, in North Carolina. Membership by invitation. Also headed by Sir Knight Voorhis is Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, formed in 1880, Philadelphia. Membership, Master Masons in good standing, by invitation.

Order of the Bath of the U.S.A., formed in 1921, Red Bank, New Jersey. Membership – Master Masons. The Society of Blue Friars, formed 1932, Monroe, North Carolina, has Masonic Authors as members. Ye Antient Order of Corks was described in the April issue.

The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, organized in England, introduced in America about 1840 as Tabernacles were known to exist around that time in Kentucky, New York and Virginia. These Tabernacles became dormant prior to 1900. The Order was again introduced into the U.S. in 1931. The Grand College was formed May 27, 1933. Membership confined to installed Eminent Commanders of a Commandery of Knights Templar or Preceptors of a Preceptory as they are called in Canada. Membership is by invitation only and each Tabernacle is limited to 33 members.

Red Cross of Constantine was established by Constantine the Great, first Christian Emperor of Rome, after "having seen a flaming cross in the sky at noonday and in Grecian letters the inscribed words, 'By This Sign Conquer.' The Order was established in the United States in 1870. Membership is by invitation only. The Order is Christian in character. The United Grand Imperial Council of the United States, Mexico and the Philippines, has Conclaves in all of the United States, Japan, Okinawa, Canal Zone, Philippines and Mexico." The 1969-70 Grand Sovereign is Lee Lockwood, Waco, Texas. (See April 1969 *Knight Templar Magazine* for history of Order.)

The Masonic Service Association directory says the present organization of the Royal Order of Scotland as a recognized sovereign Masonic body dates from 1750, when a charter was issued in London to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge in the Hague. It was formed in the United States May 4, 1878, in Washington, D.C. The Provincial Grand Master is Marvin E. Fowler. Membership – in practice, activity in coordinate bodies of the York Rite or the Scottish Rite is demanded.



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My Commandery is located in (state or area) _____

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Three Generations of Masons



Three generations were represented in the York Rite conferrals in Roswell, New Mexico, when Richard Robert Garner, Sr., Richard Robert Garner, Jr., and Richard Robert Garner, III, became Knights Templar in the same class. The late Robert Garner, father of the Senior Sir Knight Garner, was also a Knight Templar. His son has retained the uniform – now 60 years old.

Sir Knight McCain Seeks Information

David B. McCain, Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, now living at Route 1, Savannah, Tennessee 38372, would be happy to receive any information about his brother, James Blake McCain, 75, a railroad retiree, believed to be living in the New Mexico or Texas Panhandle area. The brothers have lost touch with each other since the 40's.

STATE OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER

Starting in the June *Knight Templar Magazine* will be a three-part review of the 1967-70 Triennium by the M.E. Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr.

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Inside this back cover page is a survey form inviting your opinion on Knight Templar uniforms, one of the subjects to be discussed at the Triennial Conclave in Denver in August.

For all Templars, particularly those unable to attend and participate, the questionnaire brings the opportunity to express individual viewpoints — frankly, concisely, personally.

The result will provide helpful information for the members when they convene at Denver to form plans for the next three-year Templar period.

Sign your name or not — as you wish. The Committee on Uniforms asks that you do identify the state (or geographic region, if outside the United States) in which your Commandery is located. When you complete the answers to the half-dozen questions, mail to:

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