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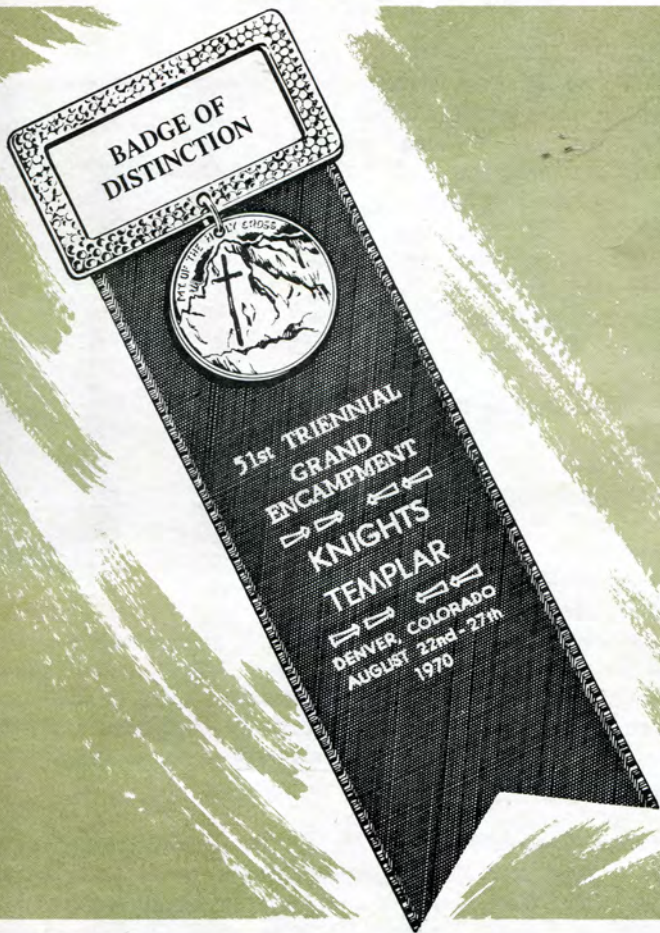


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The Condition of the Order

Part One

Reports on this subject tend, in my opinion, to recite statistics rather than trends, and to become overly dedicated to problems rather than suggesting progress and solutions. Accordingly, I approach the subject with a deep appreciation of our fraternal strengths. Our needs will then be indicated, followed by a progress report and certain suggestions.



The Strength of Templary

An impeccable reputation. No fraternal organization can show a more meritorious record of constant devotion to practical idealism. No other fraternity enjoys in greater measure the respect of good people of both the Masonic family and the public. It is considered a credit to any man if he can declare "I am a Knight Templar," and of course more meritorious if he can display evidence of service in the Templar cause. This is at once our heritage and our responsibility. With greatest satisfaction I say that the Templar reputation given us is not only undiminished but it is actually on the rise.

A superior membership. It is perhaps the greatest privilege of a Grand Master to meet and know Knights Templar in all parts of our great country. Out of this experience I find a greater appreciation than ever for the individual Knight Templar. He is an admirable fellow, superior in responsibility to himself and his family, outgoing in nature and willing in the cause of others. He is orderly in his thinking, responsible to his government, and on familiar terms with his God. In concerted action, he and his fellows can attain any fraternal objective.

A working organization. Established on a national basis 154 years ago, the government of Templary is republican in nature and responsive to the



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The Cover:

The official 51st Triennial Conclave badge contains a commemorative medal featuring an engraving of “The Mt. of the Holy Cross,” a natural formation of a huge cross in the Rockies near Redcliff, Colorado. The concave formation (elevation 13,996 feet) fills with snow and becomes an impressive white cross against the rugged background of the Rockies. It is best viewed from Highway No. 24, looking west. The medal is easily detachable from the badge for use as a souvenir coin.



From the MAIL BIN

Laguna Hills, Calif.

□ Since your Magazine is really getting much better each month and also the finances are always something to consider, here's an extra 'five dollars' for just a little help. You can publish this in the 'letters' column if you like and maybe it'll bring in a few more fives – tens and who knows what, for you surely can use it. Best to you.

STANLEY SKINNER

Fort Worth, Texas

□ I receive monthly the *Knight Templar* and the contents are most interesting from cover to cover.

This publication adds a needed warmth to members from coast to coast, and gives one a renewed interest in serving The Order.

Somehow I feel that this branch of Masonry, being one of true value and prestige, yet possibly is too silent at times.

Realizing that a few added donations occasionally should supplement "the till," I am attaching herewith my contribution for the sum of \$300.00.

Keep up the "Good work," I am,

C. J. DAVIDSON
Godfrey Commandery No. 37

Tyler, Texas

□ Please find enclosed check 372 for ten dollars to be used in helping with making *Knight Templar* the best Magazine in the line of Masonic belief. I will send you \$10.00 every month to show you that I think Knights Templar is the Grandest belief in the world.

Capt. JAMES K. ENOCHS

Editor's Note: Thank you. Such interest and practical support, gratifying and complimentary, highlight, however, the view of many that present or expanded publication services should continue to be the responsibility and concern of all Templars rather than a few.

Martinsville, Indiana

□ Thank you sincerely for your publication of my appeal for "further light" on "Marks of Masons" in your April issue. The response was, as you indicated it would be, highly satisfactory. In fact, aside from my own information I received, I hardly know how to use this information for the benefit of all Sir Knights. I am turning these interesting letters over to my good friend and yours our esteemed Sir Knight Edwin C. Applegate, Grand Commander of Indiana. It is my hope that you and he may mutually agree on best use of same.

ASHEL O. HAWKINS

Editor's Note: An article on "Marks of the Craft," initiated by the original letter of Sir Knight Hawkins, will be a feature of the July issue.

Goffstown, New Hampshire

☐ I was Commander of Athol Commandery No. 37 in Athol, Mass. during the depression years of 1929-30 and was the youngest Commander at that time in the Mass. and Rhode Island jurisdiction.

We Knighted five candidates that year which was unheard of during the depression years for small Commanderies.

For inspection and review, we had the Athol Commandery Band consisting of a slide trumbone, base horn, trumpet, snare and base drum. They did a good job on the Maine Stein Song.

We used black candles on the triangle which was impressive and used a legal summons for all the Sir Knights to be present at the Inspection and Review. It was an effective way of getting out some Sir Knights who never attended.

JOHN E. WEBSTER P.C.

Northville, Michigan

☐ In the Mail Bin, I saw a letter from an old friend I haven't seen in years from Moberly, Missouri. Clyde Foster. We used to play in the same home town band over 30 years ago. Thanks to the *Knight Templar*.

HERBERT FAMULINER
Generalissimo
Northville Commandery No. 39

Fort Morgan, Colorado

☐ Everyone has great praise for the magazine. It is the best thing we have done in years. You would be surprised at how many members are coming to life just because of reading that magazine.

VIRGIL V. VIERS

Zanesville, Ohio

☐ Moberg Antiques, East Pike, Route 4, Zanesville, Ohio 43701, has a collection, framed under glass, of about 140 Knights Templar convention badges between 1895 and 1910.

Mr. Carl Moberg would be glad to hear from any one interested in this collection perhaps for ownership.

NORRIS F. SCHNEIDER

North Manchester, Indiana

☐ I sure love the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I read it from cover to cover. I have been a member of Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4 since 1915 and I received my 50 year pin in 1965. I also have been a member of the Drill Corp since 1915, one of the first members, and was active till 1949.

Don't change the uniform as there is nothing more impressive than a full drill corp in uniform. If you don't believe me watch the parade in Denver when they come down the street.

J. G. CARMAN
Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4

Spring Lake, New Jersey

☐ Just finished reading your magazine and find it most interesting and informative. . .

I was most interested in letters which urge that the present style of uniform be changed and I want to say here and now that I am in full agreement. The present uniform is a Navy uniform of the 1863-1870 period and has no place among Knights Templar. I strongly urge a new type uniform that can be worn without undue hardship and at a low cost.

Also, another thing which should be changed is the Order of the Red Cross as it has no place in the history of Knights Templar.

HORACE G. D' ARCUS, K.Y.C.H.

Kalamazoo, Michigan

□ "The best way to go out of business is to turn out the lights and lock the door."

And perhaps that little trick might be one of the things today downgrading the York Rite, and particularly the Commandery. Not intentionally, of course, but often we do forget that a good public image is the wellspring of membership petitions for the Blue Lodge and all the higher bodies.

Time was when the Masonic Temple was considered the center of social doings in the community, and the lighted building impressed those who were seeking fellowship and brotherly attachments. Now, in our affluence, we frequently are prone to schedule our Conclave banquets at the local College dining hall or a hotel instead of using our own facilities.

Our best advertisement is a spot-light on our own quarters. Not only might the revenue of the banquet help temple building finances, but a crowd entering the Temple is sure to be seen and say to the public that "Here is a group of vitality and growth." Nothing succeeds like success!

How often do we plan the parade to start and finish in a section of town away from the Temple? Why can't the parades start and finish at the Temple so all may be impressed by the display that we are Masons - from the Masonic Lodge we come and to the Masonic Lodge we return. "Follow us."

Let's ask our Grand Commandery officers to give more thought to the local Masonic facilities when they are planning our conclaves. And then, let's turn up the lights, decorate the door, and put a banner on the marquee. Let's not imply to the public that we are ashamed of our "home." "Let your light so shine before men" and "Hide not thy light under a bushel." Both are appropriate mottoes.

THEODORE SUMMERS, MA MBA

West Chester, Pennsylvania

□ First, let me identify myself, as a fifty-year member of - West Chester Lodge, No. 322, F. & A.M., West Chester, Pa.; Howell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 202; Brandywine Commandery, No. 88; Scottish Rite, Valley of Philadelphia.

Second: Let me tell you how very much I appreciate receiving the Monthly magazine *Knight Templar*. It is superb. It has enabled me to become better acquainted with Templarism (with due apologies to Sir Knight G. Burton Long who so vehemently protests, with the help of Mr. Webster; how about patriotism, Americanism, Protestantism? Brother Long - are they disparaging words?)

Third: When I received recognition for fifty years membership in the Blue Lodge, and in the Chapter, I was presented wit! a very lovely coat lapel button. But, apparently the Commandery in Pennsylvania does not do this. Likewise, the Consistory in Philadelphia does not do so; although they do present a very handsome 'jewel,' which, however, is usable only at the meetings. May I suggest that at the Denver Conclave a Resolution be adopted, directing the Grand Master to request the subordinate commanderies to adopt a suitable coat lapel button and present the same to all living, and future, fifty-year members. I take pride in wearing these fifty-year buttons.

Fourth: It was through the Magazine that I first learned of the Eye Foundation; and I have taken a Life Sponsorship, as well as putting it on my annual charitable contribution list. And now, in the January issue I learn of the Educational Foundation. It sounds good; and I may find it possible to include it in my annual list of contributions. I presume that there is no sponsorship here similar to the Eye Foundation.

JOHN H. TALLEY

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MURAT TEMPLE READY FOR 96th IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION



J. Worth Baker

Murat Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana, will host an estimated 35,000 Shriners July 12-17 at the 96th Session of the Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S. Headquarters will be the new Hilton Hotel. Legislative sessions will be in the Murat Theatre; drills and contests will take place in the Murat Shrine Horse Patrol grounds.

Two parades will be featured, July 14 at 9:30 A.M., and July 16 at 6:30 P.M. An exhibition 100-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway race will be one of the special events for the visiting Nobles.

Imperial Potentate J. Worth Baker will preside over the 96th Imperial Council session. The Shrine's last Imperial Council session in Indianapolis was in 1941.



Aubrey G. Graham
Deputy Imperial Potentate



George M. Saunders
Imperial Recorder

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An Item for the Ladies . . .

**WHEN AND WHAT TO WEAR AT THE TRIENNIAL
CONCLAVE ACTIVITIES AT DENVER IN AUGUST**

The question "What to wear?" is as frequent as it is important. To get the answers on ladies' wear at Denver, Cheryl Rothwell, of the Knight Templar staff, consulted Mrs. John B. Blue, Past Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant, and in charge of the Triennial Committee for the ladies' luncheon and special events.



Q: Mrs. Blue, this is Cheryl Rothwell from the *Knight Templar Magazine*. For the information of ladies who will be attending Triennial Conclave activities, will

you give us some pointers about what to wear?

A: Gladly, Cheryl. I don't know how definite I can be, of course, because every lady has her individual preferences and viewpoints.

Q: Let's start with the weather. What's it like in Denver in August?

A: Denver enjoys pleasantly hot days and comfortably warm nights. The wide spread from high temperatures in the daytime to lower temperatures in the evenings makes it advisable to have clothing suitable for sunshine during the day and light wraps (sweaters, stoles, etc.) for evening wear.

Q: What's the style in Denver?

A: Denver is a city much like the one you may come from. The same type of clothes you would wear for similar events at home will be suitable for the Triennial.

Q: Specifically, what type of events will there be at the Triennial for the ladies — and what is suitable for each?

A: The Grand Master's Banquet will require the most formal costume. Many will wear a long gown with a suitable wrap. For other affairs including Divine Service, Receptions, evening events, and the ladies luncheon informal dress-up clothes will be more appropriate.

Q: Are hats in vogue in Denver?

A: Some will wear them as they do at home. Fewer wear them than formerly. I better leave that to your own judgement. Just be comfortable and you won't be out of place.

Q: What about sightseeing in Denver and the mountains?

A: You will want to bring comfortable shoes for walking. You may also wish to have more informal sportswear for these activities. Remember, evening trips in the mountains require wraps.

Q: Would you sum up just what the ladies need to remember when packing for Denver?

A: The most important advice



Six 50-year Certificates

The late William Dyer, retired project engineer, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, who died January 20 of this year, was the holder of six 50-year certificates in Masonic bodies. He had received Ohio 50-year recognitions from Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, Clinton Chapter No. 26, Kinsman Council No. 76, Clinton Commandery No. 5, Scioto Consistory and Aladdin Temple. Sir Knight Dyer was born in 1887 in Kansas.

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is to bring along a wardrobe planned to include the clothes you would wear for like activities at home and take into consideration our pleasantly hot days and comfortably cool nights. You won't be far wrong then and you will be adequately prepared to be comfortable in every activity of the Triennial.

Q: We know that your Order played an important role in the 1892 and 1913 Triennial Conclaves in Denver. Do you think the question of what to wear was as pressing then as it is today?

A: I would suppose that's the kind of question which is always in vogue — regardless of the year, the location or the event.

Q: In this same issue of the magazine we have a short history of the Social Order of the Beauceant. We hope that you and your members will enjoy it.

A: It will be a pleasure to see it, Cheryl — and it certainly will be a pleasure to greet our members and all the ladies who come to Denver for the Triennial Conclave events. I'm sure they will enjoy their visit.

Q: Thank you, Mrs. Blue, for the interview privilege and for the information on what to wear at Denver.

Santa Monica, Calif.

□ In the April issue of *Knight Templar* Sir Knight Ashel O. Hawkins of Martinsville, Indiana mentioned his search for marks of the craft in ancient Castles, Cathedrals, and monasteries of Europe, some dating as far back as 1092 A.D.

The Sir Knight has a treat in store for him. If he will visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos on the island of Crete, he will find stones with the masons' marks on them that date back to 1700-1400 B.C. We found the following marks exposed on the door frames of granaries, store-rooms, and a burial chamber:



These marks were in inconspicuous places of the labyrinthian palace, not in main courts or ceremonial rooms. A guess would be that they had been marked on the stones in the quarries with the intention that the marks in each case would be concealed on an inside surface when assembled at the building; but then, as now, somebody goofed and the exposed marks got by an inspector.

I am positive that many more marks could be found in the extensive complex of buildings if careful search were made.

And relatively close to Crete is the island of Rhodes with its architectural relics of the Templar when they were the Knights of Rhodes. As one who has traveled symbolically the voyages of the Templars, Sir Knight Hawkins would also be thrilled by a visit to the fortresses at Rhodes and Lindos where the Knights lived, fought, and built for 213 years under nineteen Grand Masters. Each Grand Master added to the fortress with superb masonic structures. However, we found no marks of the masons here. But the Grand Masters did emblazon their coats of arms on the key-stone areas of their respective sections of the battlements.

LEN SLEDGE
Santa Monica Bay
Commandery No. 61.

The Rohwers of Silveyville

Five hundred friends attended 50-year pin presentation ceremonies April 16 at Silveyville Lodge No. 201, Silveyville; California, when four members of the Lodge were honored for a half-century of service.

Two of the members were Hans and Ray Rohwer, brothers. They had been raised in 1920 by a third brother, Eggert Rohwer, who was present April 16 to serve as master-of-ceremonies for the presentations.



Sir Knights Ray and Hans Rohwer, Grand Master MacPhee, and Eggert Rohwer.

Brother Hans, Master in 1929, is a Past High Priest of Dixon R. A. Chapter; Sir Knight Ray, present Secretary of Dixon Chapter, is a Past Commander of Vacaville Commandery No. 38. All three are Past Patrons, Goldenrod Chapter, O.E.S. Sir Knight Eggert also is Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California, and currently Trustee of the Permanent Fund of Grand Encampment.

The Sir Knight (California No. 1) who presented the 50-year pins was Chester R. MacPhee, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in California. Sir Knight Carl Spilman, Potentate, Ben Ali Shrine Temple, whose Chanters entertained during the evening, was also present.

Attention, Knights Templar

A person, for the moment unknown, has begun the practice of placing the return address of the Grand Encampment office on certain mailings of social-political literature of agitative nature. The Post Office is now investigating.

It is suggested that if you receive any "strange" or questionable mailings, with the Grand Encampment office location shown (usually handwritten) on the envelope as the return address, you forward the material or notify the Grand Recorder's office immediately. The type of literature should make it apparent that the mailing is not from the Grand Encampment.

The obvious intent of the person or persons involved is to lend credence to the material by giving the impression it is distributed by the Knights Templar, U.S.A. Postmark and other evidence on hand has been turned over to a representative of the U. S. Post Office.

Chicago FBI Chief Retires

Marlin W. Johnson, member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, has announced his retirement as head of the Chicago FBI office.

Sir Knight Johnson has served as special agent in charge since October 15, 1962, longer than anyone else in the history of the Chicago office.



His resignation becomes effective June 15. Future plans call for him to enter private business and, he says, "spend more time in the Craft."

THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

The Social Order of the Beauceant has a particular association with the approaching Triennial Conclave in Denver, Colorado, for the Order was formed 80 years ago by wives and widows of Knights Templar to help prepare for Denver's first hosting of a Triennial Conclave August 9-12, 1892.

The following are highlights of information from the "Origin and Mission" of the Order, published by the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant of the World, whose Supreme Worthy President is Mrs. John L. (Carrie E.) Johnson, Route No. 2, Box 235, Rigby, Idaho 83442.

The Social Order of the Beauceant is an organization of Christian women whose membership is limited to the wives and widows of Knights Templar. It was founded in Denver, Colorado, February 20, 1890. The first suggestion for uniting the wives and widows of Knights Templar in a society or Order was given by several Sir Knights in 1889, after the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar decided to hold its twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave in Denver in 1892. There were about nine hundred Templars in Colorado at that time and only one Commandery in Denver, with a membership of less than three hundred. The Templars needed and invited their wives' assistance in entertaining the thousands of Sir Knights and their ladies during the coming Conclave.

"Some of Our Business"

"S.O.O.B. Society" was the name adopted and a brief Ritual was used. Then a second Ritual was adopted which explained the meaning of the mystic letters as "Some Of Our Business to make this Society an attractive center from which shall radiate bright, joyous and happy influences * * * * to make life purer, better and sweeter for others." The members agreed to create a fund of their own to assist the Knights Templar during

the Conclave and soon were working to accomplish it. The meetings were held in the homes of the members until the new Masonic Temple was completed. Then, by invitation of the Temple Trustees, the S.O.O.B. moved into the Temple.

Loyal Unselfish Service

The Order came into existence when there were few women's clubs or organizations. Consequently the officers and members (about sixty) were inexperienced, but their hearts were warm and enthusiastic, and their hands were willing. From the start the Order stood for loyal, unselfish service. The meetings at first were held monthly; then twice a month, then weekly, to work for a Bazaar. The Bazaar netted over two thousand dollars; also frequent parties were given to increase the fund, until it was twenty-five hundred dollars.

Hospitality Dispensed to Visitors

This enabled them to donate one thousand dollars to the Triennial Committee, leaving sufficient funds for all expense for the Ladies Headquarters which were next door to the Temple. During the Conclave, open house was kept, day and night; hospitality was so

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happily dispensed, that it attracted the favorable consideration of the Templars, which the Grand Commander of Colorado courteously expressed to the S.O.O.B. by official letter. The visitors frequently declared that the twenty-fifth Triennial surpassed all previous Conclaves in its unbounded hospitality, in which our Order had its part.

Benevolent Work

The great incentive to activity being over, the Order continued as a small society of friends without any special effort to increase its membership. Beginning its first year, it regularly performed charitable work. Throughout its years it has been a place of happiness, of close association, enduring friendships, high ideals, recreation and entertainment.

Preparations to Extend the Order

In 1913, the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment K.T. was again to be held in Denver, and that was the spur which aroused the S.O.O.B. to action and the ultimate end of making it a national organization. The changing of the name was considered, but S.O.O.B. was so well and favorably known, they decided not to change it, but to retain the letters and give them a more significant and appropriate meaning, one that would appeal to the Templars.

S.O.O.B. was then interpreted to mean Social Order of the Beauceant, a name derived from the ancient Knights Templar Banner. A new Ritual, emblematic robes, banners, paraphernalia, etc., were adopted. A By-law was enacted which permitted the degree to be conferred upon wives of Sir Knights during the Encampment, so that when they returned to their homes they might organize Assemblies in their cities. Consequently a large class was initiated at that time, which later brought results.

Open House at 1913 Triennial

That year the Order again had a prominent place in the Triennial Conclave and was assigned to quarters in the A.A.O.N.M. Shrine Temple, there to keep open house and entertain a vast throng of Sir Knights and their ladies, all expense being borne by Denver Assembly No. 1.

Organization of the Supreme Assembly

On November 11th and 12th, 1920, at the Masonic Temple, Denver, Colorado, the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant of the World was organized by representatives from Assemblies previously organized by Denver Assembly No. 1, the Mother Assembly. Representatives were present from cities in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado, to organize the only Supreme Order in existence, with membership composed exclusively of wives and widows of Knights Templar.

Deepens Appreciation of Templarism

The Ritual is beautiful, impressive, and helpful in every day life, its theme being Faith, Loyalty, and Love for God, the Order of Knights Templar, and each other. It has a strong, true, influence. Because the Order has proved to be popular and a source of benefit to its members for many years, and has received the encouragement, good-will and moral support of Sir Knights wherever established, it seems most desirable and appropriate that the wives and widows of Knights Templar in every city should be united in an organization, which undoubtedly results in promoting sociability, friendship, happiness, and a deeper appreciation of Templarism.

Exclusive Membership

As the Order of Knights Templar is composed of Masonic Christians, so their wives and widows are, as a class, among the fine Christian women in their com-



Layton S. Chilcutt
Oklahoma
Grand Commander -- 1935
Born July 4, 1888
Died January 20, 1970

Idris Alderson
Connecticut
Grand Commander -- 1954
Born January 31, 1882
Died April 5, 1970

Harry Jay Marshall
Wisconsin
Grand Commander -- 1941
Born November 18, 1891
Died April 27, 1970

Erwin C. Lawrence
Wisconsin
Grand Commander -- 1948
Born September 14, 1897
Died May 7, 1970

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munity. The wives and widows of Knights Templar are more interested in the success and happiness of their husbands than any organization not so closely related. For this reason the Social Order of the Beauceant is limited in its membership, and receives a cordial welcome in co-operating with the Commanderies.

An Organization with a Mission

The mission of the Order is to promote loyal friendships among the wives and widows of Knights Templar and to aid Commanderies when requested to do so. It is now organized in many states.

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Information and literature on the Social Order of the Beauceant can be obtained from the Supreme Recorder, Mrs. E. Loy Knoske, 365 Kenmore Ave. S.E., Warren, Ohio 44483.

"It is my prayer that the Grand Commandery will continue to grow and continue to be an Order of noble men."

Those were the last words spoken by the Rev. William V. Dibble, a Freemason for fifty years, a Methodist minister for even longer, and the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Georgia for 22 years and 11 months.



Sir Knight Dibble died the evening of April 10 at Savannah, Georgia, while he was turning over his regalia to his successor as Grand Prelate, the Rev. Allen Stephens. At his own request, because of failing health, he had been relieved from his longterm Grand Prelate duties and on the evening of his sudden death had been installed Grand Prelate Emeritus.

Noted Canadian Mason Dies

John France Hughes, born May 8, 1885 in Gillingham, Kent, England, settling in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 1903, died after a lengthy illness January 16, 1970.

Well known among Masonic circles both in Canada and the United States, he was especially active in all branches of the York Rite. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada, and Honorary Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine of the United States, Mexico and the Philippines, and served as Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada.

THE PERIMETER OF MASONIC INFLUENCE

"The least movement is important to all nature. The entire ocean is affected by a pebble." – Pascal

In the language of the great French mathematician and philosopher, each pebble on the beach and boulder on the heights awaits its potential hour to plunge into a birdbath or an ocean – there to lift its tides, and with endless swells meet the shores of the whole perimeter. Vast as the area of the restless tides of time may be, every act, every thought, hurled in to its placid or furious surface, disturbs to the end, and marks or mars the beaches.

So every leader, every thinker, every philosopher, and every active member of our great fraternity is constantly breaking the calm surface, or the angry turbulence, of surrounding seas of social conformity or abject apathy. Many are unaware of the boundless waves created by masterful metaphors, cunning expletives, and other well-chosen figures of speech, which so often become a part of our own vocabulary through the teachings and lectures of our order.

At the stated communications, convocations, and conclaves, in group conversation, at the dinner table – a word, a vivid phrase, a compelling suggestion may carry its challenge in widening circles, from meeting to meeting, group to group, table to table, home to home, neighbor to neighbor; ever on, to the outer reaches of human relationship. Thus, never ending, it may carry beyond national boundaries, geographical barriers, zones of creed, con-

finer of tradition, or the restrictions of distrust. Live and vibrant flashes of wisdom and truth, come into focus as pictures of possibility; ideas become ideals, and vivid images transform themselves into Divine visions.

Any member may more fully realize the depth of his responsibility to the great objectives of the Masonic Order, and to his profession, by considering the full extent of his own influence, as his character, his beliefs, and his designs on the trestle board permeate the area in which he pursues his vocation.

To stir the emotions, to touch the heart, to cinch convictions, to calm the spirit, to fire ambition, to stimulate appreciation – these are the endless waves that break on the perimeter of influence. They can be pebble ripples or tidal breakers.

The crusader charms or harrangues his contemporaries, but the dedicated leader covers a wider geography and gives counsel to generations.

Masonic influence is fluid, gapless, international, universal, and omnipresent. What a perimeter! What a challenge! What a hope for the world!

Gilbert H. Hill P.C.
Coronal Commandery No. 36
Denver, Colorado

REMINDER: For housing reservations at the Triennial Conclave in Denver, August 22-27, write to the chairman of the Housing Committee, James F. McCann, 223 Colorado Building, 1615 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

13 MONTH CALENDAR?

Sir Knight William N. Russell of Temple Commandery No. 2, Princeton, Illinois, suggests a perpetual calendar containing 13 months, a variation of the calendar described by Dr. Willard E. Edwards in an earlier issue.

His plan is based on the Lunar Month of 28 days. Each month would contain 28 days each except December which would contain 29 for a total of 365 days.

Each month would then have exactly four weeks and the same number date of each month would fall on the same day for the entire year. For example, if January 1 was a Sunday, the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd would be Sundays every month of that year.

This would simplify such things as meeting dates. An organization could meet on the 17th, which would always be the third Tuesday of the month. It would be easier to remember the number date than "the third Tuesday."

"A new month of 28 days could be inserted between the months of June and July and could be named 'Sol' for the sun or 'Midmo' for middle month," writes Sir Knight Russell.

December would have 29 days. "The 29th day could be a business holiday immediately preceding New Year's Day." Businesses could use that day to finish up their bookkeeping for the year.

"It would be much easier for all businesses...to simplify their bookkeeping and keep payroll records in order. Salaried workers who are paid on a monthly basis could easily calculate their income by the week or by the day."

REPORT BY THE GRAND MASTER

Featured in this issue is Part One of a three-part report by the Grand Master on the Condition of the Order, an assignment usually relegated to a special committee for presentation at the Triennial Conclave.

Sir Knight Crofts has expressed the opinion that a survey on "The State of the Order" is a part of his own responsibilities as Grand Master, and that its presentation in the *Knight Templar Magazine*, "official publication of the Grand Encampment," will be of advance informational benefit to the membership. Before every-member distribution of the magazine began last July, this wide dissemination was not possible.

The series in the June, July and August issues will constitute a part of the report by the Grand Master to the Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave in August. Part One in the present issue begins on page 2, inside the front cover-page, and concludes on page 31, inside the back cover.

P. C. R.

The 29th day in December would also add variety to the perpetual calendar. It would change the days for the following year. If the 1st day of the month were on Sunday in 1972 it would be on Monday in 1973.

Leap Year, the perpetual problem, could be easily accounted for in Sir Knight Russell's calendar. Two days, instead of one, would be added to December, giving it 30 days. The extra day could be used as a holiday, a special one coming only once every four years.

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Sir Knight Russell lives at 2517 S. College Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704. He wrote after reading of Dr. Edward's perpetual calendar in the January, 1970 *Knight Templar*.

PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT -

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Hawaiian Ceremony

In a specially designed ceremony April 16 Sir Knight Robert Chong Kong, Honolulu Commandery No. 1, was presented the 1970 Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award for Subordinate Commanderies by a cast composed of Past Commanders Charles F. Wagner, Charles A. Battige, Charles H. McAllister, Daniel Y. S. Pang, William H. Sack, and Past High Priest George N. Kahapea.



Left to right, K.T.C.H. recipient Robert Chong Kong, 98-year old Past Commander Fred Butler, and Past Commander Charles F. Wagner.

Masonic Leader Dies

Sir Knight Charles J. Weber, DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky, S.G.I.G., A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, died May 10 at Methodist Evangelical Hospital, Louisville, where he had been a patient for a number of weeks. An Active 33° of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, he was formerly Executive Officer for the Supreme Council of DeMolay in Kentucky.

Father, Son Knightings

Frank and Darryl Drennon, father and son, were knighted April 25 in St. John Commandery, Peru, Illinois, with Grand Captain General J. Emerson Miller and Grand Warder Volney E. Storey participating in the conferrals along with Eminent Commander Ken Howe and the Commandery officers.

St. John Recorder Walter Jaeger says family knightings are nothing new to the Commandery. A few years earlier, Ellsworth Hoberg, while Commander, knighted his father, Walter Hoberg, and an uncle in the same class.

A "Grand" Organist

The Grand Commandery of Arizona has a grand Grand Organist, reports Robert F. Henderson, Arizona correspondent. Robert L. Read's music contributions extend beyond the asylum.

Recently he headlined a Phoenix benefit for the El Zaribah Shrine Temple to be used for travel of crippled children to hospitals or burns institutes. Organist Read's concert April 19 raised \$3,000 for the travel fund. Guest of honor was 13-year old Paula Hardy, a polio victim restricted to a wheelchair. Participants included drummer Garth Linkey, singers Elaine Morrow and Mary Wright, and master-of-ceremonies Wally Imes.

Sir Knight Read will be in concert in several western cities this summer. Correspondent Henderson says, "He's a great worker for the York Rite in all of Arizona - in addition to being able to give you an evening of fine entertainment."

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DEMOLAY CONTRIBUTION TALLY

A release from the International Supreme Council, DeMolay, announces contributions received at the 50th annual session of the Council at Omaha, Nebraska, this year including: \$7,500 grant from the Supreme Council 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, for underwriting the Third International DeMolay Congress; \$10,000 from the Shrine of North America; \$500 from the Royal Order of Scotland; \$500 from the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters; \$1,000 from the Grotto; \$400 from the High Twelve. Earlier, at the Frank Land Memorial Breakfast in Washington, D.C., the Shrine had presented a gift of \$10,000, and the Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, had given a \$10,000 contribution plus \$7,500 for the Third International DeMolay Congress.



LLOYD KENNETH MCRAE
Newly elected Grand Commander of Oregon.

Easter Memories from Washington, D.C.



...for the Grand Generalissimo of Grand Encampment, Roy W. Riegle, and Mrs. Riegle - P.G.C. William E. Barkman, D.C., Grand Inspector General, at the left...



...and for H. Kenneth Kingsbury, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia; Grand Commander H. LeRoy Wright, D.C., who presided for the Easter Breakfast; and the Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., John L. Crofts, Sr. (Pictures by Ernest Barker)

Kappa Tau Alpha Has Templar Prexy

William F. Horsch, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, is currently president of Kappa Tau Alpha, the Masonic fraternity of New York University, one of the oldest Greek letter college Masonic fraternities in the United States.

It was founded by World War I veterans, all Masons, who attended college at night and worked during the day to pay their way through college, some of them helping to support families. A number of Kappa Tau Alpha members also served in World War II.

Sir Knight Horsch, retired Naval Reserve Commander, is active in the fields of salesmanship, marketing and manufacturing. He was awarded the 1968 Freedoms Foundation Honor Certificate for achievement in bringing a better understanding of the American Way of Life during 1967.

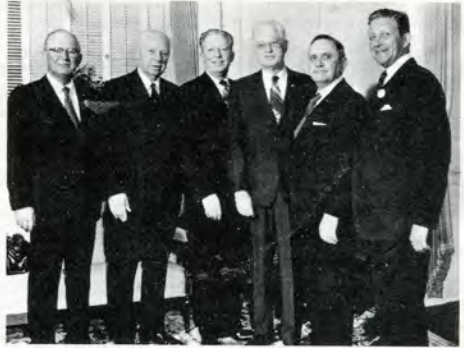
A Life Member of Richmond Hill Lodge No. 892, Richmond Hill, New York, he has his Templar membership in Detroit Commandery No. 1 and is a member of Detroit Chapter No. 1, National Sojourners.

New Jersey Reception for Potentate

Bethlehem Commandery No. 27, Ridgewood, New Jersey, relays news of the 1970 reception for Sir Knight Charles Howard White, Potentate of Salaam Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Among the 500 present for the reception dinner and dance were ranking past and present officers of the Grand Commandery, Bethlehem Commandery, Imperial Shrine and Salaam Temple, and representatives of Grand Chapter and Grand Council. Potentate White was received thru a line of 48 uniformed Knights Templar.

"Six of One, Half-Dozen of Another"



Six Knights Templar, all 33^o Scottish Rite Masons, are pictured at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Annual Meeting and Health Fair, April 20, in Chicago. Left to right, Warren N. Barr, Sr., President, Board of Trustees, Illinois Masonic Medical Center, who presided; George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council 33^o A.A.S.R., N.M.J., Honorary Trustee, speaker of the evening; G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A. and member of the Citizens' Board of the Medical Center; Louis L. Williams, Deputy for the Supreme Council for Illinois, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., member of the Citizens' Board, who introduced the speaker; Paul C. Rodenhauer, the R.E. Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., editor, *Knight Templar Magazine*; and Hon. Otto Kerner, United States Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit and member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical Center.

Missing from the photograph is Alvin L. Crump, Department Commander and member of the Board of Trustees.

In Answer to Inquiries

Tabulating of the individual and Commandery contributions for the 1969 Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign is continuing at the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Rhinebeck, New York. When received, the results will be published in the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Almost a Century of Loyalty and Appreciation

in

Sir Knight Roland Knapp's

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG

The flag is a symbol. There are many flags and many symbols, and each to some may seem beautiful. This can never be a cause of contention when we accord to all flags, and all symbols, the same right of expression that we feel is due our own.

As we see our own flag unfurl we cannot be blamed for feeling a surge of admiration for what seems to us a beautiful combination of shape and color and design. We may even be moved to a feeling of reverence. Yet we know that it is not the physical flag nor the material of which it is made, nor is it even the symbol itself that is important, but, rather, it is the Principle for what the symbol stands.

We may take pride in the knowledge that when our flag was born it brought into the world a new concept of government: a government of the *People*, by the *People* and for the *People*. That concept could be based on no other principle than that of which our flag is the symbol; the *Principle of Freedom*.

May we prove our loyalty and appreciation by believing, loving and maintaining in our minds and hearts that founding principle of our great and precious symbol, — The Law of Human Freedom.

As we salute that flag, and pledge allegiance to it, may we never fail to remember that fundamental and universal principle of Freedom, of which our symbol is:

The Star-Spangled Banner

In a letter to the Editor containing his tribute, Sir Knight Roland Knapp, referring to fraternal and ceremonial flag tributes, wrote: "Each seems to be different with each member who gives it. I always seem to be finding fault because they are either too long, requiring prompting, or there is too much bragging, or there is nothing educational about their different versions. During a brief, and my first, trip to a hospital — (I am 94) — and to kill time one night, I got up this little 'Tribute to the Flag.' It may not be suitable for publishing, but I would appreciate your opinion, especially if you find something to criticize — and I really mean that! Thank you, and I stand adjourned."

Roland Knapp
500 Vicksburg Lane
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391
(Zion Commandery No. 2, Minn.)

ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES → → →

As a Salute to Flag Day, *The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* — set to music and published with special permission → → →

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

MARCH TIME
Intro.

Musical Setting by
IRVING CAESAR - ASCAP

VOICE

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E^b Ab Cm E^b Cm E^b B⁷ E^b Gm⁷5 C⁷ Fm Fm⁷5

I pledge al - le - giance, pledge al - le - giance, Pledge al - le - giance to the flag, To the

B⁷ Fm⁷ Gm B⁷ E^b E^bang5 Cm E^b7 Ab Fm B^b Dm⁷5 E^b Cm E^b7

flag of the U - nit - ed States of A - mer - i - ca, A - mer - i - ca, And

Ab B⁷ E^b Cm Fm Gm B⁷ E^b

to the Re - pub - lic for which it stands!—

The musical setting to the above was created at the suggestion of Congressman Louis C. Rabaut whose House Resolution 243 was signed into law on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. The words "under God" were inserted in the Pledge as a result of Congressman Rabaut's legislation.

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CHORUS

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Gm Eb Ab6 Abm6 Eb Gm7b5 C7 Fm Fm7b5

One Na-tion un-der God, One Na-tion un-der God, In-di-

Bb7 Ab6 Bb7 Gm Eb Bb7 Eb7 Ab Bb7 Bb9 Eb Bb7 Eb Bb Bb7

vis-i-ble with lib-er-ty and jus-tice for all, In-di-

Fm Abm6 Bb Gm Eb Bb7 Eb7 1. Ab Bb7 Eb Ab Eb Gm

vis-i-ble with lib-er-ty and jus-tice for all. One

2. Ab Bb7 Eb Ab Eb

jus-tice for all.

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TO AND FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENT

A newspaper reprint from a 1902 issue of the Wyoming Grand Encampment Herald (no relative of the Knight Templar Grand Encampment), and a 1970 letter from Robert Galbraith Bechtel, who became a Templar in 1910, tell an interesting story for Knight Templar Magazine readers.

It's "a glimpse into the past" from the town of Encampment, Wyoming, whose newspaper three score and some years ago was the Grand Encampment Herald. On the margin of the clipping Sir Knight Bechtel notes that "the ore played out at the Ferris Haggerty Mine about 1909 and a 21-million dollar 'bubble busted'." The letter introduces the story and the clipping tells us "how it was" in 1902. First, the letter:

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a clipping from the Saratoga Wyoming Sun. You see you have two Grand Encampments this year, one in Colorado and one in Wyoming. Population here is about three to four hundred.

Both Mr. Wirz (Otto Wirz, a Templar from Peoria, Illinois) and I enjoy the *Knight Templar* publication.

If we were in Australia, we would be in what is called the "outback." We are 90 miles west of Larramie and 65 miles south of Rawlins, the county seat of Carbon county.

I'll be 90 years old October 5th, a Templar since 1910. Altitude here is 7,400; 12 miles west of the Continental Divide, it's 10,000.

My wife, Lillian Beryl Bechtel, O.E.S., Horton, Kansas, and Beauceant, Lander, Wyoming, passed away November 29, 1966, and my life is a lonesome one.

We (Sir Knight Werz and I) do enjoy reading news from the "other" Grand Encampment. With kind regards and wishing you Peace Profound, I am sincerely and fraternally yours.

Robert Galbraith Bechtel
Encampment, Wyoming

Then follows the newspaper account under the heading, AERIAL TRAMWAY CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED, as it appeared February 28, 1902, in the *Grand Encampment Herald* of Encampment, Wyoming.

First Tower Erected in Grand Encampment for the Longest Continuous Tramway in the World

Few Interesting Facts About What the Tramway Means to the Town and Camp, the State, and the Copper Industry in General. Other Tramway News

The construction of the aerial tramway between the Boston-Wyoming smelter and the Ferris-Haggarty copper mine has been commenced. Two towers near the smelter have been completed, and a big force of men are shaping the timbers for the erection of several more towers within the next week.

Mr. Riblet's several assistant foremen arrived here the first of the week from British Columbia, bringing with them a number of workmen. In all, nearly one hundred carpenters who have previously been employed in aerial tramway construction will be here within a few days, and perhaps fifty local men will be employed. All the available local help will be given work. However, the number of resident carpenters not already employed is limited at present as the many new residences and

"Quarters for Eyes"

St. Lucie Commandery No. 17, Ft. Pierce, Florida, has a "Quarters for Eyes" container, appropriately labeled and decorated, which is on display at some of the dinners and other activities of the Commandery.

Contributions are turned over to the "Knights of the Round Table" to help purchase Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for Templars unable to afford the \$30.00 Sponsorships.

George Petrie says the Round Table organization now has 555 members (at \$10.00 each) and has purchased a total of 255 Life Sponsorships to date.

... ENCAMPMENT

business houses in construction give employment to many.

The hotel accommodations in Grand Encampment are not sufficient to accommodate another one hundred laborers, except with day board, as most of the rooming houses are already crowded full. For this reason the tramway carpenters will go into camps by themselves, as they have upon previous similar occasions.

Mr. Riblet has ordered five big tents which will soon be here, and the tents will be raised at once upon their arrival. One camp will be just at the edge of town, and another four miles out on the route. The camps will be moved from time to time when necessary. Each camp will have a cook and men will eat and sleep under canvas. Mr. Riblet states that this kind of life is preferred by himself and his carpenters, even in winter, so that the installation of the camps will be welcome news to all.

A store house 25x50 feet has been built near the Transportation C. barns where the shaping of timbers is now being done.

The work of building the tram has started in earnest, and its progress each week will be watched with interest.

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Nonagenarian Templar



Harold J. Knapp, Ballston Spa, New York, left, was on hand last September to present his fellow Sir Knight, J. Irving Wright, with a scroll and a miniature wooden shoe on the occasion of the latter's 90th birthday. Sir Knight Wright, former storekeeper and postmaster, will receive his 50 year Templar certificate this year. The scroll and miniature shoe represent long-time hobbies of Knapp.

Dentistry for Handicapped

The Humanitarian Foundation of the Grottoes of North America dedicated a new facility for Dentistry for the Handicapped at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Tuesday, May 26.

Presiding for the ceremonies at the Center's Community Health Building, Chicago, were D. L. Hartman, Grand Monarch of 190 Grottoes of North America, of Warren, Ohio; Clayton E. Herriott, Past Grand Monarch and chairman of the Grottoes Humanitarian Foundation, of Akron, Ohio; and Warren N. Barr, Sr., president, Board of Trustees, Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Paul Miller Moore Memorial Class

The Orders of Templary in a Special Conclave of St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, Dover, Delaware, were conferred on "The Paul Miller Moore Memorial Class" April 18 as a tribute to the late Past Grand Master during whose tenure St. Andrew's received its dispensation for a charter.

Correspondent Chester C. Coffin, in a history of St. Andrew's progress, notes that 34 of its 112 members hold Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship, that the Commandery gives active support to DeMolay and Job's Daughters, works for York Rite Unity, is noted for its ceremonial regalia ritualistic work.

He lists these membership distinctions: Four KYCH; three members H.R.A.K.T.P., one currently Preceptor of Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle "A"; three Knights Red Cross of Constantine; three Past Grand High Priests, one presently Grand High King; four Past Grand Masters, Grand Council, one now Deputy Grand Master; two Past Jr. Grand Wardens, Grand Lodge, one currently Grand Jr. Deacon — and one, Sir Knight John J. McClearnen, is now M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.

"We are Number Two," says Sir Knight Coffin, "so to justify the faith of our Most Eminent Past Grand Master Paul Miller Moore, we still try harder."

Sir Knight George W. Hervey, Falls Church, Va., sends this mid-Victorian view of a Craft member.

VOLUMNIA'S DELIGHT

"Volumnia is charmed to hear that her Delight is come. He is so original, such a stolid creature, such an immense being for knowing all sorts of things and never telling them! Volumnia is persuaded that he must be a Freemason. Is sure he is at the head of a lodge, wears short aprons, and is made a perfect idol of, with candlesticks and trowels."

— Charles Dickens in the Story of "Inspector Bucket" in BLEAK HOUSE.

Words, Women and Song

A ladies night dinner, musical entertainment, special presentations and a message by G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment, were the features for a May 12 gathering of 225 ladies, guests and Companions sponsored by Wilmette Chapter No. 253, Wilmette, Illinois, at Wilmette Masonic Temple.



William Permer, High Priest, presided. Charles F. Davis, P.G.M., Grand Council of Illinois, introduced the R.A.M. dignitaries, paid tribute to the ladies and presented the speaker, Sir Knight Bell, who touched upon the history of Masonry and the Royal Arch and concluded with observations on the disruption and turmoil of the present age.

One of the post-address features was the presentation by Grand Principal Sojourner Lloyd D. Miller, who headed the general committee for the event, of an oil portrait of Sir Knight Bell by Companion Miller's daughter.

Officially representing the Grand Encampment was Alvin L. Crump, Department Commander, North Central Department.

Dr. Willham Honored

May was a month of honors for Sir Knight Oliver S. Willham, P.G.C., Oklahoma, Past Department Commander, present Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation, a Trustee of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, and an Intendant General of the Order.



The highest honorary award conferred by Oklahoma State University — the Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award — was designated in May for Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia; Dr. George F. Gant, veteran of foreign service; and former OSU President, Dr. Oliver S. Willham.

The award, established last year and presented to the three Apollo 8 astronauts, recognizes world personalities of outstanding citizenship and leadership. The three recipients for 1970 were selected "as individuals who have demonstrated with their hearts, minds and souls those qualities of character which exemplify the life of the man in whose name the award is made" — Henry G. Bennett, President of Oklahoma State University from 1928 to 1951, and who was followed in office by Sir Knight Willham.

May also was the month for the dedication of the university's two newest residence halls, 12 and 14 story dormitories, named for President Emeritus Oliver S. Willham. Willham

St. Elmo Has Unique Distinction

St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, has the distinction of four of its Sir Knights serving as officers of a Grand Lodge of Masons in another jurisdiction.

One is M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; another is Grand Senior Deacon, and two were appointed Grand Marshal and Associate Grand Chaplain.



L to r, Guy J. Myers, P.C., Grand Marshal; Stewart W. Miner, Grand Senior Deacon; William T. Watkins, Grand Master; Leighton E. Harrell, P.C., Associate Grand Chaplain.

North hall and Willham South hall were formally dedicated May 9 at Stillwater.

May 24 was announced as the presentation date for the Bennett citations and bronze medals. Dr. Bennett, namesake of the award, "made outstanding contributions to the university, to higher education and to the benefits of mankind as the first director of America's Point Four program of providing technical assistance to nations around the world." He and Mrs. Bennett were killed in an air crash near Tehran, Iran, while on Point Four assignment in December 1951.

The Knight Line



Earl C. Frost, Sarasota, Florida, first encountered Knights Templar when he saw them in Chicago during the 1910 Triennial Conclave. He was 18 years old. They impressed him so strongly toward Masonry that he petitioned Eureka Lodge No. 113, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, as soon as he was 21. From there it has been a steady procession of Symbolic and York Rite participation and presiding for Sir Knight Frost. Now a Floridian, he reminds everyone that Sarasota and Venice have been the home of the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus for a decade. Apparently referring to the Ringling Brothers, he says they were all (seven of them) Master Masons and Knights Templar – in Baraboo Lodge No. 34 and Reedsburg Commandery, Wisconsin.

"Do the duty which lieth nearest to thee! Thy second duty will already have become clearer."

Carl H. Scheele, Chairman, Department of Applied Arts, Smithsonian Institution, has written a letter of recognition and commendation to Sir Knight Milford Shields, Colorado's Poet Laureate, in connection with Shields' poems of International Goodwill, "He Walks with God," and his proposal for a world school flag or emblem. "They constitute an important contribution to our library materials," wrote Chairman Sheele from Washington, D.C.

Among the Knights Templar arranging group transportation and tours in connection with the Triennial Conclave at Denver in August are Templars of Indiana. Tour starts August 12, includes stays at Glacier Park, Seattle, Victoria, B.C., San Francisco, and reaches Denver August 20.

Grand Commander Donald E. Freer, Kentucky, has issued a General Order to

the Commanders and Recorders of Kentucky Commanderies thru the office of Grand Recorder McGaughey detailing plans for "Reinstatement prospects" for former members. The Grand Commander plans special recognition for the Commandery having the largest number of reinstatements recorded and to the Commandery having the largest percentage gain by reinstatements.

"No power in the world can keep a first-class man down, nor a fourth-class man up."

C. R. Williams, a Sir Knight of DeKalb Commandery No. 38, Georgia, spoke on Masonry and the York Rite at a recent meeting of Georgia Masons. A number of quite quotable excerpts: "I shall never forget what two Masonic brothers told me about the Commandery . . . before I was a member. 'In the Commandery you separate the men from the boys . . . ' and 'The Commandery is the Cream of the Crop.' A few months after I was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., our Lodge had a York Rite night . . . The York Rite men sold me on themselves. I found them to be men who went into nothing that they did not put their whole heart and soul into . . . These men showed me what York Rite meant to them and when I saw what it meant to them I wanted to continue my Masonic Journey . . . The Order of Christian Knighthood is indeed a climactic ending for the Masonic Journey the York Rite Way."

"Life is easier than you think. All you have to do is accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, and bear the intolerable."

C. Kritt
Reporter

Templar questions/answers

Question: Could the proper formal titles of the Grand Officers of Grand Encampment be reprinted in the *Knight Templar* before the coming Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment? I am sure many of us need our memories refreshed.

A common error on page 16 of the April issue made me realize I did not know these titles. Under the right-hand photo on page 16, our good Kenneth Whitnack is listed as "Past Illustrious." In California the title "Illustrious" is retained for life after one becomes a Past Master of his Council, which I suspect you already know.

Please take this as acknowledgment of my personal lack of knowledge — not a criticism of your excellent magazine.

E. D. Cooke
Los Angeles

Answer: (Quoting from Section 31 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment).

The honorary title of the Grand Master is "Most Eminent," and the official title is "Grand Master." The honorary title of each of the other officers in "Right Eminent."

The honorary title shall be used in addressing or referring to an officer, and when so used shall immediately precede the official title, e.g.: "Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer," etc. The *official title only* shall be used by an officer when necessary to designate his rank or official station.

The officers of the Grand Encampment are (in precedence of rank):

The Grand Master
(John L. Crofts, Sr.)
The Deputy Grand Master
(G. Wilbur Bell)

The Grand Generalissimo
(Roy W. Riegle)
The Grand Captain General
(Willard M. Avery)
The Past Grand Masters
according to seniority of rank
(John Temple Rice)
(Walter A. DeLamater)
The Past Deputy Grand Masters
(none)
The Past Grand Generalissimos
(C. Byron Lear)
The Past Grand Captains General
(none)
The Grand Treasurer
(Edmund F. Ball)
The Grand Recorder
(Paul C. Rodenhauer)
The Grand Prelate
(Dr. Curtis W. V. Junker)

The Department Commanders take precedence among themselves in ceremonies and formations as the Grand Master may direct, but are listed here alphabetically (Carl J. Baesemann, Frank L. Bourke, Alvin L. Crump, Harold S. Gorman, C. Wallace Jackson, William R. Robbins, Abner C. Sager.)

Next-Triennial Conclave officers appointed by the Grand Master: Grand Sr. Warden, Grand Jr. Warden, Grand Std. Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warden, Grand Capt. of the Guard.

In Grand Encampment, the "past" designation at the present time applies only as noted above — to and including Grand Captain General, (also — Department Commanders). In any office, the officer does not identify himself with his honorary title (Right Eminent, or Eminent, etc.), but only by his official title — as Grand Sword Bearer, Commander, or any other position.

LIFE SPONSOR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

As of . . . April 30, 1970 . . .

"In the Darkness They Found Light"

Alabama	844	New York	1365
Alaska	32	North Carolina.....	444
Arizona.....	222	North Dakota	76
Arkansas.....	318	Ohio	2009
California.....	1416	Oklahoma.....	280
Colorado.....	329	Oregon.....	277
Connecticut.....	466	Pennsylvania.....	1451
Delaware.....	83	Rhode Island	292
District of Columbia.....	372	South Carolina.....	191
Florida.....	883	South Dakota	197
Georgia.....	865	Tennessee	931
Hawaii	52	Texas.....	4264
Idaho.....	118	Utah	135
Illinois	788	Vermont.....	137
Indiana	725	Virginia.....	1087
Iowa	322	Washington.....	226
Kansas	389	West Virginia	312
Kentucky.....	631	Wisconsin.....	805
Louisiana	367	Wyoming	143
Maine.....	193	Canal Zone	64
Maryland	728	Germany.....	29
Massachusetts	1783	Guam.....	23
Michigan.....	1590	Japan.....	112
Minnesota.....	122	Mexico.....	5
Mississippi.....	349	Okinawa	55
Missouri.....	497	Philippines.....	3
Montana	204	Saudi Arabia.....	185
Nebraska.....	216	Scotland	2
Nevada.....	135	Canada.....	8
New Hampshire	113		
New Jersey	373		TOTAL
New Mexico.....	177		30,810

APPLICATIONS FOR SURGERY AND HOSPITALIZATION RECEIVED

As of . . . April 30, 1970 . . .

"In the Darkness They Found Light"

Alabama	1735	Oregon	318
Alaska	3	Pennsylvania	142
Arizona	135	Rhode Island	21
Arkansas	152	South Carolina	123
California	1227	South Dakota	24
Colorado	56	Tennessee	580
Connecticut	24	Texas	2547
Delaware	2	Utah	51
District of Columbia	33	Vermont	102
Florida	849	Virginia	604
Georgia	648	Washington	45
Hawaii	14	West Virginia	224
Idaho	97	Wisconsin	113
Illinois	578	Wyoming	233
Indiana	98	Mexico	4
Iowa	60	Philippines	0
Kansas	67	Tokyo	2
Kentucky	752	Jamaica	1
Louisiana	157	Canada	1
Maine	50		
Maryland	95		
Massachusetts	117		TOTAL
Michigan	288		14,260
Minnesota	59		
Mississippi	405		
Missouri	114		
Montana	134		
Nebraska	25		
Nevada	65		
New Hampshire	16		
New Jersey	65		
New Mexico	42		
New York	322		
North Carolina	67		
North Dakota	11		
Ohio	440		
Oklahoma	123		

Mass. and R.I., as two states forming one Grand Commandery, have a combined total of 2,075 Life Sponsorships and a combined total of 138 Applications for Surgery and Hospitalization.

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Portsmouth, Ohio

□ While reading the May edition of the *Knight Templar* I came upon the article about American flag stamps written by E. F. Diers, P.C. of Sheridan, Wyoming.

It amazes me how we brothers can agree on so many things, yet our minds do not harmonize on others.

During such a trying period in our national life, it would appear to me that patriotism should arise from it's long slumber and each and every member of our fraternity should become active in promoting patriotism that would be both seen and heard.

I fail to see the intent of desecration in the mail that comes to my desk daily bearing the United States flag stamp, it thrills me to receive it, it is disposed of with respect.

While our minds do not harmonize on this subject, this E. F. understands that the other E.F. is a good patriotic brother and he is entitled to his opinion.

E. F. HURT P.C.
Calvary Commandery No. 13

Bucksport, Maine

□ I receive the *Knight Templar* and enjoy it very much, being Secretary of Chapter. We have a companion that was exalted February 4, 1904. He was made a life member February 3, 1954 (Hancock Chapter R.A.M. No. 19.) His last known address was in the Ohio area. His mail has been returned since 1965. I was hoping that some Knight or Companion could give me some information on Comp. Edward A. Cooper. If he is living he would be over 90 years of age.

JOHN G. TRACY Secretary
Hancock Chapter No. 19 R.A.M.
Bucksport, Maine 04416

San Antonio, Texas

□ It is with deep humility and heart felt gratitude that I accept the Knights Templar Cross of Honor award.

The presentation at our Awards Banquet, April 11, 1970 was the greatest surprise and proudest moment of my life.

While I feel that there were many Sir Knights more worthy and deserving of this award, I'm none the less very thankful and deeply grateful to each and every one who had anything to do with initiating the action which consummated in this award.

HERBERT E. WEISER

Port Norris, N.J.

□ Ever since I received the first issue of our magazine *Knight Templar*, I have intended writing to express my pleasure with every issue.

It makes one feel closer to his fellowman to have the *Knight Templar Magazine* reviewing the work of the various Temples, and you surely are doing a good job.

I am proud to say that I received my 50 year pin from Neptune Lodge No. 75 of Mauricetown a few years ago, and in 1969 received my 50 year Certificates from Richmond Chapter No. 22 and Olivet Commandery No. 10 of Millville, N.J.

The best of luck to your endeavors.

WILLIS D. ROBBINS, JR.

Liverpool, New York

□ Just read your latest little magazine, the *Knight Templar*; it is the greatest, keep them coming.

WARD B. SMITH

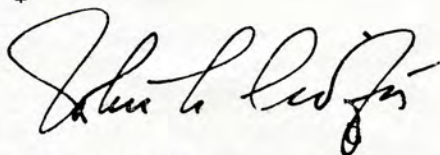
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Condition of the Order by the Master

will of the majority at all levels. Only local bodies can select their members, and local expression of Templary within general rules permits — even demands — much initiative. Those things in which there should be uniformity within a state are decided by actions taken at that level by elected representatives, and it seems most fortunate to me that we have a national body where firm decisions can be made for the government and welfare of all, again by vote of elected representatives. Services best furnished by national, state and local offices can be defined and implemented, and the balance of both services and authority are subject to continuous review and change.

Relevant purpose. In Templary we combine as did our medieval brothers the moral instructions of Freemasonry and the Christian ethic. Thus, our Masonic experience is further enriched by religious principles in the form we understand best and to which we must have given our allegiance. Under these auspices the richest sort of fraternal association is possible. In this climate a more activist approach to Masonic brotherhood is natural. Finally, and fortunately, our Christian character demands that we extend our influence in the most constructive ways into the context of our communities — local, state and national. There is unlimited variety of opportunity of expression, and our society needs us.

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Part Two of the Grand Master's Report on the Condition of the Order will be featured in the July issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.



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The Colorado-Iowa Triennial Conclave Committee at Denver is prepared to accept advance registrations for the 51st Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, U.S.A., and to set aside a souvenir Triennial Conclave badge in the name of each registrant.

Official Conclave activities begin Saturday morning, August 22. Business sessions will be conducted daily from Monday morning, August 24, thru Thursday noon, August 27. The Committee has arranged a full schedule of special events for the ladies and families of Sir Knights in attendance, ranging from an "Extravaganza" of entertainment Saturday evening to the Grand Master's formal Banquet Wednesday evening.

For general information, write: Conclave Committee, 3155 South Broadway, Englewood, Colorado 80110. For housing, write the Housing Chairman: James F. McCann, 223 Colorado Building, 1615 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.