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The Condition of the Order

Part Three

The Road to Accomplishment

The accomplishments of Templary in the present triennium are real and substantial, although still in the period of growth and development. We are a stronger fraternity than we were three years ago. This is my positive and considered statement of the condition of Templary, made with the knowledge of and appreciation of the seriousness of continuing membership losses. We are on the road to accomplishment of my purpose in serving you through these years – the release of a substantially greater percentage of the great potential of Templary for constructive social effect.

Some may not share my optimistic appraisal of the condition of Templary. This is natural, for many by their experiences are more likely to see our weaknesses than our strengths, our losses rather than our gains, and few – perhaps only the Grand Recorder and the Deputy Grand Master – have had the same opportunity as I in the past three years to observe Templary in all possible situations.

Our gains have in fact become more definite and more rapid in the past three years, while following the direction adopted at the very beginning of Grand Master Moore's term in September, 1961, and described in the brochure titled "The Set of the Sails." The decision made then was basically that Grand Encampment (and Grand Commanderies) should not only control and govern the Templar units, but should also accept a responsibility for the promotion of their greater activity. The more rapid gains toward this objective in the past three years are chiefly due to two factors; (1) the increase in per capita and budgeted funds which made possible the growth of our national office and publication on an

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The Cover:

The Cover illustration marks a fateful event from Templar history. The "True Cross," as earlier "discovered" by Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, had been carried victoriously in engagements with the Saracens and in other battles of the past. But the famous Saladin, in the summer of 1187 on the plains of Hattin, overwhelmed a conglomerate group of Crusader armies headed by the Templars, slaughtered most of the 50,000 diverse fighting men and seized the Cross – in spite of the "almost superhuman efforts" of the Knights Templar. Lack of cohesiveness and unity – stemming from jealousies, divided allegiances, failure to obey orders and irresolute leadership – is accounted to have been responsible.

Reference: Addison's *The Knights Templar History*, published in 1842.

From the MAIL BIN

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Please send to my address above the Grand Encampment Committees Guideline Pamphlets on PUBLIC RELATIONS, RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES and MEMBERSHIP as per offer, page 7, June 1970 issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine.*

Having received this fine magazine for the past five years I find it very interesting, informative and altogether instructive and look forward to its arrival each month. Keep up the good work.

DIEMER E. WASSON, Secretary
The Line Officers and
Past Commanders Association
Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

Escanaba, Michigan

¤ It is with heart felt honor and appreciation that I accept the Knights Templar Cross of Honor award.

The presentation was made at the 114th State Conclave held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 4, 5, and 6. Needless to say, I was stunned with surprise and the proudness I felt was unexplainable.

I am very grateful and thankful to all Sir Knights and to those who participated in the action and selection of this award.

HENRY G. OLSON, P.C.
Escanaba Commandery No. 47

East Brunswick, New Jersey

¤ May I take the liberty to reply to the comments of Brother Horace G. D'Arcus, K.Y.C.H. (Mail Bin, June 1970 issue)?

Much has been said – pro and con – about the Knights Templar uniform. Brother D'Arcus complains that the present uniform is a Navy Uniform of the 1863-1870 period. That may well be true. However, the newer uniform – short coat and billed cap – is no more nor less than the present day Navy Officer's Service Dress uniform. I know where of I speak as I have been wearing one (Navy Officer's Service Dress uniform) off and on for about twenty eight years as a Naval Reserve Officer. Believe me, I am proud of that uniform as a Naval Officer, but I fail to see it as a uniform for the Knights Templar.

I do not want to become embroiled in the total argument over our uniform, but please, something truly appropriate to the organization.

RICHARD E. BORUP

Colton, California

¤ In my opinion – and so far as this Knight is aware – Templary has done nothing more significant and needful than the publication and general distribution of this most excellent magazine.

My best wishes to all, but most especially to those forward-looking Knights responsible for the general distribution.

RALPH J. WALTERS
Mount Shasta Commandery No. 32

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

¤ I became a Knight Templar away back about 1913. I do enjoy your Masonic News very much and I thank you.

A. L. FULLER

Portland, Oregon

¤ It is with genuine regret that I cannot look forward to meeting you and the other officers of the dais. I am in my 97th year and under my physician's care, hence not able to make the trip to Denver.

My regrets to our Grand Master.

WILLIAM H. TWEEDLE
P.G.C. South Dakota, 1929

Wyalusing, Pennsylvania

¤ Have a collection of Knight Templar Triennial Badges, some duplicates. Would be glad to hear from any Sir Knight having duplicate badges, wishing to trade. Also have some special Chapter and Council badges dating back for some years.

LEONARD R. HEVERLY
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Falmouth, Massachusetts

¤ I have been receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine*, which I have enjoyed very much and, to be very frank, I have never given a thought about the finances. After reading the June issue, the Mail Bin started to make me think – why haven't I sent a little to help and why haven't all of our wonderful Knights? Please accept my small donation and more will come.

CLARENCE F. CHASE
Sutton Commandery No. 16

Los Angeles, California

¤ Receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine* has been an inspiration and I look forward each month to its coming.

I have been a member of Denver Commandery No. 25 since 1912. My father was construction engineer on the Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Road from Manitou Springs to the top of Pikes Peak. Work began in the spring of 1890 and each year our family would be living at some place along the road.

In 1892 when the Triennial Conclave was held in Denver we lived at the Saddle House, 1 3/4 miles from the top of the peak. The tram would stop a half mile from our home to take water and I sold wild flowers to the tourists on the tram.

Those Templars would take me on their shoulders when I entered and pay $5.00 for the flowers. I was twelve years of age and they made such an impression on me that I decided then and there when I reached the age of 21 that I would be a Mason if it were possible to do so.

In 1902 I became a Master Mason and when the Conclave was held in Denver again in 1913 I was a member of the Drill Team for Denver Commandery No. 25 and our George W. Vallery was elevated to an officer in the Grand Encampment. He was General Manager of the Colorado Midland Railroad when I became a locomotive foreman at the turn of the century.

Masonry was then my first love and I have never lost interest in this noble work.

No doubt you have use for this $20.00 check for the magazine. It's a real pleasure to send it.

JOHN M. TAGGART

Editor's Note: Again, we thank Sir Knight Taggart and others who, unsolicited and of their own volition, have forwarded contributions to the Knight Templar Magazine. *For clarification, we point out that the publication does receive per capita support for its every-member distribution.*

Committee Meetings at Denver

A number of the standing committees of the Grand Encampment will have pre-session meetings at Denver to consider proposals and recommendations on Triennial Business. Announced in the Notice of Conclave are the following:

Committee on Templar Jurisprudence – Friday, August 21, at 4:00 P.M., and Saturday, August 22, at 10:00 A.M. Chairman – Herbert D. Sledd

The Committee on Finance – Friday, August 21, and Saturday, August 22, at 9:30 A.M. Chairman – Arch M. Dullnig

The Committee on the Educational Foundation – Saturday, August 22, at 2:30 P.M. Chairman – Oliver S. Willham

The Committee on Drill Regulations – Friday, August 21, at 8:00 P.M. Chairman – John H. Loree

The Special Committee on Dispensations and Charters – Saturday, August 22, at 2:00 P.M. Chairman – Robert S. Schoedinger

All meetings will be held in committee rooms at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver.

Also announced in the Notice of Conclave is the official Triennial and Annual Meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., in the Brown Palace Hotel, August 21-27. The Board of Trustees will assemble at 9:00 A.M., Friday, August 21, with President John L. Crofts, Sr., presiding.

Grand Commandery Editors for the two-page jurisdictional inserts in the *Knight Templar Magazine* will have an informal meeting with the magazine Editor and assistant Saturday, August 22, at 3:30 P.M. in a committee room at the Brown Palace Hotel.

A Mendocino First

Almost 105 years after Mendocino Lodge No. 179, Mendocino, California, was chartered, the first Order of the Temple was conferred in the historic Masonic Temple in Mendocino.

The Lodge was chartered October 23, 1865. The first conferral of the Order of the Temple took place early in 1970 when Eminent Commander William A. Hancock, Ukiah Commandery No. 33, Ukiah, California, Knighted Harry Shumway and Reginald (Rex) D. Gomes.

These were the first two knightings by Eminent Commander Hancock and the first in Mendocino Temple or anywhere in Mendocino. Sir Knight Hancock is also the first Commander of Ukiah Commandery to come from the Mendocino Coast. One of the new Sir Knights, Sir Knight Gomes, was born and raised in Mendocino and presently is in business there.

Mendocino participants included, left to right: William A. Hancock, E.C.; Sir Knights Shumway and Gomes, and Inspector, Div. B., Dept. 2, Grand Commandery of California, Sir Knight Ralph E. Oliver.

The Two-and-a-Half Century Question . . .

THE MASONIC FRATERNITY— RELIGION OR RELIGIOUS?

by Louis L. Williams

Sir Knight Louis L. Williams, P.C., Bloomington, Illinois, is a Scottish Rite 33° Mason, Deputy for Illinois, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, whose views are widely sought on Masonic subjects. In this article especially prepared for the Knight Templar Magazine *he examines the age-old and ever-constant subject of Freemasonry and Religion.*

Perhaps from the outset of organized Freemasonry in 1717, the argument has persisted as to whether Freemasonry is a religion or just religious. Our detractors and enemies throughout the 250 years have pointed a finger of scorn and sometimes hatred at the Fraternity denouncing it as an attempted religion. Even some of our modern day churches take the same position.

Within the Craft there may be some difference of opinion. Some members may consider Freemasonry a religion and some have been heard to say "Masonry is enough religion for me." The vast majority of opinion within the Fraternity is that Freemasonry is not a religion, having no creed or denominational character and not preaching individual salvation, which is the ultimate goal of the church. However, no one, particularly no Mason, would deny that Freemasonry is religious as it cannot help but be when founded upon a firm belief in God.

Ill. Delmar D. Darrah, 33 °, Grand Master of Illinois in 1911-1912, and who at his death in 1945 was Grand Lieutenant Commander of the Northern Supreme Council, published a book about 1912 entitled "The A B C of Freemasonry." It was labled a book for beginners and is still distributed by the thousands to newly initiated Masons across the United States. In "The A B C of Freemasonry," Ill. Brother Darrah used for the E of the alphabet the following monographs:

> **"Essence of True Religion: You will probably hear some mason remark that masonry is good enough religion for him. Then again, you will hear the brother who made the remark roundly censured by some zealous churchman who will deny that Freemasonry is in any sense a religion. There are two classes of masons who deny that masonry is a religion: — those overly devout churchmen who want the churches to have a monopoly on all the morality in the world and to compel those who desire to be good to do it under the restrictions which they provide; and those masons who refuse to acknowledge it a religion because to do so might make it necessary to change some of their practices in order to be consistent members of the society.**
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> **If it be said that Freemasonry is not a church, not a creed, not a dogma, not a sectarian institution no one will deny the correctness of the assertion, for it offers no plan of salvation and points out no particular route to heaven. But, if a belief in God, the practice of prayer, the acceptance of the Bible as the rule and guide of conduct, and an all-abiding faith in the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man are not religious elements and which, blended as they are**

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in Freemasonry, do not constitute a religion, then many other so-called religious societies should renounce their claims to distinction in that particular. Mackey, the greatest authority on Freemasonry, says 'Masonry in every sense of the word is indebted solely to the religious element which it contains for its origin and for its continued existence, and without this religious element it would hardly be worthy of the cultivation of the wise and good.' Masonry demands from its subjects the same upright moral conduct as does the church. It in no way, however, interferes with the work of the church and is ever ready to lend that great spiritual institution its assistance. It encourages church affiliation and pledges loyal support in all moral uplift."

This would seem to set forth the situation rather clearly. Each one will have his own interpretation, but in the long run Masonry evidences itself religiously through the actions of its members. That, after all, is the final test of character-building and of religion.

The character of Templary is still more difficult to define. It imposes no creed or dogma, but it does involve a pledge to enlist under the banner of Jesus Christ.

When the then newly organized institution of Speculative Freemasonry published the Constitutions of 1723, principally prepared by Dr. James Anderson, the Scotch Presbyterian minister, Masonry abandoned its previous Christian nature for a position of Universality. All monotheists, of any creed – Jew, Christian, Buddhist, Mohammedan – were eligible to membership. It was completely inevitable, thereafter, that some group of Masons, once the "higher" degrees of the appendant orders came into vogue, should again create a group which should require a Christian belief as a prerequisite for membership. This need, if we may call it so, was fulfilled by the Order of the Temple, whose definitive organization, and especially whose ritual, as we now know it, was many years in evolving.

Masonry's basic belief, "the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God," is at once the simplest yet most sublime creed ever conceived by the heart and mind and soul of man. With it no man of good will can ever take offense or find any fault in it. It has prevented division and argument between Masons, and may be truly said to make our Masonic fraternity unique among all human institutions. To this basic belief of Freemasonry add a belief in the divine mission of Jesus, and Knight Templary binds a Christian Mason to the Highest idealism, and inspires him to fulfill those ideals in the joint love and service of all mankind. Thus may religion and Masonry walk hand in hand down through the centuries, until the coming of that glorious day when "nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:3)

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Midwest Shrine Football Game in Milwaukee

Karl A. Crane, P.G.C., Wisconsin *Knight Templar Magazine* correspondent, notes that the Wisconsin Shrine Football Game in Milwaukee, August 15, calls for all Knights Templar of Wisconsin, and any visiting Knights, to report at Tripoli Temple, 300 West Wisconsin Avenue before 4:00 P.M., August 15, to enjoy a pre-game meal, change into uniforms and be bussed to the stadium to form a Passion Cross before the start of the game at 8:00 P.M.

Sir Knight Crane, speaking for Grand Commander George Hughey, says, "Your uniform is your ticket. Everybody come and help."

An "Ode" Mystery – –
A Collation of Research

"LINES TO A SKELETON"

by Jan A. Hapgood

Since the printing of the poem "To A Skeleton" in the October issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, *numerous responses and inquiries have been received by your Editor. Because of the nature and number all could not be printed in the magazine. To incorporate the material so freely submitted and to eliminate the possibility of duplication, it was deemed helpful to provide space for a balanced presentation.*

The present study is by Jan A. Hapgood, administrative assistant, who will endeavor to provide a general overview and background surrounding this particular poem, considering its Templar significance and its abbreviated use in the Ritual, using both Masonic history and the materials forwarded by interested readers. Hopefully, the following presentation will provide a limited insight from a historical as well as personal standpoint and possibly provoke additional avenues of investigation while satisfying the reader's curiosity.

The *Progress Magazine* of July, 1851, seems to be the first publicized account of the poem "To A Skeleton" in this country. There are numerous grammatical differences between this version and the one printed in October – punctuation, capitalization and the use of the apostrophe instead of the letter "e" in the last syllable of a word. A brief historical sketch was advanced at that time in conjunction with the printing.

The authorship of the poem has never been ascertained. It is all as much a mystery as *The Man in the Iron Mask,* or the authorship of the *Junius Letters.* One account attributes the authorship to an unknown ghost who haunted an old library in London!

The story of the finding of this poem is an interesting one. It was written by an unknown hand in the library of the museum of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of London. An attendant of the museum was passing through the library during a holiday and observed two sheets of paper lying on the table. A pen, ink and skull were the only other objects. He picked up the sheets and noticed that they were still damp. He blotted them carefully and turned them over to the librarian, who at once demanded to know who had been admitted on a day when no visitors were allowed. The rebuked attendant hurried away in search of the offender. Only a professor and two janitors were to be found in the building. He hurried back to his superior and recommended that the verses be burned as they were evidently written by a supernatural hand. This was seriously considered by the librarian, but after thinking it over he decided to show them to the Dean of the College upon his arrival next morning.

The poem lay upon the Dean's desk

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for some days and was read and copied by a great many professors and visitors. One of the visitors, it is said, sent it to the *London Morning Chronicle,* and it was printed in that journal. The poem made a remarkable impression on the mind of the public, and a demand arose for the name of the author. It was thought for a time that a professor of the College had written the verses, but they disclaimed all credit.

For ten years following this incident the question of authorship was frequently revived, and finally a reward of fifty pounds sterling was offered for any one who could furnish such information. No one has ever been able to claim the reward.

Although it was claimed that the first printed copy of the poem was in the *London Morning Chronicle* and unsigned, it was found in the *European Magazine* for November, 1716, signed with the initial "V." That was the signature used by an English authoress, Miss Anne Jane Vardill, afterwards Mrs. James Niven of Glenarm. This young lady wrote many poems for the *European Magazine,* printed over the same initial, but she denied an authorship of "Lines to a Skeleton."

Many writers when they wish to conceal their identity use the initial "V" or "X," and not infrequently, "X.Y.Z."

So time went on and a hundred and more years have passed – and the authorship of the poem still remains as deep a mystery as ever. It is not probable that it will ever be solved.

Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry by Robert I. Clegg printed in 1929 credits Theodore S. Parvin, first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa and later Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., as being the first individual to utilize the poem in a Ritual form. "About 1860 Brother T. S. Parvin of Iowa received a copy of a poem entitled 'Lines to a Skeleton' as printed in a newspaper published at Glasgow, Scotland. He was struck with its beauty and used it in his Knight Templar work, he at the time being Eminent Commander of the Local Commandery."

In the *Square and Compass* of Denver, Colorado, November, 1914 issue, the Ode was published in ten stanzas of four lines each, under the title "Lines to a Skeleton." The following explanation was advanced as to its origin:

"This ode was first published anonymously in the *London Morning Chronic'* (sic) in 1827. A reward of fifty guineas was offered for the author's name, but it remained a secret for nearly sixty years, when it was learned that it was written by Robert Philip of Gormyre, Scotland. Philip wrote the verses while watching for a 'body snatcher' in the parish churchyard of Torphichen where, during the repairing of the church, the unearthing of a skeleton suggested the subject. The verses were shown to Dr. John Alford, who procured a copy, and either by accident or intention, dropped a copy in the Royal College of Surgeons, where they found it and published it."

The same *Square and Compass* of Denver, Colorado, reprinted the poem again in July, 1923, giving specific credit to Robert Philip of Gormyre Cottage, Scotland. C. C. Hunt, Grand Secretary of Iowa, researched this particular version for Robert I. Clegg's publication and found the following: "In 1816, the manuscript was found in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons at London near a perfect skeleton. The attendant who found it handed it to the curator of the museum and he in turn sent it to the *London Morning Chronicle* for publication. The first authentic record that we have of the poem is its appearance in the

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London Chronicle in 1816. It excited so much attention that a reward of fifty guineas was offered for information that would lead to the discovery of its author. This was without avail, however, as the author preserved his incognito and to this day no one knows who he was. Thus you will note the similarity in the fact that the author of the poem as well as the former occupant of the skeleton about whom it was written remain unknown."

The poem also has appeared in the *Missouri Freemason*, October, 1904 and the *New Age Magazine* in April, 1917, but in both cases no specific author or first place of publication was given. A reprint of the material appearing in the *Progress Magazine* of 1851 appeared in the *Minneapolis Journal* under the date of June 12, 1929 but failed to add any new dimension.

Numerous volumes of poetry have included this poem under varying titles which appear to have come under someone's editorial prerogative – "To a Skeleton," "Ode to the Skull" and "Lines to A Skeleton." The number of verses varies widely in the numerous "editions" of the poem. The length of the poem runs from three verses to eight verses. The additional verses being:

(inserted between the third and fourth verses of the poem as printed in October;)

Perhaps upon this fleshless cheek,
His mother, poor and kind and meek,
Hath pressed her kisses warm and sweet
And while she did the Lord entreat
That from the turmoil and the strife
And all the ills of fateful life
He would, her precious boy defend
And on him, life's choicest blessings send.

(the last two verses are;)

What of the heart that once did beat
Within this casket so complete?
Was it of firm and tender hue
Supremely kind, yet firm and true?
Ready to prompt the cheerful hand
To scatter blessings o'er the land
If so, it rests in yonder skies
Until this body shall arise;
When reunited, both shall dwell
In bliss no mortal tongue can tell.

He once like us possessed a name.
Perchance was not unknown to fame.
And swayed with eloquence, the throng
Or soothed the aching heart with song.
We stand on Life's Golden Shore
And view this wreck of days of yore.
We bow the head, the rod we kiss.
We too, in time shall be like this.

Harold V. B. Voorhis, renowned Masonic historian with a score of books to his credit, did an extensive amount of research with relation to an oft cited volume printed by the Garden City Publishing Company of New York, entitled *The Best Loved Poems of the American People*, selected by Hazel Felleman. The poem appearing in this book is attributed to Anne Jane Vardhill. While Historian for the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, Mr. Voorhis presented a paper on his findings in 1965. The following is an excerpt of the reply he received from Miss Felleman to his inquiry concerning the authorship of the poem:

"Shortly after my anthology came out the publishers started a publicity stunt to find the authors of all of the anonymous poems in the book by offering an award, ten dollars to anyone who could identify, with proof, the poems in that group. A number of them were located and the names of the authors were printed in the second printing of *Best Loved Poems of the American People*. I think that "To a Skeleton" was one of these.

"As I did not handle any part of the work referred to the money awards, I am not able to tell you more than I have about the matter you write, except to say you can be quite satisfied that the name of Anne Jane Vardhill would not appear as the author of the poem were it not correct. We shall have to take the

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publisher's decision on it."

As the reader realizes, the above answer from Miss Felleman told Voorhis absolutely nothing. Being persistent he wrote to the Garden City Publishing Company who also added to the mystery. According to them, the records pertaining to the book in question and the contest that Miss Felleman spoke of in her reply were in an inaccessible place. When reached, they would reply. Several months having passed, he again querried the publishing house. They forwarded his letter to Miss Felleman, then "Queries and Answers" Editor of *The New York Times Book Review.* She replied as follows:

"In reply to your inquiry about the poem on page 624 of my anthology, I wish to say that, so far as I know, the poem 'To a Skeleton' is anonymous. The information on record here is that

> 'the manuscript of this poem, which appeared in 1820, was said to have been found in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, near a perfect skeleton. It was published in the *Morning Chronicle.* The author was never discovered, although a reward of fifty guineas was offered.'

"In checking this poem numerous times in many of the older anthologies, such as Coats' and Bryant's, it is always listed as 'unknown.' I am of the opinion that its identity will never come to light, since it has not done so in all these years."

Considering the number of inconsistencies – names, sources, source publications, publications, dates, authorship, verses, spellings and titles – possibly the reader as well as the writer could draw the same conclusion. The determination of the actual author, if there was one, the actual origin of the poem, the first publication date, the first publication to print it, actual title and number of verses will remain unresolved depending upon the particular source encountered during research or rendered as "the" explanation or solution to the mystery.

Gratefully acknowledged are the interest expressed on this subject and the materials that were forwarded to the magazine that have made this article possible by the following Sir Knights: James D. Berry, P.C., Colorado Commandery No. 4, Austin, Texas; Charles C. Hoffman, Calvary Commandery No. 26, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; E. H. Reif, P.C., Bay City Commandery No. 26, Bay City, Michigan; Alf. Sherman, M.P.S., Barrie, Ontario, Canada; Marcus R. Smith, Lorain Commandery No. 65, Vermilion, Ohio; D. F. C. Stein, Auburn Commandery No. 52, Auburn, California; Ceil M. Ward, P.G.C., Seattle, Washington; William F. Williams, P.C., Northwestern Commandery No. 25, Meadville, Pennsylvania, and Emerson B. Wise, P.C., Washington Commandery No. 1, D.C.

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Sidney Commandery Visits Kentucky

The drill team of Sidney Commandery No. 46, Sidney, Ohio, travelled to Lexington, Kentucky, June 14 to present an exhibition during the annual drill competition of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky at Oleika Shrine Temple. Grand Commander Donald E. Freer presented the Ohio team the Grand Commandery Certificate of Appreciation for "coming to Kentucky to give such a fine performance."

Barbourville Commandery No. 39 won the Earl G. Cline trophy, defeating five other Commanderies. This is the second time they have won the trophy. They finished second once.

"Show Your Colors" Festival

What Illinois' Grand Commander John William Wheeler, Jr., believes was a "festival first" began in the early morning hours of July 4 in the Masonic Temple, Granite City, Illinois.

The third degree of Freemasonry was the 5:00 A.M. Masonic feature. M.W. Clinton H. Lang, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, raised James H. McClintock to the degree of Master Mason.

Breakfast at 7:30 filled the dining hall. The Chapter degrees followed breakfast with Grand High Priest J. Emerson Miller participating.

After a break for lunch, Council degrees were conferred. Participating was Luther R. Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Council. Later in the afternoon, 27 candidates were Knighted, including the candidate who became a Master Mason some 10 hours earlier, James H. McClintock, also his father-in-law, G. Julien Smith. Grand Commander Wheeler officiated for the Knightings.

A misty five-A.M. photograph shows, left to right, Grand Commander Wheeler, Grand Master of Council Smith; Grand Master of Masons Clinton H. Lang, Grand High Priest Miller, and Potentate Edward Maag, Ainad Temple, East St. Louis, Illinois.

When the class again assembled after a capacity dinner attendance, Grand Master Lang was officially received by the officers of Ainad Shrine Temple and introduced the officers of the Illinois Grand York Rite bodies.

Potentate Edward Maag then presided for the initiation of the members of the class into the Shrine. This time, the group included not only the morning candidate and his father-in-law, but also his father, Harry McClintock, "making it," says Grand Commander Wheeler, "a real family affair." Among those present during the afternoon conferrals were Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell and Department Commander Alvin L. Crump.

Sir Knight Wheeler's summation on the festival: "I am sure this is a first for Illinois and probably a rarity anywhere to have the Grand Master of Masons working so closely with York Rite in a festival. We certainly feel proud to have Brother Clinton H. Lang as part of our team. Luther R. Smith is to be complimented for his efforts in bringing about this long-to-be remembered day in Masonry."

Joyce Becomes Honorary P.G.C.

By ananimous action during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota at Hutchinson, Minnesota, June 12, Grand Recorder James Joyce, with the subsequent approval of Grand Master Crofts, was named an Honorary Past Grand Commander.

The motion was made by Past Grand Commander Arthur J. Peterson, "speaking for the nine Grand Commanders that he has served," to accord Sir Knight Joyce "the privilege and the honor of electing him an Honorary Past Grand Commander" of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Grand Master's Report—Part Three

In this issue Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., concludes his three-part report on "The Condition of the Order." Part Three begins on page two and continues on pages 30 and 31.

From Owhyhee. . .

THE STORY OF HENRY OBOOKIAH

Harold W. Kent, Honolulu, Grand Orator of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, has forwarded the following account of Henry Obookiah of Owhyhee (Henry Opukahaia of Hawaii), the young man who inspired the beginning of Christian missions to Hawaii more than a century and a half ago. By action of the United Grand Imperial Council at Dallas, June 5-6 of this year, Honolulu Conclave as a mark of honor to Hawaii's "first Christian" was permitted to change its name to Opukahaia Conclave.

In
Memory of

HENRY OBOOKIAH

a Native of
OWHYHEE

His arrival in this country gave rise to the Foreign mission school, of which he was a worthy member. He was once an idolator, and was designed for a Pagan Priest; but by the grace of God and by the prayers and instructions of pious friends, he became a Christian. He was eminent for piety and missionary zeal. When almost prepared to return to his native Isle to preach the Gospel God took to himself. In his last sickness he wept and prayed for Owhyhee but was submissive. He died without fear with a heavenly smile on his countenance and glory in his soul.

Feb. 17, 1818
Aged 26

This is the legend on the gravestone of Opukahaia (Obookiah) in the cemetery in Cornwell, Conn. The Name *Obookiah* was the phonetic invention of the Congregationalists in Connecticut who pronounced his name as he would say it in Hawaiian. The language was not reduced to alphabet and writing until many years later at which time the correct Hawaiian spelling was given as *Opukahaia*. We pronounce it as Oh-poo-kah hi-ee' yah.

Opukahaia was converted to christianity while a student at the Foreign Mission School in Cornwell. He had left Kealakekua Bay in 1808 aboard the ship *Triumph* and landed some months later in New Haven. He was 16 years old.

Befriended first by the Captain of the ship, then by students at Yale College and Andover Seminary, and by the people of the New England churches, the young Hawaiian went from total illiteracy to eloquence in English in less than a decade.

He never returned to the islands. At

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Cross of Honor for Pontillo

Will K. Prestidge, Jr., P.G.C., Grand Commandery of the Philippines, presents Knights Templar Cross of Honor certificate and jewel to Sir Knight Frank Pontillo in May 11 ceremony at Okinawa Commandery No. 2.

. . .HENRY OBOOKIAH

Cornwell he had prepared to return home to teach his own people. However, at age 26, before he could complete his plans, he was stricken with typhus fever and died.

But he had inspired a mission to Hawaii! In November, 1819, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions started the first of many "Companies" to Hawaii. 1820 is considered the start of the Christian work in Hawaii, which is in this year, 1970, celebrating the sesquicentennial of that event.

There followed: a creation of the alphabet, schools, churches, hospitals, books, tracts, newspapers, seminaries, and every phase of Congregational activity. It was the greatest evangelical movement ever developed in America and all at the behest of a humble Hawaiian convert, *Opukahaia.* Honolulu Conclave of historic fame honors the first Christian of Hawaii with its new name!

Opukahaia Conclave
Honolulu, Hawaii

Proxy from Germany

When the 51st Triennial Conclave convenes in official session Monday morning, August 24, at Denver, one of the Proxies will be Captain John L. Crofts, Jr., a member of Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany.

Sir Knight Crofts, son of Grand Master and Mrs. John L. Crofts, Sr., climaxed his York Rite progress and became a Knight Templar May 13 in Frankfurt. A member of the United States Army Medical Corps, he is living with his wife and two children in Bindlach, north of Bayruth, West Germany.

Recorder Kit Carson Price has announced that Captain Crofts will carry proxy credentials for the Eminent Commander of Hermann Von Salza, who will be unable to attend the Triennial Conclave.

A letter from Sir Knight Price expresses the regret of Commander Harold Brooks Fisher and his own for their inability to be present for the Triennial Conclave.

"It is a great honor for us of HVC No. 1 to have the Grand Master's son for a Proxy and member of our Commandery here," writes the Recorder. "A few months after Sir Knight John gets back to Germany, we hope he will be transferred here in Frankfurt so we can put him to work in the Commandery."

Annual Assembly Pictures

In answer to requests, the official photographer at the 98th Annual Assembly, U.G.I.C., Red Cross of Constantine, at Dallas in June was Jim Key, 3950 Cobblestone Drive, Dallas, Texas 75229. Brother Key will respond to any inquiries regarding availability of group and individual photographs.

PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT -

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Support for School of Religion

For a number of years the Grand Commandery of Montana has voted funds to the School of Religion of Rocky Mountain College in Billings, the only privately supported Protestant college in the area.

The check covering the 1970 contribution was presented by Sir Knight Robert C. Danskin, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery of Montana.

Sir Knight Danskin, left, presents Grand Commandery of Montana check to Lawrence Small, president of Rocky Mountain College, Billings. (Photograph — Mrs. Danskin.)

62nd Wedding Anniversary

Sir Knight John Micklus, San Diego Commandery No. 25, San Diego, California, has written to Grand Master Crofts to announce plans to be present for the Triennial Conclave in August.

"Both my wife and I expect to go to Denver," says Sir Knight Micklus. "It will be in observance of our 62nd wedding anniversary."

Knights of the Round Table

Latest "progress report" from the Knights of the Round Table shows 591 members, 281 Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation bought for Sir Knights in Masonic Homes, and a total of 61 Ladies of the Round Table.

Summer address of Knights of the Round Table is 7622-27th Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140.

Vietnam Square and Compass Club

W. M. Patrick, 29th Civil Affairs Company, APO, San Francisco, announces the present officers of the Freedom Hill Square and Compass Club, which meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Hill USO in Da Nang, Vietnam.

President is Robert P. Holdt, Stephenson Lodge No. 135, Darlington, Maryland; Robert W. Claussen, United Lodge No. 384, Chicago, Illinois, has been elected Vice-President; Sir Knight Patrick is the Club Secretary. Other officers are: Thomas S. Walker, Miami Lodge No. 140, Miami, Oklahoma, Treasurer; George A. Strine, Solomon Lodge No. 822, Stuttgart, Germany, Chaplain; George Torres, Oceanside Lodge No. 381, Oceanside, California, Sentinel.

Secretary Patrick is a member of Okinawa Commandery No. 2, Machinato, Okinawa; Sir Knight Strine, Chaplain, is a member of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, Germany.

MASONIC NEWS IN TEMPLAR REVIEW

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Grand Recorder Victim of Assault

From the office of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska comes the news that Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite of Nebraska, was assaulted Friday afternoon, June 19, at 4:15 o'clock on an Omaha street and robbed of his billfold and watch.

Oral surgery was necessary. Sir Knight Carleton was in the University Hospital for three days but is now back in his office and is reported to be "slowly improving."

RCC Regional Assemblies

The Western Regional Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine will take place September 11-13 at the Olympic Village Hotel, Squaw Valley State Park, Olympic Valley, California, under the direction of Intendant General Irvin S. Gress.

October 22-24 are the dates for the annual Regional Assembly at Buck Hill Falls Inn, located in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Chairman for this event is Past Grand Sovereign William R. Burchfield, assisted by Intendant General John G. Eshleman

Templar Drives Speedway Pace Car

Sir Knight Richard A. Koehler, member of Evanston (Illinois) Lodge No. 524, and all Evanston York Rite bodies, is official pace car driver at the Indianapolis 500 Speedway. Originally a member of Medinah Temple, Chicago, he is now a member of Murat Shrine Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana, and was an active participant in the Imperial Council Shrine activities in Indianapolis July 12-17.

His father-in-law, John A. Johnson, Evanston, also is a member of all Evanston bodies. He served as Sentinel of Evanston Commandery No. 58 for many years.

Sir Knight Koehler poses against the backdrop of the Indianapolis Speedway grandstand beside his official pace car.

Opportunity for Service by K.T. Educational Foundation

The *Wall Street Journal* says that college students are finding educational loans a bit more difficult to secure this year. Many bankers, the paper reports, do not look favorably upon such loans because they tie up funds for many years, do not produce as much income as other types of consumer loans and require extensive paper work.

J. Roy Roberts
Oregon
Grand Commander—1944
Born February 5, 1882
Died June 15, 1970

George Howard Carter
Connecticut
Grand Commander—1962
Born July 14, 1909
Died June 20, 1970

Kline Alexander Ables
Arizona
Grand Commander—1948
Born March 24, 1902
Died June 23, 1970

William L. Ramsey
North Carolina
Grand Commander—1952
Born March 5, 1895
Died July 5, 1970

John George Mathes
District of Columbia
Grand Commander—1959
Born August 14, 1889
Died July 9, 1970

P.G.C. Ramsey Dies in Crash

News from Clifford C. Duell, Fayetteville, North Carolina, told of the death July 5 of Sir Knight William L. Ramsey, Past Grand Commander of North Carolina and Grand Preceptor of the Grand College, H.R.A.K.T.P.

The letter from Brother Duell reads: "While returning from the funeral of the late William C. Bundy, in Greenville, at about 7:00 P.M., the automobile of Sir Knight C. Wallace Jackson, in which Past Grand Commander William L. Ramsey, together with Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Ramsey were riding, was struck head-on by a skidding car. . . Brother Ramsey died a few hours later and Brother Jackson is in Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville with a broken leg. Mrs. Jackson in there also with a broken arm and Mrs. Ramsey is in the local hospital in Greenville with serious injuries and could not be moved."

THE APRON

I took an apron from the pile of white
And tied it on to sit in Lodge one night.
As I sat there I felt a warming glow
About the apron and I looked and lo –
The other brethren who had worn it there
were gathered 'round in mystic meeting rare.

We shared with each the blessings of the years,
The dreams, successes, hopes and joyous tears;
Then we grew humble in each other's loss,
In full compassion shared each brother's cross;
Our hearts were one in that most holy place,
Our spirits fused in God's Masonic grace.

We looked upon the apron's perfect white,
We were all wearing it that mystic night,
We saw that it was large enough to fit
The whole wide world, for God had fashioned it.

Milford Shields
Poet Laureate
Colorado

Reunion for Two

A Special Convocation of Joppa R.A.M. Chapter No. 52 in Stafford, Kansas, brought together two Masons of prominence who began Royal Arch work April 28, 1920. A third member lives in Ottawa and could not attend.

Left to right, R.E. Grand Generalissimo Riegle, R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest McGinness.

Sir Knight Roy Wilford Riegle, Emporia, has a long record of Masonic service. He is now the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A.

Charles S. McGinness was Grand Master of Masons in Kansas in 1943 and has for many years been active in Masonic circles. He lives in Topeka where he has been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge since 1958 and Secretary Recorder of other York Rite Bodies.

Two years ago he was induced to turn over his duties as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch and take an office in the line. He is now the Deputy Grand High Priest for Kansas. Presently a member of Cherryvale Chapter No. 86, where he became active in Masonry, he returned to Stafford to receive his 50 year membership award with others who received their degree in 1920. Grand High Priest Peter N. Klein visited Stafford to make the presentations.

Sir Knight Riegle in addition to his Masonic career, has a military record of service in two World Wars, many decorations and lengthy foreign service. He retired with the rank of Colonel after the Second World War.

Huntington Commandery No. 9

Saturday evening, June 13, was the date of the Huntington Commandery No. 9 Flag Day Observation at the Masonic Temple, Huntington, West Virginia. The audience included members of the Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, Order of DeMolay and members of the Masonic bodies and their families.

Bernard C. Shannon, Commander, presented words of welcome, followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," a prayer by Sir Knight W. J. J. Fleming, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "America."

Dr. Charles Moffett, Head of the Department of History of Marshall University spoke on "What is Right with America."

"Our Women's Auxiliary did splendid work in making this ceremony such a success," writes William K. Case, P.C., Patriotic and Civic Activities Committee.

BLIND KNIGHT TEMPLAR RUNS IN BOSTON MARATHON

by C. L. Rothwell
Editorial Assistant

In Flushing, New York City, there is a masseur who ran in the 74th annual Boston Marathon this spring. He didn't win. He didn't even finish. Twenty-two miles into the 26 mile, 385 yard course he suffered a leg cramp and had to drop out. But, he won a silent victory anyway.

Joe Pardo, 46, is blind and has been for the past seventeen years.

Pardo was born in Detroit January 14, 1924. In World War II he served as a carrier pilot in the Navy. He was a commercial pilot for four years in Los Angeles. In 1948 he graduated from the University of San Francisco as an Aeronautical Engineer. Then, in 1953, Joe Pardo lost his sight as a result of an ailment he still does not completely understand.

Did he give up? Did he claim veterans disability or go to the welfare people? No, he studied to be a masseur. He worked at several Y.M.C.A.s throughout the country and is presently at the Flushing Y.M.C.A. in New York City.

A former minor league baseball player, once under contract to the old St. Louis Browns, he couldn't give up athletics either.

Joe boxes, even teaches boxing. He has travelled to Europe as a "second" in the corners of championship prize fighters.

He plays basketball too.

"They tell me how far from the basket I am and I get a good idea of what I have to do to make it." His record is 14 straight from the foul line.

Then there's hockey. The goalie talks and Joe shoots at the spot the voice is coming from.

When Joe decided he wanted to run the marathon he practised by running the path circling the lake at Kissena Park in the Queens. He had to keep track of the miles in his mind. When he estimated he had covered 26 miles he went home. There was also a high school cinder track near his home where he could run.

Sometimes he practised with his friend Dr. Vincent Savino, a dentist. They ran together during the race, each holding an end of a three foot elastic band.

Salvino had to drop out after twenty miles and Joe ran on alone. He picked up a few partners along the way, a Massachusetts doctor, a Jerseyite, a Montreal Frenchman, of of whom willingly held the band awhile.

Joe estimates he ran a little over a mile alone. He didn't panic and was in no real danger.

"You experiment. You go a little to the left and a little to the right. You hear voices. You guide yourself. You have to be blind to understand."

Fans along the way offered encouragement. They offered him soup, candy, oranges. . ."anything to keep me going."

Then he got the cramp and had to drop out. Satisfied? Not Joe Pardo.

"One way or the other, I'll be back for another crack at the marathon in 1971. I don't like to give up – and I'm not going to." He even plans to shoot for the race record!

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Plaque Honors Life Sponsors

June 20 marked a combined victory celebration, promotional dinner and dedication ceremony for members of Knightstown Commandery No. 9, Knightstown, Indiana.

The victory celebration was for the achieving of 112 Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation out of a total Commandery membership of 185. The dinner was held to promote additional Life Sponsorships, and the dedication ceremony was the unveiling of the Commandery plaque which contains the names of the 112 Life Sponsors. The plaque was a project promoted by Past Commander James G. Wright.

Three of the six Indiana recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor were in attendance – Sir Knights Lloyd W. Young, Plainfield, Indiana; Branson C. Barton and James G. Wright, both from Knightstown. Barton and Wright are respective captains of the A and B drill teams of Knightstown. The A team is Number 1 in the nation in its class; the B team is runner-up in its competition class.

Knightstown participants, left to right: Lloyd W. Young, Indiana York Rite Coordinator, speaker of the evening; Sir Knight Wright, who is also Grand Conductor of Grand Council; Eminent Commander Robert E. Farringer; Willard M. Avery, Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment; Branson C. Barton.

Memorial for Sir Knight Engblom

A contribution of $40.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation received July 2, honors the memory of Sir Knight Raymond E. Engblom, Past Commander of Commandery No. 1, Reno, Nevada, who died June 23, 1970.

Contributors to the memorial are: Mrs. Dorothy Guyton, Mrs. Mae Mulcahy, Stewart S. Johnson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Pine and family

. . .BLIND KNIGHT TEMPLAR

Sir Knight Pardo was raised in Anchor Lodge No. 729, College Point, New York City, and is a member of Pentalpha Chapter R.A.M. No. 206, Flushing, Adoniram Council No. 36, R. & S.M., Flushing, Brooklyn Council No. 4, Brooklyn, Trinity Commandery No. 66, Flushing, and Kismet Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., New Hyde Park.

Sir Knight John Krings, Flushing, is Pardo's friend and Masonic mentor. It was he who provided the background for the Pardo vignette.

He writes, "And how do I know all this about Joe Pardo? Easy. He has been my masseur since he first came to Flushing."

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Morganfield, Kentucky
June 2, 1970

Dear Sir:

I had eye surgery February 12 and February 19. I received my permanent glasses May 11. My vision is almost 20-20. It's like living in a new world. It's so wonderful. I'll always be grateful to all of you for making all of this possible.

Thank you
A happy person
Mrs. Nellie Oglesby

The Knight Line

One type of handicap in using the questionnaire form on the subject of uniforms – as printed in the May *Knight Templar Magazine* – was highlighted in a letter from Walter E. Yohe, P.C., Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, Pennsylvania. "You *know*," he writes, "that I will not 'clip' any of my *Knight Templar Magazine* copies!"

Memories of Easter linger into the summer, initiated by a clipping from *The Dalles Chronicle*, The Dalles, Oregon, that tells how Columbia Commandery No. 13, in cooperation with The Dalles Ministerial Association, kept alive an annual service to the community with a 6:30 Easter Morning service of worship at historic Pulpit Rock. It was followed by a public breakfast in the Masonic Temple of The Dalles served by The Rainbow Girls. Pulpit Rock marks the spot where the Rev. Daniel Lee established a Methodist Indian Mission March 22, 1838.

Another successful Easter Sunrise Service was the 35th for Utah Commandery No. 1, Salt Lake City. The service featuring a mixed choir of 54 voices was broadcast over KSL Radio. Numerous other traditional services were presented under Templar auspices throughout the Grand Encampment jurisdiction.

The Grand Commandery of West Virginia is the proud owner of a genuine Knight Templar sword which was used during the crusades. This sword is displayed at each Grand Commandery Conclave and symbolically given to the Commandery which has the largest percent of membership present. In 1970, for the third consecutive year, Pennsboro Commandery No. 20, the smallest Commandery, won the sword.

Grand Prelate Alvin B. Lowe, Utah, raises a word of praise for Sir Knight J. Warren Beless, a member of the Masonic Temple Board in Salt Lake City since its formation in 1920, president since 1948, a daily visitor to the Temple to check needs and plans with the Secretary of the Board and the Building Superintendent, and an untiring and conscientious Masonic worker in every respect. He was made a Mason in 1913, became a Templar in 1920. Now 85, a widower, he maintains his own home. Recently he took a jet-jaunt from Utah to New Jersey to visit friends. Sir Knight Lowe, a close associate, rates him as a remarkable man We agree.

"The world is a jigsaw puzzle–with a peace missing."

The postal system of the United States is a wondrous department. It handles millions of every variety of mailed objects daily and with amazing efficiency. Although of times used as an excuse for non-arrival of checks in payment of bills and late delivery of reports and promised information, the blame usually – if analyzed – falls upon the sender. "I mailed that to you quite a long time ago" frequently means "I'm going to put it in the mail tonight." It will be marked, of course, "duplicate" of the material mailed "quite a long time ago." We haven't become self-elected defenders of the post office; we're merely wondering how many alibis would lose their effectiveness if the postal system suddenly became provably 100 percent efficient, with all margin of error conclusively eliminated!

C. Kritt, Reporter

W. Clement Stone Testimonial

June 26 was a gala night for Sir Knight W. Clement Stone and the National Association for Mental Health, which Sir Knight Stone has benefitted with large contributions.

The setting was the "world's largest" hotel, the Conrad Hilton in Chicago. The emcee was Bob Hope; the guests included Dr. and Sir Knight Norman Vincent Peale; the Honorable Mary Brooks, director of the United States Mint; Secretary of the U.S. Treasury David Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy, and numerous other celebrities and VIP's from business and government – who paid a minimum of $125.00 each for the dinner that honored W. Clement Stone.

Sir Knight Stone, insurance executive who rose to riches in Horatio Alger fashion, received a telegram of greetings from Vice President Agnew and a recorded message from President Nixon.

Among the Hollywood stars present were Cliff Robertson and his wife, Dina Merrill. Robertson won an Oscar in 1969 with his portrayal of a mentally retarded person in the film, "Charly."

Newspapers in Chicago and elsewhere gave the testimonial feature coverage. One paper's account included the reference that "Bob Hope, the high school dropout who reportedly is worth $500 million, emceed a testimonial for W. Clement Stone, another high-school dropout who is said to be worth only $400 million."

Stone, who has written several books on the power of Positive Mental Attitude, says, "The chap who gets started early has the jump on the college grad."

Cryptic Highlight

The annual Great Smokies Assembly of Cryptic Masonry was a July 12-14 highlight at Waynesville, North Carolina. Sponsored by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, it offered a full Sunday-Monday-Tuesday program of panel presentations, discussions, addresses, a pilgrimage to the Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap in the Blue Ridge Parkway and tours and sightseeing for the ladies.

Hiram J. Casebolt is Grand Master of the Grand Council, also Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Charles C. Ricker – P.G.C., Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery – is Grand Recorder of the Grand Council. Scheduled participants included: Maurice E. Walsh, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina; Hoyt McClendon, Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council; C. Ellwood Smyrk, Past General Grand Master; John C. Crawford, P.M.I.G.M., Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee; Ralph C. James, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Georgia; William J. Hofheinz, Grand High Priest, Florida; W. C. Wylie, Jr., P.M.I.G.M., South Carolina; Russell B. Tandy P.H.P., P.G.C., Tennessee; Robert N. Bass, Jr., Past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina; and Dr. Gerald E. Bisbee, Past Grand Chaplain, General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. Moderator for the discussions was Joseph C. Bryan III, P.M.I.G.M., Maryland.

A PRELUDE AND TRIENNIAL PRAYER

From the R.E. Grand Prelate
The Rev. Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D.

Knights Templar in Triennial Conclave assembled will Witness to the Lord in His world in a Celebration of the Word and Festival of Renewal, 23 August 1970 in the New Currigan Hall, Denver, Colorado.

There is much in today's world that presses man deeper into loneliness, isolation, confusion, despair, hopelessness – until he recalls THE GOOD NEWS sent to him almost 2,000 years ago, which brings today as then the needed strength and perspective to say: O COME, LET US SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD! LET US CELEBRATE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD IN HIS WORLD!

AND LET US PRAY:

"ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, FROM WHOM COMETH WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING: BE PRESENT, WE HUMBLY BESEECH THEE, WITH THY SERVANTS IN TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE ASSEMBLED TO DELIBERATE IN COUNCIL UPON THOSE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR THE MAINTENANCE, WELL-BEING, AND EXTENSION OF THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR; AND GRANT THAT THEY, SEEKING ONLY THINE HONOUR AND GLORY, MAY BE GUIDED IN ALL THEIR CONSULTATIONS TO PERCEIVE THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY, AND MAY HAVE GRACE AND STRENGTH TO FOLLOW THE SAME; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

PRAYER FOR AMERICANS

Thank you, O God, for the privilege of being an American citizen. May I always be worthy of this priceless gift.

Teach me to be human with a human heart, as well as a human mind, so I never violate the sacred rights of my fellowmen. Help me to be calm without being cold, patient but not weak, strong but not arrogant.

Deepen my love and reverence for our blessed land and her destiny as the haven for the oppressed and persecuted.

Keep me alert so I can always cherish the great dreams of our founders. Protect our republic and help me to be an example of justice and equality.

May I always, through my work and service, merit the honor of being known as a good American citizen.

Sir Knight Sidney L. DeLove
Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois

VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

Co-ordinated Programming and Thinking

Much has been written the past decade about York Rite Unity, and it is good that such a serious attitude is being taken to try to gain such unity, but one important fact that has been almost universally overlooked and neglected is that York Rite Programming and thinking need no laws, no promulgation and no special action by which they can become a reality.

York Rite activities can be divided into several categories in which members are involved, and with which leaders can be concerned and active. First are the activities of Templary for Knights Templar, next activities for Knights Templar with *other* Masonic bodies, and last, activities for Templars, their families and friends, and for those not members of the Order.

Especially helpful for all York Rite bodies would be a program committee made up of members of each of the four York Rite bodies, blending their efforts for greater value and extending these efforts to include, as occasion demanded, activities of all Masonic bodies for everyone.

The York Rite Festivals which are so much a part of the activities of many jurisdictions are one evidence of the value of cooperation and planning, but from the purely social point of view, there could be complete programs devised that would interest the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council members and would cater to the wives and families of these same members, give the family a boost, and in turn give the Masonic bodies a great surge of morale.

On the High Council level – the top officers of each Masonic body – such a committee could plan a whole year of varied and interesting programs that would stir the sleepy membership, present pictures of Freemasonry that would stimulate a desire to progress further, and more than that, a desire on the part of some of our "part-time members," who only pay dues and carry a card, to participate in some small capacity and function in the thrilling activities of our Order.

Grand Encampment time is rapidly approaching. Knights from all parts of the country gather, not only in fellowship, but to consult and initiate a new spirit of activity, interest and dedication. Let's see what we can do to come to our senses!

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS AND BADGES

51st Triennial Conclave Badge-Medals and Souvenir Program Books will be made available for sale after the needs of those in attendance are met according to information announced by the Colorado-Iowa Conclave Committee. Those interested are advised by the committee to write: 1970 K.T. CONCLAVE CORPORATION, 3155 South Broadway, Englewood, Colorado 80110.

CHAIRMAN TAKES "BREATHER" AFTER 4,000 RESPONSES

William R. Robbins, South Central Department Commander for the Grand Encampment, was charged by the Grand Master with the chairmanship of a Committee on Uniforms to gather information, learn the desires and viewpoints of the members and provide facts and figures for the consideration of the delegates at the 51st Triennial Conclave in Denver this month. The committee headed by Sir Knight Robbins is composed of all Department Commanders – Sir Knights Frank L. Bourke, C. Wallace Jackson, Abner C. Sager, Alvin L. Crump, Harold S. Gorman and Carl J. Baesemann.

To facilitate the expression of opinion, the May issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* invited readers to forward their suggestions to the chairman at P.O. Box 217, Trenton, Missouri 64683. More than 4,000 did so before the end of June. At the 4,000 mark Sir Knight Robbins called a momentary recess in the tabulating of expressions but will present a complete report on all phases of the committee's findings when the Triennial Conclave convenes.

The survey was an opportunity for Knights Templar to express viewpoints on a number of subjects relating to uniforms – including, but not limited to, opinions on the two types illustrated on this page, the basic uniform presently in effect, and the cap and mantle.

1969 VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN ADDITIONS

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Additional Constituent Commanderies Reporting $2.00 or More Per Member

Illinois	Cairo No. 13	Cairo	$2.45	$194.00
Michigan	Monroe No. 19	Monroe	2.21	633.00
Texas	El Paso No. 18	El Paso	3.36	951.00

From a Message by the 1964-67 Grand Master . . .

THE MIRACLE OF ENTHUSIASM

I confess that I like people who are optimistic and enthusiastic about life. A short time ago, I spoke before an audience of high school students who applauded lustily every reference to their school, their city and their country. It was refreshing to be with people who reacted with such enthusiasm. Too many adults lose their enthusiasm and become old before their time. Without realizing it, a lot of adults allow the buffeting and hard knocks of life to dampen their enthusiasm and to kill their zest for life. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote:

"Nothing Great Was Ever Accomplished Without Enthusiasm."

. . .Templary desperately needs more enthusiasm on the part of its officers and leaders as well as the rank-and-file of Knights Templar. We are partners in supporting the greatest cause in the world – the Christian Religion and the practice of the Christian virtues! Templary has something noble that no other group in the world can equal. We need to stoke the fires of enthusiasm for our great Christian Order of Knighthood. We should constantly be on the alert to choose officers who have the divine fire of enthusiasm coursing through their veins. Only in this way does the impossible become possible. Only then will our officers and leaders inspire others to nobler efforts.

. . .As I near the end of my term of office as Grand Master, I believe with all my heart that Templary will "move mountains" when all of us take our stewardship seriously and become "on fire with enthusiasm" about our great Christian Cause.

From a message written June 13, 1967 by the late Wilber M. Brucker, then Grand Master, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

OTHERS

Others guide me along my way.
Others whisper courage through the day.
Others hold my spirits high
Others make my time fly by.
Others are my help in every need.
Others my hunger ever feed.
Others make my music and my song.
Others create thoughts that carry me along.
Others call forth a cheer and a smile.
Others make my life worth while.

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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

HOW NOW GROUND COW?. . .This sounds a bit absurd, I'll admit. But, if you were subjected to the same diet of hamburger for 10 nites in a row, you would probably ask your wife that question. Nevertheless, the Sir Knights of some Commanderies in this Jurisdiction are being subjected to the same type of Stated Conclaves, month after month, the Commander has not taken the time to "go shopping" for an interesting type of program to fit the needs of his Command ery. Are you going to "shop" for your programs, or will you open the freezer door and serve hamburger again at your September Conclave?

GO WEST, SIR KNIGHTS, GO WEST!!

With a slight innovation, we use this old familiar saying for the benefit of those who have not yet committed themselves to attending the 51st Triennial in Denver.

Pennsylvania has 150 rooms reserved for the Sir Knights and Ladies of this jurisdiction, at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in the Mile High City. We'll be pushing like crazy to elect our own Past Grand Commander, John B. Cottrell, Jr. to the office of Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment.

One doesn't have to tell a Pennsylvanian about Jack Cottrell, but it is the duty of every Pennsylvanian to spread the gospel about this great guy, and how he can help to advance Templary throughout the Grand Encampment.

Drop me a card today, and say "I'll be in Denver, Bill. How can I help Jack?" Betty and I will assign you scheduled hours in the hospitality room at the Cosmopolitan.

SEE YOU IN DENVER!!

DEMOLAY STATE CONCLAVE

The Holiday Inn just outside Sunbury, Pa. was established for the time as headquarters for the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania's State Conclave held June 18th thru the 21st. Host of the conclave was Augusta Chapter, Order of DeMolay, sponsored by Mt. Hermon Commandery No. 85. The conclave started Thursday afternoon with a "Welcome" by the Chamber of Commerce, followed by DeMolay Bowling for individual awards and the film showing of "Fabridam," "NASA," and "Young Men on the Go." Friday evening Awards Banquet found the following chapters finishing in front for the corresponding events.

Basketball Competition ALLENTOWN CHAPTER.

Rifle and Publication CHESTER CHAPTER.

R.E.G.C. William D. Geesey was called upon to present Grand Commandery Knights Templar Achievement Certificates. The presentations were turned over to Dad Charles J. Meek, Vice Chairman of the DeMolay Committee, who called forward the representatives of 27 chapters who achieved outstanding membership goals for last year with KANE CHAPTER winning first place.

CHESTER CHAPTER of DeMolay captured the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter Trophy for Initiatory Degree Ritual presented by James D. Smith M.E.G.H.P.

LORRAINE CHAPTER of DeMolay made off with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters Trophy for Representative DeMolay Competition presented by Harvey O. Neilson, M.P.G.M.

The DeMolay Degree Ritual Competition resulted in a tie for first place. Out of a possible 500 points, CHESTER and ERIE CHAPTERS received 487.5 points. The trophy was presented by our Right Eminent Grand Commander William D. Geesey.

Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation A.A.S.R. Trophy for Visitation Competition was presented by Ill. Dr. Richard A. Kern 33° Deputy for Pennsylvania, to ERIE CHAPTER.

Hiram P. Ball, R.W.G.M. of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania presented the Outstanding DeMolay Chapter Trophy to CHESTER CHAPTER.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar R.D. Scholarship of $2,000 was awarded to JAMES L. CRAWFORD of Chester Chapter.

TESTIMONIAL

A noon luncheon on Saturday, June 20th signaled the oncoming conference with Division Commanders by our R.E.G.C. Sessions pertaining to diversified aspects of Templary made rapid strides until 4:00 P.M. Termination of the sessions gave rise to an auspicious beginning of the testimonial in honor of our Right Eminent Grand Commander William D. Geesey and Lady Betty which was held at the Sheraton Inn, Scranton, Pennsylvania by the Sir Knights of Division No. 13. As a token of esteem, Palestine Commandery No. 14 presented the R.E.G.C. with a sword. Swelling the throng of Sir Knights in attendance were all elected Grand Officers and twelve Division Commanders.

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Condition of the Order by the Grand Master

every-member basis of the *Knight Templar Magazine,* and (2) the acquisition of the services of Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser as Grand Recorder and Editor. For your better understanding of my optimism, let me list just five of the "tell-tale" indicators which impress me.

1. *We have closed ranks.* Perhaps most spectacular is the improved relationship – now a working partnership – between Grand Encampment and the Grand Commanderies. The same strength-giving trend is noted in many jurisdictions as Grand Commandery officers have come closer to local officers and have become more useful in local situations. Equally importantly, and chiefly through the distribution of the *Knight Templar Magazine,* many Templars of the "rank and file" have developed an improved fraternal identification and appreciation of the values of the Order and of their membership.

2. *Our offices are becoming service facilities.* Long encouraged to think of our Order as military, rather than militant, it was natural that at the various levels we were inclined to treat our members as soldiers under orders. They have made it clear to us that they are not. Little can be accomplished by official command. Leaders have learned that they must persuade rather than dictate, and offices at national, state and local levels are reflecting this new attitude, and the response is encouraging.

3. *We have improved communications.* Hundreds of letters flow in and out of the office of the Grand Master each month, and similarly through the offices of other elective officers and Department Commanders. As compared to these hundreds, thousands now flow through the office of Grand Recorder Rodenhauser each month. All are directed toward our fraternal objectives as constructively as possible. Contacts by mail are rising also in the Grand Commanderies and locally. Even more impressive is the effect of the *Knight Templar Magazine,* which provides in a real sense communication never before known for all Templars, in both vertical and horizontal directions.

4. *We have begun a definition of Templary.* We have had experience with news reporters who ask first "Who are you?" and then immediately "What do you do?" Most of us have clearly been unable to answer these questions simply and effectively. The Magazine and our closer association have brought us to more specific understanding, which is essential to our fraternal direction and energy.

5. *We are more purposeful.* Grand Commanderies have become more

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inclined to examine their laws, organization, activities and even traditions (or habits) in the light of their purpose and effect. Commanderies are more likely to examine their programs in the light of their members' response. Perhaps most remarkably, Grand Encampment will consider a most unusual number of proposals, all of which are of course related to the future and generally suggesting substantial changes of attitude. These proposals could not rise without an impressive amount of thoughtful reappraisal of our fraternal position.

Recommendations

I give you only two recommendations. To do less would be to abdicate my responsibility as I see it. To do more would be to dilute their effect.

1. Let's complete the job of making our national office a fully effective service agency for the benefit of all units and members. Plans have been made and will be proposed – the cost to each member will approximate that of one king-size cigarette per month. About one-third of this cost will take care of the minimal character of the budget adopted three years ago, which was dictated at the time by the "one dollar barrier." About one-third is necessary to meet the inflation of costs of present operations. The other one-third will provide a qualified assistant for the Grand Recorder to insure performance and partially free Sir Knight Rodenhauser for creative work in new areas, employ two more secretarial and clerical employees, and provide additional space for better efficiency and working conditions. We can have for this small cost a competitive facility which will serve all and translate necessary national leadership into professional expression.

2. Let's continue to direct all of our thinking and all of our activities toward the success of the local Commandery, as indicated by the response of its Christian-Mason members. Laws and directives which do not contribute to their activity and satisfaction should be abandoned. Programs which express their fraternal desires and energies should be promoted, these over and above the basic diet of routine and ritual. All grand bodies and all grand officers must be dedicated to these simple objectives, so that our splendid Templars may better understand and better express the true nobility of their profession.

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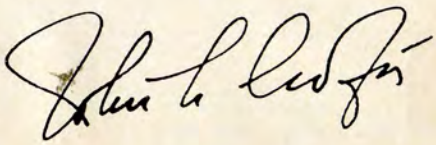

CLIMAX OF THE TEMPLAR TRIENNIUM

Thousands of Knights Templars, ladies and family members will be arriving in Denver, Colorado, this August, month for the 51st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A. Conclave sessions will review the past three years, but the accent will be on plans for future progress.

In addition to plans and projections, participants will enjoy numerous special events arranged by the Colorado-Iowa Committee, including:

Saturday, August 22:	**Drill Team Competition**	**8 a.m.**
	Public (Western) Extravanganza	**8 p.m.**
Sunday, August 23:	**Templar Parade**	**3 p.m.**
	Divine Service	**5 p.m.**
	Chuck Wagon Feed	**6 p.m.**
	Grand Master's Reception	**8 p.m.**
Monday, August 24:	**Musicale**	**8:30 p.m.**
Tuesday, August 25:	**Ladies Luncheon, Fashion Show**	**12 Noon**
	Masonic Play (tiled)	**8 p.m.**
	Ladies Entertainment	**8 p.m.**
Wednesday, August 26:	**Grand Master's Banquet**	**7 p.m.**
Thursday, August 27:	**Open Installation**	**11 a.m.**

--and many "membership" and invitational features: Southern Breakfast, Sunday; Drill Team Luncheon, Sunday; New York Dinner, Sunday; Western York Rite Association Breakfast, Monday; Texas Breakfast, Monday; Illinois Breakfast, Monday; H.R.A.K.T.P. Luncheon, Monday; High Twelve Breakfast, Tuesday; K.Y.C.H. Luncheon, Tuesday; Mutual Guild Meeting and Dinner, Tuesday; Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast, Wednesday.

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