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MAY THESE FESTIVE DAYS BRING THEE ONLY JOY

For my greeting to you and your families this year, I have borrowed the Victorian expression quoted on the back cover of the *Knight Templar Magazine*: "May these festive days bring thee only joy."

This century-old greeting has tradition — the ring of generations past. But, it also expresses the Christmas sentiment that is ever new and timeless. In these two respects, it is similar to Templary.

As Knights Templar, we have a tradition, a heritage and spiritual landmarks that have existed for ages. But we cannot live only on the glories of generations past. As Templars in a modern world we must adapt our methods and operations to fit the needs of today. To progress, we must learn to discover the difference between true spiritual landmarks and those things to which we adhere simply because of blind habit.

Our landmarks are priceless, but let us mold our operational structure to the point required by the conditions of today so that those inspirational and spiritual possessions will not be lost but extended and enlarged in their influence and power.

Remembering Christmastides past with pleasure, and looking to future Yuletides with the joy of anticipation, I extend to you and yours during this Advent my personal and official wishes for a rich and rewarding celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Christ.

"May these festive days bring thee only joy."



G. Wilbur Bell



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The Cover:

The cover reproduction is an illustration from a program utilized during the 22nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in San Francisco in 1883. The retiring Grand Master was Benjamin Dean, Boston, Massachusetts, and the Grand Master-to-be was Robert Enoch Withers of Virginia. An interesting note in connection with the 1883 Triennial Conclave is that Reuben H. Lloyd, then Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of California, became Grand Master of Grand Encampment in 1898.



From the MAIL BIN

Briggsville, Wisconsin

□ Until yesterday, I had not seen the September issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, but I can attest that it is well read, all over these United States. I have had so many letters, as well as several telephone calls. I have been trying to answer all of them, a good deal because so many have so thoughtfully expressed sympathy. But the list is just growing too fast.

One item I should have also included among Erwin's equipment, I have his fatigue jacket and military cap. Of course this does have "Wisconsin" in gold letters on the breast pocket. But I wish this could be in use by some Sir Knight.

I want to thank you for your kindness in all of this and if it is possible I would like to ask that all those who have written me, may be thanked - en masse - in the next issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. No better testimony of Knight Templar courtesy and kindness has ever come my way than all these kind letters.

Thanking you.

MRS. ERWIN C. LAWRENZ

Editor's Note: The letter of Mrs. Lawrenz, quoted in part above, was written as the result of responses recieved following her offer of uniform equipment of her late husband in the September Knight Templar Magazine.

Helena, Montana

□ Sir Knight Harold Paulsen of Helena, Montana, High Priest of Helena Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., is also a fine tenor, known throughout the state.

He has just completed recording an LP album of *Songs of Faith*, including such favorites as: "Each Step of the Way," "Faith of Our Fathers," "Old Rugged Cross," "The Place Where I Worship," "Just As I Am," "How Great Thou Art," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "It is No Secret," "Softly and Tenderly," "My God and I," "I Asked the Lord" and "An Evening Prayer."

Brother Paulsen is also a member of Morning Star Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A.M.; Helena Council No. 1, R. & S.M.; Helena Commandery No. 2; Scottish Rite Bodies of Helena and Algeria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Special arrangements and accompaniment for Brother Paulsen's songs were provided by A. L. "Pee Wee" Weber, Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Montana, A.F. & A.M., and Ernest A. Neath, Past Grand Master of Montana.

Availability information can be secured from Harold Paulsen, Box 1710, Helena, Montana 59601.

ERNEST A. NEATH, P.G.M.

Milton, Pennsylvania

□ Love your magazine very much! I read each one from cover to cover. Keep up the good work!

MILTON B. SHEETS
Mount Hermon Commandery No. 85

St. Louis Missouri

□ When crossing state lines, cutting red tape and assuming responsibilities for decisions are needed to save the sight of a child the Lions and the Masons know how to cooperate and get things done.

Day before yesterday a low income family from Central Illinois faced an insurmountable problem. Their 22 month old son had just had one diseased eye removed in order to save his life and he needed to be flown to a world renowned specialist in New York to save the sight of the other.

When the medical director of the St. Louis Eye Bank told us the problem we started looking for an answer. Within 24 hours the telephone brought us verbal agreement to reserve treatment, arrange flight passage and provide food and lodging. Professionals and concerned laymen cooperated beautifully in making this possible.

Lions of District 10 provided \$250.00 to take care of transportation and food and Cyrene Commandery No. 23, through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., took care of the treatment. I met mother and son at the airport (we advanced the money) and got a couple of pictures before we sent them on their way.



Alexandria, Virginia

□ It is interesting that Sir Knight Ainsworth, of Mississippi, wrote the Mail Bin comparing the "Ode to a Skeleton (Skull)" with Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard."

When I was commander of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, stationed at Alexandria, Virginia, I opted to use for the Order of the Temple the following stanza of Gray's Elegy in place of the Ode:

**The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike the inevitable hour:
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.**

To me, the Ode to a Skull seems stilted, contrived, and much too long for use in the ritual. For me, the Ode does not have the sonorous meter and majesty of the Elegy stanza. Then too, I feel the message of the Elegy stanza is stronger and more appropriate to the occasion that is the lengthy narrative of the Ode.

ADALBERT W. WEISBROD, P.C.

APO San Francisco, California

□ Please change my address from 4255D Falcon Cts., McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641 to 45 TRS, PCS No. 2 Box 11895, APO San Francisco 96201. My Commandery is Tokyo No. 1, Tokyo, Japan.

I am now in Viet Nam and enjoy the *Knights Templar Magazine* very much.

JOHN H. SPENCE

This letter is our way of thanking all concerned for giving this child a chance at sight and life.

ROBERT D. LEIGHNINGER, SR.
Executive Director
St. Louis Society for the Blind

Stuttgart, Germany

□ My name is JoAnn Chinn and I was the Worthy Advisor of Stuttgart Assembly No. 4 during the May to September term.

The enclosed money is to be used any way seen fit to help and better the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I know it will be used wisely and justly.

I chose your foundation as my charity project because I am aware of the thousands of blind people and I feel saddened that so many people can not see our beautiful world.

The Girls of Assembly No. 4 earned the money by means of a slave sale. A slave sale is where a girl can be hired to babysit, wash cars, polish silver, watch pets while people are on vacation and other odd jobs for a small fee. Each girl was to donate a certain amount of money and many girls donated more.

Our assembly has grown from 12 to 22 girls this summer. It is hard to have a large assembly because of girls leaving the area but we feel really proud to have all our chairs filled now.

I do wish you would send us some information about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It would really be appreciated.

JOANN CHINN, P.W.A.
Stuttgart Assembly No. 4
Order of Rainbow for Girls

Heidelberg, Germany

□ Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, Germany, under the leadership of Eminent Commander Thomas O. Hutchinsin, conferred the Order of Knighthood upon twenty-three Royal Arch Masons October 3 at Heidelberg.

This Commandery has long been noted for its ritualistic ability. The highlight of our ceremony was, as usual, the outstanding ritualistic work of Past Commanders Ryoji Beutner and Lindberg Downey, who have always presented Knighthood in a most commendable manner.

It was my pleasure to be the recommender for eleven of these twenty-three new Sir Knights and it would be impossible for me to convey the pride I felt when they personally expressed to me deep feelings of satisfaction for the fine and impressive ceremony.

To our Eminent Commander and Past Commanders we, of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2 can only say, "Thank you, for a job well done in causing our Commandery to rank second to none in this great jurisdiction."

JOHN W. KENNEDY
Captain General
Heidelberg Commandery No. 2

"Hi Dad"

A new book, "Hi Dad," has been written by the Rev. Herbert E. Duncan and is scheduled for current release. The book is a history of the Order of DeMolay, its founding and its founder, Frank S. Land. The International DeMolay Headquarters describes Brother Duncan's book as "an intimate and personal look into the life of Dad Land . . . also an insight into many details in the development of DeMolay heretofore undisclosed. Every DeMolay, Advisor, Mothers' Club member, every Mason, and people simply interested in youth will find enjoyment in this book." PRICE - \$3.75. ORDER FROM INTERNATIONAL DEMOLAY, 201 EAST ARMOUR BLVD., KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64111.



On Christmas Day . . .

RING OUT THE BELLS

by Sir Knight F. King Cole

Monroe Commandery No. 7
Monroe, Louisiana

The Knight Templar Magazine is indebted to Dr. F. King Cole, now of High Point, North Carolina, for this special suggestion for Christmas Observance. Separately he writes: "Although I would like to, I can claim no credit for the bell idea; it was suggested by my sister, Barbara A. Cole, O.E.S., during a discussion of the lack of Christmas Observance. Through her efforts her church, one of the large ones of Richmond, Virginia, is following through with ten minutes of bells at the end of the Christmas Eve communion service."

For years I have heard the complaint that Christmas was becoming too commercial, that it had been given over to the shopkeepers. There is strong justification for this, but it's not the fault of the shopkeepers. We complainers are to blame!

How? Every time we have a "quiet Christmas, don't go out, just enjoy the family" — we've turned Christmas into a family reunion and nothing more. Every time we leave our churches dark and vacant on Christmas Eve we've abandoned Christ on one of the most important days of His life, the day of His birth. When we participate in no religious observance, we have in essence said to God, the Father, "So what? Run along, boy, I haven't got time for your nonsense." Further, we have told the world just what we think of the Creator. And, being the Creator, He can see through any excuse we can offer. No wonder these militant kids call us hypocrites! No wonder they abandon the Church, when their elders set the example!

But what to do about it? Here's one answer — let the world know you're glad

— let God know you're glad — that Christ the Saviour was born to carry out His mission. If your church has no Christmas Eve Service and no Christmas service *demand* one. It's not only your right but your duty. Then attend it! Let God know you're glad, that you remember Christ's birthday, and then let the world know that you're glad by ringing out the Christmas Joy Bells at the end of the service. Not *in* the church, but blasting across the countryside from the church steeple. So your church doesn't have a steeple, no bells? Get a recording from your record store and rent an amplifier and speaker! And don't get a solemn tolling of bells — that's for sorrow. Get a recording of joy bells — one that sounds like an explosion in a bell factory. They're not expensive.

This is not all that can be done, but it is a start — the rest is up to you. But if we had a lot more of this sort of thing we'd have a lot less of the law of the jungle in our country and a lot more of the law of Moses and of Christ. How about it? Is it worth the effort? I think so.

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A Jewel With A Heritage

The Jewel of the Grand Commander of Vermont is a cross rich in symbolism of the history of the mountain state.

The Passion Cross is made of wood taken from a broken branch of The Great Seal Pine, Arlington, the most historic tree in Vermont. Under the terms of the original British charter all pine trees in Vermont were reserved by the Crown to be used as masts for the British Maritime Service. When Vermont became an independent and sovereign state it gained absolute authority over the land, including the pine trees, and the pine tree came to symbolize the sovereignty of Vermont.

The Center of the Cross is the sun set with the motto, "Freedom and Unity." It is of Vermont gold, recovered in the course of smelting Vermont copper. The gold symbolizes the richness of the Vermont heritage.

A copper coin, minted from Vermont copper in the days when Vermont was a sovereign state not yet admitted to the Union, is fastened to the back of the cross. It symbolizes the thirteen years of complete sovereignty of Vermont, with its own coinage and postal system.

The idea for the Jewel was initiated by then Grand Commander Waldron C. Biggs and the cross was designed by John Spargo, Grand Historian. On April 23, 1949, Past Grand Commander Biggs presented the Jewel to his successor, Grand Commander Orville N. Kew. The Jewel remains the property of the Grand Commandery of Vermont and has been worn by each succeeding Grand Commander.



Information Wanted

The date and place of death of George Forman, believed to have been a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and Master of a Newark, New Jersey, Lodge about 1912 or earlier are sought by the subject's grandson, H. Gerard Everall, P.O. Box 2282, Williamson Valley Road, Prescott, Arizona 86301.

Sidney L. DeLove Appointed

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell has named Sidney L. DeLove, Chicago, in an advisory capacity to the committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities. Sir Knight DeLove, well-known author, lecturer and historian, will recommend and advise the Grand Master on the subjects of Templar patriotic participation and community involvement.

FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

by

Eugene S. Hopp, K.T.C.H.

Sir Knight Dr. Eugene S. Hopp, P.C., California Commandery No. 1; Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California; Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter; member of the Red Cross of Constantine; Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay, and 33°, S.M.J., is a past recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

A Physician and Surgeon (Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist), he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Georgia School of Medicine. Sir Knight Hopp is the author of numerous medical scientific articles and inventor of an instrument for examination of the larynx.

It has been said and written times without number that Masonry is not a religion. Grand Master Hiram Newton Rucker, in his annual message in the 1888 Grand Proceedings, stated that "Masonry (was) never designed to take the place of religion. It simply contents itself with being a co-worker in the great school of morality and virtue; teaching man his duty to God, loyalty to government, and the golden rule of life."

To understand the relationship between religion and Masonry we must first strive to understand what we mean by religion. Suppose we define religion as does Frazer in the *Golden Bough* — as a "propitiation of conciliation of powers superior to man which are believed to direct and control the course of nature and of human life." Or let us use the definition of James Hastings in his *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*: "a system of faith in, and worship of, a Divine Being." From either viewpoint, it is obvious that there are obligations in religion which are dissimilar to those of Freemasonry.

These broader obligations are stipulated by the church. The aim of the



church (says Most Worshipful Rucker) "is to impart knowledge of God and faith in his revealed will; to inspire the depraved with a just realization of the duties of the creature to the Creator; to plunge into

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heathen darkness and unfold the light of civilization and the great plan of redemption; and to lift from degradation the benighted of the earth. Masonry does not seek the reformation of men. It seeks to bind good men and true in closer bonds of fellowship and love, and to perfect the good work already begun."

Thus far we have defined religion and in so doing have seen that there are obligations in religion which are not present in Freemasonry. Let us now consider Freemasonry as defined in our ritual. "It is an institution having for its foundation the practice of the social and moral virtues. . ." (First Degree charge) or "Masonry is a progressive moral science, divided into different degrees. . ." (Second Degree charge.)

The emphasis on morality is obvious but so also is the lack of insistence upon a systematized form of worship. We are told that Geometry forms the basis of Freemasonry, it being of a divine and moral nature. (Second Degree charge). The relationship between Masonry and the Diety and Masonry and Religion is delineated several times most clearly and beautifully. For example, we are admonished to have faith in God, hope of immortality and charity for all mankind (First Degree lecture). We are charged to regard the volume of the Sacred Law as the great light in our profession and are told that in it we shall learn the important duties we owe to God.

Yet even the description of these duties prescribes no formal system of worship as does religion. As a matter of fact, we are advised in the Second Degree that Speculative Masonry "is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligations to pay that rational homage to the Diety which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness." Through Speculative Masonry the contemplative Mason is led to view with reverence and admiration the glorious works of the Creation but nowhere is he

required to conform to a specific dogma.

The Brotherhood of man is a fundamental tenet of Freemasonry. All the great religions of the world teach the Brotherhood of man as a basic tenet of faith, but the BASIS upon which they set it forth differs for each religion and for Masonry. Buddhism, for example, bases the doctrine on the belief that all men are so entangled in the sufferings of life that they must be Brothers out of sympathy — a Brotherhood of Understanding. Zoroastrianism held that all men are Brothers because all are summoned to soldiery in the great cosmic war of light against darkness — a Brotherhood of Battle. Confucianism based the doctrine on the sense of common task in developing mankind — a Brotherhood of Service. Christianity bases the truth of Brotherhood upon the larger, profounder truth of the Fatherhood of God. It is possible to recognize a deep and beautiful truth in each of these religions. Masonry has sought through a remarkable system of symbols and allegory to picture such a truth.

To trace the relationship of Freemasonry and religion we must recall, in medieval times, operative Masons in England were mainly employed upon ecclesiastical buildings and so it was only natural that Christianity should have been the religion of the early Masons. We can read in the oldest extant document of the Craft, the Halliwell (Regius) manuscript of about 1390, that operative Masons were required "principally to love God and holy chyrche and all halowis." (saints). This manuscript is definitely a Christian document such as a priest might have written. It opens with an invocation to the Trinity and the Virgin Mary and includes instruction as to the proper way to celebrate mass. By 1583 reference to the saints had disappeared and Masons were bidden to be "true men to God and holy Church and. . .use no Errour nor heresy," an injunction which, in England, required membership in the

established church and, in Scotland, of the "kirk."

We need only recall the temper of the times to realize what a magnificent forward step was taken by speculative Masonry with the establishment of the Grand Lodge in London in 1717. Anderson's *Book of Constitutions*, 1st edition March 25, 1722, tells us of the change in attitude toward the relationship of religion and Masonry. I quote from the original text: "A Mason is obliged by his Tenure to observe the Moral Law, as a true Noachida, and if he rightly understands the Craft, he will never be a Stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertin, nor act against conscience. In ancient Times the Christian Masons were charged to comply with the Christian usages of each country where they travell'd or work'd: But Masonry being found in all Nations, even of divers Religions, they are now only charged to adhere to that Religion in which all men agree (leaving each Brother to his own particular opinions) that is, to be Good Men and True, Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Names, Religious, or Persuasions they may be distinguished."

And so today Masonry espouses neither creed, dogma nor sectarianism. Every Lodge is the home of harmony. "Every altar is a sacred anvil on which is tempered the bonds of brotherhood." So there can be no conflict between Church and Freemasonry. There has never been a single ethical principle inculcated by the various Christian societies of the world for which Masonry does not contend.

Perhaps the finest description of the relationship between Freemasonry and Religion is that written by Ponton: "Masonry is not a Temple of Mysteries, nor a Repository of Rituals, nor a Reformatory of the Fallen, nor a Branch Office of a Benevolent Society, but the happy and restful, refined and intellectual home of men of good will and good sense; Brethren nor Bondsmen, men of

brain and brawn, young and mature men, drawn and conciliated together by some magnetic affinity of association far more than mere gregariousness; just average men in a world of motion and emotion, of aspiration and purposeful progress, men who discover one another and realize themselves in close and familiar association, and who have realized that the Brotherhood of Man begins with the Manhood of the Brother.

"Let us say that Masonry, as we see it in our dream and seek to realize it in our fellowship, is like one of the Cathedrals which our brethren built in the olden time: Faith its foundation, Righteousness its cornerstone, Strength and Wisdom its walls, Beauty its form and fashion, Brotherly Love its clasped arches, Reverence its roof, the Bible its altar light, Mysticism its music, Charity its incense, Fellowship its sacrament, Relief its ritual; its Symbols windows nobly wrought, half-revealing and half-concealing a Truth too elusive for words, too vast for dogma, and too bright for eyes unveiled, and only hinted to us until we are ready and worthy to behold it with other and clearer eyes than now we know."

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K. T. Cross of Honor

The October Past Masters' banquet of Charleston Lodge No. 35, Charleston, Illinois, was the setting for the formal presentation of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor to Sir Knight Robert F. Finch, Godfrey De Bouillon Commandery, Mattoon. Sir Knight Finch already is a Knight of the York Cross of Honour. Speaker of the evening was the immediate Past Grand Commander of Illinois, Sir Knight John W. Williams.



John Temple Rice
December 9, 1888 - November 5, 1970

John Temple Rice was a Masonic gentleman who found in the Order of Knights Templar the ultimate in Christian fraternalism. He loved all the branches of Masonry, gave each his best brand of leadership and in turn was esteemed and honored in each.

His friends were numbered in the thousands. His courteous and considerate manner and his courtly appearance became familiar landmarks in Templary. The name itself – John Temple Rice – had the ring of Templar identification and authority.

For seventeen years he occupied the post of Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment at Chicago. He never married; his life was devoted to his fraternity and the Christian religion, augmented by a highly developed appreciation for and interest in the classics – literature, music and the theatre.

John Temple Rice served the Grand Encampment with distinction and dedication. He was Most Eminent Grand Master from 1946 to 1949. The memories of Knight Templar progress and accomplishments during that period will serve as a constant tribute to a distinguished and well loved Templar gentleman.

The late Sir Knight Rice died at 3:00 a.m., November 5, at the Illinois Knight Templar Home for the Aged and Infirm, where he had resided since January 1967. Funeral services were held in the Episcopal Church of St. Clement, El Paso, Texas, and interment was in the Masonic Cemetery, El Paso, Tuesday, November 10. The Grand Encampment, with other officers and members present, was officially represented by Sir Knight Arthur G. Coots, R.E. Department Commander.



THE LIBRARY OF LIFE

There is a library, few people know,
And yet, we're all a part
Of the Library of Life, where each of us
Is a book of human art.

We stand together on the shelf of hope,
Catalogued for what we are
By the Great Librarian who placed us there
In a living reservoir.

The cover we wear, denotes our name,
Shows what we try to be,
But yet our true self lies within
On the pages we seldom see.

Each act we do, each thought we think
Is recorded, page on page
And bound together to form our book
Whose volume grows with age.

The hand of Life glides 'oer the shelf
And pauses now and then
To select the books he thinks is best
To serve his fellowmen.

Some books are worn, while some are not,
Some hide in dark recluse.
Only the bold stand out in front
And mark themselves with use.

So take up the challenge, Life gives to you.
The demands are but a few.
Be remembered not with ones who don't
But among the ones who do.

For someday our place in Life will end,
When we become God's ward,
And the Great Librarian takes us down
And slowly pulls our card.

John Osborne Buchanan
Rolla Commandery No. 59
Rolla, Missouri

(Sir Knight Buchanan's permanent address is Lake Jackson, Texas. Currently, he and his family are living in Stade, West Germany, where he is chief of construction in a large chemical plant.)

Ralph E. West
Washington
Grand Commander — 1961
Born December 21, 1888
Died September 19, 1970

Albert J. Noyes
New Mexico
Grand Commander — 1942
Born January 12, 1893
Died September 23, 1970

Elsworth E. Lyman
Montana
Grand Commander — 1946
Born June 19, 1887
Died September 27, 1970

Marsden F. Bancroft
South Dakota
Grand Commander — 1954
Born April 6, 1893
Died September 29, 1970

J. Edward Collins
Maryland
Grand Commander — 1947
Born September 3, 1891
Died October 13, 1970

Walter J. Eddlemon
Missouri
Grand Commander — 1954
Born November 8, 1899
Died October 16, 1970

John Temple Rice
Texas
Grand Commander — 1931
Grand Master — 1946-1949
Born December 9, 1888
Died November 5, 1970

THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR OF HONOR

The highest honorary recognition in the ranking body of York Rite Masonry, the Order of Knights Templar, is the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Each Grand Commandery is entitled to make at least one such award annually. Texas, currently the most populous Templar jurisdiction, is entitled to three.

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor was first authorized at the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Philadelphia in 1964. In 1967 at Detroit it was amended as follows: "Only one nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery membership of 10,000 or less, plus one additional nomination may be made by a Grand Commandery for each additional 10,000 of its members, or major fraction thereof, during any one year. Only one nomination may be made from the total of the Subordinate Commanderies during one year."

Nominations begin in the Constituent Commanderies. When the membership of a Commandery has approved a nominee for the award, the nomination is forwarded to the Grand Commander for his study and consideration. The one (or more, if qualified by greater numbers of members) finally selected and approved by him is submitted to the M.E. Grand Master. If approved by him, the Grand Master directs the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment to provide the appropriate certificate and the engraved Cross of Honor medal.

A nomination may be made by each of the Subordinate Commanderies (those not affiliated with a Grand Commandery) and submitted to the Grand Master annually. He selects one of the total to receive the award.

The following are the outstanding Templars who have received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award during the calendar year of 1970.

Grand Commandery	Commandery	Recipient
Alabama	Florence No. 39	John Fulford Welch, Sr.
Arizona	Yuma No. 10	Alfred William Johnson
Arkansas	Crusader No. 19	Harry Winfield Bowman
California	Eureka No. 35	John Maxwell Bowersox
California	San Jose No. 10	Herman Gerhard Hardtke
Colorado	J.E. Abbott No. 40	Gifford S. Sorenson
Connecticut	Palestine No. 6	Roger Herbert Green
District of Columbia	Columbia No. 2	Frederic C. Hardin
Florida	St. John's No. 29	Joseph Preston Le Suer
Georgia	St. Paul's No. 24	Thomas Malcolm Gray
Idaho	Lewiston No. 2	Lester Aschenbrenner
Illinois	Godfroy De Bouillon No. 44	Robert Fredlin Finch
Illinois	Lincoln Park No. 64	Charles Jacob Retterer

Indiana	Knightstown No. 9	James Gordon Wright
Iowa	Siloam No. 3	Henry Herrmann
Kansas	Esdraelon No. 49	Louis Fred Stelle
Kentucky	Richmond No. 19	James Leonard Matherly
Louisiana	Plains No. 11	Robert Andrew Fleming
Maine	St. John's No. 3	Newton A. Robbins
Maryland	York No. 16	Donald Eugene Cheville
Mass. & R.I.	Jerusalem No. 19	John William Mackey
Michigan	Escanaba No. 47	Henry George Olson
Minnesota	Damascus No. 1	Karl R. Davis
Mississippi	Rosalie No. 5	Leighton Kent Wingate
Missouri	Ascalon No. 16	Milton Clifford Engelhardt
Montana	St. Omer No. 19	John Elmer Dahlstrom
Nebraska	Damascus No. 20	Joseph Hoffman
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson No. 8	Harold G. Kispert
New Hampshire	not awarded	
New Jersey	Ascalon No. 29	Arthur Domick Crovatto
New Mexico	Pilgrim No. 3	Elwin Noyes Robinson
New York	Trinity No. 68	Salvador C. Mir
North Carolina	Gastonis No. 28	Albert Richard Rankin
North Dakota	Tancred No. 1	James F. Ulmer
Ohio	Middletown No. 71	Albert Meyer
Ohio	Dayton No. 68	Roscoe Otto Rilling
Oklahoma	Miami No. 49	Leroy Hudson
Oregon	Temple No. 3	Edward Storey Dirrett
Pennsylvania	DeMolay No. 9	Franklin T. Shimer
Pennsylvania	Mountain No. 10	Charles McClellan Houpt
Phillipines	Okinawa No. 2	Frank Pontillo
South Carolina	Aiken No. 14	Walter Kirk Murray
South Dakota	Cyrene No. 2	Chester Luvern Deming
Tennessee	Kingsport No. 33	William Warren Cannon
Texas	Ascension No. 25	Clinton Ferrel Barron
Texas	San Antonio No. 7	Herbert E. Weiser
Utah	Utah No. 1	Gilbert McPherson Crill
Vermont	Holy Cross No. 12	Harold Wilson Yasinski
Virginia	Blacksburg No. 32	Frank Radford Wickham
Washington	University No. 23	Wenceslaus F. Slezak
West Virginia	Williamson No. 29	Rufus Sigsbee Redwine
Wisconsin	Ivanhoe No. 24	Herman E. Friedrich
Wyoming	Hugh de Payen No. 7	L. Vigil Abbott

There is one award for the Subordinate Commanderies. It was presented to:

Robert Chong Kong

Honolulu No. 1

Honolulu, Hawaii



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Convent General KYCH

The annual assembly of Convent General, York Cross of Honour, at Buffalo, October 10-11, had George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, N.M.J., as its principal speaker. Sylvanus Nye, Grand Master General, Convent General, presided over the sessions.

According to Past Grand Master General Alvin L. Crump, the following dignitaries were in attendance: William E. Yeager, Grand Sovereign, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine; Marvin E. Fowler, Provincial Grand Master, Royal Order of Scotland; G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of Grand Encampment; and a number of other representatives from the Grand Bodies of Canada and the United States.

New officers, as relayed by Sir Knight Crump, are: Charles F. Adams, Grand Master General; Arnold C. White, Deputy Grand Master General; Hubert O. Auburn, Grand Warder; William J. Netherton, Grand Treasurer-General; Grover Lee Michael, Grand Treasurer-General Emeritus; Stanley Wakefield, Grand Registrar-General; Gordon R. Merrick, Grand Seneschal; Robert Monroe, Grand Marshal; Harold P. Sipprell, Grand Sentinel; Harold H. Thom, Grand Prelate.

Past Grand Master Heads C. of C.

Grover C. Schmidt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana and chairman of the Masonic Home board of trustees, has been elected president of the Montana Chamber of Commerce. The annual meeting was held October 9 at Lewistown, Montana.

Nebraska Festival

A September York Rite festival, attended by approximately 500, resulted in the knighting of 180 Masons at Adams Junior High School auditorium, North Platte, Nebraska, when the experimental "The Word," a York Rite drama by Myron K. Lingle, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois, was presented by a 50-man cast of Illinois York Rite Masons.



Among those present for the Nebraska Festival were Sir Knights Herbert T. White, Grand Commander Peter C. Burt, and Louis V. Sylvester, Omaha; Alvin L. Crump, Evanston, Illinois, and the Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell.

Conference Confirmed

The Hotel Wade Hampton, Columbia, South Carolina, will be the setting January 29 and 30, 1971, for a Southeastern Regional Conference of representatives of General Grand Council, General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment. Stephen B. Dimond is Department Commander. The region comprises eight state jurisdictions: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Southwestern Conference

With Department Commander John R. Mendius in charge, the Templar portion of the York Rite Conference November 6-7 at Phoenix, Arizona, was attended by the M.E. Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell, accompanied by Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer. Twenty-six Templars from the five jurisdiction area participated in the session; 41 were present for the combined Chapter-Council-Commandery meeting for the southwestern region.

The General Grand Chapter representation was headed by Calvin A. Behle, General Grand High Priest; Verne W. Mokler, General Grand Master, General Grand Council, lead the Council representatives. The area Royal Arch and Council representatives are: E. Monroe Foster and Robert L. Karnes.

The next southwestern conference will be held in Las Vegas, November 13-14, 1971.

Three Way Conference



Verne W. Mokler, Calvin A. Behle and G. Wilbur Bell, elected heads of General Grand Council, General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment, are pictured during the South Central Regional York Rite Conference at Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 16-17.

Masonic Showcase in Ohio

With approximately 11,000 in attendance, the newly elected Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, M.W. Brother Donald M. Thomson, was officially honored by the Masons of northeastern Ohio with a "Masonic Showcase" in the Public Hall, Cleveland.

Featured guests and participants included Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, who spoke on the subject, "What Masonry Means to Me." Dr. Peale, also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, is minister of Marble Collegiate Church on 5th Avenue, New York.

George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, N.M.J., traveled to Cleveland to salute M.W. Brother Thompson, as did the M.E. Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., G. Wilbur Bell; Shrine Imperial Potentate Aubrey G. Graham of Norfolk, Virginia; and Grand Monarch Ralph L. Shepherd, Grotto Supreme Council. There were representatives of Job's Daughters, the Rainbow for Girls, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and other state and national bodies. Knights Templar formed the honor guard for the reception of the Grand Master and the reception of the colors.

Walter E. Drake, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, was a participant and served as the official aide to the Grand Master of Knights Templar, G. Wilbur Bell.

The "1970 Masonic Showcase" was an activity of the Cuyahoga County Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association and the Lorain County Blue Lodge Officers Association.

Senate Approves Knox

The United States Senate has approved the appointment of Sir Knight William W. Knox, Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30, Erie, Pennsylvania, for a seat on the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania. Attorney Knox, a major figure in all branches of Masonry, took his oath of office October 30.

The new District Judge, a life-time appointment, has headed his Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and his Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Other memberships include Erie Consistory, A.A.S.R.; Penn Priory No. 6, K.Y.C.H.; Zem Zem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Erepa Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. He was made an Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J., in 1964.



An interview with Sir Knight Knox in the *Erie Daily Times* recognizes the Masonic background of the new Federal Judge and notes that he has served as President of the Erie County Bar and is a member of the State Bar Association, American Bar Association, International Society of Barristers, American College of Trial Lawyers, American Judicature Committee and the Grievance Committee of the U.S. District Court.

Youth Night at Vacaville

Vacaville Commandery No. 38 was the host for a dinner and reception for Sir Knight William P. Wilson, Grand Commander, attended by officers of Armijo Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Firfield, California.

The event was in keeping with the Grand Commander's General Order to California Sir Knights requesting greater support of Masonic youth groups.



Left to right: Lawrence Metcalfe, E.C., Vacaville Commandery No. 38; Andy Paine, Jr. Councillor, Armijo Chapter; Grace McAlister, Chapter Sweetheart; Grand Commander Wilson; Ward Williamson, Master Councillor, Armijo Chapter.

He is chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. P.G.C. Harrison C. Hartline, longtime Masonic associate, points out that Judge Knox graduated with highest distinction in 1932 from the University of Michigan and with high distinction in 1935 from the University of Michigan Law School.

He is married to the former Agnes Graham and their residence is at 5602 Bonaventure Drive, Erie, Pennsylvania.

GRAND COMMANDERY CHAIRMEN – VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

Charles S. McIntyre, Chairman of the Third Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, announces the names of the Templars serving as Grand Commandery Chairmen in their respective jurisdictions.

It is to these men that campaign funds and reports are to be forwarded by the chairmen or officers of Constituent Commanderies participating in the campaign. The Grand Commandery Chairmen then forward reports and checks for each jurisdiction to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at Rhinebeck, New York.

Chairman McIntyre and Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater join in emphasizing the importance of the report system. First, each Templar is urged to participate or contribute through the Commandery in which he holds membership. Second, each Constituent Commandery is asked to report monthly to its Grand Commandery Chairman – and he, in turn, to report promptly to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The campaign ends January 31, 1971. Special recognition in the form of plaques and certificates will be made by the Grand Master, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, to the highest producing Constituent, Subordinate and Grand Commanderies.

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"Total health care" is the idea of the new Family Health Care Center of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago.

The program was initially funded by a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Fifty families were cared for as a unit by a team of health professionals under the guidance of one family physician.

The eighteen month success of the program led to a supplemental grant of \$140,000 by HEW to expand the program to 1,000 families.

Dr. Walter Bornemeier, A.M.A. President and member of the staff at the Medical Center said, "While others are bogged down in studies of potentially useful programs we are acting."

One hundred years of Templary were observed by Calvary Commandery No. 37, Danville, Pennsylvania, October 17 in connection with a Division No. 14 reception for William D. Geesey, Pennsylvania's Grand Commander.

The first Stated Conclave of Calvary Commandery was on August 11, 1870, with 29 members present, eight candidates Knighted and 10 petitions presented. Present membership is 82.

Centennial officers of Calvary Commandery are: Carmon C. Erb, Commander; LeRoy J. Sweitzer, Generalissimo; William L. Boyer, Captain General; Donald E. Herr, P.C., Treasurer; Paul R. Seidel, P.C., Recorder. Division Commander of Division No. 14 is Ralph C. Hans.

A Thought for the Season

"We are debtors" – Romans 8-12

In an age when the by-word is "Give me this" or "Give me that," words like "we are debtors" are not popular. Our first reaction is to deny it and say that we have met all our obligations and are not in debt to any man. But when we begin to think on the matter we realize that St. Paul was speaking, not only to his friends and followers in Rome, but for all men in all ages, when he said "We are debtors."

There is not a single moment in your life or in mine when we are not obligated to someone or to something. We were born into a world where for centuries men and women have been labouring to make the burden of life a little lighter for us. Wars have been fought and blood has been shed so that we might have liberty. Laws have been enacted so that we might enjoy a certain amount of security. Churches and such fraternal organizations as this Christian Order of Knighthood have endeavored to foster and nurture the good in men, and through their combined efforts most of the people we meet on life's highway are reasonable and kind. Schools have banished much of our ignorance, and Medical Science has conquered many of our diseases, and for these and countless other blessings "We are debtors."

From a message by
REV. W. O. RICHARDS
Glenwood Springs Commandery No. 20
Glenwood Springs, Colorado

The Knight Line



Among the newest Masons in the fraternity are Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., of Virginia, and motion picture star John Wayne, who was made a Master Mason July 11 in Tucson, Arizona, a location he considers his second home because of business interests there.

One of the notable Masons and Templars in the field of athletics is Earle Bryan Combs, P.C., Richmond Commandery No. 19, Kentucky. Combs, now a 45 year member, is a member of baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York. His baseball career as a player ran 14 years. He owns a lifetime batting average of .325. The *Knight Templar Magazine* plans a story-in-depth on Sir Knight Combs in an early issue.

Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, officially became of age October 27, 1970 — exactly 21 years to the day after its constituting in 1949. Worshipful Master Charles I. Fasnacht presided for the anniversary banquet and presented Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer as speaker of the evening.

General Order No. 4 from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky is on the subject of Membership. Grand Commander Henry C. Smith — in his communication to Kentucky Eminent Commanders, Recorders, Committee Chairmen and District Coordinators — says: "We would like to encourage more each year the use of one-day and week-end festivals. During the 1969-70 year they really paid dividends insofar as increasing our statewide membership. Now that we have had two successive years that have produced gains, let us try to do even better."

Dr. Oliver S. Willham, chairman, currently is working on a revision of *Knights Templar*

Educational Foundation forms and Standard Practices. At the direction of Grand Master Bell, an Educational Foundation guideline leaflet is planned to be issued early in 1971.

Although all Voluntary Campaign contributions for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are appreciated, Chairman McIntyre and Executive Director DeLamater ask that all Sir Knights channel their contributions through their local Commanderies — and that the officers of each Commandery relay their funds and reports, on forms provided, to their Grand Commandery chairman. Only reports received from Grand Commandery (or Subordinate Commandery) chairmen will be credited to the individual Commanderies.

Then there was the little boy who, after years of Sunday School attendance, thought the proper Lord's Prayer wording was: "Lead us not into Penn Station."

Sir Knight Bliss Kelly, Oklahoma, has relayed a suggestion that all Mail Bin letters in the *Knight Templar Magazine* be printed with the senders' full names and addresses attached. He feels this would encourage increased correspondence among the Sir Knights. Space limitation has been the past problem, but it is possible that future printing of Mail Bin letters will reflect this suggestion. In the interim, those who wish to correspond with future Mail Bin writers can relay their comment in care of the Grand Recorder's address.

The holy days of Christmastide draw near;
Friends, family and mankind grow more dear.
And all regain the faith of childhood days,
Hearing — anew — old songs of joy and praise.

C. Kritt, Reporter

YORK RITE REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The Grand Encampment, cooperating with General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, recognizes seven area regions in the United States and participates in seven regional conferences annually. Four have been held in this first Triennium year. The next currently scheduled is the Northwestern Department or Regional Conference January 23-24 at Billings, Montana. The Southeastern is scheduled January 29-30 at Columbia, South Carolina.

Current appointments for the seven areas by the Grand Encampment and the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council are compiled below.

	Grand Encampment 1970-73	General Grand Chapter 1969-72	General Grand Council 1969-72
Region	Department Commander	General Dep. G. H. Priest	Grand Master's Representative
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Southwestern	John R. Mendius 124 Rover Blvd. Los Alamos, N.M. 87544	E. Monroe Foster 14514 Fruitvale Rd. Valley Center, Ca. 92082	Robert L. Karnes 621 N. Keenan St. Montebello, Calif. 90604
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Latin America:	Alexander G. Wygard, Baltimore No. 84, Mexico City 18, D.F., Mexico
International:	Roger K. Becker, 6712 Arcadian Highway, Evansville, Ind. 47715

Your Eye Foundation At Work

The following letter was received by Sir Knight John F. Welch, Sr., last year's Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign Chairman for Alabama.

Rogersville, Alabama

Dear Friends of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.,

This is to try to find words to thank each and every one of you fine people for the wonderful gift of my eyesight back again. I just can't find the proper words to use in expressing my thanks and appreciation for such a wonderful group of people and such a wonderful organization.

I was blind and couldn't see to get around by myself. I will be 56 years old October 4, 1970. You good people made it possible for me to go into the hospital for two weeks on August 5. During those two weeks I had surgery on both eyes. I still haven't got my permanent glasses but, thanks to you people, I can see to get around now by myself. My doctor thinks when I get my permanent glasses I will be able to see fine.

May God bless each and every one of you. May God also help you to continue to help people like myself. If I can ever help in any way please let me. I have no education. But I thank you from the bottom of my heart. This is a beautiful world. I had forgotten just how beautiful it really was.

Mrs. Lula M. Eldridge

THE CHRISTMAS

**The Christmas is the love of Christ,
The Christmas is of love sufficed;
The Christmas is Love's staff and rod,
The Christmas is the love of God.**

**Milford E. Shields
Poet Laureate, Colorado**

Regional Red Cross Assembly

The eastern regional annual assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, October 23-25 at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, featured the presence of the Grand Sovereign, William E. Yeager, and a number of other United Grand Council officers, including: Robert W. Cauldwell, William G. Mateer, Paul C. Rodenhauer, Walter B. Wilson, Dallas F. Bullock, Stanley F. Maxwell, the Rev. John C. Brumbach and the Rev. Robert K. Hill.

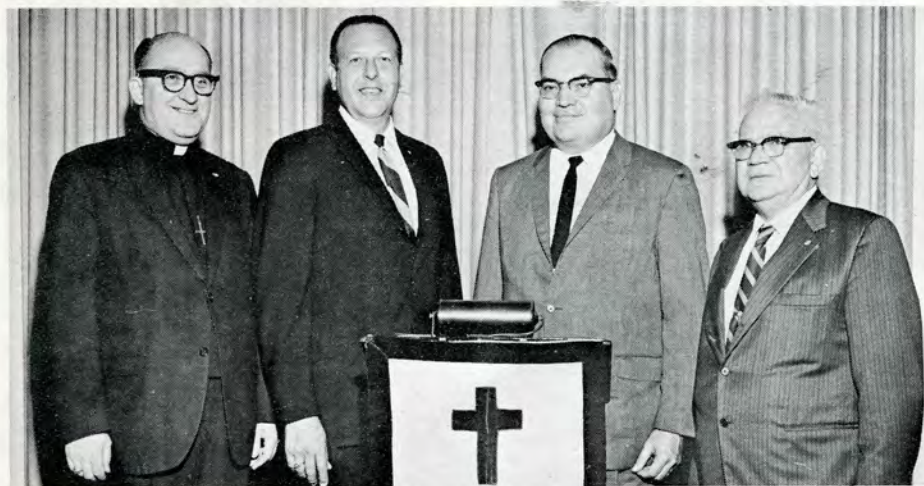
Among the official "family" present also were John L. Crofts, Sr., (P.G.M.), member U.G.I.C. Committee on Finance; William H. Cantwell, Walter A. DeLamater and William R. Burchfield, all Past Grand Sovereigns. Past Grand Sovereign Burchfield, assisted by John G. Eshleman, Intendant General, Pennsylvania Eastern, was in charge of the program. Overall attendance totalled nearly 400.

Kentucky York Rite Leaders in KYCH

Newly installed Grand Commander Henry C. Smith and Orville T. Hagen, P.G.C., Grand Commandery of Kentucky; Most Worshipful Grand Master Carroll M. Curtis, Deputy Grand Master George Effinger and Grand Junior Warden James Whilite, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, were among those received into the Knights of the York Cross of Honour September 21. The four elected officers of the Grand Chapter, RAM, are already members of KYCH: Chester Bush, Grand High Priest; John J. Hagans, Grand King; Mack Woolum, Grand Scribe; and Norman Harper, Grand Captain of the Host. Two officers of the Grand Council are also members: J. C. Hicks, Deputy Grand Master, and Nolan Rose, Grand Captain of the Guard.

DIEU LE VEUT TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST AND SERVICE

The 41st annual October breakfast and praise service of Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was recorded on the annals of the Commandery Sunday, October 11, with 150 Templars listed as attending. The Breakfast gathering is held each year at the Irem Temple Country Club, with breakfast served from 6:30 to 7:30 and the Sunday morning praise service starting at 7:45 a.m.



Breakfast and Praise Service participants October 11 at Wilkes-Barre included, left to right: the Rev. Fred M. Eister, Pennsylvania's Associate Grand Prelate, who presented the message; David C. Jones, Eminent Commander; The Rev. Edmund L. John, Prelate, and Peter G. George, Recorder, Dieu Le Vuet Commandery.

I just ran across this excerpt from the Bible which might be appropriate for printing at this time and day.

"14. Doth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15. But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given her for a covering.

16. But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the Churches of God." I Corinthians, Chap. 11.

MICHAEL L. CRIGGER
Fort Devens, Massachusetts

Grand Recorder's Office

Kenneth (Mac) MaHolland, P.C., Coronal Commandery No. 36, Denver, Colorado, currently is the newest member of the Grand Recorder's staff at Chicago. Other assistants to the Grand Recorder include Jan A. Hapgood; Violet Carlson, secretary; Cheryl Rothwell, editorial-magazine; Mrs. Bernice Powell, bookkeeping; Robert Bigley, data processing programmer and supervisor; Mrs. Shirley Murphy, assistant to the programmer; Swedlana Baba, key-punch operator; Marian Carroll, word-processor operator, and other clerical assistants.



Dr. Beryl S. Kinser, 700 South 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois, is the Right Eminent Associate Grand Prelate for the 1970-73 Triennium. Sir Knight Kinser is a member of Elwood Commandery No. 6, St. Edward Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, active in the Grand Lodge and Shrine, and is an Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J.

Easter at Arlington

A letter from Major General Roland M. Gleszer dated October 15 advises Committee Chairman Marvin E. Fowler that the "Department of Defense has granted authorization for the Knights Templar to conduct their 41st Annual Commemoration and Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater on 11 April 1971 at 7:30 a.m."

The letter also expresses approval of participation by the United States Army Chorus and the United States Marine Band. Also involved in clearance for this annual service for Knights Templar and the public is Sir Knight and General Bruce C. Clarke, Honorary Chairman, who is arranging overall coordination with Paul C. Miller, Chief, Ceremonies and Special Events, Military District of Washington, U.S. Army.

Not official, but reassuring, is the committee chairman's comment that it has rained only once each 13 years for an Easter Sunrise Service. Therefore, he anticipates clear skies for April 11, 1971.

A Christmas Prayer

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding; that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses; that the spirit of this Christmas Season – its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith – may live among us; that the blessings of peace be ours – the peace to build and grow, and to live in harmony and sympathy with others.

William A. Hensley
Past Grand Master
Order of DeMolay

DeMolays have been involved in civic clean-up and improvement projects for several years and will embark on an international program of environmental action in 1971 known as "Project - Enviroact."

Meanwhile, in the United States and ten other countries of the free world, they continue such chapter activities of service as helping to erect school buildings, repairing damage done by vandals to schools and private dwellings, painting homes of the blind, serving at day camps for retarded children, participating in fund drives for organized charities, collecting relief supplies for disaster victims, providing outings for orphans and performing home maintenance for the aged and infirm. "DeMolays also raise the flags of their countries, instead of tearing them down!"



DeMolays in action as they help an "older friend." Helping those who cannot always help themselves has been a part of DeMolay for many years.

The adoption of "Project - Enviroact" will represent an additional activity, not a replacement of current DeMolay programs.



Below are some of the representatives of the Southern California York Rite Bodies attending a "Kickoff" Breakfast on September 27.

November 14 was the date for the Chapter and Council Degrees and November 21 for the Orders of the Commandery, conferred in Los Angeles. York Rite Bodies from Santa Barbara to San Bernadeno, from San Diego to the Kern Countyline combined for this special Southern California York Rite Fall Class.



L. to r., front row, Frank F. Jones, G.C.G.; William P. Wilson, G.C.; Robert J. Miller, G.S.W.B.; back row, R. L. Larsen, E.C., No. 43; John Ansoorian, E.C., No. 9; C. E. Glaze, Vice Chairman, Grand Commandery Membership and Public Relations Committee; Howard V. Conners, Grand Commandery, Ritual and Tactics; Fred Brown, Inspector, Dept. 5; Aubrey E. Fraser, Inspector, Dept. 6.

Late but Notable

Belated news from Albion, Pennsylvania, tells of the 12 candidates of Northwestern Commandery No. 25 and Mt. Olivet No. 30 who received the Orders of Red Cross and Malta June 20 - with the latter conferred in full form at an outdoor Conclave on the Lloyd R. Bashaw Farm by virtue of a dispensation from Grand Commander William D. Geesey. Sir Knight Robert A. Sweigard writes that "this is a first for Pennsylvania."

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FROM OFFICERS
OF
CALIFORNIA GRAND COMMANDERY



GREETING SIR KNIGHT: OUR MESSAGE, PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN. OUR SERIOUS CONCERN, FOR THAT, WE CHERISH, WE ASK YOU TO MAKE A SPECIAL GIFT TO THE EYE FOUNDATION TO PRESERVE SIGHT AND TURN DARKNESS TO LIGHT DURING 1970-71 CAMPAIGN.

A DESERVED TRIBUTE



To project a worded picture of a man's service to a principle, require a hard look at his autobiographic. Brother George F. Roberts interested in the principles of masonry, solicited the opportunity to become a member, of the fraternity. In January 1926, he was initiated, passed and raised in San Diego Lodge No. 35, in a three week period, his desire and enthusiasm lead him to seek further light, in masonry. He petitioned the Scottish Rite in 1927, received part of the work, then moved to Long Beach where his effort and interest brought him the decoration of KCCH in 1949, served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, in Long Beach Valley, and is still active in several degrees.

In his spare time affiliated with Neptune and served as Master in 1937, later and to date served as Secretary, and Past President Harbor Area Secretaries Association, and Past Masters association.

York Rite wise, became a member of Search-light Chapter No. 133, served as High Priest later, ten years as Inspector 29th district Illustrious Master Council No. 26. Commander Long Beach Commandery No. 40, and 27 years in the Drill Corp. The Festival Class of 1969, named in his honor. In his spare time became a Charter member of El Bekal Shrine and the Patrol, and later served as Prior of Los Angeles Priory No. 27.

World War II interrupted his Masonic activities, he served two years in the Marine Corp, discharged a Technical Sargent.

In other fraternal fields, he was a member Ancient Order of Sociots and Lybian Guard Past President, Naval Shipyard Anchor Square Club and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is Past Watchman, Past Deputy Supreme, and District Chairman Membership of the White Shrine No. 25.

A view of his Civic activities. He is a member of the Son's of the American Revolution. Vice Chairman, Board of Deacons, University Baptist Church, permanent — Chairman, Building Committee.

Concluding his autobiographic, Brother George was not with out family encouragement in determination to serve. He and his Lady Viola are parents of one daughter and three sons, the youngest son a Lieutenant, of Long Beach Police they have nine grandchildren and two great grand children.

The year of 1970 will close out many of George's activities he recently, under went open heart surgery and his Doctor advised complete relaxation away from outside activities he will be missed as Secretary of Neptune Lodge and Search-light Chapter. It is rumored he is preparing his plans to follow Doctor advise, that he and Lady Viola will enjoy that long delayed vacation. Happy Landing and Best wishes.

THIS YEAR, PERHAPS AS NEVER BEFORE THE DIRECTORS OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION ARE SEEKING YOUR INDIVIDUAL CONCERN AND EFFORT IN THE 1970-71 CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER—DECEMBER—JANUARY INFORMATION AND CIRCULARS ARE IN THE OFFICE OF ALL COMMANDERIES. YOUR EFFORT MAY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Supreme Council Elections

Franklin G. Hinckley, Portland No. 2, Portland, Maine, and John A. Floyd, Calvery No. 13, Portsmouth, Ohio, are the two new Active Members of the Supreme Council, N.M.J.

Wayne E. Stichter, P.C., Toledo No. 7, Toledo, Ohio, was elected Grand Standard Bearer. Floyd W. McBurney, P.C., Robert Macoy No. 3, Madison, Wisconsin, became Scottish Rite Deputy for Wisconsin.

York Rite Honors Scottish

Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, held a banquet and testimonial program October 29 to honor three of its members who received Scottish Rite recognition by being named Honorary 33^o Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction at Milwaukee September 30. The three were: Alvin L. Crump, Sidney L. DeLove and Sidney Z. Schultz. Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was the speaker for the recognition dinner at the Masonic Temple, Evanston.



Kansas Templars See Passion Play

The Passion Play at Oberammergau was the prime objective of the eighty-eight persons on the Kansas Knight Templar tour of central Europe.

Given only once every ten years, the Passion Play is produced entirely by the 5,000 residents of the small Bavarian town. Eight hours are required to stage the story of the life of Christ and its eighteen tableaux of Biblical scenes in the open air.

The group also toured central Europe by bus, taking in the Alpine scenery and visiting ten famous Cathedrals built by operative Masons in the middle ages. Arriving in Cologne, the group heard the nine great bells calling the faithful to worship. "Bells will never sound the same," says Kansas Grand Recorder Charles S. McGinness.

On September 12, four Sir Knights from the group travelled to Frankfurt to participate in the Knighting of four candidates of Frankfurt Commandery No. 1. Participating in this "once in a life time experience" were Ralph B. Mitchell, P.G.C.; Charles S. McGinness, Grand Recorder; Sir Knight Ernest Hetzel and Sir Knight Robert W. Buckner of Washington (D.C.) Commandery No. 1.

A CHRISTMAS POEM

The winter's first storm now is blowing away
leaving a beautiful white overlay
and tomorrow will be the magical day
making the wide world happy and gay.

Softly the reddening sunset's light
heralds the swift approach of the night
and in the shadows' deepening gloom
majestically shines the Christmas Moon.

The great Dog Star now glittering bright
beacons the faithful to Jerusalem's sight
as in the days of the Magi's flight
this is the great time of the Christian Rite.

Soon over the icy crusted snow
"Santa's" fleet reindeer will gaily go
sleigh bells a jingle in fancied flight
long is the journey before the daylight.

Oft' is the story of Christmas told
of stars and Angels and Magi old
from the tropical heat to the arctic cold
o'er the vast realm of the Christian fold.

To bed the children are with protest gone
pajamas and night-gowns securely on
believing that with the coming of dawn
"Santa's" full sleigh will have come and gone.
"St. Nicholas" fond helpers come into sight
in homes and igloos and tepees tonight
in palace and hovel sleeping faces are bright
for children are children in God's favored sight.

Quick fingers the little presents with care
swiftly so swiftly arrange them there
in shoes or stockings, on mantles or hearths
to please "Kris" or "Santa" or "Reyes" hearts.

Love with the small ones set there in sight
by flickering candle or camp-fire bright
joy with the big ones placed there tonight
by proud candelabra or kerosene light.

After the midnight hour has struck
parents to bed are with tiredness tucked

dreaming of Christmas days long gone before
when they were tots in the days of yore.

Hushed is the sleeping world tonight
with peaceful, humble and contrite hearts
in reverence for the Great One's might
o'er the far flung light of the Christian Rite.

Thankful for bountiful blessings bestowed
happy with meager ones God has endowed
dreaming of better ones still yet to be
when again shall have come the Christmas Tree.

The Dog Star now is fading away
soon will the tired moon shed its last ray
icicles glittering in pale moon light
swiftly is ending the frozen night.

Now the great sun with his bright cold might
bursts into view on his Christmas flight
fading the somber and frigid night
on the great day of the Christian Rite.

Hark to the pattering of tiny feet
heard on the stair-steps eager and fleet
with ecstatic screams making heart-strings beat
this is a great adult human treat.

Early's the order for Christmas Day
for who can resist happy children at play
with their new found toys in their old time way
on this happy and wonderful day.

Romping and playing the children bright
in the best time of life's hurried flight
enjoy it well little ones while you may
for never again may you pass this way.

Happily on through the day we go
"Santa's sleigh tracks are erased in the snow
by scurrying pilgrims gone to and fro
to be with their own in the even-tide glow.

And this is the way that it should be
nor any's to change it nor thee nor me
by the beard of the Prophets known of old
in the far flung realm of the Christian fold.

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“May These Festive Days Bring Thee Only Joy”



The *Knight Templar Magazine* borrows a century old card of the Victorian era to express to each reader the hope which is contained on the original card of “elegant” design and materials: “*May these festive days bring thee only joy.*”