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## **NEEDED: MEN OF VALOR AND VISION**

It is no secret that fraternal organizations in the last two decades, with certain rewarding exceptions, have failed at times to attract men of high calibre, reputation and community standing. Days of yore always carry a special aura of quality and gentleness, but I believe it is quite true that many leaders who at one time would have graced our fraternity, have become involved with a multiple array of social and, in some instances, service clubs to the detriment of Masonic participation.

Of course, this is our loss. But, conversely, Masonry and Templary rely upon total commitment to their tenets and code of conduct. They demand compliance with teachings exemplified in all bodies of Freemasonry and, in particular, with the Order of the Temple. Masonry is not a club, but a way of life. Our association with others in our Masonic bodies is on what should be considered a higher plane – devoted to helping us not only to become better Masons but better men. Therefore, even if numbers diminish, we do take pride in the restrictions which permit only those who are honestly dedicated to become Knights of the Temple.

This is the month when we celebrate the Fourth of July. If you will recall, in years past it was considered the usual procedure in many communities to have a member of the Masonic fraternity as its speaker – not only on Independence Day, but on other patriotic holidays of the year. I submit that it is time we recapture some of this old-fashioned sentiment – time that we let the community and the world know who we are and what we stand for.

Fraternal ranks may be suffering in some instances, but we echo the centuries-old reminder to all Masons and to all Knights Templar; we demand Quality, not merely Quantity.

To speak of our own Order only, what we need most of all are Templars of Valor, Vision – and Vim!



*Willard M. Query*

# Knight Templar

The Magazine for York Rite Masons

**JULY:** This seventh issue of the year offers an appropriate variety of patriotic features including contributions from Dr. Harold Blake Walker, Warren H. Deck, David V. Kusisto and others. It highlights a comprehensive article by Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., to mark the start of the 11th year of every-member magazine distribution.

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## EDITOR'S JOURNAL

**Grand Recorder's Office:** The office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment for the 54th Triennial Conclave at Indianapolis will be located in the Grand Canyon Room, second floor level. It will be in operation starting at 8:30 a.m., Friday, August 10.

**Triennial Meetings:** Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will meet in the Mt. McKinley Room, third floor level of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, August 9, in advance of the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Indianapolis. A re-organization meeting of the Trustees has been scheduled the following Thursday, August 16, at noon — immediately after the installation of officers.

An additional Triennial meeting for those interested in Ritualistic Matters has been called by Chairman James S. DeMond for Saturday, August 11, at 4 p.m. The meeting has been scheduled for the Bryce Canyon Room, second floor level, Hyatt Regency.

**Wedding Bells:** G. Calvin Dyson, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Alberta Barlow were united in marriage June 23. They now reside at G213 Spring House Estates, Spring House, Pennsylvania 19477.

**Gala:** Sir Knight Thomas Blank, Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, Pennsylvania, and his wife observed their 40th wedding anniversary for Templars, family and friends with a gala brunch for more than 150 guests at the Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, June 3.

**Guild:** A Triennial meeting of the Mutual Guild has been scheduled Sunday, August 12, prior to the official opening ceremonies of the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The planned meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the Mt. McKinley Room, third floor level of the Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis. It will be followed at 5:30 by a dinner for Mutual Guild members and Grand Encampment officers.

**Addendum:** A letter received June 12 from Past Grand Commander Warren R. Williams, Jr., asked about the absence in the June *Knight Templar Magazine* of a Proposed Amendment for the Triennial Conclave dated December 1, 1978, signed by Sir Knights Williams and Howard T. Hardie, Jr., then Deputy Grand Commander of Pennsylvania. It was mailed — but it was not received in the Grand Encampment office. As advised by Herbert D. Sledd, Kentucky, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Jurisprudence, an Addendum to the Notice of Conclave was prepared and forwarded to each Voting Member. Their motion is two-fold: 1) to amend Section 43 to read, in part: "... administrative officers *may* be installed, *may* have rank and *may after serving for a period of three years or more retire from office being entitled only to the honors of the office...*" And 2) to amend Section 55, "The precedence of rank" by adding at a position of last on the list: "*The Administrative Officers.*"

**St. Swithin:** Rain, according to some, always is associated with St. Swithin's Day, July 15. If it rains then, look for 40 more days of the same.

## MASONS IN GOVERNMENT

*Biennially the Masonic Service Association, Silver Spring, Maryland, publishes a list of Master Masons who are Members of the President's Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, Senators and Representatives, Governors and Lieutenant Governors. That list is reprinted below, with additional information on Templar membership indicated by an asterisk preceding the names.*

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## PUBLICATION WITH A PURPOSE

by

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Ten years of mailing *Knight Templar* to all Knights Templar — 120 issues of approximately 128 pages each of total copy and each mailed on time — seems to me

a major accomplishment, one in which we should have much satisfaction. I write this because, as one who has been close to this development from the beginning, I can refer to decisions and efforts not generally known or remembered, and may so more generally spread a real feeling of appreciation and pride of accomplishment.

To understand our progress, we ought first to remember where we were in early 1961 — mired in the status quo, which Grand Master Brucker liked to define as “the fix what we is in!” At that time we did have *Knight Templar Magazine*, successor to *Grand Encampment Review*. The *Review* was there when I became a Templar, size 11 x 8½, 16 pages, black and white, distributed to members of Grand Encampment and a few others, depending heavily upon reports of Grand Commandery conclaves, events dated generally from one to two years earlier. Grand Master DeLamater decreed a more popular name for the publication, and changed the size to 9 x 6, 32 pages, but it was still a quarterly publication in black and white. Though more by-line articles were included and more comment was made on local Commandery activities, we still had a mailing of about 8,000, or two

percent of our members. Grand Encampment was at a low ebb, in the opinion of our members, which is another way of saying that our appreciation of the scope and value of Templary — U.S.A. — was in danger. Into this void, as often appears as we look at history, came an unusual Grand Master, Paul Miller Moore, of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Nothing said here should lessen our appreciation of an outstanding Knight Templar, Chalmers L. Pancoast, P.G.C., New York, who moved from New York City to Newark, Ohio, in 1958, but continued to edit the *Magazine* until 1961. When did he begin? I don't know. My copies show that he advanced from “Reviewer” in 1949 to “Reviewer and Editor” in 1952 to “Editor” in 1955 to “Executive Director, Public Relations” in 1957, still doing the job in a highly professional manner until 1961, as a volunteer and with little help.

### First Decision — Monthly Mailing

Grand Master Moore was, in my opinion, far more unusually able than is generally understood. He combined long experience, organizational ability, insight, and humility in a rare degree — and he looked specifically to the future. Let me cite two examples. He wrote letters to 32 selected individuals two months before his election as Grand Master, asking for suggestions as to how the Templar Order might be better promoted — something never before done to my knowledge. I wrote immediately a three page letter, typed single space. Later, when I asked him, he told me he had → → →

received four responses including mine. Then, not discouraged, he called a conference immediately after his installation for the same purpose, and it was held less than two months after the Triennial Conclave and included the Line Officers, the Department Commanders, and all the chairmen of standing committees. He paid the costs personally, as there was no budget provision at the time for such an unheard-of venture.

Out of the Aliquippa Conference came two immediate results. First, each and all present said that Templary needed improved public relations, and that as *Knight Templar Magazine* was our best and most available means, it ought to be published monthly, instead of quarterly, beginning with the November 1961 issue. Grand Master Moore designated me his liaison with the *Magazine*, and accepted my suggestion of Calvin Keller, P.G.C., Missouri, Burt Pearson, P.G.C., Minnesota, and Earl Delzell, P.G.C., Iowa, as an advisory committee for public relations, two of them editors and publishers of newspapers, and the other Grand Secretary and editor of one of the top ten Masonic publications.

Second, I went home and transcribed my tapes from the conference and came up with 167 pages, double spaced, legal size, completely confusing in that form; however, with the help of former Grand Prelate E. Robert Chable I worked up an editorial organization of the various expressions, which Grand Master Moore had printed twice at his expense, under the title "Set of the Sails" suggested by Earl Delzell. This first general purpose publication was later updated with a more inspirational approach in the first few pages by Grand Master Brucker and published by him under the title "Charting the Course," and this with later revisions is still available. Ten other informational brochures have been added since that time, and are available upon request to the Grand Recorder in Chicago.

We had problems! The first was immediate and desperate — merely to fill the available pages. We had a fine November issue of 32 pages, but when I visited Editor and Printer Darold Fleming in mid-November, on the way home from Iowa to Florida, I found him with less than three pages of copy and a new deadline coming up in two weeks. So, went on to Aliquippa and talked Grand Master Moore into allowing a professional writer to do an in-depth feature on himself, which, with his own two-page message, made up seven of the 16-page December issue. Deputy Grand Master Brucker was always good copy, which got us by January, and we followed with featuring myself and then G.C.G. Bell. I have commented often that the grumbling about too much of Grand Encampment officers started with "my" issue.

Our second problem came soon and suddenly in February 1962, when Darold Fleming died in a highway accident. We officers were in Washington at the time, attending the Grand Masters' Conference, and came up with the name of our present Grand Master Avery because of his organizational and Templar experience and his proximity to and familiarity with our printer at Greenfield. So, we called him and convinced him: that he wanted to be your Editor, which he did faithfully, until he was elected Grand Captain General in 1967 and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer was available to take over the task. Rodney Fleming, Darold's son, became head of Mitchell-Fleming and has been our printer from that time.

I did a lot of writing in those days! Articles intended to motivate or to inform of doings thought especially interesting to Templary or any part of Masonry, notes from reviewing proceedings, and most of all, letters to stimulate others to write for the *Magazine*, to which many responded usefully. Along



the way we had correspondents appointed in the Grand Commanderies to contribute current news items, write or obtain articles, and, yes, to build subscription sales.

So we filled the *Magazine*, 16 pages and occasionally 32 until early 1965, when we added a 4-color cover of heavier weight to make 20 pages. In 1966 we went typically to 28 pages with the color cover, occasionally 36, sometimes 20. I have one of only a few complete bound collections of *Knight Templar* from 1961 to date (promised one day to Grand Generalissimo Ned Dull), and on looking them over I will say that from 1961 to 1969 we did offer good copy of considerable variety. Paul Rodenhauer helped a lot, before becoming Grand Recorder, with front and back covers, themes, articles, etc. Grand Master Brucker was always an effective contributor. Rodney Fleming was useful to a greater degree than is usually expected of a printer. Dog-gone it, it was good! But in spite of this and the sales efforts of many, we were never able to reach more than eight percent of our member Knights on a subscription basis, largely because, I think, of the limitations of personal contacts and the fact such a small transaction was involved.

### **Second Decision — Every Member Mailing**

I was liaison officer for the *Magazine* for Grand Master Brucker, as for Grand Master Moore. Please believe we worked at it, but we came to the point where Grand Master Brucker concluded, and I agreed, that (1) we were employing too much of the time of our faithful Templars in seeking subscriptions, and (2) that in this manner we had failed and probably would fail to communicate with our members who needed it most, those who were not regular in attendance and in fact seldom touched by other than dues notices, but were nevertheless Brother Knights by their vows and in

their Masonic and philosophic character, and paying their dues. So we took action.

In the Fall of 1966, Grand Master Brucker authorized me to explore the feasibility of every-member publication of *Knight Templar*. I went to several cities, and had some correspondence, and reported "Yes, we can, and for seventy cents." Thus to Detroit, where we worked it out with the Finance Committee and received Grand Encampment approval of an increase in per capita tax from 18 cents to 34 cents due in 1968 and \$1.00 due in 1969 and 1970, to cover the estimated 15 cents per member cost of compiling the mailing list and all Grand Encampment costs including every-member publication to begin July 1969. So, we had our authorization, and our orders. We produced, on time and under budget, but it wasn't exactly easy — that is, the second step wasn't!

The first step was easy enough, with the full cooperation of our printer. We contacted others, of course, and had other bids. We wanted such things as guaranteed performance with indemnity for lateness, and a per-piece cost delivered to the Post Office. The printer needed a five-year contract to underwrite new equipment. Mostly, we wanted two unique features which we have: (1) a phenomenally short production and mailing schedule, so that we could mail all within 15 days of the copy deadline, and (2) two pages available for special copy as submitted by each Grand Commandery, so that they could advertise recent and pending events, recognize meritorious individuals, and cover without cost items of particularly jurisdictional interest which would otherwise cost them also printing and addressing and postage to publish.

The second step was not so easy, that of compiling the mailing list. We worked up the forms and mailed them, but far too many of the lists came back in bad form or not at all. Worse, too → → →

many Templar officers said in effect "I am a volunteer. I did not agree to this, and I won't do it." As of April 3, 1969, I was forced to order a new start, and issued a General Order which was detailed but said in effect "We were told to do this. I will, and, yes, you will, or else!" As I said, it wasn't easy, but we mailed the first issue for July 1969 to all members and on time.

#### Ten Years Later — 1979

We have mailed *Knight Templar* to all of our Knights Templar, and *on time* for 120 months. We receive more than twice the copy needed to fill the space at any time, and have continuing competition among contributors. We routinely report Masonic events one or two months earlier than other Masonic publications. Jurisdictions are learning the real value of the two pages offered them, and an increasing number of them are using this space very well indeed. Covers, back covers, themes and lead articles are planned months in advance. There is a long list of established features which appear monthly, annually, or otherwise regularly. Coverage of other Masonic bodies is generally known and appreciated.

Not so generally known, but planned in the beginning, is the number and variety of services our national office is able to perform for the benefit of Commanderies and Grand Commanderies because we update our every-member list monthly. I consider the most important of these, because of the importance of the individual member in a fraternal society, to be our monthly advice to local recorders of changes of address of their own members — about 800 of these monthly from Post Office Notices, though our returns are considered very low at about one-third of one percent, and about 200 monthly sent directly to Chicago by members intending to move. Some of the other services made possible are:

- Address labels as ordered by Grand Commanderies, for either officers or all members of their Constituent Commanderies; official mailings or special jurisdictional promotions, as the Illinois Paxton Templar Home or Texas Horse Shows; or, by local recorders for mailings to their members.
- About 200,000 addressed dues cards printed for local Commanderies, on order.
- Print-off of rosters to local Commanderies twice yearly for confirmation or correction, or for annual reports to Grand Commanderies.
- Tabulated reports to Grand Commanderies monthly showing membership gains and losses of each Commandery revealing jurisdictional trends and where there is or is not membership promotion.
- Roster of sojourners to each Grand Commandery annually at a time they select, showing all resident Templars who are members of Commanderies in other jurisdictions.
- Annual mailing to state and local officers and Eye Foundation chairmen, of information, brochures, and report forms for the promotion of the Voluntary Campaign, which produces our largest source of funds and useful local activity.

Ten years of mailing to all members! Established? Yes. Successful? Yes. Expensive? No — actually, the Grand Encampment per capita, which includes the *Magazine* publication, remains today as it was ten years of inflation ago, about equal to the tip you lay down for the waitress after a nice dinner for two. Valuable? Isn't it more than simply valuable to carry *Knight Templar* into 360,000 Templar homes each month?

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## REVIVE THE DREAM

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by

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It is difficult to recapture the optimistic mood of the Fourth of July as it was shortly after the turn of the century. There were patriotic speeches and celebrations affirming faith in freedom and in the future of the nation. We saw nothing incongruous then in the prophecy of John Addington Symonds,

*“Nation with nation, land with land,  
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;  
In every pulse of one fraternity.”*

The tomorrows were bright with promise and belief that war drums would no longer throb and battle flags would be permanently furled.

When the morning of the Fourth of July came, we would awaken the neighborhood with exploding firecrackers and entertain ourselves with blazing sparklers. It is a wonder we did not set roofs on fire with paper balloons, fueled by bowls of burning straw attached underneath to send the balloons aloft with hot air. Fortunately, there were plenty of open spaces where the spent balloons could land.

Afternoon picnics in the park were punctuated by the booming voices of preachers or politicians extolling the virtues of America the Beautiful. We

would have made short shift of cynics or skeptics puncturing the American dream with pessimistic views of the future. We were dreaming of great things to come in what might be called the age of confidence. We had ideals and hopes we expected to be fulfilled.

In many ways we were one with the patriots of 1776. They were dreamers, too, looking forward to a future of freedom and prosperity when the shackles of colonialism had been broken. They knew they had a struggle on their hands, with the outcome uncertain. They were willing to dream, however, and to risk the venture whatever the cost. George Washington took the gamble for independence with his eyes open. Happily, as Richard Ketchum noted, he “had all the attributes that inspired soldiers to follow: composure, dignity, presence, a deep determination, and an absolute unwillingness to accept defeat.”

As we celebrated our Fourth of July, we were reminded of those who gave so much to win the nation’s independence. We felt both gratitude and pride as we considered the progress that had been made toward the fulfilling of the American dream. We looked forward, not to war, but to a future “parliament of man,” free and united in a → → →

quest for the good of all. We were convinced that our nation would lead the way to a world of unarmed men living as "comrades free."

Carl Sandburg caught the spirit of the time when he wrote, "Dream, with the dreamer herein his dreams. Some day we may weave them into realities." Woodrow Wilson harbored the dream when he proposed the League of Nations and visioned a world made safe for democracy. When that dream failed it would not die, but was fashioned into the United Nations.

Our Fourth of July celebrations today are muted by cynicism and doubt. Faith in the institutions that undergird our lives has been eroded. The parliament of free men has retreated into the limbo of an impossible dream. Old fashioned patriotism and love for our lovely land is littered with the refuse of indifference and even alienation. The unity of the nation is threatened by the war between the sexes and the conflict between ethnic groups in what we thought was a "melting pot."

The word of the writer of the Book of Hebrews is a suggestive antidote for the mood of the present: "We must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." Without attention to the past, its ideals and faiths, we are like a boat without anchors. Without inspiring memories of the dream from our yesterdays we will drift without goals.

No doubt, the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebrations left much to be desired, but at least they were an affirmation of faith in the nation and its institutions. They offered a testament of confidence that our land would lead the way to a better life for all mankind. They gave evidence of our trust in the ideals of freedom and equality the founding fathers expressed.

If our celebrations of Independence Day renew our dreams and our resolution

to "weave them into realities" in a new era of confidence the day will have accomplished a significant purpose.

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### Dayton York Rite Stage Crew



Honorary Membership in the Dayton York Rite Stage Crew was conferred on Robert N. Huntzinger, Past Grand High Priest of Ohio; Charles W. Wright, Past Commander of Reed Commandery No. 6 in Dayton; and Roy E. Mumma, Past Grand Master, Grand Council. The presentation was made by Sir Knight J. Richard Thomas, Chairman, York Rite Stage Committee, at the 43rd Annual Reunion March 3, 1979, in the Dayton Masonic Temple.

The York Rite Stage Crew is comprised of Sir Knights Thomas, 37 years; Kenneth Johnson, 22 years; Gaylord Johnson, 21 years; Robert Clark, 16 years; Roscoe O. Rilling (P.C., Dayton Commandery No. 68), 15 years; Donald Johnson, 8 years; Francis Blake (P.C. Dayton No. 68), 6 years; Eugene Stewart, 5 years; and Duane Woods, 1 year.

The Certificate of Honorary Membership includes the Stage Crew Code: "We the willing,/Led by the unknowing,/Are doing the impossible/For the ungrateful./We have done so much/For so long with so little,/We are now qualified to do/Anything with nothing!"



## **\$557,603.18 FROM 11th CAMPAIGN**

*The final tally for the 11th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation reflects an increase of almost \$20,000 over the 1977-78 Campaign and the highest figure ever achieved since the Voluntary Campaigns began in 1968. Also, as a result of 1978-79 fund-raising, 124 Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies will be awarded plaques reflecting contributions of \$5.00 or more per member.*

*Grand Master Willard M. Avery and Chairman Charles S. McIntyre join to express a special "thank you" to all the Knights, ladies and friends who made this Campaign a success: "Each Annual Campaign during the 53rd Triennium has exceeded the one before; this is most gratifying proof of the support the Grand Encampment's 360,000 Christian Knights provide for the prevention and correction of blindness."*

### **TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS**

No. 1	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Howard S. Payne, Chairman	\$8.46 per member	Total — \$7,956.56
No. 2	ARIZONA B. Kendall Pitkin, Chairman	\$6.31 per member	Total — \$16,118.73
No. 3	NEVADA Frank J. Gorman, Chairman	\$6.03 per member	Total — \$5,978.02

### **TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS**

No. 1	TEXAS William D. Snipes, Sr.	\$96,103.07
No. 2	PENNSYLVANIA Burnell C. Stambaugh, Chairman	\$55,869.46
No. 3	OHIO William J. Faul, Chairman	\$39,483.08

### **TOP PRODUCING SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY**

Harry J. Miller, U.D., Bitburg, Germany  
\$16.56 per member  
Total — \$1,590.00  
Ronald Lee Snider, Chairman

### **CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$5.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER**

ALABAMA: Lee No. 45, Phenix City.

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**ARIZONA:** Arizona No. 1, Tucson; Ivanhoe No. 2, Prescott; Columbine No. 9, Safford; Yuma No. 10, Yuma; Mohave No. 13, Riviera; Montezuma No. 14, Cottonwood; Burning Taper No. 15, Sierra Vista.

**ARKANSAS:** Jacques DeMolay No. 3, Fort Smith; Olivet No. 20, Blytheville.

**CALIFORNIA:** Ukiah No. 33, Ukiah; Long Beach No. 40, Long Beach.

**COLORADO:** Central City No. 2, Central City; Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown; Pikes Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs; Canon City No. 9, Canon City; Temple No. 23, Grand Junction; Delta No. 34, Delta.

**CONNECTICUT:** Clinton No. 3, Norwalk; Crusader No. 10, Danbury.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Washington No. 1, Washington; Columbia No. 2, Washington; Potomac No. 3, Washington.

**FLORIDA:** St. Lucie No. 17, Ft. Pierce; Ft. Myers No. 32, Ft. Myers; Leesburg No. 33, Leesburg; Emmanuel No. 36, DeLand; Triangle No. 38, Eustis.

**GEORGIA:** St. Omer No. 2, Macon; Ivanhoe No. 10, Fort Valley; Alexius No. 22, Jackson; Hebron No. 23, Carrollton; Bethlehem No. 30, Thomasville; Arnold de Troye No. 31, Buford; Hugh de Payens No. 32, LaGrange; Griffin No. 35, Griffin; DeKalb No. 38, Decatur.

**ILLINOIS:** Sycamore No. 15, DeKalb; Urbana No. 16, Urbana.

**IOWA:** Acension No. 69, Ames.

**KENTUCKY:** Paducah No. 11, Paducah; Fulton No. 34, Fulton; Mayfield No. 49, Mayfield.

**LOUISIANA:** Indivisible Friends No. 1, New Orleans; Plains No. 11, Baton Rouge; Ivanhoe No. 19, New Orleans.

**MARYLAND:** St. Elmo No. 12, Hyattsville; York No. 16, Camp Springs; Carroll No. 17, Westminster.

**MASSACHUSETTS — RHODE ISLAND:** Newburyport No. 3, Newburyport, Massachusetts; Jerusalem No. 19, Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Bristol No. 29, Attleboro, Massachusetts; Trinity No. 32, Marlboro, Massachusetts.

**MICHIGAN:** St. Johns No. 24, St. Johns; Battle Creek No. 33, Battle Creek; Menominee No. 35, Menominee; Ithaca No. 40, Alma; Redford No. 55, Detroit.

**MINNESOTA:** Melita No. 17, Litchfield.

**MONTANA:** St. Elmo No. 7, Dillon; St. Omer No. 9, Missoula; Ivanhoe No. 16, Deer Lodge; Bethany No. 19, Choteau; Golden West No. 24, Shelby.

**NEVADA:** DeWitt Clinton No. 1, Reno; Malta No. 3, Las Vegas; Lahontan No. 7, Fallon; Edward C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Trinity No. 1, Manchester; Hugh de Payens No. 7, Keene; Pilgrim No. 10, Laconia.

**NEW JERSEY:** Bethlehem No. 27, Ridgewood.

**NEW MEXICO:** Shiprock No. 15, Farmington.

**NEW YORK:** New York No. 1, New York City; Jerusalem No. 17, Penn Yan; Dunkirk No. 40, Dunkirk; Nassau No. 73, Hicksville; Otsego No. 76, Cooperstown; Red Jacket No. 81, Canandaigua.

**NORTH DAKOTA:** Tancred No. 1, Mandan.

**OHIO:** Eagle No. 29, Painesville; St. Lukes No. 34, Newark; Trinity No. 44, Norwood; Medina No. 84, Medina.

**OREGON:** Muskogee No. 2, Muskogee; McAlester No. 6, McAlester; Delta No. 19, Tigard; Lincoln No. 25, Newport.



**PENNSYLVANIA:** Philadelphia, St. Johns, Corinthian No. 4, Philadelphia; DeMolay No. 9, West Reading; Crusade No. 12, Bloomsburg; Jerusalem No. 15, Phoenixville; Hugh de Payens No. 19, Easton; Allen No. 20, Allentown; Baldwin II No. 22, Williamsport; Packer No. 23, Jim Thorpe; Calvary No. 37, Danville; Knapp No. 40, Ridgway; Reading No. 42, Reading; Hospitaller No. 46, Lock Haven; St. Alban No. 47, Springfield; Lawrence No. 62, New Castle; Nativity No. 71, Pottstown; Samuel S. Yohe No. 81, Stroudsburg; Germantown No. 82, Philadelphia; Bethany No. 83, DuBois; Mt. Hermon No. 85, Sunbury; Bethlehem No. 90, Bethlehem; Beauceant No. 94, Allentown; Bethel No. 98, Hanover; Nazarene No. 99, Montrose.

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Schrader No. 9, Rapid City.

**TENNESSEE:** Chevalier No. 21, Oak Ridge; Kingsport No. 33, Kingsport; Athens No. 34, Athens; Millington No. 39, Millington.

**TEXAS:** El Paso No. 18, El Paso.

**UTAH:** Malta No. 3, Midvale.

**VIRGINIA:** DeMolay No. 4, Lynchburg; Harrisonburg No. 10, Harrisonburg; Arlington No. 29, Arlington.

**WISCONSIN:** Ivanhoe No. 24, Milwaukee.

## SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$5.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

**PUERTO RICO:** Porto Rico No. 1, San Juan

**GERMANY:** Harry J. Miller, U.D., Bitburg

### Rodenhauser Featured at Ball Lecture

Joe Roy Hollaway, Worshipful Master of Albert Pike Lodge No. 1169, A.F. & A.M., San Antonio, Texas, presided at the tenth annual W.B. Jack Ball Lecture, on May 24. Past Master Reese L. Harrison, Jr., introduced Paul C. Rodenhauser, (P.G.C., Pennsylvania), Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, who presented the lecture "Recollections of a Ghostwriter and Friends Met Along the Way."

The Ball Lecture Series was instituted in 1970 "to perpetuate the memory of the fact that W.B. Jack Ball, P.M. of Albert Pike Lodge, was the third Past Master of a Constituent San Antonio Lodge to have served as Grand Master of Masons in Texas; and to present to Masonry . . . a significant contribution to . . . Masonic thought." The series is patterned after the Prestonian Lecture given annually in the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research, London, since 1925.

### York Rite and Proud of It



Posing during the 131st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the 124th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi, held in Meridian, May 11-12, are Mays D. Welchel, Meridian; T. Olin Gore, Jr., Water Valley; Bob Anderson, Jackson; and Allen Cabaniss, University. Past Grand Commanders all, they have been figureheads for York Rite Unity and have provided leadership for the various Grand Bodies of Mississippi for more than 30 years.

# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## “York Rite Recognition Night”

The May 24 stated meeting of Tucson Lodge of Perfection, Arizona, was designated “York Rite Recognition Night,” a “first” for the Tucson Scottish Rite, according to Sir Knight B. Kendall Pitkin, Grand Standard Bearer of Arizona’s Grand Commandery and Venerable Master of Tucson Lodge of Perfection.

Taking part in the event was Ill. Brother William S. Dunipace, 33<sup>o</sup>, also V.E. Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Scribe, who introduced current and past Grand York Rite Officers, presiding officers of Tucson’s York Rite Bodies, and the President of Tucson Assembly, Beauceant. Following a talk on York Rite Masonry, the Grand Encampment film, “Soldiers of the Cross,” was shown to some 200 Scottish and York Rite members and ladies.

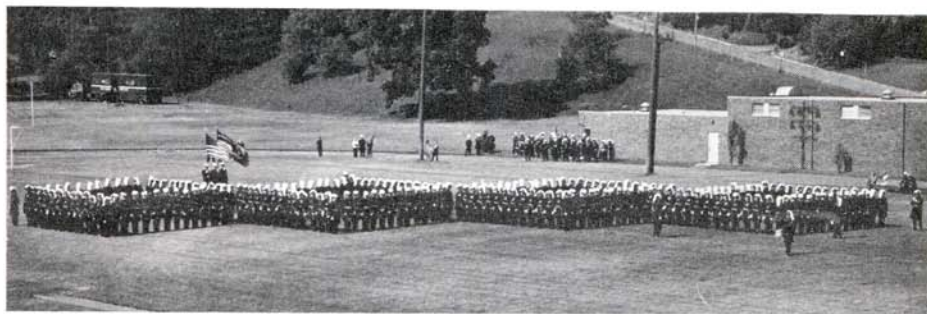
## Lewiston Parade

Sir Knights of Maine marched in a Grand Parade from Bates College to the Methodist Church of Lewiston for Divine Services in connection with the 128th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine, April 29 and 30.



Outgoing Grand Commander Robert V. Damon (above, right) leads Department Commanders J. Willard Register (Southeastern, representing the Most Eminent Grand Master) and Alton G. Billmeier (Northeastern), as well as current and Past Grand Officers, Sir Knights and DeMolays from the Lewiston area.

## Preparing for Exhibition Drill in Indianapolis



Since 1871, the Drill Corps of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Michigan, has performed close-order exhibition drill at Grand Encampment Triennial Conclaves. Detroit Commandery was 20 years old then, and the 4-Platoon exhibition appeared at 11 Triennials in the following 40 years.

Detroit’s Drill Corps has grown in the last 100 years – today, it is a 200+ man, 16-Platoon showcase troupe and a Triennial tradition. Past Commander Albert B. Firth, Triennial Chairman for the group, says, “This year again Detroit Commandery Drill Corps is in full gear in its preparation for the exhibition drill to be presented before the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in Indianapolis.



## Neal Smith Festival in Des Moines

U. S. Congressman Neal Smith from Iowa was the representative candidate at a York Rite Festival named in his honor in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 26th of May. The Festival was sponsored by Iowa York Rite College No. 37, and degree teams were staffed by ritualists from all over the state. The class of 39 received all the Degrees and Orders in Full Form.



## Official Visit



The Supreme Worthy President, Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, Mrs. Martha G. Coots (left), of Dalhart, Texas, made her official visit to Mobile, Alabama, Assembly No. 237 on May 8, 1979. Mrs. Coots and her husband, Sir Knight Arthur G. Coots, P.G.C., Texas, and Past Department Commander, South Central Department of the Grand Encampment, were presented and introduced by Mrs. Charles A. Sweeney (right), Worthy President of Mobile Assembly.

## Triennial Highlights

The Indiana Knights Templar Band will present a short concert prior to the exhibition of Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Corps Saturday, August 11, at Indianapolis.

A color guard from the Legion of Honor of Murat Shrine Temple will serve in conjunction with the Drill Corps and a soloist from Murat Shrine Chanters will be featured.

## Shanteau, Watts, Avery and Friends



Grand Master Avery and Past General Grand Master Shanteau (left) join with friends to congratulate General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, John H. Watts, Iowa (2nd from left), after presentation of Honorary Membership in International Supreme Council of DeMolay.

## North Dakota York Rite Honors

Past Commander James C. Stark, Tancred Commandery No. 1, Mandan, took top honors in North Dakota's York Rite Bodies during 1978 as concurrent recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, the Royal Arch Service Medal and the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award. Sir Knight G. T. Badley, Recorder of Tancred Commandery, who relayed the news, wrote, "We believe Sir Knight Stark is the only York Rite Mason in North Dakota and perhaps the U.S.A. to receive all three honors."

A 58-year Mason, and member of the Knights of York Cross of Honour, Sir Knight Stark is also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, and a recipient of the Rainbow Girls' Grand Cross of Color. He is a Past Patron of Eastern Star and Past Watchman of the Shepherds in the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

## ITALIAN FRATRES INSTALL

Officers of Carroccio Commandery U.D., Milan, and St. John Commandery U.D., Turin, were installed February 17 at ceremonies held in Milan, Italy. Sir Knight Gunter Kerres, Eminent Commander of Walther Graf von Spelten Commandery No. 4, Nuernberg, Germany, was Installing Marshal, and Ryoji Beutner, P.C., Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Germany, attended as representative for Grand Master Willard M. Avery. These new Subordinate Commanderies are the first in Italy, and the newest to be granted Dispensations by the Grand Master.



Above, Sir Knight Kerres accompanies Sir Knight Giorgio A. Rossi (left) and Marco Fois (right) as they are presented for installation as the Eminent Commanders of Carroccio and St. John Commanderies, respectively.



The Order of the Temple, before libations: From left, Sir Knights P. Goldschmied, Prelate; Installing Marshall Kerres; Beutner; E.C. Rossi; and Renzo Tozzi, Captain General of the Milan body.

Carroccio Commandery conferred the Orders on a group of 12 candidates, and all the work was performed in full form. Commenting on the conferral, Sir Knight Beutner wrote, "... the history of Templary is close to the hearts of the Mediterranean peoples ... [and] the manner in which they put on the work was outstanding."

## Holy Land Mission

The Reverend Wesley Perschbacher, Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hillsdale, Ohio, and Grace Episcopal Church, Jonesville, served a dual role during the third Holy Land Pilgrimage completed in February. In addition to being Chief Shepherd among the 17 Pilgrim-Ministers that took the journey, Perschbacher delivered a memorial tribute from the State of Michigan in honor of the former Prime Minister of Israel, the late Golda Meir.

The Reverend Perschbacher carried a letter from Michigan Governor Milliken to the Government of Israel, and placed "Petosky" stones (Michigan's state stone) on Meir's grave at the National Cemetery of Israel. The stones are "symbolic expressions of gratitude and esteem in Israel." The ceremony, attended by Israeli officials, was undertaken in connection with the U.S. government's designation of April 28 and 29 as "Days of Remembrance" of victims of the Holocaust.



Reverend Perschbacher placing Petosky stones at the grave of the late Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of Israel.



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## COLONIAL MILITARY LODGES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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by  
Sir Knight Warren H. Deck, P.G.C.  
Grand Commandery of New York

The first purely Military Lodge of record was established in Gibraltar in 1728 but this was a stationary body and not of the type which later travelled from place to place with a Regiment. The first of the travelling warrants was issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland to the Lodge in the First Foot (Royal Scots) in 1732. England lagged behind in the issue of Military Warrants, and by the time the first was issued Ireland had warranted 29 and Scotland five Military Lodges. The Scottish and Irish warrants had an important bearing on the spread of the influence of the Antients, as the working of Scotland and Ireland was more nearly akin to their working than to that of the Moderns.

The earliest known Military Lodge in America was formed in 1738 under authority from Boston. After 1755 the existing influence of the Moderns was greatly modified by the arrival of many Military Lodges, the majority holding warrants from Ireland, Scotland or the Antients.

When General Burgoyne led his army down the Champlain Valley, the Regiments had seven Military Lodges assigned to them. Campaigning was not conducive to Masonic activity, and, so far as is known, there was no Masonic activity in the Lodges while on their way to the scenes of conflict.

Military Lodges have contributed to the formation of civilian Lodges. The Irish Lodge No. 74 was warranted in the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Scots on October 26, 1737. In August 1758 the

battalion moved to Albany, New York, where it was garrisoned for a year. During its stay in Albany, the Lodge appears to have initiated some of the local gentlemen. On leaving Albany in 1759 its members gave the local brethren, in accordance with what seems to have been the usual though unrecognized custom, a copy of the Lodge Warrant with an endorsement thereon to enable them to continue their Lodge meetings. The Lodge thus formed in Albany worked with this "copy warrant" from 1759-1765, when it received a warrant "Union Lodge No. 1" (Colonial) from the Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge continued to work under this authority, and during the War of Independence the brethren were loyal to the cause of the Colonists. Union Lodge No. 1 continued an isolated existence until 1807 when it surrendered its Colonial Warrant and became Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The majority of the leaders of the Revolution were Freemasons and with the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, Military Lodges were active on both sides. There is a story that George Washington was obligated in the Lodge in the 46th Foot (the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry). During the war, the Masonic Chest of the Lodge in the 46th Regiment was captured by the Americans and Washington directed its return under a flag of truce, with an escort of honour under the command of a distinguished officer.

Although records are → → →

sketchy, the following is purported to be a list of the American Military Lodges in the Revolutionary War:

1. St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1, warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge (Moderns) at New York, July 24, 1775, was attached to the New York Line.

2. American Union Lodge in the Connecticut Line, warranted February 15, 1776, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (Modern). Dormant from March 1777 to February 15, 1779.

3. Lodge No. 19 in the Pennsylvania Artillery, warranted May 18, 1779, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ancient).

4. Washington Lodge No. 10, in the Massachusetts Line, warranted October 6, 1779, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (Ancient).

5. No. 20 in the North Carolina Line, warranted in May or October of 1779 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ancient).

6. No. 27 in the Maryland Line, warranted April 4, 1780, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ancient).

7. No. 28 in the Pennsylvania Line, warranted July 27, 1780, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ancient).

8. No. 29 in the Pennsylvania Line, warranted July 27, 1780, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ancient).

9. No. 30 (Hiram) in the Delaware Regiment.

10. No. 36 in the New Jersey Line, warranted March 26, 1781, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ancient).

Of these, the fragments of information which can be assembled about St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1 prove interesting. Unfortunately, no minute book or roster of the Lodge has been found. However, some bits of information can be assembled.

On June 28, 1775, the New York Provincial Congress, assembled in New

York City, ordered the formation of four regiments and a company of artillery which constituted the New York Line. As indicated above, St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1 was warranted on July 24, 1775. Information indicates that members of the Lodge were from different regiments. From this it is believed that the Lodge was not attached to any one regiment but to the New York Line as a whole. The warrant may have been purposefully issued in this manner because the enlistment in the early regiments was only for six months. At the end of each enlistment period those who wished to remain were organized into one regiment and new recruits used to fill the remaining regiments. Finally, in the fall of 1776, a new army was formed in New York consisting of five regiments and the enlistment period was for three years or for the duration of the war.

The usual time for Masonic work was while the army was in camp. On the march they were too busy. The first New York regiments enlisted in 1775 were sent north with General Richard Montgomery. They participated in the Canadian Campaign and took part in the siege of Quebec. The leaders of the campaign, Schuyler, Montgomery, Worcester and Arnold were all Masons. Petitions for affiliation or advancement to other Lodges at later dates indicate that initiations had been held in St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1 during the campaign.

Upon returning from Canada, the regiments were reorganized and used in defense of New York City under the command of General Washington. During the retreat from New York City the regiments moved with Washington to Morristown, New Jersey, where they remained until May 28, 1777. St. John's Regimental Lodge must have been active during this period. There was no local Masonic Lodge and a number of Masons, some of whom were civilians, claimed to



have been made Masons at Morristown during this period.

Late in 1777, Washington withdrew his troops to Valley Forge for the winter. Again there is evidence of Masonic activity within the army and this must have been St. John's Regimental Lodge. Shortly before the breaking up of the encampment in June 1778, General Wayne entertained the members of the Masonic Fraternity at a banquet. It was held in the orchard adjacent to the house which he used as his headquarters. During the stay at Valley Forge three regiments of the New York Line, namely the First, Second and Fourth, were in camp.

After leaving Valley Forge, Washington engaged the British at Monmouth Courthouse but the British army escaped to New York. During the winter of 1778 the regiments of the New York Continental Line were scattered along the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys and the frontiers of Ulster County. In the summer and fall of 1779 the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Regiments were brought together again in the Army of General Sullivan. With the approach of winter, Washington ordered the army into camp at a new location near Morristown, New Jersey. During the winter encampment there is again record of Masonic activity and Lodge attendance.

During the second encampment near Morristown an important Masonic meeting is reported in the minutes of American Union Lodge. Following church services and a banquet, a Lodge meeting was held at which a petition was read, presenting to the several Provincial Grand Masters in the United States the present state of Masonry. The petition suggested the appointing of a Grand Master over said states. New York had two representatives, assumed to be from St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1.

By August 1782, many changes had taken place in the army and in the Lodge. The New York Line had been reorganized

reducing the number of regiments from five to two. St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1 had ceased to be a travelling Lodge and settled down in Clark's Town, New York, as a local Lodge. The transition may have been caused by the changes in the New York Line which retired many officers.

In 1789 a petition was received by the Grand Lodge of New York from St. John's Lodge of Warwick, New York, in the county of Orange, formerly meeting at Clark's Town. A warrant was granted on March 26, 1790, to St. John's Lodge, No. 21.

Just when the transition was made from St. John's Regimental Lodge No. 1 is not known. Very little is known of the new St. John's Lodge No. 21, except that it did meet in the Village of Florida, Town of Warwick, at one time. Apparently the Lodge expired in the 1820's, and in 1832 the Grand Lodge declared the charter forfeited.

The American Military Lodge introduced civilians to Masonry where they were stationed and these Masons helped form new Lodges in the area vacated by the encampment. Likewise, as the discharged members of the army returned home, they helped form new Lodges in their communities.

There is also conjecture about the influence of Military Lodges on the ritual. One theory is that the custom of starting off with the left foot was introduced in the Military Lodges of the eighteenth century — bearing in mind that a right-handed man, in particular a soldier carrying arms at his left side, naturally tends to start off with the left foot, as otherwise he might lose his balance. What was originally a matter of drill might have become a ceremonial detail in purely Military Lodges. From their migratory habits and their strongly "antient" sympathies these Military Lodges exerted marked influence on Masonic ritual and custom through the 1700's. → → →

## Arizona Eastern Star Honored

At the March 22 opening of the Morning Kachina Sessions of the Arizona Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, C. Nash Willis, R.E. Grand Commander of Arizona, presented a plaque from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to the Grand Chapter of Arizona in appreciation of its fund-raising efforts.



From left: Mrs. Joan Matthews, Worthy Grand Matron, C. Nash Willis and P.G.C. Thomas Tizard. Arizona Chapters and individual members contributed \$4,206.15, as of May 1, to the Eye Foundation, Mrs. Matthews' project for the 1978-79 year.



## ... AMERICAN MILITARY LODGES

The last English Military Lodge, the Lodge of Charity, Peace and Concord No. 316, surrendered its military Warrant in 1949 and is now a stationary Lodge in London.

Most of the Military Lodges were Antient or Ancient in their rite. The spread of Masonry through these Lodges increased the strength of the Ancients and prepared the way for the conflict with the English Moderns in the next century.

Sir Knight Deck is a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations and New York Supplement Editor for the Knight Templar Magazine. He lives at 511 Sanders Avenue, Scotia, New York 12302

## 200 Years of Continuous Masonic Labor

Richmond Lodge No. 10, A.F. & A.M., Virginia, the first new Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. December 28, 1780, is currently celebrating its 200th year of "continuous Masonic labor." The Lodge building, Masons' Hall, was erected by Richmond Lodge in 1785, and is still used today as a Masonic meeting hall.

In honor of Richmond's bicentennial, Past Master and Sir Knight James M. DiFrancesco announces advance subscription is being taken for a numbered set of two coins — one of antiqued silver and one of antiqued bronze — to be issued in a limited edition of 500 sets. "There is one proviso to the offer, however," says P.M. DiFrancesco; "the Committee must have 425 pre-paid orders on hand by November 30, 1979 (due to costs involved), or all pre-payments will be returned in December."

Checks or money orders for \$25 for each set postpaid (made payable to Lodge Bicentennial Committee) may be sent to J. M. DiFrancesco, 1501 Cutshaw Place, Richmond, Virginia 23226. *Shipment of coins will begin in January 1980.* Also available as of January 1980, the antiqued bronze coin will be offered for \$3.00 postpaid, from the same source.

## Shrine Buckle

A die struck, solid brass Shrine belt buckle, with the Shrine emblem in full enamel color is available through Sir Knight and Colonel R. W. Lace (Detroit Commandery No. 1, Michigan), who holds the copyright for the item. Those interested may order the item from Sir Knight Lace at 1301 Carolina Circle, Sanford, North Carolina 27330. Cost of \$8.00 each includes first class return postage.



## **TRIENNIAL ROUND-UP**



As the July *Knight Templar Magazine* goes to press, the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar U.S.A. is less than two months away. Last minute preparations have been made with the headquarters hotel, the Indianapolis Hyatt Regency, for meetings, receptions, banquets and lodging. The program and tours are finalized, and following is a condensed agenda for August 11-16 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Advance Registration may be made *prior to July 16* (after July 16, Sir Knights and ladies must register and purchase tickets at the Registration area, Hyatt Regency Hotel). Registration for Sir Knights is \$20.00 per person and includes a Triennial packet containing commemorative badge, tickets to Saturday evening and Tuesday evening entertainment and souvenir program book. Registration for ladies is gratis and includes a ticket for programs Saturday and Tuesday evenings.

Tickets for the Ladies Luncheon and Entertainment on Monday (\$6.00) and Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday (\$17.50 per person), are also available at the time of registration — either in

advance or at the Registration Area. Forms for Registration, program and ticket order are available through 54th Triennial Conclave, Inc., Registration Office, P.O. Box 358, Morristown, Indiana 46161.

Hotel reservations must also be made *prior to July 16* and applications for this purpose accompany the Program and Ticket Order forms; however, applications for hotel accommodations must be sent to: Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Bureau, 100 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225. Housing requests will not be accepted by telephone and are made by the Convention Bureau in order of their receipt.

### **Program**

- Friday, August 10** — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration at Hyatt Regency Hotel; Grand Encampment Committee Meetings as scheduled (see list on page 22, June magazine).
- Saturday, August 11** — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration, Drill Team Competition at Indiana Convention Center; 7:30 p.m., Drill Team Competition at Indiana Convention Center; 7:30 p.m., Drill Team Awards; Detroit Drill Corps Exhibition and Entertainment.
- Sunday, August 12** — 10:30 a.m. Divine Service under direction of The Reverend H. Dwight McAlister, Grand Prelate. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Registration at Hyatt Regency; 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Reception for Grand Master Willard M. Avery at Hyatt Regency Ballroom.

**Monday, August 13** – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration; 9:00 a.m. to noon Grand Encampment Convenes, Reception of Grand Officers and guests at Hyatt Regency (open to all); Noon: Ladies Luncheon and entertainment (Speaker, TV Personality Virginia Graham, at Murat Temple); 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Grand Encampment Session (Sir Knights only); Monday evening reserved for state dinners and special functions.

**Tuesday, August 14** – 9:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Grand Encampment Sessions; 8:00 p.m. Entertainment (Broadway Comedy) at Scottish Rite Auditorium, *by advanced registration and ticket.*

**Wednesday, August 15** – 9:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Grand Encampment Sessions; 7:00 p.m. Grand Master's Banquet, *by advanced registration and ticket.*

**Thursday, August 16** – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Concluding Grand Encampment Sessions; 11:00 a.m. to noon, Open Installation of Grand Officers, Hyatt Regency Ballroom.

ALL VOTING MEMBERS of the Grand Encampment must also register with the Credentials Committee in the area immediately adjacent to the registration center.

### Tours

1. Sunday, August 12 (1:30 p.m.): 3 hour city tour. Over 100 points of interest in the Hoosier Capital – \$8.25 per person.
2. Tuesday, August 14 (9:30 a.m.): 7 hour tour of Nashville and Brown County. For antique, art and nature enthusiasts – \$16.50 per person (includes lunch).
3. Tuesday, August 14 (1:00 p.m.): 3½ hour city tour. Includes Indianapolis Museum of Art, Oldfields Estate and the home of pharmaceutical pioneer J. K. Lilly – \$9.25 per person.
4. Wednesday, August 15 (10:00 a.m.): 5 hour Hoosier Pioneer Tour. Features Connor Prairie Settlement and Museum – \$10.00 per person.
5. Wednesday, August 15 (1:00 p.m.): 3 hour city tour. Includes Children's Museum – \$6.50 per person.

Tour order forms are available through Gray Line Sight-Seeing of Indianapolis, 109 South Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225. All reservations should be made prior to July 22 and accompanied by check for payment to "Gray Line."

### Preliminary Triennial Meetings

For those interested, open meetings will be held at Indianapolis as follows:

- August 10 – 2 p.m., Educational Foundation
- August 11 – 9:30 a.m., Jurisprudence
- August 11 – 11 a.m., Charters and Dispensations
- August 11 – 1:30 p.m., Finance
- August 11 – 4 p.m., Ritualistic Matters
- August 12 – 2:30 p.m., Supplement Editors

An advance meeting of the Committee on Finance has been scheduled in Chicago July 18 starting at 1 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

You are invited to join your Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery officers for the 54th Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis. An Indianapolis Hotel Facilities map will be included in the August *Knight Templar Magazine*, as well as any changes or adjustments to information listed above.



## WHAT MY CITIZENSHIP MEANS TO ME

*Kaylyn Pointer, a student at Elmwood High School, Elmwood, Nebraska, won the Patriotic Essay Contest sponsored by Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5 in Plattsmouth for the second consecutive year. The contest has been held annually since 1956 and is open to students of area public high schools. The essay which follows was sent to the Knight Templar Magazine by Nebraska Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder Ralph R. Carleton. It and the July feature, "The Naturalization of a Mason" (page 27) are offered as two different views of U.S. citizenship during the nation's 203rd birthday.*

I was born on July 4, 1776; my birth certificate is the Declaration of Independence. The bloodlines of the world surge in my veins because I offered freedom to the persecuted. I am a multitude of people and numerous things. I am a United States Citizen.

To me, Citizenship is three hundred million individuals — and the spirit of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Patrick Henry and Benjamin Franklin. As an American citizen, I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard round the world.

I am Washington, Roosevelt and Kennedy. I am Lewis and Clark, the Minuteman and Daniel Boone. I am Abe Lincoln, Grant and Robert E. Lee. . . .

I recall the Alamo and Pearl Harbor. When Freedom cried, I responded . . . I left my heroic dead in Flanders Field, on the slopes of Korea and in the jungles of Vietnam.

I am the St. Louis Gateway Arch, the wheat fields of Kansas and Mt. Rushmore of South Dakota. I am a field of tall Iowa corn, a sunset on the Nebraska prairie and some of the richest soil in our known world. I am the coal mines of Pennsylvania and the Virginias, the Statue of Liberty and Royal Gorge.

I am enormous; I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, three million square miles pulsating with industry. I am a free enterprise system; I am free to

pursue whatever career appeals to me and I have fifty states in which to do it.

I am several million farms; I am field, forest, desert and mountain. I am serene villages and cities that never slumber.

You can look at me and see Paul Revere riding through the streets of Lexington warning of the forthcoming British and the glittering lights of Christmas or hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the calendar turns.

I am Bruce Jenner and the World Series. I am over 170,000 schools and colleges and all the world's religions gathered under America's skies to live and let live in harmony.

I have the biggest and best weapon of them all — the right to vote. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium, the voice of a choir in a Cathedral, an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a Congressman.

I am Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham — the Wright Brothers, John Wayne and Jonas Salk. I am Bess Streeter Aldrich, Robert Frost, Irving Berlin and Susan B. Anthony.

Yes . . . these are the things I am. I was conceived in Freedom, and God willing, I will spend the rest of my days building bridges rather than walls.

May I possess always the Honor, the Courage and the Stamina to keep myself unshackled — a stronghold of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world! ☐

## OATH OF ALLEGIANCE For United States Citizenship

I HEREBY declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;\* that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law;\* that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

\*Sec. 337 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 permits, under certain circumstances, the taking of the oath without these clauses.

### From Generation to Generation



The gold sword of Past Grand Commander Harold J. Sandwick, worn by him since becoming a Knight Templar, is passed down to his son, David, as he assumes the title of Eminent Commander of Lake Ontario Commandery.

New York Past Grand Commander Harold J. Sandwick served as Installing Officer at the May 17 installation for Lake Ontario Commandery No. 32, Fulton, New York. Of special note on the occasion was the installation of his son, Sir Knight David E. Sandwick, as new Eminent Commander of Lake Ontario Commandery. Sir Knight Harold, a Past Commander of Cortland Commandery No. 50, previously had the honor of raising his son as a Master Mason and Knighting him.

### K.Y.C.H. Conferral in Texas

At the Annual Meeting of Texas Priory No. 23, held last September in Waco, Texas, the Orders of the York Cross of Honour were conferred by a "unique" cast of lecturers. Sir Knight Ed Bloomquist, P.G.C., indicates that the four heads of Texas Masonry (in office at the time), all members of the K.Y.C.H., conferred the Orders on a large class of candidates."



Pictured from left to right: Most Worshipful R. Furman Vinson, Grand Master and Past Prior, gave the Blue Lodge Lecture; Most Excellent James M. Willson, Jr., Grand High Priest and Past Prior, gave the Chapter Lecture; Most Illustrious George E. Hulbert, Grand Master, gave the Council Lecture; and Right Eminent Charles W. Wesbrooks, Grand Commander of Texas, gave the Priory or Commandery Lecture.



## THE NATURALIZATION OF A MASON

Excerpts from Reflections by  
Sir Knight David V. Kusisto  
Centennial Commandery No. 74, Montebello, California

I recently had an experience which reminded me of our Masonic tradition. Finally, I became a naturalized citizen of this great country. I say finally, because I have lived here all my life since I was three years old. I was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and have been a permanent resident for some 26 years until a few days ago. Since I was raised in the United States and received all my education here, I never really felt like a foreigner. I just went along as a permanent resident, not wanting to bother with the details of becoming naturalized.

But, along about three years ago my thinking underwent some major changes. I began traveling outside the United States regularly. Seeing the living conditions in most of the other countries gave me a profound sense of appreciation for our wonderful lifestyle, which I had taken for granted before. . . .

But, upon deep reflection of the past and serious contemplation for the future, I suddenly became aware of things that I had never realized before. With this comprehension I understood the worth in my country, juxtaposed with my desire to be a Mason and a United States citizen. I saw both in terms of a patriotic tradition that I suddenly wanted to be affiliated with.

I reread political science and government books, and I really began to comprehend the true feeling intended behind the eloquent words of our Declaration of Independence, Preamble and Constitution.

I could now understand that the

strength of this country, the elixir if you will, rests in the people being free to pursue their own interests. . . .

We can speak our minds on anything. We can explore any political system, religion or related system of belief we care to without fear of government reprimand. . . .

I don't need to reiterate the Masonic influence among our founding fathers. It is well documented that several of them were members of the Craft. It is no coincidence that the Oath of Allegiance for United States Citizenship concludes ". . . and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God." The phraseology should sound vaguely familiar.

My right hand was proudly raised as I took this oath and swore my allegiance to the greatest republic on earth. I no longer take the United States for granted but realize we all must maintain our responsibilities in order to rejoice in the benefits of citizenship and Masonry. The illustrious and venerable past heritage of the United States has only paved the way for the marvelous future that awaits us all. "E Pluribus Unum" is more than merely words for the United States.

Our currency proclaims "In God We Trust" and I say "In God I Thank" for being fortunate enough to be able to live the rest of my life as a free man, a Mason and a United States citizen.



Sir Knight Kusisto was knighted on April 15, 1978; his address is 7947 Conklin Street, Downey, California 92042.

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## AMERICANISM

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by

Sir Knight P. A. Horton  
Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

Man can have no more honorable title than the privilege to bear the name, AMERICAN. Those who do not believe this, have not earned the right to be called AMERICANS.

If you and a million other Americans searched your minds and hearts for an answer to what America means to you, the chances are that many different thoughts would develop. Each of us moves in a world different from that of even our closest friends — a world where individualism and dignity are protected and respected.

True AMERICANISM is the whole-hearted adherence to all of our American laws, traditions and institutions without reservation. We cannot accept only those which meet with our approval and violate those which do not.

Since the founding of the world's first public school in Boston in 1635, the control of our schools has been a local matter. When Horace Mann's idea of compulsory education was adopted it created a pattern that became the model for the whole Country. Up to age 14 the fundamentals such as the "three R's" required the time and efforts of both teacher and pupil. The local boards were made up of the parents and close associates of the families. By this method the progress or lack of progress of the students was early recognized. The school's curriculum was frequently scrutinized and standards established.

Two thousand years ago, Aristotle said,

*"All who have mediated on the art of governing of mankind have been*

*convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth."*

What kind of a country will America be when our children and grandchildren have grown up? That question is being resolved today in the classrooms of our public schools. Will our posterity be as proud of us as we are of our Forefathers? Or will we join the parade of nations whose people forgot the simple but spacious faith that brought them to the pinnacle of success and then traveled the road from paternalism to destruction? The pattern for that is in the making.

For more than a generation many public schools have taught communism under the lame excuse that the youth should be taught all modern ideals. Social science and comparative government have replaced the teaching of American history. Through false labels Marxian propaganda has been indoctrinated into the molding of the character of our youth.

Whether we fall to the blackness of serfdom, slavery and human misery of the middle ages now stalking the world or whether we maintain the dignity of men with freedom and human happiness depends upon our vigilance and the guidance of the training of our youth.

True AMERICANISM is a fervid and intense loyalty to our GOD, our COUNTRY and our HOME, with an appreciation beyond measure of the extraordinary benefits we possess and enjoy under our constitutional form of government, and with a keen → → →



## "THE MAN IN THE GLASS"

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what *that man* has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife  
Whose judgement upon you must pass;  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life,  
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you're a straight-shooting chum,  
And call you a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum,  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear up to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test,  
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life,  
And get pats on your back as you pass,  
But your final reward will be heartbreaks and tears,  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

sent by Sir Knight David W. Dorris  
Bassfield, Mississippi  
Hattiesburg Commandery No. 21



understanding of the dangers that confront us both from within and without and the determination to maintain the high ideals of our Founders, with our heart, our soul, spirit and purpose and to defend our priceless heritage with our life if need be.

We have arrayed against us strong forces within our government, a huge taxpayer's fund. What we need to combat it, is men, sincere men, men dedicated to AMERICANISM, men who believe like the noble Americans of the past, who

believe like Daniel Webster —

*"I shall know but one Country.  
The ends I aim at shall be my  
Country's, my GOD's and Truth's. I  
was born an American; I live an  
American; I shall die an American;  
and I intend to perform the duties  
incumbent upon me in that  
character to the end of my career."*

Sir Knight Horton, a past president of National Sojourners, lives at 3517 Garrison Street, San Diego, California 92106.

**IN HALLOWED MEMORY**

**M. Dale Anderson**  
South Dakota  
Grand Commander — 1969  
Born June 6, 1913  
Died May 20, 1979

**In Memory of "The Duke"**

Sir Knight John Wayne, born Marion Michael Morrison on May 26, 1907, died June 11 at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center. He was 72. Condolences were received from all over the world, including one from President Carter who called Wayne "the symbol of many of the most basic qualities that made America great."

A 50-year show business veteran, Wayne performed his first starring role in "The Big Trail," in 1929. Forty years later, in 1969, he was awarded an Oscar for "True Grit." He was a member of Golden West Commandery No. 43, Los Angeles, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

A congressionally-authorized bronze medal honoring "The Duke" will be released by the U.S. Mint later this year.

**Burial With Full Military Honors**

Sir Knight (CWO) Melvin W. Byers, Past National President and National Trustee, National Sojourners, Inc., died June 2 in Alexandria, Virginia. He was Past Master, Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115, Florida; Past Grand Treasurer, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Germany; a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland; and member of the York Rite Sovereign College.

Masonic Memorial Services were held at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home; interment at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

**Warm Weather, Warm Hearts**

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation operates on the principle that if people *can* be cured of eye disease or blindness, they *should* be — regardless of race, color, sex or creed, regardless of financial status. It believes that research should be encouraged to find cures and to answer questions about eye problems. And with the continuing assistance of the hundreds of individuals who have joined the Grand Commander's and Grand Master's Club of the Eye Foundation, they are able to achieve those goals.

The Grand Commander's Club is open for membership to any individual (not only Sir Knights) who contribute an initial \$100 and pledge similar annual donations until \$1,000 is provided in their name. Upon receipt of the initial donation, a wallet card with state and Club membership number is mailed. New Grand Commander's members are:

**Indiana No. 3 — Robert R. Humphreys**  
**Georgia No. 3 — Joseph C. Billingsley**

Grand Master's Club membership is achieved with a \$1,000 donation — either in a single contribution or as a result of "coming up" through the Grand Commander's Club. The Grand Master's Club offers members a personalized bronze desk plaque and metal wallet card. This month new members include:

**No. 152 — Jack N. Shimonishi**  
**No. 153 — Elsie B. Schlegel**  
**No. 154 — John H. Ray**  
**No. 155 — Marcus Dahl**

The Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Clubs provide no fund-raising credit for Commanderies, only individual satisfaction. Groups are not admitted. Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell invites inquiries addressed to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 509 South Sixth Street, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705 (Phone: 217 — 523-3838).





## KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Emanuel Commandery No. 36, DeLand, Florida, lost their charter in 1963. I was involved in having it restored ten years later. Meanwhile, the Masonic Temple had relocated and some equipment that had not been confiscated was lost. This year I am the Armorer and Captain General. We could make good use of the following and can raise some money to pay for them: Full set of Malta tunics and capes; full set of Malta hats; 7 Malta banners; 7 staffs and holders; cloth for table in the East; cloth for table in the West; swords; belts; chapeaux; crossbones and relic; Hermits' tents; Grand Standards, staff and stand; Beauceant, staff and stand; slings for parades for banners; Chapter swords and slings; Chapter perambulation belts and ropes. *David E. Wennerstrand, P.G.C. of Illinois, 136 Chateau Circle, DeBary, Florida 32713 (904-775-4514)*

□ We have several old style coats in excellent condition which we will give away. For information write: *Ernil Pease, P.C., Janesville Commandery No. 2, 1432 North Claremont Drive, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545.*

□ I would like to buy a watch fob which has a crown-like top with the York Rite emblem on one side and the Scottish Rite on the other. The fob opens like a book with the dependent bodies on the inside.

The fob is for my own use and will not be sold but passed down to my son. (I am a Knight Templar and a member of Scottish Rite and Shrine.) *Phillip E. Simmons, RR No. 1, Box 125, Elwood, Indiana 46036*

□ I am a member of Colorado Commandery No. 4 in Austin, Texas.

I am interested in adding to my collection of Knight Templar swords – will pay any reasonable price. *Aaron R. Blankenship, 4632 Saldana Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas 76133, or call (817) 294-2852, or (817) 640-1045 weekdays*

□ Seeking further information on my maternal grandfather, William Horne Taylor, son of Simeon Taylor and Alnelia Melvina Sarah Ann Taylor. Born November 27, 1827, in Houston County, Georgia. (Memphis) He was last a member of Hickory Grove Lodge, F. & A.M., near Crossett, Arkansas. He affiliated with Petersberg Lodge in 1868. Due to records being destroyed by fire at the Grand Lodges of Georgia and Arkansas, I am unable to trace the Lodge where he was made a Master Mason. Perhaps some Sir Knight might have information that I can follow up on. I know that he had other descendents living somewhere in Arkansas and Louisiana. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. *Edward F. Schmit, 1931 South Twin Avenue, San Gabriel, California 91776*

□ Wanted: *Royal Arch Mason* Volume I, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4. I will pay a fair price for them. *Edward C. Suggs, 3 Crestline Drive, Manchester, Pennsylvania 17345*

□ For sale: One Knight Templar Gold Watch Fob. With movable visor and with Chapter keystone on reverse side. For information write or call. *Henry Thomas in care of: Gertrude Kelly, Star Route Box 437, Merrifield, Minnesota 56465. Phone: (218) 765-3372.*

## TEMPLARY'S MOUTHPIECE

The first Knight Templar publication appeared in November, 1944. Printed quarterly, the purpose of *The Grand Encampment Review* was "to interpret Templary at its best." Grand Master Charles Noah Orr, in the first "Grand Master's Message," wrote "[*The Grand Encampment Review*] is Templary's mouthpiece in a world and time having need of every good office available."

The *Knight Templar Magazine* grew out of the *Review* and carries on the tradition of providing timely news and an array of Masonically-educational features for the information, interest and entertainment of Sir Knights everywhere. Unlike the *Review* the *Knight Templar Magazine* is a vehicle which reaches 360,000 Knights and is now mailed monthly to each member of the Order.

## The Grand Encampment Review

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### Duty Calls and Destiny Challenges

The Purpose of the Grand Encampment Review is to Interpret Templary at its Best

CHARLES NOAH ORR, Grand Master

Templary has made its offer a day and a time surely meeting the ministrations which have their genesis in Christian hearts and minds. This great Order would spare no heights everywhere to seek avenues of usefulness in their relations with the other, and by their functional duties to God, country, and to general society.

But Templary cannot make its full contribution to contemporary civilization if its light is but under a bushel, nor is it enough that only its members know the extent of its good deeds and fine thought. We must find ways to inform those about us, as well as ourselves, of what we do and how well we discharge those varied obligations which we have taken in the Master's name.

There is never in publishing to the world that which is good, and so the Grand Encampment has more than once pondered a proposal, long ago first made, that it sponsor a news bulletin—or, more ambitiously, a publication—which would present to Sir Knights and to Masons, generally, those Templary "slangs" which in printed revelation draw general society's appreciation. Inextricably joined in whatever we publish must be the transcendent message of the Order, the Gospel of the Blessed Saviour, for we dare not forget that the Blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of Our Salvation, is the cornerstone of Templary.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT REVIEW, of which this is the first issue, is printed as the answer to the challenge and urge so often discussed, and it is commenced under authorization of the 42nd Triennial held May 24 and 25, 1943, in Chicago.



CHARLES NOAH ORR

Although it is begun more or less modestly, it is hoped that time and tide will give it ever increasing proportions, and an ever widening zone of acceptance. If the Templary's mouthpiece in a world and time having need of every good office available.

LOOK FOR THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT REVIEW a real place in the affections of Knights Templar, and

I should lay it upon the hearts of all as their bounden duty to assist in making it truly interpretative of Templary at its best. Necessarily, those who have this publication immediately in charge, will have to depend on definite Sir Knights in the various Grand Jurisdictions for the material which is to be printed and published.

It would be exceedingly helpful to the purpose of THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT REVIEW to have a correspondent for each Grand Jurisdiction to see that the editor of THE REVIEW is supplied with important news on Templar Activities. And a correspondent is appointed in each jurisdiction all news items, constructive articles, stories of good programs, etc., should be sent to Sir Knight Adrian Hamersley, R. E. Grand Recorder, 428 Chamber of Commerce Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana. This fact is emphasized that the "news" for THE REVIEW should be timely and well calculated to spread light in its best sense.

Templary is a great and growing organization. Duty calls and destiny challenges, and beyond it all is the sure promise of a glorious rendezvous for those who keep the faith. Templary appeals to good men, Christian men, wherever they are dispersed about the globe, and it is for such men, for such Sir Knights, and to the cause in which they are mobilized that THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT REVIEW is dedicated.

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