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MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER

"There must be the vision . . ."

"THERE MUST BE A PLAN"

The quoted headings for this message, my first as Grand Master, are from an address by an eloquent statesman of the 20th century, the late Winston S. Churchill. In 1928 at The Free Trade Hall, Manchester, speaking of the "Choice for Europe" as war clouds gathered, Churchill told Britons and the world: "There must be the vision. There must be a plan, and there must be action following upon it."



I am not speaking now about the brink of war, but I do want to adapt, with special emphasis, some of those words proclaimed by Winston Churchill 41 years ago. I think all of us have "the vision," but what we need most of all are the plan and "action following upon it." You and I can do something about that — starting at once.

Let me assure everyone that our entire Templar structure will be realistically evaluated and thoroughly examined from stem to stern in the next three years. The appointments for this triennium are not figureheads; each Knight has proven his worth and has earned his spurs, honors and recognitions. Each will carry out the program of the Grand Master and Grand Encampment wholeheartedly and faithfully. If for any reason there is dereliction, changes will be made. Templary is too vital for feeble efforts.

In short, fellow Knights Templar, we are going to move off dead-center. We are going to make a fresh start. We are going to have a delegation of authority and responsibility, and we are going to insist we get off the roller-coaster, stop playing and start working for Templary. We are going to call a spade a spade — and stick by it.

Each Templar does or should know that our Grand Encampment office presently provides direct, specific and detailed information, on a regular basis, to each Commander, Grand Commander and Department Commander. It pinpoints precisely where ennuui or other difficulties exist. The only problem in many instances in the past is that the information was not put to use constructively, sometimes not at all. Our purpose is to change that immediately.

Let's *all* stop drifting, stop the incessant talking about losses, about the "high cost" of Templary, about our failures, about what's wrong with other branches of Freemasonry — and let's go about *correcting* our problems, instead of *multiplying* them. I call upon our Grand Encampment Leadership to use its influence, its prestige, its example and delegated authority to advance the cause of Templary and fully enforce all directives and edicts. We have the tools; let's use them.

"There must be the vision. There must be a plan, and there must be action following upon it."

With willing assistance, I see no problem!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Kenneth Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark blue or black ink.

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The Magazine for York Rite Masons

SEPTEMBER: Thursday, August 16, was Installation Day at Indianapolis for Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson, one of whose staunchest and interested supporters was his wife, Yvonne. The newly-elected Grand Master began his term as chief executive of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America with an August 16 briefing for all Grand Encampment elected officers, Department Commanders and Committee Chairmen. Informational triennium details and biographical sketches are contained in our current issue.



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EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Detroit Plaque: A Grand Encampment plaque was prepared at the direction of then Grand Master Avery and relayed to Detroit Commandery No. 1 Drill Corps for its participation at the 54th Triennial Conclave in Indianapolis. Appropriately engraved, it reads:

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. Certificate of Appreciation for more than a century of Triennial Conclave participation, extending from Four Platoons to Sixteen, Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar Drill Corps is hereby recognized for Drill Corps excellence and exemplification of Templar Tradition and Dedication at the 54th Triennial Conclave.

The plaque is sealed and signed by Willard M. Avery as Grand Master and Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder.

Magnificent Readership: Sir Knight and Colonel R. W. Lace, Sanford, North Carolina, wrote the *Knight Templar Magazine* commenting on its "magnificent readership" which brought more than 500 orders for Shrine belt buckles following a July news item. He said, "I had 500 buckles on hand which I thought to be ample since it took me two years to sell 500 previously. I'm sold out!" He tells us a second order has been placed and all those who requested the item have been advised of the delay and given the option of a refund. Col. Lace expects to mail the new order out the first week in September.

Polish: It could be true that a rolling stone gathers no moss, but it does gain a certain polish.

Indiana Drill Honors: Hoosier Sir Knights earned first place awards in Drill competition at the 54th Triennial Conclave, as Knightstown Commandery No. 9 took honors for Class A (31-man) and Greenfield No. 39 won Class B (21-man) competition on August 11. Knightstown, home Commandery for Most Eminent Past Grand Master Willard M. Avery, edged out Lansing No. 25, Michigan (2nd place) and Ivanhoe No. 1, Van Wert, Ohio (3rd place). In B competition, 2nd place was won by Palestine Commandery No. 33, Springfield, Ohio; Raper No. 1, Indianapolis, won 3rd place. Captains for the winning teams were Sir Knight Steven J. Barton, Knightstown, and Sir Knight William O. Heiden, Greenfield.

Finance: Arch M. Dullnig, P.G.C., Texas, voluntarily resigned after 12 years as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Finance. He will remain as a member of the Committee to assist incoming Chairman Jacob King, P.G.C., Arkansas, appointed by Grand Master Johnson in Indianapolis.

Peach, not Sunshine: Although perhaps not discovered by some readers because a correction was made in a quantity of issues (but not all), our table of contents for August identified M.W. Nicholson as Grand Master of *Florida*. Both the *Peach* and *Sunshine* States are outstanding Grand Commanderies, but we do apologize to M.W. Grand Master Nicholson for moving his jurisdiction to Florida. Before the Grand Master of Florida writes, let us put the record straight: Sir Knight and Grand Master Nicholson heads the Grand Lodge of Georgia!

GRAND ENCAMPMENT WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

Business sessions of the 54th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., closed Thursday morning, August 16, 1979, in Indianapolis, Indiana. New Grand Officers for 1979-1982 were elected or re-elected the preceding day. At the public installation held on Thursday morning, August 16, Past Grand Master Willard M. Avery was Installing Officer, assisted by Past Grand Masters John L. Crofts, Sr., G. Wilbur Bell and Roy Wilford Riegle.

Elected by Grand Encampment:

Most Eminent Grand Master

KENNETH C. JOHNSON, 19 Pine Manor Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

NED E. DULL, P.O. Box 429, Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo

WILLIAM P. WILSON, 531 Woodland Avenue, Woodland, California 95695

Right Eminent Grand Captain General

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Right Eminent Grand Treasurer

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Right Eminent Grand Recorder

PAUL C. RODENHAUSER, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700,
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Appointed by the Grand Master:

Right Eminent Grand Prelate

THE REVEREND GEORGE F. IVEY, First United Methodist Church,
200 North 15th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

Right Eminent Department Commanders

Northeastern: William D. Geesey (PA)

North Central: Armun D. Jones (ND)

Southeastern: John B. Maxey (SC)

South Central: Merlin R. Grundy (KS)

East Central: Morrison L. Cooke (KY)

Northwestern: William H. Thornley, Jr. (CO)

Southwestern: Jay R. Newman (UT)

Most Eminent Past Grand Masters

John L. Crofts, Sr., 1967-70

G. Wilbur Bell, 1970-73

Roy Wilford Riegle, 1973-76

Willard M. Avery, 1976-79

Right Eminent Past Grand Generalissimo

C. Byron Lear

Right Eminent Past Grand Treasurer

Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C. (Indiana)

YORK RITE REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS

| Region | Grand Encampment Department Commanders (1979-82) | General Grand Chapter Deputy General Grand High Priests (1978-81) | General Grand Council Regional Deputy General Grand Masters (1978-81) |
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Department Jurisdictions and Pending Regional Conferences

- SOUTH CENTRAL** - Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The Conference for the South Central Department is set for September 8 and 9, 1979, at Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- NORTH CENTRAL** - Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The North Central Conference will take place in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 13 and 14, 1979.
- NORTHEASTERN** - Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont. The Northeastern Department Conference is planned for October 18-20, 1979, in Wethersfield, Connecticut.
- NORTHWESTERN** - Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. The Northwestern Department Conference dates are October 27 and 28, 1979, in Boise, Idaho.
- SOUTHWESTERN** - Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. The Conference for the Southwestern Department is scheduled to take place November 9 and 10, 1979, in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- SOUTHEASTERN** - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. January 18 and 19, 1980, are the dates set aside for the Southeastern Department Conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee.
- EAST CENTRAL** - Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. The East Central Department Conference dates are March 15 and 16, 1980, to take place in Dearborn, Michigan.

KENNETH C. JOHNSON, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS ELECTED 46TH GRAND MASTER IN INDIANAPOLIS

On August 15, 1979, at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, Sir Knight Kenneth C. Johnson was unanimously elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. He will serve during the 54th Triennium of this Sovereign Body, for the period 1979-1982.

Kenneth Culver Johnson, whose photograph is featured on the cover of our current *Knight Templar Magazine*, was born September 7, 1912, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University, holding a Bachelors Degree in engineering, and a member of Tau Beta Pi, National Honorary Engineering Fraternity. Following college he was associated with Arkansas Power & Light Company as a Sales Engineer.

In World War II, Sir Knight Johnson was called in as a Reserve Officer and is now retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve Corps of Engineers. After release from active duty he joined Southern States Equipment Corporation as National Sales Manager. In 1947 he joined Dyke Industries, Inc., a Management Engineering firm, and was, at the time of his retirement, Executive Vice President. A Registered Professional Engineer, Johnson is a Past Chairman of Arkansas Section, I.E.E.E. and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

In addition to his career, Sir Knight Johnson has been active in civic, community and religious areas. He is a Past President of the Sales and Marketing Executives Association, and has served as Board Member and Vice President of Quapaw Council, Boy Scouts of America, from which he received the Silver Beaver Award.

He has also served as President and National Trustee of Arkansas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; as

Chairman of the Official Board and Sunday School Teacher at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church; Past President and Chairman of National Sash & Door Jobbers Association; and as a Board Member, National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors.

His Masonic record is equally impressive: He is a member of the York Rite Bodies of Pine Bluff, and was Grand Commander of Arkansas Templars in 1960. He is an honorary 33^o in the Scottish Rite, S.J., Valley of Little Rock; Past Preceptor, Holy Grail Tabernacle No. XI, H.R.A.K.T.P.; Legion of Honor, International Order of DeMolay; Past Potentate, Sahara Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; longtime Chairman, Committee on Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children; Past President, Pine Bluff Arsenal Chapter No. 166, National Sojourners; Past Commander, John R. Fordyce Camp, Heroes of '76; Past Sovereign Master, Gilchrist Council No. 26, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Director, Court No. 38, Royal Order of Jesters; and member, Philalethes Society, Knight Masons, Chevalier Bienfaisant de la Cite Sainte, Great Priory of America, M.O.V.P.E.R., Royal Order of Scotland, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, and others.

Concurrent with his office of Grand Master, Sir Knight Johnson is also serving as Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

His family includes three sons and six grandchildren.

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DEPUTY GRAND MASTER NED E. DULL

The newly-elected Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment is Ned E. Dull, Van Wert, Ohio. He was elected Grand Captain General in 1976 and was advanced to the office of Grand Generalissimo following the death of Past Deputy Grand Master John B. Cottrell, Jr., in November, 1977.



Sir Knight Ned Eugene Dull, a native of Ohio City, Ohio, was born October 18, 1923. He attended the public schools in Ohio City and later the Ohio State University and The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Today he resides in Van Wert, Ohio, where he is a lumber dealer, associated with Dull Lumber and Supply Company for 28 years.

His civic activities include membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Corporation, Rotary Club, Elks, American Legion, V.F.W., and the Ohio and National Retail Lumber Dealers Associations. He is also a member and past Trustee of the First United Methodist Church in Van Wert.

In the area of Masonry, Sir Knight

Dull is a past presiding officer of the York Rite Bodies in Van Wert. He is especially active as Drill Captain of the Drill Team of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, which won awards as National Champions in the Class B competition at the 1961, 1964 and 1967 Triennial Conclaves, and in Class A competition in 1976, at the 53rd Triennial Conclave in Kansas City, Missouri. He is Past Grand Commander of Ohio and, prior to election in the Grand Encampment line, was appointed by then Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell to serve as Department Commander of the East Central Department from 1970 to 1973. He also served the Grand Encampment as a member of the Committee on Drill Regulations and currently is a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Sir Knight Dull is a member of Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights York Cross of Honour; Past Sovereign of Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Royal Order of Scotland; and Zenobia Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. He is also a Past Preceptor, Prince of Peace Tabernacle No. X, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Past Sovereign Master, Buckeye Council No. 92, Allied Masonic Degrees; and member, Buckeye Council No. 64, Knight Masons of Ireland. An Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, he is a recipient of the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor.

In 1970 he was coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary, 33rd Degree, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

He and his wife, Margaret (Margie), have four daughters.

TESTIMONIAL FOR DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BILLMEIER

A June 30 reception was held at Ogle Hall-Alumni House of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, to honor Sir Knight and Dr. Alton G. Billmeier, then R.E. Department Commander of the Northeastern Department (1976-79), and his wife, Dr. Elsie Billmeier.

Maryland Grand Commander William B. Van Sant presented the couple and introduced guests and friends who "expressed sincere appreciation for their efforts during the past Triennium." A Presentation Volume containing letters of testimonial and memorabilia was offered by James M. Gardner, P.G.C., Chairman of the Testimonial Committee; and Sir Knight Willie E. Phillips, P.C., M.E. Grand High Priest of Maryland, presented Sir Knight Billmeier with the first of a series of coins struck for his year as Grand High Priest. Plaques were presented by Sir Knights William C. Smith, M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council, and Calvert E. Schlick, P.G.C., Knights Templar of Maryland, commemorating Sir Knight Billmeier's service to both Cryptic Masonry and Templary.

The outgoing Department Commander also received a Gold Honor Award from Edward R. Saunders, E.G.C., Past Preeminent Governor, Maryland York Rite College No. 58 for his "outstanding dedication and devotion to the York Rite Bodies." Representatives from the Grand Commanderies of New Jersey and Massachusetts-Rhode Island brought gifts and expressed fraternal regards.



The ceremony was concluded by Grand Commander Van Sant who, on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, presented Sir Knight Billmeier with a plaque containing a Salem Cross in remembrance of his work as Department Commander.



Official Representatives Named

Sir Knight Harold S. Gorman, Nevada, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, has been appointed the Grand Master's official representative to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, set for September 6-8 in Pueblo. The Colorado meeting will be the first State Conclave to take place following the 54th Triennial Conclave. Grand Master Johnson has also announced

newly-appointed North Central Department Commander Armun D. Jones (P.G.C., North Dakota) will represent him at the September 9-11 Conclave of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota in Rapid City; and new Northeastern Department Commander William D. Geesey (P.G.C., Pennsylvania), will attend the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York to be held in Cooperstown, September 21-23.

WILSON ELECTED GRAND GENERALISSIMO

At the Wednesday morning session of the 54th Triennial Conclave, August 15, 1979, election was held for the Grand Line of the Grand Encampment. William P. Wilson, Woodland, California, who was appointed Grand Captain General mid-way through the last triennium, was elected to continue in the line as Grand Generalissimo during 1979-1982.

Sir Knight William P. Wilson was born in Pomona, California, on September 3, 1906. In addition to Masonry, his special interests include water conservation and agricultural development. For many years he has been in the irrigation pumps business, and he and his sons own their own company, William P. Wilson and Sons, Inc.

He was raised in Yolo Lodge No. 81, F. & A.M., subsequently serving as Master of that Lodge. In the York Rite, he is Past High Priest of Woodland Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons, and Past Illustrious Master, Sacramento Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters. He is Past Commander of Woodland Commandery No. 21 where he was Knighted in 1951; and in 1970 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar in California. Also a member, Knights York Cross of Honour.

In 1978 he served as Sovereign of St. Francis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in San Francisco. He is a member of Beh Ali Temple Shrine; Royal Order of Scotland; and, in the Scottish Rite, he holds the 32nd degree, Valley of Sacramento. Also active in the Order of the Eastern Star, Sir Knight Wilson is Past Patron of Cacheville No. 349, and Past Grand Patron of California; in the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S., he is a Committee member. He has long been associated with Masonic youth organizations in California, a Past Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 260, International Order of Job's Daughters; and Past Dad Advisor, Woodland Chapter,



Order of DeMolay. He is a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor from the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay.

Sir Knight Wilson is also a member of Elks Lodge No. 1299 and High 12.

He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Southwestern Department of the Grand Encampment by then Grand Master Willard M. Avery, September 2, 1976, at the 53rd Triennial Conclave in Kansas City, Missouri. Following the death of Past Deputy Grand Master John B. Cottrell, Jr., November 30, 1977, Wilson was appointed to the office of Grand Captain General, holding both offices through the 53rd triennium.

The new Grand Generalissimo lives in Woodland, California, with his wife, Gladys. They have three children: Richard, Bill and Sue, and two grandchildren.

TEMPLAR POEM SALUTES INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

In 1976, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution proclaiming 1979 "International Year of the Child." IYC has been observed globally in an effort to have all the world's countries "study the conditions in which their children live and to strengthen programs which will make their lives better."

In one of the last poems written before his death, February 19, 1979, Sir Knight Milford E. Shields, Past Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, Durango, Colorado, and poet laureate of the State of Colorado, celebrated this International Year of the Child. His brief message to the citizenry of the world focuses on the responsibility each person has to help ensure the basic rights of nutrition, education and social development for all children. He wrote, "This poem is being used by the nongovernmental organization of the IYC and by many others. I have sent copies to the heads of 117 foreign governments. . . . Let's all put forth a special effort for the children of the world this year . . . and for peace."

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD 1979

We are the children of the world,
In us the hope of life unfurled,
We are the future living now.
Give us to grow and with us vow
The excellence and joy of peace.
In this our year let love increase
In all the lands beneath the sun —
A brighter world for everyone!



126th Pennsylvania Conclave

A "cast pewter coaster," 3 1/4" in diameter and 3/8" thick, was distributed as a "Conclave remembrance" to attendees at the 126th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, May 22-23 in Erie. Sir Knight Richard M. Bard, K.Y.C.H., Recorder of Mount Olivet Commandery No. 30, Erie, reports that a limited number of coasters with raised Knight Templar emblem on the obverse side and reference to the Conclave on the reverse, are available and "may be purchased by any interested collector." The cost is \$5 each, postpaid; they may be ordered through Sir Knight Bard, 2035 Harrison St., Erie, PA 16510.

Webb Awarded K.Y.C.H. in Miami

Columbus Webb, Past Commander of Palatka Commandery No. 5, Florida, has been designated a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, in Miami Priory No. 10, Miami, Florida. Presently Secretary of Lake Lodge No. 72, F. & A.M., Sir Knight Webb is also Secretary/Recorder of the Palatka York Rite Bodies. He was District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Florida, District Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Florida, and is presently serving as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of Florida. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Jacksonville, Florida.

DONALD H. SMITH NEW GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

Elected to start in the Grand Line of Grand Encampment officers was Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Kentucky, new Grand Captain General. Smith has served the Grand Encampment during the preceding triennium as Chairman of the Committee on the Educational Foundation.

Donald Hinslea Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 31, 1923, and grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the public schools. He enlisted in the Army soon after Pearl Harbor and served as an Infantry Platoon Leader in combat in Europe. He retired from active military service in 1964 as a Lieutenant Colonel of Military Police. He was cited many times for outstanding service. Upon his military retirement, he entered Eastern Kentucky University and graduated with honors. Smith is the Registrar of his Alma Mater.

He is married to the former Kathleen McCallum of Detroit, and they have two sons: The Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr, of Louisville, Kentucky, and Mark M. Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio. Sir Knight Smith is a Deacon in the Berea, Kentucky, Baptist Church where he has taught a Men's Bible Class for fifteen years.

Masonically, he was raised in Atlanta Lodge No. 59, Georgia, from which he demitted in 1962 to become affiliated with Richmond Lodge No. 25 near his home in Kentucky. In the latter he was elected Worshipful Master in 1977. In the York Rite, Sir Knight Smith is a member of Richmond Chapter No. 16, Council No. 71 and Commandery No. 19, Richmond, Kentucky. He has served as High Priest of Richmond Chapter, and as Illustrious Master of R. & S.M. of Richmond Council, and has served as Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Kentucky. He was Knighted in June 1960 and in 1969 was elected Eminent Commander of Richmond Commandery; he currently



serves as Recorder of that body. In the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Sir Knight Smith held the office of Grand Commander in 1974-5, and now serves as Chairman of the Necrology Committee. He has been Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation since being appointed to that position at the 53rd Triennial Conclave by Grand Master Willard M. Avery.

Appendant membership includes: Scottish Rite Bodies of Lexington, Kentucky, S.J.; St. Barnabas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Louisville; Golgotha Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Kentucky; Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knights York Cross of Honour; Olieka Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Lexington, Kentucky; Allied Masonic Degrees; Knight Masons, U.S.A.; Order of Eastern Star; Royal Order of Scotland and Philalethes.

1979-82 Budget Adopted

The budget adopted by the voting members of the Grand Encampment at Indianapolis, August 11-16, 1979, increased the individual per capita by 30 cents, with an additional 20 cents, when and if needed, to offset inflation. Major increase, because of postage and printing, was to cover the cost of producing the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Templars at the Triennial Conclave expressed the consensus that all Templars everywhere, regardless of Asylum attendance, were deserving of receipt monthly of the official publication of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U.S.A.

Praise from Texas

A recent letter from Sir Knight E. B. Rawlins, Past Master of Onion Creek Lodge No. 220, established in 1858 in Austin, Texas, points to the "Masonic devotion" of current Right Eminent Grand Commander of Texas, James D. Berry. According to Rawlins, Berry's service as Secretary in his Blue Lodge, T. Neal Porter No. 1354, Austin, "refutes the old adage that Masons forget their Blue Lodges upon becoming active in other Bodies." Sir Knight Berry is also serving the local York Rite Bodies as Recorder and Secretary.

Sir Knight Rawlins is himself active in Lodge work throughout the Austin area and editor of the "Onion Creek Beacon." He has been the installing officer for several lodges and in one 23-hour period on June 29 and 30 of this year, he installed the officers of Norton Moses Lodge No. 336, Leander, Texas; Parsons Lodge No. 22, Austin; and his home Lodge, Onion Creek No. 220; all without the use of any written material. Sir Knight Rawlins adds "for the record" that he also installed the officers of Lake Victor Lodge on July 7.

Hawaiian Templar Honored in Canada

Sir Knight Stanford R. Espedal, a member of Honolulu Commandery No. 1, recently returned to Alberta, Canada, where he was raised, to receive a 50-year jewel from Past District Deputy Grand Master of Alberta, R.W. Chris Rud. The June 8 presentation was made at Come T. Efficiency Lodge No. 50, Hardisty, Alberta.



The 72-year old, Chicago-born Sir Knight is a retired U.S. Army Captain and was Knighted in 1932 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, later affiliating with Honolulu Commandery. Following a teaching career, he worked with NBC radio in Chicago, performing as "Lutefisk Ole" on the "Sentimental Selma" show. He is also a writer and composer of music and in 1958 founded the Potentate's Band of Aloha Temple of which he is Bandmaster.

Wanted: Ohio DeMolays

Ohio Chapter of DeMolay, Toledo, the fifth oldest DeMolay Chapter in the world organized October 10, 1921, has planned a 50-plus year reunion for October 10, 1979. Some 1,200 boys were admitted to Ohio Chapter over the years and, according to William Lowry, Inspecting Officer of Ohio Chapter, only 400 have been reached. "We are searching for the other 800 men who were members of Ohio Chapter between 1921 and 1979," he says. Reunion information is available from "Dad" C. Arthur Selby, 4708 Clover Lane, Toledo (419-472-3664).

GRAND PRELATE GEORGE F. IVEY APPOINTED

In one of his first official acts as Grand Master, Sir Knight Kenneth C. Johnson appointed The Reverend George F. Ivey, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to the position of Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment for the 1979-82 Triennium.

Born October 12, 1916, in Graceville, Florida, Dr. and Sir Knight George F. Ivey attended Alabama Teachers College, Daphne, Alabama, and received his A.B. from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He later earned his Masters Degree and Doctorate at Florida State University in Tallahassee and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from John Brown University in 1956.

The Reverend Ivey has been a Minister of the United Methodist Church since 1938, currently serving the First United Methodist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas. From 1942-1947 he was a Chaplain in the military and saw combat in the South Pacific and Asia during World War II. From 1950-1953 he was Vice President of Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, and in 1950 he was voted Shreveport's Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of John Brown University since 1956 and has served as Pastor of United Methodist Churches in Abilene, Texas; Shreveport, Louisiana; and in Springdale, Camden, Hot Springs, and Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In civic affairs, Sir Knight Ivey has served as Department Chaplain of the Arkansas American Legion and is a Past President of Rotary, Jaycees and the Ministerial Alliance. He has also served Fort Smith as a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Reverend Ivey is a 25-year member of Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Chapter and Commandery. He was raised September 17, 1947, in Joppa Lodge No. 362 in Shreveport, and is a member of



Shreveport Chapter No. 10 and Ascension Commandery No. 6, also in Shreveport.

In the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, he received the 32nd degree on November 20, 1950. Appendant membership includes St. Giles Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Little Rock, and Sahara Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in 1960.

Sir Knight Ivey and his wife, Doris, currently reside in Ft. Smith; they have two sons, George, Jr., and David.

From the period of the first Crusades, a Grand Prelate has occupied one of the most essential roles in all of Templary. Religious emphasis has been the theme of the Order since its inception in 1118 A.D.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

100 Years Later — Ceremonies Re-enacted

On July 7, 1979, the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Wisconsin, honored a request from the Veterans Administration Center at Wood, Wisconsin, to assist in their Centennial Celebration by re-enacting the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony as performed by Grand Master C. F. G. Collins one hundred years earlier. According to information received from Brother Robert C. Krueger, P.M. and Secretary of Kenwood Lodge No. 303, Milwaukee, the re-enactment was "preceded by a parade consisting of members of the Craft; Knights Templar in full uniform; the Tripoli Shrine Band and Tripoli Legion of Honor."

A two-color Masonic postal cover with descriptive filler and carrying the 15 cent flag stamp has been prepared by Wisconsin's Temple Stamp Club to commemorate the rededication on the 100th anniversary of the VA Building at Wood Veterans' Hospital. The cover is offered for 75 cents each or three for \$2.00, plus a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope, by writing Temple Stamp Club, Scottish Rite Cathedral of Milwaukee, 790 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

Sitter New Sojourners President

Colonel Carl L. Sitter, USMC, Retired, became National President of National Sojourners, Inc., in June in Norfolk, Virginia. A Medal of Honor recipient, Brother Sitter will head the national body, incorporated in Washington, D.C., in 1931 and composed of Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers of the U.S. uniformed services who are Master Masons. He was in attendance at the 54th Triennial, August 11-16 at Indianapolis.

Percentages in Mississippi

The York Rite ratio of Mississippi's Grand Lodge membership, as noted by T. Olin Gore, Jr., past presiding officer of all four Mississippi York Rite bodies, convinces neighboring fratres that "something is right in the Magnolia state."

Figures for 1979 show the following totals: Grand Lodge, 48,026; Grand Chapter, R.A.M., 12,137; Grand Council, R. & S. Masters, 10,270; Grand Commandery 9,691. Percentage of R.A.M. to Master Masons — 25%; Cryptic Masons to R.A.M. — 84.5%; Knights Templar to R.A.M. — 80%.

Sir Knight Gore writes: "We are wondering how many states have higher percentages."

Beauceant Assembly in Findlay, Ohio



Findlay Assembly No. 252, Social Order of the Beauceant, was instituted and constituted in Findlay, Ohio, at ceremonies conducted by Mrs. Arthur G. Coots (right), Supreme Worthy President of the Order, and other Supreme officers, on July 14, 1979. Following the institution, officers of the new Assembly were installed, including Mrs. Betty Crane (left) as first Worthy President. The new President's husband is Sir Knight Frank W. Crane, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar in Ohio.

Triple Installation in Montgomery

The York Rite Bodies of Montgomery, Alabama, combined efforts to hold a joint installation of Chapter, Council and Commandery officers on July 2. Reverend William O. Graham was installed as Commander of Montgomery Commandery No. 4 and Illustrious Master of Montgomery Council No. 3, R. & S.M.

Sir Knight Robert E. Clemens was installed High Priest of Montgomery Chapter No. 22 by the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Alabama, George Busby. Following the public installation, refreshments were shared with the wives and friends present.



New Officers of Montgomery Commandery: Raymond Lee, Warder; T. A. Baucam, Chap.; Joseph Robertson, Jr., Sent.; Vernon Horn, Gen.; C. C. McCoy, Recorder. (Back) L. V. Beasley, J.W.; Luther E. Lee, C.G.; Em. Com. William A. Graham; Robert E. Clemens, S.W.; William A. Stewart, Treas.; Earl West, P.C., Installing Officer.

Academic Honor to Rhode Island Knight

Sir Knight Scott Bill Hirst, Knighted last May in Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Westerly, Rhode Island, will be honored this fall with inclusion in The National Dean's List — a book featuring current college scholars. At age 26, Sir Knight Hirst is a political science major at the University of Rhode Island, residing in Ashaway, Rhode Island.

New York, Iowa Commanderies Cited

Red Jacket Commandery No. 81, Canandaigua, New York, and Baldwin Commandery No. 11, Cedar Falls, Iowa, have joined the list of Constituent Commanderies which have achieved 100% participation in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor "drive." Eye Foundation Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell acknowledged the accomplishment with Certificates of Appreciation and Commendation forwarded to the respective Recorders, F. William Young (Red Jacket) and Glenn E. Holmes (Baldwin).

The Certificate is awarded to the total membership and, writes Past Grand Master Bell, "should be displayed proudly that all may know of the . . . generosity of Sir Knights . . . in the restoration and preservation of sight in those who are less fortunate."

Oregon Addition

The July recap of Constituent Commanderies reporting contributions of \$5.00 or more per member during the 11th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, incorrectly listed two Oregon Commanderies. Merle W. Frisbie, Chairman of the Voluntary Campaign for Oregon, pointed out that Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon (Reginald Menegat, E.C.), and Eastern Oregon No. 6, LaGrande, Oregon (Clifford A. Johnson, E.C.) should have been listed — along with Delta No. 19 in Tigard and Lincoln No. 25 in Newport. The four Oregon Commanderies, were among 125 to receive award plaques. As Chairman Frisbie points out, "These Commanderies have worked very hard for the Campaign and should receive proper recognition."

In the Province of Quebec in Canada, there are presently five Lodges "practicing the York Rite of Freemasonry," writes Sir Knight Roland Curtis, member of Malta Commandery No. 10, Newport, Vermont, and Past Master of Golden Rule No. 5 in Stanstead, Quebec. Some of these Lodges, according to Curtis, were founded under the sponsorship of U.S. Lodges — Golden Rule Lodge, for example, was founded in 1803 and "has had several different numbers and jurisdictions." Says Curtis, "It even crossed the international border at one time and was located in Derby, Vermont. As well, a special York Rite Degree Team is made up of members from the Quebec York Rite Lodges and regularly works the 3rd degree in Toronto, Ottawa, Cornwall and elsewhere." Curtis, a member of the Degree Team, says that they have been asked to perform in London, England, this October.

"Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 has a unique meeting on top of Mt. Owl's Head near Mansonville, Quebec. This meeting . . . has been held the Saturday on or before St. John's Day in June each year since 1857." Sir Knight Curtis, describing the scene, says, "Natural stone formations are transposed into a Lodge Room — a sort of hollow with stone seats in the correct places for the Master and Wardens, . . . a natural pass to the Lodge Room and a high point where the Lodge may be guarded from eavesdroppers."

In 1978, Sir Knight Curtis writes, Golden Rule Lodge minted a coin to celebrate its 175th anniversary. Information received by the *Knight Templar Magazine* announces the coin is available to collectors for \$5.00, as well as a history of the Lodge at a cost of \$6.50. Curtis says postpaid items may be ordered through "Secretary, Golden Rule No.5," Rock Island, Quebec, Canada JOB2K0.



A Templar float in the shape of a chapeau, designed by Generalissimo Lowell Davis and built "with the help of a few Sir Knights from Montpelier Commandery No. 75 and their ladies," was entered in two annual parades at Bryan and Montpelier, Ohio, recently. A contingent of 22 Sir Knights, ranging in age from 25 to 86, from Montpelier and Bryan Commandery No. 74, joined as a marching unit.

Montpelier Commandery is also active in the area of membership, says Ohio Past Grand Commander W. Boyd Sibold, who relayed the picture. He writes, "This Commandery has knighted equal to 10% of its membership for ten consecutive years."

100 Years of Masonry in Sturgeon Bay

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 211, F. & A.M. in Sturgeon, Bay, Wisconsin, celebrated its 100th anniversary April 21, 1979, with an Open House, dinner and program. Several hundred visitors, including the Grand Master of Wisconsin Masons and other Masonic dignitaries were in attendance.

To commemorate the occasion, a pocket coin was produced and distributed at the gathering, and a limited number are now made available to interested collectors for \$2.00 each. Requests for coins may be sent to Henry S. Baird Masonic Lodge, 1132 Tacoma Beach Road, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235.

TREASURER, RECORDER UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED

Harold S. Gorman, P.G.C., Nevada, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar since 1974, was re-elected to that position at the 54th Triennial Conclave sessions last month in Indianapolis. Paul C. Rodenhauer, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, and Editor of the Knight Templar Magazine for 12 years, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Past Grand Master Roy Wilford Riegle first appointed Sir Knight Gorman to the position of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment on July 1, 1974. He



was re-elected to the office by voting members of the Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave on August 15.

Sir Knight Gorman was born May 9, 1903, in Carlin, Nevada. He graduated from Reno High School and attended the University of Nevada. In 1968, after 48 years in banking, Sir Knight Gorman retired as Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Nevada. He was President of Rotary Club in Reno, 1944-45; President of the Reno Chamber of Commerce in 1952; President of Prospectors Club, 1966; and Treasurer of the Washoe Landmark Preservation, the Nevada Council on Economic Education, and Trinity Episcopal Church. His interests include Boy Scouts of America from which he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award. In 1978-79 he served as President of the Reno Council, Navy League; was President of the Reno Masonic Temple Association; and Trustee of the Washoe Medical Center, 1970-74. He is also a member of the Advisory Board, College of Education, for the University of Nevada.

His Templar affiliations include: 46-year member, Past Commander and Treasurer, DeWitt Clinton Commandery → → →

In December, 1966, Sir Knight Paul Charles Rodenhauer was appointed Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment by Grand Master Wilber M. Brucker



and has been re-elected at each succeeding Triennial Conclave. In addition to his duties as Grand Recorder, he is Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, Secretary of the Committee on the Educational Foundation and Secretary for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Concurrently, he serves as Grand Recorder of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

Rodenhauer is a graduate of Millersville State College and holds a B.S. in education. From 1935 he was a syndication writer, continuity writer, and promotion and production director in radio. After service in the U.S. Navy he was for 17 years program-production-manager for TV. In 1966 he resigned that post to become Grand Recorder.

His record includes membership in St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia. He was a former member of the LCA Commission on Press, Radio and Television, a Past Chairman, Lancaster County Chapter, American Red Cross, former Board Member, Columbia Hospital, Lancaster County United Fund and Y.M.C.A. Presently member of the Citizen's Board, Illinois Masonic Medical Center. → → →

Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel will be headquarters September 20-27 for the 167th Annual Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Attendance of more than one thousand 33° Masons and their wives is expected for the event which will feature conferral of the 33° on 183 Scottish Rite Masons nominated and elected to receive the honor from the ranks of the 500,000-member jurisdiction spread over 15 states. Included among 1979 nominees are Sir Knights Lowell Thomas, radio and television newscaster from Pawling, New York, and Wayne King, Chicago-based orchestra conductor.

Traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service will open activities on Sunday, September 23, and officers and directors will meet in executive session beginning Monday morning. Also set for Monday is an entertainment program featuring the Wayne King Orchestra. The 1979 meeting will conclude Thursday, September 27 with the announcement of names of those elected to receive the 33° at Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1980.

Hot Springs Assembly, the second Beauceant body in the State of Arkansas, was constituted May 26 by Mrs. Arthur G. Coots, Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant, assisted by 15 Supreme Officers and Committee Members. Visitors from Texas, Kansas, Ohio and Missouri, as well as the El Dorado, Arkansas, Assembly, were in attendance to witness the constituting and installation of new officers, including Mrs. Wier E. Roberson as President.

Later this month, Mrs. Coots will preside at the 59th Annual Supreme Assembly in Denver, Colorado, September 24-28, with Colorado, New Mexico and Utah Assemblies serving as hostesses. Mrs. Coots, wife of Past Department Commander Sir Knight Arthur G. Coots, P.G.C., Texas, has for many years been active in the Beauceant, serving as first President of Dalhart Assembly No. 203.

The S.O.O.B., originated in 1892 in Denver as "a Christian Order teaching Faith, Loyalty and Love for God, the Order of Knights Templar and each other" has grown to include 202 Assemblies in the U.S., including Hawaii.

. . . GORMAN

No. 1; Past Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Nevada; Past Department Commander, South Pacific Department, 1967-70; and former Trustee, now Treasurer, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Sir Knight Gorman is Past High Priest of Reno Chapter No. 1, and member, Reno Council No. 4. He is also a member of Royal Order of Jesters, Kerak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; St. Matthias Tabernacle No. LVII, H.R.A.K.T.P.; Scottish Rite; and Royal Order of Scotland.

. . . RODENHAUSER

He is a Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania; member of K.Y.C.H.; Past Preceptor, H.R.A.K.T.P.; Knight Masons of Ireland; Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Active Member of the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay; member in perpetuity, National Sojourners; was created an Honorary 33° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., in 1964. Has been listed in *Who's Who in the East* and/or *West* since 1965.

Sir Knight Rodenhauser and his wife, Hazel, have one son and three grandchildren.

IF I WERE A TEACHER

by

Sir Knight Howard B. Kittleson
Nazarene Commandery No. 24, St. Cloud, Minnesota

September marks the end of summer, changes in weather and in the color of leaves, and, for children in most areas of the country, a return to the classroom. Success in the classroom is gauged by the performance of the students at the end of the year. But an important criterion for success is the performance of the teacher. Sir Knight Kittleson's article is "a tribute to teachers of the past" and a "message to those teachers in the same noble calling today and to parents of schoolchildren in the hopes that they may listen, recognize and give understanding love."

Performance

If I were a teacher, I would present myself in a professional manner, imparting the knowledge of my training and experience in such a way that it would be accepted with enthusiasm by every student.

Discipline: Being exemplary in all that I do, I would above all speak correct English and, by my personal appearance, I would hope to instill a healthy discipline in my students. I would appear appropriately dressed in a simple suit, shirt and tie — shorts are for a backyard variety of things, sweatshirts and tennis shoes are more or less associated with locker rooms, and unshined shoes and baggy pants are great for fishing. The proper attire shows a sense of self-respect, emphasizing the seriousness of the study you are about to undertake.

Standards: I would make every effort to be worthy of my profession, constantly seeking to improve my abilities in order to share new knowledge with my students, their parents or guardians, and would wish to maintain a friendly rapport with members of the school board.

Commitment: My main concern would be commitment. I would be dedicated in

every way as a teacher, using the day productively, giving of my time beyond the working day when necessary, whether it is to assist an exceptionally gifted child, or to encourage a slow learner. I would be a good listener and this is essential, giving equal time for all views, tolerant and considerate of ideas no matter how different they may be. If an instructor is open and honest, he will often admit that teaching is a learning experience for the instructor as well as the student.

Learning from History: I would search out a sense of continuity in associating the past with the present. A thread connects us to our past and we are the product of an ongoing, living history. I would be committed to the tried and tested learning from the history of past cultures. The importance of history is that we learn from mistakes made in the past. Equally important, is that we glean the best truths from the past and apply them to our own lives.

Social Aspects

I would encourage each student to trace his or her ethnic background. It is important to know one's roots — Who am I, What is my heritage? This gives a sense of identity and self-confidence. → → →

Dignity: As a teacher, I would teach my students to honor all professions. It is the dignity of each human being that counts, not what he or she does. All work is honorable and should be done to the best of one's ability. I would also emphasize the positive approach — to look for the good in every person.

Goal Setting

I would be competent to work with others, alone, or best of all as part of a team, sharing knowledge, talent and know-how so that meaningful goals can be accomplished for the common good of all concerned. It is important to learn teamwork early in life, as it is so important in one's future — in one's job, community participation, church affiliation and neighborhood activities.

Patriotism

I would display the American flag in an appropriate location in every classroom as a constant reminder of the freedom in this country — “One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all” — supporting a system of free and public education for all, regardless of race or creed, one of the finest educational offerings of our country.

Personal Qualities

I would be exemplary in my personal manners and deportment, setting a standard students would wish to emulate. I would instill the necessity for proper behavior which is, in essence, never to make anyone feel ill at ease nor to say anything unkind, and to be able to handle situations that may arise with composure, always striving for the best one can be.

I would practice the art of giving in all things, constantly aware that forgiving is an integral part of living.

Summary

I would want, above all, to bring the student to the full potential of his or her ability. Most of all, a real teacher inspires in the student a desire for further knowledge. Education does not end with formal training but is a lifelong process.

As a parent, blessed with family, I realize that the important education begins in the home during a child's formative years. The parents must set the example in the home, where the foundations of teaching really begin.

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PARENTS CREED

And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said: Speak to us of children. And he said: your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, and though they are with you, they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow which you cannot visit even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

— Gibran

MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN

by

Sir Knight Theodore Summers

Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Every Commandery should have a "membership committee," and practically every Commandery does. But too many times the membership either doesn't function, or else scatters its efforts ineffectively.

Perhaps, we might take a few suggestions or ideas from those multi-national corporations which spend many millions of dollars to promote their products. Their advertising and sales strategies are very carefully planned and executed. Their targets are identified and analyzed, their approaches are studied for the psychological impact and for the stimulation to respond. Dollars are involved.

But don't we Templars have an excellent "product" to promote also? Our product is friendship, love, charity, fellowship and mutual concern for our Masonic brothers. Might we with advantage extend "hospitality" and welcome our Masonic brothers to help us "bind up the wounds of the afflicted, feed the hungry and extend alms and hospitality to those pilgrims from afar," so to speak?

An evangelist I met years ago might have had an idea we can use effectively. The idea or technique was simple, costless, workable and carried a real psychological bang. Whether the evangelist got the idea from the FBI, or the FBI got the idea from him no one knows, but the FBI used the idea also profitably. What was the idea? A "Prayer List" of the Ten Most Wanted Men.

At a round-table session a list of ten names was compiled, names of men most wanted in the membership, and each

member of that little church was given a copy of that list. These were the names of persons to be approached at every opportunity by every member of the parish. And when one name had been brought into the fold, a new name was added at the bottom of the list. Just like the FBI, all "agents" concentrated on a specific target.

If we could have our membership committee sit down and receive suggested names of possible candidates, sort through the suggested names to pick out ten of the most desirable men, and then see that every member is given a copy of the list, with instructions, we would then be concentrating our efforts and be sure to "get the man!" This list is not for the membership committee alone to work on, but every Sir Knight in the local Commandery can be instructed to get acquainted with the prospect and add his help to the total effort.

When the prospective candidate is under such concentrated effort, it would be difficult for the nominee to "escape." No, not escape; it would be difficult for the nominee to pass up the opportunity thus tendered to him.

And how does that "Prayer List" or "Most Wanted List" work? Simple: John Smith, brother Mason, is walking down the street when Sir Knight Jones meets him. "John," says Sir Knight Jones, "we were talking about you at the Commandery last night, and we all decided you are just the man we would like to be counted with us." Master Mason Smith gives Sir Knight Jones a rather abrupt refusal, but subconsciously → → →

he is pleased to learn that he is "desired and wanted.

The next day, or that afternoon, Mason Smith goes to the bank where Sir Knight Brown, vice-president, leaves his desk and approaches Smith. "Good morning, John," says Sir Knight Brown as he extends his hand. "We were talking about you at the Commandery the other night. Several of the boys spoke highly of you and mentioned that they would like to have you in our Commandery." Brown's invitation is turned down, but not quite as abruptly as was Jones' invitation. Smith says he is very busy these days at the store, but he subconsciously says to himself: "There are a lot of my friends and Masonic Brothers in that group. I wonder how my name came up like it did. This is the second person who mentioned the matter."

Smith finds himself smiling just a bit and biting his lip so he won't appear like he had just won the Sweepstakes.

Smith goes to his noonday luncheon club. And there he meets his fellow Rotarian Sir Knight Black, who accidentally on purpose sits next to him. Rotarians always have an interesting program, and Smith and Black are discussing the speaker as they walk out to the parking lot, when Sir Knight Black says: "John, were your ears burning the other night? The boys at the Commandery were commenting about the leading businessmen in town who belong to the Fraternity, and have taken York Rite degrees. Several members suggested they would like to have you in the Commandery with us. They think you would enjoy the work, and I know they would enjoy you."

"Gosh," says Smith. "You know how busy I am in my store. I just don't see where I could find the time." But he says to himself as he is driving back to work: "Those men in the Commandery are really nice fellows. They have pretty good judgment too."

And so, in the next two or three days, other Knights have met Smith, and all let him know Smith has been discussed, commented on, and has been found to be a very desirable person, and one whom all in the Commandery would like as an associate. He really enjoys the flattery and basks in the knowledge that he has been selected as one who "loves his fellowman" and is really wanted for himself, not just to be a candidate for the upcoming Inspection. How can he keep from smiling to himself, and discussing the compliments with his wife?

By this time, the idea and the thought that "many are called but few are chosen" has implanted itself in his full consciousness. He no longer "abruptly turns down his friends" when approached, but begins to really understand how discerning and informed those Brothers in the Commandery are. Smith, he must admit to himself, is a good Mason, a good family man, a substantial citizen and an honest businessman. Of course, the men in the Commandery would want him, and he now feels he wants to be associated with those men.

Probably the next Sir Knight who approaches Smith is asked for a petition, and it just happens that that Knight has a petition in his pocket!

Smith's name now comes off the list of "The Most Wanted" and another name goes on.

But you will notice that in getting Smith's petition, the fire was concentrated. Not just one man invited Smith to join, but several. Smith wasn't the victim of a Come One - Come All Campaign, but was sought and invited after full discussion of his character, ability, morals, reputation, standing in the community, and consideration of his home and family life.

Smith comes and is welcomed into our ranks as "the cream of the crop."

Don't Coca-Cola, Kellogg, and Cadillac Cars go after a definite market? A

Brother W. B. Miller was honored June 23 at a gathering of Johnson City Lodge No. 486, F. & A.M. in Tennessee, as the oldest Past Master in Tennessee. At age 98, Miller served in the banking business for 55 years before retiring in 1963 as Vice-President of Hamilton National Bank. He was Raised a Master Mason on October 16, 1903, and subsequently served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1906, 1907, 1909 and 1911. Brother Miller also helped organize the local Kiwanis Club in 1920 and is a 75-year member of the Presbyterian Church.

... MANY ARE CALLED

selected few? And doesn't it seem logical that all members of the local Commandery, targeting on a certain individual, would be more effective in their invitations than when each member is lackadaisically told to "become a member and committee of one" and try to get a possible candidate for the next Inspection?

Fratres, let's sit down and make the Commandery again into a select membership. Let's remember a brother's welfare as well as our own. We have something in our ritual and associations that our friends and Masonic Brothers should have.

Let's give every member of the local Commandery a list of ten selected names; let's see that each member is provided with a petition for the York Rite to carry with him at all times. Let's see that all our members are informed about the Masonic requirements, the fees, and uniform requirements, and the charities we promote especially.

We need not apologize for a "Prayer List" for concentrating on the "Ten Most Wanted."

Sir Knight Summers lives at 1514 West Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.

Sir Knight Harry C. Layton, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, was elected to membership in the International Platform



Association, a non-partisan organization of lecturers — men and women who appear before audiences in all media. Layton is a free lance artist and holds an honorary doctorate in fine arts from the London Institute of Applied Research. His work has appeared in fraternal organizations, business firms and private homes, and he lectures on the comparison of art in the Old World and the Ancient American Cultures.

The IPA was founded by Daniel Webster and Josiah Holbrook in 1831 with the objective of "improving the quality of the American platform." It has included among past members all U.S. presidents since Theodore Roosevelt and present membership includes such names as Brothers Gerald Ford and Barry Goldwater. Current IPA president is Sir Knight Lowell Thomas.

Each summer the International Platform Association holds a five-day convention in Washington, D.C., where national and international problems of the day are presented by nationally-prominent figures (most of them IPA members). Slated to appear in 1979 were General Alexander Haig, Danny Kaye, Isaac Asimov, Jack Anderson, Jeane Dixon, and many more.

Sir Knight Layton is a member of Culver City-Foshay Lodge No. 467, F. & A.M. of California, and is a Grand Lodge Representative of Masons in California. In addition, he devotes time to the International Order of DeMolay and is an elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Santa Monica area.

Johnson Assists at L.O.H. Investiture

The DeMolay Legion of Honor was conferred August 2 on a class of 20 candidates during the 52nd Annual Arkansas DeMolay State Conclave held at the Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. The Degree Team was composed of William Nash, S.G.I.G., Arkansas, Commander in the East; Tom Dooley, Recorder of Scimitar Shrine Temple, Commander in the South; and Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson, Commander in the West. The Investiture was held under the auspices of J. W. (Jack) Nutt, P.G.M., International Supreme Council, and Executive Officer in Arkansas.

Four Active Legion of Honor recipients were among the 20 candidates, including 32-year old senior DeMolay Bill Clinton, Governor of Arkansas. Governor Clinton, responding for the class, said that he attributed his success to a great extent to "the lessons he learned as a DeMolay." Receiving the Honorary Legion of Honor were Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Hoyle W. Clanton, and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Donald M. Grimsley.

Attending the Conclave and Investiture was Sir Knight Paul Skoglund, Grand Secretary of the DeMolay International Supreme Council, who was made an "Arkansas Traveler" by Governor Clinton.

Cabiri Installation in Minneapolis

Past Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was elected and installed 1979-80 International President of The Cabiri, International Past Potentates Association, at their 30th Annual Breakfast held July 11 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Serving as Installing Officer was Charles J. Claypool, Imperial Potentate, Shrine of North America.



1979-80 Officers of The Cabiri (left to right): James A. McKnight (Pennsylvania), Treas.; Hazen T. Dykeman (Canada), 2nd V.P.; G. Wilbur Bell (Illinois), P.G.M., President; Charles J. Claypool, Imperial Potentate and Installing Officer; Aurie J. Thompson (Washington), 3rd V.P.; Blaine M. Simons (Utah), Capt. of Guard, also member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Finance; William P. Jacobs, Jr. (D.C.), Secretary.

There are currently 169 local Cabiri Chapters throughout the U.S. including Hawaii, and in the Canal Zone and Canada.

Free Enterprise and Masonry

"For us who are Americans and Masons, freedom is a keyword. Historically we have found that only when the winds of freedom blow across the land can Freemasonry survive and flourish. We often speak of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to vote and freedom of association. As important as these and other freedoms are, however, they all stem from an even more fundamental principle . . . economic freedom as a result of freedom from excessive government. There is an indissoluble link between the two — economic and political liberty."

Quoted from the introduction of "Free Enterprise and Freemasonry" by Henry C. Clausen, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction.

"Special Benefactors"

"Support is the lifeblood of any charity. Without it," says G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., "the hurts of the world cannot be healed, the wrongs of the world cannot be made right." The Knights Templar Eye Foundation may be a small element in terms of alleviating the world's many needs; yet the monies contributed to the Foundation are "essential for hundreds of people who each year cannot afford eye care or surgery." The "special benefactors" of the Grand Commander's and Master's Clubs provide a little more help in the battle against blindness.

Any individual may join the Grand Commander's Club with an initial donation of \$100 and subsequent annual donations of \$100 until a total of \$1,000 is reached. Membership is open to any individual (not groups), and this month includes:

Oregon No. 2 — William Fromme
Wisconsin No. 3 — Thomas K. Rosenow
Tennessee No. 10 — Frank J. Hadley

When Grand Commander's Club members have completed their membership, i.e., contributed \$1,000, or upon receipt of \$1,000 in a single sum, the individual gains membership in the Grand Master's Club, which this month includes:

No. 159 — Clarence E. Whiteman (NY)
No. 160 — Leo Roy (NV)
No. 161 — James M. Rutland (SC)
No. 162 — Raymond F. Thomasson (WV)

Grand Master's Club membership is recognized with a metal wallet card and personalized bronze desk plaque.

All contributions are tax-deductible; they do not carry Commandery fund-raising credit.

For information on joining either Club, those interested may contact Executive Director G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.M., Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 509 South Sixth Street, P.O. Box 579, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

"Clear English" Rituals

Within a few months, new "clear English" rituals will be available from the office of the Grand Encampment, Chicago. A resolution at Indianapolis was in essence adopted as follows: "The official ritual of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., be hereafter presented in "clear English." Copies are being distributed to the Committee on Ritualistic Matters headed by Blair C. Mayford for any necessary revising.

New Red Cross Conclave in Columbus

Grand Master Kenneth C. Johnson, K.G.C., Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, traveled to Columbus, Georgia, July 31, to constitute and dedicate Muscogee Conclave, R.C.C., in full ritualistic form. James E. Moseley was installed as Ill. Grand Marshal for the occasion; Ralph James, Past Sovereign of St. Ambrose Conclave, Atlanta, acted as Grand High Prelate, and William M. Drinnon, P.S., New Covenant Conclave, Macon, acted as Grand Recorder.

Successful Venture for 100th Anniversary

Past Commander Paul A. Dylyn, Cleveland, Ohio, writes, "We would like to thank the Sir Knights from all over the U.S.A. and Europe who purchased the commemorative coins for the 100th Anniversary of Holyrood Commandery No. 32, Berea, Ohio, and also the Sir Knight from Cleveland Heights Commandery No. 76 who designed and manufactured these coins. Through everyone's generosity, the Eye Foundation will be a little richer." A few coins are still available, says Dylyn, "for those interested in souvenirs or a collector's item." They may be ordered through Sir Knight Dylyn at 3402 Bader Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44109 at a cost of \$5 each.

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Zachariah B. Johnston
Virginia
Past Grand Commander — 1957
Born December 31, 1902
Died July 6, 1979

John Walter Karsner
District of Columbia
Past Grand Commander — 1940
Born December 22, 1885
Died July 23, 1979

Fred Duke
Arkansas
Past Grand Commander — 1950
Born January 15, 1893
Died July 27, 1979

In Memory — William H. Bonsack

Sir Knight William H. Bonsack, 67, U.S. Navy (Retired), died April 11, 1979. He was a 32-year veteran, serving in WWII and the Korean War. In his career as a Navy pilot he flew 65 different types of aircraft and logged more than 5,000 flight hours.

He was a member of Coronado Masonic Lodge No. 441, F. & A.M., and Memphis Commandery No. 4, Tennessee. He was also Past President of the San Diego Wing of the Silver Eagles and had been selected as Mr. Silver Eagle for 1979.

Masonic Author Dies

Sir Knight A. Loyd Collins, Past Commander of Boanerges Commandery No. 34, Clinton, Missouri, died May 8 in Shreveport, Louisiana, after a short illness. Collins was Past Master of Clinton Lodge No. 548, F. & A.M., and was a member of the Craft for more than 50 years. He was a native of Missouri and in 1943 wrote "A History of Missouri Freemasonry" published by Philrite Publishing Company in St. Louis.

Wylie B. Wendt — 71 Years in Templary

He was known as "The Venerable Patriarch of Templary," and for the past 44 years he was Kentucky's favorite son. Wylie B. Wendt, writer, historian, ritualist, Drill Captain, Past Commander, died July 18, 1979, at the age of 93.



Born in 1885 in Newport, Kentucky, he was raised in Robert Burns Lodge No. 163 and knighted in Newport Commandery No. 13 on April 4, 1908. In 1909, while on the engineering faculty at Michigan State College, he affiliated with Lansing Commandery No. 25. From Michigan he went to Kansas State College, Manhattan, affiliating with Oriental Commandery No. 48 in 1915, and in 1920 he transferred to Rapid City, South Dakota, and Schrader Commandery No. 9. He returned to Kentucky in 1935 and was admitted to Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12, in which he was elected Eminent Commander.

Sir Knight Wendt was active in Drill tactics throughout his career; he commanded the Lansing team at the 1931 Triennial in Minneapolis, and the Kentucky battalion at the first Indianapolis Triennial in 1958. He organized the Inspection Departments of South Dakota and Kentucky, becoming the first Chief Inspector for the latter jurisdiction in 1953. As such he was principal author of the present Kentucky Asylum Ceremonies and privately published "A Manual for Conferring the Order of Malta with the Full Ceremonial."

In 1965 he was the first recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in Kentucky. He was a prodigious thinker and writer, perhaps best known as bi-monthly columnist for the *Knight Templar Magazine* between the years 1970 and 1975.



KNIGHT VOICES

COMMENTS FROM READERS



▣ I belong to Massena Commandery No. 72, New York, and I am interested in buying at a reasonable price any Masonic or Shrine souvenirs, mugs, badges, plates and commemorative coins. I would appreciate hearing from any reader having the same, with a description and price of items.

Following an earlier "Knight Voices" request, I received a great response from brethren throughout the U.S., which goes to show that we have a lot of Brotherhood in this great country. *Richard C. Beaulieu, 1 Carney Place, Massena, New York 13662*

▣ I am a life member of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Flint, Michigan, and wish to sell my cape (in excellent condition), black belt (the hardware was replated) and my sword. Make a reasonable bid on one or all. *J. W. Kinker, G Miller Rd., Apt. 31A, Flint, Michigan 48507*

▣ Genealogy: Thomas D. Young, b. ca. 1800 Virginia, in Tennessee in 1830, to De Soto County, Mississippi, by 1837 from the Republic of Texas. 1850 census of De Soto County, Mississippi, with second wife, Marena Ellender Goodman/win, b. ca. 1823 Alabama. When and where did Thomas D. Young die? Descendants and second wife in Fayette County, Texas by 1875.

Was the Thomas Young in the 1850 census of Lamar County, Texas, b. ca. 1780 Virginia, his father? Thomas Young received land grants from the Republic of Texas. Will gladly refund postage. *Mr. & Mrs. William R. Young, 2707 Little John Lane, Austin, Texas 78704*

▣ The new Grand Encampment color film, "Soldiers of the Cross," was shown by the York Rite Masonic Bodies of Albuquerque, New Mexico, at three different gatherings during the week of February 19, 1979. On the 19th it was shown to members of the appendant bodies from all over the state, and all of them liked this film. There were 56 in attendance.

The film was also shown on the 22nd of February at a dinner for some 120 members, candidates, children and guests of the York Rite Bodies, and, on the 26th, for Sandia Chapter Order of DeMolay (some 35 in attendance). *Pat Patterson, Recorder, York Rite Masonic Bodies, 3400 Aztec, N.E., Box 3765, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87190*

▣ I'll bet you never heard one like this: I took the new Templar film, "Soldiers of the Cross," to Pendleton, Oregon, and halfway through the meeting we had a power outage and I came home 125 miles (one way). I took it to LaGrande — had 30 full bellies and a projector that nobody could make run. The film and I returned home 50 miles one way. Then to-nite (April 23) we had a good dinner and spread it out pretty well at my Blue Lodge No. 47 here in Baker. Had a projector that wouldn't work and I couldn't find one — so I have yet to see the film. I had about 100 Masons in my sites and missed on all counts — but I am returning it as I have promised and I will order it again and run the same circuit!! We mustn't be selfish about this because I know that it must be a beautiful film. *V. Shipman, 655-10th, Baker, Oregon 97814*

PLEDGES OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the International York Rite Council composed of elective officers of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was constituted February 18, 1968, and,

WHEREAS, the general purpose of said International York Rite Council is to foster a better understanding and promote a closer working relationship among the York Rite Bodies, particularly on a national level, and,

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies on a state and local level are generally more active, especially in membership promotion, where a spirit of close York Rite Cooperation prevails.

NOW THEREFORE, said International York Rite Council first recognizes its dependence upon and fealty to the Symbolic Lodge of Free Masons and hereby expresses its belief in the York Rite Concept and supports and recommends that said York Rite Concept be fostered on the national, state and local levels and pledges its support to the same.

DATED this 16th day of August, 1979.

Signed in agreement at the Installation Ceremony, August 16, 1979, at Indianapolis, Indiana:

Junior W. Vandall, General Grand High Priest
General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International

John H. Watts, General Grand Master
General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International

Kenneth C. Johnson, Grand Master
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America

