Goals of a Triennium

In just a few days I will be reporting to the Grand Encampment assembled on my stewardship as the 48th Grand Master. I will not be able to tell them that all has gone well because that is not possible; but I can report that many wonderful things have been accomplished through the work of our members and their Commanderies. We can feel good about these accomplishments and go on to do even more for them in the 58th triennium under our new Grand Master.

When I entered upon this office I set several goals. Those goals that pertained to our charitable work have been more than met, thanks to the work of the thousands of Sir Knights and their ladies who labor in the cities and towns that are the bases for our 1,500 Commanderies. These goals concern our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, our Knights Templar Educational Foundation, and our Holy Land Pilgrimage project. In all of these areas we have exceeded the goals.

My goal for our educational work was to have more than five million dollars on loan to qualified students in need of our help. That has been exceeded. We have almost four thousand loans outstanding. This means that we are making a difference in the lives of thousands of young people.

In our Eye Foundation, our goals were to pass the mark of 35,000 persons helped, to have 1,000 members in our Grand Master’s Club, and to work toward the permanence of our work by increasing the number of Life Sponsors toward 100%. The goal of 35,000 has been surpassed by more than 3,000 applications and we are now processing almost 2,000 per year.

The Grand Master’s Club membership has more than doubled in the past three years and has more than 1,200 members at this time. The Life Sponsor program has been benefitted by the work in Georgia and Montana, where every Sir Knight is now a Life Sponsor. Their contributions will be working as long as our Eye Foundation is here. Every Commandery needs to have a project to support our work for the blind and sight-impaired. We must remember to give non-members a chance to contribute.

Our Holy Land Pilgrimage program has been in effect for only twelve years, but it has grown in Grand Commandery participation from two to 24. This program, in support of our faith, sent seven ministers on the first pilgrimage; on this year’s pilgrimage, the twelfth, 52 ministers traveled to the Holy Land. My goal was that at least 250 ministers and their congregations would have been recipients of the spiritual uplift afforded by this pilgrimage before I left office. We have accomplished this goal and more.

I hope that everyone who has participated in these successes will accept the gratitude of every recipient of your love and my appreciation for your involvement.
JULY: Summertime has come, bringing with it good weather and a chance to relax with outdoor activities before the new Commandery year. Our cover salutes the summer we hope Sir Knights everywhere will enjoy. This month is one for patriotic celebration, and the inspirational article on page five delves into America's heroic past and the hope that its example will inspire our country's future. The final statistics of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 20th Annual Voluntary Campaign are detailed herein, as are proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. These proposals will be presented in Lexington, Kentucky, during the 57th Triennial Conclave.

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• To our Supplement Editors: Again, many thanks to all of you for sending in your monthly supplements. For the past six months, only two monthly write-ups failed to come in from forty-seven Grand Commanderies. Congratulations!

Most of you are now getting your material to us before the 10th of the month, but for those of you who aren't—supplements must be mailed several days prior to that deadline date in order to arrive on time. If you plan to attend the 57th Triennial Conclave, remember to submit your September supplement to us before you leave.

Again, thank you for your good work and I hope to meet all of you at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7, in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. You will be hearing more about our meeting shortly.

• Regional York Rite Conferences: The dates and places for the 1988-89 regional York Rite conferences are listed below.

Southeastern: August 19-20, Jackson, Mississippi.
South Central: September 8-10, Austin, Texas.
North Central: October 1-2, Bismarck, North Dakota.
Northwestern: October 15, Boise, Idaho.
Southwestern: November 12, Tucson, Arizona.
East Central: March 11-12, 1989, Louisville, Kentucky.

• Richard Stephenson Dies: Sir Knight Richard M. Stephenson, KTCH, former editor of the Indiana Supplement of Knight Templar, died in his sleep just prior to the opening of that state's Grand Conclave on April 27. Burial was from the Doan-Mills funeral home in Richmond, Indiana, on May 3.

• Knight Templar News: Knight Templar Magazine publishes news from Sir Knights across the country and is interested in hearing from you about your Commandery's special events, any notable Masons, and other items of interest to fellow Templars. Please send your submission to Sir Knight Randall Becker, Editor, c/o The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60604.

• Moving?: If you are going to be moving, inform your local Recorder six to eight weeks before you actually move so that Knight Templar Magazine can greet you in your new home—uninterrupted. Knight Templar is sent to hundreds of thousands of Sir Knights across the country, and address changes are a continuing concern. If you are not at the address where Knight Templar is being sent to you, it will be returned to us—at a cost of thirty cents. Help us keep costs down—do your part by informing your local Recorder of your coming address change six to eight weeks ahead of time!
Today more than ever, the young people of America need to return to the basic habits of love of country, love of their heritage, love of service to others, and—most of all—loyalty to their government. Brave men and women have fought and died for this great nation with the belief in their hearts that those who would follow after them would carry on the traditions they believed in strongly enough to sacrifice their own lives. Others forever carry the scars of war as a badge and a testament of belief in the American way of life.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, almost forty-seven years ago, that single act united this nation in a wave of national patriotism and pride. That patriotism was so strong that America was able to fight a war on two fronts, both in the Pacific Ocean and in Europe, and win against overwhelming odds. It took great sacrifice and much love for Americans to offer sons and daughters to do the fighting while moms and dads manned the homefront to build arms and equipment and pack food and ammunition to supply military needs in the field.

Hardly anyone of this older generation of today can forget how we opened each day of school with joint prayer and a pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. We were educated in the classroom on great heroes of the American Revolution like Washington, Jones, Warren, Franklin, Revere, Jefferson, Lafayette, and Henry. Betsy Ross sewed the first flag to be taken into battle so pioneers of the American Revolution could free us from England and write our destiny in history.

How well we remember those heroes of the War Between the States, who, believing in their causes, cast their lives and fortunes together and fought valiantly and with great love for their nation. Men like Lee, Grant, Davis, Jackson,
Custer, Sherman, Sheridan, Rosecrans, Meade, and McClellan; the great generals who led their armies into battle, supported by a civilian population which hailed each victory with great joy and admiration for the men who carried the fight to the battlefields of that era. Can anyone forget the stirring words delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, when he dedicated part of that battlefield as a cemetery for those who there lost their lives?

How can we forget the battlefields of France in World War I: places like Verdun, Belleau Wood, Soissons, Montbrehain, Pouilly, Chateau-Thierry, Argonne Forest, and Mont Blanc Ridge. At Chatel-Chehery, a young corporal from the hills of Tennessee named Alvin York destroyed a German machine gun nest, captured four German officers and 127 enlisted men, and won the hearts and emulation of young children for over two generations afterwards!

In the 1950s we saw young men march off to the “police action” in Korea and fight in such places as the Chosin reservoir, Heartbreak Ridge, the Iron Triangle, Inchon, and Pork Chop Hill. In the 1960s and 1970s we fought another “police action” in a place called Vietnam; unlike Korea, this was an unpopular war. While politicians were fighting among themselves over the morality of the war and a divisive tidal wave of protest arose in the land, young men fought and died in places like Quang-Tri Province, Chu Lai, Da Nang, Khe-Sahn, and in hundreds of little rice paddies and thick jungle locations that engendered psychological as well as physical casualties.

As Americans and freedom-loving people, each of us—young or old, black or white or brown or yellow by race, and of all creeds—are all citizens under one flag and one government, who by our consent permit ourselves to be governed by our peers and to be regulated by a constitution that affirms us, in the words of the Pledge of Allegiance, as “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” What could be a more fitting tribute to all those early pioneers of the past who led the way to establishing this great country as a free nation than starting a campaign of public awareness to return to the pride of patriotism, love of our flag and country, respect for law and order, loyalty to the principles of the sovereignty of the people and citizen control of government at all levels through use of the vote, respect for the religious liberty of all the people, and encouragement of the free enterprise system as set forth in our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

These ten little two-letter words were never more meaningful than they are now: “If it is to be, it is up to me!”

Sir Knight David L. Recob, KYCH, is a member of Topeka Commandery No. 5 of Topeka, Kansas, and lives at 1241 S.W. 31st Street, Topeka, KS 66611-2132.

Call him not old, whose visionary brain Holds o’er the past its undivided reign. For him in vain the envious seasons roll Who bears eternal summer in his soul.

Oliver Wendell Holmes
Today is the vital link
in the continuity of our lives
from the fixed past to the
unformed future.

Between Yesterday and Tomorrow
by Sir Knight Harold Blake Walker

Someone pointedly noted that "it is
easier to get people to promise to do
better tomorrow than it is to get them to
do their best today." We frequently are
long on promises and short on delivery,
but the test of life is to do the best we are
able today and let tomorrow take care of
itself.

Today—that strange link between yest-

erday and tomorrow—is all we ever will
have to set the direction of our lives. Yester-

day has disappeared into the limbo of
the past, while tomorrow is but a glimmer
on the rim of the future. The past plows
itself into the present and the present pro-
jects itself into the future. The present,
however, is the hinge of our personal
history.

If we waste the possibilities of today
with slovenly labor and indifferent
performance, tomorrow will be poorer.
On the other hand, if we capture the
possibilities of the present, giving our best
to the tasks of the moment, the future
will be richer. Today will push its tentacles
into tomorrow with unrelenting power to
bless or to destroy.

Felix Frankfurter was acutely aware of
the continuity of time when he wrote
that "judicial judgment must take deep
account... of the day before yesterday
in order that yesterday may not paralyze
today, and it must take account of what
it decrees today in order that today may
not paralyze tomorrow." Today's judg-
ment, be it wise or unwise, becomes the
arbiter of tomorrow and the day after.

Today is like a watershed atop a moun-
tain pass where tiny streams of water
flow from a snow bank. On one side the
water flows to the west, and on the other
to the east. Perhaps only a foot or two
separates the two streams, but their
destiny is oceans apart; similarly, how we
live in the present may seem trifling, but
a destiny is involved.

The immediate present is of the
utmost importance for the young in our
schools and colleges. Self-discipline im-
posed now is the prophecy of tomorrow.
Learning achieved today predicts the
achievements of the future. Dishonesty
and cheating in the classroom, marking
the illusory success of the moment,
dermines the spirit's integrity and
flows destructively into the future.

An Oxford don observed that "educa-
tion is what you have left after you have
forgotten all you learned." It is what you
have left as a result of serious mental
effort: a disciplined and informed intel-
ligence; the ability to penetrate to the
heart of a problem. But if the "eternal
now" is wasted, frittered away, then
when school days are done little → →
will be left to enlighten the future or form the basis for a creative and useful life.

The best we have to give to life today is all too little, but it is enough to provide a solid foundation for tomorrow, and the best always is encouraged by a stout faith in God. On Mr. Gladstone’s last visit to Oxford, he is reported to have sat in the

When we give our best to today, we are building a solid foundation for tomorrow. Our best is always encouraged by a stout faith in God.

common room of Christ Church College and discoursed upon the happy changes he had witnessed during his lifetime in the lot of the English people.

"Are we to understand," one student asked, "that you have no anxieties for the future?"

The old statesman slowly answered, "Yes, there is one thing which frightens me. The fear of God seems to be dying out in the minds of men."

What frightened that grand old man of England more than seventy years ago is more alarming today. It isn’t so much fear of God as it is faith in God as “the ground of our being” and life that is slipping today. Faith in God inspires the best we have to give to life from day to day. It is the essence of integrity, self-discipline, and creative intelligence. Faith for today is the source of better things tomorrow.

Connecticut Pins and Tie Tacks

Lapel pins and tie tacks in the shape of the state of Connecticut are being offered to any Sir Knight or Commandery which supports the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Designed by Grand Commander Kenneth Gray, the pins feature one of two raised emblems on ten carat gold: Knight Templar (In Hoc Signo Vinces) or Past Commander (Latin cross with triangle). Pins are one inch long; tie tacks are three-quarters of an inch long. An actual size Past Commander’s lapel pin is depicted above.

Pins or tacks are $15.00 each, of which $2.50 will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in the name of the Sir Knight’s home Commandery. The pins help to promote Templary and could be used as collector’s items, gifts, or honorariums, according to Connecticut Supplement editor William L. Miller.

If you wish to order, send your name, Commandery name and number, and remittance (payable to the Grand Commandery of Connecticut) to Sir Knight Edmund Rowe, 128 Stony Hill Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Allow four to six weeks for delivery; group orders of ten or more are welcomed.

'Tis not necessary to light a candle to the sun.

Algernon Sidney
Eye Foundation Campaign Closes

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation reports a contribution total for the 20th Annual Voluntary Campaign of $871,332.92. The number of Commanderies participating in this year’s campaign totals 1,146.

Montana has joined Georgia in achieving 100% Life Sponsorship—every Sir Knight in both of these grand jurisdictions is now a Life Sponsor. Pennsylvania has taken the lead in total dollars contributed, with Georgia in second position and Colorado third. Top Grand Commanderies listed on a per capita basis again finds the District of Columbia first, followed by Colorado and New Hampshire, respectively second and third.

Plaques are being prepared for the 269 constituent and Subordinate Commanderies that reported contributions of five dollars or more per member; these Commanderies are listed on the following pages. Although fewer Commanderies are receiving plaques, more individuals than ever before have contributed to this campaign.

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

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**TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY ON A PER CAPITA BASIS**

- Alaska Commandery No. 1, Fairbanks, Alaska
  - $9.71 per member
  - Total—$1,000.00

**TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS**

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**TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY IN DOLLAR TOTAL**

- Honolulu Commandery No. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii
  - Total—$1,444.00
CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES REPORTING $5.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

ALABAMA: DeMolay No. 14, Decatur; Anniston No. 23, Anniston; Dothan No. 25, Dothan; Florence No. 39, Florence; East Lake No. 43, Birmingham; Lee No. 45, Phenix City.

ARIZONA: Arizona No. 1, Tucson; Douglas No. 7, Douglas; Columbine No. 9, Safford; Yuma No. 10, Yuma; Crusade No. 11, Chandler; Montezuma No. 14, Cottonwood; Burning Taper No. 15, Sierra Vista.

ARKANSAS: Hot Springs No. 5, Hot Springs; Chandos No. 14, Helena; Osceola No. 32, Osceola; Christian Friends, U.D., Clarksville.

CALIFORNIA: San Jose No. 10, San Jose; Ukiah No. 33, Ukiah; Santa Ana No. 36, Santa Ana; Hanford No. 46, Hanford; Imperial Valley No. 54, El Centro.

COLORADO: Pueblo No. 3, Pueblo; Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown; Pikes Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs; Longs Peak No. 12, Longmont; DeMolay No. 13, Fort Collins; Glenwood No. 20, Glenwood Springs; Temple No. 23, Grand Junction; Highlands No. 30, Denver; Delta No. 34, Delta; Jefferson No. 39, Golden; J. E. Abbott No. 40, Englewood; St. Bernard No. 41, Denver.

CONNECTICUT: New Haven No. 2, New Haven; Clinton No. 3, Norwalk; Columbian No. 4, Norwich; Hamilton No. 5, Stratford; Clark No. 7, Naugatuck; Cyrene No. 8, Middletown; St. Elmo No. 9, Meriden; Crusader No. 10, Danbury; St. John's No. 11, North Windham; Stamford No. 12, Darien.


FLORIDA: Oriental No. 9, Daytona Beach; Miami No. 13, Miami; Ocala No. 19, Belleview; Sunshine No. 20, St. Petersburg; Emmanuel No. 36, De Land; Winter Haven No. 37, Winter Haven.

GEORGIA: St. Omer No. 2, Macon; Coeur de Lion No. 4, College Park; DeMolay No. 5, Americus; William Tracy Gould No. 6, Forsyth; Rome No. 8, Rome; Atlanta No. 9, Atlanta; Ivanhoe No. 10, Fort Valley; Tancred No. 11, Newnan; Plantagenet No. 12, Milledgeville; Godfrey de Bouillon No. 14, Athens; Pilgrim No. 15, Gainesville; Crusader No. 17, Bainbridge; St. Johns No. 19, Dalton; St. Elmo No. 21, Brunswick; Alexius No. 22, Jackson; Hebron No. 23, Carrollton; St. Bernard No. 25, Covington; Constantine No. 26, Marietta; Arnold de Troye No. 31, Buford; Philemon No. 33, Toccoa; Griffin No. 35, Griffin; Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37, McCaysville; DeKalb No. 38, Decatur; Amicalola No. 41, Jasper.

IDAHO: Idaho Falls No. 6, Idaho Falls.

ILLINOIS: Galesburg No. 8, Monmouth; Cairo No. 13, Cairo; Sycamore No. 15, DeKalb; Urbana No. 16, Champaign; Aurora No. 22, Aurora; St. Bernard No. 35, Chicago; Coeur de Leon No. 43, El Paso; Sterling No. 57, Sterling; Chicago Heights No. 78, Chicago Heights.
INDIANA: Connersville No. 6, Connersville; Angola No. 45, Angola.

IOWA: Palestine No. 2, Iowa City; Jerusalem No. 7, Mt. Pleasant; St. Simon of Cyrene No. 9, Davenport; Bethany No. 29, Creston; Bethlehem No. 45, Washington; Ascension No. 69, Ames.

KANSAS: Newton No. 9, Newton; Tancred No. 11, Ottawa; El Dorado No. 19, El Dorado.

KENTUCKY: Frankfort No. 4, Frankfort; Louisville-DeMolay No. 12, Louisville; Ryan No. 17, Danville; Fulton No. 34, Fulton; Princeton No. 35, Princeton; Elizabethtown No. 37, Elizabethtown; Mayfield No. 49, Mayfield.

LOUISIANA: Indivisible Friends No. 1, New Orleans; Jacques DeMolay No. 2, New Orleans; Trinity No. 8, Alexandria; Payen No. 16, Lafayette; Rhodes No. 17, Leesville; C. A. Everitt No. 29, Slidell.

MARYLAND: Jacques DeMolay No. 4, Frederick; Crusade No. 5, Baltimore; St. Elmo No. 12, Hyattsville; Carroll No. 17, Westminster.

MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND: St. John's No. 1, Cranston, Rhode Island; Newburyport No. 3, Newburyport, Massachusetts; Washington No. 4, Portsmouth, Rhode Island; Springfield No. 6, Springfield, Massachusetts; St. Bernard No. 12, Boston, Massachusetts; Haverhill No. 14, Haverhill, Massachusetts; South Shore No. 31, East Weymouth, Massachusetts; Coeur de Lion No. 34, Malden, Massachusetts; Athol No. 37, Athol, Massachusetts; Bay State No. 38, Brockton, Massachusetts; Cambridge No. 42, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Orange No. 45, Orange, Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN: Detroit No. 1, Detroit; St. Johns No. 24, St. Johns; Lexington No. 27, Lexington; Howell No. 28, Howell; Ithaca No. 40, Alma; Damascus No. 42, Detroit; Redford No. 55, Dearborn.

MINNESOTA: Faribault No. 8, Faribault; Ascalon No. 16, Brainerd; Nazarene No. 24, St. Cloud.

MISSOURI: Ascalon No. 16, St. Louis; Mary No. 19, Warrensburg; Lebanon No. 33, Lebanon; East Gate No. 70, Kansas City; Fountain City No. 74, De Soto.

NEBRASKA: St. John No. 16, McCook.

NEVADA: DeWitt Clinton No. 1, Reno; Lahontan No. 7, Fallon; Edward C. Peterson No. 8, Carson City.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Trinity No. 1, Manchester; Mount Horeb No. 3, Concord; North Star-St. Gerard No. 4, Littleton; St. Paul No. 5, Dover; St. George No. 8, Nashua; Pilgrim No. 10, West Franklin; Palestine No. 11, Rochester.

NEW JERSEY: Olivet No. 10, Millville; Melita No. 13, Butler.
NEW MEXICO: Las Vegas No. 2, Las Vegas.

NEW YORK: Coeur de Lion No. 23, New York City; Washington No. 33, Saratoga Springs; St. Augustine No. 38, Ithaca; Westchester No. 42, Nelsonville; Rome No. 45, Rome; Norwich No. 46, Norwich; Patchogue No. 65, Patchogue; Cyprus No. 67, Middletown; Trinity No. 68, Flushing; Nassau No. 73, Baldwin; Otsego No. 76, Cooperstown; Tonawanda No. 78, Tonawanda.

NORTH CAROLINA: Wilkes No. 40, North Wilkesboro.

OHIO: Highland No. 31, Hillsboro; Coeur de Lion No. 64, Lyndhurst; Montpelier No. 75, Montpelier; Medina No. 84, Medina.

OKLAHOMA: Ben Hur No. 14, Ponca City.

OREGON: Ivanhoe No. 2, Eugene; Malta No. 4, Ashland; Eastern Oregon No. 6, La Grande; Pendleton No. 7, Milton-Freewater; Melita No. 8, Grants Pass; Calvary No. 16, Klamath Falls; Bruce No. 17, Corvallis; Pilgrim No. 18, Bend; Delta No. 19, Tigard; Lincoln No. 25, Newport.

PENNSYLVANIA: St. John's No. 4, Philadelphia; DeMolay No. 9, West Reading; Pilgrim No. 11, Harrisburg; Jerusalem No. 15, Phoenixville; Hugh de Payens No. 19, Easton; Allen No. 20, Allentown; York-Gethsemane No. 21, York; Baldwin II No. 22, Williamsport; Packer No. 23, Jim Thorpe; Mary No. 36, Philadelphia; Calvary No. 37, Danville; Knapp No. 40, Ridgway; Constantine No. 41, Pottsville; Reading No. 42, Reading; Talbot No. 43, Oil City; St. Alban No. 47, Springfield; Tancred No. 48, Pittsburgh; Kensington-Kadosh No. 54, Jenkintown; Trinity No. 58, Bradford; Chester No. 66, Chester; Potter No. 69, Coudersport; Nativity No. 71, Pottstown; Duquesne No. 72, Pittsburgh; Mount Vernon No. 73, Hazleton; McKean No. 80, Charleroi; Samuel S. Yohe No. 81, Stroudsburg; Bethany No. 83, DuBois; Mount Hermon No. 85, Sunbury; McKeesport No. 86, McKeesport; Lorraine No. 87, Butler; Brandywine No. 88, Westchester; Lincoln No. 91, Monroe; Beauceant No. 94, Allentown; Damascus No. 95, Lansdale; Bethel No. 98, Hanover; Nazarene No. 99, Montrose; Holyrood No. 100, Kittanning.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Delphi No. 8, Bennettsville; Orangeburg No. 9, Orangeburg; Hampton No. 23, Hampton.

TENNESSEE: Murfreesboro No. 10, Murfreesboro; Lookout No. 14, Chattanooga; St. Omer No. 19, Bristol; Chevalier No. 21, Oak Ridge; Morristown No. 22, Morristown; Cyprus No. 23, Knoxville; Watauga No. 25, Johnson City; Union City No. 29, Union City; Kingsport No. 33, Kingsport; Millington No. 39, Millington.

TEXAS: Abilene No. 27, Abilene; Nacogdoches No. 55, Nacogdoches; Navasota No. 80, Navasota; Taylor No. 85, Gun Barrel City; Hildalgo No. 94, McAllen; Melrose No. 109, Houston.

UTAH: Utah No. 1, Salt Lake City; El Monte No. 2, Ogden; Malta No. 3, Midvale; Ivanhoe No. 5, Provo; Charles Fred Jennings No. 6, Price.
VERMONT: Lafayette No. 3, St. Albans; Beauceant No. 7, Brattleboro.

VIRGINIA: Charlottesville No. 3, Charlottesville; Portsmouth No. 5, Portsmouth; Appomattox No. 6, Petersburg; Dove No. 7, Danville; Lynn No. 9, Marion; Harrisonburg No. 10, Harrisonburg; Luray No. 19, Luray; Arlington No. 29, Arlington; Thomas S. Ely No. 30, Jonesville; George W. Wright No. 31, Martinsville.

WASHINGTON: Seattle No. 2, Seattle; Vancouver No. 10, Vancouver; Juan de Fuca No. 17, Port Angeles.

WEST VIRGINIA: Buckhannon No. 24, Buckhannon.

WISCONSIN: Wisconsin No. 1, Milwaukee; Ivanhoe No. 24, Milwaukee; Marinette No. 26, Marinette.

WYOMING: Ascalon No. 5, Green River; Hugh de Payen No. 7, Lander; Constantine No. 9, Cody; Clelland No. 12, Douglas.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES REPORTING $5.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

ALASKA: Alaska No. 1, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Twentieth Voluntary Campaign

Campaign Report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending May 13, 1988. The final cumulative total of the 20th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is $871,332.92. Complete information for the voluntary campaign of the KTEF begins on page nine.

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$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master’s Club. Membership is open
to individuals only, and there is now Com-
mandery credit given for participation.
Information is available from G. Wilbur
Bell, Past Grand Master, Executive Direc-
tor, Knights Templar Eye Foundation,
Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation
New Club Memberships

Grand Commander’s Club:

Georgia No. 21—Mrs. Jewell Brackin Hatcher
Maryland No. 30—Paul H. Ripley, Sr.
Nevada No. 3—Harold E. Hall
Arizona No. 22—Wilhelm A. Amstutz, Jr.
Michigan No. 35—Lewis F. Bogart
Michigan No. 36—Richard Dettloff
Georgia No. 22—William Lacey Lane, Jr.
Missouri No. 15—William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Missouri No. 16—Maurice L. Blackman
New Mexico No. 6—Donald Hogland
Texas No. 62—In Memory of Charles Louis
Finninger

Grand Master’s Club:

No. 1,241—Harold J. Lemmon (TX)
No. 1,242—Richard E. Lynn (FL)
No. 1,243—Mrs. Betty Stephenson (MO)
No. 1,244—Edward J. Schenk (FL)
No. 1,245—F. William Collard (FL)
No. 1,246—William C. Perkins (TX)

How to join: Any individual may
send a check in the amount of $100 or
more specified for the purpose of begin-
ing a Grand Commander’s Club mem-
bership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial
contribution will begin your Grand Com-
mander’s Club membership. In addition,
members of the Grand Commander’s Club pledge to make annual contributions
of $100 or more. Once contributions total

Eye Foundation Presentation

At the 135th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

of Pennsylvania held in York, Pennsyl-
vania, on May 23-25, Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, presented a $19,000.00 check on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Dr. Dwight Stambolian, M.D., Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Medicine. The grant will enable Dr. Stambolian to start a research project entitled “Gene Mapping of X-Linked Cataracts and Juvenile Retinoschisis.”

Shown making the presentation are,
left to right, Sir Knight Thornley, Dr.
Stambolian, and Sir Knight Charles A.
Meyers, the Grand Commander of Pennsyl-
avania. The Knights Templar Eye Foun-
dation, Inc., has made grants totaling over
$300,000.00 this year for eye research.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America, distributed its official Notice of Conclave on June 8, 1988. In this notice was printed all of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. These amendments will be brought up for discussion and a vote at the business sessions of the 57th Triennial Conclave in Lexington, Kentucky, August 5-10, 1988.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Statutes, Ritual, and Disciplinary Rules of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

(Note: All proposals are presented in the order received at the Grand Recorder's office.)


Filed March 28, 1988

The following proposal is submitted for consideration at the 57th Triennial Conclave:

To amend paragraph (i) of Section 41 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment by rescinding the paragraph and substituting therefor a new paragraph (i), Section 41, to read as follows:

"It may require each member of its constituent Commanderies to be provided with a Templar Uniform, and to that end it may prescribe such Uniform and change the same from time to time; provided that any Uniform so prescribed shall conform substantially to the traditions and practices of Templary relating to the Uniform of a Knight Templar, as now in general use, and that any Uniform so prescribed shall include a chapeau with plume, substantially conforming to either the military type of chapeau with black or white plume heretofore and now in general use, or substantially conforming to the type of chapeau, including plume, as heretofore and now used by constituent Commanderies which have used the Uniform of a mounted Commandery, as authorized in Section 227 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment. In lieu of the regulation Templar uniform, a constituent Commandery may, if their Grand Commandery approves, adopt the use of the Cap and Mantle as their official uniform. These can be worn for all Templar occasions, provided that when appearing in public, the entire Commandery MUST be dressed in like manner—either in Uniform or all in Cap and Mantle. The Cap and Mantle is prescribed as follows:

A. TEMPLAR MANTLE: In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by medieval Templars and by members of the Sovereign Great Priors. It shall consist of white material, with hood, reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

1. For members of the Order below the rank of Commander: The mantle shall be of white; the hood to be lined with silky white material; the Passion

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Michigan Installation

On April 15, 1988, the officers of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Flint, Michigan, were installed by the following state grand officers: Sir Knights Walter L. Skinner, Grand Commander of Michigan, installing officer; W. Jack Dover, Past Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer, Marshal; John H. Loree, Past Grand Commander, Prelate; and Maurice L. Johnson, Past Grand Commander, Recorder.

Pictured from left to right, above, are Sir Knights Loree and Johnson; Jeffrey E. Sammons, Commander; Grand Commander Skinner and Grand Treasurer Dover. All are members of Genesee Valley Commandery.

Kansas Memorial Day Service

The Harry S. Truman Library was the site of Kansas' annual Memorial Day ser-
vice, which was delivered by Ankara Grotto, MOVPER, of Kansas City, Kansas. A detachment of Knights Templar from Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, Kansas City, Kansas, and East Gate Commandery No. 70, Kansas City, Missouri, under the command of Sir Knight Chris Tomlinson of Ivanhoe Commandery, stood as honor guard for the service.

Officiating and delivering the eulogy for Brother Truman was Prophet James B. Borders. Sir Knight Borders is also the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

Kansas Drill Team Demonstration

On Thursday evening, May 19, the drill team of Newton Commandery No. 9, Newton, Kansas, displayed some of the drill performed at the 119th Annual Conclave of Kansas to the residents of the Friendly Acres retirement center in Newton. Preston S. Hale, Past Commander and team captain, led the drill.

The performance was held on the south parking lot of the center before fifty residents, who had gathered for the show and ice cream floats. Past Commander William C. Gersten, former captain of the drill team, is a resident of the center.
Wisconsin Sir Knight Honored

Sir Knight Anton Chermak, a member of Manitowoc Commandery No. 45 of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, recently received recognition for his many years of service to Templary. A certificate signed by the Grand Commander of Wisconsin, Harold Ludeman, was presented to him at a special ceremony.

Sir Knight Chermak received his Order of the Temple at Wadena, Minnesota, on September 14, 1936. He was teaching school in that community at the time. After a number of years there, he returned to his hometown of Manitowoc to continue his teaching career. He then affiliated with Manitowoc Commandery. He had been raised in Manitowoc Lodge No. 65 on August 24, 1927. In addition to having served as Commander in 1944-45, Sir Knight Chermak had been active in the Order of DeMolay.

As pictured above, at the presentation ceremony were (front row, left to right) Kenneth Hendrick, former Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Chermak; and Commander Frederick Raeuber. In the rear row are Ashley Milton, Past Commander, and Past Grand Commander Albert Rohrbach.

Illinois Brothers’ Night

Earlier this year a Brothers’ Night was held at Abraham Shrine No. 100, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, in Lincoln, Illinois. The theme of the evening was the “Gay '90s,” and the Brothers were all decked out in red and white striped vests and red rosette sleeve garters.

Serving in the various stations as guest officers were eleven holders of the KYCH, Illinois Priory No. 11. These included Lyle E. Boone, Grand Governor, York Rite Sovereign College of North America for Illinois; Herschel O. Thomas, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the state of Illinois; William Ahlenius, Past Supreme King of the Supreme Shrine, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; and William Rose, the Watchman of Shepherds of Abraham Shrine.

Pictured above, front row, left to right, are William Rose, William Ahlenius, Lyle Boone, and Herschel O. Thomas. Second row: Jim Rapp, Robert Thomas, Harry Beastall, and Robert Dinsmore. In the back row are Harry Randolph, Jim Elliott, and Carl Deiss.

Rules and models destroy genius and art.

William Hazlitt
IN MEMORIAM

Richard G. Lyttle
Colorado
Grand Commander—1947
Born March 19, 1901
Died March 22, 1988

Carl Allen Buswell, Sr.
New Hampshire
Grand Commander—1961
Born October 5, 1903
Died April 17, 1988

William F. Davis
Utah
Grand Commander—1963
Born August 24, 1907
Died May 16, 1988

Triennial Drill Team Competition

John H. Loree, Chairman of the Committee on Drill Regulations, has forwarded a list of the Class A and B drill teams that are presently enrolled in the drill competition on Saturday, August 6, 1988, at the 57th Triennial Conclave in Lexington, Kentucky. They are as follows:

Class A Teams

Dallas No. 6, Dallas, TX
Park Place No. 106, Houston, TX
Palestine No. 33, Springfield, OH
Hanselmann No. 16, Cincinnati, OH
Knightstown No. 9, Knightstown, IN
Lansing No. 25, Lansing, MI
Mt. Olivet No. 12, Wichita, KS
Gethsemane No. 25, Okmulgee, OK
Ivanhoe No. 53, Van Wert, OH

Class B Teams

Worth No. 19, Fort Worth, TX
Lorraine No. 87, Butler, PA
Greenfield No. 39, Greenfield, IN
Ascension No. 25, Tyler, TX
Raper No. 1, Indianapolis, IN
Bloomington No. 63, Bloomington, IN
Bethlehem-Crusader No. 53, White Plains, NY
Cuyahoga Falls No. 83, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
DeMolay No. 9, Tiffin, OH
Austin No. 84, Glenview, IL
Shawnee No. 14, Lima, OH
Bellefontaine No. 61, Bellefontaine, OH
Hamilton No. 41, Hamilton, OH
Ivanhoe No. 24, Milwaukee, WI
Genesee Valley No. 15, Flint, MI
Ruthven No. 2, Houston, TX
Fort Wayne No. 4, Fort Wayne, IN
Howell No. 28, Howell, MI
Baldwin No. 2, Shelbyville, IN
Long Beach No. 40, Long Beach, CA
Mt. Vernon No. 1, Columbus, OH
Sidney No. 46, Sidney, OH
Colorado No. 4, Austin, TX

Errata

On page 25 of the June 1988 issue of Knight Templar, the name of Sir Knight Gerald R. Butcher, Past Grand Commander of Kansas, as No. 1,235 in the Grand Master's Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was spelled incorrectly. We regret the error, and thanks again to Sir Knight Butcher for his gift and generosity.
Cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords with white tassels.

2. **For Commanders and Past Commanders**: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide, stitched one-half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with a similar red material; the Passion Cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

3. **For Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent rank**: The mantle shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one-half inch wide, stitched one-half inch from said ribbon; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

4. **For the Grand Commander**: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in red with a similar material; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

5. **For Past Grand Commanders**: The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon, one and one-half inches wide, stitched three-quarters of an inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple with similar material; and the Templar Cross in purple material on the left breast, nine inches in height; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with purple cords and red tassels.

B. TEMPLAR CAP: The Templar cap shall follow the design and specifications of the style worn by the Sovereign Great Priories, three inches in depth and very slightly flared at the top.

1. **For all members of the Order below the rank of Past Grand Commander**: The cap shall be of bright red velvet (or silk) and the cross displayed on the front of the cap shall be appropriate to rank—red Passion Cross for members below the rank of Commander; red Passion Cross with gold rays for Commanders and Past Commanders; and red Templar Cross for all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent rank.

2. **For Past Grand Commanders**: The cap shall be of purple velvet (or silk) with purple Templar Cross.

3. **For all Ranks**: The Cross shall be two inches high.

C. COMMANDERY BADGE: The distinctive badge of a constituent Commandery shall be worn on the right breast of the mantle. The badge will be no less than five inches or more than eight inches high. The badge of the Commandery shall be superimposed upon the Malta Cross, or the Malta Cross shall be incorporated within the Commandery badge. The design shall be approved by the Grand Commandery Committee on Jewels and Uniforms.

No other ornamentation or Templar jewels or recognition shall be worn on the mantle.

D. SWORD AND SCABBARD: The sword and scabbard shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment.
E. SWORD SLING: The sword shall be suspended, when required to be worn, on a sling to be worn over the right shoulder, of black leather one and one-half inches wide, of tailored or adjustable length according to the height of the Sir Knight, to terminate in two straps with snaps to fasten to the two upper rings of the scabbard.

Proposed by Sir Knights Howard R. Caldwell, Herbert A. Fisher, and Gordon J. Brenner
Filed March 29, 1988

It is proposed that a new section of the Constitution be added, to be numbered 32½, as follows:

Section 32½. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. hereby authorizes and establishes two honorary grades and ranks and recognition among Knights Templar under its jurisdiction as follows:

(a) **Grand Cross of the Temple (G.C.T.)**
1. All elective and past elective officers of the Grand Encampment, as of August 10, 1988, are hereby created Knights Grand Cross of the Temple.
2. Additional Knights Grand Cross shall be those selected and invested by action of the body of Knights Grand Cross, and the body shall likewise have authority to withdraw such distinction.
3. Marks of rank and Badges or Jewels to be worn by Knights Grand Cross shall be those adopted by the body thereof, and shall be recognized as having been authorized by the Grand Encampment.
4. The body of Knights Grand Cross shall be self-governing, except as controlled by the provisions of this Section or by the laws of the Grand Encampment, and its authority shall include the adoption of appropriate ceremonies.

(b) **Knight Commander of the Temple (K.C.T.)**
1. All Past Grand Commanders and Dais Officers of Grand Commanderies as of August 10, 1988, are hereby created Knights Commanders of the Temple.
2. Additional Knights Commanders shall be those invested after nomination by action of the body of Knights Commanders within a Grand Commandery and election by the body of Knights Grand Cross or after election by action initiated within the body of Knights Grand Cross. The body of Knights Grand Cross shall have authority to remove such distinction, either on the recommendation of a jurisdictional body of Knights Commanders or by direct action.
3. Marks of rank and Badges or Jewels to be worn by Knights Commanders shall be those adopted for such use by the body of Knights Grand Cross, and shall be recognized as having been authorized by Grand Encampment.
4. The body of Knights Commanders shall be self-governing, subject to the provisions of this Section and the laws of the Grand Encampment, and to such general provisions and regulations as may be adopted by the body of Knights Grand Cross, and its ceremonies shall be those adopted for its use by the body of Knights Grand Cross.

(c) **Precedence of Rank**
Knights Grand Cross of the Temple shall follow the present officers of
Grand Encampment and those entitled to permanent rank. Knights Commanders of the Temple shall follow the present officers of Grand Commanderies and those entitled to permanent rank.

**Proposed by Sir Knight Clyde Curtis**  
Filed March 29, 1988

It is proposed that the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment be amended to grant the status of Past Grand Officer to any Grand Prelate who completes his term of office and is a permanent member of the Grand Encampment and to retain rank as such Past Grand Officer.

Section 242(c). (Statutes)—Amend Section heading to read: “For Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captains General, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Recorders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Grand Prelates.”

Section 247(c). (Statutes)—Amend Section heading to read: “For all Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captains General, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Recorders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Grand Prelates of the Grand Encampment.”

Section 247(c2). (Statutes)—Amend Section heading to read: “For all Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captains General, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Recorders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Grand Prelates of the Grand Encampment.”

Section 248(c). (Statutes)—Amend Section heading to read: “For Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captains General, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Recorders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Grand Prelates of the Grand Encampment.”

Section 249(b). (Statutes)—Amend Section heading to read: “For all other officers of the Grand Encampment, for Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captains General, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Recorders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Grand Prelates of the Grand Encampment.”

**Proposed by Sir Knights Sam E. Hilburn, Charles R. Neumann, and Harold S. Gorman**  
Filed March 29, 1988

WHEREAS, for many years the method of handling the revenues of the Grand Encampment does not conform to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and although the method used is preferable, the Constitution and Statutes should be amended to reflect the changes in procedure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the following sections be amended:

“Section 12. Funds of the Grand Encampment shall be disbursed by checks, signed by the Grand Master or in his absence or disability by the Deputy Grand Master and attested by the Grand Recorder.

“In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Grand Recorder, checks signed by the Grand Master may be attested by the Chairman of the
Committee on Finance. Provided further that in the event only of an emergency or the inability of the Grand Master to sign, then in that further event only, the funds of the Grand Encampment shall be disbursed only by checks signed by any two of the following: Deputy Grand Master, Grand Recorder, Chairman of the Committee on Finance. No check shall be issued unless the Grand Encampment shall have made an appropriation to cover it, save that in cases of emergency or necessity, checks approved in writing by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance may be issued on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)."

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Section 18½, last paragraph, to be amended to read:

"The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment shall within thirty (30) days after receipt pay over all money received by him for this purpose to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and accept its receipt therefore." (The balance of the paragraph to remain unchanged.)

THE GRAND TREASURER

"Section 28: It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer:

"Paragraph A. To invest, with the approval of the Grand Master, from time to time, any and all funds not required for current expenses, in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Illinois regulating investments by trustees. Furthermore, with the approval of the Grand Master, he may enter into contracts on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America with any qualified bank or trust company for the custody and servicing of such investments, and for investment service in connection therein.

"Paragraph B. To review monthly statements from the Grand Recorder and to comment when appropriate.

"Paragraph C. To render to the Grand Master annually an inventory covering all funds and property of the Grand Encampment under his control; to submit this information for inspection by the Committee on Finance on such day immediately preceding the Triennial Conclave as the Grand Master may designate."

Paragraph D. (No change.)

THE GRAND RECORDER

"Section 29. It is the duty of the Grand Recorder:

"Paragraph F. To collect all revenues of the Grand Encampment and deposit all receipts in a timely manner in financial institutions that are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

"Paragraph G. To furnish the Grand Treasurer with monthly statements of all receipts and disbursements together with copies of all checks issued and copies of reconciled bank statements."

(Present Paragraph G to be renumbered H and present Paragraph H to renumbered I.)
"Section 117. The Grand Recorder shall:
Paragraph 1. Render a monthly Trial Balance as of the last day of each month of his account of all moneys received by him, naming the sources from which received, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Grand Master, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and the Grand Treasurer.
Paragraph 3. Render to the Grand Encampment at each Triennial Conclave a full report of his official acts, giving an itemized account of the moneys received and expenditures of the Contingent Fund of his office."
(The balance of Section 117 to remain unchanged.)

Proposed by Sir Knights Erwin W. O'Dell, Aaron Hard, Jr., and Ronald L. Tungett
Filed March 29, 1988

The following proposals are submitted for consideration at the 57th Triennial Conclave:

1. To amend Paragraph (a) of Section 177 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment by rescinding the paragraph and substituting therefor a new paragraph (a), Section 177, to read as follows:

"(a) Who is a Master Mason and affiliated in a Lodge, and in Grand Commanderies requiring the Capitular Degrees or the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees as prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, who is an affiliated Royal Arch Mason or affiliated Royal Arch Mason and Select Master as may be required, or has petitioned for the Chapter or Chapter and Council Degrees if prerequisite; provided that none of the Orders of Knighthood shall be conferred upon said Petitioner until he shall have received the Royal Arch Degree if Capitular Degrees are prerequisite or until he shall have received the Select Master Degree if both Capitular and Cryptic Degrees are prerequisite by the Statutes of the Grand Commandery holding jurisdiction."

Proposed, further, that if the proposed new Section 177 (a) is adopted, the Grand Master shall have authority to revise the Ritual as may become necessary to eliminate reference to Capitular Degrees or display of Capitular Work.

2. To amend Section 178 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment by rescinding the first sentence of Section 178 and substituting the following:

"Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge in which the Petitioner received the Degrees and the Lodge in which he is affiliated, and if required by the Grand Commandery under which the constituent Commandery is chartered, the Chapter or Chapter and Council in which he received or is to receive the Royal Arch Degree or the Royal Arch and Select Master Degrees, and also the Chapter or Chapter and Council in which he is or will be affiliated."

(The remainder of Section 178 to stand as is at present.)
3. To amend Section 193 by rescinding same and substituting therefor a new Section 193 as follows:

"Section 193. Affiliation in Lodge, and if required by the Grand Commandery of which the Commandery petitioned is constituent, also affiliation in Chapter or Chapter and Council, is necessary to qualify a Petitioner for membership."

Proposed by Sir Knight James D. Berry
Filed May 2, 1988

Be it resolved that Sections 201 and 202 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America be amended as follows:

Section 201: In line three, delete, "after due notice and hearing."
Section 201 would then read:

"Voluntary non-affiliation in a Lodge or Chapter, or Council where required, for six months shall deprive a Knight Templar of his membership in the Commandery."

Section 202: In line three, delete, "after due notice and hearing with respect to the fact of such suspension or expulsion only."
Section 202 would then read:

"When a Knight Templar has been suspended or expelled from his Lodge or Chapter, or Council where required, for any reason he shall be suspended or expelled, as the case may be, from his Commandery."

DISCUSSION: Section 193 Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America states, in part, "Affiliation in Lodge and Chapter ... is necessary to qualify a petitioner for membership." It seems rather incongruous for a Commandery to hold a hearing after a Sir Knight has been either expelled or suspended from his Lodge and/or Chapter since by such expulsion or suspension he no longer meets the requirements for membership. In the case of expulsion this is usually the result of either a Masonic trial or a civil trial. After a civil trial the individual is usually in the hands of the civil authorities and could not appear at a hearing even if he wanted to. Sections 201 and 202 as now written seem to require some paperwork which is unnecessary.

Proposed by Sir Knights Ralph H. Emerson II and William Jackson Jones
Filed May 2, 1988

WHEREAS, Section 176, Chapter X of the Constitution and Statutes requires probation for Commanderies failing to hold a stated Conclave or Knighting a single candidate for twelve consecutive months;

WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of non-functioning Commanderies, with little or no activity, without candidates and unable to confer the Orders, all of which tarnishes the image of Templary in the Masonic community;

WHEREAS, the Grand Master's special Membership Commission, consisting of all Department Commanders, recommended the following amendment to the Grand Master;
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: Section 176, Chapter X of the Constitution and Statutes be amended to read as follows (added language in italics):

“A Commandery that fails to hold a Conclave for twelve consecutive months, or to Knight a single candidate within such period, due to its ritualistic inability to participate in the conferral of the Orders, shall be placed on probation for the period of one year with the requirement to: a) Rejuvenate and comply; b) Voluntarily move to a better location; c) Merge with another Commandery; d) Surrender its charter; and if thereafter it fails to comply with one of the probationary requirements, hold a Conclave for the next twelve consecutive months or to Knight a single candidate within such period due to ritualistic inability, its charter shall be arrested.”

WHEREAS, the typical stated Conclave format and meeting, designed for prevailing social conditions existent over a century ago, dwells almost exclusively on minutes, routine matters, bills, communications, and so forth, resulting in unattractive, poorly attended, dry, and uninteresting meetings;

WHEREAS, the substance of a modern stated Conclave of Knights Templar should be informative and educational, and include stimulating material presented in programs embracing contemporary group communication skills and equipment;

WHEREAS, the management of a Commandery and the duties and responsibilities of its Officers are defined in Sections 65 through 84 of the Constitution and Statutes;

WHEREAS, the Grand Master’s special Membership Commission, consisting of all Department Commanders, recommended the executive committee concept to the Grand Master;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that Section 65, subparagraph (a) be amended by adding the following:

“Subordinate Commanderies with the approval of the Grand Master, and constituent Commanderies upon approval by Grand Commanderies, may establish an executive committee, consisting of the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General, plus Treasurer and Recorder, empowered to conduct all routine business of the Commandery (except as required by code), according to an annual calendar, program, and budget adopted by vote of the membership, and specifically established for the guidance of such executive committee. Minutes of the stated Conclaves, special Conclaves, and executive committee meetings are to be made available to the membership in printed form at the next stated Conclave for the inspection of the members.”

Proposed by Sir Knight J. M. “Jimmy” Willson, Jr.
Filed May 2, 1988

The following resolution is submitted to amend Section 261, page 84, of the Constitution, Statutes, Ritual, and Disciplinary Rules of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

RESOLVED: That Section 261 (Department Commanders), paragraph b, read as follows:
"The Jewels of Past Commanders shall be 75% in proportion as to the size and weight of that of the Department Commander’s Jewel with the letters ‘Past’ appearing vertically above the upper cross arm and the words ‘Department’ and ‘Commander’ appearing horizontally upon the two cross arms, respectively, and shall contain a small Templar Cross superimposed upon the center thereof and this shall be made of gold electroplate either on sterling silver or brass."

Proposed by Sir Knights John C. Werner II, Edward R. Saunders, Jr., Clyde Curtis, William J. Jones, Lawrence A. Blanchard, Ralph H. Emerson II, Albert R. Masters, and Jerry K. Thomas
Filed May 7, 1988
The following proposal is submitted for consideration at the 57th Triennial Conclave:

To add the following to Section 237(b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment:

“If a Grand Commander recognizes a member who has not been nominated by his Commandery, the Grand Commander may personally submit the nomination in proper form.”

Proposed by Sir Knight Roberto Lopez-Cobos
Filed May 7, 1988
WHEREAS, Section 81 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment as adopted in 1970 states that “No Commandery may confer the Orders for a less fee than forty dollars ($40.00). The fee may not be remitted directly or indirectly.”; and
WHEREAS, the financial situation of some American countries, Mexico included, have conducted to severe crisis with a consequent inflationary spiral of the latter’s money whose present dollar/peso parity is of the order of one (1) dollar to thirty-five hundred (3,500) pesos, and daily fluctuation with almost endless every-day devaluation; while in 1970 (thirty-eight years ago) when Section 81 was adopted, the parity was one (1) dollar to twelve and one-half (12½) pesos, steady, without any fluctuations at all. This overall national inflation in Mexico has created in the Subordinate Commanderies in Mexico a critical problem of the fees and assessments owed to the Grand Encampment, apart from the various costs of Templar paraphernalia and equipment, all of which has to be paid in dollars. Some items are presently being obtained at a very much less and reasonable cost in a somewhat “domestic manufacture” undertaken by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2 in Mexico City, which has constituted itself as a low-scale, non-profit supplier to the other two Subordinate Commanderies in this Mexican jurisdiction. As to the yearly dues to the Grand Encampment, the creation of a Permanent Fund has been generating the necessary income to cover timely said items. Yet the constitutional conferral fee of $40.00 U.S. is an estimate out of regional control whose dealings belong to and must be dealt with by this most honorable association of distinguished Sir Knights, triennially assembled, whom I humbly address on this occasion; and
WHEREAS, further to other traditional and very known sectarian religious barriers encouraged by other exotic ideological modern ideas infiltrated in all the different social groups, including our beloved fraternal Masonic society, we have found that
these constitutional conferral fees stated by Section 81 is a "restriction" which has been acting as a deterrent to the development, growth, and even the upholding of Templary in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional conferral fees of $40.00 U.S. as applied to all Commanderies, but particularly to the Subordinate Commanderies in Mexico, is a "restriction" adversely affecting the recruitment of new members, since presently considered solely the $40.00 U.S. for a new Mexican aspirant to become a Knight Templar is not any more feasible to aspire to be a "poor soldier" of Christianity in Mexico, considering that the equivalent of such amount of $40.00 U.S. in Mexican currency is the sum of $100,000.00 (one hundred thousand Mexican pesos); and

WHEREAS, the cost of solely the conferral of the Orders of Knighthood in Mexico, as prescribed by Section 81 of the Constitution, without including Commandery yearly dues, amounts to over $100,000.00 Mexican pesos, which is prohibited to many aspirants who are good prospects to become Knights Templar; and

WHEREAS, it is not now nor has it been the intent of Templar law to place hardships unnecessarily upon local Commanderies or their members; and

WHEREAS, the true intent of Section 81 of the Constitution is to dignify the conferral and honor of becoming dubbed a Knight Templar; and

WHEREAS, the Commanderies outside of the United States are subordinate bodies dependent directly from the Most Eminent Grand Master, whose power and authority as contemplated by Section 23 is "... to do and perform all such acts as he may deem for the interests of Templary and which are not contrary to the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations, and Rituals of the Grand Encampment"; which contemplates also his criterion about the problem of fees occurred due to inflation in the light of all sorts of publications of national foreign relations, and also in the light of his representative or delegate's local information, and the particular request of any local Eminent Commander;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that Section 81 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment be amended by adding the following sub-section:

"(a). At the request of Subordinate Commanderies outside of the United States having problems of inflationary spiral in their national money, to exceptionally grant at the pleasure and satisfaction of the Grand Master his consent and allowance in writing that the conferral fees of $40.00 U.S. dollars be less for as long as such inflation prevails."

So that Section 81 of the Constitution would now read as follows:

"Section 81. No Commandery may confer the Orders for a less fee than forty dollars ($40.00). The fee may not be remitted directly or indirectly.

(a). At the request of Subordinate Commanderies outside of the United States having problems of inflationary spiral in their national money, to exceptionally grant at the pleasure and satisfaction of the Grand Master his consent and allowance in writing that the conferral fees of forty dollars ($40.00) be less for as long as such inflation prevails."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a new sub-section replace the numbered (k) in Section 23 of the Constitution, and be added after paragraph 2 of subsection (j), to wit:

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CHAPTER XVI

FEATURES OF THE TRIENNAL CONCLAVES
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In the evening a marvelous electrical pageant—"The Flight of the Hours," made up of fifteen floats—was a most attractive performance in the amphitheater. The floats were representations of various historic scenes, one of which showed the meeting of Richard, Coeur de Lion, the most illustrious of the Norman Crusaders, and Sultan Saladin, the most famous of the Mohammedans, at the time of the truce which allowed the Christians free passage to the Holy Sepulchre. The Sultan was presented in all the splendor of an Oriental potentate, while King Richard and his knights were resplendent in the silver armor and white surcoats emblazoned with the Red Cross.

The formal opening of the Grand Encampment was carried out with the religious ritual in a most impressive ceremony. This was followed by a massed choir of three hundred and fifty voices joining in the singing of the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers" while the Sir Knights stood at attention. Due to the illness of Sir Hutson Coleman, his address was read by Sir Perry W. Weidner.

The grand parade of 16,000 Sir Knights was the great event of the second day. At the close of the parade the Grand Encampment was escorted to the Scottish Rite Cathedral where an official welcome was extended to the Sir Knights by Senator N. W. Thompson in behalf of the governor.

The thirty-fourth Conclave was held in Philadelphia. Coming in 1919, just after the close of World War I, it was a meeting filled with thanksgiving as well as with joy.

The Grand Master's special train was met by a guard of honor of 2,000 Templars, headed by Corinthian Chausseur Commandery No. 53 of Mounted Knights, who escorted the Grand Master and his staff to the headquarters of the Grand Encampment at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. All through the week the Sir Knights were most kindly received and tours were arranged to all points of historic interest in and about the city. The parade was the great event of the week with more than 20,000 Knights in line. Sir Knights W. Freeland Kendrick, in his address of welcome, stated:

We are grateful today for this time of peace. A few short months ago, this beautiful parade would not have been possible. But, today, with the addition of victory and peace perched upon the flag of our country, our Brother Knights marched in solid phalanx down the streets of our city.

In 1922, the Grand Encampment came to New Orleans for the thirty-fifth Conclave. Great preparations had been made by the Sir Knights of Louisiana, and every effort was put forth to see that the visiting Templars would have an opportunity to view the many points of interest in that historic city.

The Grand Encampment was formally opened by a religious service at the Presbyterian Church, at which the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Sir Robert H. Harper, delivered a fine sermon.
The parade was a most colorful event, and the reception given by the Grand Commandery of Louisiana for the Sir Knights and their ladies was the climax of many special affairs prepared for their entertainment.

The thirty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in Seattle, Washington, in 1925. It was a magnificent success due to the loyal support of all, the Sir Knights of the state of Washington and to the fine organization created to carry out the plans made for this meeting. One has only to read the “Story of the Thirty-Sixth Triennial” to realize the tremendous amount of work and detail required in the planning and preparation for such an occasion. To have such a meeting function smoothly, arrangements had to be made for the comfort and entertainment of the visiting Knights, plans prepared for the parade, review, and competitive drills, for the banquets and luncheons, for the reception of distinguished guests, for religious services, and for the decorations of the city, as well as arrangements for the business sessions of the Grand Encampment. All this was done, and the unbounded hospitality shown to the visiting Sir Knights by the citizens of Seattle made this one of the most delightful Conclaves ever held.

Second Street was most elaborately decorated. The most striking structure was an Entrance Arch, ninety feet high, surmounted by a passion cross and brightly illuminated at night. Fourteen thousand five hundred incandescent lights were used in this decoration. At the top of the Olympic Hotel a brilliantly lighted passion cross, forty-two feet high, was visible for miles.

On Sunday, religious services were held for the visiting Knights in all of Seattle’s churches. The Grand Master and members of the Grand Encampment attended the First Presbyterian Church at which the services were conducted by the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Sir Charles B. Mitchell.

The parade was a thrilling spectacle; more than 20,000 Knights were in line, and more than 400,000 people witnessed the marching host. The newspapers gave it great praise:

Transforming downtown Seattle into a single vast field of gorgeous pageantry, the parade was the greatest that ever trod the city’s streets. So far as the general public is concerned it was the climax of the week—nothing could be more than anti-climax now. The mighty procession of white plumed comrades, moving with the same impressive solemnity that has marked the Order down all the centuries of its existence, enveloped Seattle. It was massive, stupendous and inspiring.

Following the parade, the public ceremonies of an official welcome were held in the Masonic Temple. The governor of Washington, Sir Ronald P. Hartly, and the mayor of Seattle, Edwin J. Brown, gave a cordial welcome to the Sir Knights.

Receptions were given by the Grand Commanderies of Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, California, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts & Rhode Island, and a complimentary banquet was given by the Grand Commandery of Washington with over 1,100 Sir Knights and ladies in attendance. Throughout the week, performances of a most interesting pageant, the “Wayfarer,” were presented in the Stadium for visitors.

The competitive drills held in the Stadium of the University of Washington attracted a great crowd. The prize winners were: California Commandery No. 1, San Francisco; Woodlawn Commandery No. 76, Chicago; Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Milwaukee; Raper Commandery No. 1, Indianapolis; and Mount Olivet Commandery No. 12, Wichita, Kansas.
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“(k). To grant Dispensation to Subordinate Commanderies outside of the United States with problems of inflationary spiral in their national money, by his consent and allowance in writing to charge conferral fees for less than forty dollars ($40.00) for as long as such inflation prevails.”

And the rest of the subsections now numbered (k) through (l) be renumbered (l) through (m), respectively, to now read as follows:

“(j) To grant Dispensations to Subordinate Commanderies:
1. To hold special Conclaves for the conferring of Orders at places within their jurisdictions other than those named in their charters, and
2. To permit them to receive petitions and to ballot thereon at the same stated Conclave.

“(k). To grant Dispensation to Subordinate Commanderies outside of the United States with problems of inflationary spiral in their national money, by his consent and allowance in writing to charge conferral fees for less than forty dollars ($40.00) for as long as such inflation prevails.

“(l). To grant a Dispensation during any recess of the Grand Encampment for the formation of a Grand Commandery in any country, state, or geographical region where no Grand Commandery exists and to recall any such Dispensation, and until the Grand Encampment issues a charter for such Grand Commandery, to suspend or remove any officer thereof.

“(m). To commission any member of the Grand Encampment to constitute a Grand Commandery which has received a charter for its formation, or any Past Commander to constitute a Subordinate Commandery duly chartered; to issue his proxy to any such member authorizing him to visit, inspect, and preside over any Grand Commandery or constituted Commandery, or to any Past Commander to visit, inspect, and preside over any Subordinate Commandery. Such appointee shall be received as and for the Grand Master.”

In all other respects said Section 23 shall remain in full force and effect.

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☑ In Appreciation: my sincere thanks to all the Chapters and Companions who have been so gracious in their gifts of Chapter pennies. This collection is being presented to the New York Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Museum, Masonic Home, Utica, N.Y., for all to enjoy. Most states are well represented, with the exception of Mo.,

Have fourteen white satin robes in good condition. Excellent for Beauceant, choral, or choir groups. Mrs. Homer P. Peck, 514 S. Grant, Enid, OK 73703.

I am in charge of the "wishing wells" for the folks of the Delaware Shrine Club. The old stickers on the wishing wells showing a Shriner carrying a crippled child are all gone and we need something else to put on them (the colors are red, white, gold, and black). If you know of something, please let me know. Clayton R. Gum, 2048 Freemansburg Ave., Easton, PA 18042, (215) 253-2422.

I am continuing my research into Masonic connections with the railroads. I would be interested in corresponding with any Masons who are working or who have worked for the following railroads: Southern Pacific, Norfolk & Western Railway (now the Norfolk Southern Corp.), and the railroads of the CSX Corp. Also interested in finding out any Masonic connections with these railroads. Tell me about your experiences! Were there Lodges founded by the employees of these railroads? I have read that some of the locomotives of the Southern Railway had Masonic emblems on them. Tell me everything and anything; I will answer all letters and am also interested in any pictures and memorabilia with Masonic railroad connections. Thank you. Peter J. Westbere, 33 Philip Ave., Guelph, Ontario, CANADA N1E 1R5.

Members of the crew of the USS Anne Arundel (F-76) who would like to have a reunion, please contact either Walter Lightcap, 106 N.W. Jersey Ave., Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097, or Capt. Robert Jeffries, P.O. Box 221, Centre, AL 35960.

Seeking info on James Daniel Haughton and son James Gillespie Haughton, both Masons in either Carbon Hill or Selma Lodge in Ala., 1890-1900. Please contact J. L. Haughton, 1303 Rogers Dr., Amory, MS 38821.


Researching my g.grandfather, Christenson Fox (b. 3/5/1819; d. 4/16/1897), St. Johns, N.B.; married Cynthia F. Sherman (b. 2/1/1828; d. 5/6/1902) St. Davids, N.B. Both are buried in Milltown, Me. They had six children; I am descended from the second oldest, Samuel Franklin. Write for more details. Richard W. Fox Harper, 11 Linmb Ct., Whitehall, MD 21161.

I would like to hear from anyone who served in the 3630th Heavy Truck Co., Company K (Vctor B. Leatzow, Company Commander), WWII, concerning a company reunion. Lawrence W. Miller, 300 Glen St., Whitmire, SC 29178.

Wanted: quality Rookwood vases and bowls. Mauve color. Also unusual items by Rookwood. Wesley J. Ketze, P.O. Box 2695, Batesville, AR 72503-2695.

Two reunions: USS Wright (CVL-49) in Pensacola, fla., on September 15-18, at the Pensacola Hilton; and USS Cotten (DD-669) in Louisville, Ky., on August 11-14. Contact Charles R. Freeman, 1155 S. Riverside Dr., Sp. 136, Rialto, CA 92376, (714) 875-1658.

Reunion: Hq. Co. 28th Infantry, 8th Division, WWII, in October 1988, at Disney World, Orlando, Fla. Contact Rube Soldinger, 240-2 Moree Loop, Winter Springs, FL 32708.

For sale: Civil War collection—five years of Civil War period Harper's Weekly reprints; three years of Frank Leslie's; miscellaneous extra copies; Sandberg's Lincoln, four volumes, and other books; and many copies of CWT Magazine from beginning to 1973. Best offer over $1,000 (lot) plus shipping. Walter M. Dalglish, Box 1687, Sedona, AZ 86336-1687, (602) 282-1215.

Researching Masons in Custer's 7th Cavalry. Would like to hear from anyone having info on this subject. Duane A. Derricott, RD No. 5, Box 5125, Pottsville, PA 17901.


For sale: Lincoln Memorial Park, lot 161, plot P. Plots available—numbers 3, 5, and 6; all or each. Contact V. M. Hardenbrook, 3220 Old Midland Rd., Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

Seeking to establish connection between William Alderman, Sr. (b. circa 1640; m. Mary Case, 1679; d. 8/11/1697) with the Aldermans of England. Three brothers may have come to America. Who were they? Was William one of them? He lived in Windsor, Farmington, and Simsbury, Ct. My line of the family came to Pocahontas (now W.Va.) about 1791. Alfred Clay, Rt. 2, Box F-10, Webster Springs, WV 26288.
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