

Feb. 9, 1951 - Our second District Inspection. Our visiting Grand Officer was Sir Knight H. B. Bryan, E. Grand Generalissimo, of Lubbock, Texas. The same officers participated for the second time with the exception of the Warder. Sir Knight J. B. Covington had been appointed to this office. After a delicious dinner we were inspected in Full form opening and closing and also in the Fifth Lbn., remaining attributes and flag ceremony which had been added. Our grade on tactics was 99.5 and on Ritualistic work 99.7 again the highest score in the District.

March 30 - We were saddened by the passing of our beloved Sir Knight Charles P. "Dad" Holmes, the oldest member of all Garrett bodies and a man who was an inspiration to all who knew him. The family requested a Knight Templar funeral service this being our first Templar service. H. Jack Hefner, Commander, and Dale E. Miller as Prelate officiated and after the religious ceremonies a number of Knights accompanied the body to Restland Memorial Park Church where the body was cremated.

April 23 - Grand Conclave of Grand Commandery at Fort Worth, Texas. Garrett Commandery officers participated in State competition with a score of 96.7 second highest grade in State. At this Conclave the election date for constituent Commanderies was changed back to December of each year and election would be held at first Conclave in May of that year and that the Commanders elected and serving from May to December would be Past Commanders.

May 4 - Election of officers was held and on the evening of May 11 Sir Knight Edward A. Copley, Commander, and other officers were publicly installed, their wives assisting in the beautiful ceremony. Sir Knight Dale E. Miller was installing Commander, Sir Knight Vance K. Miller installing Prelate and Sir Knight H. Jack Hefner installing Marshal.

July 6 - Sir Knight Vance K. Miller presented to the Commandery the beautiful silk regulation United States flag and staff now gracing the east of our Asylum. Also he presented a beautiful printed copy of Pledge of Allegiance which was framed and hangs in the De Molay room.

July 7 - In Dallas Commandery the 96th birthday of Sir Knight Gilbough was observed on which occasion he conferred the Order of the Temple also the first Gilbough Banner for ritualistic proficiency was presented by S. K. R. B. Cowden the originator and donor of the 9 banners to H. Jack Hefner and Alexander C. Garrett Commandery.

July 23 - Sir Knight Walter P. Craft the fourth member of our Commandery passed away.

Aug. 11 - Grand Commandery K. T. of Texas convened in asylum of Dallas Commandery No. 6 for the purpose of conducting the Knight Templar Funeral service of our beloved Dean of R. E. Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight Frederick Moses Gilbough. Sir Knight Harry B. Tuer, R.E.P.G.C. conducted the service and Sir Knight Will J. Rhea, R.E.P.G.C., was Ex. Grand Prelate. The body of one of the most widely known and beloved Masons was laid to rest in Hillcrest Mausoleum. Garrett Commandery lost a true friend and loyal supporter in the passing of Sir Knight Gilbough.



Sept. 7 - Stated Conclave--covered dish dinner with a fine attendance. Sir Knights Leonard A. Huffhines, Carrol, Embry and Walter Glidewell were the recipients of the delectable degree of Sons of Pharoah much to the delight of all present, especially the ladies. Sir Knight Edward A. Copley presented a large beautiful Crucifix for use in the Orders of Malta and Temple.

Sept. 14 - Sir Knight Vance K. Miller presented to the Commandery a beautiful silk Texas Flag to match the United States Flag gracing the East. He reminded the Knights of the glorious history of Texas--the one and only State that was a sovereign nation before becoming a State of the United States. There seems to be no end of the generosity of Sir Knight Vance, the beloved father of our Commandery, and words are so inadequate to express our sincere appreciation of and for him.

Sept. 18 - District School of Instruction at Greenville. Garrett Commandery gave the Ritualistic work in its usual fine manner.

Oct. 26 - It was with sincere regret we learned that Sir Knight W. Tim Turner was being transferred by his company to Beaumont, Texas. A severe loss to us.

Nov. 10 - The formal presentation of the new addition to the Knights Templar Hospital at Arlington to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was made by the Grand Commandery K. T. of Texas. A most beautiful and modern addition of which the Knights of Texas should be proud.

Dec. 7 - Official notice issued by the Air Force that Sir Knight Robert A. Later had been lost off the coast of Japan. Sir Knight Later was a Charter member and the fifth of our Knights to pass to the great beyond and the first in the service of his Country.

Dec. 14 - Public installation of Commander Leonard A. Huffhines and other officers assisted by their wives. Sir Knights Hefner, as Commander, Vance K. Miller, as Prelate, and Ed. A. Copley, as Marshal.