

1956

Jan. 17 - Sir Knight Edward S. Marrs passed to his heavenly reward; he was formerly a member of Dallas Commandery No. 6, K. T.

Feb. 3 - Garrett Commandery was inspected by Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer, E. Grand Jr. Warden. Since the Commandery was constituted in 1949 the Kidd Banner had been in Garrett's possession with the exception of 1953 when it was gained by Tancred No. 82. In 1954 it was again won by Garrett.

The Gilbough Banner for Ritualistic high score for the District, graced the Asylum of Garrett Commandery each year from the time the Banner was instituted until 1956 - when Denison Commandery won it and tied Garrett Commandery in score for the Kidd Banner.

At this Conclave Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer was officially received and presented with an Honorary Membership in Garrett Commandery.

Feb. 27 - Garrett Commandery conferred a Master Mason Degree for Garrett Lodge on Bro. Richard Miller, son of our own beloved Past and First Commander Sir Knight Dale E. Miller. The Knights, 21 in number, in Templar Uniform, less all decorations etc., conferred a very beautiful and effective degree.

H. Jack Hefner	-	Wm.	
Edward A. Copley	-	SW.	
Dale E. Miller	-	Jr.W.	
Harry E. Blanchard	-	Sr.D.	
Roy C. Dougherty	-	Jr.D.	
Dale E. Miller	-	Sec'y	
Douglas B. Reid	-	Master Cer.	
Fellowcrafts	-		
	W. G. Liggett		Lynn Stockweather
	Cleo Anderson		Jas. R. Davenport
	M. L. Cowan		W. L. Crowdus, Sr.
	Mynor Henry		Claude C. Creekmore
	Tom Stephenson		Ned Hurley
	Howard Harris		C. E. Cason, Jr.

Ruffians - E. Hastings Ackley, Douglas B. Reid, and Geo. Crowdus.
 Lecture - James Richard Davenport
 Apron & Bible) - Charlie E. Cason, Sr.
 Slides & Music) - Charlie E. Cason, Sr.
 Charge - Edward A. Copley

March 16 - S. K. Ira Kendrick Stephens passed to his heavenly reward. He had just started working in the Red Cross having taken High Priest's part a time or two. We will miss his cheery smile.

March 30 - Good Friday - A buffet dinner at 6 o'clock and then the Order of the Temple conferred on six fine candidates. It is regrettable that the custom instituted in 1955 of observing "Communion" after the Order was not held. It is hoped this service will, in the future, receive due and favorable consideration since it adds so much to the significance of Good Friday. Sir Knight Ackley, P. C. and Prelate brought a brief but most fitting and inspiring, message relative to Good Friday and the timely conferring of the O.T. and was highly commended by all present for his interest and devotion.

April 1 - Dallas Commandery No. 6, Tancred Commandery No. 82 and Alexander C. Garrett Commandery No. 103, met in joint Conclave at 6:30 A. M. in the Asylum of Tancred Commandery, then marched to Oak Cliff Christian Church where the Easter Service was held. A very good attendance. Garrett Commandery had 12 officers present, and four or five other Sir Knights.

April 22 - 103rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Mineral Wells. Church service in afternoon followed by Memorial Service. Monday Morning at 7 o'clock the officers and their wives enjoyed a splendid breakfast in the dining room of the "Messa" as guests of our Commander Cason and Mrs. Cason. Shortly thereafter the officers competed in Asylum ceremonies for all Commanderies of the State of Texas.

Monday night the banners for the nine Districts were presented and also streamers presented to Commanderies having made highest scores in State Competition for the years 1954 and 1955. Garrett Commandery received first place streamers and then was awarded first place in 1956 competition and presented streamers. We hope next year to bring both District banners back to Garrett.

All officers present at the Grand Conclave except Sir Knights Huffhines, Cason Sr., Hurley and Dougherty. Sir Knights Dale Miller, Jack Hefner and Hastings Ackley, Past Commanders, were also in attendance. Mineral Wells is to be commended for a most wonderful Conclave.

May 23 - Past Commanders conferred O. T. on class of 5 candidates. All Past Commanders taking part except L. A. Huffhines who due to recent heart attack, was unable to be present. Syd. A. Verinder, P. C. of Dallas No. 6 acted as Warder and knighted one candidate.

May 26 - York Rite day at Garrett Temple:
Lodge opened at 5:30 A. M. and conferred MM^o then breakfast was served. Master degrees conferred up until noon time where lunch was served.
After lunch a Royal Arch Chapter was opened and the M. E. Grand High Priest Companion John Caruthers was received and then a Royal Arch Degree was conferred.

At four o'clock a Council of R & S Ms was opened and the M. E. Grand Master Companion Don Glass was received and then the Council Degrees were conferred upon Companions Don Monnett, Robert Jones and Jake Hastings.

A most delicious dinner was then served by the Garrett OES after which the Order of the Temple was conferred upon Sherman Watson, Worshipful Master of Garrett Lodge: Jack Stewart, Senior Warden of Garrett Lodge and Bevly Ford, Worthy Patron of Garrett OES Chapter. Thus another day and evening of fine fellowship at Garrett. Due to prior commitment Sir Knight Marvin Pugh, R. E. Grand Commander could not be present.

June 6 - Garrett Past Commanders Association formed with
Edward A. Copley, elected President
Dale E. Miller, Vice President
E. Hastings Ackley, Sec'y-Treas.

This Association formed for the purpose of promoting Templary in general and promoting Templary at Garrett in particular. By-laws adopted.

July 4 - was stated meeting but the Commander announced previously the Asylum would be dark - so patriotic meeting was not held as was hoped for by many since Sir Knight Ackley had prepared a fine program.

August 1 - Stated Conclave - Sir Knight Hefner, chairman of paraphernalia committee announced that Red Cross Robes had been ordered from C. E. Ward Co. and that Miss Edith Pavey had given her check for \$1,000.00 to help pay for the robes. It was decided to order a new triangle cover which was done. Sir Knight Hefner demonstrated ~~for~~ the effectiveness of wax savers and special candles for Minorah and Malta Service and was authorized to make the necessary purchase.

Sir Knight Claude C. Creekmore, Jr. presented a resolution to change our by-laws - changing our meeting nights to Friday instead of Wednesday.

August 9 - Sir Knights Geo. Crowdus and Jack Hefner appeared before the Blue Lodge and secured its permission for the Commandery to meet on Friday nights and that the 3rd Friday night, used by Council, could be continued or Council could meet on the 3rd Wednesday night if desired.

Aug. 26 - Sir Knight Wm. A. Mears passed away.

Sept. 5 - Stated Conclave - (about 30 present- Chapter and Council Assn. meeting down town - took some away.)

By-laws changed to meet on Friday nights beginning October.

Oct. 6- Dallas No. 6, Tancred No. 82 and Garrett No. 103, host to District No. 1 - Conclave held at Dallas No. 6 - All Commanderies represented except Indivisible Friends (Sherman) each Commandery requested to furnish one candidate and notify Sir Knight Reynolds how many to be present - Garrett did NOT furnish a candidate .

Cason, Jr., Reid, Kimble, Stockweather, Ackley, Henry, Creekmore, Terrill, Cason, Sr., Wallis, Wright and Davenport. - *Uniforms.

Geo. Crowdus taking Scottish Rite couldn't be present.

Oct. 20 - Sat. District School of Instruction - Dallas Commandery No. 6. Again requested but did not inform Dallas how many to be present.

Garrett assigned 5th and rest of Order. -

Present: Cason, Jr.

Reid (did the work and well)

Terrill

Ackley

Cason, Sr. and no more.

Five out of 15 officers present - had to even borrow Gen'l. and Capt. Genl. also Warder.

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Oct. 31 - O. T. Officers present - Cason, Jr., Reid, Crowdus, Cason, Sr., Henry, Dougherty, - Hefner Prelate - (Wright & Beal.) in uniform.

The very poorest Garrett has ever done with 4 fine candidates.

Nov. 2. - Red Cross Robes etc., arrived and on following day, Jack Hefner unpacked and hung them up. At Stated Conclave moth control again brought up. Hefner suggested that a Sir Knight be selected to care for robes such as airing, putting up etc. If necessary to remunerate him. New robes purchased - Sov. Master, Prince Chan., P. Master Palace, High Priest, Mast. Cavalry, Master Infantry, Warder, Persian Guard, Persian Court Robes, Triangle cover and Electric Taper and base. Cost including transportation \$1,506.54. Miss Edith Pavey gave Hefner her personal check in the amount of \$1,000.00, a gift for the Commandery for Red Cross Robes.

Nov. 4 - Due to very heavy rain the Master of Lodge called off the Memorial Service to be held at Oakland Cemetery in memory of Bishop Garrett.

Dec. 7 - Stated Conclave - Buffett supper, Stated Meeting at which the Casons presented Triangle equipment rolling cabinet and a rising vote of thanks extended them. Election held resulting in all elective officers being advanced and Allen Terrill elected Jr. Warden. The Order of the Temple was then conferred. Miss Edith Pavey was elected an "honorary member."

Dec. 14 - A. C. Garrett Public Installation of Douglas B. Reid as Commander and other officers assisted by their wives.

Sir Knight Hefner was installing Commander with Sir Knight Harry B. Tuer as installing Prelate and Sir Knights Dale E. Miller and W. L. Crowdus, Sr. as Marshall and Asst. Marshal.

Sir Knight Geo. Crowdus provided program of most beautiful vocal renditions by Mr. David Taylor, tenor, from WFAA Radio Station accompanied by his wife. This music was most beautiful and deeply appreciated.

Miss Edith Pavey took care of the flowers, refreshments etc. in her usual and unsurpassable manner. Every one enjoyed it.

Dec. 25 - Dallas No. 6 - Tancred No. 82 and Garrett No. 103 held a joint Christmas Observance at Dallas Commandery No. 6. A very good turn out.

Dec. 31 - This closes another year with a report as follows:

	Membership Dec. 31, 1955	314
Creations -	35	
Affiliations -	<u>1</u>	
	36	
Reinstatements -		
Suspensions -		
Verwaltz		
Nash	2	
Demissions	0	
Deaths-Marrs - Stevens - Mears	<u>3</u>	
	5	
Net Gain	31	

	Membership Dec. 31, 1956	345
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