

1957

Jan. 26 - Annual visitation and inspection by Sir Knight Harvey C. Byrd, Eminent Grand Junior Warden. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies of Garrett Chapter No. 774 O.E.S.

Sir Knight Hooks, our Warden, is to be most highly commended for a most outstanding job. He had never seen a full form opening nor an actual conferring of the Order of the Temple.

Gilbough Banner, for Ritualistic Ceremony, was retaken by Garrett Commandery but the Kidd Banner was won by Denison Commandery No. 24.

Garrett's score --- Tactics 988 Ritual 990

Feb. 22 - Held Commandery Family Night, first in several years. Although the weather was very bad a crowd of 82 assembled and enjoyed a very fine dinner (ham, bread and drinks furnished by Commandery) and members brought salads, pies, cakes, etc.

Miss Edith Pavey was the real guest of honor and was presented an Honorary Membership Card and thanked profusely for her many generous gifts to the Commandery and Lodge but more especially for her gift of \$1000.00 which was applied on the purchase price of Red Cross Robes which we need so much.

A dog act was presented for the children which was enjoyed by the adults also. The Delectable Order of Sons of Pharaoh was conferred upon our Commander Sir Knight Douglas B. Reid and Sir Knight Jack Stewart, Master of Garrett Lodge.

This was a most enjoyable occasion and at 9:30 P.M. all expressed themselves as having had a most delightful evening and adjourned.

Sir Knight Cecil Smith, who is always doing something for the Commandery, covered 18 wooden coat hangers with a heavy white quilted padding. These hangers to hang our new Red Cross Robes on.

April 14 - 17 - 104th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery held in Beaumont, Texas.

In attendance were the following Sir Knights:

Douglas B. Reid, Commander
 Chas. V. White, Generalissimo
 Lloyd Kimble, Capt. General and Mrs. Kimble
 George Crowdus, Senior Warden and Mrs. Crowdus
 Allen Terrill, Junior Warden
 Lynn Stockweather, and Mrs. Stockweather
 James K. Todd
 John Slaughter
 Lowell Maxon
 Dale E. Miller P.C. and Mrs. Miller
 H. Jack Hefner P.C. and Mrs. Hefner
 Hastings Ackley P.C. and Mrs. Ackley

All enjoyed the Church Service and Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon.

The Commander's breakfast on Monday morning was greatly enjoyed.

The Asylum competition resulted as follows: Worth No. 19, first. Garrett and three others tied for second place and I have never been able to get official scores. We do know there was a bit of unsatisfaction regarding grading.

At this Grand Conclave legislation enacted to become member of Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery known as York Rite Joint Committee. The resolution adopted over unfavorable reports of Jurisprudence, Purpose & Policy and Finance Committees.

May 25 - Garrett York Rite Day

The Lodge opened at 5:30 A.M. and conferred a Masters Degree.

Breakfast was then served and the conferring of M.M.^o continued until noontime when a delicious lunch was served.

After lunch a Royal Arch Chapter opened and the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon a trio, when the Chapter was closed.

A Council of R & S Masters was opened and the beautiful Council degrees ^{was} conferred.

Dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock by Garrett O.E.S. after which the Commandery was opened and the Order of the Temple was conferred upon Knights Clarke and Homer Wallis.

June 10 - Sir Knight William L. Russell passed away and was buried on the 12th at Tyler, Texas.

July 27 - The Second Annual District Conclave of the Commanderies of the First District was held in the Asylum of Garrett Commandery under the direction of Sir Knight Jack Hefner, Grand Junior Warden. All Commanderies of the District were represented except Paris No. 9 and Pittsburg No. 43.

We were honored with the presence of Sir Knight Jake Beard, R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Carlisle Garlitz, E. Grand Generalissimo, R.E. Past Grand Commanders, Tuer, Vance Miller and Tom Bethell, Sir Knight George Adams, E. Grand Treasurer and H. Jack Hefner, Grand Junior Warden.

The I.O. of the Red Cross was conferred by a team from Dallas Commandery No. 6. Sir Knight Lawrence DeHay conferred the Order with Sir Knight Alex Fraser as High Priest and Sir Knight Beno Meyer as Master of Infantry.

The Order of Malta was conferred by Garrett Commandery in full form and music. Sir Knight Hastings Ackley conferred the Order in his usual excellent and impressive manner; Sir Knight Dale E. Miller handled the Marshal's Station just as he always does, par excellent.

"PORKY"

Used on the occasion of our first banquet given in the Order of Red Cross in A. Marshall Commandery No 103. N.T.

October 11, 1957

Presented by our good friend and Sir Knight W^m L. Martin

CAST

Sovereign Master — Earl Geesley
Chancellor — A. B. Reid
Master of the Palace — J. B. Covington
Master of the Cavalry — C. L. Broadmore
Master of the Dispatches — E. D. Appley
Master of the Finance — Jack Perak
Warden — Lloyd Kimble
Persian Guard — Geo. R. Browder
Assistants — B. M. Hoarey
Lynn Blackweather
Conductor — Lou Mannatt

High Priest — Jas. K. Todd
Jewish Guards — Ray Dougherty
Ed & Glendon

Jewish Council — J. E. Wright
Eugene Thompson
B. M. Hoarey
J. B. Covington
Jack Perak
Lynn Blackweather
Lights & Music — W. E. Casper, Sr.
Directors & Lectures — Jack Koffner

Tables with Green cloth in front and Red Crepe paper on top - Artificial fruit as center as fresh fruit - Green branches and berries decorated front of table and "Porky" in the middle. Hood Lights trimmed on the table and its occupants. Chapter Vails used as curtain - a very colorful and impressive sight - the wine Regan and cups were used with pure wine.

The Order of the Temple was assigned to Tancred Commandery No. 82. Grand Commander Beard accepted the invitation to confer the Order and Sir Knight Harry Tuer acted as Generalissimo. A most effective order was conferred upon two candidates from Dallas and two from Garrett.

It is a matter of note that a very delicious dinner was served prior to the conferring of the O.T. by the ladies of Garrett O.E.S. and was greatly enjoyed.

Aug. 9 - Mrs. Lula Adams, wife of our beloved Grand Treasurer laid to rest in Ft. Worth.

Aug. 9 - A special occasion indeed --- The Order of Red Cross was conferred upon a group of candidates by Sir Knight Alex D. Fraser. It was a week prior to his birthday but in as much as we couldn't have him on that eventful day we had him over on this evening. Sir Knight Jake Beard, R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, Harry Tuer and Grand Jr. Warden Jack Hefner present. After a most effective order all repaired to the banquet room where a birthday cake and trimmings greeted Uncle Alex. Everyone enjoyed the evening very much and particularly to see the honoree so very happy.

Oct. 11 - The Order of Red Cross was conferred for the first time in Garrett Commandery with the banquet scene, single curtain and lighting effects. The "roast pig" used was presented to Sir Knight Hefner by Sir Knight William L. Martin, who had it painted, cut out and mounted.

Those taking part in the order were:

Hastings Ackley	Sovereign Master	Jack Perot	Master Finance
D. B. Reid	Prince Chancellor	E. A. Copley	Master Dispatches
J. B. Covington	Master of Palace	James Todd	High Priest
Don Monnett	Companion Cond.	Roy Daugherty	Jewish Guard
C. C. Creeknore	Master Cavalry	W. E. Glidewell	Jewish Guard
Geo. Crowdus	Persian Guard	Lloyd Kimble	Warder
C. M. Henry	Asst.	H. Jack Hefner	Director & Lecture
Lyn Stockweather	Asst.	C. E. Cason	Lights & Music

Oct. 25 - Past Commanders Night
The Order of the Temple was conferred by H. Jack Hefner assisted by the other Past Commanders.

Nov. 20 - Sir Knight George Howard Karnes, Sr. passed away after an extended illness.

Nov. 27 - Sir Knight James W. Taylor passed away very suddenly and most unexpectedly. He had only been a member a very short time.

Dec. 6 - Buffet dinner, State Conclave and election of officers. Sir Knight Stockweather was elected Junior Warden and other officers advanced placing C. V. White as Commander. The Order of Red Cross was then conferred.

Dec. 10 - Sir Knight James Marvin Pugh, R.E. Past Grand Commander passed away. Sir Knight Pugh was our first Inspecting officer and was a beloved Honorary Member of our Commandery.

Dec. 13 - Public Installation of Sir Knight White and other officers assisted by their wives. Sir Knights Don Monnett and Roy C. Daugherty could not be present and were not installed at this conclave.

Sir Knight Dale E. Miller, P.C.	Installing Commander
Sir Knight H. E. Blanchard, P.C.	Installing Marshall
Sir Knight C. E. Cason Jr., P.C.	Asst.
Sir Knight Vance Miller, R.E. Past Grand Commander	E. Prelate
Sir Knight & Rev. Warren Newman -- Past E. Grand Prelate made a most interesting and timely address.	

Miss Edith Pavey and her committee served delicious refreshments.

Dec. 23 - Christmas observance held in Tancred Commandery No. 82 Asylum with Dallas and Garrett Commanderies in attendance. By special dispensation the Commanderies met two days before Christmas for the observance which does not prove as successful as when it is held on Christmas Day.

Dec. 31 - Thus ends another Templar year in Garrett Commandery.

December 31, 1956 Membership		345
Creations	28	
Affiliations	2 - Henley & Harvey	
	<u>30</u>	30
Deaths	3 - Russell, Karnes, & Taylor	
Demits	3 - Boultinghouse, Branson & Lockett	
	<u>6</u>	6
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December 31, 1957 Membership		<u>369</u>