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January 1st: Stated Conclave and a good discussion by all present regarding matters of interest to the welfare of our Commandery. After the Conclave a rehearsal was held.

Feb. 16: Sir Knight Sherman Watson passed away. He was a Past Master of Garrett Lodge and the High Priest of Garrett Chapter. We will miss Sherman in many ways.

Feb. 19, INSPECTION of Garrett Commandery by Sir Knight Kaplan H. Andrew, E. Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Texas. A few wives of Officers headed by Mrs. Fern Crowdus prepared a delicious buffet dinner and invited Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Theo Crowdus, mother of our Commander and Mrs. Jack Hefner to break bread with the Sir Knights. The ladies, after the dinner, went to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Crowdus and there waited the coming of their Knights and information regarding the outcome of the inspection.

Garrett Officers did a very fine job in both the opening and closing Tactics as well as the Ritualistic work. Sir Knight Andrew said he did not GIVE them anything (and he certainly told the truth) but that they made a grade of 992 in the Tactics and 994 in the Ritualistic work. These grades later proved to be the highest in the District and therefore the BANNERS, or now they are PLAQUES, came home. No Inspecting Officer could have been more courteous, understanding yet strict than Kap Andrew. He didn't miss a thing. He and Mrs. Andrew endeared themselves to all who met them.

We were honored with the presence of Sir Knight J. Carlisle Garlitz, R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights Hefner, Tuer and Vance Miller. Sir Knight Hornsby, Commander of Tancred Commandery was also present.

After the Inspection, most of the Knights repaired to the new, beautiful and spacious home of our Commander and joined their ladies. Food and things, in profusion, certainly was enjoyed by every one. Thus it was that another Inspection was a very happy one for us all. After some time every one left for their homes with the exception of Kap and Guin Andrew who went to their spacious and comfortable SUITE in the Baker Hotel. Sir Knight Raymond Hall, Resident Manager, saw to it that they had the best and ALL on the Baker Hotel.

March 4: Officers and a few Past Commanders met at Sammys for a little "Dutch" supper for the purpose of knowing each other better. Each enjoyed the occasion very much. This being Public School Week we could do nothing but hold Stated Conclave and discuss membership plans. We were very glad to welcome Sir Knight Haden Linebaugh from Bailey, Colorado. He is a Past Commander of Bethlehem Commandery of Oklahoma City and was formerly a member of our Garrett Bodies.

March 14: Sir Knight and Dr. Ford House passed away rather suddenly. He was buried March 16.

MARCH 15: Our beloved Sentinel, Sir Knight ROY CHARLES DAUGHERTY passed to his heavenly reward. Roy had been Sentinel of our Commandery from its beginning; he had been Sentinel for the Council since its beginning; had been Guard for the Chapter for many years and Tiler for the Lodge for many years. He was loved by all who knew him. He will be hard to replace and we will all miss him very much indeed because he certainly was a TRUE BLUE-YORK RITE MASON and worked always for Garrett Bodies. He was laid to rest with Masonic Honors by Garrett Lodge with a large Templar Escort on March 17.

April 1: Stated Conclave and then a Membership Committee Meeting. The Chairman, Sir Knight H. Jack Hefner, gave and charged each Officer and a few Past Commanders with THREE SPECIAL MARBLES. These three marbles represented three petitions for the Commandery. As a petition was turned in so was a marble turned in. A rental charge of twenty five cents per month was made for each marble in the possession of a Knight. These marbles, as long as they were in the possession of the Knights must be on his person at all times. If two Knights met and one could not produce his marbles it cost him \$1.00 each and must be paid on the spot. I heard of one Sir Knight that was caught without his marbles (in an elevator) and he was forced to fork over \$3.00 before he was allowed to get out of the elevator. This little MARBLE GAME resulted in several petitions and a lot of friendly banter.

APRIL 17: EASTER; for the first time, ever, Garrett Commandery was host to the other Commanderies of Dallas for Easter Observance.

The Service was held in our Commander's Church, Oak Lawn Methodist at seven A.M. with a good attendance and a wonderful sermon by the pastor.

APRIL 23: Garrett and Tancred Commanderies opened with Dallas No. 6 to confer all three Orders on a class of 26. Dallas conferred the Red Cross and Garrett conferred the Malta and Tancred the Temple.

Saturday April 30: A number of Officers and their wives journeyed to Ft. Worth to attend the 107th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas.

Sunday May 1: Places in Ritualistic Competition, to be held Monday afternoon, were drawn for by Commanders of various Commanderies who were to compete. Sunday afternoon the Knights paraded from the Texas Hotel to the First Methodist Church where the Divine and Memorial services were held. The church was filled and certainly no finer service has ever been held. At night the SEATED RECEPTION for the Grand Commander and Grand Officers was held in the banquet room of the Texas Hotel. This being the first time a seated reception had been held. It was very nice and truly the Grand Officers did not get to do a lot of HAND PUMPING, etc.

Monday A.M. May 2: Six "A" Teams and two "B" Teams competed in the Annual Drill Ceremony at Will Rodgers Coliseum. This was one of the finest exhibitions of DRILL ever staged. Worth A & B Teams were high scorers and received the FLAGS. Sir Knights Miller and Hefner qualified and were certified for drill with the "B" Team of Ascension Commandery No. 25 of Tyler. This qualified each of them for the five year Grand Commandery Drill Team Star they having drilled three years on the Drill Team of Dallas No. 6 before Garrett Commandery was organized.

Monday afternoon in the beautiful Asylum of Worth Commandery about 16 Teams from all over the State competed in Red Cross Ritualistic Work. Garrett Officers, Crowds, Stockweather, Terrill, Todd and Miller came in FOURTH. Brownwood No. 22 making high score. Monday night in the banquet room of Texas Hotel scores were announced; Districts Plaques, Merit Awards, Petition Awards etc., were made which made it a very long drawn out affair. The Grand Officer in charge of Awards for next year promises a shorter ceremony as he proposes a PACKAGE deal. We will see how it works out in San Antonio.

May 3: Grand Commandery convened in its 107th Annual Conclave. There were 26 out of State visitors, one of whom was Sir Knight Louis Henry Wieber, M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. who will preside over the Grand Encampment Conclave to be held August, 1961 in his home city Cleveland, Ohio. There were at least two matters of importance which proved most interesting to those present. One was the changing of the date for the Grand Commandery to convene each year. It was changed from the third Tuesday of April to the third MONDAY of April. This will cause the Field Drills and Ritualistic Competition to be held on Saturday; the Church Service on Sunday and the Grand Conclave to end on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. This change is for the betterment of attendance of members of Drill Teams and others who would have to be away from their work if the Drills were held on Monday. Also the public will no doubt attend the Drills which will be held at night. The other matter that was of great importance was: The resolution from ALL the Grand Officers that the Grand Commandery no longer participate in, or contribute to, the Committee on York Rite Education. The Jurisprudence, Finance and Purposes and Policy Committees brought in a joint FAVORABLE report. After much debate the vote was taken and the resolution carried. To be frank; the reason for this action was simply this: The authority and money was being used as a "political football" and certainly NOT for the benefit of Templary.

May 4: Election and Installation of Officers. Installation was public. Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer was elected and installed Grand Commander and each other Line Officer was advanced a station and installed therein. Sir Knight Richard Porter, P.C. of Worth Commandery No. 19 was elected and installed Grand Captain of the Guard.

May 22: The Crowds family (4), Douglas Reid, James Todd, Miss Edith Pavey and Grace and Jack Hefner spent the afternoon and early evening in folding, stuffing and stamping Membership material to be mailed to members of Garrett Lodge and Chapter. 1660 of them. These letters were mailed May 23. About 70% of the survey forms were returned.

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MAY 28: Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight James Carlisle Garlitz passed away in a Ft. Worth Hospital having suffered a series of heart attacks. On Monday afternoon May, 30, religious services were held at his Church after which the Knights Templar Funeral Service was conducted by Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer, R.E. Grand Commander; Sir Knight Vance K. Miller, R.E. Past Grand Commander was Grand Prelate and Sir Knight Jack Hefner was Captain General. Both Drill Teams of Worth Commandery were present and under the command of Sir Knight Richard Porter, E. Grand Captain of the Guard. A very large number of Knights from various Commanderies were in attendance. The Church was filled to overflowing and a large crowd was at the cemetery as well. We regret the passing of this good Sir Knight who was an Honorary member of our Commandery. He lived less than a month after having presided over the 107th Grand Conclave in Ft. Worth.

June 18: District No. 1 Annual Conclave and Grand Commander's Day was held in the Asylum of Pittsburg Commandery No. 43, Pittsburg, Texas. Sir Knights Crowdus, Terrill, Stockweather, Todd, Harrell, Jack Hefner and Harry B. Tuer drove to Pittsburg. DeMolay Commandery No. 20, from Greenville conferred the Order of Red Cross in a very fine manner on 8 candidates. Ascension Commandery No. 25 from Tyler, headed by their Commander Dick Parker and Sir Knight Arch M. Dullnig, R.E. Past Grand Commander conferred the Order of Malta on 11 candidates. Some of our Officers filled in where needed in the Malta. Sir Knight Dale E. Miller also accompanied us on this trip. After the Malta we enjoyed a very delicious Bar-B-Qd chicken dinner at the First Baptist Church. 102 Knights returned to the Asylum of the Commandery for a season of fellowship. The Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer was presented and made a very interesting address. Also present were the following present and Past Grand Officers: Jack Hefner, Gr. Generalissimo, T. M. Bethell, Past Grand Commander, Harry B. Tuer, Past Grand Commander and present Grand Recorder, Arch M. Dullnig, Past Grand Commander, Richard Porter, Grand Capt. of the Guard and the Rev. Sir Knight Mouzon Fletcher, Past Grand Prelate. It was agreed to hold the next District Conclave in the Asylum of Dallas Commandery No. 6, Dallas Texas. This visitation was indeed enjoyed by all the Garrett members.

June 25: Our own Sir Knights Britton Huffhines, Houston Shroyer and Harvey Dare were installed the three principal Officers of Garrett Lodge No. 1216 AF&AM.

June 27: Our own Sir Knights Jimmie Searls, Tom Bond and Houston Shroyer were installed the three principal officers of Garrett Chapter No. 420 RAM, and this same evening found our Sir Knights Lowell Maxon, Houston Shroyer and Jimmie Searls installed the three principal officers of Garrett Council No. 382 R&SM.

July 7: As guests of Dallas Commandery No. 6 a number of our Sir Knights and their families attended a FOURTH OF JULY picnic at Vickery Park. Every one brought their basket of food and we noticed much "Swapping" going on which had its good points. Dallas Commandery furnished tickets to the kids (old and young) for the many rides and also for the swimming pool. Watermelon was also furnished and were they good and were they cold. Everybody ate as much as he or she could. The highlight of the evening was the address made by Sir Knight Judge Payne Bush. There were a few from Tancred and a few from Arlington. All expressed appreciation to Dallas No. 6 for this splendid evening and expressed the hope that the Commanderies get together and make this an annual affair.

Aug. 5: At the request of Miss Edith Pavey, Sir Knight Jack Hefner presented to Garrett Commandery a NEW 50 STAR (NYLON) UNITED STATES FLAG to replace the 48 star Flag in use. The Commander received the Flag for the Commandery and ordered the Recorder to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to Miss Pavey for this another act of kindness. This is being written on January 14, 1961 and a call to Miss Pavey just completed informed me that no letter was or has been received by her in regard to the Flag. Nevertheless -there are many in the Commandery who do appreciate things done for our Commandery.

Sept. 2: Stated Conclave. Commander Crowdus not present due to the fact MISS KIM (baby daughter) discovered America. Congratulations!

Sept. 9: Sir Knight Lawrence DeHay, Commander of Dallas Commandery No. 6 came and conferred the beautiful Order of Red Cross on the Roy C. Daugherty Class.

Sept. 10: On this Saturday afternoon Garrett Commandery took Red Cross and Malta Robes and equipment to Garland and in the Lodge room conferred the Orders of

Red Cross and Malta on a group of 12 or 13 candidates known as the Garland Class, after the Orders were conferred all enjoyed a delicious buffett supper which Garrett Commandery furnished and truly it was indeed an occasion we will long remember.

Work in this area was headed by Sir Knight Claude Creekmore who had visited the Garland Chapter on many occasions and had helped them in many ways. Other members of our Commandery made several visits to this Chapter each time assisting them in their Chapter work. Also it might be stated that several of these candidates availed themselves of the payment plan furnished by the A.C. Garrett Past Commander's Assn.

Sept. 23: Garrett conferred the Order of Malta on the Roy G. Daugherty Class. Sir Knight Edward A. Copley, P.C. conferred the Order.

Sept. 30: The Order of the Temple was received by the members of the Roy G. Daugherty Class. This Order was conferred by Sir Knight H. Jack Hefner, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Oct. 1: The Garland Class received the Order of the Temple on this Saturday afternoon and evening. The regular officers conferred the Order.

Oct. 7: Stated Conclave and Red Cross. The Commandery from Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 13 of Sherman brought three fine candidates and our own Maxwell made a class of four who received a very beautiful Order.

Oct. 29: Garrett opened with Dallas No. 6 for the purpose of conferring the Three Orders on a large group of candidates. Tancred Commandery had been asked to confer the Red Cross and if they needed any assistance Garrett would help out. Tancred couldn't help out so Dallas called the Commander of Garrett who in turn contacted the Director of Red Cross and they decided to take our full banquet scene down and really put the Red Cross on for them. The Commander had to leave for Hawaii but we put on the Red Cross like they have never seen it before. The Malta Team from Ascension Commandery No. 25 from Tyler came and they conferred the Order of Malta. Two Triangles were used and Garrett Knights did yeoman service for Dallas Commandery which was greatly appreciated.

NOV. 26: RED LETTER DAY. Sir Knight James K. Todd conferred the Order of the Temple for his first time and did a fine job. Thus he kept a promise made to Sir Knight H. Jack Hefner that he would confer each of the three Orders in addition to other parts before he was elected Captain General. We need a few more dedicated Sir Knights in our officership.

Dec. 2: Stated Conclave and election of officers. The Commander was out of town and Sir Knight Terrill made the statement that he had been informed by Sir Knight Funnell of Tancred Commandery that the Christmas Observance would be held in their Commandery on Wednesday DEC. 21. Now Garrett on two or three previous years had discussed this matter of having Christmas Observance on any other day than Christmas Day. It was generally understood that Garrett would always observe Christmas on Christmas day. After the statement that the three Commanderies were to have the observance on Dec. 21st. the question was asked if the Generalissimo had agreed to this with out the action of his Commandery. Sir Knight Terrill answered he had agreed to nothing that he had been told when the joint observance would be held. After a bit of discussion, mostly in favor of observing Christmas on Christmas day, a motion was made that Garrett have their observance on Christmas day and invite the other Commanderies of Dallas to join us. This motion was passed unanimously. Tancred and Dallas went ahead and of course Garrett Commander and about 13 other Sir Knights attended and took part in the 21st observance but held our own observance on Christmas Morning as we had agreed on several occasions. We hope that all future Christmas observances will be held on Christmas Day. Not to do so would be just like having Easter on Monday or some other day rather than on Easter Sunday. After this matter had been settled and business of the Sated Conclave attended to then came the election of officers for the next Templar Year. Sir Knight Terrill asked our Senior Past Commander Sir Knight Dale Miller to conduct the election which he did in a very fine manner indeed.

After the election and conclave closed a good fellowship period seemed to happen even though it had not been contemplated. More fellowship in all our meetings would prove very helpful to us all and would be more inviting to say the least.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the following year:

Elective	
Allen J. Terrill	Commander
Lynn Stockweather	Generalissimo
James K. Todd	Capt. General
Gerald Bradshaw	Sr. Warden
Lloyd Harrell	Jr. Warden
E. H. Ackley	Treasurer
C.E. Cason, Sr.	Recorder

Appointive	
Dale E. Miller	- Prelate
C. Mynor Henry	- Std. Bearer
Herschel Smith	- Swd. Bearer
Edwin L. Sharpe	- Warder
Thos. S. Butler	- 3rd. Guard
Clarence Brown	- 2nd. Guard
R. E. Barbee	- 1st. Guard.
Jos. B. Covington	- Sentinel

DECEMBER 9: PUBLIC INSTALLATION:

Assisted by the wives of the Officers the installation was a very inspiring one.

Sir Knight Harry B. Tuer, R.E. Past Grand Commander	Installing Officer
Sir Knight Douglas B. Reid, P.C.	- Installing Marshall
Sir Knight C. C. Creekmore, P.C.	- Asst. " "
Sir Knight Dale E. Miller, P.C?	- Installing Prelate

Sir Knight Vance K. Miller, R.E. Past Grand Commander made a very fine and informative address.

Mr. Grover C. Wilkins rendered two beautiful vocal numbers, he was accompanied by Mrs. Grover C. Wilkins.

The night was rainy but in spite of this we have a very nice crowd which after the benediction by Sir Knight Dale Miller repaired to the banquet room where most delicious refreshments were waiting.

Miss Edith Pavey has been in charge of refreshments for the installations ever since we have had a Commandery. She is assisted mostly by Mrs. Ella Standifer. In addition to furnishing the refreshments Miss Pavey always attends to the flowers and corsages.

DECEMBER 25: Christmas Observance was held in the banquet room of Garrett Commandery with about 40 Knights in attendance. Dr. Porter, Commander of Dallas No. 6, Vance K. Miller, Lawrence DeHay and 3 other Knights were present. Sir Knight Tuer and Sir Knight Olan Crandell P.C. from Tancred, Sir Knight and Dr. J.E. Detweiler delivered a wonderful Christmas Sermon. This service began promptly at 8 A.M. and closed shortly before 9 A.M.

January: Rehearsals began getting ready for the Inspection which is on Feb. 10.

Thus closes another year of Templary at Garrett.

Creations	47	Deaths	1	Membership Dec. 31, 1959	- 417
Affiliations	2	Suspensions	0		
Reinstatements	0	Demissions	6		
	49		10	Membership Dec. 31, 1960	456