

February 10th: Official Inspection of the Commandery was made by Sir Knight Hal Burnett, E. Grand Junior Warden. A delicious dinner was served by the O.E.S. We were honored by the presence of Harry B. Tuer, Past Grand Commander and E. Grand Recorder, George S. Adams, E. Grand Treasurer, Vance K. Miller, Past Grand Commander, and H. Jack Hefner, E. Grand Generalissimo. We were also most happy to have Dr. Cyrus Jamison, Past Commander of Dallas No. 6 with us. Dr. Jamison has been confined for a number of weeks with a heart condition. In attendance were about 75 Sir Knights. Dr. Porter, Commander from Dallas No. 6 was present as were several from Denison, Ft. Worth and Greenville. This inspection was conducted in just a little unusual manner but regardless of this Garrett retained both Plaques. Tactics score was 995 and Ritualistic score was 994.

We were saddened by the passing of our dear friend Dr. Cyrus Jamison on Sunday February 12. He was buried February 14. Blue Lodge Masonic Service conducted by his very close friend Sir Knight Jack Neal and a Knight Templar Escort which was one of the largest seen in Dallas. Garrett Commandery was well represented.

March 24: We were honored by having our R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer present and after his official reception the Order of Malta was conferred on a Class of candidates.

March 25: YORK RITE FESTIVAL. In the Chapter Room of Masonic Temple the York Rite Festival got under way promptly at one P.M. with Companion Sydney A. Verinder, Most Ex. Grand High Priest assisted by other Companions conferring the Royal Arch Degree on a Tr. The Council Degrees were conferred by the Most Ill. Grand Master, Companion Irvin Johnsey.

A delicious dinner was served to 150 Companions by the good ladies of the S.O.O.B. after which the Order of the Temple was conferred by Sir Knight Gus L. Meyer, R.E. Grand Commander assisted by Sir Knight Sydney A. Verinder, P.C. (Grand High Priest) as Generalissimo and Sir Knight Johnsey, P.C. (Grand Master of the Council) as Captain General; these fine Grand Presiding Officers of York Rite were assisted by the following Sir Knights: Lawrence DeHay, Senior Warden, Lloyd Jones, Junior Warden, Dale E. Miller, Prelate. Dr. George Porter, Commander of Dallas No. 6 as Standard Bearer, Allen Terrill, Commander of Garrett Commandery No. 103 as Sword Bearer and Gerald Bradshaw as Warder. Our Lynn Stockweather, on very short notice, gave the remaining attributes in a very impressive manner. Sir Knight Stockweather, President of the Dallas York Rite Officers Association performed a very outstanding job on this very important meeting.

March 31: GOOD FRIDAY The Order of the Temple was conferred by the regular officers on candidates Crain, Taylor and Williams. A very nice Order and several remarks made regarding the significance of the day.

APRIL 2nd: EASTER SUNDAY Joint Easter services held in the East Dallas Christian Church with Dallas Commandery No. 6 as Host. Sir Knight and Dr. Welsh brought the message. A fair attendance from the three Commanderies.

April 28: Allen Terrill, Lynn Stockweather, James Todd*, Lloyd Harrell, Gerald Bradshaw, Dale E. Miller*, Smith*, Hastings Ackley*, Claude Creekmore and Jack Hefner*; (* indicates wives) left for San Antonio to attend Grand Conclave. Geo. Crowds and wife also along. Friday night the Ritualistic Committee met with representatives of Commanderies who would compete. The drawing for places; Garrett drew place No. 10 which would allow them to compete and then immediately thereafter put on the "C" Drill the R.E. Grand Commander, Gus L. Meyer had asked them to present. Dale E. Miller as Captain and the boys put on a splendid drill which was greatly appreciated by the ladies and Knights present in the Scottish Rite Auditorium and especially by the Grand Officers who want to have other small Commanderies participate in this objective of having all Commanderies proficient in this type of Drill which is no more or less than Asylum activities. After the Drill the "PACKAGED AWARDS" together with the presentation of PLAQUES were presented which was less time consuming than hereto fore experienced. The DRILL TEAM LUNCHEON was then held in the basement of the Temple and a very nice affair it was. Mexican music with dancers with the Mexican Luncheon was very fine indeed and exceptionally well attended. But let us say here that our officers, Todd, Stockweather, Harrell, Miller and Terrill came out with flying colors in the competition. 998 was the score and again Garrett regained the TOP SPOT in the STATE as Champions.

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At night the DRILLS for A and B Teams were greatly appreciated as the crowd remained until after the presentations of awards were made. Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Houston won the A Drill and Worth Commandery No. 19 of Ft. Worth won the B Drill.

This was the first Grand Conclave to have its program start on Saturday. The Church service was held at seven o'clock in the A.M. on Sunday and was well attended but there were no "WATCHERS" on the streets to see the parade. The members of Drill Teams and Ritualistic Teams must attend Church Service in order to complete their qualifications. Maybe it would be better to have Church Service in the early afternoon on Sunday.

The Grand Commandery convened on Monday A.M. and adjourned Tuesday about noon. Sir Knight Harvey Byrd was installed Grand Commander and each officer down the line advanced a station. Sir Knight Lawrence DeHay, of Dallas Commandery was installed Grand Captain of the Guard. San Antonio had a very fine Grand Conclave.

The traditional Garrett Breakfast was enjoyed very much indeed. Strawberrys, boy! The crowd was a little larger this year since we have gained so many very fine friends among past and present Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery. Our own Hastings Ackley was one of the judges in ritualistic competition since he is a member of that important Committee. Sir Knight Dale Miller did his usual fine work as a member of the important Finance Committee and also presented the amendment to the resolution regarding award to Commanders (Commander must confer the ritualistic work on inspection to get his Merit Award). This was a move in the right direction to have our officers do ALL the work required.

MAY 14: ASCENSION SERVICE. The traditional service at St. Mathew's was not so well attended nor was the Service what we have enjoyed in the past. The Service was turned over to a young priest who was not too impressive. How we miss Dean Moore.

MAY 15: In the small dining room of Dallas Masonic Temple Dale E. Miller, Lynn Stockweather, Lawrence DeHay and H. Jack Hefner met and took the first official step towards making plans for the 1963 Grand Conclave. It was decided to have a little dinner in the banquet room of A.C. Garrett on the evening of June 7, 1961 and invite Commanders, Generalissimos, Captains General, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens and Records of the three Commanderies of Dallas to attend. It was also decided to invite Past Commanders, Tuer, Miller and Whitfield.

MAY 19: Dallas Commandery No. 6 brought a Team and conferred the Order of Malta on a class of six candidates for us. It was a very nice Order being conferred by Art Weir as Prior.

MAY 20: YORK RITE DAY at Garrett. The Lodge started Degrees about 6 A.M. then served breakfast and continued degree work until noontime when lunch was served. After lunch the Chapter conferred a Royal Arch Degree followed by the Council Degrees. The O.E.S. served a very nice dinner and immediately thereafter the Commander, Sir Knight Terrill introduced Syd Verinder as the M. E. Grand High Priest, Arch M. Dullnig and Harry B. Tuer as R.E. Past Grand Commanders, Lawrence DeHay as Grand Captain of the Guard and H. Jack Hefner as Deputy Grand Commander. The Order of the Temple was conferred upon six fine candidates with Lynn Stockweather conferring the Order and Lawrence DeHay as Prelate. A very nice Order it was all six of the candidates were very close friends of Sir Knight Lynn Stockweather.

June 7: In the banquet room of Garrett the FIRST real meeting of representatives from the Three Commanderies was held. At 6:30 a delicious catered dinner, arranged for by Sir Knight George Crowdus, was enjoyed by the following Sir Knights.

FROM DALLAS 6: George Porter, Commander; Wm. Staton, Generalissimo; Jordan Reynolds, Recorder; Vance K. Miller, R.E. Past Grand Commander and Lawrence DeHay, G. Capt. Guard.
 FROM TANGRED: Clarence Crow, Generalissimo; Boyd Schaffer, Capt. General, Gerald Morton, Senior Warden and Harry B. Tuer, R.E. Past Grand Commander. From GARRETT, Allen Terrill, Commander, Lynn Stockweather, Generalissimo, Gerald Bradshaw, Sr. Warden, Lloyd Harrell, Junior Warden; C. E. Gason Sr., Recorder, Dale E. Miller, George Crowdus and H. Jack Hefner. Since the TIME AND PLACE Committee of the Grand Commandery for 1962 is composed of the THREE COMMANDERS of Dallas with Allen Terrill as Chairman the first item of business was the discussion of whether the three Commanderies of Dallas wanted to be Co-hosts and invite the 110th Grand Conclave to meet in the city of Dallas. This matter of course was to be taken up by the three Commanderies and report back at a meeting to be

on June 21st, 1961 in the same banquet room of A.C. Garrett.

JUNE 10TH; DISTRICT CONCLAVE FOR DISTRICT NO. 1. was held in the comfortable Asylum of Dallas Commandery No. 6, K.T. same being designated GRAND COMMANDER'S DAY, and honoring our R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Harvey C. Byrd. All 11 Commanderies of the District were represented with the exception of Paris No. 9. We had 15 very fine and interested Candidates from various Commanderies. Garrett had two in the class. There were 126 registered for this splendid conclave and there were 111 present for dinner which was served by the ladies of the S.O.O.B.

The Order of RED CROSS was conferred in the Garret manner having the Banquet Scene etc., which was transported from Garrett to the Temple in Sir Knight DeHay's truck and back home in cars furnished by Terrill, Bradshaw and Hefner. This beautiful Order was conferred by Harry Tuer with Dale Miller as Chancellor, Lloyd Harrell as Master Palace Claude Creekmore as Master Cavalry and Dick Sands as Conductor.

The Order of Malta was most impressively conferred upon this fine class by a team from A.C. Garrett with Hastings Ackley as Prior, and Dale Miller as Marshal. The work was completed at six five o'clock and we repaired to the dining room for dinner after which the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Byrd gave a very informative talk regarding the beginning of Templary and its aims and accomplishments. A very fine Conclave indeed. This was the last District Conclave our Sir Knight Jack Hefner will be responsible for since this will be his last year as official District Grand Officer.

JUNE 21; SECOND MEETING OF OFFICERS OF THREE COMMANDERIES RE: 1963 GRAND CONCLAVE. A buffet dinner served (dutch) in the banquet room of A. C. Garrett Commandery at 6:30 o'clock. Sir Knight George Crowdus did the necessary to getting things together and served. Present from DALLAS NO. 6: Dr. Porter, Wm. Staton, Art Weir and Lawrence DeHay. From TANCRED NO. 82: Carl Purnell, Clarence Crow, Boyd Schaffer, Gerald Morton, Jones and Harry Tuer. From GARRETT 103: Allen Terrill, Lynn Stockweather, Lloyd Harrell, C.E. Cason, Sr., Dale E. Miller, Geo. Crowdus and H. Jack Hefner.

The report from the Commanderies: Dallas No. 6 reported that their Commandery has passed a resolution that they wanted to be Co-host and wanted to invite the Grand Commandery to hold its 110th Grand Conclave in Dallas. Tancred Commander Purnell advised that they had passed a MOTION that they too wanted to invite the Grand Conclave for 1963 to be held in Dallas and that they too would be co-host and take care of their prorated cost of the Grand Conclave. Many other things were discussed but the most important thing accomplished was the election of our own Dale E. Miller as General Chairman for the 1963 Conclave with full power to act in that capacity and that any future meeting would be called by the General Chairman. It was moved that each Commandery contribute \$100.00 to the General Fund for the purpose of defraying any expenses that might present themselves in the preparation period.

JULY 7: At six o'clock on this evening a delicious chicken dinner was served, by the O.E.S., to Sir Knights. This dinner was in honor of the Charter Members of Garrett Commandery. At the dinner we had present the following visitors: Harry B. Tuer and Vance K. Miller, both R.E. Past Grand Commanders and Honorary Members of our Commandery. Lawrence DeHay, E. Grand Captain of the Guard, Wm. Staton, Generalissimo of Dallas No. 6 and Sydney A. Verinder, M. E. Grand High Priest also of Dallas No. 6.

Seven SIGNERS OF THE PETITION FOR DISPENSATION were present: L. H. Bohmfalk, M. L. Cowan, H. Jack Hefner, Dale E. Miller, K.E. Stallones, John W. Taylor and Chas. E. Terry. As of this date there are only 18 of the original signers members of the Commandery. Of the 99 members of the Commandery at this time who are CHARTER MEMBERS there were 32 present. The original number of Charter Members was 114. Those present were,

Cleo Anderson, Phil Blakeley, L.H. Bohmfalk, C.E. Cason, Sr., Claude C. Creekmore, M.L. Cowan, R.M. Crowder, W. L. Crowdus, Sr., Dr. J.E. Detweiler, Zack Griffith, H. Jack Hefner, C. M. Henry, L. A. Huffhines, Robt. F. Keyes, Neil Larsen, Wm. G. Liggett, John Marlowe, Dale E. Miller, M. B. Montgomery, T. O. Partridge, Ray Sellinsloh, Ed Sharpe, Joe Smallwood, Cecil L. Smith, John I. Smith, K.E. Stallones, D. D. Stevens, John W. Taylor, Charles E. Terry.

Sir Knight Dale E. Miller, the first Commander of the Commandery, gave a brief word sketch of the first few years of this Commandery and its activities which proved very interesting. After the dinner and history we repaired to the Asylum where the Stated Conclave of the Commandery was held. Not many remained for the Conclave which proves in a great measure that it takes a FEED to get 'em out.

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A motion was made, seconded and approved that Garrett Commandery join with Dallas No. 6 and Tancred No. 82 in inviting the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas to hold their 140th Conclave in Dallas, Texas in June 1963 and also that Garrett Commandery be a JOINT HOST with the other two Commanderies.

A free will offering was taken up in the amount of approximately 135 dollars to pay the hospital expenses of a little boy who needs an operation to correct his crossed eyes. This type of case is not taken by the eye foundation. It was thought best NOT to have this expense paid by the Commandery since we felt it was a matter we did not want the Commandery mixed up in. By the contribution made it shows that charity and love for human kind is still in the hearts of men and particularly Knights Templar. By way of explanation, the Doctor is donating his services which is to be appreciated. Thus closed the 13th anniversary of Alexander C. Garrett Commandery by a most fervent prayer offered by our Ex. Prelate and First Commander, Dale Eugene Miller.