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PROCEEDINGS

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHT TEMPLARS P.H.A.

SHOREMAN HOTEL  
2500 CALVERT STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE 28, 1974

REV. JOHN A. CADE  
GRAND MASTER

JERRY BIGGER  
GRAND RECORDER

# MAILING LIST OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT 1975

Rev. John A. Cade  
Grand Commander Alabama  
1525 Cahaba Street East  
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Jeroem Hoffman  
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Detroit Michigan 48204

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Grand Recorder  
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Grand Recorder  
Prince Hall Gr, Comm.  
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Paul Combs  
Grand Recorder  
Prince Hall GRand Commandery  
Missouri & Arkansas  
507 S. 8th Street  
East St. Louis, Ill. 62201

Wm. Floyd Jackson  
Gr. Commandery Louisiana  
9216 Orleander Street  
New Orleans, La. 70118

Arthur C. Lilly  
Grand REcorder  
John W. Freeman Gr. Comm.  
5556 "B" Street S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20019

Staff S. JOhnson  
Grand REcorder  
Prince Hall Gr. Commandery  
1019 Third Ave.  
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

Hilton Brown  
Grand Commander  
Pelican Grand Commandery  
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Hollywood, Florida. 33020

Eligah Kitchen  
Grand Recorder  
Tarr Hell Grand Commandery  
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John W. Thompson Jr.  
Grand Recorder  
Prince Hall G and Comm.  
8014 S. May Street  
Chicago, Ill. 60620

Albert Chase  
Grand REcorder  
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Ulysses Lee  
Grand Recorder  
Grand Commandery Kentucky  
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Louisville, Kentucky 40211

George C. Jenkins  
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Austin Willians Gr. Comm.  
461 "A" Street  
Clarksville, Tenn. 37040

Alfred A. Dixon  
Grand Commander  
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Grand Recorder  
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT DEPUTIES 1975

John R. Gilmore Penna.  
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Philadelphia, Pa. 19142

Geroge C. Jenkins Tenn.  
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Dayton, Ohio 45427

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1114 Pulaski Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 17202

Levi W. Evans Kansas  
715 Cheyenne Street  
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Bahamas.

Jerome Huffman Michigan  
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William Floyd Jackson La.  
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New Orleans, La. 70118

Hilton Brown Florida  
2242 Forrest Street  
Hollywood, Florida 33020

John F. Boyd Mo.  
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St. Louis, Mo. 63113

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT JUNE 15, 1972  
THROUGH JUNE 15, 1974

Brought Forward June 15, 1972		322.03
6/24/72	18088 John Powell Ads.	25.00
6/26/72	18089 Grand Commandery Illinois	25.00
6/29/72	18090 Grand Commandery Missouri	50.00
6/29/72	18091 Grand Commandery N. C.	50.00
8/8/72	18092 Phyllis McCoy Brochure Committee	377.17
4/5/73	18093 Tar Heel Gr. Commandery	50.00
5/27/73	18094 John W. Freeman Gr. Commandery	50.00
6/30/73	18095 Charles V. Henley Gr. Comm.	50.00
6/30/73	18096 John A. Cade	15.00
6/30/73	18097 George DeBerry	5.00
6/30/73	18098 John A. Cade	5.00
6/30/73	18099 Edward T. Diamond	5.00
6/30/73	18100 Wm. B. Simmons	10.00
7/1/73	18101 Arthur C. Lilly	5.00
7/1/72	18102 Prilly Z. Wright	5.00
7/1/72	18103 John R. Gilmore	5.00
7/1/72	18104 Joe Shoto	5.00
7/1/72	18105 Wm. R. Neblett	5.00
7/1/72	18106 Levi Morris	5.00
7/1/72	18107 Jerome Hoffman	5.00
7/1/72	18108 Luther G. Newby	5.00
7/1/72	18109 Thomas Anderson	5.00
7/1/72	18110 Vincent Fagin	5.00
7/1/72	18111 Paul Combs	5.00
7/1/72	18112 Arthur C. Lilly Registration	1080.00
7/1/72	18113 Louis A. Mitchell Banquet	163.07
7/1/72	18114 Prilly Z. Wright	5.00
7/1/72	18115 Anthony White	5.00
7/1/72	18116 Raymond Cheeks	5.00
7/1/72	18117 Louis A. Mitchell	5.00
7/1/72	18118 Wm. R. Sommons donation	25.00
7/1/72	18119 Arthur C. Lilly Donation	25.00
7/1/72	18120 Wm. L. Alston donation	25.00
7/5/73	18121 Grand Commandery Kansas & Mo.	50.00
7/13/73	18122 Charles V. Henley Gr. Comm.	75.00
8/4/73	18123 Grand Commandery Kansas and Mo.	50.00
12/10/73	18124 Grand Commandery NY 1973 and 1974	100.00
1/6/74	18125 Tar Heel Grand Commandery	50.00
1/21/74	18126 Austin Williams Gr. Comm.	50.00
3/18/74	18127 John W. Freeman Gr. Comm.	50.00
5/4/74	18128 Mt. Calvary Gr. Comm.	50.00
5/15/74	18129 Naomi P. Inge registration	18.50
5/20/74	18130 Luther G. Newby registration	37.00
5/21/74	18131 Ed. Chambers registration	18.50
5/21/74	18132 Jerry Bigger registration	18.50
6/12/74	18133 Elizabeth O. Benjamin registration	18.50
6/12/74	18134 Carrie Brooks registration	18.50
6/12/74	18135 Lucy Davidson registration	18.50
6/12/74	18136 Forrest L. Hudson registration	18.50
6/12/74	18137 Elease D. Lewis registration	18.50
6/12/74	18138 Lillie Peterson registration	18.50
6/12/74	18139 Elmira H. Parker registration	18.50
6/12/74	18140 Carrye Robinson registration	18.50



6/12/74	18141	Dorothy Robinson registration	18.50
6/12/74	18142	Rebecca Ricks registration	18.50
6/12/74	18143	Lilliam M. Tillman registration	18.50
6/12/74	18144	Louise Turner registration	18.50
6/12/74	18145	Jessie West registration	18.50
6/12/74	18146	Glenny Lankford registration	18.50
6/12/74	18147	Acadia Lodge #25 tickets	13.00
6/14/74	18148	Grand Commandery Kansas	50.00

Total Receipts

\$3321.77

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\$3321.77

Disbursements

1729.25

Balance carried forward

\$1592.52

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Bigger  
Grand Recorder

GENERAL GRAND TREASURER

June 28, 1974

REPORT OF TREASURER - JUNE 16, 1972 THROUGH June 15, 1974

RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RECEIPT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Brought forward June 16, 1972		\$322.03
6/24/72	18088	25.00
6/26/72	18089	25.00
7/29/72	18090	50.00
7/29/72	18091	50.00
8/8/72	18092	377.17
4/5/73	18093	50.00
6/27/73	18094	50.00
6/30/73	18095	50.00
6/30/73	18096	15.00
6/30/74	18097	5.00
6/30/73	18098	5.00
6/30/74	18099	5.00
6/30/74	18100	10.00
7/1/73	18101	5.00
7/1/73	18102	5.00
7/1/73	18103	5.00
7/1/73	18104	5.00
7/1/73	18105	5.00
7/1/73	18106	5.00
7/1/73	18107	5.00
7/1/73	18108	5.00
7/1/73	18109	5.00
7/1/73	18110	5.00
7/1/73	18111	5.00

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7/1/73	18112	1080.00
7/1/73	18113	163.07
7/1/73	18114	5.00
7/1/73	18115	5.00
7/1/73	18116	5.00
7/1/73	18117	5.00
7/1/73	18118	25.00
7/1/73	18119	25.00
7/1/73	18120	25.00
7/5/73	18121	50.00
7/13/73	18122	75.00
8/4/73	18123	50.00
12/10/73	18124	100.00
1/6/74	18125	50.00
1/21/74	18126	50.00
3/18/74	18127	50.00
5/4/74	18128	50.00
5/15/74	18129	18.50
5/20/74	18130	37.00
5/21/74	18131	18.50
5/21/74	18132	18.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS AS OF JUNE 15, 1974

\$2999.77

## DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Voucher	For	Amount
6/24/72	43	Brochure Committee-1 page ad in 1972 Souvenir Journal	\$33.00
6/30/72	44	Brochure Committee-Ad in 1972 Souvenir Journal	25.00
7/28/72	45	New Orleans Convention & Registration Service	10.00
7/28/72	46	William L. Alston-Expenses for Office of Grand Master	75.00
9/23/72	47	William G. Winstead-Flowers for funeral of William L. Alston, Jr.	15.60
9/23/72	48	International Grand Court Cyrene Crusader 1/2 share of profits from 1972 Convention	745.58
9/23/72	49	Anthony White-Balance of Expenses	100.00
9/24/72	50	Jerry Bigger-Expenses of Recorder	306.07
9/24/72	51	Arthur C. Lillie-donation to treasurer	50.00
10/18/72	52	Heroines of Jericho-Ad in Souvenir Journal	15.00
2/20/73	53	Grenadier Club-Repast and use of meeting room on 1/27/73	45.00
2/20/73	54	Cyrene-Crusaders-Ad in Souvenir Journal	16.50
3/13/73	55	Recorder of Deeds (D.C.)-Annual Registration Fee	1.00
4/11/73	56	Grenadier Club-Repast and use of meeting room on 3/24/73	85.00

## DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED

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9/22/73	57	William L. Alston-Expenses for Office of Grand Master	80.00
9/22/73	58	VOID	
9/22/73	59	Franklin Motor Inn (Philadelphia)-Use of meeting room	26.50
12/10/73	60	John A. Cade-Transportation to cabinet meetings	100.00
4/9/74	61	William A. McNair-Deposit on Brochure printing	100.00
4/9/74	62	Recorder of Deeds (D.C.)-1974 Registration	1.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AS OF JUNE 15, 1974

\$1830.25

RECAP

Total brought forward and received	\$2999.77
Less total disbursements	1830.25

Balance carried forward June 16, 1974

\$1169.52

Fraternally submitted

Arthur C. Lilly  
General Grand Treasurer



GRAND ENCAMPMENT DISBURSEMENTS JUNE 15, 1972 THROUGH JUNE 15, 1974

6/24/72	43	Brochure Committee	25.00
6/30/72	44	Brochure Committee	33.00
6/28/72	45	Greater New Orleans Tourist Committee	10.00
7/28/72	46	Wm. L. Alston	75.00
9/23/72	47	Wm. G. Ungstead	15.00
9/23/72	48	International Grand Court	745.00
9/23/72	49	Anthony White	100.00
9/24/72	50	Jerry Bigger	306.07
9/24/72	51	Arthur C. Lilly	50.00
10/18/72	52	Heroines of Jericho	15.00
2/20/73	53	Grenaider Club	45.00
2/20/73	54	Cyrenes Crusaders	16.50
9/22/73	55	Recorder of Deeds	1.00
9/22/73	56	Grenaider Club	85.00
9/22/73	57	Wm. L. Alston	80.00
9/22/73	58	Grand Commandery New York (returned)	12.00
9/22/73	59	Franklin Motor Inn	26.50
12/10/73	60	John A. Cade	100.00

Total	\$1741.25
Less Returned Check	12.00-

Disbursements \$1729.25\*

EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER JUNE 15, 1972 THROUGH JUNE 15, 1974

Printing of 100 Proceedings 1974

Memo Paper	27.50
100 Binders	12.00
3 Reams stencils	13.50
Memo Ink	7.00
Secretary work	60.00
Staples and Misc. materials	12.00
	\$132.00
Notices of Cabinet meetings	15.00
Proclamations and Grand Encampment notices	8.00
Mailing of proceedings	11.00
Mailing of Annual reports	14.00
Telegrams and cards	28.00
General mailing	20.00
Stencils	4.75
• Printing of Stationery	28.40
Postage	35.00
Misc. office supplies	42.00
Phone calls	22.00

\$228.15

TOTAL Expenses \$360.15

Jerry Bigger  
Grand Recorder

Shoreham Hotel  
June 28, 1974

To the Grand Master Honorable William L. Alston, Deputy Grand Master, All Encampment Officers and Sir Knights.

The Audit Committee has examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, we find that both setsof books are well kept and up-to-date. All receipts, vouchers and checks are accounted for.

Our present bank balance as of June, 1974 is \$1,160.96.

The May Bank Statement shows \$480.46

Bank Deposits	June 4, 1974	\$92.50
	June 7, 1974	50.00
	June 11 1974	272.00
	June 19 1974	216.00
	June 26 1974	50.00
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	Total Deposits	\$680.50
	Bank Statements	480.46
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	Total on Hand	\$1160.96

Respectfully submitted,

Prilly Z. Wright  
Jerome M. Hoffman  
Paul Combs  
Samuel J. Warren

Grand encampment tax paid through june 15, 1974

Prince Hall Grand Commandery New York	\$50.00
Tarr Hell Grand Commandery North Caroline	50.00
Austin M. Williams Grand Commandery Tennessee	50.00
John W. Freeman Grand Commandery, DC	50.00
Mt. Calvary Grand Commandery New Jersey	50.00
Prince Hall Grand Commandery Kansas	50.00
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PAID AFTER CLOSE OF BOOKS

Prince Hall Grand Commandery Illinois	50.00
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Total Paid	\$350.00
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Shoreman Hotel  
2500 Calvert St., N. W.  
Washington, DC  
June 28, 1974

An occasional Grand Commandery was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by John W. Freeman Grand Commandery. The following officers: Em. Sir Ed. Chambers, Grand Generalissimo, Em. Sir Arthur White, Past Grand Commander Samuel Warren, Prelate Past Grand Commander Benjamin Shellman, Warder Past Grand Commander Prilly Wright of Ohio, Sentinel Past Grand Commander Raymond Sheeks of Mass. and Sentinel Past Grand Commander Jerome Hoffman of Michigan.

The Grand Commandery was opened in due and ancient form for the purpose of receiving the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and his cabinet. Following the opening ceremony, the Deputy Grand Master, Em. Sir John A. Cade, was received. Upon assuming his station remarks were made by Past Grand Commander Shellman of the District on the history of the Grand Encampment and the Deputy Grand Master spoke on the Biblical Sir Knights.

It was announced that the Grand Master, Em. Sir William L. Alston was at the outer door and wished to be admitted. The Sir Knights were called to attention and the Grand Master was escorted into the asylum under an arch of steel. The Grand Master was introduced and escorted to the East. The time 10:30am.

A roll call of jurisdictions found a quorum present. The roll call of officers was made and absentees noted. The Grand Master finding the necessary jurisdictions and officers present declared the Grand Encampment opened for such business as would come before it.

Minutes of the evening session of the last conclave were read and on motion by Em. Sir Jerome Hoffman of Michigan and seconded by Em. Sir Paul Combs of Mo. that the minutes be received and adopted with necessary corrections. Motion carried by vote of the body.

The credential committee report was given by Em. Sir Arthur C. Lilly. The report gave a total of 30 Sir Knights present and 62 Cyrene Crusaders. A motion by Deputy Grand Master John A. Cade that the partial report be received and the committee continued was seconded by Em. Sir Paul Combs. This motion carried by vote of the majority.

The Grand Master reminded the Sir Knights of the pledge of \$25.00 from all grand officers had not been fully complied with. Em. Sir Paul Combs of Mo. asked for a clarification of the pledge of \$25.00. This action was taken at the Grand Encampment in New Orleans in order to give more working capital.

The annual report of the Treasurer was given by Em. Sir Lilly and a motion was made by Em. Sir Hilton Brown of Florida that his report be received and turned over to the committee on audit. This motion was properly seconded and carried.

The report of the Recorder was given by the Grand Recorder.



This report was received on motion by Em. Sir Paul Combs of Mo. with a proper second and turned over to the committee on audit. This motion carried by vote of the Encampment.

The following committee was appointed on audit. Em. Sir Prilly Z. Wright of Ohio, Jerome Hoffman of Michigan, Samuel Warren of the District of Columbia, Joe Shoto of Illinois, and Paul Combs of Mo.

The report of the Deputy for the jurisdiction of Kansas, Em. Sir Levi Evans was given and a motion by Em. Sir Benjamin Shellman of the District of Columbia that the report be received and become a part of the records was seconded and carried by vote.

The following committees were appointed: Nomination Committee, Raymond Cheeks and Joseph Shoto.  
Jurisprudence Committee: Levi Morris, Raymond Cheeks, and John A. Cade, Prilly Z. Wright and Anthony White  
Budget and finance: Joe Shoto, Prilly Z. Wright and Arthur C. Lilly.  
Foreign and Fraternal Relations: Anthony White and Edward Diamond  
Time and Place Committee: John A. Cade, Anthony White and Jerome Hoffman  
Grand Masters Address: Hilton Brown, John A. Cade, and Prilly Z. Wright.  
Regalia: Arthur C. Lilly, Joseph Carson.  
Credentials: Arthur C. Lilly, Louis A. Mitchell, Luther Newby.  
Grand Officers transactions: John A. Cade, Jerry Bigger  
Appeals and Grievances: John Gilmore, Wm. Floyd Jackson, Zebedee McCrary  
Time and Place: John A. Cade, Anthony White, Raymond Cheeks, Prilly Z. Wright, Jerome Hoffman  
Rituals and Ceremony: Samuel Warren, Hilton Brown, Luther Newby, Paul Combs.  
Necrology: John A. Cade, Hilton Brown, Edward T. Diamond.  
Rules and Regulations: Levi Morris, Anthony White, Louis A. Mitchell  
Constitution and By Laws: Samuel Warren, John Gilmore, Louis A. Mitchell, John A. Cade, Raymond Cheeks, James Reasby.  
York Cross of Honor: Warren Foley, Louis A. Mitchell, Anthony White, Raymond Cheeks, John Gilmore.

The illness of Em. Sir John R. Gilmore of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania was called to the attention of the Grand Encampment, also the illness of Em. Sir Zebedee McCrary, Em. Sir Levi Morris, and Em. Sir Joe Shoto gave remarks as to the need to give some form of expression to them in time of illness. A motion was made by Em. Sir Levi Morris that a life membership be given Em. Sir Gilmore. This motion was not accepted but the sum of \$26.00 was donated by the Sir Knights to be sent to Em. Sir Gilmore with a card. Any other consideration for those ill to be referred to the committee on Foreign and Fraternal Relations.

Grand Master gave remarks on the office of Grand Historian and the need for all who had information to send it to the office of Em. Sir Benjamin Shellman. Em. Sir Shellman is the Grand Historian for the Grand Encampment.

The morning Session of the Grand Encampment was called off at 12:15 to return at 1:30 p.m.  
Total registrations-55 Sir Knights and 85 Cyrene Crusaders.



Deputy Grand Master, Very Eminent Grand Wardens, Grand Encampment Officers Elected and Appointed, Grand Eminent Commanders, Sir Knight

First, may we give thanks to almighty God for caring for us through another encampment year.

Although, the year seems so short and many things we wanted to do and the things that we failed to do, the opportunity for doing them has passed with the year.

However, may the reflections of our successes, linger as a shining light and eternal force to motivate and inspire us on to our ultimate goal of rebuilding and fostering the growth of knighthood.

As we are thus assembled today may we pray for continued strength, comfort, inspiration and unity in the fellowship of all Sir Knights and pledge our continued support in defending the Christian Religion, helpless widow, feeding the poor and hungry and binding the wounds of the afflicted.

### NECROLOGY

To the many magnanimous and valiant Sir Knights all over the domain that have given their best to the cause of Knighthood, may we render a brief prayer to our fallen comrades that have gone to a better home. Very excellent Grand prelate, lead us in a brief prayer to the memory of all who have paid this great reward this year.

### EDUCATION

The students seemingly are more inclined to pursue their studies and less inclined to create campus disturbances. However, the threat of teacher strikes and working conditions are still paramount and adding to the confusion. I'm happy to note that streaking, the new college fad was very short lived and not participated in by all college students.

### Growth

There are very encouraging signs throughout many of the jurisdictions that the Knight Templars are increasing their numbers. I'm constantly praying that these healthy signs of growth will continue to prevail. May the jurisdictions continue to work harder, in order for this trend to continue.

There are still some programs that I have suggested that would produce healthier signs of growth and development, but somehow the suggestions are not being implemented. Such as: York Cross of Honor, Parade Fund, Uniformity (work, tactics and dress), Sectional drill teams for competition, regular field encampments, assisting in reactivating commanderies and supplying necessary assistance in creating and dubbing Sir Knights where help is needed. During the past year several jurisdictions have been reinstated and I would welcome similar action from others. A Grand Commandery has been chartered in the Bahamas through the cooperative efforts of the jurisdiction of Florida.

## TRAVEL

It has been my fervent desire to visit all jurisdictions, however, please accept my apology for my limited number of visits during the past two years. Our limited resources (money) and other shortages (gasoline) have curtailed my visits. However, the following is my itinerary for the past two years, in August of 1972, I journeyed to Alabama to attend their Grand Convocation which was held in Anderson, Alabama. Had an enjoyable stay fraternizing with various Sir Knight. In September of 72, I traveled to New York, where I had an important executive meeting. I went back to New York, again in October to attend their annual Conclave; December was spent putting together the Christmas Toast and mailing same to all jurisdictions.

In January of "73" another executive meeting was called in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April of "73", I was in Kansas City, Kansas, attending their annual Conclave and the trip was very rewarding. In June of "73", I journeyed to Chicago, attended the Grand Session of the General Grand Conference of Holy Royal Arch Mason and brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Encampment Knight Templars. I went to Columbus, Ohio in August and attended Grand Conclave for Knights Templars there. Also, in August, I attended the Grand Conclave of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and brought greetings in behalf of the Grand Encampment. October of "73" I visited the Grand jurisdictions of New York and Washington, DC during the Grand Annual Convocations. In December of "73" I again sent the Christmas Toast to all of the jurisdictions. January, of 1974, I visited the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and attended their conferring of the Knights Templar degree. January, February, March, and April, I have been very busy organizing the Grand Encampment's convention for Washington, DC. In April, we sent a charter to the jurisdiction of Florida for the Grand Eminent Commander of the jurisdiction of Florida to present to the newly organized Grand Commandery of the Bahamas. Also, attended the Easter Sun Rise Services here in the District of Columbia, as well as, visited all of the subordinate commanderies in the District of Columbia during the past year.

Even though we are operating with limited finances, I feel as though I was able to reach a good number of jurisdictions, although, I would honestly like to visit more for I believe that a great deal more of beneficial work could be performed in aiding the growth and development of Templar work through personal contact.

## GOVERNMENT

With the slow and painful withdrawal from world conflicts and wars and the apparent lull in our space program our attention has been focused on another great evil.

Our elected leaders, in whom we had placed our faith and confidence, only to learn that we are being betrayed. The ugly wounds and scars are beginning to surface and those whom we held in the highest esteem are great question marks. Watergate, energy crisis, inflation and shortages of many essential commodities.

If the people, our great leaders, whom we put our faith and trust in, continue to betray us what are we going to do?

We need to analyze and scrutinize our future politicians before we react to hastily, pray for those who have failed us and brought disrespect to our country and hope that we can bale out of this turmoil without receiving to many scars.

Especially, the black people along with many others can be thankful and continue to pray for that (Black Guard) that was instrumental in starting this hideous revelation. I believe that was an act of divine providence. In closing I would like to recite this poem, entitled, "Give Me Your Grace."

#### GIVE ME YOUR GRACE

Dear God, I want to live for you...In thought and word and deed...  
So I may ask for comfort in...The Hour of my need...I want to gain  
your promise and...The blessings You bestow...But, oh my, flesh is  
feeble and...My progress is so slow...I have the common weaknesses  
...Of selfishness and pride...And other faults that are so hard...  
For me to put aside...Please give me grace to hear Your word...  
and glimpse Your guiding light...That I may walk with You each day  
...And not be lost at night...Or else it may be beyond years before...  
My spirit is resigned...And possibly Your path will be...The one I  
never find.

Selected from "Daily Poem Portraits", by James J. Metcalfe

Also, accompanying this stewardship are the expenses of my office  
for the past two years.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

William L. Alston  
Grand Master, Grand Encampment  
Knights Templars  
USA and Foreign Jurisdictions, Inc.  
P. H. A.



## Committee on Rules

Your committee on Rules hereby recommend the following:

1. That this Grand Encampment continue its business sessions on Saturday, June 29, 1974 and convene at 9 a.m.
2. That the Tentative Program set out in printed program be followed and the session be called off for recess at 12 noon for lunch.
3. That the session will be called on at 1:30 for continuations of business and called off at 2 p.m. for joint memorial session.
4. That the session will be called to order on Sunday morning, 9 a.m. at 9 and remain in session until business is finished.
5. The committee recommended that the usual and customary rules of order be followed in order to expedite time.

That proper courtesy be given by the Sir Knights and that were technical parliamentary structures, and strictness, give way to the the intent of this Grand Encampment, time being important.

That the Grand Master limit remarks and debates accordingly.

Fraternally,

Levi Morris, Chairman  
Rev. John A. Cade  
Anothony White



Shoreham Hotel  
Washington, DC  
June 30, 1974

Committee on Grand Master Address

Eminent Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General  
other Grand officers.

We your committee submits this our report on Grand Masters address.

We carefully noted its contents and found it very informative,  
challenging, also emulative as well as admonishing.

The area he covered are very vital to us as a Grand Encampment  
also to the notion.

He touched on the following:

1. General Introduction
2. Necrology-emulation to our spiritual departure
3. Education vital to guidance in life leading to a better life
4. Growth important to development
5. Travel necessary to service
6. Government. To orderly direction for National Survival.

These areas greatly affect our lives and offer guides for our  
daily living also Spiritual innovations.

They challenge us on this fronts and we hope that we can profit  
by them specially as Knights Templar Masons.

May we commend him for such wonderful address and pray Gods bles-  
sing upon him and also ask for him Spiritual guidance in his  
leadership.

Humbly submitted,

Signed Rev. John A. Cade, Chairman  
His Travel and expenses meets our compliance.

Gen. G. Prilly Z. Wrights  
Hitton Brown

Report of the Grand Deputy of the State of Alabama

To the VE Grand Master, other Grand Officers and Sir Knights

Greetings:

As deputy for our fair state, I am happy to submit this my report for the past and present years concerning our work in the state.

First: The Spirit of Knights templarism is beginning to make its self felt. The Cyrenes under most Grand Princess Commandress Carrie B. Burns are making good progress. There have been three more Cyrene courts added making a total of eighteen courts. We are hoping for at least 2 more before the year is out, bringing the total to 20.

Last May, I was able to set up the 10th Commandery in our state and increased our over all membership to 200 or more.

In our Grand Conclave on July 20, 21, 222 in our general session, charters will be presented to both Cyrene and Commandery at high noon on Sunday, July 20, 1974 in Mobile, Alabama.

#### Uniforms

We are beginning to catch the uniform spirit. I have requested all eminent of commanders to get uniforms and other officers and Sir Knights to do likewise. We hope to be presentable when the Grand Encampment comes to us next year.

We solicit your prayers for our continued progress. We lost three Sir Knights by death: Sir R. H. Rice, Sir J. L. Merkerson and Sir Joe Lacey. Sir Merkerson was the Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter for the state jurisdiction. Looking to see you in our next Grand Conclave in Birmingham, Alabama.

I am fraternally yours,

Sir Rev. John A. Cade  
Grand Deputy

Report of his VE Grand Deputy Grand Master

Shoreham Americana Hotel  
2500 Calvert Street, N. W.  
Washington, DC

To Most Eminent Grand Master Wm. L. Austin  
VE Grand Generalissimo Very Eminent Grand  
Captain General, Other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment  
of North American and its jurisdiction Inc.

Greetings:

The Lord has done great things for us where of we are glad, values  
after a years respite we are now in our grand conclave in the  
Shoreham Americana Hotel in the National Capital, Washington, DC.

It is with great delight to be in the home of our Grand Master,  
VE Sir William L. Alston under the Shadow of the Various Govern-  
ment building and monuments. The Congress in session with the  
president absent probably in Russia. Much appreciation is offered  
to the Host Commandery for their acceptance.

We view the horizon and visualize the many formidable foes of  
Christiandom in the various forms, many very detrimental to govern-  
ment and society, the condition demands our best efforts to erad-  
icate them even including watergate.

Knights Templarism must march to meet the above mentioned foes.  
Knighthood is a glorious and rewarding duty of ours and is expect-  
ing of us to give our best efforts. After the battle there is a  
victor and the vanquished from the annals of past history the  
barrer of the cross has always triumphed over the wicked foes.

To us as members and officers of this grand old order of masonry,  
may we be animated to continue until victory is achieved.

As Grand Deputy, I have followed with our Grand Master for the  
past six years. Many times in the light and many times in some  
darkness and had to feel my way around yet I keep the faith. Now  
I am ready to be led to the marvelous light with the cross as the  
illuminating symbol.

I have been constant touch with the Grand Master by letter and  
telephone. I was able to sustain our invitation by making the  
necessary arrangements for our 1975 Grand Conclave in our fair  
city-Birmingham, Alabama. I have for our information the necessary  
materials for the guidance of fame.

In 1973, I attended two executive committee meeting in this city  
at a cost of \$225.00 or more. I sent the Grand Master, the Grand  
Princess Commandress also the Coordinator literature from two  
hotels confirming our acceptance for the 1975 coming convention.

Now that we are now in session, let us look to the cross as our guiding light and ask God to lend us his Spirit to guide us in the ways of all truth.

Humbly submitted  
VE Sir Rev. J. A. Cade

Grand Deputy

Committee on Time and Place

We the committee on Time and Place beg to make this our report.

Due to the limitation of time at our executive meeting in March, 1973, our invitation was extended by the Alabama Jurisdiction to the Grand Encampment to hold the 1975 convention in the state of Alabama, city of Birmingham. Letters to both the Knights Templar and Cyrene to that effect were sent to our titular heads for their consideration in June, 1973 and was accepted at the next interim meeting.

We the members of the committee recommend that we sustain the acceptance of the executive committees transaction and hold our next session in Birmingham, Alabama. The Charles V. Hendley Grand Commandery as host, June 26, 27, 28, 1974.

Signed,

Em Sir John A. Cade, Chairman  
Anthony White  
Raymond Cheek  
Prilly Wright  
Jerome Hoffman



Masonic Temple  
Dayton, Ohio  
October 26, 1974

#### MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with prayer by the Grand Master, E. Sir John A. Cade.

After the opening the Grand Master gave the opening remarks outlining the purpose of the meeting and the order in which the agenda would be carried out. The date of the Grand Conclave to be June 27, 28, and 29. The place of the conclave to be Birmingham, Alabama and held at the Parliament House Motor Hotel. The Grand Master greeted the members in attendance and thanked them for their presence.

The Grand Princess Commandress gave opening remarks and expressed her pleasure for being present at this meeting and expressed hope that the jurisdiction of Ohio would find it possible to participate in the Grand Encampment. She commented on the need for greater cooperation from Sir Knights. This is relation to work with the Sisters.

Em. Sir Prilly Z. Wright extended a welcome to the jurisdiction and expressed a desire to do all possible for the comfort and pleasure during our stay there.

Remarks were made by Past Grand Master William L. Alston in which he stated the need for cooperation from all Jurisdictions, especially from their heads to make the Grand Encampment a success.

The minutes of the executive committee meetings in Alabama were read in order that the cabinet might be aware of the plans suggested for the Grand Conclave.

The registration fee for the Grand Conclave to be \$18.50 was made on motion by Sister Webster and seconded by Em. Sir Brooks. This motion was lost on vote. It was determined that a breakdown on cost as follows: \$10.00 for banquet, \$7.00 for registration, \$1.00 for Queens Contest, \$1.50 for Tour, and \$1.50 for badges and kits would not be covered. A new motion that the fee be \$20.00 was made by Sister Webster and seconded by Em. Sir Lilly. This motion was carried by vote.

The dance to be worked out by the host committee. A price of \$200.00 was given as cost for the band, a motion by Em. Sir Wright and seconded by Sister Farrar that the host jurisdiction sponsor the dance was made and carried.

The committee selected by the host jurisdiction to carry out the needs for the convention was approved by the members present.

The local committee was empowered to select the chairman and co-chairman for the tours on motion by the committee present.

It was approved that the Upper Room Services be hld on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and to be in the hotel.

It was approved that 500 Souvenir Journals be printed and any left over to be distributed evenly between the two bodies. It was also and stated that Em. Sir Wright would be responsible for getting the extra books to the Sisters.

The Grand Master asked about the agenda as previously arranged. It was adopted that the Grand Master make any necessary changes in the agenda needed to make his program adaptable to the jurisdiction.

The Menu for the meals to be selected by the local committee at nominal expense. The rates for the hotel were given but also are on the reservation forms.

The finance committee gave a report of finances dating from the last conclave for information and the report was adopted on motion.

The Grand Master stated the need for another meeting for the committee before the Grand Conclave, to be held at a location centrally located. Time and place to be given later.

The business of the meeting having been completed as far as possible to date the meeting closed with Prayer by the Grand Master.

Jerry Bigger  
Grand Recorder

Present at meeting:

Em. Sir Prilly Z. Wright  
Em. Sir William L. Alston  
Em. Sir Luther Newby  
Em. Sir Arthur C. Lilly  
Em. Sir C. H. Brooks  
Em. Sir Jerome Hoffman  
E. Sir Jerry Bigger  
Sister Ocille Webster  
Sister Alfreda Farrar  
Em. Sir John A. Cade

Franklin Motor Inn  
22nd & Parkway  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
April 5, 1975

A cabinet meeting of the Grand Encampment was called to order by the Grand Master, Em. Sir John A. Cade at 11:00 A.M. Opening prayer by the Grand Master.

- Remarks were given by the Grand Master on progress to date.
- Communications with the Grand Princess Commandress on their plans for the Annual Session were read with necessary instructions as were necessary to give related to the structure of the Grand Encampment and its realations with the Cyrenes Crusaders.

The agenda for the meeting included written materials which were distributed. A course of action to better conditions for the present day. A suggestion that a tax of \$1.00 per sir Knight be given by all jurisdictions. A discussion on the structure of the Grand Encampment and the need for changes to make progress.

The Queens Contest is not to be included in the package. . It was noted that the original Queens and Kings Contest was started to make funds for the Grand Encampment. A discussion as to the type of Dress for the Ball was held. A motion was made by Sir Shellman and seconded that all Sir Knights wear uniform. This motion carried.

Minutes of the last executive meeting were read and adopted on motion by Sir Huffman with a proper second.

A question as to what session of the Grand Encampment his would be and it was agreed that on an annual bassis this would be the 49th. This means we should be prepared for the Golden annivesary in the year of 1976/

It was noted that the sections of the constitution as they were revised did not include the \$50.00 annual tax. Since this was a part of the original and no move had been made to chance this wouls remain .

Sir Knight Fagin was appointed as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Encampment.

Discussions were held on means of getting full support from all jurisdictions. A method of meeting with all Grand Commanders and a long range plan for cooperation.

- A proposal for an agreement loan from all Sir Knights was accepted and the following were appointed as trustees of the special fund to be set up. Jerome Huffman, William B. Simmons and William Neblett. The Finincial officers to be the Officers of the Grand Encampment.

The busines of the Special meeting being concluded the meeting was closed with orayer by the Grand Master.

Jerry Bigger  
Grand Recorder



# REPORT OF 1974 CONVENTION

## RECEIPTS

DATE	SOURCE	AMOUNT
6/26/74	Advance Registrations (31 @ 18.74 each)	\$ 573.50
6/30/74	Registrations, Banquet Tickets and Sight-seeing Tour at Convention	1879.50
7/22/74	Brochure Committee	1192.75
8/28/74	Irene A. Carter-Extra Brochures	5.00
10/22/74	William H. Bennett-Half page ad in brochure	30.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$3680.75*

## EXPENSES

DATE	FOR	AMOUNT
4/9/74	William A. McNair-Deposit on Brochure Printing	\$ 100.00
6/24/74	H. L. Wholfarth-100 Badges for Convention	36.40
6/27/74	William A. McNair-Balance for printing brochure	690.00
7/1/74	Shoreham Americana Hotel-Services for Convention	1643.92
7/3/74	Metro Bus Co.-2 buses for sightseeing tour	148.00
7/3/74	William A. McNair-Printing of Programs for Convention	57.00
7/8/74	John W. Freeman Grand Commandery-Reimbursement of funds advances to cover kits deposit on band and printing of banquet tickets for convention	239.38
10/22/74	Washington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau-Use of Clerks and Typewriters at Convention	83.50
10/22/74	William H. Bennett-Hotel Room at Convention	80.16
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3078.36*

## RECAP

Total Receipts	\$3680.75
Less Total Expenses	3078.36
Net Profit	\$ 602.39

\$602.39 divided by 2 = \$301.19

Fraternally submitted,  
 William L. Alston  
 Jerry Bigger  
 Arthur C. Lilly



## DEPUTY'S REPORT

M. E. Sir William L. Alston, Grand Master, Grand Encampment Officers, Grand Commanders, Past and Present of the several jurisdictions and Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the U.S.A. and Foreign Jurisdictions.

As Deputy for the state of Kansas beg leave submit my report for 1973-1974. We were honored with Grand Master Alston being the guest of the G. E. Grand Commander of Kansas at our 1973 conclave held in Kansas City, Kansas.

We in the sunflower state are very fortunate that our subordinate eminent commanders are working hard and the membership in our jurisdiction has shown stedly growth. We are also fortunate in that the Holy Royal Arch and Knights Templar works together as many of our Past Grand and Subordinate High Priests are also Past Grand and subordinate eminent Commanders.

We have had our ranks invaded by the Grim Reaper, Death; who took our beloved M. W. Grand Master P. G. Porter and R. W. Deputy Grand Master Vern T. Watts. They answered the final summons from the Grand Master of the Universe. We lost others also. We are thankful for the active support that Deputy Grand Master Watts gave to York Rite Masonry. He attended our 1973 session.

Our cyrene crusaders are doing much for us to be justly proud.

### OFFICIAL ACTS

Attended the Masonic Services for G. M. Porter.  
Attended the Masonic Services for D. G. M. Watts.  
Attended the Heroines of Jericho Grand Session.  
Along with the Cyrene Crusaders Session, attended the Scottish Rite Council of deliberation.  
Brought greetings where ever possible on behalf of the Grand Encampment. I have attended initiations to encourage more masons to become Knights Templar.

By having Grand Master Alston visiting Kansas we feel that our jurisdiction will become a stronger supporter of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar. We have the promise of Honorary Past Grand Commander, George E. Van Hook, General Grand Prelate Edward T. Diamond, Jr. and myself to attend the 1974 Grand Encampment.

Other Sir Knights have also expressed a desire to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Levie W. Evans 32+  
Deputy for the State of Kansas