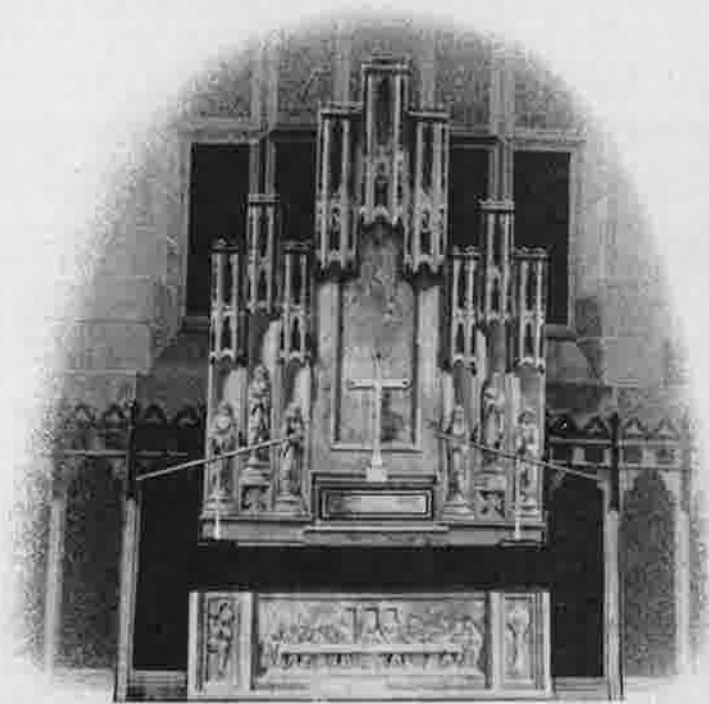


Worth Commandery No. 19
Knights Templar



Worth Commandery No. 19 Asplum

Centennial Banquet
Americana Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas
April 20, 1985

**Worth Commandery No. 19
Initial Meeting Place 1885**



**2nd and Main Streets
Fort Worth, Texas**

Worth Commandery No. 19 Early History

On the night of November 12, 1884, Sir Knight N. W. Hunter, Deputy Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of Texas, together with a sizeable delegation from Dallas Commandery No. 6 and representatives of two other Commanderies, came to the Masonic Hall in Fort Worth and there, acting under a special dispensation, opened a Commandery and set to work under the name of Worth Commandery U.D. So record the printed proceedings of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, 1884. This marks the first official opening of a Commandery in Fort Worth and the instigation of Worth No. 19.

The printed proceedings further record: "The Commandery was then closed, and the Sir Knights of Worth Commandery then....regaled all the Sir Knights with an elegant repast, suitably arranged, tastefully decorated, bountifully served and lavishly partaken..."

A charter for the formation of Worth Commandery No. 19 was issued on April 17, 1885. Its initial meeting place was in the same building with Fort Worth Lodge No. 148 at 2nd and Main Streets. Its membership was, and still is, composed mostly of Masons in Tarrant County bodies.

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Later History

Worth Commandery has the long-standing distinction of being the largest Commandery in the world. Membership peaked in the late 1940's at 3,800, and maintains a current membership of 2,800. Worth Commandery moved to the Masonic Temple at 1100 Henderson, the current location, in 1932, the year the Temple was completed. The Asylum is filled with historic grandeur and is acclaimed as the most beautiful in the world. Its sanctuary has been an inspiration to Sir Knights of many distinctions.

Worth Commandery has been competitive throughout the years with its Ritualistic Teams, Drill Teams, and Charitable sponsorships. Its drill teams and ritualistic teams have earned numerous state and national championships. Six Grand Commanders and three Honorary Grand Commanders from Worth Commandery have proudly served our fraternity.

A genuine concern for the needs of others continues to be the primary motivation of our great Commandery. First in importance, and national in scope, is the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Every Sir Knight is represented and committed to this great humanitarian endeavor. Of equal significance is the promotion and support of the Educational Foundation to insure the continuing higher education of young men and women who will be our future leaders.

As the curtain falls on this Grand Birthday Party, we have already set our sights on the progress and the needs of the rapidly expanding society of the twenty-first century. We have fashioned our plans and dreams on what the next century will bring to our fraternity . . . and the world.



Sir Knight Ned C. Dull
Most Eminent Grand Master
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
United States of America

One hundred years ago, on April 17, 1885, the City of Fort Worth, Texas, achieved a major Masonic milestone when it became the home of a new Constituent Commandery of Knights Templar. On that date, the Grand Commandery of Texas, itself a mere 30 years old, issued the charter for Worth Commandery No. 19. The 25 members who were listed *on the books* for that first year probably had little idea that Fort Worth would grow into prominence as one of Texas' foremost cities or that 100 years later Worth Commandery would be able to celebrate its centennial with 2,820 members.

Over the past century, Masonry in Texas has grown by leaps and bounds. Templar Masonry, in particular, has enjoyed a spectacular history in the Lone Star State. And all indications are that this is only the beginning.

As Worth Commandery No. 19 embarks on its second century, it has a rich past to draw upon, and an even richer future to mold. As one of the largest Commanderies in number within the Grand Encampment, it serves as a shining success story for other Commanderies to follow.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., salutes the officers and members of Worth Commandery No. 19 on its 100th birthday. May your next 100 years be as successful and as fulfilling as your first.



Sir Knight Wallace C. Dunn
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of Texas

Congratulations to Worth Commandery No. 19 on its 100th birthday celebration! I am happy to represent every Sir Knight in our wonderful, beautiful state as I acknowledge your grand past and urge you toward a magnificent future.

Our great fraternity offers marvelous opportunities and exciting challenges to be of greater service to God and our fellow man.

I also want to compliment Worth Commandery for being the largest Commandery in the world. I must praise the illustrious work of its leaders, ritualistic and drill teams, and the indomitable spirit of competition.

April 17, 1985 was surely an eventful day for Knights Templar of Fort Worth and the great state of Texas.

Long live our honorable fraternity!



Sir Knight Dr. Warren T. White, Jr.
Commander
Worth Commandery No. 19
Fort Worth, Texas

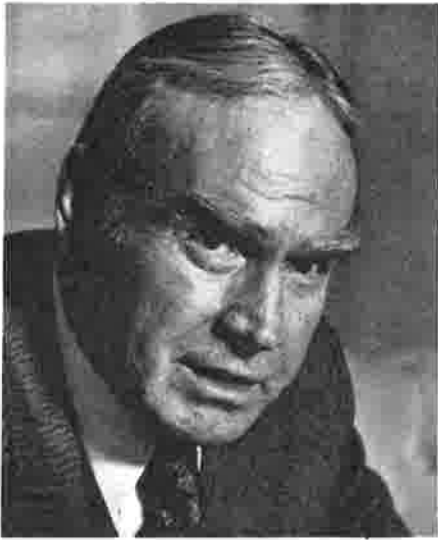
You have read elsewhere in this program about what Templary does to help others. But what is Templary in general? What about Worth Commandery in particular? I invite you to look through the list of Past Commanders. There you see names of men who helped form Fort Worth as it grew from a small outpost to a major center of the cattle and ranching industry. In the roster of our members there are names which are familiar to us as streets and buildings. For a hundred years Worth Commandery has been inextricably intertwined with the forward movement of Fort Worth.

Let us look to Alfred, Lord Tennyson, for a moment:

*The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.*

I, of course, do not presume to know the future. But I sincerely hope that one hundred years from now the then Commander of Worth Commandery can say in all truth and soberness that for two hundred years Worth Commandery has been inextricably intertwined with the forward movement of Fort Worth.

To that end, let us strive.



Sir Knight Jim Wright
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States

Now in his fifth term as Majority Leader of the House, Jim Wright has won uncounted honors and titles. But none does he value as highly as the title of "most respected" member of the House. In a confidential survey conducted by *U.S. News and World Report* in 1980, each member of the House was asked to choose the most respected member of the body, and the most persuasive debater. Wright won in both categories.

Wright was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He finished public school in 10 years and was on his way to completing college in three years when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

After the war, Wright was elected to the Texas Legislature at 23. At 26, he became the youngest mayor in Texas as head of his boyhood home, Weatherford.

Elected to Congress at 31, he is presently serving his 16th consecutive term and his fifth term as Majority Leader. He is the author of major legislation in the fields of foreign affairs, economic development, water conservation, education, and energy. He has been a leading force for the reestablishment of American energy independence.

Wright is a member of Phoenix Lodge No. 175, Weatherford Chapter No. 105, Weatherford Council No. 64, Weatherford Commandery No. 51, Moslah Temple Shrine, El Texa Grotto, and the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bodies. He is a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, a member of Saint Timothy Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, and has been Coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary of the Scottish Rite.

A prolific writer, Wright has authored four widely acclaimed books and collaborated with several colleagues on a fifth. He has also written articles for major magazines and newspapers.

Centennial Dinner Menu

Tossed Salad with Dressing

New York Sirloin Strip Steak

Baked Potato with Dressing

Green Beans Amandine

Rolls and Butter

Coupe Romanoff

Coffee, Tea, Sanka

Centennial Evening Program

Invocation Sir Knight Joe L. Bennett,
Prelate

Dinner

Master of Ceremonies Sir Knight Dr. Warren T. White, Jr.
Commander

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Sir Knight Richard T. Porter,
Past Grand Commander

Introductions Sir Knight Dr. Warren T. White, Jr.
Commander

Special Recognition

Introduction of Speaker Sir Knight Dr. J.D. Tomme, Jr.
Past Grand Master

Address Sir Knight The Honorable Jim Wright
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States

Benediction Sir Knight Joe L. Bennett,
Prelate

Century Club Members

The individuals whose names appear below have shown their enthusiasm for and support of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Worth Commandery No. 19, K.T. in 1985 by purchasing memberships in the CENTURY CLUB for \$100.00; which monies will be used to finance the centennial celebration, and return to the CENTURY CLUB members the hospitalities of that celebration.

1. Luther R. Swanger
2. Daulton R. Kelly
3. Joe L. Bennett
4. Charles A. Hudnall
5. William K. Watkins
6. James C. Cross
7. W. T. Crouch, Jr.
8. Ben V. Barrientes
9. Earl A. Hinds
10. Roy L. Hiser
11. James R. Hewlett
12. Clifford W. Engel
13. Lyman H. Hollis
14. Roger W. Smith
15. F. Doug Mitchell
16. Stanton C. Parker
17. Robert E. Elmore
18. Richard T. Porter
19. Richard H. Coates
20. Charles E. Wollner
21. J. F. Litchfield
22. John D. Parvin
23. Hubert L. Paul
24. A. R. Kennedy
25. William L. Blanks
26. George H. Davis, Jr.
27. J. B. Shepelwich
28. Joe F. Lowe
29. Herbert L. Tedlie
30. George B. Jackson
31. W. F. Turpin
32. Billy Joe Sellers
33. Mildred Garlitz
34. James B. Blair
35. George A. Clark
36. Ed Bloomquist
37. Dick Smith
38. Felix B. McIntire
39. Kurt J. M. Swanda
40. George W. Hixon
41. D. Oliver Sutton
42. George H. Gibson
43. Charles W. Modesitt
44. Dr. W. T. White
45. W. R. Yancey
46. Cecil A. Morgan
47. Arlie V. Cato
48. John W. Gray
49. Joseph W. Burrell
50. Joseph E. Kirby
51. Clifford W. Williams
52. J. W. Carter
53. Norman E. Sheffield
54. Charles H. Wied
55. James H. Stewart, Jr.
56. Jack W. Randall
57. John R. Binyon
58. Walter A. Graves
59. Jerry L. Wilson
60. Charles G. Torti
61. Claude W. Parrish
62. R. W. McCarty
63. Hershel F. Herbert
64. William A. Smith
65. G. B. Bell
66. H. Ward Collier, Sr.
67. Jim Ned McWhirter
68. H. E. Gene Farrell
69. Daniel E. Jansen
70. Gerald H. Long
71. Dan L. Teafatiller
72. A Friend
73. W. C. Tandy, Jr.
74. Malcolm E. Cross
75. Harold C. Johnson
76. Jack T. Bunton
77. Edwin D. Bunton
78. A. Winston Robertson
79. Wallace B. Boling
80. O. F. Ellison

Century Club Members

81. Raymond O. Harris
82. J. P. Pettyjohn
83. James M. McCarter
84. Joe T. Andrews
85. Stanley W. Booten
86. Alfred H. Hewlett
87. E. Woodrow Rice
88. Edward G. Blanchard
89. Alvin O. Eudaly
90. David L. Osburn, Sr.
91. Carlos R. Amyx
92. Charles C. Wilson
93. Harris W. McReynolds
94. Troy H. Ashcraft
95. Ray Woods
96. C. Victor Thornton
97. Sanford G. Agnew
98. Roy E. Snyder
99. Esker G. Hamilton
100. Warren T. White, Jr.
101. Naomi & Stacey White
102. Robert L. Miller
103. William N. Maben
104. Cooke-Peavy Lodge
No. 1162, AF&AM
105. Charles L. Crisp
106. Lester W. Mathis
107. M. Sloan Miller
108. Fort Worth Lodge
No. 148, AF&AM
109. Robert A. Burns, Jr.
110. John R. Thompson
111. Joseph C. Capps
112. Forrest G. Young
113. Royce Nicar
114. Thomas A. Spencer
115. John L. Bigler, Jr.
116. J. W. Nichols
117. Charles H. Wetter
118. E. N. Cooper, Jr.
119. John B. Harmon
120. J. D. Tomme, Jr.
121. Robert L. McMahon
122. Louis J. Rogers, Sr.
123. Marvin K. McMullen
124. Donald L. Smith
125. William M. L. Grogan
126. W. O. Chenault, Jr.
127. Robert Fenner
128. William S. Beebe
129. Thomas C. Yantis
130. S. G. Jerry Sellers
131. James D. Mooney
132. Weatherford Commandery
No. 51, K.T.
133. William A. Hughes
134. Frank M. Martin
135. William F. Lyon
136. C. D. Bohannon
137. Herbert L. Arnold
138. William M. Brown
139. L. R. Bratcher
140. Brannon Bussey, Jr.
141. Don G. Leach
142. Winston L. Taylor
143. James D. Morgan
144. H. K. Herbert
145. Fred D. Raulston
146. Eldon L. Brooks
147. William P. Irving, Jr.
148. John E. Lutz, III
149. Robert H. Ballew
150. John A. Hughes
151. Robert C. White
152. Harrell C. Ashburn
153. Francis Burton
154. V. O. Cammel
155. Duane D. Davis
156. Fred Dieb
157. F. Raymond McGuire
158. James R. Rigby
159. Steve Sanchez
160. Gene Seets
161. J. Edward Sartain
162. Dan Amburn
163. Howard Hale
164. Tom Hardee
165. David A. Miller, Sr.
166. Phillip G. Smith
167. Johnson County Pioneers
& Old Settlers Reunion
Assn.

Club members names not listed were received too late for printing in program.

Worth Commandery No. 19

Knights Templar

OFFICERS

1885

J. J. Melton
T. J. Beall
S. B. Haggart
R. A. Rogers
A. B. Smith
B. F. Murphy
F. J. Tatum
C. D. Lusk
T. B. Murphy
C. M. Baker
B. C. Rhome
D. S. Brown

COMMANDER
GENERALISSIMO
CAPTAIN GENERAL
SENIOR WARDEN
JUNIOR WARDEN
PRELATE
TREASURER
RECORDER
STANDARD BEARER
SWORD BEARER
WARDER
SENTINEL

1985

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Jeff Earl
J. W. Kersh
C. L. Walker
C. A. Daniel

GUARDS

Francis Burton
William T. Crouch
Ray Woods
James McCarter
Charles Modesitt
D. Oliver Sutton
Stanton Parker
Steve Sanchez

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Past Commanders

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| *1884 | J. J. Melton (U.D.) | *1935 | Claud Cross |
| *1885 | J. J. Melton | *1936 | Harry L. Laue |
| *1886 | T. J. Beall | *1937 | Andrew F. Price |
| *1887 | S. B. Haggart | *1938 | Paul S. Reich |
| *1888 | R. A. Rogers | *1939 | Thomas R. James |
| *1889 | B. C. Rhome | *1940 | W. L. Joyce |
| *1890 | W. G. Newby, P.G.C. | *1941 | S. K. Ash |
| *1891 | T. D. Miller | *1942 | B. E. Cowan |
| *1892 | Richard Lord | 1943 | H. Ward Collier |
| *1893 | J. F. Zurn, P.G.C. | *1944 | Hugh M. Craig |
| *1894 | N. E. Grammer | *1945 | Emmett B. Ramfield |
| *1895 | H.C. Stevens | *1946 | Louis B. Weinman, Jr. |
| *1896 | E. H. Keller | *1947 | George S. Adams |
| *1897 | E. W. Pressley | *1948 | J. Carlisle Garlitz, P.G.C. |
| *1898 | A. M. Carter | *1949 | Ernest L. Ross |
| *1899 | G. W. Akers | 1950 | Luther R. Swanger, H.P.G.C. |
| *1900 | J. C. McCabe | *1951 | Dudley R. Johnson |
| *1901 | C. B. Grabe | *1952 | Ernest F. Sellars |
| *1902 | H. E. Gray | *1953 | Marvin Mabry |
| *1903 | M. H. Jones | 1954 | Joe F. Lowe |
| *1904 | T. M. Hunt | *1955 | John G. Kemmerer |
| *1905 | T. G. Knight | *1956 | R. E. C. Buckner |
| *1906 | Elmer Renfro | 1957 | Richard T. Porter, P.G.C. |
| *1907 | F. H. Sparrow, P.G.C. | *1958 | Donald E. Gray |
| *1908 | F. Straughn | *1959 | Edwin A. Alexander |
| *1909 | C. W. Connery | *1960 | James C. Cross |
| *1910 | H. J. Reger | 1961 | Malvin A. Handy |
| *1911 | C. B. Brown | 1962 | James B. Blair |
| *1912 | W. C. W. McKee | 1963 | Robert E. Jackson |
| *1913 | G. G. Willingham | *1964 | Grover L. Daniels |
| *1914 | L. A. Stuck | *1965 | Robert L. Burton |
| *1915 | E. E. Edwards | 1966 | Lester W. Mathis |
| *1916 | J. H. Dickey | *1967 | C. E. (Buster) Jones, H.P.G.C. |
| *1917 | K. Robey | 1968 | Billy J. Sellers |
| *1918 | R. L. Foulks | 1969 | George B. Jackson |
| *1919 | R. A. Massey | 1970 | Charles A. Hudnall |
| *1920 | J. A. Waldrop | 1970 | Joe L. Bennett, H. P.C. |
| *1921 | E. D. Rutledge, P.G.C. | 1971 | W. C. Tandy, Jr. |
| *1922 | M. J. Dowlin | 1972 | Hunter E. Farrell |
| *1923 | H. E. Crowley | 1973 | Fred D. Raulston |
| *1924 | H: W. Austin | 1974 | Fred Autrey |
| *1925 | W. E. Brittain | *1975 | V. O. Smith |
| *1926 | R. A. Spain | 1976 | Weldon Crum |
| *1927 | G. I. Billingsley | 1977 | William A. Dunlap |
| *1928 | John B. Hines | 1978 | James D. Morgan |
| *1929 | W. Steve Cooke | 1979 | Earl A. Hinds |
| *1930 | C. V. Smith | 1980 | Jerry L. Wilson |
| *1931 | Jack A. Fenton | 1981 | Charles E. Wollner |
| *1932 | Ernest W. Keedy | 1982 | Robert E. Elmore |
| *1933 | L. P. Card | 1983 | William R. Yancey |
| *1934 | G. H. Raines | 1984 | George H. Davis, Jr. |

*Deceased

Worth Commandery No. 19 Knights Templar Cross of Honor

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| Harry Laue | 1969 |
| Wallace W. Crabtree | 1974 |
| John B. Hines | 1974 |
| James C. Cross | 1983 |

Awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member.

Knights Templar Charities

The Knights Templar of Texas support three major charities: The Eye Foundation, the Educational Foundation, and the Clinic at the Home for Aged Masons. The first two are national in scope and come under the rules of the Grand Encampment, while the third is strictly a Texas institution and is a part of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Home located in Arlington, Texas.

The Eye Foundation was established in 1965 for research and surgical treatment of diseases and injuries to the eye. Regardless of age, race, creed, sex, or national origin, anyone who is unable to pay for needed treatment is eligible for assistance. This great charity is supported entirely by contributions.

The Educational Foundation was established in 1922. Within its original statement are these words: "We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to put into effect a plan which will provide educational advantages for youth of our beloved Country thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better citizens of the Republic." Under the rules of the Grand Encampment, the several Grand Commanderies administer their trust funds and provide financial assistance in the form of loans and grants to qualifying graduate and undergraduate students.

The sixty bed Knights Templar Clinic at the Home for Aged Masons in Arlington was established as a hospital in 1916 to meet medical needs of the residents of the Home. It was the first hospital ever built by a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. Since April 1972, when it was licensed as a nursing home by the State Health Department, it has been designated the Knights Templar Clinic.

Notes

