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## *A Definition by the Grand Master*

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

We are all familiar with the theory that each Mason has and should have his own definition of Freemasonry. To some degree this popular concept applies to Templary. But when we try to define how the effect of the Templar Order should be expressed — and it must have a social effect — it is not only the opinions of the members but also the opinions of the group which must be expressed. The Christian Crusaders of Medieval times, from whom we take our fraternal purposes, subordinated self and dedicated their lives and fortunes to the purposes of the group.

We need to understand better what our group purposes are. One of the most experienced, wise and devoted Templars, Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball of Muncie, Indiana, the Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment, said in part in a letter to the Grand Master after the staff conference in August 1968: “. . . I left somewhat confused but not discouraged about the future course of our Order. It seems to me we need to be more definitive as to our purposes and objectives. If I am perplexed in this regard, I am sure that much of our membership is even more so.

“As I reviewed the principal discussions of the conference they seemed to fall roughly into three categories, namely (1) religious implications, (2) service aspects — the Eye Foundation, Educational Foundation, support of DeMolay, boys work activities, etc., and (3) the fraternal area — ritual, social activities, fellowship.

“To use the term now popular but somewhat abused in business, we are sort of a ‘conglomerate’. We should be able to move these three categories forward together. To do so we need a clear, concise statement as to how in a ‘national policy’ directive, including purposes and objectives . . . Having clearly defined our objectives . . . then we ought to make them generally known not only to our membership but to prospective members and the public at large . . .”

To the expression of Sir Knight Ball I subscribe in all details. It explains our needs and the direction of our present efforts at the national level. The problem is that a precise definition is difficult because of lack of information and expression on issues by a broad base within our membership — our Order is governed by vote of the members and their elected representatives, but there is some resentment of decisions and definitions from the “top,” even though needed. We have stimulated discussion of real issues at national, regional and state conferences, and have in process several brochures suggestive of methods in Templar activities. More importantly, we now have at long last the “new” medium of *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Realizing the hazard of such an enterprise, but convinced of the need to inform and involve our general membership, we will discuss on this page in future issues the organization and purposes of Templary, our need to relate to current social trends and problems, and some current questions we think need to be answered for the general good of the Order.

*The Grand Master*





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### The Cover:

A fall "Harvest of Dollars" for the 1969 Voluntary Campaign is the combined aim of Grand Master Crofts, Chairman McIntyre and Past Grand Master DeLamater, Foundation Executive Director. The second Annual Voluntary Campaign extends until Christmas.



## From the MAIL BIN

Lancaster,  
Pennsylvania

It is a pleasure to receive the *Knight Templar* publication, to be kept aware of the National concept of this fine organization. I enjoy reading *Knight Templar*.

It is gratifying to have the feeling that Commandery is about to move ahead into greater accomplishment with renewed vigor and improved outreach, with new vision and added objectives.

I am confident Commandery looks into the future, proud of its past performance, challenged to take an active role in helping to build a better world for tomorrow.

RUSSELL B. HERHEY

Kansas City, Kansas

Just a word of thanks and appreciation for receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine*, July and August issues. I remember and have always cherished the lessons received and shall always remember the Christian teachings there. I am sure your magazine will strengthen and revive the members of the York Rite bodies as we read of your communications.

Read the article in the Mailbin, and the comments about the uniform. Hope some day it does get a remodeling, especially the plumes. Seems as though a tuxedo would be fitting for a Knight Templar. Thanks again.

MURLE R. HINDS  
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21

Chicago, Illinois

Just a note to compliment you on the August issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* and also, to express my deep appreciation for the space given to the Shrine and DeMolay.

I am genuinely grateful to you and I want to wish my sincere greetings for a most successful history of the Future of the Magazine.

GEORGE M. SAUNDERS  
Imperial Recorder  
The Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S.  
for North America

Nashville, Tennessee

I want to thank you for the magazine. I think it is a wonderful little magazine and I read everything in it.

I am a Kentucky Mason. My Blue Lodge is Hickman Lodge No. 761, F. & A.M., Hickman, Kentucky. My Chapter is Calvert Chapter No. 85, R.A.M., Fulton, Kentucky. My Knight Templar is Fulton Commandery No. 34, Fulton, and my Shrine is Rizpah Temple, A.O. O.N.M.S., Madisonville, Kentucky.

I would like to get the Kentucky magazine; you sent me the Tennessee magazine. I live in Tennessee at the present time but I am a Kentucky Mason.

Thank you so much for the magazine, it means so much to me.

THERON D. DAVIS

*Editor's Note: Zip code sequential mailing requirements presently dictate Supplement mailing by residence rather than membership location.*



**Ashland, Ohio**

Last week I received my first copy of the *Knight Templar Magazine* and you are to be congratulated on a most interesting and informative publication. It certainly is a fine magazine and is greatly appreciated.

E. P. LERSCH  
Director of Public Relations  
Ashland College

Buzz Aldrin in Waco and we covered the program of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Program. He was thoroughly sold on this Templar program. He places a high value on sight and perhaps has a more fuller appreciation of being able to see the beauties of the Universe. I consider it a great privilege to have Buzz on our Team.

AUBREY MARTINDALE

**Sandusky, Ohio**

There never was and never will be a more consecrated Christian, Scottish Rite and Shrine Mason than my late maternal grandfather, William James Breden, who (was a Mason) before following General Ulysses S. Grant in the Civil War... How old were the two Knights Templar (urging) for a new Templar uniform?

WM. J. MARSHALL  
Erie County Commandery No. 23

**Vacaville, California**

Thank you for publishing our letter in the *Knight Templar Magazine*. To date I have received over 55 letters and telephone calls from all over the United States requesting from one to all the uniforms available.

Needless to say they went better than "Hot Cakes." Only wish that we had more to offer. Perhaps there are other Commanderies that have uniforms that they cannot or do not use. This would be a most worthwhile way to put them to use.

This letter you published also proves that many of the Sir Knights read the publication.

This has caused me much extra work but how else could I have had the opportunity to write to so many Commanderies and Sir Knights. Frankly, I enjoyed it very much.

CHARLES E. MOOMEY  
Commander  
Vacaville Commandery No. 38

**Houston, Texas**

Buzz Aldrin is a Knight Templar and member of Ruthven Commandery No. 2. He received the York Rite in the Waco Festival on May 26-27, 1967. He became a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on May 27, 1967. We are all proud of the fact that a Knight Templar was at least the second man to step out on the moon.

I enjoyed a long conversation with

**Elmwood Park, Illinois**

The readers of the *Knight Templar* are invited to use freely the Masonic library facilities I have maintained over the past 11 years. The private Masonic library has about 5,000 Masonic books and older Proceedings of all Masonic bodies. Eight hundred Masonic coins and tokens, 5,000 Masonic post cards, 46 Prince of Wales 1794 halfpennies, 35 Civil War Masonic Cents, the almost complete Editor's files of the *Masonic Review* of Cincinnati, Ohio, and other bound Masonic periodicals, for Illinois Grand Lodge original Proceedings from 1844 complete, Illinois Royal Arch Chapter Proceedings from 1850 complete, many pre-Chicago Fire Masonic imprints; the whole collection is open for reference without charge and while not complete is extensive in every Masonic field. Under personal care of Bro. Sadowski, all material is for reference use only, photostats made at cost and postage.

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## DEATH STRIKES DEMOLAY GRAND MASTER

"I regret to report the death of Grand Master Stanley Garrity who suffered a fatal heart attack Saturday morning, August 9, while playing golf in Wichita, Kansas."

With that sentence, DeMolay's Grand Secretary, George M. Saunders, began his August 10th letter to members of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, to notify them of the sudden death of the Masonic leader who had been elected and installed Grand Master of the Order at the Supreme Council session at Kansas City in March of this year.

Funeral services were scheduled August 12 in the Scottish Rite Temple in Wichita. It was the family's request that flowers be omitted. Grand Master Garrity's survivors include his widow, Marguerite -- at 16 Hampton Road, Wichita, Kansas 67207 -- three sons and a daughter.

Grand Secretary Saunders served as the Grand Installing Officer for Grand Master Garrity March 19, with Past Grand Master Joseph S. Lewis as Installing Grand Marshall. Deputy Grand Master of the Supreme Council is J. Chris Nungesser, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Stanley Garrity was a prominent Wichita attorney, Past Potentate of Aarat Shrine Temple; Past Royal Director, Royal Order of Jesters; a member of the York and Scottish Rite bodies and Red Cross of Constantine, and was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was an active leader in civic activities.

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Details of the July meeting of the Trustees of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Grand Master's Conference in August, will be reported in the October issue.

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### Eye Foundation Trustees Meet

The President of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation board, John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master, presided for the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Foundation at Chicago, July 18-19, when Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, was elected to the unexpired seven year Trustee term of the late E. Creighton Wilcoxon, Kentucky. Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser was elected secretary to the board.

In attendance to plan the Eye Foundation year in addition to Grand Master Crofts were the Executive Director, Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M.; G. Wilbur Bell, D.G.M.; Roy W. Riegle, G.C.; Willard M. Avery, G.C.G.; Edmund F. Ball, G. Treas.; Paul C. Rodenhauser, G. Rec.; Howard T. Joslyn, Assistant Executive Director; E. Guy Frizzell, Tennessee; William E. Waste, California; Charles S. McIntyre, Michigan; H.B. Bryan, Texas; and George W. Sorrell, Alabama -- Trustees; also Oliver S. Willham, Oklahoma, member Committee on Wills, Bequests and Contributions.

Sir Knight McIntyre, newly elected Trustee, a Past Grand Commander of Michigan, is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J., president of a nationally known corporation, and active in community affairs. He was named to head the 1969 Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

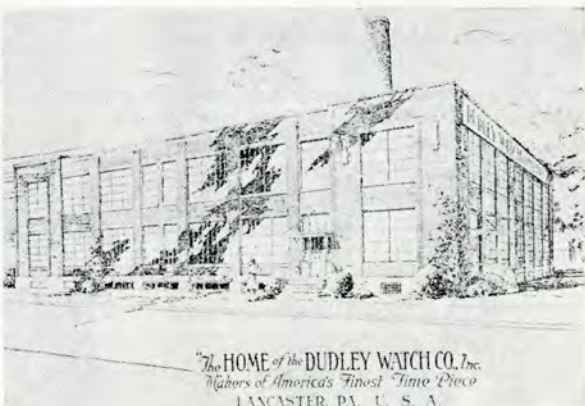
Officers of the board include: President, Sir Knight Crofts; 1st V.P., Sir Knight Bell; 2nd V.P., Sir Knight Frizzell; Treas., Sir Knight Ball; Secretary, Sir Knight Rodenhauser.



## A Collector's Item—

# WILLIAM WALLACE DUDLEY'S MASONIC WATCH

The Knight Templar Magazine is indebted to Sir Knight Earl T. Strickler, Secretary and Managing Director of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc., for permission to feature excerpts from a paper originally published in the Bulletin of the Association. Sir Knight Strickler, a member of Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, Pennsylvania, is Editor of the publication. The Dudley Masonic Watch paper was prepared by Victor Stoltz and E. H. Parkhurst, Jr.



William Wallace Dudley was born in 1851 in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, and began his career as a horologist at the age of 13, when he became an apprentice to a maker of ship chronometers in Canada. Some years later after completing his apprenticeship, he moved to the United States and joined with the Waltham Watch Factory in Waltham, Massachusetts, where he was employed as a model maker.

Dudley moved around from one watch factory to another, gaining knowledge and experience. He went to Springfield, Illinois, where he was connected with the Illinois Watch Company, later moving to South Bend, Indiana, where he joined the South Bend Watch Company as superintendent. His next move was back east to Chambersburg, New Jersey, to work for the Trenton Watch Company. From 1906 to 1920 he was designer and superintendent of manufacture at the Hamilton Watch Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, leaving at the age of 69 to fulfill his dream of establishing a watch factory.

Over the years while he was gaining experience in various watch factories, he

married twice and sired a total of nine children — five boys and four girls. He also became deeply interested in Freemasonry. He was a member of all bodies in both York and Scottish Rites, in the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and in the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. According to his daughter, he started working on his first watch having Masonic symbols some 15 to 20 years before he patented his design of the Masonic watch, and delighted in showing it to his associates and friends. This (first) watch has disappeared and no record or description of it is available, but as it was developed prior to his association with Hamilton, one may assume that it could well have been adapted from an Illinois or South Bend movement.

In 1918 Dudley started to work on a new Masonic watch with its bridge plates in the form of Masonic symbols. A prototype was made and shown to various local people. He later applied for and was granted Design Patent No. 62566, dated June 20, 1923, which agrees in general with production watches. The variation comes in the



center wheel bridge that the patent shows to be a crescent with a star and scimitar, while the production model used the square and compass surrounding the letter G.

George W. Adams and John B. Wood, who were partners in a retail jewelry store in Lancaster, became interested in Dudley and his watch, and on May 11, 1920, they with Dudley applied to the State of Pennsylvania for the incorporation of the Dudley Watch Company. The Letters Patent were issued June 7, 1920, and provided that the chosen directors for the first year were to be fixed at three and were as follows:

**George W. Adams, Lancaster, Pa.**

**John D. Wood, Lancaster, Pa.**

**William W. Dudley, Lancaster, Pa.**

The amount of the capital stock of the corporation — \$5,000.00, was divided into 50 shares of \$100.00 each. The shareholders were the same as the directors, and each subscribed to 16 2/3 shares.

The original project of the Company was to design and build a 14-size pocket watch. Complete tooling for the plates had to be developed and made; and parts had to be purchased. The bridges were stamped from sheet stock to approximate size, but had to be finish milled to proper contour to avoid rough or torn edges.

The 14-size Dudley watch used many of the Waltham Model 1894-1897 14-size parts. In general it was only the winding and setting power control mechanism and the plates that were made in the Dudley factory — the rest of the parts were purchased outside. The train and escapement were purchased from Waltham. The cases were furnished by the Wadsworth Watch Case Company, the Keystone Watch Case Company, and the Star Watch Case Company, in both solid gold and gold filled, and all open faced and with either an open glass back or a flip (hunting case) type back which covered the glass.

Consistory  
emblem  
above hands;  
Shrine emblem  
in second bits



Knights  
Templar  
emblem

Dials and hands were made in Switzerland to Dudley's specifications. The original jewels were burnished into their settings by hand. Later they were made by Vallorbs, a jewel manufacturer in Lancaster, now located at Smoketown, Pa. By 1925 Vallorbs had subcontracted the jewel manufacturing to Roth Jewel Company in Switzerland due to lower costs. The upper jewels were in gold settings and the lower in brass. The upper and lower barrel arbor jewels are interchangeable between the 12 and 14 models. Screw threads were taken from Hamilton standards, but head size varied and all were blued.

The problems of coordination were finally overcome and in 1922 the first 14-size, 19-jewel watches, which we refer to as Model No. 1, were being produced. This model is most easily distinguished from its successors, other than by its size, by the Bible which is engraved on the plate that supports the winding arbor. The bevel pinion extends through this plate and is visible from the back.





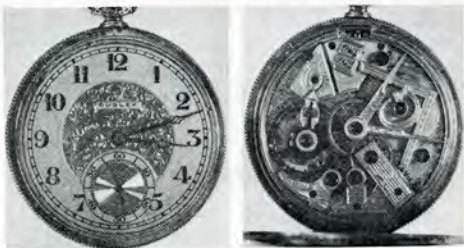
Model No. 1

At full production the company employed 18-20 men including Arthur and Clifford Dudley, sons of the founder. As it was primarily an assembly operation, the employees were all highly skilled watchmakers, most of whom had worked in the Hamilton Watch Company, and those men with Masonic backgrounds were given preference. With production started, sales became the problem and a salesman named Bostwick started out on the road. The price of the watch varied with the type of case, with the top of the line being a 14-karat fly-back case at \$250.00. The open back 14-karat gold cased watch sold for \$170.00, while the gold filled open case model ran about \$125.00.

Bostwick's first swing-around seemed to indicate real acceptance of the new watch, for in almost every town he was able to sell a small order to the local jeweler. The Dudley management had decided on the policy of direct sales, rather than through distributors, and much optimism and heavy parts purchasing resulted from his first trip. This did not last long as, when he went back to these same jewelers on later trips, he found that in most cases they had not moved the watches he had originally sold them, and they were not interested in a re-order. The impact of the small wrist watch was just then affecting the market and the 14-size pocket watch was losing popularity.

By 1923 the Dudley Watch Company, faced with dwindling sales and heavy competition from other com-

panies producing smaller watches, decided to go ahead with the development of a 12-size, 19 jewel watch which we refer to as Model No. 2. This watch used the wheels and escapement design from the Hamilton models 910, 912 and 914. These parts were purchased occasionally from Hamilton, but in general were duplicated for Dudley in Switzerland.



Model No. 2

The Model No. 2 differs from its forerunner by having a silver-colored Bible mounted so as to cover the bevel pinion which was previously exposed. This Bible is basically flat with beveled edges and the words "Holy Bible" engraved on the flat surface. The pallet bridge on this model is damascened to match the lower plates and is not gilded. The plate layout of these two movements, except for the sizes and minor differences listed, are nearly identical and they are easily mistaken for each other. The Model No. 2 watch was somewhat more successful commercially, though the 14-size was continued production until the late 1920's in an attempt to absorb the inventory. The mass market, envisioned by Mr. Dudley, was not to be realized, and therefore the company was in constant financial troubles.

By late 1924 the company was heavily in debt and the management was trying desperately to find a solution to its problem. On February 28, 1925, a petition was introduced in the United States District Court in Philadelphia, that the Dudley Watch Company be



adjudged bankrupt. This was granted and the case was turned over to a Lancaster Referee of the Court, Redmond Conyngham, Esq.

After leaving the company, Dudley was in serious financial difficulties. He had invested all of his available capital in his brain-child, and at the age of 74 found himself out of work and nearly "broke." He accepted a job at Hamilton Watch Company as a mechanic where he continued to work until 1931, retiring at the age of 80. On February 8, 1938, William Wallace Dudley died in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he is buried in the family plot next to his second wife, Charity M. Dudley.

During the early 1930's every effort was being made to dispose of the Dudley watch inventory. At the bottom of the depression movements were being used as barter material or being sold around Lancaster for \$8.00 each, and complete watches in the gold filled open backed models were available at \$15.00. These same watch movements were valued in the 1925 inventory at \$35.00, and as cased were listed at \$55.00. Raffles were held at Masonic Lodges for Dudley watches at fifty cents a chance, particularly in the local areas. Completed watches and movements were continually put up as security at local banks for loans, and as late as 1939 we understand they were still being liquidated.

The machinery and work in process were sold to Mr. Menche of the X-L Watch Company of New York. He tried to sell the machines to Hamilton with no success. He then loaded them on trucks to try to sell them in larger cities. After checking the Philadelphia market carefully, and not finding a buyer, he decided to scrap the machinery there, which was done before he even returned to New York. The balance of the watch material he took with him and from that time until now has been assembling and selling Dudley watches as a side line to his regular

business. The most limiting factor has been the Masonic bridges, as the tooling for these was not included in the sale of the machinery.

We recently acquired five watches which had been put up as collateral for a loan by the company at a Lancaster bank, probably prior to 1930. These watches, all brand new, Model No. 1, in open back gold filled cases. (Note that it was the 14-size, not the more salable 12-size, that were put up as collateral.) These had been bought from the bank in 1932 as a part of a large group of watches for \$30.00 each and had been held privately in a safe deposit box for 36 years. It is most interesting that this group had serial numbers 1843, 1658, 1525, 643 and 1790. As these watches were all cased identically, it would appear that they all came off the assembly line consecutively, or at least over a short period of time. From this we may assume that serial numbers were assigned to the plates during the early stages of manufacture and not to completed watches.

From bits of information the following serial numbering system was evolved. It must be remembered that the cut off numbers between models are approximated as based on our best information as no factory records are available.

Model	Serial Numbers	Estimated Total Production
1	500-2,000	900
2	2,001-4,800	1,680
3	4,801-6,403	1,000
		3,580

It is the shortage of items other than the back plates which limits production at the present time.

In the fifteen years Dudley watches were produced in Lancaster, less than 2,600 watches of the Masonic design, plus an inventory of parts for about 1,000 more, were made. The factory building has now been converted into a convalescent home.



## BRIG. GEN. BILLINGSLEY IS NEW NATIONAL SOJOURNERS PRESIDENT

*"We have developed a group of youth more mature, more demanding, more individualistic, more self-confident, but with a greater feeling of insecurity and fear of the future, than we were at their age."*

These are the words of Brig. Gen. John D. Billingsley, USA., Rtd., in an interview following his June 26 installation as National President of the National Sojourners, Inc., at Cocoa Beach, Florida. The interview was based on the program he had outlined for the year.

"We as Masons must ever be mindful of our great American heritage," said President Billingsley, "founded by Masons and built on a foundation of Masonic principles and ideals. The perseverance of this heritage must be transmitted by our generation to the youth of today. In order to evaluate our effectiveness in this endeavor, we must first understand the youth of today and their way of thinking."

Brother Billingsley, who bases his evaluation upon his experience as Professor at the United States Military Academy, was asked what he meant by the "sense of insecurity" among today's youth.

"Let's look at their present environment. In this century they have heard about two World Wars, two undeclared Wars, space exploration, and many other disturbing events. Just think of the advancement in speed of human travel since the turn of the century. It is difficult for young, agile minds to stay in conventional bounds in such an environment. Many youths in college today are first generation members of families whose prior members had progressed no further than elementary school level.



**Brig. Gen. Billingsley**

"The real hard-core revolutionists find a fertile field for their propaganda among the insecure individuals who have been thrust into strange surroundings resulting from today's unlimited opportunities."

The General was asked "what can we as Masons, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite Masons and National Sojourners do?" His answer:

"1. Get God back in the schools and insist on providing our youth during its formative years the basic guidelines of living in accordance with the Ten Commandments.

"2. Oppose every effort of dissident groups to downgrade or eliminate the ROTC and other critical military programs.

"3. National Sojourners must establish themselves as the militant arm of Masonry and make maximum use of our well-developed military and leadership capability to prevent the further deterioration of our American Heritage which our Masonic, American forefathers gave in trust to us."

### Sir Knight Aldrin Obligated as Sojourner

At the Friday, June 27 session of the National Convention, National Sojourners, Brother Tom Davis, President of Cape Canaveral Chapter No. 366 asked the secretary, Brother Henry N. Moore if anyone was present for obligation.

The secretary announced that Edwin Aldrin had been elected to membership and was ready for obligation.

The lecture was given by Glenn Stitt, Past President of Cape Canaveral Chapter No. 366, and Brother Aldrin was obligated by Tom Davis, President.

Brother Aldrin made a few brief remarks. We quote from his acceptance speech: "Joining this organization is a great honor for me because it stands for two of the things I hold most important, that is my service to my country and the military and my duties and obligation as a Mason."

Witnessing the August affair was the majority of the National Officers of National Sojourners. Astronaut Aldrin is a member of Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Houston, Texas.

### OKINAWA BODIES ACTIVE

Class details will be available for the 1969 "Summer Festival of the Okinawa Bodies of the York Rite of Freemasonry." The festival at Machinato, Okinawa, was in operation Saturday, June 21, Monday, June 23, and Saturday, June 28.

A brochure was prepared by the three bodies listing fees and dues, qualifications, descriptions and illustrations of the Capitular, Cryptic and Chivalric Orders, the schedule of conferrals, the officers, and 10 basic reasons for becoming members of the York Rite Bodies.

The booklet, widely distributed, reminds prospective candidates to "ask your Lodge Secretary or any member of the Chapter, Council or Commandery," and that "information and petition forms may be secured from them or Wallace H. Morris, P.O. Box No. 6, Ginowan, Okinawa." Sir Knight Morris is a Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of the Philippines.



*"According to my latest poll, Sire, it's eleven in favor of continuing the Crusade and eight thousand in favor of returning home."*

Drawing by Stevenson; c 1969  
The New Yorker Magazine, Inc.

**POSTPONED BUT PENDING:** Among the forthcoming but undated features to be included in the "Knight Templar Magazine" are special articles by the R.E. Grand Prelate, the Rev. Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D.; and the Rev. William R. Deutsch, Lockport, Illinois, Past Commander, DuPage Commandery No. 88.



## WHY EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

by Alvin B. Lowe

1968-69 Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Utah



When a man is initiated, passed and raised into the first three degrees of Freemasonry, he receives the foundation stones of

Masonry. This is the basis on which he may build his Masonic education. This can be likened to the basic education received in grade school.

In the Blue -- or the Symbolic Lodge -- the Master Mason has received the great lessons of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. We are deeply impressed with "the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the soul." We are startled by the assertion of our Grand Master, Solomon, King of Israel, "I fear the Master's Word is forever lost." To complete the symbolism of Freemasonry, the word must be recovered. Hence, the necessity for additional degrees.

The explanatory degrees of Freemasonry, sometimes called the higher degrees, of which the York Rite is one path or school, give a broadening of the three basic degrees. These can be compared to high school and college because without these additional degrees and orders, our Masonic education cannot be complete.

The Blue Lodge symbolism deals with the material side of life. The York Rite, especially the Royal Arch Degree and Order of the Temple, deals with the spiritual side of life.

Our Masonic knowledge and experience will be enriched, as we elect to receive the lessons of Charity, Modera-

tion, Industry and Humility, which are so eloquently portrayed in the Red Lodge, or the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Here -- in Capitular Masonry -- is the continuing drama of the Blue Lodge, and here we receive something of value that has been lost.

In the Mark Master's Degree, we are taught what workman's wages are and how to receive them. This degree is historically the second half of the Fellowcraft Degree. In the Past Master's Degree, we learn how to govern and rule a lodge with moderation and decorum. In the prologue to the Most Excellent Master's Degree, we learn of sacrifice and why King Solomon, instead of David, his father, was chosen to build the Temple. In the second section of this degree, the completion and dedication of the Temple is most beautifully portrayed, and in the Royal Arch Degree, we are rewarded by receiving that for which we have so long wrought, the Lost Master's Word. Without the Royal Arch, the Master Mason Degree is like a song half sung, a tale partly told, or a promise unfulfilled. The Royal Arch stands as the rainbow of promise in the sky; it stands as the promise of the resurrection, of that which was lost and that which shall be recovered!

Here it might well be to quote from a leaflet, "What is Royal Arch Masonry," printed by the authority of Roscoe R. Walcutt, then General Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons:

"Oldest and Largest Rite"

"Founded as a national organization in 1797, existent in all parts of the civilized world, you will, upon your exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason, become a

member of the oldest and largest Rite of Freemasonry in the world. Any Royal Arch Mason will be happy to present your name as a candidate for advancement in the mysteries of Freemasonry. You will be happy when you have received this additional Masonic Light."

Here we take another step in our Masonic education and programs to the Council of Royal and Select Masters — known as Cryptic Masonry or the Purple Lodge. The Royal Master's Degree further explains the Master Mason's Degree by telling of a Fellowcraft, a workman in the quarries, who in true humility asked, "Grand Master, Hiram Abiff, when shall I receive the Master's Word?" And after patiently listening to the explanation why he may never receive it, returns to his place in the quarries. The Select Master's Degree explains the sacred treasures and the secret word. Here we learn of the virtue of silence and secrecy, and this is a further explanation of the Royal Arch. The Super Excellent Master's Degree is also explanatory to the Royal Arch. Here we are taught fidelity to vows, the wisdom of worshiping God, and the punishment for perjury. Here we are welded into a circle of Friendship, in an unending chain of fraternal union, as symbolized in the Blue Lodge by the point within the circle.

Thus far any Mason, regardless of his religious beliefs, may apply for and receive these degrees.

But the three Commandery Orders — known as the Chivalric Masonry — are the crowning achievement of our progress in Masonry. These three Orders can indeed be compared to completing our college education. The first of these, the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, teaches the almighty force and importance of Truth. Thus far, all Masonic Degrees and Orders, from the Entered Apprentice through the Red Cross, have been from the Old Testament of the Holy Bible. The next two — the Order of Malta, and the culminating Order of the Temple — being

Christian, bring us to the New Testament. In the Order of Malta and its introductory degree, Knight of St. Paul or Mediterranean Pass, we represent a Soldier of the Cross, on our way to the Holy Land, who is taught to keep his sword untarnished and to wield it with virtue. In what has been termed the most beautiful and inspiring of all the Degrees and Orders of Freemasonry, the Order of the Temple, we are Knights of the period following the Crusades. Here we are admonished to live in accordance with the sublime precepts taught by our Lord, and as presented for our guidance in the four Gospels. The principles of Templar Masonry are thus a focal point for all those Masons who desire to demonstrate their sincerity, devotion, and love for all mankind by their actions as well as by their words. Here, indeed, is a guide of life for all Freemasons, and such a guide is among man's best weapons for combating the encroachment of Communism.

Templar Masonry is a spiritual wealth that is deeply comforting and satisfying, that places its teachings deep in the hearts and minds of Masons who are seeking the supreme value of life. Knights Templar are committed to the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian religion. Knights Templar are defenders of the Faith, enlisted under the banner of our blessed Saviour, the Prince of Peace, our beloved Teacher and great Way Shower. Knights Templar are proud to be known as Soldiers of the Cross, who by their loyalty and devotion have dedicated themselves to the service of this great Christian Order, which has the respect and admiration of the public at large and of Masons everywhere.

No Christian Master Mason should be satisfied until he has discovered the true Light — so his own light may shine before all mankind, that they may see his good works and thereby glorify our



## R.A.M. PHILANTHROPY IN WASHINGTON

The Royal Arch Masons of the state of Washington are practicing the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Charity through their Royal Arch Masons Children's Heart Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization extending assistance with hospital and surgical expenses for families of children, up to 15 years of age, who were born with a congenital heart defect.

Leroy Newcomer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation, says: "Every day in the state of Washington a child is born with some form of cardiac ailment; 60% or more can be cured. No child will be barred by color, race or creed. Basic requirements -- need on the part of the child, financial situation of the parents."

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### ... A Knight Templar

Father, which art in heaven. This ritual implants its beautiful teachings deep in the hearts and minds of all Masons who believe in the Christian faith, and wish to be followers of Christ, who by His wonderful example, has set a goal for all of us to follow.

It is here that we are taught to uphold and practice the Christian virtues, to have compassion toward our fellow man, to love our country, to honor and have reverence for our flag! It is here we reaffirm our faith in the immortality of the soul and eternality of life, through the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of our Blessed Saviour, who we, as Knights Templar, acknowledge, adore, and worship as the Son of God, who died that we might live! It is here that the teachings of the Christian religion, patriotism, and Masonry are united in one grand Order! This is the heritage that belongs to all Christian Masons! This is the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple!

The Foundation was established May 26, 1961. "We have financed some 26 cases," reports Newcomer, "which would have cost the families in excess of \$60,000. Although we are not able to grant life, with the help of God we most certainly can prolong it."

The Heart Foundation is financed primarily by contributions -- gifts, donations, devises and bequests. Each Washington Royal Arch Mason contributes \$1.00 per year. Any person, Mason or not, can receive a life membership for \$30.00. Cooperation of the University, Swedish and Orthopedic Hospitals has been cited by the Board of the Foundation -- also of the "some 12 to 14" surgeons in and around Seattle capable of performing the delicate operations.

A Board of Trustees elected by the members of the Grand Chapter of Washington administers the Heart Foundation. S. C. Kelly is president; vice-president is Dr. Clement I. Krantz, heart specialist, former president of Washington State Heart Association. The address of Leroy Newcomer, Secretary-Treasurer, is: Heart Foundation, 7803 - 8, N.E., Seattle, Washington 98115.

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Dr. Olin S. Pettingill, West Bedford, Massachusetts, longtime Templar and distinguished physician, died June 13, 1969 at the age of 87.

A limited quantity of Grand Encampment booklets, "Taking the Mystery out of Public Relations," is available at the office of the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. The guidelines, prepared by the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations, are primarily designed for Templar publicity and public relations committee members, correspondents and editors. Requests will be honored, at no cost, as long as the supply lasts.

# PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Tucson High Twelve Club Receives Charter and Installs Officers

First Vice-president of High Twelve International, John Shaw, presented the Charter to the Tucson, Arizona, High Twelve Club and spoke on his "Feelings for High Twelve," during the ceremony June 21. The Charter was received by L. P. (Buck) Graham.

Officers were installed in a ceremony conducted by Harold E. Brillhart, President of High Twelve Association of California, assisted by Louis P. Black, Assistant Secretary and Past President of High Twelve of California, as Marshall; Tallman H. Trask, Secretary and Past President of High Twelve of California as Chaplain; and James Robertson, General Council and Past President of High Twelve International, who gave the charge to the officers and the club.

The officers are: L. P. Graham, President; J. D. Dyer, First Vice-president; Charles E. Stenz, Secretary; L. E. Whitten, Treasurer; H. Baldwin, Director; and Dean Tillotson, Director.

The Charter contains the names of 50 Master Masons from several jurisdictions.

Publicity Chairman H. P. Stremmel writes, "All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend our luncheon meetings which are held every Thursday at High noon at Sabbar Temple, 450 S. Tucson Boulevard."

## Oldest in Point of Membership

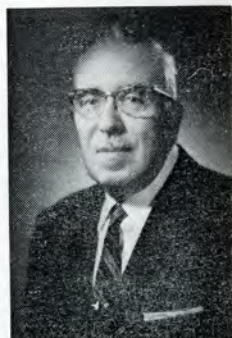
The Masonic Service Association, 724 Ninth Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20001, has released its 1969 list of the oldest living Freemasons in point of membership. Heading the list, which was distributed in July, is William E. Hine, who was made a Mason March 4, 1889. His original and present Lodge is

Harmony No. 20, New Britain, Connecticut.

Youngest in membership among the 153 listed is William Luckman, whose Masonry dates from 1899 and whose Lodge is Jackson No. 45, Jackson, Tennessee.

## "I'm Not Through Yet"

Constantinas E. Bachas of Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, Portsmouth, Virginia, boasts, "I'm not through yet," although he is the possessor of 19 Life Sponsorship Certificates in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. If this be not a national record — it surely is breathing down the neck of the holder.



Sir Knight Bachas is 79, retired from a delicatessen business which he and his brother operated over fifty years, and now is an ardent worker in his Commandery. He came to this country from Greece at the age of sixteen. During one of his visits to his homeland, he was made a Master Mason in Omonica Lodge No. 6, in 1932. In 1955 he applied for affiliation with Middy Lodge No. 132, in Portsmouth — from which he was advised "that the records of his mother Lodge were destroyed during World War II, and that it would be necessary for him to petition for membership." Thusly — he became an American Mason. It is interesting to hear him compare Masonry in the two countries — especially as to how the form in



# MASONIC NEWS IN TEMPLAR REVIEW

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Greece resembles many parts of Templary. Sir Knight Bachas' devotion to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation originates from his experience with his blind grandfather — "for whom he had to be the eyes." He really knows the importance of one's eyesight, and is overjoyed when supporting the Eye Foundation.

Galelma J. Butcher  
Virginia Editor

Webb Commandery No. 1 to Celebrate  
Sesqui-Centennial in 1970

Grand Master John L. Crofts will be the main speaker at the Sesqui-Centennial banquet of Webb Commandery No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky, January 3, 1970.

J. Winston Coleman, Jr., a member of the Commandery, has traced its origin to January 1, 1820 when Sir John Snow, Generalissimo of the General Grand Encampment conferred the Orders of Knighthood on eight or ten Royal Arch Masons in the Brick Masons' Hall at the corner of Walnut and Short Streets, Lexington.

The local press, according to Sir Knight Coleman, wrote: "An Encampment of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders has been duly organized and commenced its operation under the name and title of Webb Encampment in the town of Lexington, Kentucky." The first Commander was Sir David G. Cowan.

Sir Knight Coleman has further discovered that Gen. Marquis de Lafayette, himself a Mason, and the last surviving major-general of the Revolutionary War, visited Lexington May 16, 17, 1825 and was royally entertained by Webb No. 1, and other Masons, in the new Grand Lodge Hall, West Main St.

The 12th Triennial Conclave of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was held in Lexington, September 13 to 20, 1853. Webb Commandery, assisted by Sir Knights of the other four Templar bodies in Kentucky, was host to the distinguished visitors.

Webb Commandery has furnished nine Grand Commanders to the Grand Commandery. It has had a number of distinguished men on its rolls, as for example, Thomas H. Clay, son of the illustrious Henry Clay, James G. Scrugham, later Gov. of Nevada, Issac P. Shelby, son of Kentucky's first Governor, Issac Shelby, and Dr. Burriss Jenkins, President of Transylvania University. At present the Commandery is in a flourishing condition, with 785 members, concludes Sir Knight Coleman.

157th Annual Meeting, 33rd Degree, N.M.J.

More than 1,200 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies will gather in Boston, Massachusetts, between September 17 and 25 when the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction conducts its 1969 Annual Meeting.

The highlight of the 157th yearly event will be the conferral of the Thirty-third Degree upon 182 Scottish Rite Masons, coming from 15 northeastern and midwestern states, who were nominated and elected to receive this high honor at the 1968 session of the Supreme Council at Atlantic City. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place in John Hancock Hall on Wednesday evening, September 24.

## Misawbi and Tokyo Classes in Japan

Commander Myron G. Bettencourt, Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Japan, presents evidence of two successful Templar classes thus far in 1969.



Sir Knight Bettencourt, with Sir Knights Floyd B. Jimerson, Generalissimo; William R. Lepper, Recorder; John F. Buey, Sr., Prelate; Thomas Miller and Charles Lewis, journeyed to Misawa Air Base, April 17, where they were met and welcomed by Sir Knights W. George Shows, W.M., Aomori Lodge No. 10, Robert Bennet and others. They conferred the Order upon 16 candidates April 19. Shown with the candidates are, in uniform, left to right: Sir Knight Lewis, Shows, Bennet, Jimerson, Bettencourt, Lepper, Buey and Miller.

Nineteen candidates were dubbed June 7 in Tokyo Masonic Temple. Pictured with the Tokyo class are: Sir Knights Bettencourt, second row left; Jimerson, second row right. Center left and center right in the second row are Recorder William R. Lepper and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan, Floyd J. Robertson.



\$4,300 from Texas, O.E.S.

Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., announces receipt by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation of a check for \$4,300.00 from the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The check represents contributions received through June. The Grand Chapter expects to forward a later check for contributions made from July thru September.

### FIRST RESPONSE

Grand Master Crofts has received a check for \$50.00 for the Voluntary Knight Templar Eye Foundation Campaign from Sir Knight Glenn Earl Myers, whose membership is in Adrian Commandery No. 4, Adrian, Michigan, and who resides in Savannah, Georgia.



## Elgin, Illinois, Malta Team Remains Active



The Malta Team of Bethel Commandery No. 36, Elgin, Illinois has been in existence 22 years, with most of the members serving the entire period of its history. (Photograph courtesy Fred J. H. Kilgour, Eminent Prior.)

### Grand Commander Raises Son

R.E. Sir Knight James H. Mathis, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of South Carolina and Past Master of Aiken Lodge No. 156, A.F.M., conferred the Master Mason's Degree upon his son, James Elbert Mathis, in the Aiken Masonic Temple on Thursday, August 7. The newly raised Brother is serving in the U.S. Air Force and received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees in the area in which he was then located by courtesy to the Aiken Lodge.

### Kentucky Officers Members of Knights of the York Cross of Honour

At the time of the Annual York Rite Banquet of the York Rite Bodies of Kentucky, September 16, the presiding officers of the four Grand Bodies will all be members of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Kentucky Priory No. 25! Sir Knights Donald E. Freer, newly installed Grand Commander; William A.

Stafford, newly installed Grand Master of the Grand Council; Guthrie B. Churchill, incumbent Grand High Priest; and John W. Chandler, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M. "This seems to be a most unusual circumstance and one of which the York Rite can be justly proud," writes Morrison L. Cooke, K.Y.C.H.

### National Templar Policy

Templary has religious implications, service aspects and fraternalism. These are noted in the Grand Master's message on page two. Each reader is invited to give special thought to Sir Knight Crofts' observations — and to look for continuing page two discussions on "the organization and purposes of Templary, our need to relate to current social trends and problems, and some current questions we think need to be answered for the general good of the Order."

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

John L. Crofts, Sr., *Grand Master*  
P.O. Box 718, Nokomis, Florida 33555

Paul C. Rodenhauer, *Grand Recorder*  
14 E. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604

General Order No. 9

*TO: All Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment, Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies holding allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.,*

### GREETINGS:

In order to implement the second annual Campaign for Voluntary Contributions to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., that each Knight Templar may give as he may be able and inclined and to provide for growth of the effect and usefulness of our splendid national charitable project, it is hereby ordered:

1. A special period is hereby established to extend from Labor Day until Christmas 1969, for fund-raising activities by Commanderies and for the solicitation of voluntary contributions by their members to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., over and above the basic annual assessment of \$1.00 per member and the associated Life Sponsor program. However, any contributions received after February 19, 1969 which can be identified with individual Commanderies by the office of the Eye Foundation are to be included in the tally of individual Commandery response.

2. Each Grand Commander and each Commander of a Constituent or Subordinate Commandery is requested to appoint a Chairman to promote and supervise such canvass of members and special fund-raising activities. Fund-raising activities may be of any sort not offensive to Masonic practices. Each Commandery is requested to make its plans for participation in this 1969 Campaign a special order of business at its stated Conclave held in September 1969.

3. All Checks for contributions are to be made payable to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and mailed to the Eye Foundation at Rhinebeck, New York. Forms will be provided for transmittal of checks on December 24 and at earlier intervals to avoid inconvenience to individual donors.

4. Contributions received by Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will be recorded as received on unit record cards. A final report will be prepared from these records by the Eye Foundation and sent to state and subordinate Commandery chairmen. As many as three memos covering forwarding of checks is the only reporting expected from local chairmen.



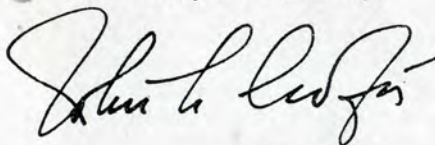
5. It is not proper for any Knight Templar to receive payment in money from contributions or activities for his support of this campaign. However, all costs of benefit activities may be deducted from the proceeds of Commandery fund-raising activities. The amount to be forwarded to Knights Templar Eye Foundation is the total net proceeds.

6. Information to and correspondence with all officers and committees by Sir Knight Charles S. McIntyre, Chairman of the Eye Foundation Committee on Wills, Bequests and Contributions, is hereby authorized. He is directing the 1969 Campaign for the Grand Master and the Eye Foundation. Questions or comment directed to him should be addressed in care of Paul C. Rodenhauser, Secretary, K.T.E.F., 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Our work for the precious gift of sight to those in great need is the most appropriate expression of our Christian concern. May the response in this campaign be worthy of our great chivalric heritage!

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, at Nokomis, Florida, this 1st day of August, 1969, A.O. 851.

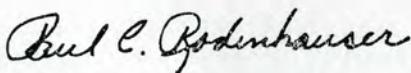
Courteously and fraternally,



*Grand Master.*



Attest:



*Grand Recorder.*

In Memory  
Of

James M. Frazer  
Alabama  
Grand Commander - 1938  
Born February 6, 1879  
Died July 19, 1969

The Chapter, Council and Commandery in the State of Oklahoma announce the July 7 death of William H. Powell, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master and former Grand Prelate.

## TEMPLARY IN ACTION

The 1969 Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which extends until Christmas Day, gives every Knight Templar and every Commandery the opportunity to demonstrate "Templary in Action" with personal contributions and fund-raising events which will help broaden the scope of the Eye Foundation's humanitarian work.

In charge of the Grand Encampment campaign is Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee on Wills, Bequests and Contributions, and newly-elected Eye Foundation Trustee. The committee includes Dr. Oliver S. Willham, and Grand Encampment officers Roy W. Riegle, Grand Generalissimo; Willard M. Avery, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer.

Materials on the campaign, including report forms and campaign suggestions, will be distributed throughout the Grand Encampment jurisdiction in accordance with Grand Master Crofts' General Order No. 9. Individual Commanderies are asked to plan their benefit events and their every-member solicitations during the months from September to December inclusive, and to forward their reports and checks periodically direct to Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.

Special recognition will be made to Grand and individual Commanderies on the basis of results. Grand Commandery Chairmen have been appointed to correlate and expedite the campaign in Grand Commandery jurisdictions.

All checks from individuals (tax deductible) and from Commanderies are to be made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Executive Director's office will maintain a record of all Voluntary Campaign contributions and will provide the information upon which Commandery recognitions and awards will be made next year. Both the personal contributions and proceeds from benefit events held by Commanderies will be credited to the individual Commanderies.

Chairman McIntyre emphasizes that the Voluntary Campaign is an annual event, completely separate from and in addition to the usual assessments and Life Sponsorship activities. The latter are all-year-round projects which bear relationship to the Voluntary Campaign only in that they, too, help support the Knight Templar Eye Foundation's humanitarian efforts in eye treatment, surgery and research.

### York Cross of Honour Conclave

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave of the Convent General of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour will be held at Jackson Lake Lodge, Wyoming, September 25-26. Lyman E. Smith, Grand Master General, who will preside over the Conclave, is a member of Aldemar Commandery No. 5, Billings, Montana.

Knight York Cross of Honour is the designation conferred on Freemasons who have held the highest office in each of the York Rite Bodies — Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. Membership is by invitation.

The Order was formed in Monroe, North Carolina, March 13, 1930 by J. Raymond Shute, II; Walter C. Crowell, J. Edward Stewart, Lee Griffin and S. Henry Green.

June 6, 1930, a month after the first Priory was formed, the Convent General was organized to administer the Order.

There are sixty-four Pories in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines, usually one to a state. There are more than eight thousand Knights of the Order, all qualified through required work and service.



## VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

### Gathering Chips



Those of us who have been doing Masonic research are happy that our readers will, from time to time, write and make comments about some of the facts that we uncover.

A recent letter from Sir Knight John T. Bracey, a Past Commander of Owosso Commandery No. 49, Ovid, Michigan, states that he was born in Bristol, England, the site of Baldwin Encampment, and sends a drawing of a map of Ancient Bristol, with much data about the old site of this Templar organization.

It is hoped that more information can be gathered by personal other contact, by which we can find more information to substantiate the very vivid background of this interesting place.

Others have also written me, denoting the fact that there is a great interest in the early background of Templary, and a desire on the part of those who are in possession of accurate information to get it before the men who are trying so hard to trace the ancestry, development and history of our Order.

With this in mind, it would be a happy circumstance if any other Sir Knights who have information, historical data and relics of past history, would establish contact with the writer, that we may develop and trace all the material into a study of *that which is lost*.

It has been a habit — a bad habit

— in recent years, for those in possession of Masonic historical and documentary information to fail to put it into place where it can be used and developed. Let's remedy this!

The Grand Encampment has a special committee which interests itself in the history, background and development of the Order, but this is not enough. Every Knight Templar who has information that is conducive to a better knowledge of our history owes it to the Order to get that information into the hands of our leaders, who can compile, correct, expand and develop this historical information for the use of all Knights Templar.

With the project of sending the *Knight Templar* magazine to every member of the Order, there is ample opportunity for us to have, through our magazine, and through a designated central center, a clearinghouse through which up to date and accurate information can be compiled, assembled, sorted and made available through the magazine, to each member. Especially is this needed for our newer members, many of whom know little or nothing about the great Order of which they are members.

Sir Knights, let's do something! Let's set up a plan, a program, by which every Knight will be an intelligent and understanding Knight. We owe it to each member, and more than that, we owe it to the officers of all branches of the Order to make ourselves known, make ourselves aware of and well acquainted with the tenets, the principles and purposes of Knight Templary.

What are YOU going to do about it?

## "THE IRON KING"

*The cover illustration of an earlier Knight Templar Magazine depicted the death of Jacques deMolay in 1314. For Sir Knight Richard M. Bard, Past Commander of Mount Olivet Commandery No. 30, Erie, Pennsylvania, it was a reminder of "The Iron King," by Maurice Druon, a novel translated from the French which he had found to be an interesting and impressive account of the last thoughts and death of deMolay.*

*The following is a condensation of the comment of Sir Knight Bard on the subject of "The Iron King."*

The prologue sets the theme "at the beginning of the fourteenth century. Philip IV reigned over France as absolute master." As king, he dedicates himself to acquiring wealth from every available source in France. If one did not obey his authority, he was broken by it. Only one power dared to stand up to him and that was the Sovereign Order of Knights Templar. "He brought against them the greatest prosecution in recorded history, since there were nearly fifteen thousand accused. It lasted seven years, and during its course every possible infamy was committed."

The story begins at the end of the seventh year. The 62 year old Grand Master, Jacques deMolay, has been in chains the entire time.

The character of Jacques deMolay, whose ideals and principles are honored today in the form of a boys' youth group, is revealed as the reader becomes privy to his thoughts. He returns to his childhood dreams of becoming a Knight Templar and "wearing the long white mantle with the black cross." He had risen higher than he had ever dared hope -- Grand Master of France and commander of 15,000 knights.

The Monday after the feast of Saint Gregory (March 18, 1314), deMolay is taken from the dungeon, his former Mother House, and led in a procession to his execution. At the bridge of Notre Dame Templars are bound to pyres and Jacques deMolay is placed upon the summit next to the Preceptor of Normandy.

In one breathtaking paragraph the drama is once more enacted by Maurice Druon.

The flames reached the Preceptor of Normandy first. -- The pyre had become a furnace and Geoffroy de Charney was now no more than a blackened, sizzling object. -- And suddenly the Grand Master's voice sounded out of the curtain of fire. -- 'Shame! Shame! You are watching innocents die. Shame upon you! God will be your judge.' -- The Grand Master's burning face was turned towards the royal loggia. And the terrible voice cried, 'Pope Clement, Chevalier Guillaume de Nogaret, King Philip, I summon you to the Tribunal of Heaven before the year is out, to receive your just punishment! Accursed! Accursed! You shall be accursed to the thirteenth generation of your lines!'

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If Master Masons have been given good and wholesome instruction, we can depend upon them, as individuals, to take the right side when the lines are drawn on a vital issue. And if our brethren are not of that caliber, then it is up to us to guard the West Gate a little more carefully; to do a better job of hewing and squaring the stones in the quarries where they are raised.

Merle C. Holmes  
Grand Master of Masons, New Mexico



## SPOTLIGHT ON NEED FOR NURSES

The tremendous shortage of nurses and nursing personnel throughout the nation is of concern to all who are involved in health care, whether in hospitals, specialty clinics, convalescent homes, or Extended Care Facilities. Since almost every Masonic Body supports a health program of some kind, it becomes a matter of enlightened self-interest to assist in alleviating the shortage whenever possible.

Illinois Masonic Medical Center, in Chicago's north side residential area a few blocks from Lake Michigan and Lincoln Park, maintains a fully-accredited School of Nursing, qualifying its graduates to take the registration examination of any State in the country.

The profession of nursing has always had a strong appeal to idealistic young people because of the opportunity it guarantees for service to their fellowmen. The Illinois Masonic Medical Center School of Nursing, recognizing the ever-increasing demand for well-qualified nurses, has streamlined its curriculum to a 27-month course, while maintaining the high standards needed for the accreditation it holds from the National League for Nursing — the official accrediting agency for Schools of Nursing throughout the nation.

Illinois Masonic accepts one class each year in September. Classes are in session from September through July, and graduation is held in February two years and six months after entrance.

College credit courses are offered through Northeastern Illinois State College in Chemistry, Microbiology, Nutrition and Speech. The student who enters in September of 1969 will graduate with about twenty hours of transferable college credit.

Upon graduation, the students are eligible to take the state board examinations, and may then be registered in the states of their choice.

The cost for resident students is twenty-one hundred dollars (\$2,100) for the entire 27-month program, payable in yearly installments. This includes tuition, cost for college courses, books, uniforms, room and board. Total cost for students living at home is thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300).

The nursing shortage creates a need and opportunity everywhere. Those interested in Illinois Masonic Medical Center training may write to: Registrar, School of Nursing, Illinois Medical Center, 836 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60657.

### Michigan Life Sponsorships Are Memorial to Wilbur M. Brucker

Whit Elder Gannaway, Sr., appointed by Grand Commander Benjamin W. Wise to be Eye Foundation Committee Chairman for the Grand Commandery of Michigan, has announced that all Michigan Life Sponsorships received for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation until the Triennial Conclave next August will be designated a memorial to the late Past Grand Master, Wilbur M. Brucker.

Sir Knight Gannaway is also co-Chairman of the Michigan Knight Templar License Plate Program. Some 10,000 Knight Templar License plates are made available, with incentive Life Sponsorships for every fifty license plates purchased by each Commandery.

The Life Sponsorship quota for the year in Michigan is 600, according to Chairman Gannaway's announcement. Fellow members of the committee are Douglas E. Briggs and Rouse Curlis.

# MASSACHUSETTS CONSISTORY

## SCOTTISH RITE

### BULLETIN

Dear Grand Recorder:

The every-member distribution of the *Knight Templar* is the most significant decision effecting York Rite Masonry that comes to my memory. This branch of the fraternity has suffered from lack of nourishment communication which can be speedily overcome through this excellent and most interesting publication. I wish you the greatest possible success in this progressive and intelligent venture!

Your indicated purpose, through this magazine, to give the individual Knight Templar -- information; to display the great dimensions of Templar idealism and its relevance to life as we face it today; as well as the exchange of ideas, programs and useful proposals for enriching the Order -- will put Templary 'back on the road' and give to the York Rite, as a whole, a new spirit and a new role in Man's Place in the Universe.

Just as our brave Astronauts have on this day shown to us that we can discover new frontiers; project ourselves past old horizons; and discover new dimensions to worthy aspirations and goals -- so, has John L. Crofts, Sr., our Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. in his way -- led the way to a new era for fraternalism through Templary, by this intimate personal and direct contact with men who can make a difference to our tomorrow!

Fraternally,

Henry S. C. Cummings, Editor  
Former Recorder, DeMolay Commandery No. 7  
in the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts

#### *Wherever You Find a Templar You Find a Friend*

Early in June, Rick Davids, a DeMolay from River Edge, N.J., arrived in Lexington, Virginia, to attend a Sigma Nu convention. To his dismay, the bus personnel had lost his luggage and it looked as if he would have to return home.

In the course of searching for his luggage he met Sir Knight Moffett D. Sensabaugh who invited Rick to his home, loaned him some shirts and a tie and hastened him on his way.

Rick did not get the name of the Sir Knight but he did remember that he was

an officer in the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Rick's father later contacted a co-worker, David Aiken, Commander of Nassau Commandery No. 73, Hempstead, N.Y., and through the Grand Commander of New York located the address of Sir Knight Sensabaugh, D.G.C. of Virginia, who had been so helpful to Rick. The shirts and tie have been returned along with a letter of appreciation.

This little episode involving three States merely proves that wherever you find a Templar, you find a friend.



## BIRTHDAYS

The *Knight Templar* salutes these distinguished Templars who will observe birthday anniversaries during October:

James H. Mathis Grand Commander of South Carolina	October 1
Edwin M. Demlow Grand Recorder of Indiana	October 2
Jack G. Stafford Deputy Grand Commander of Iowa	October 4
Brigido T. Capili Deputy Grand Commander of the Philippines	October 8
James E. Moseley Grand Recorder of Georgia	October 10
Marvin E. Fowler Grand Captain General of the District of Columbia	October 12
Archie W. McPhail Grand Generalissimo of Montana	October 12
Brooks E. Booth Grand Commander of Vermont	October 14
Benjamin W. Wise Grand Commander of Michigan	October 15
Leonard C. Martin Grand Commander of Louisiana	October 18
John W. Stewart, Jr. Grand Commander of Florida	October 18
Herbert J. Pfeufer Grand Generalissimo of Nevada	October 19
John B. Nye Grand Commander of California	October 22
J. Ralph Walker Grand Generalissimo of Colorado	October 23
Henry C. Smith Grand Generalissimo of Kentucky	October 27
Arthur A. Chidsey Grand Recorder of Louisiana	October 28
Harlan H. Morris Grand Commander of New Mexico	October 28
Elmer H. Riemen Grand Recorder of New Mexico	October 29

Above dates are from information on hand for officers of Grand Commanderies and for Grand Encampment appointed and elected officers and Committee Chairmen. (New Dais officers are requested to forward day and month of birth for Magazine.)

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**Plan NOW for your attendance at the 51st Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, U.S.A., at Denver, Colorado, August 22-27, 1970.**

# PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



FRANK W. BOBB, Editor  
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## Grand Commander's Message

The "life-blood" of any Masonic Body is New Membership. I trust that you, "The Eminent Commanders," have followed my suggestion and appointed a Membership Chairman with executive ability, determination, prestige and popularity in the community as well as in the Commandery without regard to Templar rank but a Sir Knight who will take the job seriously and produce results. During the summer months your full committee should have had several planning sessions and now you are ready to develop the program for the remainder of the year. Membership must be an all-year program if we are going to "Turn the Corner."



May I suggest that you work closely with all Masonic Bodies, more especially with the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. Let us begin now by attending their meetings and participating in their work. Do not hesitate to attend and participate in the work of the "Scottish Rite." It is from the Scottish Rite that we secure a large percentage of our membership. Remember, our Masonic Education is not complete until we have acquired both the "York Rite" and the "Scottish Rite."

I have found that the approach to a prospective member should never be casual. I like to meet and talk to both husband and wife. I tell them about the Commandery and its program, and why he should be a member — why

he needs the Commandery, and why the Commandery needs him. I also tell her about the Ladies Auxiliary and the splendid work they are doing for Christian Masonry. Usually I make an advance appointment to make sure both husband and wife are at home. If possible, I like to take with me a respected friend who is a Knight Templar. This approach pays dividends. Let us all give it a trial. Every Sir Knight in Pennsylvania is a member of my team. **LET US ALL GO TO WORK AND MAKE 1969-70 A BANNER YEAR FOR TEMPLARY IN PENNSYLVANIA.**

Charles R. Eurich  
R.E. Grand Commander



YORK COMMANDERY NO. 21 held an Appreciation Dinner honoring S.K. Bernard E. Sheffer, P.C., who retired as Recorder of York Commandery on April 30, after twenty-five years of service. The Dinner was held at the Mediterranean Room, 1285 E. Market St., York, on Saturday, June 28. S.K. Charles R. Eurich, R.E. Grand Commander, and Mrs. Eurich S.K. Lewis E. Lear, Gr. Marshal, and Mrs. Lear, S.K. Conrad J. Raider, P.G.C. of Maryland and Honorary Member of York Commandery, S.K. Morris Carrol, Gr. Sword Bearer, of Maryland, and Mrs. Carrol, were among the distinguished guests present. S.K. Eurich addressed the group. Several spontaneous testimonials were given by Sir Knights in attendance, and S.K. Sheffer was presented with a plaque honoring his devotion to York Commandery. S.K. Russell G. Beckstrom, Div. Com., Div. No. 16, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

THE LINE OFFICERS AND PAST COMMANDERS' ASSOCIATION, Div. No. 1, on Sunday, July 20, held its Annual Barge Trip up the Delaware Canal from New Hope, Pa., to a picnic grove where some 70 Sir Knights, their ladies and guests enjoyed a delicious supper. S.K. George C. Haggensbottom, President of the Association, was the genial host; other officers present were 1st Vice-President Carryl Brewster and Secretary John B. Patterson. The distinguished guests included Sir Knights G. Calvin Dyson, P.G.C., Howard T. Scull, Jr., Gr. Junior Warden; George H. Garrett, P.G. Standard Bearer, and their wives. Accordian music was provided by S.K. Roger Evans.

Another summer activity of Div. No. 1 was the Annual Clam Bake of Germantown Commandery No. 82.



S.K. William J. Dennis, E.C., York Commandery No. 21; S.K. Charles R. Eurich, R.E.G.C.; S.K. Bernard E. Sheffer, P.C., Honored Guest; and S.K. Russell G. Beckstrom, Div. Com., Div. No. 16.

NINETEEN ELECTED OFFICERS of Div. No. 6 assembled at Marietta's Restaurant in Duncansville on July 18 for an area program meeting. Sir Knights were present from Johnstown, Lewistown, Altoona, Huntingdon and Philipsburg. Also attending were Sir Knights Ewart Roberts, Gr. Generalissimo, and George A. Luse, Gr. Standard Bearer, S.K. Roberts as Chairman of the Grand Commandery Membership Committee emphasized the importance of getting new members in *all* Commanderies of the state. Div. Com. W. Earle Troutwein of Hollidaysburg acted as Master of Ceremonies, and outlined the year's program of religious and patriotic activities for Div. No. 6.

YORK RITE BODIES of Wilkes-Barre — Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter, Mt. Horeb Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Dieu le Veut Commandery No. 45 — met on July 2 to plan a co-ordinated program of activities for the year to May 1, 1970. A York Rite family picnic on July 20 got the program off to a good start; this was followed on August 17 with a corn roast sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

## The Knight Line



Those aspiring to be Grand Masters of Grand Lodges can "view with alarm" what may be a new required-subject in their training -- song leading. Retiring Grand Master Perry A. Risberg punctuated discussion periods during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin by leading 500 delegates in group singing. He said it relieved tension.

Another "Knight of Note" in Wisconsin is the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery -- Earl B. Bauer. Sir Knight Earl, well recognized as an outstanding Grand Recorder, was honored at the Annual Conclave by being named Honorary Past Grand Commander. A well-deserved tribute to a very special Templar.

"Status Quo" is easy to take and far more comfortable than "Change." Less demanding, less confusing, less distracting, less disturbing. The status quo is reassuring because it is familiar, natural and "normal."

But, the preservation of status quo in 1776 would mean there would be no United States of America; adherence to the familiar five hundred years ago would have prevented the discovery of the American continents. Two thousand years ago, strict observance of status quo meant opposition to Christianity.

Anyone who looked at the slice of the moon visible in the eastern afternoon sky of July 20, after hearing that Commander Armstrong and Sir Knight Aldrin had touched its surface in the "Eagle," could not help but be impressed with the awareness that mankind's destiny is to strive constantly toward new aspirations, new horizons, new goals.

It was a spectacular object lesson to look ahead, rather than only to the past; to recognize the inevitability of Change.

"Neither a parachute nor a man's mind is of practical value unless it is open."

Sir Knight Fred K. Thieme, a 55-year-member of Mountain Commandery No. 10, Altoona, Pennsylvania, "is very much pleased with the contents of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, especially references to the Eye Foundation," writes Sir Knight Charles M. Houpt, Mountain Commandery's "stellar" Recorder. "The references in the July issue prompted Sir Knight Thieme's decision to become a Life Sponsor of this most worthy Templar project."

**A September remembrance for Masons:** One hundred seventy-six years ago this month (September 18, 1793), George Washington participated in the Masonic ceremonies connected with the cornerstone laying of the first section of the National Capitol.

**As Robert Louis Stevenson said:**

There is so much bad in the best of us  
And so much good in the worst of us,  
What it ill behooves any of us  
To talk about the rest of us.

C. Kritt  
Reporter

Executive Director Walter A. De Lamater points out that Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., of moon flight fame, holds Life Sponsor card No. 18434 in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.



Neil A. Armstrong  
Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.  
Michael Collins  
U.S. Space Agency  
Houston, Texas

My dear American Heroes and Distinguished Explorers:

I have been searching for several days for words which would adequately express the feelings which I want to convey to you. I find myself unable to put the full import of my feelings on paper.

I believe that most Americans are in a similar position. The feat that you have accomplished defies description. We stand in absolute awe at the import of your accomplishments and the magnitude of the intricate planning and management which went into the whole venture.

You and your fellows who were associated with you in this stupendous undertaking, together with the astronauts who went before you into outer space are all deserving of the highest honors and praise that can be heaped upon you and them. I cannot do justice to a proper tribute to your feat as an inspiration to oncoming generations or to you and your fellow workers.

Nevertheless, I represent the nearly 90,000 Masons of Kansas, all God fearing men, and I feel that I owe to them the duty of making some endeavor to express our gratitude and appreciation for the ingenuity displayed and for the great courage which you and your families have demonstrated in your recent outstanding feat of bringing the world closer together.

On their behalf, I salute you as citizens of a great country whose people recognize the inspiration which you will be to our youth, and the great contribution which you have made to science. We all hope that world understanding and cooperation will be advanced. We also hope that plaudits of an appreciative citizenry will accord you the hero's tribute that you deserve.

Sincerely and fraternally.

CARROLL C. ARNETT  
Grand Master of Kansas  
Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.

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**Grand Master:** "A special period is hereby established to extend from Labor Day until Christmas 1969, for fund-raising activities by Commanderies and for the solicitation of voluntary contributions by their members to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., over and above the basic annual assessment of \$1.00 per member and the associated Life Sponsor program."

(from General Order No. 9)

"The Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation represents a cause dear to the heart of every Christian Mason. Although we each assist in the Foundation's work through our annual assessment or Life Sponsorship, the Voluntary Campaign is an additional opportunity — a personal challenge and privilege — to broaden the scope of that work with increased operating funds."

**The  
Chairman**

**The  
Executive  
Director**

"In lieu of an additional assessment, it is of great importance that the Voluntary Contribution Campaign be most successful. It is important from two angles: One angle is that it provides additional funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and thus enables us to help more people. The other very important reason is that the Campaign enables Commanderies to initiate programs and entertainment of various kinds that will be a tremendous factor in increasing the attendance at the various Conclaves. Without an increase in attendance, it is difficult to make progress."

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