A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER—

OUR EYE FOUNDATION

(Sixth of a general information series – by the Grand Master)

Still a young charitable enterprise, our Eye Foundation is mature in its accomplishments and in its recognition by the Masonic fraternity and the public at large. Knights Templar have reason for pride and satisfaction in our great national charity, and reason as in the case of our Educational Foundation to learn about it, tell about it, support it, and enjoy it.

Our Foundation is directed by a Board including the elected officers of Grand Encampment and six directors elected from the membership at large, under the immediate supervision of its dynamic founder and Executive Director, P.G.M. General Walter A. DeLamater. Using existing hospital facilities and the ophthalmologist chosen by the patient, we pay the cost of surgery and hospitalization when such treatment is certified as necessary to prevent blindness or restore sight, if the patient is not eligible for public assistance and cannot pay for the high cost of such treatment without severely depriving himself and family. Thus, we help those otherwise unable to avoid the greatest physical calamity—blindness.

In a dozen years we have handled almost 14,000 cases at a cost of four million dollars—a cold statistic unless we remember that the tragedy of blindness was involved in each case—and have contributed one-half million to research in the prevention and treatment of blindness. 29,000 Knights Templar have “prepaid” their annual assessment and insured that their contributions will continue after their deaths by becoming Life Sponsors. More than 1,000 individuals and organizations have become Patrons, and the Social Order of the Beauceant and Order of the Eastern Star have made impressive contributions. During the past two years, additional support has been developed and many commanderies have enjoyed group satisfaction and community recognition through fund-raising activities for the benefit of our Eye Foundation.

What is needed now? Quite simply, we need a broader base for both case presentation and voluntary contributions. Too many commanderies have never discovered a person desperately facing blindness who needs our help. Too many, including ophthalmologists, do not even know of our great program. Too many persons well able to make personal contributions—Templars and others—do not know the great merit of our work. Too many commanderies have not tried to express the group interest of benefit activities.

What can you do? If your commandery has been active, offer to help; if not, inform yourself and them by writing to Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572, for information and application forms. In short—learn about it, tell about it, support it, enjoy it.
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The Cover:

The Christian flag and the flag of the United States are representative of what is meaningful to Knights Templar – love of country and freedom, faith in God and the teachings of His Son, Jesus Christ. In the month marking the beginning of Lent and the anniversary of the birth of Brother George Washington, the flags and their themes of Christianity and Patriotism become especially significant for Knights of the Temple.
Jacksonville, Florida

I have been a member of the York Rite Bodies in my town for many years. Recently I have been receiving *Knight Templar*, your fine publication. I want you to know how much I appreciate getting the magazine. I am learning more about my brothers in other parts of the country and about the Order than I ever anticipated.

HERBERT BAYER

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

I am a Life sponsor, but am happy to enclose a check for 1969 Voluntary Campaign for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

I enjoy getting the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

JOHN H. KOCH

Orange, Massachusetts

Congratulations! I am sure that the *Knight Templar* is filling a great need. I am all for a publication which gives the active Mason encouragement and the inactive member something to think about.

CYRIL E. BRUBAKER, Past Grand King
K. Y. C. H. Sovereign, St. Matthew’s Conclave
Red Cross of Constantine

Minneapolis, Minnesota

I sure enjoy getting *Knight Templar Magazine*. I do not miss a word which is the reason I am writing you.

My mother’s brother, Francis Herbert Ring was a member of Darius Commandery No. 7, in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1909. He moved to Eagle Rock, California about 1918. He died November 1932. As I am now a member of Darius Commandery No. 7, I would like to have his sword and scabbard.

If there is any member of a Commandery near Eagle Rock, California, there might be a chance they might know about this property and contact me. Thank you very much. Keep up the work of the *Knight Templar*. We need it.

RAYMOND FREMONT BROCK
Treasurer
Darius Commandery No. 7

Jersey City, N. J.

Received the large envelope you sent me containing September and October issues of our wonderful little paper – Our Epistle of Hope.

Am looking forward to the day when Chapter Council and Commandery all over the U.S. are as solid in organization as the Scottish Rite is today. It can happen. Thanks for everything.

ROBERT E. WINTHROP
Columbia, Pennsylvania

I have two hundred (200) 100th Anniversary coins made for Corinthian Royal Chapter No. 224 and Cyrene Commandery at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

One side, Chapter; the other side, Commandery.

Perhaps there are some collectors that may be interested. The coins are available at one dollar each.

CHARLES R. FRASCH
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Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512

Joliet, Illinois

I feel compelled to write and tell you how much I enjoy the little items I find in your Knight Templar Magazine. In your January issue, page 14, "Desiderata" gives one much food for thought. I will use many of these items in my "talks" as I travel the state of Illinois this year.

My husband is a Past Commander of Joliet Commandery No. 4. Many of your Sir Knights are Sir Knights in our Order of the Amaranth also, and we're proud to have every one of them.

MRS. LEOLA M. MEAD
Grand Royal Matron
The Grand Court Order of the Amaranth
State of Illinois, Inc.

Ontario, Canada

I would like to correct a statement made by Larry M. Lang, Chaplain Oriental Lodge No. 240, in his letter on Page 6 of the December Knight Templar Magazine, in which he states that Canadian Knights do not wear swords. I have been a Knight Templar since 1936 and I have never known of any Order whereby we could not wear swords. I have always worn one when in full uniform.

ALF. SHERMAN

Sarasota, Florida

Congratulations for the monthly magazine, Knight Templar, a stirring and exemplary mouthpiece for the grand order of Knights Templar.

It was back in the year 1916 when the writer had the Templar degrees exemplified unto him. The town was Charlotte, Michigan. The Commander that year was Willis Fulton, father of Past Grand Commander, Clyde A. Fulton. The prelate that year was Charles Johnson, one of the most articulate and devoted Prelates. The message scored a hit with the writer and has followed him throughout his life.

In the deep south it seems the prevailing movement for candidates who have taken their proficiencies from the three parent degrees, is to the Scottish Rite, while the York Rite stands at a second. We see very little of drill teams here in the south. Marching units with plumed chapeaus, spotless uniforms with swords, the writer well recalls, motivated him to aspire the Temple Degree. Why can not the York Rite flourish in the south?

ROBERT B. COLLINS

Dudweiler/Saar, Western Germany

Referring to Knight Templar Vol. XV, September 1969 No. 9, I beg you to send me one exemplar of the Grand Encampment booklets: "Taking the Mystery out of Public Relations."

I am a member of Commandery No. 2, Heidelberg, Western Germany, and WM of the youngest AF & AM Lodge: "Zwei Brucken auf den Drei Saulen" (Two Bridges on the Three Pillars) No. 905 sponsored by the "Two Bridges Lodge" No. 877 ACPCL — Germany, in the Orient of Zweibrucken, Western Germany.

KLAUS-DIETER LINCKE
Mishawaka, Indiana

I commence this letter by telling you how much I enjoy receiving and reading the *Knight Templar Magazine*, particularly since it now contains the Indiana Supplement which is edited by my very dear friend Richard M. Stephenson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

I hasten to call a glaring error to your attention however, as far as Hoosiers are concerned. On page 21 of the November 1969 edition which page contains the resume of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council Triennials, I wish to point to you the last paragraph on that page in which you name the other General Grand Council Officers elected. You state that Owen L. Shanteau of Ohio was elected General Grand Principal Conductor of Work, this is the glaring error of which I speak. First Owen L. Shanteau is another very dear friend of mine and a Companion Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Indiana. Secondly, Ohio is an independent Grand Council and therefore would not have representation in the General Grand Council line.

Companion Owen is a dedicated Capitular Mason of which Indiana is justly proud and we do not intend to allow Ohio to take credit for him.

Again congratulations on a very fine magazine.

DONALD R. KEMBLE
Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

*Editor’s Note: Our apology to Indiana and Dr. Shanteau.*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

I would begin by telling you how much I enjoy *Knight Templar*. On page 14 of the January, 1970 issue is printed “Desiderata” as forwarded by S.K. W.A. Van Deusen. This has also been reprinted in the December 1969, issue of “Tele-news” issued by the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company together with an explanation of its origin:

The author was Max Ehrmann, and it was written in 1927. The Rev. Frederick Kates who was rector of Old St. Paul’s Church in Baltimore mimeographed it as a inspirational writing for his congregation and, as was his custom, included on the sheet the date of the founding of the church — 1692. As “Tele-news” points out, it has been widely quoted and published complete with the wrong information about its origin. They give the copyright ower as Crescendo Publishers, Boston.

Whatever the date of writing, it is a beautiful and thoughtful essay, and I was happy to see it in *Knight Templar*

PAGE R. EDMONDSON
Darius No. 7, Minneapolis

Haverhill, Massachusetts

I have been reading the articles pro and con about the K.T. uniforms, and being the very proud wife of a Knight Templar would like to take my humble stand on the subject.

It is a sight that fills my heart with joy and pride when I see the banners and uniforms carried and worn by men who are not ashamed to declare themselves as Christians and Knights wherever they may be.

The cost of things in life are relative to most adults, depending on what is meaningful and important to us. The cost of the K.T. uniform is very small for what it declares about the man who wears it, a soldier of our Lord.

ALBERTA E. BERGERON (wife of)
Joseph H. Bergeron, Sr.
Commandery No. 14
From the Grand Master of
Masons in Texas

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG
AND ITS NATION

By Hal Burnett

Sir Knight Hal Burnett, R.E. Grand Commander in 1964, is the new
Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas. From his program
theme for the Masonic year, "Creation – Masonry – America," comes this
month’s tribute to our flag and our nation.

The United States Flag was born in the
agon of battle and has been bravely and
triumphantly borne to the uttermost
parts of the earth, and yet, it is the proud
emblem of hope and not despair; of
liberation and not oppression; of law and
order and not of crime and disobedience;
of honesty and fair dealings and not of
greed or dictatorial bureaucracy. It is the
flag of a young, vigorous and prosperous
nation, devoted to the principles of
liberty, justice and the inalienable rights
of man. Our nation has, when necessary,
furnished leadership, power and
knowledge to insure the cherished
blessings of freedom from all outside
aggression which would destroy our
beloved American way of life.

Our nation is rich in history and in
moral and spiritual accomplishments. In
the early years of our nation, our
forebears brought into existence their
banner in brilliant colors, deep in
expressive symbolism. Its red color
symbolizes courage and valor. It was also
selected and used to remind those who
might forget that the God-given rights
which they possessed and the oppor-
tunity to pursue liberty and happiness
came to them because brave men and
women were, and are, willing to sacrifice,
and even risk their lives to make real, and
keep the ideals which they appreciate and
believe in.

The white symbolizes light, purity and
joy; the purity of purpose and the purity
of patriotism in which this nation was
conceived and which, may God grant, we
shall always enjoy and preserve. The
white also represents peace, liberty and
the true brotherhood of man, essentials
we, as did they, hope and pray for.

The blue field, upon which the fifty
stars are fixed, one for each state, is a
true symbol of the loyalty, fidelity and
justice of the purpose of our nation. Its
red and white stripes also represent the
thirteen original states in the union.

Yes, this is our Flag; it is the majestic
symbol from the past, honored, loved and bequeathed by the American citizens. Our Flag, however, is not only a symbol of the past, only reminding us of a nation’s history, but it is a sacred symbol of the purposes of a free, God-loving people, first established by our Pilgrim forefathers some three and one-half centuries ago for the idea and purposes of worshipping God in accordance with each individual’s belief in God; and likewise, to build a place to be revered and loved by all generations, from the resources of divine creative energy, both spiritual and material.

If we are to maintain and hold sacred this beautiful heritage, the red, white and blue of our Flag must not only symbolize the work, faith and dedication and sacrifice of those who have gone before, but it must also truly symbolize the purity of our intentions and actions to the point that we too are willing and ready to consecrate ourselves with work, faith and dedication, as were loyal past generations. The principle upon which the United States was founded is truly in keeping with God's plan in creation for man. Let’s keep it this way.

May God in His infinite love, and through His divine creative wisdom and power, bless our leaders in strength, in moral and religious convictions, in high imagination, in wisdom and courage. May this Supreme Creator, who created, sustains, and still creates, bless each individual law-abiding citizen in his or her efforts to keep this great country as pure as the purposes symbolized, and as dedicated in the colors and heritage of our grand and glorious Flag. Indeed, may there never by any room under the purposes of this beautiful flag for aggression, lawlessness, anarchy or dictatorship.

Recipe of the Month

A note to the Knight Templar Magazine from August M. Kammann, Le Mars, Iowa, is of both culinary and historical interest. Sir Knight Kammann tells of the following 13th century legend:

A large contingent of Knights Templar on a long and arduous journey stopped at the castle of one of the Knights. Tired, wet, cold and hungry, they stabled their horses, then entered the castle to partake of food, which the lady of the house was asked to prepare.

The visit was unexpected and the larder was low, but the lady used her ingenuity and did some quick improvising. Having plenty of bread and milk, but just a few eggs, she whipped the eggs, added milk, dipped slices of bread in the batter and fried them.

The Knights were delighted and asked for the name of this satisfying preparation. Since there was no name for it, the Templars called it “Arme Ritter” or “Poor Knights.”

“Now, for your information,” says Sir Knight Kammann, “should you ever journey to Germany, go to a restaurant or hotel dining-room and ask for “Arme Ritter” if you want to be served French Toast.”

“Our guest speaker tonight doesn’t need any introduction because he didn’t show up.”

(Arlington Centennial Lodge No. 81, Arlington, Virginia)
Christian Masonry

A REPLY TO THE GENERAL GRAND KING, R.A.M.

By Earl I. Ofstedahl, P.G.C.

Sir Knight Ofstedahl, Past Grand Commander, Wisconsin, submits the following expression of viewpoint in response to an article in the January Knight Templar Magazine by Edward M. Selby, General Grand King, General Grand Chapter.

A REPLY TO THE GENERAL GRAND KING, R.A.M.

May I respectfully tender a rebuttal to the article submitted in the January 1970 issue of the Knights Templar Magazine by Sir Knight Edward M. Selby, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International. Though the conciliatory tenor of his message did not escape us, neither did the pungency of his charges nor his whole-hearted support of the theory that the tail should wag the dog.

Sir Knight Selby depletes the positive identity of Templar with Christianity; one gathers that we are the sour apple in the York Rite barrel, a disunifying and confusing element, adversely affecting York Rite Masonry all over the world. If correctly interpreted, it embodies an arrogant and insidious demand, in effect, that we divest ourselves of all essential identity with Christianity at the Temple door, together with a similar emasculation of our Orders. In return for also further separating ourselves from the large Christian membership potential by this act, as well as openly denying our own convictions, we gain the debatable benefit of some possible members from a minority, the overwhelming majority of which, throughout the nation, fit more closely a “belonger” title than “zealous worker.”

The re-organizers of Masonry in 1717 hypnotized a majority, presumably, with the thought that Masonry would become a World Order, influencing World Policy, sweetening the one God idea. Let us explore the actuality.

Japan is divided, religiously, between Shintoism, a form of ancestor and Sun worship, and Buddhism, which has no deities (it seeks Nirvana or non-existence.) There are well over 500,000,000 Buddhists in the world, with off-shoots in Tibet, Mongolia and large portions of China. Hinduism recognizes Brahma as the father of Gods but the World Book Encyclopedia states he is out-shone by his sons, Vishnu, the good, and Siva, the destroyer, who are more consistent with Hindu philosophy; otherwise parallels Buddhism in many ways.

From this we may gather that Buddhists and Shintoists, having no deities, the Hindus several, are excluded from Masonry in accordance with our one-God requirement. Other than the blacks of Africa, the only other non-Christian groups of notable magnitude are the Moslems and the Hebrews. The Moslems number well over 200,000,000 people. The writer has no statistics at hand as to Masonic population among the Moslem. The notable antipathy of the Moslem for anything Judaic in character may well put a “hex” on our degree work, prompting a meager Moslemic Masonic membership.
By process of elimination then, we cannot escape the conclusion that a preponderance of non-Christian Masonry is exclusively Jewish. The significant fact to be noted here is that the dream of converting large segments of the immense non-Christian world to Masonry never materialized, and with our long range loss-pattern, never will. The native Masons in these countries will be found by and large to come from a Christian fringe.

It adds up then that the overwhelming majority of Masons in the world identify with Christianity. All the great charities and other activities which identify Masonry have been instituted and activated by Christians.

Masonry is in a critical situation, trying to escape from the desert of indifference in which it finds itself, handicapped with anchors tied to its legs in the name of expedience. If Sir Knight Selby yearns to sink his teeth into an issue, let him consider this problem:

All over the land, honest ministers have and are attacking Masonry for its non-Christian identity, its capricious invocation of God as a witness to capriciously imposed and accepted penalties for performance of Obligations, falsehoods dotting the work, glossed over as “allergy” and the blood-thirsty and sadistic character of Degree work, purportedly teaching Brotherhood, peace and goodwill.

With all these short-sighted, ill-considered, built-in handicaps, it would seem that we have all the strikes against us that we need. It is true, at least in the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, that all reference to Christianity has been so emasculated that for all practical purposes it could well be deleted. Like the stupid “hippies” who would kill the goose that lays the golden egg which permits their continuance, some of us seem unable to comprehend that by diluting all our purported principles in the name of expedience, we are draining our very life blood, our reason for being.

The ancient, true Knights Templar were unequivocally Christian; their Beauséant so informed the world. There were no non-Christians among the ancient Templars—defense of Christianity was their reason for being. That issue is still, obviously, present. Do you, or those whom you serve, wish to remove our reason for being? If you are concerned with the well-being of the York Rite, has it occurred to you that by de-Christianizing Templary you will have left the York Rite, by and large, as a poor counter-part of the Scottish Rite with a very questionable further reason for being?

Courteously submitted

Earl I. Oftedahl
Past Grand Commander

Evanston, Illinois, Commandery Knights 42

Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, conferred the Order of the Temple upon a class of 42 November 15, the climax of a concerted York Rite Fall Festival.
WASHINGTON

and the **PRESENT AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE**

by

Joseph M. Culp

Ardmore Commandery No. 9, Oklahoma

_During World War II Sir Knight Culp was a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A prominent attorney, he has been President of the Ardmore and Oklahoma Bar Associations and is well-known as an active Methodist layman. One year ago he served as speaker for a combined Ardmore Lodge-Ardmore Commandery “patriotic activities” banquet-meeting. J.T. Nutting, then Commander, thought so highly of Sir Knight Culp’s address that he forwarded it to the Knight Templar Magazine for consideration. It has been retained since that time—earmarked for release in the same month and for the same purpose one year later._

We have been admonished to observe George Washington’s birthday this year by the direction of the Grand Commander. This observance was requested not only in the usual patriotic sense for the occasion, but because our leaders feel and believe we as Masons, should bring to our families and friends, an awareness of the need for a revival of the fundamental beliefs that brought our country from its infancy to the position of leadership and greatness which it enjoys in the world today.

1776 was only 194 years ago! Not long in the time of man. Not long in the development and establishment of a people and their country.

And yet, there are those abroad in our land today who point to our troubled times and say it is all over, that the United States of America has reached its zenith and all that remains for us now is a gradual decline in morals, power, positions and finally, relegation to being a third-rate power.

Let us examine this attitude for a few minutes. Contrast it with what the beliefs and the life of our first President, who was a great Mason, teach us about our Masonic responsibility in these difficult times in our effort to bring about liberty and happiness for all of our people.

Admittedly we live in difficult times, but they can hardly match the terrible strife witnessed by the Father of our Country in the formative years of our nation.

Who can witness the scene of the famous crossing of the Delaware, or visit the site of that awful winter camp at Valley Forge, or see Convention Hall in Philadelphia, where he presided at the Federal Convention and then was elected President, or go to the place where he laid the cornerstone of the Capitol of the United States of America in the City of Washington, without realizing the agonizing months and years, the painful fulfillment of duties, the harsh sacrifices he and his fellowmen endured.
And from all this, they established a great government and give us a heritage which will stand forever.

From the challenges which arose during our Masonic Brother’s life and the manner in which he dealt with them, we can learn how to face the problems and frustrations of our time.

Let us look for a moment at some of the situations which give all thoughtful Americans grave concern.

We have seen pictures and read reports of anarchy in many of our metropolitan centers; we have heard reasonable utterances by those in high places; we have observed an utter disregard by large segments of our population for the rights of others; we have learned that many of our young people engage in permissiveness and resort to the use of drugs of various sorts; we are appalled that an ever-increasing number of “get something for nothing” folks are being bred in every strata of our society. We have listened patiently to the explanations for these trends by the so-called experts, and then have seriously wondered if the underlying cause is not to be associated with the summary announcement that GOD IS DEAD!

It appears that far too many Americans have given credence to these reports and have so conducted themselves in the apparent belief that to do otherwise would place them in the question-able category of being “old-fashioned squares.”

Washington was not ashamed of his belief in God. He said: “I am sure there never was a people who had more reason to acknowledge a Divine interposition in their affairs than those of the United States, and I should be pained to believe, that they have forgotten that agency, which was manifested so often during our revolution, or that they failed to consider the omnipotence of the God which is alone able to protect them.”

And, on another occasion, he said: “The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations.”

Are our problems so different really from those faced by Washington and his fellow Masons?

Let us see! In the 1720’s, Jonathan Edwards at Yale University wrote: “Discovery of some monstrous impieties, and acts of immorality lately committed in the college, particularly stealing of hens, geese, turkeys, pigs, meat, wood, etc.—unseasonable nightwalking, breaking people's windows, playing at cards, cursing, swearing, and damning, and using all manner of ill language, which never were at such a pitch in the College as they now are.”

Compare this with our university situations today: buildings taken over by students in California and Wisconsin; a million and a half dollar computer system destroyed in Canada; Columbia and Cornell Universities shut down by demonstrators. No, the problems are the same.

The language used in the literature of today, on T.V., in the movies, on the stage, in everyday life is not the decent, sensitive, refined language we knew in our younger days.
But, listen to a general order issued by General George Washington in July, 1776: "The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect, that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our arms, if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

The point is that Washington, the Mason, stood up to the problem. He faced an unpleasant situation with action that he believed was right and best for his fellowmen. His Masonic training disclosed the proper course to him, and he was Mason enough to perform the tasks required to fulfill his beliefs. We should do no less.

And yet, we are not capable of bringing together here on earth the different beliefs and viewpoints of our people. The answers to these great questions facing us are denied because we can't find the proper treatment and love, one for the other.

Not only are we caught in the population explosion, we have a society far more complex and demanding on all of our institutions. New rights like those of social security, civil rights, labor law, air pollution, water pollution, air traffic, sonic booms, the continued increase in the use of the automobile—all these have resulted in overtaxing our governmental, social and legal facilities.

But, as we have seen, we are not the first who have struggled for the extension of law, of good, and of justice to a wider range of human affairs. Our own Constitution is an example of the everlasting good that can spring from confusion and oppression and Washington and his fellow Masons were the leaders of the day who brought the precious government, dedicated to the importance of the individual, into existence out of that confusion and oppression.

Let us ask ourselves the question: Do those whose trust is in God flaunt the laws of their cities, states, and nation; flagrantly disavow their loyalty to their national principles; destroy life and property as if setting off old-fashioned fireworks on the Fourth of July; burn draft cards; hold love-ins, sit-ins, stand-ins, and all other types of "in's" except the most important IN — "Trust in".... or has the ageless motto of our people, "In God We Trust," also become outdated?

Here again Washington answers this question: "Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense
of religious obligation deserts the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in the courts of justice? And, let us with caution, indulge the supposition that morality can be without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Fortunately, we have some leadership at the national level which is showing concern for the moral and spiritual deficiency of our time. Our distinguished and dedicated friend and Brother, J. Edgar Hoover, in a recently published article entitled “Punishments of Heaven threaten the United States,” wrote in part: “Do Americans of today know enough and are they morally sound enough to continue the great experiment which the Founding Fathers launched so long ago? Only history can determine the answer.”

“This nation has encountered real difficulty only when it has strayed from its spiritual beginnings. I can never forget the warning of an ambassador returning to his home in the Far East after many years in America. He urged, ‘Never forget, Americans, that yours is a spiritual country.’ Then, after commenting upon our creative ability in all fields, the ambassador continued; ‘But underlying everything else is the fact that America began as a God-loving, God-fearing, God-worshipping people, knowing that there is a spark of the divine in each one of us. It is this respect for the dignity of the human spirit which makes America invincible. May it always endure.... May God keep you always....and may you always keep God.”

We need only remember that Washington, the Mason, did fearlessly lead his ragged army to victory; that he did guide the destinies of an infant republic against what seemed to be insurmountable odds. Is there any doubt that his Masonic training and his deep faith in God were the major factors?

We need likewise to remember that our serious and disturbing problems of today can likewise be met and overcome with the same belief in Masonry and in God.

We must be convinced of the necessity for our involvement in public affairs to the end that responsible men and women, who fear God and who believe in Masonry and who are not ashamed to pray and show their belief in public for all to see, will be placed in control of our cities, our states and our nation.

Washington prayed often in public. When he took his oath of office as the first President, he felt his obligation so keenly that he volunteered at the conclusion of it the words: “So help me, God” — a phrase used today in all our oaths in court and elsewhere. What a great Masonic act! What tradition has been made for us to follow!

We, as Masons, as brothers to our great leader, Washington, and our families and friends must exemplify our Masonic standards and be responsible for seeing that these things are done. I know you, and each of you, will be in the forefront of this effort because your trust is in God, and your faith is well founded.

Returns from the 1969 Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation are being tabulated at the Eye Foundation office in Rhinebeck, New York. When the tabulations have been completed, results will be publicized in the Knight Templar Magazine.
John A. Whiting
Wyoming
Past Grand Commander — 1929 — 1930
Born February 3, 1878
Died December 13, 1969

E.A. Thompson, Enid, Oklahoma — May 7, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 13, Oklahoma.

Leslie B. Slauter, Brea, California — February 18, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 55, California.


Claud J. Lawson, St. Petersburg — April 26, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 1, Texas.

John Pfann, Nebraska City, Nebraska — July 1, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 2, Nebraska.


George A. Platt, Whittier, California — September 4, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 64, Illinois.

Vernon D. Foltz, Manhattan, Kansas — September 15, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 48, Kansas.

Don E. Billington, San Diego, California — October 5, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 28, Washington.

Francis A. Davis, North Canton, Ohio — October 5, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 54, Missouri.


George H. Riley, Houston, Texas — October 22, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 13, New Jersey.


Earle Owen Mc Gilvra
Mississippi
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Born October 9, 1887
Died January 1, 1970

Harry P. Sturdy, Palm Beach, Florida — November 11, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 29, Massachusetts.

John Bender, Clifton, New Jersey — November 2, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 13, New Jersey.

Jasper H. Hutchison, Covina, California — November 7, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 9, California.

Harry Allen, Las Angeles, California — November 8, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 40, California.

Emmett A. Baker, Centerville, Iowa — November 22, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 21, Iowa.

Paul W. Ingham, Akron, Ohio — November 28, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 12, K.T., Louisville DeMoylan.


Robert Bradshaw, Ogunquit, Maine — December 17, 1969 — Member Commandery No. 1, Massachusetts.

Dr. Wertz to be Speaker at Easter Service in Arlington Amphitheaters

The sermon for the 40th Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery March 29 will be given by Dr. and Sir Knight D. Frederick Wertz, Resident Bishop of the West Virginia area of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Wertz, formerly president of Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a member of Baldwin II Commandery No. 22, Williamsport, and a 33rd degree Honorary Member, Supreme Council, N.M.J.

Marvin E. Fowler, chairman of the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service Committee, announces that literature and forms in connection with the 1970 Service are in current distribution.

Piedmont Commandery Features Youth in Christmas Observance

A Rainbow Girls chorus was one of the highlights of the annual Christmas Observance of Piedmont Commandery No. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. Also participating were members of the Winston-Salem Chapter, DeMolay. Among the toasts was one to Jacques DeMolay, offered by Master Councilor Glenn Brown.


Presbytery Item from Pennsylvania

When Dr. John A. Lampe, pastor of Carmel Church, Glenside, Pennsylvania, was inducted as 1970 Presbytery Moderator January 13, with him for induction was Ruling Elder G. Calvin Dyson, Abington. Sir Knight Dyson is the Immediate Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania.

$1,680 from Tokyo No. 1

William R. Lepper, P. C., Recorder of Tokyo Commandery No. 1, Tokyo, Japan, forwarded his December 24th Voluntary Campaign report to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation covering total contributions of $1,680.00.

Noted in the report were 15 Patron, three Associate Patron contributions, and one cash donation of $30.00.
O. Leo Johnson Honored

O. Leo Johnson, third from left, is a South Carolina recipient of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and the subject of a Certificate of Recognition of Service from the three York Rite Bodies of Florence, South Carolina. Pictured with him are Eminent Commander John B. Hatchell, Florence Commandery No. 10, left; N. B. Baroody, P.C., P.T.I.M., and, right, John M. O'Dowd, Life Member of the York Rite Bodies, as are Sir Knights Baroody and Johnson. Each of the three has completed more than 55 years of York Rite membership and activity.

Flowers Replaced by Donations

By action at its Stated Conclave last October, Trinity Commandery No. 16, Sarasota, Florida, now honors the memory of each deceased Sir Knight with a $5.00 contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in lieu of flowers.

Stephen B. Dimond, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida — and Recorder for Trinity Commandery, reports that a total of $25.00 was forwarded in the last quarter of 1969.

January 31 was the scheduled date for the Illinois — Kentucky York Rite conferrals at Paducah, Kentucky. The program called for the “full form” Order of Malta to be conferred by a team from Lexington, Kentucky, the Order of the Red Cross by a Cape Girardeau, Missouri team, and the Order of the Temple by a team from Gethsemane Commandery No. 41, Metropolis, Illinois, the home Commandery of P.G.C. Andrew E. Barton, a promoter of the event. A similar Kentucky — Illinois Templar day in 1968 resulted in the knighting of 29 candidates.

Almost a “Believe It or Not,” Says Sir Knight Barber

Marvin E. Barber, Secretary-Recorder of the Gulfport, Mississippi, York Rite Bodies, forwards a picture of the Fall Class with the notation: “I have almost a ‘Believe it or Not,’ because the class has a father and five sons.” In the front row are Bert B. Burrl and the five Burril sons — W. H., Melvin, Edwin, Bert A., and Tommy.
P.G.C. Herbert D. Sledd, Grand Master
Crofts, Grand Commander Donald F.
Freer

Approximately 150 Sir Knights braved the cold threatening weather to gather at the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky, January 3 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Webb Commandery No. 1. This organization, for four years after the Grand Encampment and 27 years before the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, is one of the oldest in the South.

John L. Crofts, Sr. M.E. Grand Master, was the principal speaker. He was presented with several mementos, including a Commission as a Kentucky Colonel, an Honorary Citizenship in the City of Lexington, together with a Key to the City, and a framed certificate commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Webb Commandery.

Other speakers were Donald E. Freer, KYGC, Grand Commander of Kentucky, and Marvin S. Whitting, KYGC, of Webb No. 1, who is also a Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky. Sir Knight Norman Hart, Eminent Commander of Webb Commandery, presided. Toastmaster was Herbert D. Sledd, PGC, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Jurisprudence Committee.

Representatives of other Commanderies were present from other parts of the State. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders attended, and Sir Knight A. Lynn Keyser, Grand Commander of West Virginia, was also a guest.

Oregon Observance Setting

Grand Commander and Mrs. John W. Givens headed attendance at the candlelight Christmas Observance of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon. This impressive setting was duplicated by hundreds of Commanderies throughout the Grand Encampment. Correspondent Max Cogill says, “We had a full house with many guests on the balcony.” Members of Jobs Daughters and DeMolay participated. Ivanhoe’s Eminent Commander is Robert F. Gray.

Connersville Commandery Light Bulb Sale

As a Voluntary Campaign of fund-raising activity for the benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Connersville Commandery No. 6, Indiana, conducted a light bulb sale with the proceeds going to the Foundation. Six cases of 18 packages were quickly sold and a profit of $86.40 sent in to the Foundation. The Commandery plans to expand the project next year and use the funds derived to help support the Camp Crosley program and other charitable needs. There were four 100 watt bulbs, two 75’s and two 60’s in a package selling for $2.00. It was the feeling of the group that the light bulb sale was an appropriate project for sight conservation. Details of the program are available from the project chairman, Robert E. Price, Box 102, Connersville, Indiana, 47331.
Eye Opening Check

A check for $1,500, representing the results of his drive for the Eye Foundation, is presented by Immediate Past Commander Richard M. Holz, Niles Commandery No. 79, Ohio, to E.C. Russell T. Wiant. P.C. Holz, in reporting to Ohio Chairman Cecil J. Pierce, P.G.C., credits P.C. Herbert J. Martin, P.G.M., Grand Council of Ohio, and others for assistance in raising the funds thru circus and Canfield Fair restaurant tent concession projects, netting $600.00 and $900.00 for the purchase of Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

34th Annual Installation by Heger

For the 34th consecutive year, the officers of Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis, Missouri, were installed by Louis F. Heger, P.D.C., second from right in front row of above picture. Eminent Commander Charles Bender is in center of front row. Ascalon Commandery will celebrate its centennial October 3.

MORE ON “DESIDERATA”

In the January issue of the Knight Templar Magazine was a reprint of “Desiderata,” a message that seems to have a rather confusing background. Its age has been interpreted to be anything from 50 to 300 years.

A clipping from Sir Knight Fred W. Davis, Omaha, Nebraska, throws some additional light on the subject.

According to the Rev. Frederick Kates, rector of Old St. Paul’s Church, Baltimore, Maryland, he often mimeographed and distributed inspirational writings for his congregation. One such article was the “Desiderata” written in 1927 by Max Ehrmann.

The rector followed the practice of listing the founding date of the church, 1692, on each mimeographed form. He feels that the confusion surrounding the age of the piece is based on this fact. The public assumed that 1692, the date Old St. Paul’s Church was founded, was the date that “Desiderata” was written or discovered.

California Honors Texas Templar

A fifty year pin and certificate are presented to Dr. Franklin Fudge, P.M., P.H.P., P.C., from Bryant, Texas, by California Grand Commander John B. Nye, at request of Texas Commandery. Sir Knight and Mrs. Fudge now live in Leisure World, California, where Dr. Fudge is President of the Leisure World Shrine Club of El Bekal Temple.
Co-Headquarters Triennial Hotel

Where the World Registers: DENVER'S BROWN PALACE

Ever since the Brown Palace launched its career with a "magnificent opening banquet" for the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, August 12, 1892, it has been world-famous. In August 1970, jointly with the renowned Denver Hilton, it will be a headquarters setting for another Triennial Conclave – the 51st.

The Knight Templar Magazine is indebted to Nicholas B. Benyo, Title Examiner in the Denver Office of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, for permission to select excerpts from his background story on the Brown Palace, published in the Lawyers Title News.

The Brown Palace is named for its builder, Henry C. Brown, a carpenter who came to Denver in July 1860 driving an ox cart in a freighter's train. By the standards of the raw young frontier he was already old – a man of forty with a wife and a child. Once he'd driven a team of oxen to California; he'd seen the Puget Sound country and some of South America. He'd even gone broke in the hotel business when the little town of Decatur, Nebraska, didn't grow up to his expectations.

By 1863 he had the $200 necessary to take up a claim on 160 acres on the hills east of the town. It would one day be the site of Denver's greatest mansions, he predicted. Some citizens laughed at his dreams, but the newly-rich gold and silver kings came down from their make-shift camps and bought his land. Some of them let him build their houses. When he donated 10 acres to the new State of Colorado for its state house in 1876, his old cow pasture became the fashionable Capitol Hill.

When the platting was finished, there was a triangular plot of land left over. As Mr. Brown watched the city grow he envisioned a fine hotel rising from this spot.

A group of English financiers took up his vision and bought the ground. Excavation began but the money soon ran out, and for several years there was nothing on the triangle except a big, gaping hole. The story is still told of how the fashionable young ladies from Professor Joseph Brinker's school across the street used to come and skate on its frozen surface each winter.

In 1888 Henry Brown decided to build his hotel himself. As the souvenir booklet given to guests at The Brown's grand opening expressed it: "Thousands of letters were written, agents were dispatched to the four quarters of the globe to examine the best hotel systems of other cities and countries... the mass of information thus collected was carefully sifted, and gradually there was evolved The The Brown Palace Hotel, unique, superb – a miniature world in itself."

A Dream Fulfilled

It took five years and $2,000,000 to build and furnish the hotel.

It was designed in the style of the Italian Renaissance and built to fit the triangular lot. Every one of the rooms faced the streets. When a guest was once asked if he preferred morning sun or afternoon sun, he said that Colorado had "sunshine on tap" at The Brown Palace Hotel.

The building was constructed in warm
brown Arizona sandstone and massive Colorado red granite. The great blocks of onyx that still enrich the cathedral-like lobby and the Onyx Room came from a newly discovered mine in Torreon, Mexico.

The Brown was the second fireproof structure to be built in America and utilized the finest achievements of the times in plumbing, heating and electricity. Artesian wells drilled 750 feet into the earth still provide all the thousands of gallons of water required, although the hotel is hooked into the city’s water system should the need for a new supply arise.

No luxury a guest could desire was omitted. Although steam heat supplied all the necessary warmth, there was a fireplace in each suite of rooms. A guest had only to ring the desk and a boy would bring up kindling and light a cozy fire. Cool drinking water flowed from the taps, a by-product of the great machine that made five tons of ice daily to chill the wines and keep the meat and produce fresh.

There were Turkish Baths for both ladies and gentlemen, with attending hairdressing parlors and barber shops. There were billiard rooms, a bowling alley and a fine library.

Excellence was the hallmark in all the appointments.

Famous Guests

The Brown Palace became the prestige place to stay, and distinguished guests moved through the onyx rotunda. “The Unsinkable Molly Brown,” Buffalo Bill Cody, and John Philip Sousa were among them.

In May of 1905 President Theodore Roosevelt became the first President of the United States to call The Brown Palace the “Temporary White House.” Since then nearly every one of our Presidents has occupied the Presidential Suite either as a candidate or holder of that high office. For Teddy’s stay, the entire eighth floor was decorated with 1,000 American Beauty Roses, 2,000 pink carnations, and “a wagon load of apple blossoms.”

The Palace Arms

In the late 1940s the Palace Arms was established in The Brown. With it Denver acquired a gracious place to dine and a small museum of fine art as well.

Priceless art objects from the Palm Beach home of C. K. Boettcher and collectors’ items worth a small fortune were used to create the atmosphere of a first class inn of the American Federal period. Windows of stained glass preserved when the old Denver Court House was demolished, genuine Moroccan leather, mahogany paneling and brass studding contribute to the authenticity of the room.

The wall decorations of the room date from 1670 to 1825 and include dispatch cases which belonged to Napoleon and Maria Luisa, cartridge cases, duelling pistols, a bridle which belonged to Napoleon, breast plates, swords and various insignia of the period.

The foyer has an English motif and houses a fabulous collection of solid antique silver pieces, circa 1790, and especially fine porcelains of the Wren period. One English epergne valued at $10,000 formerly belonged to Queen Mary of England who had it auctioned to raise funds for the British Soldiers’ and Seamen’s Relief Fund during World War I.

A New Look

The late 1950s brought a new look to the old Brown Palace with the rise of the 22-floor tower across Tremont Street. The tower building connects with the original Brown Palace not only under the
Greever A. Witten — “Outstanding Citizen of 1969”

"Outstanding Citizen of 1969" for Bristol, Virginia—named by the Patton-Crosswhite VFW Post—is Sir Knight Greever A. Witten, manager of the Bristol office of the Virginia Employment Commission.

The selection was made on the basis of his service to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and his work with the visually handicapped. Witten, holder of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, an active Shriner, member of the Royal Order of Jesters, was named "Boss of the Year" in 1968 by the Bristol Junior Chamber of Commerce and was the first recipient of the Virginia Award of Merit by the International Association of Personnel in Employment Service. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of two daughters—Mrs. Doris Glass, Bridgeport, West Virginia, and Mrs. Rita Singleton, Ashland, Kentucky. Pictured with Sir Knight Witten are Bristol VFW Commander Booher and National Commander Gallagher.

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...BROWN PALACE

street but over it as well. An enclosed bridge rests on a pair of 21 ton steel girders. Redwood planters extend the exterior length, and from spring until fall, flowers bloom there, high above the street.

The Brown Palace Hotel Company became a part of the Boettcher Foundation in the fall of 1965. Cris Dobbins is chairman of the foundation’s board of trustees, and like the Boettchers before him takes a special interest in the hotel.

Guests may come from all over the world but the magnificent lobby seems to belong especially to the people of the State of Colorado. Here the Ogallala Sioux Indians stop to dance as they travel to Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming; here the cowboys feel at home, tipping broad-brimmed Stetsons over their eyes for a catnap, when they’re in town for the National Western Stock Show.

Gateway to the State

The Brown Palace can truthfully boast that it is the place "Where the World Registers." It is a gateway to the whole State of Colorado where a complexity of industry such as Henry Brown could never have dreamed possible has come with the Space Age. The rotunda is dotted not only with Stetsons and Homburgs today — the native dress of nearly every country in the world can be seen there as people come to Colorado because of its industry, its educational institutions, or its recreational facilities.

Gene Fowler wrote, "The story of Greece is in its temples; that of America is in its hotels." As the story of America continues, as Colorado and Denver continue to grow, so does the story of The Brown Palace Hotel, for it is one of the great institutions of America’s still expanding West.
Forthcoming BIRTHDAYS

Maurice S. Keirstead
Deputy Grand Commander of New Jersey ........................................ March 6

Virgil Kent
Chairman Ritualistic Committee ....................................................... March 6

Franklin H. Neumann
Grand Generalissimo of Wisconsin .................................................. March 8

Jacob L. King
Deputy Grand Commander of Arkansas ............................................... March 11

Paul H. Schwindler, Sr.
Deputy Grand Commander of New York ............................................. March 11

Calvin A. Behle
Grand Commander of Utah .............................................................. March 16

Arch M. Dullnig
Chairman, Committee on Finance ................................................... March 19

Ehm J. Sorensen
Grand Generalissimo of Nebraska .................................................. March 19

Oscar V. Bowling
Deputy Grand Commander of West Virginia ...................................... March 26

Arthur M. Herndon
Grand Generalissimo of West Virginia ............................................ March 28

Donald B. Waldhaus
Deputy Grand Commander of Connecticut ........................................ March 31

Scottsdale No. 12, Arizona – from 23 to 241 Since 1963

A glowing account from Correspondent R. Nelson Jones, Scottsdale, Arizona, traces the progress of Commandery No. 12 from a membership of 23 when it was chartered in 1963, with Lynn Dixon, now Grand Captain General, as Commander, to a current membership of 241. Climax was class of November 22, 1969, when 29 were dubbed Sir Knights. Five others received the Orders later “by courtesy of our brothers in Phoenix.” Class is pictured with Eminent Commander T. Robert Lewis and the class escorts.
C. Byron Lear, R.E. Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, and Mrs. Lear, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 7. Sir Knight and Mrs. Lear, now residents of Sun City, Arizona, flew east to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George V. Pryor, Avondale, Pennsylvania, for the occasion. Friends and relatives from a three-state area were present to honor the couple. The Lear's formerly lived in New Jersey.

Veteran Editor of the Appalachia Independent, weekly (and only) newspaper in Appalachia, Virginia, is also a veteran Mason and Templar. The pages of his newspaper regularly reflect Masonic activities in the area. His reportorial style is "personal and participating." The Editor is Harry C. Wallace, a Blue Lodge Mason for 52 years, a Royal Arch Mason for 50 and a Templar for 44 years. Other memberships, all near the 50 year mark, include Scottish Rite and Shrine. He is an Honorary Member, DeMolay Legion of Honor, and has also been a member of the American Legion for a half-century.

Illustrious Brother and Sir Knight Henry C. Clausen, 33 Degree, Sovereign Grand Commander, the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., S.J., in his "Masonic-Minded Americanism" article in the The New Age for December, wrote: "American Universities have two serious problems today - too many dropouts, and not enough kickouts."

It is said that Clara H. Brucker, widow of the late Wilber M. Brucker, P.G.M., will attend the 51st Triennial Conclave in Denver and will make available to Templars and their families autographed copies of her book on Sir Knight Brucker's years as Secretary of the Army - "To Have Your Cake and Eat It." A designated part of the proceeds from sales will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

William McKinley, 25th President, became a Mason in 1865 when, at an army hospital, the young Union Captain noticed the special friendship between a Union surgeon and some Confederate wounded. Learning they were brother Masons, he quickly took steps to become a "part of an Order that overcame the differences of war." One of McKinley's biographers notes that he was "inducted into Masonry at the hands of a Confederate Master at Winchester" (Virginia), and that he later in Canton, Ohio, took "a number of higher degrees, eventually becoming a Knight Templar." Sir Knight McKinley, born January 29, 1843, died September 14, 1901, as the result of an assassin's bullet, at the age of 57.

A Man who can read and does not read is worse than the man who cannot read.

The Franklin County Shrine Club of North Carolina offered a "talking Bible" as an exclusive "Christmas offer to all Sudan Shriners...for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Hospital." The "talking Bible" project is a recording venture of Sir Knight Robert Preddy, consisting of twenty long play records of the full spoken text of the King James Version of the New Testament.

Dr. and Sir Knight Sidney L. DeLove, author of QUIET BETRAYAL, offered copies of the volume at no charge to readers in the December issue of the Knight Templar Magazine. Early in January, Sir Knight DeLove announced that requests were approaching the 5,000 mark. He had mailed more than 4,300 copies before the end of December.
CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS AT WASHINGTON

Executive Secretary Samuel W. McIntosh has provided the projected schedule for the 1970 Conference of Grand Masters at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. With attendant events, it will extend from Sunday, February 22, to Thursday, February 26. The Conference of Grand Secretaries will also be in session during the week, as will other related Masonic associations and groups. Meetings of Allied Masonic Bodies are scheduled at the Hotel Washington, Friday to Sunday, February 20-22, preceding the Conference of Grand Masters.

Conference of Grand Masters

TUESDAY A.M. FEBRUARY 24

Call to Order ......................................................... Thomas C. Raum, Jr.
Past Grand Master of Kansas, Conference Chairman, 1969

Invocation ............................................................. Chaplain
Rev. Wm. H. Harmon, Grand Master of Michigan

Singing – America – God Save the Queen

Address of Welcome ................................................. H. Kenneth Kingsbury
Grand Master of the District of Columbia

Response ............................................................... Hal Burnet
Grand Master of Texas

Report of Conference Committee ......................... Thomas B. McIntosh, Jr.
Grand Master of Louisiana

Report of Executive Secretary ............................... Samuel W. McIntosh
Past Grand Master, District of Columbia

Election of Officers
Election of Committees
Introduction of Visitors

Address ................................................................. Robert Phillip Joyce
Grand Master of Indiana

Group Picture of Grand Masters

TUESDAY P.M.

Group Discussions

1 – What is the proper role of Masonry in relation to modern civil, political and religious problems? Where does legitimate Masonic teaching and prohibited political activity begin?

Leader: Louis C. Holzapfel, Grand Master of Ohio
Reporters: William Thomas Watkins, Grand Master of Virginia
Galen E. Swank, Grand Master of Colorado
II — Does Masonry have anything of value to offer to the individual who is dedicated to roles of civic, political, religious or charitable activism as compared with philosophical study? What are proper civic, political, religious and charitable activities for Masons (a) as a Craft; (b) as individuals?

Leader: J. Morgan Donelson, Grand Master of Missouri
Reporters: Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master of Nebraska
Joseph M. Lyons, Grand Master of Manitoba

III — What is the ultimate purpose and end of Masonic teaching and is it being achieved?

Leader: Thomas D. Henderson, Grand Master of Arizona
Reporters: Harold L. Chute, Grand Master of Maine
Franklin G. Emrick, Grand Master of Minnesota

IV — What should the Masonic Order do to celebrate the 200th anniversary of 1776?

Leader: Hiram P Ball Grand Master of Pennsylvania
Reporters: Otto Haakenstad, Grand Master of North Dakota
Harry F. Wimer, Grand Master of Wyoming

7 P.M.

Grand Masters' Banquet in Regency Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, February 25

Call to order 9 A.M.
Report of Reporters from each discussion group
Discussion of reports.
Recess 11:50 A.M.

12:30
Luncheon — House of the Temple. By invitation of Henry C. Clausen, Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction.

2 P.M.
The Committee on Information for Recognition
Raymond L. Peel, Chairman
Past Grand Master of Washington

Report of Commission
Election of Member of Commission
Report of Committee on Time and Place
General Discussion
Greetings from distinguished visitors

Benediction ................................................................. Chaplain

ALLIED MASONIC BODIES

Meetings for Allied Masonic Bodies will open on Friday, February 20 and continue through Sunday, February 22. Their Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday evening.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7:30 P.M.—Masonic Workshop—The Philalethes Society
   William R. Denslow, President
   Carl R. Greisen, Secretary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:30 A.M.—Registration
9:30 A.M.—Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.
   Charles F. Adams, Grand Chancellor
   Archibald R. McNeill, Grand Registrar
10:30 A.M.—Grand Master’s Council, A.M.D.
   William M. Wyman, Sovereign Master
   C. Clark Julius, Secretary
11:30 A.M.—Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
   Henry Emmerson, Sovereign Grand Master
   Robert L. Grubb, Grand Secretary-Treasurer
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon (Dutch Treat)
2:00 P.M.—Installed Master’s Council, A.M.D.
   Murray C. Alexander, Sovereign Master
   Robert L. Grubb, Secretary
2:30 P.M.—Council of the Nine Muses, No. 13, A.M.D.
   Bruce H. Hunt, Sovereign Master
   Harold V. B. Voorhis, Permanent Secretary
3:00 P.M.—Great Chief’s Council, No. 0, Knight Masons
   James R. Case, Excellent Chief
   Walter M. McCracken, Scribe
3:30 P.M.—Grand Council. Knight Masons of the U.S.A.
   Murray C. Alexander, Great Chief
   Landis Randall, Grand Scribe
4:45 P.M.—Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
   Harold V. B. Voorhis, IX°, Supreme Magus
   Frederic L. Pike, IX°, Secretary-General
6:00 P.M.—Annual Banquet, Allied Masonic Degrees
   M.’.V.’. Henry Emmerson, presiding
   Speaker—M.’.W.’. Charles F. Gosnell,
   Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York
8:00 P.M.—Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees
10:00 P.M.—Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A.
   Henry Emmerson, Commander-General
   Harold D. Elliott, II, Keeper of the Bath Records
11:00 P.M.—Ye Antient Order of Corks
   William C. Reilly, Grand Bung of America
   Wilfred W. Minton, Prov. Grand Bung of U.S.A.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
7:30 A.M.—Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour — Breakfast
   Sylvanus F. Nye, Grand Master General
   Stanley W. Wakefield, Grand Registrar General
9:00 A.M.—The Society of Blue Friars
   Harold V. B. Voorhis, Grand Abbot
   James R. Case, Secretary-General
10:00 A.M.—The Grand Preceptor’s Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.
   Samuel A. Wise, Preceptor
   George C. Moreland, Acting Registrar
10:30 A.M.—The Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight
   Templar Priests
   Carl R. Greisen, Grand Preceptor
   George C. Moreland, Acting Grand Registrar
Hotel Reservation

117th Annual Conclave
Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of Pennsylvania


Sir Knight:

It is important that your request for hotel accommodations and/or ticket reservation forms be completed in every detail. Please follow instructions.

Separate requests must be submitted for each Sir Knight and/or his Lady. Rooms will not be reserved without the names of the intended occupants.

Room reservations will not be accepted directly by the hotel. They are to be submitted to the General Chairman, Sir Knight Edwin A. Julius, 1007 N. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17102, who will furnish additional forms upon request. DEADLINE MAY 14th.

Hotel will confirm reservations. Reservation held until 6 P. M. unless notified.

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Total Amount Due $        

Attach hereto check for the amount due made payable to PAUL E. BOGAR, Treasurer.
DO NOT SEPARATE THESE FORMS. Mail both to: General Chairman, Sir Knight
Edwin A. Julius, 1007 N. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17102.

DATE ___________________________ SIGNATURE ___________________________
U. S. FLAG PLAQUE

The June 1969 cover of the Knight Templar Magazine featured the flag of the United States. To Howard N. Nelson, Twin Cities Commandery No. 39, it suggested a Templar do-it-yourself project—the making of a Flag Plaque for Masonic Temple display and other special patriotic uses.

By the 4th of July, Sir Knight Nelson’s plaque was a spotlighted display attraction at the First National Bank of Neenah. Pictured is the finished product, with Nelson on the left and the bank’s director of publicity on the right.

It is easy to make and, says Sir Knight Nelson, will not cost more than $5.00. The following are his directions for construction and the list of needed materials. If there are questions, Sir Knight Nelson can be reached at 714 Congress Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

MATERIAL REQUIRED
For a 30 x 40 inch plaque

1 - 1/8" hard board 30" x 40"
1 - 1/8" plywood 18" x 24"
2 - 1/2" plywood 4" x 78"
1 - Package Dennison stars
1 - Small can enamel - white
1 - small can enamel - sky blue
3 - Cans spray paint, red, white and blue
1 - Piece 3/4" OS molding
1 - 1/2" round wood shaft
1 - Gold braid 1/2" - 2 yards
1 - 1/8" round wood shaft
1 - spear point (The eagle is reserved for Governmental Units only.)

FLAG MEASUREMENTS
30" x 40"

A - 10-5/16"
B - 11" 
C - 15-3/16"
D - 23-1/2"
E - 7"
F - 8"
LAYOUT

For flag layout, follow design of the waving flag. Cut each line between the red and white lines; transfer to plywood and cut out the 13 stripes. Spray paint the blue field.

PAINTING

To paint the cloud background: 1. Place the cardboard flag layout in position. Mark a line about 1/2" smaller than flag — this is for gluing flag to hardboard. 2. Paint a heavy layer of blue about flag layout — all except layout. 3. Dab large "clouds." Using a stick, let white paint form clouds. 4. Cover paint with paint thinner and work with up and down motion to form "clouds." With white and blue spray can, form dark and light portion of clouds. 5. Allow painted clouds to dry well.

LETTERING

Stenson lettering sets are available in many styles. We used a Frontier No. 74-2" letters. Letters are formed and cut out on a jig saw.

GLUING

We suggest a clear glue (such as Elmer's) be applied to the back of the gummed stars and apply stars to the blue field in their position. Mark off on the wooden 1/2" staff, the blue field, cut and spray each section to correspond to the correct color — when dry, glue into position. The letters for "Duty, Honor and Country" can now be glued into position.

The construction of the frame and mounting permits a plastic such as Marvalon to be applied. If for a Commandery application, a red cord plus a white and black edging is attractive.

Indiana Presentations

Indiana principals in 50-year presentations by Anderson Chapter, R.A.M., Anderson, are pictured above: seated, Mrs. T. A. Barney, Worthy Matron, O.E.S. No. 363, a niece of Companion Walker; Mrs. Ladde Maly, Standing, left to right: Arch Walker, age 99, who has been a Mason 66 years; Elmer Boyd, P.H.P.; Ladde Maly, 50-year member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 77; Asa McKinley, P.M., Mt. Moriah Lodge, who presented the awards.

INFORMATION FOR TEMPLARS

Do you have a question on the purposes, the operational phases or the sovereign structure of the Grand Encampment?

Because of the size and scope of Templar activities, projects and overall operations, and because direct answers to questions are not always immediately available to some Knights Templar, a new department will be featured in the Knight Templar Magazine.

The Grand Master and the Grand Recorder will give personal attention to all responsible questions received from Knights Templar and will relay their answers and informational observations as fully and as speedily as possible if they seem to be of general interest in a new feature labeled, TEMPLAR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

To properly relay questions for this department, readers are asked to address them to: TEMPLAR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, care of KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE, Grand Encampment, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

This special identification is essential in order to separate them from the several hundred magazine letters received weekly on other subjects. For reasons of space requirements, questions should be brief.