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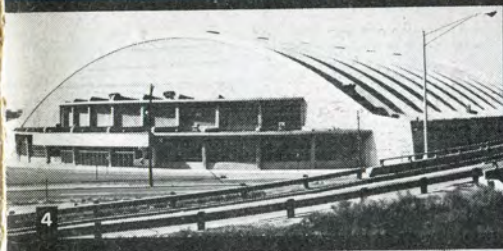


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## KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE – WHAT WE'VE DONE, and WHY and HOW

*Can such a vast and complicated enterprise be explained here? We'll separate the subject into three parts and give it a try, because we think all members should understand and share our satisfaction.*

### ACCOMPLISHED FACT

By a strongly affirmative vote (approx. 4-1/2 – 1) on August 22, 1967 Grand Encampment told us to compile a list of all Knights Templar in good standing and their addresses and to then revise and correct this list each month. This has been done, though it was somewhat more difficult and about 10% more expensive than anticipated. We began mailing the Magazine to all such members, as instructed, in July 1969. This is the tenth monthly issue so distributed – on time – within the budget of 66 cents per member per year, which covers editorial work, keeping up the list, composition, printing, binding, making and attaching labels, packaging and postage.



*Knight Templar Magazine* is uniquely among Masonic publications devoted principally to current views and news of Masonry on a broad base, presenting not only Templar reports but everything Masonic thought to be of general interest to our members. It has two additional features offered by no other comparable publication. First of these, – the copy deadline is no more than ten calendar days before the press rolls, including weekends and holidays, and all copies are mailed no more than ten calendar days later, so members get the most current material possible. Secondly, each Grand Commandery may use two pages each month for its own purpose – usually official statements, reports or state or district or local activity, recognition of individuals, notice of coming events – at no cost for composition or printing or mailing, and 45 do so each month.

Approval of the product runs about 10-1 as compared to disapproval or complaint, both by mail and comment received personally by your officers, and considering the difference in personal preferences we think this is most remarkable. The state jurisdictions now realize what a useful vehicle they have in the 2-page "inserts." Not least encouraging in our opinion is the very large number of unsolicited complimentary comments from leaders of other parts of Masonry and from professional editors and publishers.



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## The Cover:

A panorama of the Denver setting for the 51st Triennial Conclave, August 22-27. 1—Stapleton International Airport, where you arrive. 2 and 3—Co-headquarters hotels, the historic Brown Palace and the modern Hilton. 4—Denver Coliseum, scene of the Saturday Night Extravaganza. 5—The Sunday Parade forms at the classic Denver Civic Center. 6—Denver Convention Complex, for such Conclave highlights as the Western Chuck Wagon Feed, the Grand Master's Banquet, the Drill Team Events, the Divine Service and the Monday Night Musicales.

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## From the MAIL BIN

Minneapolis, Minnesota

□ I have before me the *Knight Templar* for March, 1970. The *Knight Templar* is always a welcome visitor. The letters, news items and sundry articles are interesting.

The time has not come for members, who do not hold to the Faith, to protest the vow we have taken.

CHARLES LILLEY HORN  
Zion Commandery No. 2

Media, Pennsylvania

□ I have been delighted with each issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, but the February issue seemed to me to reach a summit. With two of the feature articles on a Patriotic theme and the third article echoing my own views that Templary *must always* remain a Christian Order, this issue was excellent!

You did, neglect to report that Sir Knight Hal Burnett, author of *Tribute to the United States Flag and Its Nation*, is a working member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities.

JOHN B. COTTRELL, JR  
Chairman, Committee on Patriotic  
and Civic Activities

South Bend, Indiana

□ I have just finished reading the March issue of your publication and would like you to know that I have enjoyed each issue as I carefully digest every issue as soon as it is received.

You are to be complimented on the contents of this publication and I am sure that it is being well received throughout the realm. I have already gained much in the way of information I would not have otherwise and feel that I am much closer to the Order as a result of this method of communication.

Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work.

AL N. HEPLER, JR.  
Deputy for Indiana  
The Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup>, N.M.J.

Burlington, Vermont

□ Let us never take Christianity out of Templary. If ever in this world of ours York Rite and what it stands for is needed *now* I am a young member as I was just made a Knight Templar last fall. Christianity is a must in our world today.

GEORGE M. KEISER

Because of space limitations, it is not always possible to print every Mail Bin letter received. Inclusion will be facilitated by brevity of expression and if the comment is topical and timely. — The Editor.

**Rusk, Texas**

□ I enjoy my *Templar Magazine* but miss the news of my Grand Commandery of Washington. I guess after I become more active here in Texas I will not miss that news quite so much.

HOWARD F. D'ARCY

**Coral Gables, Florida**

□ It has been a real joy receiving and reading the *Knight Templar Magazine*. You are doing a grand job and sure look forward to each issue with great anticipation!

I was made a Mason in 1917. The captain of my sub-chaser sent my name in to Rockland Lodge No. 79 in Rockland, Maine on my twenty-first birthday and I have been a life member for these 52 years.

To an old timer like myself, it means much, to get such interesting news.

Keep up the good work.

HAMLIN R. SYLVESTER

**El Paso, Texas**

□ My entire family and I would like to thank you and express our gratitude for my recent eye operation with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I find words rather difficult to convey my appreciation for your generosity.

The Knights Templar was a God-send as my eyes were getting worse by the day.

I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carre' as it was through their efforts and kindness that my case came to your attention. I also wish to thank Mr. Frank Hensel who, I understand, is in charge of your local office. He is very efficient and understanding. Again I want to offer my humble "thank you" to all of you.

MARIA GUADALUPE CEBALLOS

**Boston, Massachusetts**

□ I read with great interest the article by Edward M. Selby.

I refrain from commenting on the content but I do wish to protest his use of the word, *Templarism*.

Permit me to quote from our December, 1967 monthly publication, *The Templar*:

"Please, not *Templarism*. If we go to Webster and look up 'ism,' we find - 'a distinctive doctrine, ideal, system or practice, usually disparaging.'"

By the nature of our Order we represent all that is opposed to an "ism." Templary is a belief in God based on Faith as taught by Jesus of Nazareth.

G. BURTON LONG, PGC  
Grand Recorder

**Columbus, Ohio**

□ Bravo! Sir Knight Oftedahl is to be commended for his rebuttal to the General Grand King.

It's high time for all Sir Knights and Christian Masons to "stand up and be counted."

J. W. BURR

**Cambridge, New York**

□ I am writing to thank you for your help and also thanks to Sir Knight Earl T. Strickler who made it possible for me to get my Masonic watch repaired. I have had it for 20 years. It came to me from my wife's uncle who bought it when they were first made. I have shown it to hundreds of Masons who never saw one before.

Once again I would like to thank all who helped me.

FREDERICK J. DE BELL

**Arlington, Virginia**

□ I have just received the March issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* and must tell you how pleased I am that you considered the head of Christ strong enough to use as the cover illustration.

The reproduction is excellent, and I hope it will prove as inspiring to your readers as it is to me. If anyone knows anything about the artist or the period in which the original was made I should be grateful for the information.

GERALD CLEVELAND

*Editor's Note: Sir Knight Cleveland is the photographer responsible for the March cover illustration.*

**Goodland, Kansas**

□ Just a line to let you know that I certainly enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine* I read every issue from cover to cover.

The thought occurred to me that it might be possible that some of the Knight Templars would be interested in knowing of my experiences the past year of 1969. One evening during the month of May, I was invited up to Lodge where Carroll C. Arnett, Grand Master of Masons of Kansas presented me with emblems for completing 50 year memberships as follows:

Goodland Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M.  
 Goodland Chapter No. 74, R.A.M.  
 Columbia Commandery No. 38, K.T.

Later in the summer, Isis Temple of Salina, Kansas sent me my Fifty Year Shrine emblem.

On December 21, 1969, I was really fortunate as I celebrated my Golden Wedding Anniversary with my lovely wife, Nelle, a total of five important occasions in the year, 1969.

DORIS E. SODEN

**Louisville, Kentucky**

□ I was exalted to the high degree of Knight Templar in 1917 and Hinton, West Virginia is still the location of my membership.

All during that time I have never read a finer piece of literature than your monthly magazine. I sincerely hope you will continue to exploit excellence irrespective of the tendency of modern authors to adopt a formulary of flippancy and annoying vulgarities.

W. C. B. SHAABER, SR.

**Rockport, Massachusetts**

□ I feel I just want to let you all know how much I enjoy reading, your *Knight Templar Magazine*. I became a Knight Templar in Joliet, Illinois September 15, 1921 and I am still a member of Joliet Commandery. I would be pleased to hear from any of my old Buddies.

HOWARD P. GLEISSUER

P. O. Box 314  
 Rockport, Massachusetts 01966

**Helena, Montana**

□ I have been reading your publication regularly since becoming a member of Helena Commandery No. 2, and want to commend you on its contents.

Perhaps there are numismatists among the brethren who would be interested in a commemorative bronze medal from the Masonic Home of Montana. These were struck in 1932 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Home. We have a small supply selling for \$5.00 each, postage prepaid, with the proceeds going to the Masonic Home.

Anyone desiring one can write to the undersigned at Box 45, Helena, Montana 59601.

ERNEST A. NEATH, P.G.M.

↓↓↓ Grand Master's Message

### MECHANICS AND METHOD

As promised, our member lists (two of them, one being alphabetical by Commanderies and one in zip-code sequence) are kept in the Chicago office. Equipment for this purpose is an IBM 360-20 system, key punch machines, sorter, files, etc. All copy except "heads" larger than 12 point size is composed in our office, to eliminate the time which would be required for mailing copy back and forth for proofreading. This is done on an IBM Magnetic Tape Composing System. Only printed labels and camera-ready copy sheets (except for pictures and large heads) go to the printer. Printing plates are made by the printer. The press used is a high speed rotary offset type, which prints two colors on both sides of roll paper, and the continuous process dries the ink, cuts paper to sheets, folds, staples and trims the magazines. Labels are attached and no less than 50,000 magazines are delivered in zip-code sequence to the post office each working day, properly banded and bagged according to regulations. Each monthly issue uses about a carload of paper.

Fundamental to keeping member names and addresses current are the monthly "update" reports required from each local Recorder, typed on triplicate NCR forms provided from Chicago and forwarded in duplicate through the Grand Recorders, who keep one copy. All such advice as to members gained or lost and changes of address, if received by the 5th, are entered on new punch cards to correct both lists and merged with those lists in time to begin printing labels not later than the 15th. These changes amount to about 6,000 monthly or 1-1/2% of our membership. "Unofficial"

advice is received by Post Office Notices, about 4,000 or 1% monthly, and if new addresses are given (usually the case) the zip-sequence card only is changed and by the 15th of each month all of these received are sorted by Commanderies and returned for the information of the local Recorders, who because of the delay involved may have or have not received the information otherwise — they find this helpful. Once each year, in the month specified by the Grand Commandery, an alphabetical list is printed for each Commandery — to eliminate human errors of whatever source, and to give the Recorder a pre-printed list to support his annual report to Grand Commandery. We also print labels or a variety of lists on request, a service which can be expanded when office space and staff permit.

Composition of copy for the body of the Magazine is done from time to time as copy is completed, much of it in the last days before the 10th. About 90 pages more are set up for the state inserts according to layout specified by the State Editors, in this sequence — (1) Printer is advised on 10th per agreement as to which jurisdictions will not have inserts, (2) Composition begins when first state copy is received (about the 8th) with completed pages for 50,000 magazines in zip-code sequence by the 15th, (3) Camera-ready copy for insert material for 50,000 additional magazines each working day thereafter until completed.

Editorial work, layout, and correspondence with sources are done by Grand Recorder Rodenhauser, with part time help from one female assistant. How

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he manages to get it done each month is a good question.

### LOOKING AHEAD

We have a publication of which I am proud, and which in my opinion is in this short time having great acceptance and a definitely energizing influence on our Templar Order. Sir Knight Rodenhauer and I agree that it can be improved. Needed — additional staff: One capable full time Assistant Editor, one secretarial assistant. Needed — office space: The IBM section needs another 200-300 sq. ft. (We didn't anticipate composing work in our office as necessary; we need to house the additional staff.) Needed — additional funds: To cover anticipated rise in the cost of paper and the above needs, an estimated 1/2 cent per month or 6 cents per member per year, the cost of one surface mail stamp, for the product we want.

Needed — early advance notice when you change your mail address. It will cut costs, save work, and insure delivery of your Magazine, if you will advise the Recorder of your Commandery *before* and up to six weeks before the change becomes effective, giving him the effective date, of course. If you don't know his address, send this to the Chicago office and we'll forward, but you must give us the name, number and location of your Commandery — or the address label from your Magazine, which has the same information in the code numbers above your name. Thanks!

Courteously and fraternally,

John L. Crofts, Sr.  
Grand Master

### BULK MAGAZINE ORDERS

Grand Commanderies or individuals may order bulk quantities of the Knight Templar Magazine containing any one State Supplement for distribution to out-of-state members or for any other purpose. Orders for 50 or more are charged at the rate of 5¢ each. Bulk shipments of this nature can be made only to one address. Orders for any month must be received at the Grand Recorder's office, 14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604, not later than the 10th of the month preceding the month of issue.

Because of mailing and printing requirements — governed by zip code sequence — State Supplements match the zip codes. Mailings are made on basis of Templar residence. It is not presently possible to "mix" the Supplements among the different zip code locations. Grand Commanderies or others can place orders for a bulk shipment, as noted above, for their own distribution of copies containing their jurisdictional Supplements.

### A PROBLEM OF TEMPLARY?

Since the publication of the article, "A Problem of Templary," in the January *Knight Templar Magazine*, response from readers indicates that there is no problem as far as Christian commitment is concerned. The articles and letters to the magazine re-affirming and supporting the Christian purpose and character of Templary have reached such numerical proportions that it is necessary to conclude the publication of rebuttals because of space limitations. We hope the many who have expressed their views to their Templar publication will understand the practical necessity to terminate the printing of additional material on the subject.

We are happy that the official publication of the Grand Encampment was able to serve as a forum for this discussion, a Masonic service we hope to continue to extend on all subjects of fraternal interest and importance.

P. C. R.



## COLORADO IN '70

by Richard K. Ayers



*Sir Knight Ayers, P.C., Coronal Commandery No. 36, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Commandery of Colorado, is the General Chairman at Denver for the 51st Triennial Conclave August 22-27. He and his committees operate in conjunction with the Grand Encampment Committee on the Triennial Conclave, headed by Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell. Sir Knight Ayers is the 1969 recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in Colorado.*

With every passing hour Colorado reaches closer to completion of plans for hosting the 51st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. And, as plans become finalized there comes a certain sense of belief that the 51st will provide that spirit of rededication and renewal, refreshment for body and soul, and spark to help move Templary upward and ahead, all so sorely needed in this World of Today.

Rarely does a Grand Commandery so small as Colorado have the challenge to host an event of such magnitude — such importance. Not since the 25th held here in 1913 — and fondly remembered — has Templary honored and challenged Colorado with its presence. Even with the addition of Iowa as a co-host the total numbers of Sir Knights and Commanderies seem terribly insignificant to face this tremendous job.

Possibly the sheer lack of manpower and resources in compensated for to a degree by the willingness, enthusiasm, and dedication of the numbers now at work. For, the 51st must be — will surely be — one that you and all who participate in will cherish and benefit from. Colorado assures you of that!

From the earliest hint that Colorado would face this task plans were being made, developed and smoothed and the sense of responsibility assumed. We weren't left alone either. From the Grand Master on down through every official of the Grand Encampment and the various committees have come guidance, participation in planning, cooperation and support. From so many Grand Commanderies and various individual commanderies across the nation have come visits, correspondence (sometimes to the point of frustration), offers to assist, suggestions and encouragement.

From every point of the compass have come advance registrations in numbers exceeding the fondest dreams of any here. And, as you plan to descend on Colorado in 70 we here will be ready and eager to host you.

The little yellow and purple folder setting forth the basic program and plans for the 51st has been in the hands of thousands for some time. Response is gratifying — almost fearsome. Shortly the up-dated program with more details will be in your hands. And, I suppose it will bring even more response.

*So you plan . . . .*

Let's take a look at the typical Sir Knight and his participation. What can he expect? It might go something like this.

Some months ago he probably talked the whole deal over with the family and his Commandery associates. Having decided to make the 51st his long hoped-for chance to revisit or visit Colorado, he made plans for the time away from his home base. He, in most instances, made hotel reservations through his own unit or group and was thus assured of appropriate space. Hotel reservations far and wide around Denver indicate this fact at least. In event he may not have done this he might still find space if he acts quickly through his unit or the Colorado Committee's Housing Chairman - James F. McCann, 223 Colorado Building, 1615 California Street, Denver, 80202.

At about this point plans next included the trip to Colorado and whether by group arrangements or individual travel. So many include the little extra opportunity to visit places important to them on the way (or on the return trip). There are so many wonderful spots to be suggested it would take a book of itself. You must know of them but the Transportation Committee would be happy to help - Kenneth L. Maholland, 363 South University Blvd., Denver, 80206.

So, somewhere around August 21st you arrive in Denver. Either through the modern Stapleton International Airport or by other transportation you reach your appointed hotel or motel. If at the airport, you will find host assistance and information to make you welcome. Many hotels will also have this service and if not in your own you will be informed where it may be had most easily.

You will register at one of the convenient registration points where you will be handed the tickets you have

ordered, a specially struck medal for each Sir Knight registering, your invitations to the Saturday evening Extravaganza, Monday evening Musical, special Tuesday evening affair, and the Program Book and informational materials. Your lady, when registering, will receive her special invitations, the tickets ordered and information.

From that minute on you will be a part of the 51st Triennial Conclave and, along with thousands of others, swept into a full slate of official functions, optional pleasures and special events.

*And you participate . . . .*

Commencing at 8 A.M. on Saturday you will participate with your drill team or be a spectator to one of the most interesting events in Templary - Drill Team Competition in the Convention Center Arena in downtown Denver.

On Saturday evening you with other registrants will be guests at the Extravaganza in the Denver Coliseum - site of the World famous Western National Stock Show and Rodeo - to witness an exhibition of Western Horemanship, Indian dances and some of the most spectacular Templary (tickets included in registration).

Sunday becomes the day for rededication and renewal to the true principles of Templary. The Triennial Knights Templar Parade through downtown Denver - every Sir Knight who can will participate - culminating in the late afternoon Divine Service in the Arena where one of the most impressive services of its kind will focus on the basic and dramatic precepts of Templary - you will participate. Open to the general public, this one event may well become the high point of your visit.

Sunday also holds forth additional promise for a full day. Both before the Parade and after the Divine Service, there will be many planned group activities including the Drill Team Luncheon, opportunities to attend the Church of your choice, planned breakfasts and luncheons. There will also be a Chuck Wagon Feed (tickets available in advance) in the Convention Center Complex. The day will be climaxed with the Grand Master's Reception in the Denver-Hilton Hotel.

Monday will see the formal opening of the Grand Encampment Sessions in the Brown Palace Hotel. High percentage of attendance from among those eligible is indicated and the number of dignitaries will be exceptional. The many items of grave importance to Templar progress will occupy the sessions through Thursday morning. But there will be many outside activities.

The Sir Knight not a delegate and the wives of all will find plenty of optional activity. Loafing, shopping or sightseeing — enjoyable. Special tours include Air Force Academy, typical mountain mining towns, parks, museums, sporting events and others.

But, sandwich these in at least — Monday evening the Musical (invitation with each registration), Tuesday evening spectacular exemplification by a special team from Oregon you should not miss (tiled, and invitation with your registration — more on this later), and for the ladies Tuesday noon a special luncheon affair (tickets available) and that evening an event during the men's tiled meeting (tickets with registration).

It is hard to find a group associated with Knights Templar not planning a special event of some sort — breakfast, luncheon or dinner. Many state, district or regional delegations are among these as are Red Cross of Constantine, Knight

York Cross of Honour and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Each plans its own affair but a special committee here is happy to assist any who wish to make their needs known — Leo H. Edwards, 3601 Morrison Rd., Denver, 80219.

Naturally, you and your wife with every other Sir Knight will participate in the Grand Master's Banquet which will be held in the beautiful new Curriagan Exhibition Hall of the Convention Center. Inspiring comradeship and outstanding entertainment capped with an address by one of the most in-demand speakers of our times — not to be announced in advance. Tickets for this event will be available with your advance order or registration.

*Take another look . . . .*

Are we just dreaming? — Rededication to the precepts of Templary, renewal of our purposes, refreshment for our bodies and souls — What more can you expect from Colorado in 70? Likely just this to its fullest, but along with countless others with whom you will have associated.

Whether you depart Denver for home or for a round of special visits elsewhere you must carry away with you the feeling that here in the 51st you will have received inspiration and fulfillment, that your time will have been well spent and that your experience will be long cherished.

If you, Sir Knight, gain these benefits then we in Colorado and all who are associated with the 1970 Triennial will have been not dreaming but fully justified in the fond expectation of making this 51st as memorable as that great 25th of 1913 our predecessors keep hammering at us about.

**\$10,000 Bequest to Eye Foundation****Yuma, Arizona**

Edward Holloway, P.D.C., presents a check for \$10,000 to Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., representing the Estate of Clara Armitage.

**Two Templars New Board Members**

Two distinguished Illinois Knights Templar have been named members of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago. On the left is the Honorable Otto Kerner, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals. On the Right, W. Clement Stone, President, Combined Insurance Company of America.

**↓↓↓ Denver**

But, first things first! Plans to come made? Registrations and reservations set? If we can help you in any way the is Conclave Committee, 3155 South Broadway, Englewood, Colorado 80110. — Colorado in '70.

General Chairman Ayers heads the Ayers Public Relations firm in Denver, where he is active in a wide range of civic and professional projects.

This is my first expression of appreciation for the *Knight Templar*.

It is always second-hand when it is passed on to me, as my wife always reads it from cover to cover before it is passed over to my end of the sofa.

I especially like the *Arizona* portion as we do not get much of this news otherwise.

I am sending you herewith three pictures of 2 little girls for which our organization made surgery possible. They are sisters, both born with same left eye condition.



Case No. 13222, Maria Juarez, 10 years, surgery April 18, 1969.

Case No. 13717, Patricia Juarez, 5 years, surgery November 3, 1969.



This family, citizens of Mexico, Roman Catholic, will ever be grateful to Knights Templar and their Eye Foundation.

Roy B. Slaten  
Yuma No. 10

## MARKS OF THE CRAFT

The Mark Master Degree conferred annually since 1965, in a large stone quarry on the outskirts of the city of Bloomington, Indiana by the Mesopotamia Association of York Rite Masonry in Indiana is called The Quarry Festival and serves as the kick-off project for the Indiana York Rite Association for a series of statewide ritual festivals each year. This unique presentation of the Mark Master, in a setting as nearly authentic to conditions under which we believe the degree had it's origin, has led me to do some research in the origin of the practice of ancient craftsmen placing their marks on stones prepared by them.

I have searched for marks of the craft on stones in old castles, cathedrals, and monasteries in Germany, Austria, Italy, Denmark, and Sweden. Many of these ancient castles and other edifices are rapidly being lost to posterity by the ravages of the elements and by nature's insatiable desire to perpetuate itself, thus destroying man's handiwork.

In the Tyrol region of northern Italy in one of the many castles and monasteries in the peripheral mountains surrounding the city of Meran, may be found a huge banquet hall of the old knights of this region, in which I found a huge circular stone much too large to be moved except by power machinery. Still faintly discernable on the stone are engraved Latin inscriptions and a date of the tenth century indicating the stone's use as a table top possibly used ritualistically for libations. Here I found a craftsman's mark also.

In the Black Forest of southern Germany at Allerheiligan (All Holy Ones) I came upon an ancient monastery dated 1092 where upon the remaining walls, buttresses and arches one can find a dozen or so different marks of the craft on the face of stones. Each stone bears one mark although this mark is repeated on stones several times in different

sections of the wall. I was able to take a close up photograph of two of the stones set in the ancient wall upon which appears, I am assured, marks of the craftsmen who prepared the stones, however, the lichen growth and discoloration make them only faintly discernable.



I again discovered what I am assured are craftsmen marks in certain portions of the famous old castle of St. Goar down the Rhine from Mainz, Germany. Again I found marks repeated in exact duplicate on various stones in the old castle in Sonneburg-Weisbaden.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from any reader of *Knight Templar* who may have information and/or documentary relative to the subject.

ASHEL O. HAWKINS, P.C.  
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Martinsville, Indiana 46151

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February *Knight Templar Magazine*, credited a reprinted cartoon to Arlington Centennial Lodge No. 81, Arlington, Virginia. In the interest of accurate identification, the cartoon was commissioned and purchased from cartoonist Al Johns by the *Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, and first appeared in that quarterly publication in the summer 1968 issue.

### Department Commander Sager Conducts East Central Conference at Columbus

With Sir Knight Abner C. Sager, Department Commander, presiding, 54 Sir Knights gathered at the Christopher Inn, Columbus, Ohio, February 7 for a morning and afternoon of Templar information and discussion.

The Grand Master of Knights Templar U.S.A., John L. Crofts, Sr., participated in the sessions. He was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell; the Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment, Willard M. Avery, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer. Two Grand Encampment committee chairmen participated — John H. Loree, Drill Regulations, and Robert S. Schoedinger, Charters and Dispensation. Charles K. A. McGaughey, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International, was present in his capacity as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.

All six states in the East Central Department were well represented. Grand Commander K. Edwin Applegate headed a contingent of nine Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders from Indiana; Kentucky's participants were led by Grand Commander Donald E. Freer; from Michigan, Grand Commander Ben W. Wise was accompanied by 10 officers and Past Grand Commanders; Ohio, with 12 participants, was officially represented by Grand Commander Thomas P. Rankin; the 10 representatives from West Virginia were headed by Grand Commander A. Lynn Keyser.

The Saturday sessions were workshop meetings on services and facilities of the Grand Encampment office in Chicago, including the *Knight Templar Magazine*;

plans for the 51st Triennial Conclave at Denver, with special information on the Sunday parade to divine services; a resume of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes; the survey on uniforms, and a full range of operational and fraternal subjects of informational nature.

The dinner gathering Saturday evening, with an attendance of 87 Sir Knights and ladies, concluded the conference. Grand Master Crofts was introduced by Department Commander Sager and spoke briefly. G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave Committee, relayed Colorado-Iowa plans for the Triennial Conclave at Denver, Colorado, August 22-27. He also described the 1970 arrangements for the 40th Annual Easter Sunrise Service and attendant events at Washington, D.C.

### Reminder for Readers

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## "IN HIS NAME"

April 1970

### ASCENSION -- WHO ASCENDS?

In the Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary, Massey Shepherd writes: "The feast of the Ascension was instituted in the latter part of the fourth century by the Church in Jerusalem, and from there it spread to the whole Church, East and West . . . In the earliest times the Church celebrated the whole fifty days between Easter and Pentecost as a single festival of our redemption, including commemoration of the Passion, Resurrection, Ascension, and the coming of the Spirit all together. Only in the fourth century did the idea develop of separating the several events of our Lord's redemptive dispensation by distinct festivals viewed as historical anniversaries. Old English usage calls (Ascension Day) Holy Thursday. The dating of this feast forty days after Easter is derived, of course, from Acts 1:3."

But what does it mean? Those early Christians expressed their assurance of what had happened to Christ by saying that 'He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God.' Here we see how men must turn to picture language to say what they think about the things of God. The 'aboveness' of God is not the same as the 'aboveness' of the roof over our heads. The 'Ascension' of Christ is not like going upstairs; God has not a literal right and left hand. But the picture of Christ, lifted up very high and placed on a seat of honor beside the throne of God, says what men have felt to be the truth about Him. God has placed Him in the highest position we can imagine. Men have believed that because He claimed the highest place in their hearts.

To believe in the Resurrection and the Ascension of Christ is not chiefly to believe that something very strange

happened in Palestine long ago; it is to believe that something is true for us now.

The Ascension means that Christ and everything we see in Him, His Spirit, His way of thinking and acting, His self-giving for God and man, His love of straightforwardness and hatred of hypocrisy, is now and forever 'at the right of God,' in the position of power and authority. To share His life of service to God and man lifts us out of the passing and death of this life and gives us a share in His Resurrection. To enter into His humbleness is to have a part in His glory.

Curtis W. V. Junker, D.D.  
R.E. Grand Prelate

#### The Traditional Ascension-Tide Prayer:

"Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen."

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#### Bauer Hospitalized

At presstime, Earl B. Bauer, Wisconsin's Grand Recorder, was hospitalized as the result of a February 24th heart attack, but the physician's report stated that Sir Knight Earl was making good progress, as did the latest note from his office assistant, Harriet Blankenburg. He is presently confined in the St. Mary's Hospital, 2320 N. Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211.

# PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Templary on Wheels

Kenneth R. Bendschusz, Recorder, Jerusalem Commandery No. 15, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, is "Master of Travel" for the East-Penn Unit, National Travelers Club, comprising trailer families from Pennsylvania, often augmented by members of units from Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Connecticut.



Trailer families attended the Easter Sunrise Services at Arlington, and 57 adults and 15 children of the unit made a pilgrimage to Gettysburg for the annual Ascension Day and Memorial Service of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Bindschusz says the highlight of that pilgrimage was a divine service conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Lee, Pittsburgh, attended by the then Grand Commander, G. Calvin Dyson, and other Grand Commandery officers. The collection of \$87.00 was donated to the Knights Templar Foundation.

## Masonic Longevity Recognized



Dr. Stanley Forest Rice, altho' blind, enjoys the 50 year certificate presented to him by California Grand Bodies. Pictured are: Paul C. Gooder, H.P.; Jay S. Walton, W.M.; Grand Commander John B. Nye; Dr. Rice; Everett Houser, 33°, representative of the S.G.I.G.; Past Illustrious Master Kenneth Whitnack. Dr. Rice, born in Independence, Missouri, 1880, transferred his Lodge and York Rite memberships to California in 1942. Now totally blind, he works in his "flower garden at home" and in the "garden of Universal Masonry."

## Gains in North and South Carolina

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, New Bern, March 3, showed a net gain of 18 for the 1969-70 Templar year. J. Ray Rex, outgoing Grand Commander, has been succeeded by Sir Knight Lloyd L. Woolley. Grand Master's Representative for the Conclave was C. Wallace Jackson, R.E. Department Commander. Reports at the Annual Conclave of South Carolina, Spartanburg, March 9, showed a net gain for 1969-70 of 331. James H. Mathis, Grand Commander, presided over the sessions. Incoming Grand Commander is Crayton N. Slaughter



# MASONIC NEWS IN TEMPLAR REVIEW

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## Unique Recognitions

Joe F. Edmonds, Orangeburg, S.C., P.G.H.P., Grand Chapter of R.A.M., is the possessor of two 50 year pins and certificates from two different Grand Lodges. For completing 50 years as a Mason, effective July 29, 1969, he received his half-century recognition first from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. On February 12, 1970, he was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma with a pin and certificate for 50 years as an Honorary Member in Oklahoma.

## Past Commanders Help Campaign

Recorder L. J. Nelson, Kilgore Commandery No. 104, Kilgore, Texas, reports that all 14 living Past Commanders of Kilgore Commandery are Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and all were participants in the 1969 Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign.



Front row, l to r: Sir Knights Carter, District Eye Foundation Chairman; Kimball, Nelson, Harder, Kimmel, E. Commander; Gildart, Butler, Flickinger, Holcomb. Back row: Landers, Jones, Carpenter, Hartman, Cline. Missing in picture, Past Commander Floyd Baton.

## "Operation Breakthrough"

Ball Research Corporation, Boulder, Colorado, has been named a winner by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the competition to build prototype housing systems under "Operation Breakthrough," the Nixon Administration's major project to solve the country's housing problem.

Housing Secretary Romney announced that construction is expected to start this summer. The project seeks to achieve volume production of housing by encouraging cost-cutting housing technology. Some 235 producers entered the competition, with 22 named as final winners. Ball Research Corporation is one of the 22 so named.

Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C., Indiana, is Chairman of the Board and President of Ball Research and the R.E. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

## P.G.C. Smith Class

The 1970 Spring Reunion Class of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Cleveland, will be named for Warren H. Smith, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, and a 33<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Among many other Masonic distinctions, he has received the Honorary Legion of Honor citation from the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, and has Honorary Membership in the Sojourners, Cleveland Chapter. The Warren H. Smith Spring 1970 Reunion Class is scheduled April 20-25, Cleveland, Ohio.

## May 7 Benefit Performance To Be Given By Combined Westminster Church Choirs

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be the recipient of the proceeds of a benefit performance to be given by the combined choirs of Westminster Church of Detroit in Ford Auditorium on May 7 at 8:00 P.M.

The 65 voices will be under the direction of George F. Thomas, assisted by an instrumental ensemble and with Dalos Grobe at the organ. Major works to be performed will be Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" and Handel's "Te Deum Laudamus."

Admission will be by donation and it is hoped that Detroit's Ford Auditorium will be filled to capacity for this worthy cause. Sponsor and Patron donations are welcomed at \$10 and \$5 respectively. General admission for adults is \$2.50 and for students, \$1.

Tickets can be obtained by writing to or calling Richard M. Strauss, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan, 16834 Avon Road, Detroit, Michigan. Resident telephone: 531-5745 - Office telephone: 962-0602



Principals in guiding the May 7 Ford Auditorium appearance of the Westminster Church choirs meet to discuss plans for the benefit performance. Shown here are: Seated, George F. Thomas, Minister of Music Westminster Church; Standing, Carl G. Howie, Pastor, Westminster Church; Richard Strauss, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery of Michigan.

## York Rite Coordinating Council, San Gabriel Valley, California

Pictured are some of the presiding officers from the various bodies in the York Rite Coordinating Council of San Gabriel Valley, California, who met February 8 in Arcadia Masonic Temple to plan a Spring York Rite Class to precede the Spring Ceremonial of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. At the desk are Clarence E. Glaze, Department 6 Chairman for the Grand Commandery of Calif-



ornia; C. I. Hammet, Assistant, and Pliny F. Brown, Division Chairman. The meeting of thirty officers followed a breakfast served by the High Twelve Club of Arcadia.

## Knights Templar Featured in Freedoms Foundation Awards at Valley Forge

Sir Knight Zenon C. R. Hansen, chairman of the board and president of Mack Trucks, Inc., Allentown, Pennsylvania, was presented the Free Enterprise Exemplar Medal at the annual awards presentation of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on Washington's birthday. He became only the third person to win that special award since the foundation's awards program was started 21 years ago.



Hansen, a member of Oregon Commandery No. 1, Portland, Oregon, is treasurer and finance chairman of the national council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was cited for "his remarkable service to youth" through that organization. In 1969 Sir Knight Hansen received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

Among other Knights Templar involved in the awards program was Sir Knight Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., one of the first two American astronauts to walk on the moon after the historic lunar landing of Apollo 11.

Aldrin gave the foundation a miniature United States flag which was aboard Apollo 11. He made the presentation on behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. NASA was a designated recipient of a national award and was represented for the purpose by the distinguished Templar.



Sir Knight Aldrin received a Knights Templar Cross of Honor Medal through the Grand Commandery of Texas in 1969. His nomination for that award originated in his home Commandery, Ruthven No. 2, and was approved by Grand Commander Lawrence DeHay and Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr.

### *On the Subject of Copying Knight Templar Rituals -*

## THE WORD IS "NO - NO!"

With the advent of fast copying devices, a new problem is observed, that some Knights Templar are making copies of our rituals, presumably for their own use. To do so is a direct violation of Templar laws and so unknighly conduct, even though done in ignorance of our laws. Further, it's rather foolish, as printed regular rituals are available and less expensive.

Let me quote from Section 3 of the Constitution of Grand Encampment. "It (Grand Encampment) has sole and exclusive power and authority to formulate and promulgate the Rituals covering the Rites, ceremonies and secret work pertaining to the several Orders, to be used within its Jurisdiction." Several approved decisions make it clear that to "promulgate" includes printing of the whole or any part by anyone other than Grand Encampment.

I am checking with our Jurisprudence Committee as to whether a new decision is necessary to include copying by other methods than printing. It would be a technical matter - surely the meaning of our law is clear enough. In the meantime -

*I call upon every Knight Templar, remembering his vows, to destroy any copy of our Ritual he may observe other than those printed and distributed by Grand Encampment.*

Courteously and fraternally,

John L. Crofts, Sr.  
Grand Master

# Templar questions/answers

**Question:** Jack Brassell, Phenix City, Alabama, asks whether a Templar, who inadvertently lapsed in his Council dues and was suspended, can continue to be a member of Shrine. He says, "At the time of becoming a Shriner, it was not required that he be in Council. It has since become a rule."

**Answer:** Grand Master John L. Crofts writes – We need to divide the question clearly, as the rules of both the Shrine and the Templar Order are involved in the question.

I know of no change in the Shrine rules, which have long been simply that the petitioner be and the Shriner continue to be either a Knight Templar or a 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason in good standing. Scottish Rite and Templary, of course, have always required petitioners and members to be Master Masons in good standing.

Templar requirements are a little more complicated. Petitioners must be members of or have petitioned a Royal Arch Chapter, and the Royal Arch degree must have been conferred before the Templar orders are given; and, Knights Templar must maintain membership in a Royal Arch Chapter (Stat. Sec. 201-202). Since 1958, when Grand Encampment permitted Grand Commanderies to adopt the same requirements with reference to Councils of Royal and Select Masters, about half of the state jurisdictions have done so.

Some confusion has risen as to the "Council prerequisite," with regard to Templars who became members before the Council prerequisite was adopted, and where members move by demit to other jurisdictions. My Decision No. 9 on this subject will be submitted to Grand Encampment at Denver – in the interim it has the force of law. To eliminate the confusion existing, I quote the Decision dated August 22, 1968.

**Question:** A member became a Knight Templar before the Royal and Select Master Degrees became prerequisite to the Orders of Templary in his jurisdiction. Subsequently, he

petitioned and became a member of a Council of Royal and Select Masters by initiation. He now desires to Demit from that Council. If he does so, may he retain his active membership as a Knight Templar?

**Answer:** Yes. If the Council prerequisite did not apply to the Knight Templar when he petitioned for the Orders it can never be applied to him individually, and no regulation can be adopted under the authority of Section 79 of the Constitution of Grand Encampment which would apply such prerequisite to a Knight Templar retroactively. Since Council membership cannot be required of this Knight Templar, neither can it be required that he continue to be an active member of a Council of Royal and Select Masters if he becomes a member after becoming a Knight Templar.

"It should be understood, however, that Sections 201, 202, 203 and 204 of the Statutes of Grand Encampment apply to Council as well as to Lodge and Chapter, if Council was prerequisite to the Templar's Commandery membership. Through error, these Sections were not reported that the amendment of Sections 79 and 177 in 1958 included similar amendment of Sections 201, 202, 203 and 204. If Council membership was that the amendment of Sections 79 and 177 in 1958 included similar amendment of Sections 201, 202, 203, and 204. If Council membership was prerequisite to Templar membership in the individual case, good standing in the Council as well as in Lodge and Chapter must support Templar membership."

**Question:** Benjamin R. Richman, Bloomfield, New Mexico asks, "What is the comparison of a Knight Templar to a Scottish Rite 32<sup>o</sup> Mason?"

**Answer:** To which the Grand Master replies – There are partisan opinions, of course, but I should think a fair answer would be that a Knight Templar and a 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason are of the same degree.

The controlling bodies of all Masonry are of course the Grand Lodges, and all of them in this country recognize both the York Rite and

the Scottish Rite as Masonic bodies. The Knight Templar Order is the last and so "highest" of the York Rite — the 32<sup>nd</sup> is the last and "highest" of Scottish Rite for which a Mason may petition.

There are many similarities in the two degree systems, one of which came to us from Britain and the other from France. Also, the Shrine accepts either 32<sup>nd</sup> or Knight Templar as qualification for Shrine membership. Many Masons are members of both Rites. Perhaps the greatest difference is that Templary requires a Christian profession, while Scottish Rite follows the Lodge requirement only as to religious belief.

*Question:* John W. Meredith, South Action, Mass., asks about "Ye Antient Order of Corks," their purpose and background.

*Answer:* The Grand Recorder notes that the Masonic Service Association directory of Allied Masonic Groups and Rites says The Jolly Corks was formed February 16, 1868 and re-established October 12, 1933 in Washington, D.C., by the Earl of Cassilis (later Marquess of Ailsa), the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, when the degree was conferred on ten brethren of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Only members of the Allied Masonic Degrees are eligible. Meetings of the organization are called "Cellars."

The directory reports that the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A., was formed as a Grand Council in the United States under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland at Salisbury, North Carolina, April 16, 1932. Membership — Royal Arch Masons in good standing, by invitation only. There are 14 degrees and honors. Ye Antient Order of Corks in number 14. The Allied Masonic Bodies meet annually each February in Washington, D.C.

*Question:* George C. Goodfellow, Jr., Audobon, N. J., asks about the proper time to hold Knight Templar Funeral Services — before or after the Blue Lodge service.

The Question and Answer department of the *Knight Templar Magazine* is an informational feature in which the Grand Master, or the Grand Recorder on occasions, offers answers to Templar questions submitted by readers.

*Answer:* The Grand Master says it is probably fortunate that there is no official prescription in Templar Law as to when the Funeral Service should be held. This makes it possible for a Commandery to be governed by good taste and to coordinate Commandery honors with other ceremonies.

As a suggestion only, we feel that in making its plans, the Commandery should defer, in order of priority, to the family, to the minister, and to the Lodge if it is also planning a funeral service. The desire of the Commandery to honor and pay respect to the deceased Sir Knight should be positive but undemanding and should yield as suggested.

Fortunately we have now both a suggested Funeral Service and a suggested Memorial Service. Thus, the Commandery may, in case of possible conflict or confusion, honor its member at a time before the funeral service. In practice this usually is done at the funeral parlor.

*Question:* Harold Y. Knapp, Ballston Spa, New York, relays a question to the Grand Master on the subject of Honorary Membership in a Commandery.

*Answer:* Questions on honorary memberships are very easy to answer since the Statutes of Grand Encampment are so specific. Section 198 reads "A Commandery by unanimous ballot, after due reference to a committee and ballot had at a subsequent Stated Conclave, may elect as an Honorary Member a member of another Commandery, but such election does not confer the right to vote, nor does it create any liability for dues."

Several aspects of the section in the Statutes are obvious but perhaps should be mentioned. First, the Honorary Member must be a Knight Templar and a member of another Commandery (in good standing). Secondly, there is a specific process for the election of an Honorary Member of a Commandery. Also it should be understood that since the authority is given by statute to a Commandery, no further authority is necessary either by Grand Commandery statute or by any by-law of the Commandery concerned.

## FRATERNAL LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON MEETINGS

### Grand Masters of Masons, York Rite and Scottish Rite Officers Attend Annual Conference of Grand Masters and Related Events at the Nation's Capitol in February.

The Conference of Grand Masters, the Conference of Grand Secretaries, the Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Meetings of the Allied Masonic Bodies and the Inter-Masonic Dinner Conference of the United Grand Imperial Council Red Cross of Constantine, are February highlights in Washington, D. C. The *Knight Templar Magazine*, in presenting to its readers a review of the 1970 gatherings, acknowledges with appreciation the fraternal and reportorial contributions of Samuel W. McIntosh, Marvin E. Fowler, Dwight L. Smith, George M. Saunders and Wylie B. Wendt. The reviews of these informed and distinguished Masons follow.

#### CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

— by Samuel W. McIntosh, Secretary of the Conference

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America met February 24-25, 1970, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. William A. Hooks, Grand Master of North Carolina, was chosen as Chairman of the Conference for 1970 and Robert Phillip Joyce, Grand Master of Indiana, was chosen as Vice Chairman.

There were 525 at the Grand Masters' Tea and 850 were served at the Grand Masters' Banquet. The Banquet speaker was Dr. John Jack Early, President of Pfeiffer College, North Carolina.

The theme of the Conference was "Masonry in Action" and list of topics for group discussion, with Leaders and Reporters is as follows:

**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, G.M. of Ohio  
Reporters: William Tomas Watkins,  
G.M. of Virginia  
Gelen E. Swank, G.M. of Colorado

**2. 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, G.M. of Missouri  
Reporters: Hugh W. Eisenhart,  
G.M. of Nebraska  
Joseph M. Lyons, G.M. of Manitoba

**3. What is the ultimate purpose and end of Masonic teaching and is it being achieved?**

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

**4. What should the Masonic Order do to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of 1776?**

Leader: Hiram P. Ball, G.M. of Pennsylvania  
Reporters: Otto Haadenstad,  
G.M. of North Dakota  
Harry E. Wimer, G.M. of Wyoming

The keynote address was given by Robert Phillip Joyce, Grand Master of Indiana, who stressed Reverence for God and Patriotism. His concluding remarks were:

"Let us, as Masons, reverence the law, and proclaim it in our Lodge Halls. Let's.

stop being part of the 'Silent majority' — too often another name for apathy. Let's make known to the world what we, as Masons, stand for in this matter — and let us make known what we *won't* stand for.

"I, too, have a dream — a Masonic dream — a possible dream. It whispers to me that great though it has been, and is, Freemasonry's best is yet to be. Our Golden Age is still before us. Let us build toward that Golden Age in all that we do — not for today only, but for another bicentennial; so that generations yet unborn, as they stand upon the foundations we have helped build and preserve, will say 'Thank you, brethren of the twentieth Century.' "



### ANNUAL MEETING, GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION — by Marvin E. Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer

The Annual Meeting was held at 10:00 A.M. Monday, February 23, in the Auditorium of the Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia. Most of the Grand Lodges in North America and several European Grand Lodges were represented by their Grand Masters and delegations. The meeting was opened with prayer given by Past Grand Master John H. Jefferson of Indiana, followed by a welcome by Most Worshipful Brother William T. Watkins, the Grand Master of Virginia. Most Worshipful Brother Charles F. Gosnell of New York responded to the welcome.

Worshipful Brother Ross H. Finn extended greetings on behalf of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Most Worshipful Brother John H. Hessey, President of the Association, gave a report of the activities of the Officers of the Association during the year. One of

The reports of the discussion groups were extremely interesting, indicating broad participation by those in attendance.

There was much discussion of the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of 1776 and recommendation was made for a continuing committee to be established, with a one cent per capita contribution from Grand Lodges of the United States.

The Time and Place Committee recommended that the 1971 Conference be held at the Shoreham Hotel, registration to begin February 21st, 1971 and by action of the Grand Masters the Conference is to be concluded February 24th.

the primary projects of the year was to replace the wornout boilers in the heating plant and to install a fully automatic heating system throughout the Memorial. During the year, a master plan was developed for the landscaping of the entire grounds around the Memorial. The landscaping work will be done as funds are contributed for that purpose.

A new 16 page color booklet on the Memorial was presented at the meeting. The booklet is designed to acquaint the reader with the beauties of the various rooms in the Memorial and the treasure of Washington memorabilia on display in the Replica Room and George Washington Museum. It is hoped that a wide distribution of the booklet will create an increased interest in the Memorial resulting in an even larger number of visitors during the coming years.

Following the meeting, the 550 members and their ladies present were served a luncheon in the dining room.

Shortly after noon, buses transported members to Mount Vernon where a delegation of Grand Masters placed a

large floral wreath in the tomb of Washington on behalf of the Association. Most Worshipful Brother William B. Stansbury, Grand Master of Maryland, delivered a tribute to the memory of Washington.

## CONFERENCE, GRAND SECRETARIES IN NORTH AMERICA

by Dwight L. Smith, Conference Secretary

The Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America was the forty-second since the administrative officers of the Grand Lodges began meeting annually in 1928.

Fifty-two of the 58 affiliated Jurisdictions in North America were represented with active Grand Secretaries, together with 10 associate members, 11 members at large and one honorary member.

Five new Grand Secretaries were present for the first time: Harvey C. Hansen, Minnesota; Norris W. Lallman, Nebraska; Carl A. Buswell, New Hampshire; Conrad B. Paulson (Acting), Rhode Island and Perry A. Risberg, Wisconsin.

Stimulating discussion arose out of the agenda covering the following topics:

"Demits or Transfer of Membership," William Campbell, Connecticut.

"Youth Programs," Marcus R. Nichols, Wyoming; Joe C. McClanahan, Kentucky; Robert P. Beach, Massachusetts, and Royal D. Crowell, Nevada.

"Grand Representatives," Gerald M. Pine, Maryland.

"Leadership Training," W. Dexter Elliott, Oregon.

"Interest in Masonic Affairs," Edward L. Bennett, Washington.

M.W. Brother Henry C. Clausen, Past Grand Master of Masons in California and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction), was the speaker at the annual banquet.

For the first time in its 42 years the Conference adopted a set of by-laws.

The Committee on Memorials reported the death of eight Conference members: Robert W. Cook, Nebraska; Sidney A. Capwell, Rhode Island; Ernest R. Hiegel, Wisconsin; Robert R. Berryman, Alabama; T. E. Doss, Tennessee (Emeritus); Emery Roy Gibson, Utah (Emeritus); Arthur R. Cole, Rhode Island (Emeritus) and Charles H. Cunningham, Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup>, A.A.S.R., Canada.

Officers elected and appointed to serve through the 1971 Conference were: Archer B. Gay, Virginia, President; Julian B. Hollingsworth, West Virginia, First Vice President; Harvey C. Byrd, Texas, Second Vice President; Dwight L. Smith, Indiana, Secretary-Treasurer and the Rev. H. Dwight McAlister, South Carolina, Chaplain.

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## INTER-MASONIC CONFERENCE, HOST – THE UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE –

By George M. Saunders, Grand Senior General

Lee Lockwood, in his capacity as Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, was host for the annual discussion – dinner in the Heritage Room of the Shoreham Hotel, February 23. Nineteen were in attendance, as follows:

Grand Sovereign, Lee Lockwood; William E. Yeager, Grand Viceroy; George M. Saunders, Grand Senior General; Stanley F. Maxwell, Grand Herald; Knights Grand Cross William H. Burchfield, William H. Cantwell, Renah F. Camalier; Grand Treasurer William G. Mateer; Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer; and, in the order of their Conference participation:

George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; John L. Crofts, Grand Master, Knights Templar, U.S.A.; J. Worth Baker, Imperial Potentate; Robert P. Joyce, Vice Chairman, Grand Masters Conference; Samuel W. McIntosh, Secretary, Grand Masters Conference; Dwight L. Smith, Secretary, Conference of Grand Secretaries; James G. Johnston, S.G.I.G., North Carolina, representing the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction; J. Chris Nungesser, Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay; G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment; Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association.



## MEETINGS, ALLIED MASONIC BODIES – by Wylie B. Wendt, Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council, A.M.D.

The program of the meetings of the Allied Masonic Bodies was carried out at the Hotel Washington, beginning with a Masonic Workshop on Friday evening, February 20, under the auspices of the Philaethes Society, William R. Denslow, Missouri, President.

The Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A. held its 38th Annual Convocation, February 21, at 9:30 A.M., Sir Knight Charles F. Adams, Nebraska, Grand Chancellor, presiding. J. Landis Randall, Pennsylvania, was elected Grand Chancellor and Herbert A. Fisher, Virginia, Grand Registrar, to succeed Archie R. McNeill, P.G.C., New York, who was forced to retire because of illness after serving many years in that post.

The Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. opened its 37th Annual Communication at 10:30 A.M., Brother Henry Emmerson, Jr., Sovereign Grand Master, presiding.

The Council of Nine Muses, No. 13, A. M. D., met in 37th Annual Communication at 2:30 P.M. with a large number of A. M. D. members present. Bruce H. Hunt, Missouri, Sovereign Master, presided, and after introducing the members of the council present, presented the Sovereign Master elect, Dr. William G. Peacher, New York, who read his paper on the life and activities of Leonard C. Wood, soldier, physician, statesman, administrator, Mason.

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The Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., met in 3rd Annual Meeting at 3:30 P.M., Murray C. Alexander, North Carolina, Great Chief presiding.

Interim Meeting of the High Council, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitasibus Foederatis, met at 4:45 P.M., Frater Harold V. B. Voorhis, IX<sup>o</sup> Supreme Magus, presiding. All A.M.D. members were invited and a large number present. Frater Voorhis spoke on a copy of, Manly P. Hall's ENCYCLOPEDIA OUTLINE OF MASONIC, HERMETIC, CABBALISTIC AND ROSICRUCIAN SYMBOLICAL PHILOSOPHY, perhaps the most outstanding and beautiful book printed in this country in recent years.

The Annual Banquet, A.M.D., was held in the ballroom of the hotel at 6 P.M., Henry Emmerson, Jr., Sovereign Grand Master, presiding. The speaker of the evening was M.W. Charles F. Gosnell, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York and a Past Sovereign Master of Giles Fonda Yates Council No. 22, Schenectady. The address was comprehensive and included the Grand Master's experiences with Masonry in South America.

Grand Council, A.M.D., resumed labor at 8 P.M., with committee reports, routine business, election and installation of officers. Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, Kentucky, was installed Sovereign Grand Master.

The Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A. met in 47th Annual Assembly at 10 P.M., Henry Emmerson, Jr., Commander General, presiding. Ye Ancient Order of Corks met in 44th Cellar at 11 P.M., William C. Reilly, New Jersey, Grand Bung of America, presiding.

These two organizations are the fun bodies and each took in a large class of candidates.

## York Rite Night at York

Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska and present Deputy Grand Master of Nebraska's Grand Council, was speaker for the traditional York Rite Night at York, Nebraska, February 2. York Rite Masons from "Polk, York and Fillmore counties and surrounding area," and their Masonic guests, were in attendance. Grace Chapter No. 87, O.E.S., served dinners to 65 persons.

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On February 22, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, had breakfast in the hotel at 7:30 A.M., Sir Knight Sylvanus F. Nye, New York, Grand Master General, presiding. This was followed by the 38th Annual Consistory of the Society of Blue Friars, Harold V. B. Voorhis, Grand Abbot, presiding, at which time a paper prepared by Brother Smythe, of England, the newly elected Friar, was read by Dr. William G. Peacher.

Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, opened the 38th Annual Ingathering at 10:30 A.M., Sir Knight Carl R. Greisen, Nebraska, Grand Preceptor, presiding. Sir Knight William L. Ramsey, North Carolina, was elected Grand Preceptor.

And thus closed another annual session of the various Allied Masonic groups. Many members moved from the Hotel Washington to the Shoreham Hotel to attend the meetings of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, the Conference of Grand Secretaries and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia.

**A report on the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association, February 26, will be included in a later issue.**

# The Knight Line



L. W. Chadwick, Plymouth, Massachusetts, recalls the organization of the "Forty-Niners" at the Triennial Conclave in San Francisco in 1949. Composed of New England Sir Knights, it included Kenneth Martin, Harold S. Crocker, F. Burill Linehan, Sir Knight Chadwick and others. "I ramble on so much because I am no longer young," writes Sir Knight Chadwick. He offers a salute to Helen Hurlburt, Connecticut, who was made "secretary of the Forty-Niners 21 years ago and who has mailed every member a Christmas card and note every year."

There's a new author in the Templar house — Sir Knight Rupert L. McCannon, Arizona Commandery No. 1, Tucson. His book, "Sometimes We Laugh, Sometimes We Cry — or Tell It to the Chaplain," is published by Vantage Press, Inc., New York. B. K. Ben Pitkin, P.C., Arizona No. 1, says "this humorous, whimsical and sometimes tear-drawing book is a factual report on the experiences of an Army Chaplain during World War II in the South Pacific. . . . It is in no sense a 'war book.' At least, it is not devoted to the horrors and glories of battle. Chaplain Rupert McCannon is a warm, outgoing man. . . . Packed with humor, filled with brotherly love, it is a marvelous parade of anecdotes. . . . Optimism predominates on each page." Sir Knight Pitkin says that anyone who was in the Armed Services or a patient in a hospital will enjoy "Sometimes We Laugh, Sometimes We Cry — or Tell It to the Chaplain." He figures that "Chappie" will be glad to send copies to anyone who cannot find it in a bookstore upon receipt of \$3.95 plus 25 cents postage. Address Rupert L. McCannon, 2807 E. 19th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85716.

Arnold Bennett is the author of this statement of fact: "You wake up in the morning, and lo! your purse is magically filled with twenty-four hours of the unmanufactured tissue of your life! It is yours. It is the most precious of possessions. No one can take it from you. It is unstealable. AND NO ONE RECEIVES EITHER MORE OR LESS THAN YOU RECEIVE."

Of special interest to Illinois Masons and their families will be the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center at Medinah Temple, 600 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. Also, Health Fair exhibits will be on display Sunday afternoon, April 19, and again Monday evening, April 20.

"What we obtain too easily, we esteem too lightly."

George H. Labold, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, has completed 50 years of membership — or, in several, is just months away from the half-century mark — in Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Shrine.

"The 'Good of the Order,' correctly used, Is more than an idle phrase. It's a rule and guide for every Knight Thru all his Templar days. It tells each one to exercise His wise, unselfish vision; To work for the good of the Brotherhood, Not just for what is 'his'n.'"

C. Kritt  
Reporter

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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As your R.E. Grand Commander, I extend to you all a most cordial invitation to attend and participate in the 117th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to be held in Harrisburg, May 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1970.

Your annual Conclave Committee under the chairmanship of Sir Knight Edwin A. Julius has been working overtime to make this Conclave an outstanding success. I am grateful to all the Sir Knights and Ladies of the 15th Division for their untiring efforts and detailed arrangements to make this Conclave enjoyable for those who attend. It is the sincere hope of all the Grand Officers that each of Pennsylvania's 89 Commanderies will be represented, not only by the duly elective representatives, but by as many Sir Knights as can find it possible to participate.

The Annual Ascension Service, sponsored by the 15th and 16th Divisions in cooperation with Grand Commandery will be held in Gettysburg, April 25 and 26, 1970. A dinner will be served Saturday, April 25, in the Gettysburg College Dining Room at 6:30 P.M. Entertainment will be furnished by the Gettysburg College Choir.



We will attend the church of our choice Sunday morning and will then assemble for the parade to the National Cemetery in the afternoon beginning at 1:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served in the Senior High School Cafeteria following the services at the Cemetery. Your Commandery Officers have reservation forms. Please fill them out the return them to Sir Knight Melvin E. Tressler, R.D. No. 4, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.

We look forward to greeting you at both the Ascension Service and the Grand Conclave. Plan now to attend both events. REMEMBER, TEMPLARY IS ON DISPLAY.

Charles R. Eurich  
Grand Commander

## DIVISION NO. 1 RECEPTION

A reception and dinner honoring Sir Knight Charles R. Eurich, R.E. Grand Commander, was held by Div. No. 1, Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Masonic Temple, Phila. A tour of the Temple preceded the affair. The Eminent Commanders of the Commanderies of Div. No. 1 were all present. Division Commanders present were Sir Knights George F. Held, Div. No. 1; Martin E. Edwards, Div. No. 9; Harry L. Parson, Div. No. 15 and Russell G. Beckstrom, Div. No. 16. Sir Knights Dallas F. Bullock and G. Calvin Dyson, both Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knight John B. Cottrell, Jr., R.E. Past Department Commander, were in attendance, as was the Grand Commander's Staff.

Sir Knight Eurich gave a progress report on his program for the current Templar year, and then made some hard-hitting remarks on the need for law and order in our society today and the responsibility of the Templars in meeting this need. Sir Knight Dyson showed slides of last year's Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington, Va. The Division presented a beautiful barometer to Sir Knight and Mrs. Eurich.

## WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The third annual wreath laying ceremony of The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the "Washington at Prayer" Statue, Freedom's Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., was held by Masonic District No. 6 on Feb. 22, 1970. Sir Knight David J. Godschall, D.D.G.M. of Dist. No. 6, and a Trustee of Grand Commandery, officiated. It was a beautiful day; a large number of Masons from Lodges in District No. 6, and D.D.G.M.'s, attended

in Masonic Dress. Knights Templar in full uniform and carrying American flags led the procession. Representing Grand Commandery were Sir Knight William D. Geesey, V.E.D.G.C., and Sir Knight Howard T. Scull, Jr., E.G.J.W. Division Commanders attending were Sir Knights George F. Held, Div. No. 1, Leidy K. Gaugler, Div. No. 3, and Martin E. Edwards, Div. No. 9. Other Masonic Bodies were also represented. S.K. and Bro. Godschall gave the address. It sparked with Americanisms. He recalled Washington's supplication for Divine Guidance; reminded us of our trust in God; and emphasized in the following words the five key points of his address:

"Washington - Prayer - Masonry - Freedom - Responsibility." The wreath was then placed at the foot of the statue. Following the ceremony refreshments were served.

## VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

A Valentine's Day Party and covered-dish dinner sponsored by the Sir Knights and the Auxiliary of Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, Div. No. 11, was held Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Masonic Temple, Wilkes-Barre.

Co-chairmen for the arrangements were Janet Thorne and Mrs. William Hughes for the Auxiliary, and David C. Jones for the Commandery. The entertainment was provided by the Joshua Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Degree of Royal Arch Widow was conferred on women present by the following cast: Louis Coopey, Albert T. Peters, John R. Evans, George Handzo, Howard H. Ridgeway, Spencer C. Masters, David C. Jones and Walter A. Snyder, all directed by Orville Shugar and Peter G. George.

## VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

### The Habit of a Knight Templar.



Templar Magazine during the past several months.

Such is the topic of a part of the Templar Review of the Grand Commandery of Missouri by the late Ray V. Denslow, 1954, and we are interested in this topic because of the many references and articles on this subject in the *Knight*

the Grand Commanderies, a continual fight to establish one or another particular *uniform* for our Order? In fact, during the middle of the last century, one Grand Commandery was expelled from the Grand Encampment, because it would not adhere to the *regular* uniform prescribed by the officers of the Grand Encampment, and it was only with great difficulty that this Grand Commandery was brought back into good graces.

The same situation has recurred many times during the past decade, and only by careful and diplomatic action has a further breach been avoided.

"In conversation with a member of the Order," writes Sir Knight Denslow, "we find him grounded in the opinion that even the present day costume worn by the Knights Templar, was very little changed from that worn by Godfrey de Boullion or Jacques DeMolay. And thus tradition and ignorance is passed down through the years and becomes *history*. The probabilities are that if Godfrey de Boullion should happen to meet his modern frater on the street or in our asylums he would not recognize him as of the same brotherhood, let alone giving him the mystic grip and words."

With all this furore and the sound and fury of opinion and ideals, what can be done to legitimize our uniform, make it accurate and realistic? Surely there is a way of *accurately* portraying our Order without sacrificing tradition, and beauty.

Freemasonry and Templary do not wish innovations or changes of the ancient traditions and landmarks, but certainly, we *do* want accuracy, truth and what our ancient fraters looked like, what they wore, and their general appearance.

For how many years have we had, in the Grand Encampment, and similarly in

There are some Commanderies throughout the nation that have, today, uniforms that they have constructed in accordance with the best known and best authenticated facts of history. These uniforms have been used to demonstrate what could be assumed to be accurate exemplification of the Orders in a garb that has been carefully planned in accordance with historical accuracy, and if such uniforms could be collected, say by a special committee of the Grand Encampment, studied, reviewed and analysed, it could be that the Order would be benefited by this study, and that something could be accomplished by which to visualize (not modernize) our uniform.

## Mobile Commandery Knights 19

Nineteen Royal Arch Masons were knighted at the chivalric class conducted by Mobile Commandery No. 2, Mobile, Alabama, Sir Knight W. W. Buckley, Jr., Commander. Among the numerous distinguished Masonic guests were the Grand Commander of Alabama, Charles Lamar Jones, and the General Grand Council's Deputy General Grand Master, Hoyt McClendon, P.G.C., who conducted the conferral of the Order of the Temple.



Among other guests received were: Charles D. Miller, G.M., Grand Council and G. St. Bearer, Grand Commandery; Arthur C. Wilson, P.G.C., G. Capt. of the Host, Grand Chapter; Ray B. Hartwell, P.G.C., Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine; and the following, all from Grand Council — Robert E. Shipp, G. Marshall; the Rev. Alex B. Hanson, G. Chaplain, and W. W. Buckley, Jr., G. Sentinel. The guests and visitors were introduced by Sir Knight John S. Gamundi, P.C.

Eight of the class were 33° Scottish Rite Masons, among them, Fred W. Clark, Jr., Deputy for Alabama. He and his brother, Harvey E. Clark, K.C.C.H., are sons of the legendary Fred W. Clark, Sr., longterm S.G.I.G., Alabama.

**A man's age is not told by the calendar. A man is as old as his curiosities are keen, as his sympathies are kept informed, as his hopes are young, as his enthusiasms as a participant are unpaed, and as the step of his spirit is elastic enough to keep up with the mighty procession of his time.**

John Mason Brown



### Hubert Schouten

Iowa  
Grand Commander 1937  
Born October 22, 1886  
Died January 23, 1970

### Homer Douglas Corey

Mississippi  
Grand Commander 1947  
Born January 3, 1888  
Died January 26, 1970

### William T. Albrecht

Nebraska  
Grand Commander 1939  
Born November 18, 1892  
Died February 14, 1970

### Ralph W. Hopffgarten

Idaho  
Honorary Past Grand Commander  
Grand Recorder 1955 — 1970  
Born March 18, 1905  
Died February 24, 1970

### Oscar Charles Helmer

Maryland  
Grand Commander 1967  
Born March 21, 1900  
Died March 6, 1970

### Chauncey C. Thayer

New York  
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