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The Condition of the Order

Part Two

The Needs of Templary

We have been often reminded of the practical deficiencies of Templary at the various organizational levels. Inspectors do it, Grand Officers do it, Grand Encampment committees in recent years under such Templar leaders as Edward A. Glad and Oliver S. Willham have commented with great perception and precision.

We know that our total membership has been declining almost as rapidly as that of Symbolic Masonry. We are aware that we have failed to follow population movement and growth and new Commanderies, often seeming to prefer to defend our investments in less favorable locations. It has been made clear to us that we too often fail to explain the advantage of participation in our Christian fraternity to young people, that we tend to defend the status quo, that we are unable to see the undesirable aspects of our meeting places, that we tend to confuse habit and tradition.



Admitting these faults, I am not sure that it is productive to list them. They seem to be shared by all of our old constructive organizations, certainly by Freemasonry and the Christian churches. They also seem to me out of my experience to be symptomatic, and I hope all of you who treasure our Templar Experiences and share my concern for the future of Templary will give some thought to three needs of Templary which appear somewhat more fundamental.

Templary needs the best available leadership: If we recognize this, we will elect only the best leaders to dais offices in our Commanderies, Grand Commanderies and Grand Encampment, and not permit either custom or statute to inhibit our choice from among the entire membership on this



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The Cover:

Reproductions of the 12 *Knights Templar Magazine* cover-pages from July 1969 thru June 1970 pictorially illustrate one full year of publication for the "new" magazine. Formerly available only on a paid-subscription basis at a higher cost, the monthly publication has been distributed for the past 12 months to all Grand Encampment Knights Templar by virtue of their membership dues. The present issue starts a New Year of full distribution to Templar addresses in every state and in 25 countries of the world.



From the MAIL BIN

Missoula, Montana

□ The Masonic Temple Association of Butte, Montana, has an opening for a man-and-wife team as custodians. Applicants should be members of the various bodies. Interested parties should write to Andrew R. Sims, Masonic Temple, Butte, Montana 59701, for particulars, and giving qualifications.

ERNEST H. MURRAY, P.C.

Louisville, Kentucky

□ Just a word about your monthly magazine which has given me a great deal of pleasure aside from its cultured contents. I've been a member of the fraternity since December 31, 1917 on which date I was exalted to the high degree of Knight Templar in Hinton, W. Va., and which is still the location of my membership. All during that time I have never read a finer piece of literature in its field nor has its succinct and immaculate expressions and just the right selection of words and perfect grammatical construction lost any of its lustre. I sincerely hope you will continue to exploit excellence irrespective of the tendency of modern authors to adopt a formula of flippancy and annoying vulgarities.

W. C. B. SHAABER, SR.

Ogden, Utah

□ I have only been a member of Knights Templar for a little over a month and just received my first issue today. It was rather a pleasant surprise because I have been devoting many hours in the studying of the Egyptian, Greek and Roman Empires, ending with the destruction of the original Knights Templar. Your article on "The Challenge of Templary" was very important to me.

In this day and age, we appear to be following the very footsteps of Rome into the sands of oblivion. I deeply feel that only the basic values of Masonry and the Knights Templar reflect the true and workable values that founded our country.

It is with a sense of pride that I write this letter because I know that all the malice, hate and bigotry that thrives in the streets does not image the true values of this country.

HOWARD J. NEWBY

El Monte Commandery No. 1

Beverly Hills, California

□ In 1915 I was Knighted in Commandery No. 8 at Clarksville, Tennessee, and in 1919 I became a Shriner (Al Menak Temple at Nashville, Tennessee.) So I've been in the Masons over 50 years. Have my pin for all Branches 50 year service, am second oldest member in Commandery No. 8.

Have been out here in Los Angeles vicinity since 1943.

Sure enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

EDWIN THOMAS WOOD

Joliet, Illinois

□ I have just finished reading the June issue of *Knight Templar* and find it superb as all other issues.

I note that you published the Irving Caesar musical setting of PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE on page 20 and 21.

I have enclosed a new musical setting of the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Dr. Alfred Reed of the University of Florida.

I commissioned Dr. Reed to create this new musical setting. I asked him to prepare the musical score in such a way that the Pledge of Allegiance would be sung straight through with no phrase repeating until the entire Pledge has been recited. He has done this.

I had the pleasure of conducting the World Premiere of the number at the famed Enid, Oklahoma Music Festival last May 2nd. I used a 150 piece symphony, 350 piece band, and 500 voice choir. They were all high school students. A capacity audience rose to its feet with a standing ovation at the conclusion of the number.

You will also be interested to know that the National Bellamy Awards Committee has dropped the Caesar setting in favor of Dr. Reed's setting. It will be performed at Lead, South Dakota in October when the State of South Dakota will receive the Bellamy Award for 1970.

All of the Service Bands in Washington, D. C. now have the number and will be using it extensively. The American Youth Band and Chorus will feature the number on their European and American tour this summer.

Published by Piedmont Music Company, the number is distributed by E. B. Marks Corporation of New York. The number is available for three combinations of choirs, SATB, TTBB, and SSA. There is a band, and orchestra arrangement available. In late summer a Marching Band version will be available.

We feel that this new setting of THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Dr. Alfred Reed will sweep the nation within one year.

Dexter, Michigan

□ First, I don't think the Templar uniform is obsolete. I think the uniform is very appropriate for the day in which we live. We are Christian soldiers; our ritual bears this out as does our uniform as it now is.

Secondly, I agree 100% we are not getting the younger men. However, I do not think the "cost of uniform" has any bearing on this. It is my contention that all our Lodge work must offer a challenge and not make any part of it too easy for candidates to get in. If one is living the life and looking for further help in Christian living and service, the "cost of the uniform" will not in any way keep them out.

WM. J. ROSEMURCY

Pastor, The United Methodist Church

Ramsay, Michigan

□ I just couldn't resist writing to *The Knight Templar* regarding the uniform controversy.

CHANGE THE UNIFORM! I own a uniform and I can't help but think that I look just about the same as I did in the high school operettas "The Student Prince" and "The Fortune Teller." Historically, the uniform is incorrect, and it takes quite an explanation, to the new and young Sir Knight, to justify the current design.

The current design "turns the young Templar off." My Templar friends agree.

I am 31 and a Past Commander, Past High Priest, Past Master and currently Thrice Illustrious Master.

ROBERT H. KELLAS

Perhaps you would like to mention the new musical setting in the next issue of *Knight Templar*.

I am a Past Commander of Joliet Commandery No. 4, K.T. of Joliet, Illinois.

FORREST L. McALLISTER

From Rhinebeck, New York . . .

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF THE 1969 VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

Figures from Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Executive Director at the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Rhinebeck, New York, have been released to show a total of \$84,665.42 received during the Labor Day to Christmas Voluntary Fund-raising Campaign of 1969. This total – as specified before and during the campaign period – does not include Life Sponsorships or bequests.

On the next page are listed the identifications and locations of all Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies whose contributions and fund-raising activities resulted in per capita giving of \$2.00 or more. Also listed are the three Grand Commanderies – in first, second and third order – who had the three highest productivity reports, based on the per capita amounts raised by the Constituent Commanderies of their respective jurisdictions.

One special award goes additionally to the Subordinate Commandery showing the largest per capita amount in the Voluntary Campaign.

Campaign Chairman for the Grand Encampment project was Sir Knight Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, a Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Chairman of the Committee on Wills and Bequests. He expressed his appreciation to the committees and members who helped to raise the additional funds for current and broadened case applications received by the Foundation.

All returns were forwarded to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation office

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

To all who contributed generously by leadership, energy or money to the second annual Voluntary Contributions Campaign, my official and personal congratulations.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has become one of the greatest of charitable projects – will become greater as our support of it grows. In coming years some modification is possible, as in the Shrine Hospitals or the March of Dimes. Still, the essential qualities are established and will persist – our Foundation is a pure expression of concern for those less fortunate than we.

Happily, reports all indicate that in every Commandery where aggressive promotion of contributions or benefit activity has been undertaken, there is a renewal of fraternal strength, personal satisfaction to individuals involved, and a greater community acceptance. Great as these rewards are, I would add the appreciation of the Grand Master, who by circumstance can perhaps appreciate more fully and more deeply than other Templars this type of cooperation.

at Rhinebeck, New York, where they were tabulated as received. Per capita figures are based on the memberships of the various Commanderies at the time of reporting.

Each Commandery, Constituent and Subordinate, will receive a parchment certificate if its Voluntary Campaign results reached or exceeded \$2.00 per member. An award plaque will go to the three highest rated Grand Commanderies and to the top-producing Subordinate Commandery.

THREE TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES *(Based on per capita giving)*

FIRST PLACE:	GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEVADA—\$1.62 per member	
	Chairman — John P. Burns	Total \$1,395.02
SECOND PLACE:	GRAND COMMANDERY OF CONNECTICUT—\$1.14 per member	
	Chairman — John W. Coldy	Total \$3,441.68
THIRD PLACE:	GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW JERSEY—\$1.12 per member	
	Chairman — Christopher A. Smith	Total \$3,297.50

Highest Total (not per capita) —
GRAND COMMANDERY OF TEXAS
 Chairman—William D. Snipes —Total \$13,010.35

TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY — TOKYO NO. 1
 \$4.39 per member — Total \$1,580.00

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$2.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER
 (by states)

Alabama	Sylacauga No. 21	Sylacauga	\$ 4.05	\$ 648.00
Arizona	Columbine No. 9	Safford	6.64	497.67
Arkansas	Osceola No. 32	Osceola	4.51	343.00
Arkansas	Olivet No. 20	Blytheville	2.06	461.84
California	Nevada No. 6	Grass Valley	2.26	190.00
Connecticut	Crusader No. 10	Danbury	3.36	497.50
Connecticut	Couer No. 4	Norwich	2.48	240.50
Connecticut	Stamford No. 12	Stamford	2.16	240.00
Connecticut	St. John's No. 11	Williamantic	2.04	287.00
Maryland	York No. 16	Camp Springs	2.04	404.00
Missouri	St. Charles No. 73	St. Charles	2.94	200.00
Montana	Palestine No. 18	Harlowton	3.52	162.00
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson No. 8	Carson City	6.64	431.71
Nevada	DeWitt No. 1	Reno	2.58	565.81
New Jersey	Bethlehem No. 27	Ridgewood	17.43	1,708.00
New Jersey	Trinity No. 17	Plainfield	2.18	316.00
Oklahoma	Shawnee No. 36	Shawnee	2.13	260.00
Tennessee	Coeur De Lion	Knoxville	2.22	1,578.49
Texas	Kilgore No. 104	Kilgore	3.85	840.00
Texas	San Marcos No. 56	Sequin	2.19	263.00
Texas	Ivanhoe No. 8	Bryan	2.04	369.00

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$2.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

Japan	Tokyo No. 1	Tokyo	\$ 4.39	\$1,580.00
Delaware	St. Andrew's	Dover	2.12	226.33

Annual Assembly, U.G.I.C.

The 98th Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, with Lee Lockwood, Waco, presiding, closed Saturday, June 6, at Dallas, Texas, following the election of William E. Yeager, Warren, Pennsylvania, to the office of M.I. Grand Sovereign. Charles F. Adams, Aurora, Nebraska, was elected Grand Sentinel, initial office in the elective line.



"Passing of the Gavel" from Lee Lockwood, right, to William E. Yeager.

Three-hundred-thirty members, visitors and ladies attended the formal Assembly banquet Saturday, June 6, in the ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel, Dallas. Speaker of the evening was Dr. William Richardson White, president emeritus, Baylor University.

George M. Saunders, Chicago, was elected Grand Viceroy; Robert W. Cauldwell, New York, Grand Sr. General; William J. Netherton, Kentucky, Grand Jr. General; William G. Mateer, Illinois, Grand Treas.; Paul C. Rodenhauer (Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment), Grand Rec.; C. Leander Prisk, Utah, Grand Chancellor; Hoyt McClendon, Alabama, Grand Almoner; Dallas F. Bullock, Pennsylvania, Grand Chamberlain; Harold W. Kent, Hawaii, Grand Orator; Andrew R. Sims, Montana, Grand Std. Bearer; Stanley F. Maxwell, Grand Marshal; Kenneth C. Johnson, Grand Herald.



John G. Eshleman, left foreground, confers with Texas committee members during preparations for reception of distinguished visitors at the June 5 session. Eshleman will be co-chairman of the 99th Annual Assembly in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, next June 4-5.



Knights Templar Grand Master John L. Crofts, left, and Deputy Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, are shown with the Grand Sovereign-elect, William E. Yeager; retiring Grand Sovereign Lee Lockwood; and the Grand Master of Masons in Texas, Hal Burnett.

The committee for the 98th Annual Assembly was headed by John McKee. Program included Friday and Saturday night banquets, a Saturday morning breakfast for members and Assembly guests, Saturday ladies and men's luncheons, and a Saturday afternoon tour.

PROPOSALS TO TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

Reported in Brief by the Grand Master

Voting members of Grand Encampment will consider and act upon a wide variety and unusual number of proposals at Denver. Some of these are merely technical or to correct or to clarify existing laws, but many involve basic principles and require thorough understanding and consideration.

For the first time it is possible through our Magazine to advise all Knights Templar regarding amendments and proposals filed. We do so for your interest and to broaden the base of opinion on these matters. We suggest that you contact one of the representatives of your jurisdiction to express your opinions, if you wish to do so.

We are here merely describing the effect of each proposal in simple terms and assigning each a number for reference purposes, without expression of opinion as to its merit. If any Knight Templar wishes to study the proposals in detail he may receive a copy of the Notice of Triennial Conclave from Sir Knight Rodenhauer simply by asking for it. Proposals which have been received as required on or before May 23 are:

they so desire, to appoint Grand Officers not elective (except the Grand Prelate) for the time of the Annual Conclave only. Under this system, similarly to Grand Encampment, the administrative staff of a Grand Commandery between conclaves would consist of the elective officers, the Grand Prelate whether elective or appointive, and such deputies or zone or district officers as might be provided.

1. To create in Grand Encampment the permanent office of Past Grand Prelate and to make each Grand Prelate qualified by installation and full term of service a permanent member of Grand Encampment.
2. To create in Grand Commanderies the permanent office of Past Grand Prelate and to permit Grand Commanderies, if they desire to do so, to elect to such rank any such Grand Prelates who have been qualified by installation and full term of service. If so elected, such Past Grand Prelates would become permanent members of the Grand Commandery
3. To permit Grand Commanderies, if
4. To remove the requirement for silver letters on the shoulder straps of incumbent Grand Commandery officers, and require such designation only for certain Past Grand Officers.
5. To provide that any Grand or Subordinate Commandery may elect to cancel mailing of *Knight Templar Magazine* to its members and be relieved of that part of its per capita dues, also that it may order such mailing resumed again at any time; and that while it may have suspended every member mailing, its membership would have the privilege of receiving the Magazine by subscription.

6. To join together, for organizational reasons and mutual benefit, the Constituent Commanderies in Maryland and the Subordinate Commanderies in Delaware in a single Grand Commandery jurisdiction, similarly to the existing jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
7. To alter in some details the Statute which authorizes a term of probation for Commanderies failing to hold Conclaves or to knight candidates, and to permit Grand Commanderies to adopt legislation with regard to terms of such probation.
8. To clarify the present provisions regarding dual membership, which provide for optional policy at the Grand Commandery level.
9. To permit a Knight Templar of a foreign jurisdiction which does not require the Order of the Red Cross as prerequisite to the Templar Order to affiliate with a commandery of this jurisdiction without petitioning for the Order of the Red Cross, also to permit a Knight Templar of a recognized foreign jurisdiction to become a dual member in a subordinate commandery, or in a constituent commandery if that Grand Commandery permits dual membership, providing the laws of the foreign jurisdiction also so provide.
10. To establish officially in the United States the same two honorary grades of rank and recognition among Knights Templar which are now recognized in the Sovereign Great Pories, namely, Grand Cross of the Temple and Knight Commander of the Temple.
11. To clarify effective sections of the Constitution to remove any doubt as to authority of the Grand Treasurer and the Trustees of the Permanent Fund with regard to investment services.
12. To substitute "as often as may be practical" for the present requirement that the Grand Recorder make deposits as often as receipts amount to \$500.00, which could be several times daily.
13. To permit any Grand Commandery to adopt as its official uniform and white mantle and cap similar to the Canadian Templar dress; provided, that if adopted such mantle and cap shall conform to material, design, insignia, designation of rank and other details as prescribed by Grand Encampment and that said mantle and cap shall be presented to each candidate by the commandery.
14. To permit the Grand Master to authorize, by dispensation to a Subordinate Commandery that petitions for the Orders may be both received and balloted on at the same stated or special conclave, after such notice as he may deem proper. This authority would be the same as held by Grand Commanders with reference to constituent commanderies where Grand Commandery laws do not give blanket authorization.
15. To provide for the convenience of both commanderies and petitioners in jurisdictional border situations within the U.S.A., that a commandery may accept a petition without waiver if it is the commandery located nearest to the petitioner's place of residence.
16. To increase the minimum fee for which a commandery may confer the Orders of Templary from \$30.00 to \$40.00
17. To add to public appearances which a commandery may make without dispensation any meeting or

sponsored activity of other Masonic or Masonic-related bodies.

18. To delete Section 216 of the Statutes which prohibits appearance of commanderies without uniform except for church attendance and funerals, thus leaving the question to the judgment of and dispensation by Grand Commanders.
19. To delete Section 222 of the Statutes regarding control of a commandery appearing outside of its own jurisdiction.
20. To permit a commandery to delay granting a demit while investigating the reason for the demit being requested.
21. To alter in several details the process to be followed before suspension of a member for non-payment of dues and to prevent arrearage of more than 4 years.
22. To permit a commandery, at stated or special conclaves held for the transaction of business only, to transact business jointly with Chapters and Councils domiciled at the same location, and to admit to such conclaves members of Chapters and Councils who are not Knights Templar; but providing that any Knight Templar may require petitions for the Orders to be considered only by Knights Templar. Providing, also, that following prayer the Commander may declare the commandery open for the transaction of business.
23. To provide that the Grand Chapter or Grand Chapter and Grand Council of a jurisdiction may become part of Grand Encampment and subject to its laws and disciplines, with incumbent dais officers and past officers becoming voting members of Grand Encampment. Providing, also, that after a Grand Chapter or Grand Chapter and Grand Council have come under Grand Encampment, their present and past local officers shall be members of the Grand Commandery.
24. To reduce the Masonic prerequisite for a petitioner for the Orders of Templary to being a Master Mason affiliated in a Lodge.
25. To reduce the Masonic prerequisite of a petitioner for the Templar Orders to being a Master Mason affiliated in a Lodge, who has petitioned a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a Council of Royal and Select Masters (if required by the Grand Commandery), without the provision that the Chapter of Chapter and Council Degrees must have been conferred before the Orders of Knighthood.
26. To permit Grand Commanderies to require or not require the Capitular Degrees as prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, similarly to their present authority to require or not require the Cryptic Degrees as prerequisite.
27. To continue the requirement for continuous affiliation of a Knight Templar in a Lodge, but to remove the requirement for affiliation in a Chapter or Chapter and Council as a condition for continuation of membership in a commandery.
28. To permit commanderies to confer either or both the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in short form, thus reducing the required ritualistic performance.
29. To revise ritual, pages 7-9 and pages 95-97, to eliminate Rehearsal of Duties.
30. To revise the ritual, page 12, to

eliminate reference to and communicating the GORAW.

- 31. To revise ritual, pages 14-15, shortening and altering language of H P reading.
- 32. To revise ritual, page 103, by substituting new readings for first and second H.
- 33. To revise ritual, page 122, line 18, to express a more modern Christian concept.
- 34. To revise ritual rubric No. 2, page 156, to read "more than four" instead of "more than eleven."
- 35. To require that all proposals to amend the laws or rituals of Grand Encampment be filed not less than seven months before, instead of three months before, the Triennial Conclave, and that members of Grand Encampment be advised of such proposals at least six months before, instead of two months before, the Triennial Conclave.

36. To provide that Grand Encampment after 1973 shall meet biennially instead of triennially.

37. To change the title of Grand Captain of the Guard to Grand Sentinel in Grand Commanderies.

As suggested above, any Knight Templar in good standing and not a member of Grand Encampment may receive a single copy of the Notice of Triennial Conclave, which includes the sponsors and exact language of all of the above proposals, by request to Sir Knight Rodenhauer. We ask you please to include all of the information indicated below and no more, in making this request.



TO: Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder
14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Please send me a copy of the Notice of Triennial Conclave.

Name _____

Address (including Zip Code) _____

(typed or printed) _____

I am a member in good standing of _____

Commandery No. _____ located at _____

Signature _____

A Thirty-Three Year Recess Ends . . .

TEMPLARY AND MASONRY REDISCOVERED

Vernon Lieblein, Lakewood, Ohio, formerly a member of Fred Waring's band, was once an active Mason and Templar. In the 30's he played the base drum for the drum and bugle corps of Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Lakewood.

Today, Vernon Lieblein again is an active Mason and Templar, but during the intervening decades he had not attended his Symbolic Lodge for 23 years and his Commandery for 33 years.

The recess ended with a trip to the Yukon Territory. Sir Knight Lieblein's interest in music, photography and travel has taken him on many excursions, and it was on a return trip from Alaska and the Arctic Circle that he "rediscovered Masonry."

At his wife's suggestion he set out to attend the Dawson Lodge, spending a full day driving the 170 miles to Dawson thru roads of mud to make the visitation. He was met by the Worshipful Master, interrogated and admitted.

"The members of the Lodge were so very kind and generous to me that I made up my mind, right there, that if I ever reached Ohio again, I would return to Gaston G. Allen Lodge and become a part of it." Sir Knight Lieblein says his visit to that remotely-situated Lodge brought home to him, as nothing else had, just how much he had missed during those years of absence from his Lodge and his Commandery.

The Liebleins completed their 16,000 mile trip and returned to Ohio. Sir Knight Lieblein had lost none of his resolve. He re-united himself with his brethren of Allen Lodge and resumed his attendance

at the Conclaves of Holy Grail Commandery.

He was made organist on-the-spot at Holy Grail. The former Fred Waring band member sat on the sidelines and looked at the \$30,000 organ on the balcony. Audibly, he wondered why someone wasn't up there playing it. The Sir Knight beside him said, "Okay, Vernon, why don't *you* go up and play it?" Vernon did, and the Commander lost no time in anchoring him at the console officially.

"Now," says Vernon Lieblein, "Holy Grail Commandery thinks they can't get along without me, and I enjoy it as much as the members. Sometimes I play background music for a full hour. I can assure you, it makes me truly happy to be an active member again."



*An Open Letter from an
Adopted Grandfather*

LETTER TO JOYCE

by Harry N. Flavell, Jr.

Harry N. Flavell, P.C., York Commandery No. 21, York, Pennsylvania, long identified with civic and community activities – especially as a hospital board member – was asked by the very young daughter of one of his associates for information about the nursing field. His letter to her classically emphasizes the constant need for nurses – and, in addition to its obvious benefits of inspiration and information, has resulted in Sir Knight Flavell's adoption as the young lady's grandfather.

Dear Joyce:

You ask how old you must be in order to become a Junior Volunteer at the Hospital . . . that you have decided to become a nurse . . . For a young lady at the tender age of twelve to have made such an important decision is commendable.

Have you given thought why people volunteer to help care for the sick and injured in the Hospital? What force motivates people in desiring to help others? . . . What activates this spirit? . . . How did the Volunteer concept start? . . . Who started it? . . . When did it begin? . . . Where was the beginning? . . . Everything has a beginning.

To get some of these answers we must roll back some time . . . almost a thousand years. It started because of a Faith. This Faith was defined many years ago as a Faith which transcends human understanding. As this Faith spread across Europe it gave the people Hope. With this Faith and Hope, Charity follows.

This Faith was so strong and powerful the people wanted to travel to the Holy Lands and see for themselves where the events responsible for this Faith took

place. To go there was the big event of their lifetime. It was rough and rugged trip beset with many dangers, traveling then was not like it is today. There were no four lane highways with restaurants every twenty-five miles, no motels, no deluxe trains, luxury vessels or jets. There were no signs to guide them on their way. Signs would have been useless for in those days few people could read and write.

Being fired with the desire to go, they accumulated the few valuable possessions they had – and could carry, gathered together in large groups – by the thousands – and started to walk.

After walking for hundreds of miles many were really in trouble – some tired and thought there surely must be a shorter way and strayed into more hostile country. Many became lame and straggled on behind. Others fell ill and lay by the wayside. All became easy prey for the highwaymen waiting to kill and rob them.

Nine gentlemen (of whose names two only remain on record) saw the sorry plight of these people and decided to help. Their good work inspired others to help. For nine years they had no mark of distinction. The Holy Father, being a wise and brilliant man, by request, sanctioned the work and laid down a rule and

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manner of life for them, and ordained that they should be clothed in white. Later a cross was added to the garment. Our nurses are still dressed in white and it is rare to see a nurse wearing a pin that does not have a cross somewhere in its design.

Where these people were cared for and nursed back to health were called Hospitals. Many, being grateful, volunteered to join in this good work. The example set by these volunteers inspired others to follow. You will never know how many in the future will be inspired by your example, your dedication and service. Every volunteer in any hospital everywhere has been touched by the spirit of those nine men of so long ago.

As you progress through nursing you will have many gratifying and rewarding experiences. The day you are capped will be a memorable one. It is a solemn, serious and impressive ceremony. The nurses to be capped march into the auditorium and form a line – suddenly the room is in total darkness – you can feel the quietness. Then away off in the distance you see a flicker of light. A Registered Nurse slowly approaches carrying a candle. It is then you realize how truly it has been said that 'there is not enough darkness in all the world to extinguish the light of one small candle.' The nurse with the burning candle lights a candle held by the young lady at the end of the line and she is capped. As this procedure goes through the line each candle adds its light. This is symbolic of how the work has spread. As the room gets brighter you can see the beam on their happy faces by the reflection of the many candles, for now they are enlisted in this good work. They will carry on. One such as they has inspired you.

The motivating spirit that has been the inspiration for this good work is found in the scriptures where it says:

Top 1969 New Jersey Commandery

Wallace M. Gage, G.S.W., New Jersey, has prepared a salute to his home Commandery, Trinity No. 17, which won the 1969 trophy for the top Commandery in New Jersey. Sir Knight Gage says: "Its story is an example of what can be done by an average-sized Commandery in an average community."

The competition among New Jersey's 25 Commanderies each year is in proficiency in ritual, tactics, attendance at annual inspection, Commandery activities, Knightings, affiliations, reinstatements, conferring of Orders, attendance at Grand Commandery events, sponsorship of public or other special programs, and similar activities.

Trinity, in Plainfield, was founded in 1889. Among its 1969 accomplishments, Sir Knight Gage notes: good communication among members, shortened line, experienced ritualists, authentic costumes and paraphernalia, DeMolay installation team, annual church attendance in uniform, hosting of statewide festival, voluntary Eye Foundation contributions, group visitations to other Commanderies and strong attendance at Grand Commandery events.

The full description can be secured from Grand Senior Warden Gage at 232 Sinclair Place, Westfield, New Jersey, "in the hope that other Commanderies may find a useful idea or two from Trinity's experiences."

"You should let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven!"

Congratulations on your decision! . . .

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Merit Award for McDaniel

Forest C. McDaniel, Chicago, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Commandery of Illinois, has been honored by Hawthorne Engineering "for achieving the highest dollar value in Bell System Cost Reduction covering a major case. His share of savings amounted to \$71,250. The life of SXS switch wiper springs was significantly prolonged as result of this innovation."



Sir Knight McDaniels is a Western Electric product engineer, Step-by-Step Switching. He was one of 10 selected for the engineering recognition awards from 84 nominees.

New Philaethes President

William R. Denslo, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Missouri, editor of the *Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, has been elected president of the Philaethes Society for 1970-72.

Other officers include: William E. Yeager, Pennsylvania, 1st vice president; Robert V. Osborn, Wisconsin, 2nd vice president; Franklin J. Anderson, Missouri, secretary; Ronald E. Heaton, Pennsylvania, Treasurer.

The Philaethes Society was formed in 1928 as an international society "of Freemasons seeking light and giving light by the study of Masonic literature and records." The society's magazine, a bi-monthly publication, has John Black Vrooman as its editor; Alphonse Cerza and Melvin L. Pfankuche are associate editors.

San Jose Commandery Centennial Year

San Jose Commandery No. 10, San Jose, California, marks its 100th anniversary in 1970. Constituted May 18, 1870, a highlight one hundred years later will be an anniversary banquet October 30 at the Scottish Rite Temple, San Jose, when the new Grand Commander, William P. Wilson, will be the speaker. Jay H. Allison, publicity chairman, says members of all Masonic affiliated bodies throughout the state are invited.



Anniversary officers, pictured at the January installation ceremonies, are headed by Glen Siegner, E.C., fourth from left, first row. To his left is William P. Wilson, then Deputy Grand Commander, who was Installing Officer. 1969-70 Grand Commander, John B. Nye, was Installing Prelate.

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Knight Crusaders of the Cross

Noting that High Priests and Illustrious Masters long have been honored with the Order of High Priesthood and the Order of the Silver Trowel with no similar honor for Commanders, Sir Knight J. J. Guy, KYCH, Winter Haven, Florida, reports the formation of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross, an Order to recognize contributions to Templary by Eminent Commanders.

The initial conferral was in May of 1969 upon a Florida class of 192. At the Annual Conclave in Jacksonville May 17, 1970, the Order was conferred upon a class of 51.



The 1970 class included the Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., G. Wilbur Bell, official Grand Encampment representative at the Conclave. A fee is charged for initiation and the proceeds are then contributed to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

R.A.M. 50 Year Recognitions

Four Royal Arch Companions from four separate Grand jurisdictions, including a foreign jurisdiction, received 50-year pins in the Palmdale Masonic Temple, Palmdale, California, June 2. Paul V. Gaskins, Secretary of Antelope Valley Chapter No. 154, Lancaster, California, believes that the presentations represent a "first" in Royal Arch history in the United States. Sir Knight Gaskins, who also is Generalissimo of Valley Commandery No. 75, was master of ceremonies for the occasion. Greetings were presented by the Grand King of the Grand Chapter of California, George A. Sheltren, and other Masonic leaders.



Front row, left to right, shows those honored with 50-year R.A.M. pins: William A. Radke, William F. Grant, John M. Earp, James R. Ross, members of Grand Chapters in California, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Scotland. Back row participants: Smith Swords, Jr., James P. Butchart, Paul V. Gaskins, Winfred J. Petersen, Albert F. Knearl.

DEADLINE INFORMATION

As a reminder to Grand Commandery editors and correspondents, the 10th of each month is the deadline for the receipt of material submitted for the *Knight Templar Magazine*. The postmark has no relationship to the deadline date. The 10th, because of type-composing and offset printing schedules, is the final date that material can be considered for the next month's issue.

G. Wilbur Bell Speaks at Florida

The Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., officially representing the Grand Master and the Grand Encampment, was the speaker for the annual Grand York Rite of Florida banquet at Jacksonville May 19. His address was covered by a staff writer for *The Florida Times-Union* and received prominent display in the May 20 issue.



The M.W. Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, David H. Wilkison, welcomes the Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., G. Wilbur Bell, to the 1970 gathering of the Grand York Rite of Florida at Jacksonville. At the left is the R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Wilbur Welling Masters, Jr., (also a Past Grand High Priest); center, the Grand Master of Florida's Grand Council, Harley Verne Wheeler; right, retiring Grand Commander John Wesley Stewart, Jr. Illness, since fatal, prevented the attendance of the Grand High Priest, Floyd Marquis Crippen.

"Masons are builders," reported the newspaper in quoting Sir Knight Bell. "They have made contributions in the founding of this country. I believe this country is a good country, but it will take a lot of work to keep it that way" Another quote: "We must continue to help build and to help the young people to build."

The newspaper account noted that among the young people helped by Masons are those in DeMolay and the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

H. Malvern Marks Honored

"The Father of DeMolay in Texas," Sir Knight H. Malvern Marks, was honored by having the May 2 Festival of York Rite Masons at Fort Worth, Texas, dedicated to him as "a most distinguished and outstanding leader . . . with not only Masonic accomplishments to his credit, but well known as a civic, cultural and religious leader, where his guiding hand and influence has been felt in the destinies of many and varied organizations."

The Festival, which concluded with a Moslah Temple Shrine Ceremonial at 9 P.M., on the 2nd, was described as the "most successful York Rite Festival ever held in Texas." Sir Knights R. T. Porter, P.G.C., and A. R. Casebolt were chairman and co-chairman, with C. A. Hays, P.G.H.P., as secretary-treasurer.

Sir Knight Marks, a charter and 50-year member of Southside Commandery No. 83, is also a 33rd Scottish Rite Mason, Southern Jurisdiction, a Past Grand Master, Active Member and Executive Officer in Texas for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

14th Life Sponsor at Frankfurt

Captain Robert Jon Dallenbach has become the 14th member on the current roster of Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt, Germany, to become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The \$30.00 check for Sir Knight Dallenbach's sponsorship was forwarded by Commandery Recorder Kit Carson Price.

At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Florida, Stephen B. Dimond was elected Grand Commander for 1970-71.

Templars Aid Salvation Army



Thomas F. Seay, Chicago Commandery No. 19, Past Imperial Potentate, Shrine of North America, has been named Chicago Mail Appeal Chairman of the Salvation Army's 1970 Operating Fund Campaign by General Chairman George R. Wilson, P.C., St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, and a Past Potentate of Medinah Temple. Sir Knight Seay, pictured above, has a goal of \$417,000 to help finance the 46 institutions, departments and neighborhood centers maintained by the Salvation Army in the greater Chicago area.

P.G.M. DeLamater Birthday Salute

Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., senior Past Potentate of Mecca Temple, New York City, was honored April 18 on his 90th birthday with a Mecca Shrine Ceremonial Class and a formal banquet that saw notable Masonic and Shrine leaders in attendance.



Illustrious Potentate Milton E. Hyman, shown with Sir Knight DeLamater, announced that "all available seats for the Ladies and Master Masons Night banquet were applied for weeks in advance of the event."

G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., was a special guest for the occasions. Others included the M.W. Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, Charles F. Gosnell, and Grand Lodge officers.

"Words are like leaves; and where they most abound, Much fruit of sense beneath is seldom found."

From Alexander Pope's Words, as quoted in the Grand Encampment Guidelines for Public Relations.

MARKS OF THE CRAFT

by
Jean E. Cranston

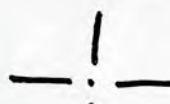
Sir Knight Jean E. Cranston, whose professional experience includes research and newspaper reporting, is a member of Mizpah Commandery No. 73, Chicago. In this article prepared for the Knight Templar Magazine, he compiles and comments on a number of the responses received by Sir Knight Ashel O. Hawkins, Martinsville, Indiana, after his letter on Marks of the Craft was published in the April issue.

The item on Marks of the Craft by Sir Knight Ashel O. Hawkins in the April issue has aroused considerable interest. It is impossible to quote at length all of the correspondence received. However, one letter regarding marks observed on structures on the islands of Crete and Rhodes, by Sir Knight Len Sledge of Santa Monica, California, was printed in full in the June issue.

Sir Knight and Dr. W. M. Hausman, P.C., of Hawthorne, Massachusetts, contributes his comments on marks found on old buildings located in Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales. He illustrates this with photographs and drawings, where it was impossible to use a camera. "The pictures of the marks that I have were taken from a stone wall that forms the city wall in Chester, England. People are allowed to walk around the perimeter of the city on this wall, and as you go around there are quite a few marks . . . However, I did draw them (the marks) and you can see that they are quite authentic since they mostly take forms that are masonic in origin (i.e. the triangle) . . . The only reason I began looking for marks in England was that one of the members of the tour was a Mason and when he saw my Shrine button he approached me and asked if I had seen any masonic marks and from that day on both myself and my wife looked for



Winchester
Cathedral



Tintern
Abbey



Melrose
Abby



Tintern
Abbey



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Cathedral



marks and found quite a few." The drawings were taken from Winchester Cathedral, Tintern Abbey, and Melrose Abbey. Dr. Hausman promises further search on forthcoming tours to the Scandinavian countries and Germany.

Another communication was received from Sir Knight and Colonel George W. Hervey of Falls Church, Virginia, in which reference is made to Henry Wilson Coil's *Freemasonry Through Six Centuries*, Vol. 1. In an elaboration and by way of explanation, Sir Knight Hervey

states, "Actually, you have not run into more evidences of the practice of registering marks during the Middle Ages because they for the most part are hidden from sight, between the stones . . . I have been surprised to find unexpectedly the all-seeing eye and similar symbols that trace back to the real days of Operational Masonry."

Finally, suggestions for further study are made by Sir Knight Ed. Conyngham of Portland, Oregon. He referred to articles published in the *Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, Vol. 1, No. 4, for December, 1943, on "Actual Masons Marks," in which there are sketches of marks from the city-hall, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Bavaria. Also, in the same magazine, Vol. III. No. 2, for June, 1949, page 48, samples of Masons Marks were reproduced in the article titled "Antiquity of the Mark Master Degree."

A possibility for additional research is posed in the castles erected by the Normans during their conquests in Ireland. "They have about 800 old castles built during the Norman invasion. I suspect the builders left marks there. King John's Castle. . . is the largest; this must have taken some good operative Masons. Most of the old castles are in poor shape, having been blown up during the war. There are many old churches, abbeys, priorys, and abbys that are in better shape; these date from the castle building period. They might be an interesting place to search. These probably survived better because they were not fighting. . . By the way, one issue (*Ireland of the Welcomes Magazine*) had a picture of an early Knight Templar castle, where they made coins. It seems the old Knights Templar were bankers around there." His curiosity in this direction is further stimulated to the extent of recommending Hjalmar Holand's *Norse Explorations in America, 963-1362 A.D.* on Runic writing and symbols, and their similarity to various masonic marks.

General information likewise may be

found in Mackey's *Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, Vol. 2, under the headings of "Mark," "Mark of the Craft, Regular," and "Marks of the Craft," at pages 621 through page 627. Also, further descriptions may be found in Gould's *History of Freemasonry*, Vol. I, Chapter III, "The Stonemasons (Steinmetzen) of Germany," pages 77-100, and Chapter VII, "Masons' Marks" pages 158-168. Both of these chapters are copiously illustrated, and the text material is well documented. Undoubtedly, more correspondence will be received in the future. The subject seems to attract many Masons.

In conclusion, possibly the occurrence of some of these marks is coincidental. Similar markings (angles, triangles, squares) have been noted in many structures and among the relics of ancient civilizations. Endeavors have been made to link Druid symbols to operative Masonic Marks. Likewise, parallels may be found in marks on Aztec, Inca, and early Persian edifices. However, it is discovered that no symbols are found in the ruins of King Solomon's Temple, where many of the legends have had their origin. It appears that this is all a matter of separating what is factual (directly traceable to the early operative Masonic craftsman), coincidental, and pure hypothesis.

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Condition of the Order – Part Two

In this issue, starting on page two, the M.E. Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Sr., continues his report to the membership on the Condition of the Order. His three-part report, an advance review of the report to be presented at the Triennial Conclave, will conclude in the August issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

THE DEFENDER OF ST. VITH

Christmas 1944 – in July of 1970 – may seem remote to some, but just a few blinks of the eye removed for others. Those who recall the Battle of the Bulge in World War II will recall also that it was regarded as one of the most crucial periods in American battle history.

The “Defender of St.-Vith” was General Bruce C. Clarke, Columbia Commandery No. 1, District of Columbia, who—among other services to Masonry—is the distinguished Sir Knight who participates as a member of the Grand Encampment Committee for the Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery.

Another Templar, Raymond W. Miller, with membership in Utah Commandery No. 1, Salt Lake City, recently was invited to prepare a brief statement on General Clarke for the *Bulletin* of the Cosmos Club, a society whose members have achieved national or world distinction.

As a vignette for the July Knight Templar Magazine, in a month when particular tribute is paid to great patriots of the past and present, the following is a reprint – complete with the Cosmos Club Bulletin editor’s footnote – of the brief sketch of General Bruce C. Clarke.

In 1969, Ballantine Books, Inc., of New York, published British author Charles Whiting’s book, *Decision at St. Vith: The Story of the U.S. 106th, the Division Hitler Smashed in the Battle of the Bulge*. The time of the story was the last half of December, 1944.

Based on his own recollections, extensive research, correspondence and interviews with survivors of the battle – both military and nationals of the area – Mr. Whiting has written well of the “panic, fear and confusion of that



winter,” and of its ultimate victory for the Allies. The battle of St.-Vith was probably one of the most decisive of the whole second phase of The War of the 20th Century, that part we call World War II. Had the crushing defeats the Allied forces were experiencing continued but a bit longer, Hitler might have won this great thrust for the lowlands of Europe and the whole tide of history might have been reversed.

Prominent among the book’s “cast of characters” we find our own friend and fellow member, General Bruce C. Clarke (’69), now retired. When the young officer was selected to assume command in this most vital part of the battle zone, we had experienced one of the worst days in all American military history. Casualties were high and we had lost vast numbers of troops as prisoners of war. Generals had given up their posts under the strain of impending catastrophe and the cause of freedom seemed greatly threatened. To this chaos General Clarke brought his knowledge of the tactics of battle and his sheer courage, trying out new armor operations based upon his own calculations of continuous action, leaving behind concepts of the horse-drawn era.

Clarke had been preparing to leave for a well-earned three-day rest when he was called by his divisional commander to lead this mission. Whiting writes of the young brigadier general:

"...he was diverted to St. -Vith, where the actions of the newly appointed brigadier general were going to gain him such a great reputation that within the space of twenty years he would be the commander of the United States' greatest peacetime army, the quarter of a million men of the Seventh Army stationed in Europe. But that was to come. On that evening the somewhat puzzled Clarke set off on his vague mission to an obscure destination."

The story of the losses and ultimate gains of the next weeks is one of the most dramatic to have come out of those frightful, frustrating days of battle, but the chalice of victory entrusted to General Clarke was found to be in good and steady hands.*

Years later, in 1964, General Clarke was present at a news conference in Watertown, New York, when German General Von Manteuffel, whose troops had been trying to break through the area defended by General Clarke twenty years earlier, stated that he had called Hitler's headquarters on Christmas Eve, 1944, recommending that the German army give up the attack and return to the West Wall due to the time it had lost in the St.-Vith area. (Hitler did not accept the recommendation).

In grateful thanks to the man who had wrested victory from the jaws of defeat in the raging hell of war in front of their battered town, the people of Vielsalm, Belgium, ten miles west of St.-Vith, in 1964 dedicated a park as the "Square General Bruce C. Clarke." The Belgians had lived in the eye of the hurricane and to them our friend typifies an avenging angel who saved them and the entire lowlands from being permanently swept

under the cloud of Nazi domination.

RAYMOND W. MILLER ('47)

*According to official U.S. Army reports, the main effort of the "Battle of the Bulge" hit at the St.-Vith area on 16 December 1944. General Bruce C. Clarke's command was rushed to St.-Vith on 17 December where it held for seven days while strength assembled in the rear. This upset the German timetable and is viewed by many as the turning point in the historical "Battle of the Bulge." — Ed.

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Major Mellon 50-year Member

Major William H. Mellen, North Canton, Ohio — who serves the National Huguenot Society as Genealogist General — has received a 50-year service pin from Canton Commandery No. 38 in a courtesy presentation for Commandery No. 37, Athol, Massachusetts, where Sir Knight Mellen was Knighted in 1920. The recipient is a 20-year honorary member of Canton Commandery.

Earlier this year he received a 50-year certificate from the Grand Council of R. & S.M., of Massachusetts, and has since qualified for 50-year recognition in Aleppo Shrine Temple, Boston. Additionally, he has been elected an Emeritus Member of the National Sojourners, Committee of 33.

TEMPLAR UNIFORM OFFER

A "complete uniform," purchased in the 1920's, is offered for sale at \$35.00. It was purchased for a Templar five feet and 11 inches in height who weighed 165-170 pounds. "Prince Albert type coat, single breasted; sword complete; chapeau, size 7 1/8. Very nice case for carrying uniform." Interested Sir Knights write: W. P. Kimbrough, 802 North Walnut Street, Sherman, Texas 75090.

The Knight Line



"From Entered Apprentice to a Knight Templar and a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in 10 months and four days," says Sir Knight W. F. Rohr, Toledo, Ohio, about his conferral record in 1916-17. Rohr was Entered March 6, 1916, and completed his York and Scottish Rite advancement January 10, 1917. His memberships are in Toledo, but as an engineer in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1917-18-19, he worked closely with the York Rite bodies in that area and says he secured 90 petitions in 18 months for the Chapter, 42 for the Council and "saw about 15 Knighted." A Woodward (Toledo) high school faculty member 1921-1957, he is now Secretary of The Woodward Engineering Society Alumni Association and devotes much of his energies into raising scholarship funds.

"A life spent worthily should be measured by deeds, not by years."

Dan Killian, International Master Councilor, DeMolay, was introduced and invited to speak to the Masons comprising membership of the International Supreme Council at Omaha in April. He referred to the Congress of DeMolays which had been in session two days prior to the ISC session. "There's no generation gap between us," he said. "The DeMolays are appreciative that we're all looking ahead, working together" and, especially, that "you (Supreme Council members) are not afraid of change." The willingness of ISC Masons to consider change, to maintain principles and tenets while remaining flexible operationally and administratively was an expressive theme of DeMolay Killian's informal remarks.

"True liberty consists in the privilege of enjoying our own rights, not in the destruction of the rights of others."

Sir Knight H. D. Williams is the editor of the Kenosha (Wisconsin) *York Rite Tidings*, a one-page mimeographed bulletin which suffers not at all in comparison with many larger publications. His May release, among tidbits of dated information, contained this quotable item: "The ladies of a certain church recently held a rummage sale with wonderful results. How about holding a rubbish fire upon which could be tossed vicious gossip, intolerance and antiquated ideas, thus making room in the mental attics for more of the things worthwhile."

"Speak ill of no man, not even in matter of truth; but rather excuse the faults you hear charged upon others, and upon proper occasion speak all the good you know of everybody."
Brother Benjamin Franklin

Up to about 1940, a man "secured" a job. Since that time, he "accepts" a job. This significant change in nomenclature logically follows financial cycles but, in part, it probably reflects "attitudes" as well. Check your hometown newspaper sometime, and notice its reporting in the "Headlines of Yesteryear" (or something of similar title) about hometown people and events of twenty, thirty and fifty years ago. Go back far enough and you find that "John Doe has moved to ABC where he has secured a job in the general offices of XYZ company." In later years, this will read the same except that he "accepted a position." In this light, at least one Templar observed that we need more Knights who have "secured" membership, not just "accepted" it.

Remember the old "safety" advice to automobile drivers? — "The driver to watch with special care is the one in the car immediately in back of the car in front of you!" Still applies — and not just in automobile driving.

C. Kritt, Reporter

Texas York Rite Festivals

"Ed Bloomquist, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Texas, will head a York Rite Festival in Athens Saturday (May 30) with York Rite Masons from throughout East Texas to attend."

This was the lead paragraph of a news item in the morning newspaper of Tyler, Texas, May 30. Some 25 inches of copy were devoted to the Festival and to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation. The newspaper carried a picture of Grand Commander Bloomquist and noted that Ascension Commandery No. 25, Tyler, headed by Eminent Commander Sidney Ellis, was the coordinating Commandery in charge of the program.

Other sources report the growth of York Rite Festivals throughout the state under the direction of Sir Knight Bloomquist.

D.G.M. Bell at West Virginia

G. Wilbur Bell, Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., was the official representative of Grand Master Crofts and the Grand Encampment at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia at Beckley May 16.

The Grand Commandery, for the third consecutive year, showed an increase in membership. Sir Knight Bell served as installing officer for the open installation ceremony that saw Oscar V. Bowling become Grand Commander for 1970-71.



Pictured, front row, left to right: George Lazenby, G.J.W.; M. Douglas Lucas, G.S.W. Arthur M. Herndon, D.G.C.; Sir Knight Bell; Grand Commander Bowling; Roy Meridith, G.G.; Milton G. Maisel, G.C.G. Second row: Tom G. Strickler, Jr., G. Treas.; Stanley K. Allen, G. Std. B.; Selby R. Starkey, G.P.; H. Courtney Jones, G. Swd. B.; Frank R. Garrett, G.W.; Marshall Casdorff, G. Capt. of G.; Robert H. Bowlby, G. Rec.

South Dakota 50-Year Members



Left to right, Grand Commander M. Dale Anderson; 50-year membership recipients Gus V. Swanson, P.C., and J. Garland Hooker; and Eminent Commander Dale Brown. Picture was taken during ceremonies in St. Bernard Commandery No. 11, Mitchell, South Dakota. Recorder Floyd Strong says both recipients are "true and faithful Templars."

Potentate Honored

Sir Knight George H. Taylor, Potentate of Islam Temple, San Francisco, California, was honored by his Commandery, Golden Gate No. 16, recently with a dinner and reception attended by 100 persons. The setting was the San Mateo Masonic Temple.

TEMPLARY – THEN AND NOW

By WYLIE B. WENDT
P.C., K.T.C.H., Kentucky

The period of the Crusades extended from 1096 to 1272. During the early years of the Crusades three Orders of Knighthood were founded, and these Orders have left their records upon the pages of history.

In the Order of their establishment these Orders were:

1. Knight Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, later known as the Knights of Malta. Organized in 1048 as a Hospitaller Order and became military in 1118.

2. Knights of the Temple of Solomon or Knights Templar, organized in 1118 as a Military and Religious Order.

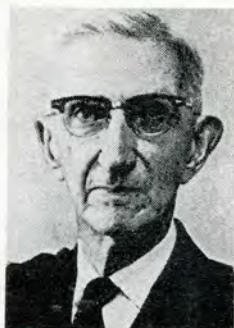
3. Teutonic Knights of St. Mary of Jerusalem, later known as the Teutonic Knights, organized 1190.

All three Orders were Military and Religious Orders, which means that in addition to their duties as fighting military knights, they also had duties of a religious nature with relation to the populace. The religious duties affecting themselves were performed by their own Chaplains or Priests, one of the three classifications into which their membership was divided.

The Order of Knights Templar was founded at Jerusalem in 1118 and its purpose was three-fold:

1. To guard the Holy Sepulchre
2. To protect Pilgrims on their journey to the Holy Land
3. To wage war against the infidels

At that time, over 850 years ago, the scene of the activities of the Order was



located in Palestine. The Holy Sepulchre was located in the Holy City of Jerusalem. The Pilgrims were making their journey from the cities of the Mediterranean Coast to Jerusalem and the infidels (the Saracens and the Turks) were doing all within their power to disrupt the peace and quiet of this land.

The Knights of the Temple and the Knights of the Hospital did guard the Holy Sepulchre. They did keep open the roads and highways. They did succor the injured and the helpless along the way with medical treatment and hospital care. And they did wage war against the infidels.

The Beauseant, at this time assumed by the Templars as their battle flag or vexillum belli, was for the first time flown under the sky of Judea, where for nearly two hundred years its presence carried dismay into the ranks of the infidel, who fled like sparrows from a hawk on its approach. It was strange the power this flag had over the minds of both friend and foe. By one it was looked upon as a talisman of victory, by the other as a thunderbolt of destruction. As long as this flag flew, just so long was the battle maintained by the Templars.

Our modern Order of Knights Templar is a part of the great fraternity of Freemasonry, a school of moral instruction which teaches by the use of allegory and

symbols. Let us adopt this method of instruction to present day conditions.

Our chivalric Order is founded upon the Christian Religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. In the present day, we have no actual Holy Sepulchre to guard, there are no actual Pilgrims under our protection and there is no actual warfare to destroy the Christian religion, but perhaps symbolically, we may visualize under present day conditions, the three-fold purpose of our Ancient Knights Companions:

1. We do have something holy to guard, and that is this glorious country of ours and all that it stands for in the matter of freedom, education, religion, opportunity, and the right to do with our lives what we will, providing it does not interfere with the sacred rights of others.

2. There are Pilgrims we may serve, those less fortunate than ourselves, and this great Masonic fraternity of ours, with its affiliated and concordant branches, is doing just that, the Freemasons, through their homes for old Masons, their widows and orphans; the Knights Templar, through their Educational Foundation and the Eye Foundation; The Scottish Rite, through its research in the field of mental disorders, and the Shrine, through its chain of hospitals for crippled children and the newly organized institutes for the treatment of burns.

3. While there are no infidels waging a religious war, there are infidels waging an ideological war, which embraces religion. Communist Russia seeks to conquer the world, to control the minds of all men, to destroy the very vestige of all institutions, including the Christian Church, having anything to do with the dignity of man, and to subject all men and women to its ruthless domination in the confiscation of all property rights and the denial of all rights to the individual.

Many words could be written in the elaboration of the these of the last three

paragraphs, especially the third. The challenge is here, clear and unmistakable. Do we as Knights Templar recognize the handwriting on the wall? If so, what are we going to do about it?

The three-fold purpose of our Ancient Knights Companions is as much alive today as it was 850 years ago. We, as modern Knights of the Temple, acting as individuals, with the aid of members of our families, may participate in that ancient three-fold purpose of the Ancient Order:

1. We can and should protect those things and ideals we consider holy.

2. We can aid and protect the less fortunate Pilgrims.

3. We can wage war incessantly against the communist infidels and their ideology.

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The Eye Foundation in Action — Surgery Solves Eye Problem

The following is a clipping from the *Daily Sentinel*, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Nine-year-old Gerry Wright, born with an eye defect, now has the best pair of eyes in the family, thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Gerry, one of four children of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Wright, 2616 Elm Ave., is a fourth grader at Nisley School. He's back in school and doing fine, his father said, only a month after an operation corrected his crossed eyes. The surgery was performed at Mesa Memorial Hospital.

Knights Templar provided the \$500 plus needed for the surgery and hospitalization which the family was unable to finance.

Gerry is the latest of several persons assisted in this area in recent years.

From the Editor's Notebook

July—Month of Decision 194 Years Ago

*Glimpses of the Masonic Patriots Who Risked
"Lives, Fortunes and Sacred Honor"*

In the City of Philadelphia on the evening of July 4, 1776, a vote for adoption of one of the world's great documents was carried unanimously. On that evening, 194 years ago, Brother John Hancock of Massachusetts, President of Congress, affixed his signature to the Declaration of Independence in large, bold letters "so that King George III may read it without putting on his glasses."

Brother Hancock was one of many Masons whose names and fortunes were identified with that immortal document. All had far more to lose by signing this "proclamation of liberty" than to gain. Almost without exception they were men of family, property and prestige.

Hancock was born January 12, 1737, in what is now Quincy, Massachusetts. He died in Quincy on October 8, 1793, living barely long enough to see his country safely embarked upon the sea of independence under a responsible government.

He was a graduate of Harvard, later its Treasurer. He was a successful merchant and, in addition to other public offices, was the Governor of Massachusetts from 1780 to 1785, and again from 1787 until his death. He was named a Major General in the Massachusetts Militia in 1776.

Brother Hancock became a member of Merchants Lodge No. 277, Quebec, January 26, 1762, and affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, nine months later. As a Masonic patriot he had few peers. The name of Hancock to this day remains a symbol of fraternal regard and zealous love of country.

There were others. Benjamin Franklin, the only "old" man in the resolute group, had a Masonic record as long and distinguished as his list of accomplishments as an editor, philosopher, inventor, and statesman. His words at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, like Hancock's, are well remembered: "Indeed we must all hang together. Otherwise we shall most assuredly hang separately."

William Ellery, Rhode Island, was a Boston Mason whose fine home later was burned to the ground by the British. At the signing, he recounted later, he worked his way close to the secretary's desk so he could observe the faces of his fellow patriots as they signed the document. He saw some write quickly, some slowly, some with a dramatic flourish, but he could detect no real fear on any face. His Rhode Island colleague Stephen Hopkins (not a Mason himself) said as he signed: "My hand trembles, but my heart does not."

Brother Joseph Hewes was a signer for North Carolina. He died in Philadelphia while still a member of Congress, apparently from strain and overwork. Another North Carolina Mason, William Hooper, a Bostonian who moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, to practice law, returned to his adopted state after his service in the Continental Congress and died in 1790 at the age of 48.

Robert Treat Paine, a Massachusetts Mason, later was a founder of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Brother Richard Stockton, New Jersey, was seized by Tories and imprisoned a

“And That Is Life”

In his Grand Commander's Address at the 116th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana May 22, Sir Knight K. Edwin Applegate spoke on necrology and used these words to express his feelings about Sir Knights who had died in the past year:

“I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean blue. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her; at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and the sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, ‘There! She’s gone.’

“Gone where? Gone from my sight . . . that’s all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says, ‘There! She’s gone,’ there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, ‘There she comes!’ And that is Life!”

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few months after the signing.

George Walton, whose home and Masonic membership were in Georgia, was twice Governor of his State and served as a United States Senator briefly in the 1790's. He was a courageous soldier as well as a distinguished jurist. After the signing, he took to the battlefield. Wounded and captured in 1778, he was exchanged in 1779.

Signer William Whipple, New Hampshire, became a Brigadier General in 1777 and saw “considerable” active service. He was raised in St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, in 1752.

The examples of these who pledged their “Lives, Fortunes, and Sacred Honor” almost two centuries ago are especially meaningful to every Mason and American during the birthday month of our nation.

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation
Box 191
Rhinebeck, New York 12572**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is check number 531 of Constantine Commandery No. 9, Cody, Wyoming, for \$247.20. This represents the net proceeds of our 3rd annual Pancake Supper, amounting to \$219.20. In addition, since January 1 we have received voluntary contributions from some of our members totaling \$28. The check represents both contributions.

We are proud of our Commandery and feel our Pancake Supper is growing each year. I am sure we are planning on again holding it for the benefit of the Eye Foundation next year.

Very truly yours,

**R. S. Allen
Past Grand Commander**



Harry J. Marshall
Wisconsin
Grand Commander—1941
Born November 18, 1891
Died April 27, 1970

Erwin C. Lawrenz
Wisconsin
Grand Commander—1948
Born September 14, 1897
Died May 7, 1970

Frank Colman Allen
Maine
Grand Commander—1924
Born November 1, 1870
Died May 8, 1970

John Hurley Williams
Nevada
Deputy Grand Commander
Born September 26, 1910
Died May 8, 1970

William Henry Duckworth
New Mexico
Grand Commander—1931
Born August 24, 1885
Died May 21, 1970

J. Rufus Hinshaw
Indiana
Grand Commander—1933
Born September 18, 1883
Died June 5, 1970

James Carmichael Newton
Georgia
Grand Commander—1938
Born December 9, 1893
Died June 6, 1970

Benton M. Bangs
Washington
Grand Commander—1941
Born September 5, 1893
Died June 7, 1970

Galema T. Butcher
Virginia
Grand Commander—1961
Born April 29, 1897
Died June 9, 1970

John Levett
Illinois
Grand Commander—1947
Born January 16, 1887
Died June 9, 1970

MASONIC EMBLEMS

*You wear the Square, but do you know
That thing the Square denotes?
Is there within your inmost soul
That principal that should control
All deeds, and words, and thoughts?
The square of virtue — is it there,
O you that wear the Mason's Square?*

*You wear the Compass; do you keep
Within that circle due,
That's circumscribed by law divine,
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,
Including all that's true?
The Compass — does it trace that curve
Inside of which not passions swerve?*

*You wear the Type of Deity;
Ah! brother, have a care;
He whose all-seeing eye surveys
Your inmost thoughts wide open gaze,
He knows what thoughts are there!
Oh, send no light, irreverent word
From sinful man to sinless God.*

*You wear the Trowel; do you have
That mortar old and pure
Made on the recipe of God,
Recorded in His ancient Word,
Indissoluble, sure?
And do you spread with Master's care
The precious mixture here and there?*

You wear the Cross; it signifies
The burden Jesus bore —
Who staggering fell, and bleeding rose,
And bore up Calvary the woes
Of all who'd gone before;
The Cross! oh let it say "forgive
Father forgive, to all that live!"*

*My brothers, if you do display
These emblems of our Art,
Let the great moral that they teach
Be graven each for each,
Upon your inmost heart!
So they will tell to God and man
Our ancient, holy, perfect plan.*

*Knight Templar.

(Poem above is from Don W. Johnson, Life Member, Howell Commandery No. 28, Flint, Michigan, who found it in a scrapbook which has been in Mrs. Johnson's family for 100 years.)

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Condition of the Order by the Grand Master

qualification only. Neither past service nor friendship should overcome reason at election time. The mechanics of *Templary* are not too complicated to be learned in a short time by one who accepts the responsibility of leadership. Having made our choice objectively, our individual commitments require service in whatever capacity we can serve, meanwhile limiting our criticism to what may be constructive.

Templary needs the best possible organization. The somewhat wide-spread structure of our Order needs to be related at whatever level to a single purpose — the prosperity of the local Commandery. With this single criterion in mind, local and grand officers will become more useful, committees will relate to future rather than past events, communications will improve and all of *Templary* will tend to close ranks. We will identify and abandon unproductive activities and concentrate on those which are more useful in serving the fraternal desires and good intentions of our members.

Templary needs the best possible expression. We must understand that we exist to promote Christian fellowship and to provide a vehicle for the expression of the faith each member made as declared. With such understanding the best ritualistic ceremonies will become desirable rather than a duty imposed, our business social meetings better directed and more meaningful and we will naturally relate fraternally to current events and to community needs which we may be able to give within the limits of our money and manpower. What we do will be done better and with more satisfaction to our members, and membership growth will follow naturally.

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Eye Foundation On "Today"

The NBC "Today" series featured an interview with Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., Friday, June 19, on the subject of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Its history, aims, operations and its Grand Encampment philanthropic benefits were highlighted for the coast-to-coast "Today" viewers.

Officers of the Board of Trustees are: John L. Crofts, Sr., President; G. Wilbur Bell, 1st V.P.; E. Guy Frizzell, 2nd V.P.; Edmund F. Ball, Treasurer; Paul C. Rodenhauer, Secretary; Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director; Howard T. Joslyn, Assistant Executive Director.

“FOR A NATIONAL OBSERVANCE”

WE THANK THEE, O LORD, FOR THY CONTINUED BLESSINGS TO OUR PEOPLES IN THIS WESTERN WORLD. WE THANK THEE FOR THE PIONEERS WHO OPENED THE WAY, AND FOR THOSE WHO LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE. GRANT THAT WE MAY EVER DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE UNFINISHED WORK THEY SO NOBLY ADVANCED, AND GIVE INCREASED DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION: THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE, WITH CHARITY FOR ALL, WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT AS GOD GIVES US TO SEE THE RIGHT, LET US STRIVE ON TO FINISH THE WORK WE ARE IN; TO BIND UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS, TO CARE FOR ALL WHO NEED OUR CARE, AND TO DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS.

AMEN.

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