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Thanksgiving should be in our hearts all through the year, but especially during the formal and traditional period designated for the giving of thanks to a merciful Supreme Architect of the Universe.

This year we in Templary have a special and personal reason for thanksgiving. As some of you know, Grand Recorder Paul Rodenhauer underwent major vascular surgery at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago a bit less than three weeks ago at this writing. Earlier this same week, after an excellent recovery, he began gradual resumption of duties in his office.

As a friend and fellow elected officer, I am truly thankful for the recovery he has made. As Grand Master, and on behalf of the Grand Recorder and Mrs. Rodenhauer, I express our sincere appreciation to the hundreds of friends and associates for the cards, letters, phone calls and inquiries which came to all of us from literally every part of the country – and beyond. The prayers and good wishes meant more than my words can express.

As one Masonically identified with the institution, I also salute and thank the Illinois Masonic Medical Center for the facilities, the services, the medical and surgical staff, and the overall excellence of its administration that gave Grand Recorder Rodenhauer a calibre of care difficult to duplicate anywhere in the world. I am proud of this outstanding Masonic medical institution.

Lastly, I am proud of our organizational strength in our central office. The enforced absence of our Grand Recorder proved we have the nucleus of a capable, interested staff to carry out his projections. This staff will be further augmented by the Grand Recorder with the approval and authority of the Grand Master and Grand Encampment to give us all a strong and experienced central office staff which will carry out the structural, operational and creative needs of our Order with ever-increasing efficiency and with productive program continuity.

G. Wilbur Bell

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The Cover:

When the preaching of the Second Crusade was in progress more than 800 years ago, the Order of Knights Templar had been in existence almost three decades. Today, centuries later, Templars symbolically carry the same Swords and wear the same Cross and are motivated

by the same principles — the protection of the weak and oppressed, the relief of the distressed and the defense of the Christian religion. Leaders of this Christian Chivalric Order in their respective jurisdictions are the duly-elected-and-installed Right Eminent Grand Commanders. In this issue, the *Knight Templar Magazine* salutes all Grand Commanders and, through them, their constituents who have elected them to this high office and have pledged their diligent support and faithful obedience.



From the MAIL BIN

St. Louis Missouri

□ I like to read and look thru the *Knight Templar Magazine* that my father receives.

I have noticed that you have articles written about Rainbow Girls but I never see anything written about Job's Daughter's; would you please explain to me WHY?

A Job's Daughter,
PEGGY HOUGHTON

Editor's Note: Peggy, you have a point. We'll get busy and try to locate newsworthy information about Job's Daughters!

Fort Worth, Texas

□ The story of the Templar sword, an aged heirloom that was in the Traunitz family for over 800 years is interesting indeed. How wonderful and inspiring it would be if the Grand Commandery of West Virginia carried the story to its logical conclusion by locating in Germany the existing members of the Traunitz family and returning the sword to them! How greatly in keeping this would be with the spirit of gallantry that we associate with Knights Templar!

KEITH G. BROWN

Corpus Christi, Texas

□ I especially enjoyed reading the article on page 21 of this (September) issue. One thing bothers me though. Has any attempt been made to find the German family to whom the sword really belongs? I believe that as Sir Knights we should not rest easy until they are found. I feel that the true owners of the Sword should know of its whereabouts and be given the opportunity to claim it if they chose.

As a "man at arms" I do not believe this to be "spoils of war." It is obvious, from the article, that the sword is a valued family heirloom for, had it not been, would the woman have taken such care to see that it was turned in to the class of man who would appreciate it? It also is not, obviously, a gift because it was turned in under orders of the Allied Powers.

Upon my oath as a Sir Knight this I believe.

RAY WALKER SMITH

Baraboo, Wisconsin

□ I sure enjoy your *Knight Templar* and I want to stay on your mailing list as long as possible.

I have been a Knight Templar for over 40 years and a Mason for 54 years.

I hope that I have earned enough seniority to have you keep my name on the list for a good many years to come.

EARL C. FROST

Benton, Illinois

□ The use of the term "Marshall Law," in the article "Crusader's Sword," in the September issue of *Knight Templar*, intrigues me.

While I am not a professional military man, I have had several years' active duty as an officer in World War II. Neither am I an expert in military matters or terms, but I am wondering if the writer as well as the Editor, did not refer to "martial law," which would have automatically prevailed in circumstances described.

My further comment is that it is most unfortunate that the sword was acquired by confiscation, as I am sure that it was probably the most highly valued object in a proud family for 800 years or more. It would be interesting to learn if any effort was and is continuing to be made to return this invaluable object to its rightful owners, however highly it may be valued in its present location. Somehow, even though it was acquired from a conquered enemy, under rules of martial law, and as a participant in that war, I just cannot reconcile the sword in its present use. To me, I consider it as a "spoils of war" item.

MAURICE L. CAMPBELL

Boynton Beach, Florida

□ I wish to express my many thanks for receiving this wonderful magazine plus the inclusion of the Florida section. I've enjoyed the many interesting articles, do keep up the good work.

Being in a transition from a house to an apartment, things are disrupted, but as soon as I'm settled, I intend to become much more active in the York Rite.

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□ The Mail Bin of the September 1970 issue contains a letter from Walter O. Faulkner asking if anyone knows the details of Brother Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. I have known for many years that this great composer was a Mason, but Milton Cross makes no mention of this in his *Encyclopedia of the Great Composers*, and a 1921 Masonic encyclopaedia in my possession mentions it in one very short paragraph.

However, I found a recording I have of Mozart Masonic Music which was produced by Epic Records during the Mozart Jubilee of 1956. The jacket has extensive information, stating that Mozart joined one of the eight Masonic Lodges of Vienna near the end of 1784 and his father was inducted the following year.

The jacket notes go on to say that the symbolism and teachings of Masonry were deeply revered by Mozart, who had been soundly rejected by the Archbishop and was very lonely in his work. He wrote much music for Masonry; perhaps the most famous is the Masonic Funeral Music. The record (LC 3062) also contains three choral works: *To Thee, Soul of the Universe*, K. 429; *Masons' Joy*, K. 471; and *A Little Freemasons' Cantata*, K. 623; delightful and meaningful music.

The Lodge read a long oration on the composer's death in 1791 at the age of 35. Yet it is saddening to know that Mozart was not accompanied to his grave by his Lodge brothers because the day was cold and that they appear to have made no effort to secure for him the least of final favors, a marked grave. It is even stated in other reference works that his wife could not point out the exact location of his pauper's grave several years after his death.

Perhaps some other Sir Knight can uncover more details of the Masonic affiliations of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

ALLAN T. SPENCER
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□ In 1917 I was in Kentucky selling books to pay my way through college. I had a room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wise in Carlisle, Kentucky, who ran a store called Noah's Ark. Next to the Wise store was a merchant, whose name I have forgotten, who told me a remarkable Masonic story. This Brother was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and had held the highest office in all Masonic divisions. The story was this:

During the Civil War a Lodge of Master Masons was opened, when it was reported a large number of troops had entered the town. (I do not remember if they were Union or Confederate troops). All present made a hasty retreat without taking time to close the Lodge. The merchant Brother told me that the Worshipful Master of the Lodge returned 50 years later and closed the Lodge with the proper ceremonies. This is incredible, but true.

I would like for some one in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to look in the records and give us the name of the Worshipful Master, and the name of the Lodge, and publish the report in our *Knight Templar Magazine*. It would be read with interest by all brethren.

On account of swollen and painful feet, and very defective hearing, I have not been in any Masonic meeting for the last eight years. I will soon celebrate my 85th birthday.

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□ I would appreciate your mentioning in a future issue that I would be interested in obtaining copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine* previous to May, 1963.

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San Benito, Texas

□ I want to tell you how thankful I am to get the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I read every page of it.

I am a Past Commander of San Benito No. 62 and a Life Sponsor in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation since 1965. I believe that every Past Commander and every new Commander should be a Life Sponsor. I am going to bring it up at our next Commandery meeting.

JACK M. OGDEE

Stade, West Germany

□ I am an engineer with the Dow Chemical Co. and am at the present time Chief of Construction for a large new chemical plant which my company is building in northern Germany. My family is with me and we are living in Stade, Germany, which is near Hamburg on the Elbe River.

While we are here, we are naturally grateful for any little touch of home which we receive and getting the *Knight Templar* provides an extra link to America which means so much to us. Even though we are enjoying European living our evenings at home follow much the same pattern as they did in the states, except for T.V., which we are doing without for a change. Consequently, our moments of relaxation are confined to reading but, with the scarcity of American publications in this area, you will never know how much of an added value your magazine has become. My wife and son read it as well, so it has really become a family publication for us.

JOHN O. BUCHANAN
Rolla Commandery No. 59

Editor's Note: Sir Knight Buchanan received his Masonic work in Rolla, Missouri, as a Courtesy Candidate from his home lodge in North Carolina (Dillsboro AF & AM No. 459). He is a Noble in the Alzafar Shrine, San Antonio, Texas, also a Sojourner and '76 Hero.

The Grand Commander—Administrator of Templary

The *Knight Templar Magazine*, by authority and direction of the M.E. Grand Master, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, this month pays tribute to each Grand Commander and to his staff of officers working with him to improve Templar interest and participation, to increase membership and to insure the continuity of Templar plans and progress.

The Grand Encampment includes 48 Grand Commanderies and 16 Subordinate Commanderies. The latter, primarily, are in areas beyond the boundaries of the United States, such as West Germany, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, Mexico. Approximately 91 percent of the Templar membership is in Constituent Commanderies under the jurisdiction of Grand Commanderies administered by Grand Commanders.

The office of Grand Commander is demanding of time, judgement, energy, Masonic knowledge and Templar dedication and experience. The office calls for a man who has prepared himself, and shares his preparation with his officers, to improve Templar involvement, to support the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of his Grand Commandery.

Your Grand Commander needs and deserves the full support of every Knight Templar in his jurisdiction. To him and his 47 counterparts, the Grand Master and the Grand Encampment offer appreciation and commendation — and best wishes for a term of success and progress.



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Annual River Days Festival

An annual event at Portsmouth, Ohio, is the River Days Festival. This year — “for the first time,” reports Past Grand Commander Cecil J. Pierce — the River Days Parade featured Knights Templar in one of the 125 parade divisions.

The 150 Sir Knights in the September 5 two-and-a-half mile parade were from Calvary Commandery No. 13, Portsmouth, and from other Commanderies in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Their division No. 69, with Howard Burtis, Hamilton Commandery No. 41, at Captain General, was preceded by a float for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It was constructed by members of Calvary Commandery directed by Past Commander Frank Jordan.



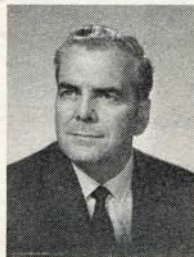
The parade participants included mounted and foot divisions representing church, civic and fraternal groups — Shrine units, grade and high school bands from Kentucky and Ohio... DeMolay, Boy Scouts, Rainbow Girls and other various youth groups.

Sir Knight Burtis, serving as Captain General for the Templar division, was assisted by Sir Knights Robert Datoski and Frank Jordon. Sir Knight Pierce reports that the York Rite Masons have been invited to participate in the 1971 parade.

Night Knights

Knights Templar of St. Omer Commandery No. 30 in full uniform now guard the doors of the Temple at the Masonic Temple, Santa Barbara, California, especially the meetings of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 18; the Eastern Star and similar groups who meet there. Additional Sir Knights patrol the hallways.

The program was instituted by Sir Knight Donald C. Dockendorf, P.C., following the theft of clothing, shoes and purses during the Installation of the Rainbow for Girls Assembly No. 116 the evening of May 23. Police later located most of the clothing and other stolen items.



With the cooperation of Sir Knights Troy Saunders, P.C., Elwin Harris, P.C.; Pat Cooper, P.C. and other volunteers standing by as “Knights of the Temple,” a working body for the benefit of the craft and sponsored bodies is in action.

The influx of “hippies and malcontents” necessitated the action, says Sir Knight Dockendorf.

“Similar service might be a real project for many of our Knights Templar across the United States as work of fire, bombings and vandals have reached increased proportions.”

The four-day River Days Festival features National Outboard Association World Championship Races, a grand ball and a full series of festival events. Crowds estimated at 100,000 turned out for the 1970 activities.

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FORT WORTH TOP DRILL TEAM KNIGHTSTOWN TAKES "B" TEAM HONORS

Worth No. 19, Fort Worth, Texas, took the Drill Team title with a score of 94.1 in Class "A" competition. Knightstown No. 9, home Commandery of Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo Willard M. Avery, took second. Third place honors went to Lansing No. 25, Lansing, Michigan. Golden West No. 43, Los Angeles, California, was fourth.

Knightstown No. 9's "B" team captured the honors for its class. Neighboring Greenfield No. 39, Greenfield, Indiana, making their first appearance in Triennial competition, took second, the third winner for Indiana. Third place went to Long Beach No. 40, Long Beach, California, the second California team to place. Emporia No. 8, Emporia, Kansas, home Commandery of Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, finished fourth.

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Laguens New Grand Preceptor



D. Peter Laguens, Jr., newly installed Most Eminent Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

Jamie Hengen Installed

Miss Jamie Lynn Hengen was installed as Worthy Advisor of Biloxi Assembly No. 6, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Biloxi, Mississippi.



Miss Hengen is the daughter of Sir Knight and Mrs. Louis Hengen. Sir Knight Hengen, P.G.C., Mississippi, has been active on Grand Encampment Committees and is presently a member of the Committee on York Rite Unity. He is also State Deputy, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

General Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

A presstime, final preparations were in progress for the thirty-third Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at the Milwaukee Arena, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 17-22.

Scheduled to officiate were Mrs. Sayda S. Pettersen, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Madison, Wisconsin, and Edward V. Long, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Clarksville, Missouri. Business sessions, in addition to special brunches, luncheons, teas and banquets, were to start October 19, with a "Forward to Peace in God's Cathedral" opening.

Election was scheduled at 10:00 a.m., October 21. Details of the election and the thirty-third Triennial Assembly are expected to be received for publication in the December *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Reception in Iowa



G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master, was on hand for Iowa's official reception for Grand Commander Jack G. Stafford at Burlington September 12. The Grand Master greets Sir Knight Stafford as Grand Commander Thomas W. Richards, Illinois, and P.G.C. Norman J. Young, Iowa, look on.

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Orville Rush "Man of the Year"

Sir Knight Orville F. Rush, Past Imperial Potentate and former Chairman of the Board of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, was selected "Man of the Year" by Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity during its centennial convention in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the principal speaker at their banquet and was presented with a plaque.

Earlier this year Sir Knight Rush was named to the Board of Trustees at George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

87th Annual Assembly

The 87th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was held September 5-8 at St. John, New Brunswick.

During the Monday sessions the guests from United States were received. They included G. Wilbur Bell, Most Eminent Grand Master, and Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

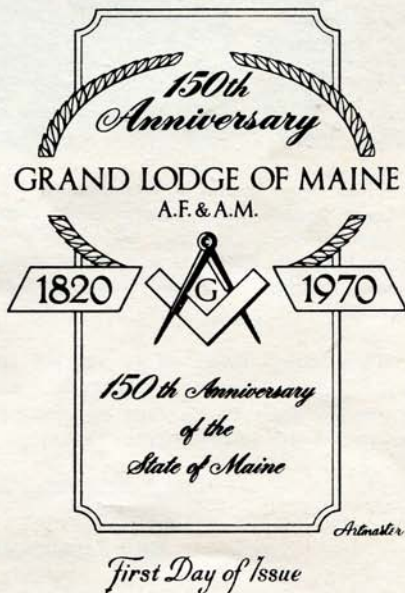
Harry Killam was elected Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. Other officers elected were S. W. Wright, Deputy Grand Master; C. E. Wells, Grand Chancellor; L. Bearne, Grand Treasurer.

Peterborough, Ontario, was selected to host the 88th Annual Assembly to be held August 14-17, 1971.

Annual Assembly information was provided by Past Supreme Grand Master F. Carl Ackert.

Maine First Day Cover

A First Day Cover commemorating both the 150th anniversary of the State of Maine and of the Grand Lodge of Maine has been issued with a Post Office cancellation of July 9, the date authorized for the first day of sale of the cover's new postage stamp commemorating Maine's 150th anniversary. The cachet on the first day cover was authorized by the Grand Lodge of Maine.



Past Grand Master Leon M. Sanborn, Grand Lodge of Maine, is in charge of the project. Orders, accompanied by checks or money orders, can be addressed to him at 61 Johnson Road, Gorham, Maine 04038. He announces unaddressed covers at the following rates: Singles — one, 55 cents; six, \$3.10; ten, \$5.00. Blocks (four) are priced at — one, 75 cents; six \$4.30; ten, \$7.00.

Plaque Presentation

Charles S. McIntyre, Chairman of the Voluntary Campaign of the Eye Foundation, was present September 11 at a special conclave of Tokyo Commandery No. 1 and presented the plaque for highest per capita contribution by a Subordinate Commandery in the 1969 campaign. Tokyo contributed \$1680.00 for a per capita of \$4.74.



Left to right: Myron G. Bettencourt, P.C., Treasurer; Joseph Stine, Generalissimo; Floyd B. Jimerson, P.C.; Chairman McIntyre; Commander Floren L. Quick, Deputy Grand Master of Japan; William R. Lepper, P.C., K.T.C.H., Recorder.

"They were delighted to receive the plaque," said Chairman McIntyre, "and are already looking forward to doing an even better job in the current campaign."

Centennial for Mt. Olivet

Mt. Olivet No. 38, Paxton, Illinois, celebrated its 100th birthday October 4. Most Eminent Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was the centennial speaker.

Uniformed Knights from many of the surrounding Commanderies, the Mohammed Shrine Band of Peoria, the Ansar Shrine Drum and Bugle Corps of Springfield, the Kankakee Shrine's "motorized camels," Tin Lizzie motor cars from the Bloomington Shrine and Rainbow Girls joined the Paxton Knights in a parade preceding the ceremonies.

Thomas W. Richards, Grand Commander, led the Grand Commandery of Illinois officers, all of whom were in attendance.



Cutting the 100th birthday cake are Grand Master Bell, Past Commander Charles Brown, Commander Wilford Baldwin and Grand Commander Richards.

Drill Regulations Committee Material

Approval was granted at the 51st Triennial Conclave, Denver, for the Committee on Drill Regulations, John H. Loree, Chairman, to distribute ritualistic material for a 10-Man Opening, Reception of the Flag of the United States, and the Reception of a Grand Officer.

These materials have now been printed at the Grand Recorder's office and distributed to officers of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies. Additional copies are available to officers of all Commanderies upon request to the Grand Recorder, Suite 1733, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

\$400,000 to Research

George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, announced an appropriation of \$400,000 to support research into the cause of schizophrenia at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Milwaukee.

This is the thirty-seventh successive year an appropriation has been made for research. This year, a new series of fellowships to be known as "Mental Health Research Fellows of the Scottish Rite" will go to as many as twenty-five medical and graduate students in mental illness research.

Certificate for St. John's

Donald B. Waldhaus, Grand Commander, presented Albert L. Gervais, E.C., St. John's Commandery No. 11, Willimantic, with a certificate of commendation for the Commandery's "outstanding participation" in Connecticut's Eye Foundation program.

November Department Conferences

November 6-7 are the dates for the Southwestern Department Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. John R. Mendius is the Department Commander.

The North Central Department Conference will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota November 14-15. Department Commander is Arthur J. Peterson.

Department Commander Dr. Ward L. Ekas has set November 20-21 as the dates for the Northeastern Department Conference to be held in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Strong Legs Run That Weak Legs May Walk

The South won the 12th Annual Shrine Bowl at Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Nebraska, August 22, but the real winners were the children of the Twin Cities Unit, Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.

An estimated \$80,000 in proceeds from the game will go to the hospital. It was co-sponsored by the three Nebraska Temples: Sesostris, Lincoln; Tangier, Omaha; and Tahama Temple, Hastings.

The teams are picked from the top high school seniors north and south of the Platte River. Nearly 30,000 watched the South Win 12-0 on the new artificial turf of the Stadium.

A two hour parade proceeded the game.

Knight to the Rescue

Sir Knight Harold M. Leigland, Grand Captain General, Montana, saved the day for Dan Killian, International Master Counsilar, Order of DeMolay, and Ken Ulrick, Master Counsilar, Montana.

The two men were in Great Falls, Montana, and had to be in Helena at 11 a.m. for an appointment with Governor Forrest Anderson, a Mason, and a visit with Montana's Attorney General, Sir Knight Robert Woodahl, before going on to Billings for a 2 p.m. appointment. Approximately 250 miles of mountains stand between Great Falls and Billings.

Sir Knight Leigland, a pilot, flew the men over the snowcapped Montana mountains in his private aircraft to both appointments.

*A Veteran's Tribute to His Flag***OLD GLORY SPEAKS**

by the late Amos F. Hurley

Sir Knight George W. Nilsson, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, says that Sir Knight Amos F. Hurley "was a good man, Mason and American." A veteran of the Mexican expedition under General Pershing and of World War I, when he became the youngest First Sergeant in the regular army, he later traveled in China, India and the Philippines, prospected for gold in Mexico and for diamonds in South Africa. Wherever he traveled, he carried with him instinctive love for his country and unswerving respect for its flag.

Amos F. Hurley died August 17, 1970 at the age of 70. Masonic services were held August 20. The depth of his feeling for "Old Glory" is expressed in the flag tribute he wrote in 1962 when, as a Commander, Veterans of World War I, he accepted a flag which had flown over the nation's capitol. Often quoted, read over radio and television stations, printed in newspapers and fraternal publications, "Old Glory Speaks" is reprinted this month as a salute to the memory of Veteran Hurley and to Veterans Day.

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was conceived in the dreams of liberty and in the hopes of freedom. I was designed by the hands of Betsy Ross and her sewing basket was my cradle. Though I was never an orphan, I was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and proclaimed the National Emblem of a Nation newly born on this continent, fighting valiantly for survival and destined to bring to all mankind a new concept of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I have been many places and have seen many things. I have witnessed every event of American history. I was there when they fired the shot heard around the world. I was there in the late twilight at Fort McHenry and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the immortal "Star Spangled Banner," now our National Anthem.

I say Molly Pitcher take the cannon swab from the hands of her dead husband and help carry on the fight for freedom. I felt the biting cold at Valley Forge, and

gave warmth and comfort to General Washington and his tired and hungry Continental army.

I rode with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys. I saw the signal that started the midnight ride of Paul Revere.

I was flown above the decks of Old Ironsides and from the masts' of the Yankee and the China Clippers. I blazed the trail with Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett. I led the settlers coming west and crossed Death Valley in a covered wagon.

I was carried through the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli by the United States Marines. Once I fell to the ground at Custer's Last Stand and there were no living hands left to pick me up. I galloped up the slopes of San Juan hill with Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders of the United States Cavalry. I stayed with the boys until it was over, over there, and on the battle fields of the Marne, Chateau-Thierry, St. Michiel and the Argonne forest. I saw many of the

youths and manhood of our Nation fall and lie still in death. They had given their last full measure of devotion. The war was over for them forever and I kept my lonely vigil over their graves and stayed to watch the poppies grow amid the crosses, row on row, in Flanders Fields. I was raised by five brave men during the "Hell" of Iwo Jima. I waved farewell to the four immortal chaplains who went down with their ship and to honored glory.

I am many things to many people. I am an inseparable link in the chain that binds men to God and country; each link welded in the fires of Purity by the Sacred Hands of God Himself. And because I am on the side of God, the Godless would destroy me, but they dare not because I am protected by the mighty land armies of the Nation, the powerful and deadly fleet of the Navy and the screaming eagles of the Air Force, watching and waiting to swoop down and destroy anything that would harm me.

To some, I am yesterday, today and tomorrow; to others I am a glorious child, to some a grand old man or a most gracious lady. I have several names. I am called the "Red, White and Blue," "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Stars and Stripes," but I am most commonly known by a nickname given me by an old sea captain who called me "Old Glory."

I have not changed much in my one hundred and eighty five years. I still have my original thirteen stripes, but as each state came into the union a new star was proudly added to the constellation of my blue field. It started with thirteen stars, now there are fifty.

Many more things I would like to tell you but we haven't time, but I do want to see you again. I am easy to find. I am everywhere. I am in the homes of the poor, in the mansions of the rich, in Independence Hall with the Declaration of Independence and the Liberty Bell, I am in the White House with the

President, I am in all the Churches, Cathedrals and Synagogues, in the Council of the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, in all the schools where they pledge allegiance to me.

I draped the caskets of our Nation's heroes borne to their last resting place, the caskets of Presidents, generals, admirals, humble privates and the unknown soldier. Wherever free men gather, whenever there is justice, equality, faith, hope, charity, truth or brotherly love, there too, am I.

A short while ago I was flown over the Nation's Capitol, gazing proudly across the land of the free and waving to the homes of the brave; then I was lowered and given by a grateful nation to a great Congressman, who brought me across the Continent to the shores of the Pacific and presented me to a group of Veterans of World War I at Patriotic Hall in the City of the Angels to become their official flag and, with fitting ceremonies, was carried by tired old hands and posted in a place of honor near the Holy Bible. There I shall remain until (like the old soldier) I'll just fade away and be retired by time alone and may history *NEVER* write *MY* obituary for *I* am the Stars and Stripes *FOREVER*.

I AM OLD GLORY!!!

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Paul Powell Dies

Sir Knight Paul Taylor Powell, Illinois Secretary of State, died September 10 in Rochester, Minnesota.

A member of Elwood Commandery No. 6, Springfield, Illinois, Sir Knight Powell had been elected to receive the 33^o, N.M.J., in Philadelphia next September.

The Knight Line



Sir Knight Ernest Barker, District of Columbia Supplement editor for the *Knight Templar Magazine*, wants it known that the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia *does* have a two-page Supplement each month – even tho' an unusually large number of members live outside the District and consequently, because of residence, receive the Supplements for Virginia or Maryland.

He was one of the some 35 Supplement editors and representatives attending a *Knight Templar Magazine* conference August 22 preceding the Triennial business sessions at Denver. The informational conference was conducted by the magazine's editorial assistant, Cheryl Rothwell, and the editor – the Grand Recorder. Interested participants were Sir Knights John L. Crofts, Sr., and G. Wilbur Bell, retiring and incoming Grand Masters, and Supplement editors from New York to California.

Discovered by Sir Knight Crofts (now Past Grand Master) was the rather coincidental information that the Mace of the Grand Master, official symbol of leadership, was presented to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar August 12, 1913, when the 32nd Triennial Conclave was held in Denver, Colorado.

At the open installation of officers Thursday morning, August 27, retiring Grand Master Crofts served as Installing Officer, C. Byron Lear, R.E. Past Grand Generalissimo, as Marshal, and the newly-elected Grand Master, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, was formally presented for installation by Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater.

A Sunday evening, August 23, highlight at Denver was the Reception for the Grand Master

in the ballroom of the Hotel Hilton. Sir Knight Crofts and Mrs. Crofts, with the Grand Encampment officers and their wives, individually greeted a solid line of well-wishers from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Mrs. Wilber M. Brucker, widow of the late Past Grand Master, was present for the attendant events of the Triennial Conclave. With the assistance of grandson Wilber M. Brucker III, Sir Knight Claud Austin of Texas, and others, she autographed and sold 100 copies of her biographical account of Sir Knight Brucker's years as a soldier, lawyer, governor and Secretary of the Army, with proceeds going to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Among the nearly 2,000 Templars, ladies and guests attending the August 26 Grand Master's Triennial Banquet at Denver were Major and Mrs. David A. Clarke. Major Clarke, a Doctor of Medicine stationed at Fitzsimons Army General Hospital, Denver, is the son of General Bruce C. Clarke, the featured speaker of the evening.

Grand Master and Mrs. John L. Crofts, Sr., were happy to see another "Doctor in the house" at the banquet. Their son, Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Jr., was present for the Triennial Conclave as the official representative of Hermann Von Salza Commandery No. 1, Frankfurt, West Germany.

Also at the "family table" with Dr. and Mrs. Crofts for the banquet were the Grand Master's brother and sister-in-law, Sir Knight and Mrs. Fraser M. Crofts, California. Sir Knight Fraser (along with Sir Knight Stephen B. Dimond, G.C., Florida, present with Mrs. Dimond) served as an official Triennial Conclave aide to the Grand Master.

THE RAINBOW STORY

November 15 the Order of Rainbow for Girls will bestow the honorary degree of the Grand Cross of Color upon members who have performed distinguished services for the Order. It is one of three dates in the year observed by the Order.

Active Assemblies in forty-four states and fifteen foreign countries boast a membership of 275,000 teen age girls in this International fraternal organization sponsored by the Eastern Star Chapters and the Masonic Lodges. There are over 850,000 majority members, those who have attained the age of twenty.

A few years after the organization of the Order of DeMolay for Boys Mark Sexson, a minister in McAlester, Oklahoma, made an appeal to the members of his Eastern Star Chapter to start a similar organization for girls. They approved and appointed Reverend Sexson to write the Ritual. The Order was founded in McAlester April 6, 1922.

The rainbow, the first visible sign God gave His creatures, had never been used as a basis for a ritual. Some of the oldest Masonic charts use the rainbow as a symbol in connection with fraternal life. Mr. Sexson chose the name Rainbow for the Organization.

The Rainbow ritual teaches ten things: belief in the existence of a Supreme Being; the great truths in the Bible; dignity of character; a conception of the higher things in life; effective leadership; church membership; patriotism; co-operation with equals; love of home; service to humanity.

Any teenage girl, properly recommended by an Eastern Star or a Mason in good standing, may petition for membership. She does not have to come from a Masonic family although she becomes a prospective Eastern Star and, frequently,

her family joins the fraternity.

The Order of Rainbow for Girls encourages civic activities. The girls help in hospitals, buy wheelchairs, look after needy families, help care for the aged, adopt an orphan and other humanitarian services. They sponsor benefits to raise money for their activities.

The Grand Assemblies, the state organizations, sponsor competitive Drill Teams noted for their precision.

Each Assembly has an Advisory Board of Masons and Eastern Stars who guide and direct the girls. Each state has an outstanding Eastern Star or Mason in charge. The Supreme Assembly is the International group. The International Headquarters of the Order is located in McAlester, Oklahoma, in the International Temple, built by the Rainbow girls.

Mrs. Agnes McLeod, 2026 S. Terrace Drive, Wichita, Kansas 62718, is the Supreme Worthy Advisor. Mr. H. D. Grout, Jr., P.O. Box 788, 11 Carol Drive, McAlester, Oklahoma 74501, is the Supreme Recorder.

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Swedlana "Miss Assyria"

Swedlana Baba, an IBM keypunch operator in the Grand Recorder's office in Chicago, was "Miss Assyria" at the Eleventh Annual Holiday Folk Fair on Chicago's Navy Pier October 31 to November 1.

The Fair featured cultural exhibits from 44 countries, an International Bazaar and an International Cafe.

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

G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

To all Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment, Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies Holding Allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America,

GREETINGS:

The third Voluntary Fund-raising Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is hereby established for the period extending from November 1, 1970, through January 31, 1971, for the following purposes:

To make increased case work possible by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Templar's great humanitarian charity;

To offer Commanderies of Knights Templar the opportunity to program fund-raising activities, acceptable to Masonic practice, and to appropriately publicize Templar and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to their members and the public;

To encourage and permit individual Knights Templar, over and beyond their assessments, to give additional support to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation through participation in their own Commandery's fund-raising projects or by contributions during the Campaign in connection with their Commandery's efforts.

1. Sir Knight Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, a Trustee for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, has been appointed Chairman of the Voluntary Campaign Committee consisting also of Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master, Executive Director, and Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder, Foundation Secretary.

2. The Committee has requested, and I so authorize, each Grand Commander and each Commander of a Subordinate and Constituent Commandery to appoint a chairman at the respective levels to organize and promote the Campaign.

3. All checks are to be made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

4. Constituent Commandery chairmen will report and forward checks once monthly to their Grand Commandery chairmen, who will then record the information and relay the reports to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572. Subordinate Commandery chairmen will report and send remittance direct to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

5. Final Campaign reports will be accepted only until February 5, 1971. Appropriate recognitions will be extended to each Commandery reporting and remitting totals averaging \$2.00 or more per member before February 5, 1971.

6. The general committee will prepare and distribute Voluntary Campaign leaflets for membership distribution, as well as fact sheets and other materials.

7. Contributions received by Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will be recorded as received on unit record cards. A final report will be prepared from these records by the Eye Foundation at Rhinebeck, New York, and sent to state and subordinate Commandery chairmen.

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

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

Each officer and member is requested to cooperate fully and productively to make this, the third Annual Voluntary Campaign, a true success in financial assistance, in Commandery programming and in membership participation.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, at Chandlerville, Illinois, this 2nd day of October, 1970, A.O. 852.



Courteously and Fraternally,

G. Wilbur Bell
Grand Master

Attest:

Paul C. Rodenhauer
Grand Recorder

KNIGHTHOOD

By Wylie B. Wendt
P.C., K.T.C.H., Kentucky

The Orders conferred in a Commandery of Knights Templar are frequently referred to as Orders of Christian Masonic Knighthood, although there may be redundancy in that expression. If our organization is an Order of Knighthood, it is certain to be Christian, because real Knighthood always was and is a Christian institution. Our Order is an Order of Chivalry and the "ne plus ultra" (there is nothing beyond) of York Rite Masonry.

The origin of chivalry is involved in great obscurity, and while all Templars may have a general idea concerning it, various writers on the subject usually have an hypothesis and historical background of their own.

Knighthood may be defined as "a military order or honor, a mark or degree of ancient nobility or a reward of personal virtue or merit." There are three general classes of knighthood: religious, military and civil.

Religious Knighthood is applied to those Orders, sometimes military, which profess to wear some particular habit, to assist humanity, to serve in hospitals, to propagate the Christian faith and, if military, to bear arms and fight on the field of battle.

Military Knighthood is that of the ancient knights who acquired it by feats of arms. They were called "miletas" in the old charters (from which we obtain militia) or eques or equites in the days of Rome, from which we obtain the word equestrian, having reference to horsemen, as the ancient knights were always mounted.



Civil Knighthood includes honorary knighthood and social knighthood. Honorary Knighthood is that which princes or sovereigns confer on other princes, and social knighthood is conferred upon those who have rendered a service to country or sovereign, and are not of the nobility.

Examples of Religious Orders are St. Michael (Italy), St. John (Prussia) and Loretto (Rome).

The Order of the Garter (English), the Order of Bath (English) and the Conatantinian Angelic Knights of St. George (Greece) are Military Orders.

Examples of Civil Orders would be St. Stephen (Austria) and Argonauts of St. Nicholas (Italy).

The Golden Fleece (Austria and France), St. Anthony (Bavaria), the Holy Sepulchre (Palestine) and St. Andrew (Scotland) are Military and Religious Orders.

The Order of the Holy Ghost (France) and the Order of the Golden Spur (Rome) are examples of Orders that are

Military, Religious and Civil.

There are a few Orders for Nobility only, as St. George (Bavaria), Holy Phial (France), Seraphin (Sweden), and the Order of St. Peter (Portugal) conferred on Sovereigns only.

Chivalric Orders, as a rule, are emanations of royalty. Exceptions would be the four Orders formed during the Crusades: The Knights Templar, the Knights of Malta, the Teutonic Knights and the Knights of St. Thomas of Acre.

In ancient times knights were divided into two ranks: Knights Bachelor and Knights Banneret.

The Knights Bachelor was the lower rank, although the most ancient of all, and originally the sole Order of Knighthood. Bachelor was probably derived from "bas chevalier," which would indicate that they were held in inferior estimate to those more fortunate knights who had extensive lands and numerous vassals. The grade of Knight Bachelor was conferred by one knight on another without interference of prince, noble, sovereign or churchman. The privileges and duties approach nearly those of the knight errant and many Knights Bachelor were in fact mere adventurers. These knights offered their services in war to any leader who could pay them, and thus they found in their swords a means of a livelihood. The Knight Bachelor wore a pointed or triangular ensign which was forked by being extended into two points. This ensign was called a pennon, never a banner.

The Knight Banneret was one who possessed a landed estate and who in war furnished a following of at least thirty men-at-arms, who were knights or squires, mounted. Each man-at-arms, besides his attendants on foot, would have a mounted crossbow-man and a horseman armed with bow and ax. The number of

horsemen who assembled under a banner was at least three hundred and, including the following on foot, might amount to one thousand men. The name was derived from "banneret," a proper banner of oblong shape with square corners.

The Knight Banneret held rank between the Barons, the great land owners, and the Knights Bachelor. Only Barons (Knights Baronets) were supposed to display the square banner. This distinction between the square banner and the oblong banner was not rigidly enforced because Knights Bachelor were sometimes made Knights Banneret on the field of battle as a reward of their prowess and the ceremony consisted in the simple action of the sovereign cutting off with his sword the points of their pennons, thus transforming them into square banners.

Out of this institution of Chivalry, where Knights Bachelor and Knights Banneret were dubbed and created individually, grew the fraternities, by the knights associating themselves into Orders with names. Thus came into being the Military and Religious Orders formed during the Crusades, including our own beloved Order of Knights Templar.

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Addition

Sir Knight Wylie B. Wendt, whose columns are featured bi-monthly in the *Knight Templar Magazine*, has received information that augments his "The Far Flung Line of Templary" which appeared in the March 1970 issue. He reports that the last sentence in the third paragraph should now read, in the light of additional information, as follows: "The Provincial Prior of South America includes two preceptories in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and one preceptory in San Paulo, Brazil. The preceptory in Brazil was consecrated October 30, 1968."

A FEW THOUGHTS ON SOCIAL SECURITY

by

Jean E. Cranston

As we approach retirement age, we are all a little curious about what determines the amounts of Social Security we will receive, what we have to do in order to qualify, what proofs we need to establish ages and a vast amount of other information. Much helpful and explanatory material has been published by the Social Security Administration and is readily available.

Primarily, we need, of course, to establish our ages. Probably the best evidence is to be found in birth certificates; however, in many instances, this type of proof is unobtainable. In a form letter from the Administration (their form Inst. OA-C9 [4-66]), various acceptable documents are listed. Considerable flexibility is allowed in this direction, but the final determination of what is acceptable is within the province of the Administration itself.

It is recommended, according to Social Security personnel, for a person approaching age 65 to contact the nearest office of that agency. However, whether you decide to retire or not, you probably are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. In this area much more leniency is exercised. For instance, in order to be eligible for retirement benefits, it is essential to work under covered employment a certain specified number of quarters (periods of three months) or years. Such is not always the case under Medicare and Medicaid.

Medicare can be obtained by applying during stipulated enrollment periods, preferably three months prior to attainment of age 65, and thereafter at intervals of three months. It is stated that almost everyone who has attained age 65 prior to 1968 is eligible for hospital benefits. If you have reached age 65 subsequent to 1968 you will need some work credit in

order to qualify. The specific requirements are stated in a pamphlet, "Health Insurance for People 65 or Older," published by the Administration, January, 1969. Very detailed descriptions of the various coverages under the Medicare and Medicaid provisions of the law are contained in the publication, "Your Medicare Handbook," May, 1968. Both of the above are obtainable for the asking at your Social Security office.

All that is necessary, assuming your eligibility has been established, to qualify for the insurance provisions under Medicare is to pay the premiums established by law, if you do not elect to receive retirement benefits. If you receive benefits the premiums are automatically deducted from your monthly check.

If you have been gainfully employed, or self-employed, your monthly income will be determined by the average amount of earnings you received over a specified period of time. A chart illustrative of the number of years required for this average is found in "Social Security Benefits, How to Estimate the Amount," printed by the Administration. If you were born in 1896 or earlier you must count five years of average earnings. The number of years you must count to arrive at an average increases year by year up to those born in 1929, who must count 38 years as a base. In this same pamphlet the quarters necessary in order to receive benefits are outlined. They extend from 6 quarters (18 months) if you were 65 in 1957 or earlier and increase to 19 quarters (57 months) if you are 65 this year (1970).

Currently, as of January, 1970, your income is determined in the following manner: assuming that your average yearly earnings were \$923 or less, your income would be \$64.00 per month;

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\$1800 - \$101.70; \$3000 - \$132.30; \$4200 - \$161.50; \$5400 - \$189.80; \$6600 - \$218.40; \$7800 - \$250.70; on the basis of retirement at age 65. If you elect to retire at age 62, the above monthly figures are reduced appreciably. The complete chart can be found in a recent flyer, "Higher Social Security Payments," which incorporates the recent increase and was printed in January, 1970.

Disabled workers, irrespective of age, are also eligible, provided they have been permanently disabled for a year or more and have worked under covered employment for definite quarters as outlined. Such disability pensions will continue for so long a period of time as the disability or inability to work continues.

It is extremely difficult to crystallize the various provisions of the law into a limited space. Further the law is constantly being liberalized and extended, and is currently scheduled for further revision to become effective on the first of the year (1971). At that time, if legislation now pending in Congress is enacted, the present retirement benefits will be increased 5% over the base now in effect.

There are many complicated questions of interpretation of the various provisions of the statute, and final adjudication is with the Administration. As an example, some at age 65 are still physically able to indulge in some form of gainful employment. In fact, it might be a financial necessity. However, there is a limit you can earn (currently \$1680.00 per year) and still receive benefits. This condition prevails from ages 65 through 72; after age 72 your earnings are not limited. The \$1680 figure is supposed to be increased on January 1, 1971 to \$2000 per annum.

Another phase which has not been covered sufficiently in this short article is the amount your spouse will receive on attaining age 62. This is directly related

to the amount you receive. A certain percentage of your benefit is allowed for your spouse. That amount is added to your check each month.

The author hopes this brief resume clarifies a few of the questions concerning this complex law. More detailed information can be obtained from your nearest Social Security Office.

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Amaranth Project: Eye Foundation

Mrs. Ruth D. Carroll, Grand Royal Matron, Order of Amaranth, Florida, has made the Knight Templar Eye Foundation one of her projects for the year.

Her fund already contains over \$300. She hopes for a much greater sum to present when her term expires next May.

Chicagoland York Day

The South Region York Rite Association's "Chicagoland York Day" was a planned salute to Sir Knight Clinton H. Lang, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, and Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, M.E. Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

The Illinois event, Friday, October 2, Lexington House, Hickory Hills, was in the form of a dinner-dance for all Masons and their ladies, also all candidates for the G. Wilbur Bell Fall York Rite Festival and their ladies.

The well-known "first candidate for the G. Wilbur Bell Class" was Floyd M. Kalber, popular television personality, who is a 33rd Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J. Brother Kalber was a featured program participant at the dinner.

THROUGH THE YEAR

God be with you in the springtime,
 When the violets unfold,
 And the buttercups and cowslips
 Fill the fields with yellow gold;
 In the time of apple blossoms,
 When the happy bluebirds sing,
 Filling all the world with gladness —
 God be with you in the spring.

God be with you in the summer,
 When the sweet June roses blow;
 When the bobolinks are laughing,
 And, the brooks with music flow;
 When the fields are white with daisies
 And the days are glad and long —
 God be with you in the summer,
 Filling all your world with song.

God be with you in the autumn,
 When the birds and flowers have fled;
 And along the woodland pathways
 Leaves are falling, gold and red;
 When the summer lies behind you,
 In the evening of the year —
 God be with you in the autumn,
 Then to fill your heart with cheer.

God be with you in the winter,
 When the snow lies deep and white;
 When the sleeping fields are silent
 And the stars gleam cold and bright;
 When the hands and heart are tired,
 With life's long and weary quest —
 God be with you in the winter
 Just to guide you into rest.

JULIAN S. CUTLER

(Submitted by Sir Knight John A. DeWald, Muncy, Pennsylvania, 94 years old, a Mason for 70 years, a Templar for 48.)

From Darkness To Light

Nellie Blanchard is going to see the second century of life thanks to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Mrs. Blanchard is 101 but her health is good. She demonstrates by touching her knees to her chin. "I don't have a stiff joint in my body," she says and proves it by walking around the grounds of the Twilight Acres Nursing Home near Pleasant Hill, Oregon, where she lives.

Aside from the walks there was little she could do. Cataracts blinded her left eye and she had trouble seeing with the right.

"I just sit here like a knot on a log. I can't read; I can't write; I can't do anything," she said.

Then the Knights Templar Eye Foundation paid for surgery to remove the cataracts on her left eye. Doctors said vision in her left eye will be fairly normal.

Now when visitors come to see Mrs. Blanchard she can see them. She has plenty of visitors.

"I'm a curiosity here. People bring their friends to see me just because they want to see someone who is over a hundred years old."

Mrs. Blanchard celebrated her 101st birthday October 7. Her best birthday present was the gift of sight, thanks to Knight Templars throughout the country.

Constituent or Subordinate?

As a nomenclature reminder, the name *Constituent* refers to a Commandery which is a unit of a Grand Commandery. *Subordinate* is the designation of a Commandery which has no Grand Commandery affiliation. Six of the 16 Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment are in Delaware, Alaska and Hawaii. The other 10 are located in Saudi Arabia, West Germany, Tokyo, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and Mexico. The newest, chartered at Denver, is in Tijuana, Mexico.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1970

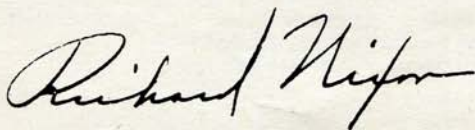
Dear Mr. Bell:

It is easy to share the pride of those who applaud the achievements that have earned you the title of Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

From all that I have heard, you are the perfect candidate for this honor; and your tenure promises to further enhance the contributions of the Masons to the well-being of our society.

My congratulations to you, and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Nixon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Richard Nixon".

Mr. G. Wilbur Bell

Chandlerville, Illinois

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NOTABLE NOVEMBER

The name of our 11th month of the year comes from the Latin "novem," meaning nine! Versatile November contains General Election Day, Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving Day. Consider also that it can claim All Saints Day – 1st; Sadie Hawkins Day – first Saturday after November 11; Elizabeth Cady Stanton Day – 12th, birthday of pioneer women's rights leader.

In November were born three of our Masonic Presidents: James Knox Polk, November 2, 1795; James Abram Garfield, November 19, 1831; Warren Gamaliel Harding, November 2, 1865.

A noteworthy November reminder: November 1970 is the last opportunity to celebrate Veterans' Day (remember when it was Armistice Day?) on November 11. Starting in 1971, Veterans' Day will be observed the fourth Monday of October, helping to make five 3-day holiday weekends for the year.

In Templary, November 1970 marks the start of the third annual Voluntary Fund Raising Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Channel your contributions and participations through your local Commandery. And November is our month to express *Knights Templar Magazine* tribute to the Right Eminent Grand Commanders. See pages 7-9.

And, finally, if you have trouble remembering the number of days in November, there's a choice of two ancient verses. On the left, from the Stevins MS, circa 1555; on the right, credited to Richard Grafton, about 1572:

**Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
All the rest have thirty-one,
Excepting February alone,
And that has twenty-eight days clear
And twenty-nine in each leap year.**

**Thirty days hath November,
April, June and September,
February hath twenty-eight alone
And all the rest have thirty-one.**