"The Kentucky Colonel"
in the
Hall of Fame
of
Baseball and Templary
Membership Message

From the GRAND MASTER

January was a busy Templar month with strong indications that Membership is on the rise in a variety of areas. Grand Commanders have adopted recruitment as their theme. Both in thought and in action, the emphasis is on Membership.

Early in January I received an encouraging and welcome note from Grand Commander Ed Bloomquist, which promised a net gain this year in Texas and projected an even greater gain the next. Sir Knight Bloomquist and his co-workers have accomplished tremendous results, largely through well-planned and smoothly-conducted York Rite Festivals.

On January 9, a new Commandery was added to the Grand Encampment. On that date it was my privilege to present to Tijuana Commandery No. 3, Baja California, Mexico, the charter authorized by the members of Knights Templar, U.S.A., at our 51st Triennial Conclave in Denver.

It was an inspiring, rewarding experience for your Grand Master. The distinguished guests and participants and the impressive ceremony make a feature story in themselves and I am grateful indeed for the gracious hospitality and Masonic friendship which prevailed.

But of special significance for me was the connotation of Templar growth. We now have 16 Subordinate Commanderies – from Saudi Arabia to Hawaii, from Japan to Puerto Rico, from the Canal Zone to West Germany. These augment our some 1,600 Constituent Commanderies, the motivating units of 48 Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar.

The 1971 indications of membership activity are furthered in this current issue of your Knight Templar Magazine. Editor Rodenhaus er informs me that every Grand Commandery, with just three exceptions, has joined in utilizing the Supplement pages (28 and 29) for Membership Promotion, and I am sure that the three also are hard at work with their individual membership campaigns in other forms.

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The Cover:

Earle Bryan Combs, former Yankee great and now a member of Baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, is pictured at the height of his 12-year starring career. He typifies "action" — on the diamond and in Richmond Commandery No. 19, Richmond, Kentucky, where he served as Commander in 1944 — "a year of notable gain in membership," writes Chief Instructor-Inspector Donald H. Smith, Grand Commandery of Kentucky, in his warm and intimate account of Sir Knight Combs starting on page 9.
From the MAIL BIN

I have just finished the article on DeMolay which I enjoyed (having finished the rest of the Knight Templar Magazine first.) I was secretary of the local (Aurora, Illinois) chapter of the Builders for Boys. I got married and moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where I took my degrees and Shrine. It is my understanding that the Builders for Boys and DeMolay consolidated. Is this correct? DeMolay was west of the Mississippi River and Builders for Boys was east.

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Editor's Note: Unofficially, we know of no consolidation or of any geographical division. Readers may wish to supply information to Sir Knight Wright.

I am glad that someone has the foresight to publish a magazine of news for the Brothers. It brings to us a closer relationship of Knights the country over.

I have a sheepskin of the whole animal, well preserved, from ancient times. I showed it in the Lodge room and no one seems to know its history. Perhaps some Knight has a similar one or knows something of its history. The skin is approximately 42 inches long and 40 inches wide. Most all of the Masonic emblems are stamped on this hide.

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A few days ago a Mr. Albert E. Wratten, a member of Fraternity Lodge No. 1111, here in El Paso called on me at my office. Brother Wratten was earnestly seeking Masonic information (or any other kind of information) concerning his father, Brother George Medford Wratten, deceased.

The history of the Brother about whom information is sought must be a very interesting one as it is known that he was an Indian Scout working out of the Army Post at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the early days.

George Medford Wratten was born in 1865 and was made a Master Mason in Rushsprings Lodge No. 7, Rushsprings, Oklahoma, in 1896. He died on June 21, 1912, and was buried in the Fort Sill Cemetery. He was 47.

The main point of information desired is whether or not George Medford Wratten was a Knight Templar when he died, or whether he had ever been a Knight Templar. Albert Wratten has heard and he believes that his father was a Knight Templar. Albert E. Wratten's address here in El Paso is: 1116 Arizona Street, El Paso, Texas 79902.

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It might be of interest if every state Supplement would print, in one issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, the name and number of every Commandery in their state. Many Sir Knights may like to see, and keep, such a "roster."

ROBERT E. PFAEFFLE
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I am making a genealogical record of my family and I wonder if you can give me any information on my great-grandfather who was a member of Knights Templar at Clinton, Missouri.

He was Dwight Whitney Richards, born June 20, 1852, at Ravenna, Ohio, and died October 21, 1921, at El Paso, Texas. He married Florence Almira Manning June 14, 1876, location unknown. There were five children.

Mr. Richards was a railroader and lived a great part of his life at Fort Scott, Kansas. Any information that you may have will help. Thank you.

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With the thought that the many new candidates who have been accepted in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite during the past years, whom I do not know, may become acquainted with the many hours of work a great many of the "old timers" have given to Masonry I respectfully submit the following:

Master Mason, Washington, D.C., 1918; Royal Arch Mason, Peoria, Illinois, 1924; Peoria Commandery No. 7, 1924; Council, Long Beach, California No. 26; Scottish Rite, 32° K.C.C.H., Long Beach, 1947.

I received my 50-year pin in June 1970 from Garden Grove Lodge No. 586, Garden Grove, California. I demitted my Commandery and Royal Arch membership to Long Beach Commandery No. 40 and Royal Arch in 1926, also my Blue Lodge membership to Garden Grove, California.

I have played the part of the CHRISTUS in the Lord's Supper in the Scottish Rite for 20 years.

I am very proud of this record but, sad to say, practically all of the "old timers" I worked with are gone. The Supreme Being has chosen to let me go on; however, in visiting my various bodies I am a stranger among strangers.

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In the November issue of the Knight Templar Magazine was a picture and short story of a commemorative stamp put out by the post office of 150 years of Masonry in Maine.

As a result, I am confused and so also are a number of local Knights Templar with whom I discussed the story.

Will you be good enough to tell me why one point of the Compass was elevated above the square, while the other point was below.

And if you are unable to give me the information, maybe you can give me the address of some party in Maine who can so inform me.

TOM LESTER
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Editor's Note: These and several similar inquiries were directed to Maine's Past Grand Master, Leon M. Senborn, who is in charge of the project. His address is: 61 Johnson Road, Gorham, Maine 04038.

M.E. Emmett B. Baker, our Grand HigH Priest, has directed me to express his sincere thanks and appreciation for the Knight Templar Magazines which he received.

He wishes me to advise you that these magazines were used to good advantage in a symbolic Lodge where he was a speaker on York Rite publications and methods of communication.

He is confident favorable results will be obtained from the distribution of these magazines.

ARCHIE M. SIMONS
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Editor's Note: A member of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has ordered 50 additional copies of the magazine monthly which he distributes for promotional and other purposes.
I have an old Knight Templar sword that my daughter bought at an antique shop. The design, insignia, etc. are definitely not modern. I am sending drawings of the same in hopes that they may give some clue to the era in which it was made.

The original owner's name on the blade is L. T. Combo and the sword was made by Gaylord Manufacturing Company, Chicopee, Massachusetts. Any information regarding it will be appreciated and duly acknowledged.

The *Knight Templar Magazine* is a very informative publication and I enjoy it every month.

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*Editor's Note: Space limitation prevents utilization of drawings.*

In my research on Brother Wolfgang Mozart I found the following concerning his Masonic affiliation. It is from "Men of Music," Brockway and Weinstock.

"In 1783... Mozart returned to Vienna... to satisfy his yearning for friendship, he became more and more interested in the activities of a Masonic Lodge which he had joined some years before... Freemasonry in those days... was a refuge for liberal thinkers and artists, Catholic as well as Protestant. Mozart took Freemasonry very seriously. He was a militant proselytizer for the Order and even succeeded in converting his bigoted father to its tenets... Hayden also became a Mason early in 1785, it is possible that Mozart won him over too. Unfortunately, the music Mozart composed for his Lodge remains buried in Kochel and so it is impossible to comment on it. A funeral march is said to be particularly fine, but the only musical result we can judge is "Die Zauberflote" which has a Masonic libretto."

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I received the Knight Templar and prerequisite degrees of the York Rite many years ago at Biloxi, Mississippi, but did not begin to receive issues of the *Knight Templar Magazine* until I demitted to the bodies here at Charlotte, North Carolina.

For several months I have intended to write to commend you and those others responsible for the publication of the magazine for the excellence of its contents. Several issues have pictured and/or referred to persons I have known and known about, the most recent being Dr. Bornemeier, President of the American Medical Association, pictured on page 29 of the October issue.

Moreover, in a previous issue I enjoyed reading of the history of the Dudley Watch Company inasmuch as in about 1950 I was able to obtain one of these now-difficult-to-obtain watches for my father.

I trust the magazine will flourish as heretofore.

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I would like to add to the information supplied by Brother Spencer of Lorain, Ohio, in the Mail Bin of November, 1970, concerning Mozart and Masonry.

There is a book issued by the Philosophical Library of New York which is written by Paul Netti entitled "Mozart and Masonry" (copyright 1957). The author was (and may still be) Professor of Musicology at Indiana University. He analyzes Mozart's Masonic career and his compositions, particularly with reference to the opera "Magic Flute." The book is extensively footnoted. It might be "dry" reading for someone who is not interested in this subject; however, Professor Netti gives a good background of the Masonic connections of Mozart (and other great composers as well, such as Sibelius, Beethoven and Wagner.)

I will gladly loan my copy to either Brother Faulkner or Brother Spencer if these gentlemen would like to pursue the subject.

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LINCOLN AND FREEMASONRY

by

George L. Cashman

A recognized authority, lecturer and author on the Civil War and Lincoln history, Sir Knight Cashman has been Curator of Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois, since 1951. He founded the Springfield Civil War Round Table and was a co-founder of the Sangamon County Historical Society. A veteran of World War I, he is presently the national Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Masonically, Cashman is a member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 500, Elwood Commandery No. 6, Springfield Consistory, Ansar Temple and the Ansar Legion of Honor, all of Springfield.

Folklore and tradition are the principal factors responsible for much of the mythology surrounding the life of our sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln. An old story, which has intrigued me for years and on which I have done considerable research, concerns Lincoln and Freemasonry.

It has been reported that after his nomination for the Presidency in 1860 Lincoln deposited his petition for the degrees in Masonry in a local Masonic Lodge of Springfield, Illinois. Shortly thereafter, on the theory that such an action would probably be construed as a political ruse designed to garner votes, he withdrew the petition. Lincoln never became a Mason, and that is to be regretted, but no man in public life, before or since, has exemplified the ideals and precepts of Freemasonry in his everyday life as did Lincoln.

In the darkness to which men are consigned on earth their greatest urge has been for more light as to the here and the hereafter. Lincoln felt this urge as much or more than any man. He once said he had thought more on this subject than all others, and had for years. Lincoln knew the Bible and no man in history has quoted from it so freely and with so much effectiveness. He often, in his speeches and writings, made references to the precepts of Christianity and, what is more important, he practiced them.

There is a basis in fact by which we may give some credence to the above story. Orlin H. Miner, the first Master of Tyrian Lodge No. 333, Springfield, Illinois, and an intimate friend of the Lincolns, stated that Lincoln had informed him that he would make application for the degrees in Masonry when he returned from the Presidency. Lincoln never returned and a petition was not filed.

In the formation of the Republican Party, composed of old line Whigs, dissident Democrats and other political units, we find the Anti-Masonic group which openly opposed Freemasonry. During the 1860 Presidential Campaign Reverend Burgess of Adams County, Ohio, an anti-mason adherent, wished to support Abraham Lincoln, but would not do so until he had written a letter to Mrs. Lincoln demanding to know if Lincoln was a member of any secret society. In her reply to Burgess Mrs. Lincoln stated, "Mr. Lincoln has never been a Mason or belonged to any secret order."
In October of 1860 Dr. Robert Morris of Oldham County, Kentucky, visited Springfield and called on Mr. Lincoln. He reported his conversation with the President in these words, "Mr. Lincoln, I came up the road last night with an old Masonic friend, Judge Douglas. Last Friday I came down to Louisville with another Masonic friend, Mr. Breckenridge, and a few weeks ago one of my agents, Mr. Porter, met in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee Mr. John Bell. So you see all three of your opponents for the Presidential chair are Freemasons." Mr. Lincoln replied: "I am not a Freemason, Dr. Morris, though I have a great respect for the institution."

The magazine New Age in its issue for January 1940 states that Tyrian Lodge of Springfield in its minutes for April 17, 1865, after adopting a resolution on the President's death, entered this notation: "That the decision of President Lincoln to postpone his application for the honors of Masonry, lest his motives be misconstrued, is in the highest degree honorable to his memory." The word "postpone," as used here, clearly indicates that Lincoln was giving serious consideration to becoming a member of the fraternity.

One of the requirements for entering the ranks of Freemasonry is a solemn and unqualified declaration of belief in God. No words will ever be written to speak so well for his spiritual greatness as Lincoln's own. They breathe the simple, humble beauty of sincere holiness as does the Bible itself.

Civil War and assassination deprived Masonry of a Brother whose reliance on Divine Providence guided his every thought and deed and made of him the greatest man grown on the American continent.

Sir Knight Cashman's address is: Curator, Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

Masons Honor Imperial Potentate

*Imperial Potentate Aubrey G. Graham returned to his mother lodge, Ruth Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M., November 21 and received high honors from both the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of Virginia and his own Ruth Lodge, Norfolk.*

Six hundred persons attended the buffet and program including the Imperial Sir's Khedive Temple delegation of Divan, Board of Trustees and Nobility. The souvenir program featured a reproduction of the Imperial Potentate's 1928 petition for initiation in Ruth Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, William T. Watkins, with other Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters, was on hand to present a "first time ever" Certificate of Appreciation "with gratitude and congratulations." Ruth Lodge honored him with a framed "Resolution Of Respect."

Past Potentate Judge Walter E. Hoffman, Khedive Temple, was master of ceremonies. The evening included selections by the Khedive Temple Chanters, directed by P.M.R. Curtis Williams, President of the Shrine Chanters Association of North America, and the Khedive Temple's "Noble Sirs" combo.

**Membership Month**

February is Templar Membership Month. The Grand Master asks for a concerted effort by officers and members alike throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.
THE GENTLEMAN FROM KENTUCKY

by
Donald H. Smith

The story of Sir Knight Earle Bryan Combs is a story of inspiration and achievement. It is told for Knight Templar Magazine readers with affection by Donald H. Smith, Chief Instructor-Inspector for the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, whose memberships parallel those of Sir Knight Combs in Richmond Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. Smith additionally is a member of Indra Consistory, A.A.S.R., Covington, and Combs is a member of Olieka Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Lexington.

(Photo by Mark M. Smith, DeMolay son of the author.)

Soon the spring training camps of Major League baseball will begin to come alive again and the sound of the leather cracking against a bat will fill the silence. Young hopefuls will join the old pros in preparing for a new season of the grand old game.

Forty-seven years ago, a young man and Mason prepared to join the vaunted New York Yankees to begin a major league career which spanned over 29 years as player and coach in both major leagues, a career which was capped last August by the installation of Sir Knight Earle Bryan Combs, Past Commander of Richmond Commandery No. 19, Kentucky, in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Writing about Sir Knight Earle’s election, New York Times man Arthur Daley wrote, “The Gentleman from Kentucky will add a

Touch of Class to the Hall of Fame.”

This year Sir Knight Earle, known to baseball fans as the Grey Fox and the Kentucky Colonel, will join his brothers in Richmond Lodge No. 25 in celebrating his fiftieth year as a Master Mason and his forty-sixth year as a Knight Templar.

This illustrious Mason’s life has truly exemplified the principles of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice taught to us all. Born and brought up in Owsley County, Kentucky, in the Eastern Kentucky Mountains, Sir Knight Earle began teaching in a one room school at the age of 18. He taught for two years while attending Eastern Kentucky Normal School. It was at Eastern that his baseball prowess was noticed and he soon found himself on the Louisville Colonels of the American Association. In 1924 he was purchased by the Yankees to join such greats as Babe Ruth, Sam Jones, Bob Muesel and Pat Collins.

The “Kentucky Colonel” began his major league career with a set-back. He broke his ankle and was laid up most of the first year. Fortitude won out however and in the 1925 season, Combs’ first full season with New York, he batted .342 and was third in the American League with runs scored with 117. When the
The members of the 1931 New York Yankee outfield crew were an imposing group. From left: Myril Hoag, Earle Combs, Sam Byrd, George Herman "Babe" Ruth, Allen Cooke and Fred "Dixie" Walker.

1926 season ended the Yankees had won a place in the World Series, the first of four in which the Grey Fox played. His batting average in 16 World Series games was a substantial .350.

His greatest season as lead-off man for the Murderers’ Row of Yankee Fame was 1927. During that year Sir Knight Earle batted .356, hit the most triples (23) and tallied the most hits (231) in the American League. It was also the year that his teammate, Babe Ruth, hit 60 home runs which overshadowed the great play of Sir Knight Earle.

Earle Combs continued as an active player with the Yanks until 1935, even though he had fractured his skull against the St. Louis Ball Park wall in an attempt to get a long fly ball in the 1934 season. Typically, he was back for the 1935 season, raring to go in spite of both his injuries and his age (36). In his twelve seasons as a Yankee he played in 1,454 regular games and had a lifetime batting average of .325.

His career in baseball was far from over. The ability and friendliness of this man was not to be lost to baseball. He was hired as a coach for the Yankees. Over the years until he finally retired in 1954 he saw coaching service with such other teams as the St. Louis Browns and the Boston Red Sox in the American League and the Philadelphia Phillies in the National League.

Sir Knight Earle and his dear wife, Ruth, have been together for almost 49 years. They have three fine sons all living with their families in the Blue Grass area of Kentucky not far from the home place, a beautiful farm on Walnut Meadow Road in Madison County, Kentucky.
To say that the Combses are community leaders is to understate the facts. Sir Knight Earle is serving his third term as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents of the growing Eastern Kentucky University, his Alma Mater. Mrs. Combs actively serves the community on the Hospital Board and as a leader in many fund-raising projects in addition to serving on various committees of the First Christian Church.

Sir Knight Earle was State Banking Commissioner of Kentucky in 1958-59, another example of his ability and desire to serve others.

The Combses are members of the First Christian Church of Richmond, Kentucky, where he has been a Deacon for over 30 years and has been a member since he came to Richmond in 1917. Sir Knight Earle enjoys talking to young people. They seem to recognize his Christian attitude toward his fellow man.

Earle Bryan Combs was created a Knight Templar on January 22, 1925, at Richmond, Kentucky. He was elected and installed as Eminent Commander of his Commandery in 1944, a year of notable gain in membership and in work improvements. He stated recently that he has enjoyed taking part in Knight Templar work more than anything else he has done.

This great friend, Mason, athlete and gentleman has for the past 50 years (and more) exemplified those tenets of Christian manhood treasured by our Fraternity. So to this brother as he nears a young, active 72nd birthday, we say, "Sir Knights, Present, Swords." And we thank him for his wonderful example to the coming generations of our craft and our country.

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, the author of "The Gentleman from Kentucky," lives at 103 Southland Drive, Richmond, Kentucky 40475.

Easter Service Speaker Will Be the Rev. Philip R. Jones

The Rev. Philip R. Jones, Minister to the First Presbyterian Church, Milton, Pennsylvania, will be the speaker for the April 11 Easter Sunrise Service of the Grand Encampment at Arlington. Sir Knight Jones, former Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, is active in Rotary, the American Legion and other service and patriotic organizations on a state and regional scale.

Myron K. Lingle New Deputy

Myron K. Lingle, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, has been appointed Deputy for Illinois by Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The appointment fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Louis L. Williams, Deputy for Illinois since 1963. Williams will continue to serve the Supreme Council as an Active Member. Both Sir Knight Williams and Sir Knight Lingle are Past Commanders of their respective Commanderies in Illinois.

Regional Red Cross Assembly

A "regional" Red Cross of Constantine assembly as a part of the silver anniversary of Black Hills Conclave No. 82 is scheduled in the Black Hills of South Dakota, at Sylvan Lake Resort Hotel, Saturday May 22. Oscar J. J. Cable, Recorder, announces that specific details will be announced later.
MARKS OF RESPECT

For the Flag of the United States

The National Flag should be flown daily from sunrise to sunset in good weather from public buildings, schools, permanent staffs in the open and near polling places on election days. The flag may be flown at night on special patriotic occasions.

The flag should always be flown on national and state holidays and on those occasions proclaimed by the President. On Memorial Day, the Ensign should be half staffed until noon.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. It should never be dipped to any person or thing nor should it ever be displayed with the union down except as a signal of dire distress.

The flag should never be allowed to touch anything beneath it, nor should it ever be carried flat or horizontally – always aloft and free. It should never be used as drapery or decoration, for carrying or holding anything, or stored in such a manner that it will be damaged or soiled.

The flag should never be used for advertising purpose in any manner whatsoever, nor should any picture, drawing, insignia or other decoration be placed upon or attached to the flag, its staff or halyard. The flag should not be embroidered on personal items nor printed on anything designed for temporary use and then discarded.

When the flag is worn or soiled that it is not longer suitable for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

NO DISRESPECT OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE SHOWN TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES.

Courtesy, United States Navy Recruiting Service.

Theodore Roosevelt, Circa 1904

A quotation from the biography, “The Roosevelt Family of Sagamore Hill,” by Hermann Hagedorn:

The President appreciated his membership in the local Masonic Lodge because it afforded him an opportunity to meet some of his fellow townsmen at closer range. The Master of Matinecock Lodge was the gardener on the estate of one of his cousins, Emlen, and he liked to maintain contact with him. As President, he could obviously not call upon this “most excellent, public-spirited citizen,” as he once described him, without embarrassing him; nor could the gardener call upon the President without embarrassment. “But, when I visit the Lodge,” Roosevelt said to the pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, Alexander G. Russell, “he is my boss, and I must stand up when he orders me, and sit down when he tells me, and not speak unless he allows me. That’s good for him and good for me.”
DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF MANKIND

by
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Editorial Assistant

There is only one Masonic hospital in the United States. Located on Chicago’s north side, the Illinois Masonic Medical Center is owned by the Blue Lodges of Cook County and all Trustees must be members of the Lodges.

In 1921 the Illinois Masonic Medical Association, founded in 1915 to assure Master Masons and their families adequate hospital care in the various city hospitals, purchased the 53 bed Chicago Union Hospital and the School of Nursing there. Hospital care was extended to all members of the community without regard to Masonic affiliation.

Today the 591 bed hospital is a highly respected, progressive medical institution. Patients come from all over the Midwest to take advantage of the special facilities offered there.

The hospital has embarked on a ten year expansion program at a cost of $30 million. This includes the W. Clement Stone Pavilion for the Health Sciences for which Sir Knight Stone contributed the initial five million; a new, enlarged School of Nursing; a new Educational Institute and a sixteen story tower with a 488 bed capacity.

The present structure is the result of five expansions over the past 50 years, apparent in the subtle differences in the color of the brick from part to part. Masonic interests contributed to each expansion. Lodges financed rooms and plaques over the doors tell of the Masonic gifts.

Colorful window shades and nurses in colorful uniforms throughout the hospital are outward indications of the hospital’s progressive outlook. Behind the scenes the picture is even more impressive.

The intensive coronary unit on the seventh floor, one of the first in the city, boasts the latest in equipment to save the lives of heart patients. Heart monitors at the nurses’ station chart the second-by-second progress of every patient in the unit. Danger signals are instantly noted and care is at hand.

Also on the seventh floor is the Noah Van Cleef Medical Memorial Library, funded by the widow of this Mason. Here, the latest medical texts and references are immediately available to the staff.

The presence of three Chicago Bears in the hospital one October day tells of the quality of the staff Illinois Masonic attracts. Gale Sayers, Bob Wallace and Creig Baynham were all in for knee surgery under the care of noted specialist
Dr. Theodore Fox. The seasons change and the patients are Cubs or Bulls, professional athletes who sought the finest medical care available and chose this hospital.

The rehabilitation program of physical therapy is one of the finest. As we walked through the unit, Vernon Perfect, Assistant Administrator for the hospital, explained it compares favorably with another rehabilitation center, supposedly the finest in the world. A patient spoke up, “I don’t want to disagree with you but I’ve been there and this is much better.” His was neither the first nor the last unsolicited praise of the hospital heard that day from a patient.

The obstetrics unit, on the second floor, boasts the latest in Isolettes designed to save the lives of premature babies. Soon, the unit will have a monitoring system, similar to that in intensive coronary, which will enable a nurse at the nursing station to constantly monitor the progress of all the babies.

Two progressive programs, still in discussion stages at other hospitals, have been in operation for some time at Illinois Masonic. The first is Dentistry for the Handicapped, made possible by the generosity of the Humanitarian Foundation of the Grottoes of North America.

Most dentists are neither trained nor equipped to provide dental services to the mentally and physically handicapped. Many patients cannot sit or sit erect for long periods of time. Pedodontic chairs, shaped like chaise lounges, allow the patient to recline while the dentist performs “sit down” dentistry, a more efficient, faster method. Other patients must be anesthetized and treated in a regular surgical operating room due to their condition. This center also provides training for future dentists in this specialized field.

The second program is Family Health Care, a program of comprehensive medical and dental care for entire family units. A team of professionals – doctor, nurse, nutritionist, dentist and social workers – work together to solve present problems and aim for a future of pre-
ventive medicine through education.

In cooperation with the State of Illinois, the medical center operates a Drug Abuse Program. An average of 90 heroin addicts are treated daily. The center will open a half-way house for addicts to be run by ex-junkies in an expansion of the present program, according to Allen Hicks, Administrator of Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

When Astronaut and Templar Col. Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin visited the center the second man to set foot on the moon agreed to make a bootprint for the benefit of the hospital. The bootprint was then incorporated into an exclusive collection of commemorative jewelry by Tiffany & Co. Done in charm, pin and cufflinks, the jewelry was made available to those who wished to give the “something extra” to the present fund drive.

Henry G. Walter, retired steel executive and member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, is helping the drive to raise funds for the hospital’s expansion program. Masons and non-Masons alike have contributed funds to the medical center.

The Masonic Relations Department, directed by Vernon F. Perfect, was established to better serve members of the Craft. Every Masonic patient is visited by a representative of the department. Financial assistance is available to indigent Masons. The department can arrange for physical examinations for Lodge or Chapter members applying for admission to Masonic or Eastern Star homes. A wide range of personal services is available. Under one program, a Lodge may establish a blood bank to provide units of blood to Masons in this and other hospitals.

Illinois Masonic Medical Center strives to live up to the tenets of Freemasonry. Their mottoes are the same, “Dedicated to the Service of Mankind.”

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Research Grant

The M.E. Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell, presents a check for $25,000 to Dr. Arthur G. DeVoe, Director of the Institute of Ophthalmology of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, to be used for the development of an artificial cornea which will lead to the restoration of sight to persons who cannot be benefited by any surgical or medical treatment currently available. With Dr. DeVoe and the Grand Master are Dr. John H. Dunnington, Chairman of our Board of Ophthalmologist Advisors, and Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master and Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Bostick Speaks at Jacksonville

A York Rite Prospective Candidates dinner January 20 at the Beef and Bird Restaurant, Jacksonville, Illinois, featured as the speaker Charles E. Bostick, P.G.C., Illinois, whose Grand Encampment service includes chairmanship of the Committee on Triennial Registration in 1967 and 1970 and of the Committee on Templar History. Sir Knight Bostick, presently member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters, is Recorder of Ansar Shrine, Springfield.

Program chairman was Ernest N. Armstrong. William Dean Jarrett is secretary of the Jacksonville York Rite Masonic Committee, sponsor of the project.
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A Masonic First?

James Lee Kirk, twice a Master of Adobe Lodge No. 41, Tucson, Arizona, and an active York Rite Mason, had the distinction of installing his father, Wayne L. Kirk, Master of Adobe Lodge December 16. Sir Knight Wayne, P.C., presently Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Arizona, is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, H.R.A.K.T.P., and holds the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. He believes the son-father installation is a Masonic first in this country.

Heroes of '76

Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., and Charlotte County Judge John T. Rose were inducted into the Heroes of '76, a unit of The National Sojourners, during the organization's 1970 Southeast Area Conference in November at Ponce de Leon Park, Florida.

On hand to confer the degree of membership upon the two candidates were Franklin Treiber, Winter Park, Past Commander of the Heroes of '76, and Everett Stewart, also of Winter Park, Commander of Seminole Chapter 373 of the Heroes, Orlando.

Area Representative (and Trustee of National Sojourners) is Melvin W. Byers, who presided for the opening of conference "at 1400 hours at the Holiday Inn, Punta Gorda, Florida," November 13.

President Ray M. Ely headed the national officers of the National Sojourners present for the conference.

Report from Athens

From Athens, Greece, via the West Australian of Perth and Sir Knight W. B. Morris, Big Spring, Texas, comes a newspaper report that "a special committee of the Holy Synod, supreme administrative body of the Greek Orthodox Church," had demanded a ban on Freemasonry in Greece.

The committee of five bishops described the Freemasons as "outcasts from the church because they worship false and inexistent gods" and said that the church should not tolerate them.

A clipping forwarded to the Knight Templar Magazine includes the statement: "The bishops also said that the boy scout movement was the threshold of Freemasonry because many prominent members of the movement later became Freemasons with key posts." The article, apparently a December release, did not announce the outcome of the charge.
Recorder Tramp Gives and Receives

Sir Knight George D. Tramp, Recorder, Lake Superior Commandery No. 30, Marquette, Michigan, presents an engraved gavel to his son, Frank, upon the latter's installation as Worshipful Master of Marquette Lodge No. 101, Marquette. Later, the new Worshipful Master presented his father with his 50-year membership pin.

The gavel, a presentation of the Worshipful Master's aunt, was given in memory of his late uncle, who was Masonically active in Buffalo, New York.

Heidelberg Commandery Dubs 21

Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, under the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., held its Conclave on October 3, 1970, in Heidelberg as part of the annual York Rite Festival. Some 21 Sir Knights were dubbed and created Knights Templar by P.C. Ryoji Beutner and Eminent Commander Thomas O. Hutchison.

One of the ritualists within the Commandery is John W. Kennedy, a P.H.P., P.I.M., pictured below.

A York Rite Festival Dinner followed the conferral for approximately 60 Sir Knights and their wives. Also in attendance were Herbert L. Coney, Past Potentate, Aahmes Temple, Oakland, California; the current Temple Recorder, Alvin T. Sonntag; the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Thomas Neal, who were in Germany to attend the European Shrine Club Ceremonial at the Mainz Hilton Hotel October 10. They were guests of P.C. Elmer C. George, President of the European Shrine Club.

General Order No. 5

A complete enumeration of all amendments, resolutions and ritual changes approved at the 51st Triennial Conclave has been issued in General Order No. 5, now in the mail to voting members. It will be re-printed in the March Knight Templar Magazine.
Never Too Late

Eighty-eight year old Ernest W. Jordon, Knighted October 28 by El Paso Commandery No. 18, El Paso, Texas, became the oldest man ever Knighted by that Commandery.

Long active in Masonic work, the new Sir Knight, born in London November 21, 1881, has been a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, S.M.J., since 1945.

Sir Knight Jordon was the first Mason in Texas to confer an open air Master Mason’s Degree. A Shakespearean actor in his younger days, “his ritualistic work is outstanding,” says Commander Frank D. Hensel. Jordon presently takes the role of King Solomon in the second section of the Master’s Degree.

Grand Master Presents Tijuana Charter

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell travelled to Tijuana January 9 to personally present its Charter to Tijuana No. 3, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

Commander William Webber accepted the Charter for the newest Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment. The Tijuana Commandery, operating under dispensation since April 10, 1969, petitioned the Grand Encampment for a Charter at the 51st Triennial in Denver. Their petition was favorably received by the Committee on Dispensations and Charters and accepted by the members.

Sir Knights from various Grand Commanderies attended the presentation ceremonies. The officers of Tijuana were escorted by members of San Diego No. 25.

Did you Know?

Karl Crane, P.G.C., Wisconsin, writes that Sir Knight Theodore W. Golden, Janesville Commandery No. 2, who served the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin as Grand Commander for the 1898-99 Templar year, is the only Wisconsin Templar known to have received the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is also credited as being the last man to have seen General George Custer alive before the slaughter at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

“The Dawn Comes Up Like Thunder”

W. P. Schwager, Commander of Okinawa Commandery No. 2, Machinato, Okinawa, wrote a Christmas letter to members urging their attendance at the Commandery’s annual Christmas Worship service. The postscript on his letter is a reminder of the far-flung areas of Templar. It reads: “Don’t forget: 11:00 a.m., All Souls Episcopal Church, Machinato, located just beyond Machinato Inlet and before you reach the Million Supermarket, on the right heading South, on a hill overlooking the East China Sea.”
A CHAPTER FROM MASONIC HISTORY

In an earlier issue of the Knight Templar Magazine, reference had been made by Sir Knight W. F. Smith, Chattanooga, Tennessee, to a Lodge that had remained “at labor” for a half century without an official closing.

In response to Sir Knight Smith’s request for information, the Editor is in receipt of a letter from Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Roy R. Pool, P.O. Box 11231, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604, which recounts the history of the circumstances surrounding the event. The following reprint of Sir Knight Pool’s letter at the start of a New Year throws light on a Past chapter of Masonic history.

In reading with much interest the various articles by Sir Knights in the Mail Bin I came across the article on page six of the November issue by Sir Knight W. F. Smith of Chattanooga, Tennessee. I feel sure that I have the answer to his question. Brother Smith suggested that some member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky look into the records and give us the name of the Master and the Lodge which failed to close during the Civil War. The Master came back 50 years later and closed the Lodge with proper ceremonies.

The name of the Worshipful Master was Illustrious Brother John H. Nichols and the Lodge was Hiram Lodge No. 40 of Raleigh, North Carolina. Brother Nichols served as Master of Hiram Lodge from 1864-1867 and as Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina in 1872-73. He was born November 14, 1834, and died September 28, 1917. The circumstances that brought about this failure to close the Lodge for 50 years occurred as follows:

Brother Nichols had opened the Lodge for regular business when two Federal officers, who were Masons, came into town. They were encamped at Dix Hill on the outskirts of Raleigh. The officers informed the Tiler of President Lincoln’s assassination. Stating that they did not know what the troops would do under the circumstances upon finding a group of men in assembly they urgently recommended the Tiler inform the Master of the news and that the Masons immediately disperse to their homes without the formality of closing the Lodge.

In January 1917 over 50 years later, the members of Hiram Lodge No. 40 assembled for the purpose of closing that meeting. Brother Nichols presided for the formal closing with colorful ceremonies.

Brother Arnold B. Goetze of Raleigh, our oldest living Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 40, was Junior Deacon of the Lodge at the time and acted in his regular station at the formal closing by Brother Nichols.

I am glad to furnish this information which is of unique interest. I imagine it has never happened before.

58 at Northwestern Conference

All 10 jurisdictions were represented at the Northeastern Department Conference — including 9 Grand Commanders — at Springfield, Massachusetts, Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21. Dr. Ward L. Ekas, Department Commander, presided over the two days of discussions of Grand Encampment projects and operational information.
THE BLACK FLAG

Sir Knight J. R. Foreshew, 208 W. Oak Street, Pierre, South Dakota, notes in a recent letter that he has been utilizing a poem labeled The Black Flag in his Templar ritualistic work. He writes that it “could be substituted for the Ode to a Skeleton very well.” He received it several years ago “from a qualified librarian” whom he had asked to do research on the Ode to a Skeleton.

Pilgrim in this sad relic see
What once was man e'en such as we.
In childhood innocence he played,
Along the paths of youth he strayed
Having like us his hopes and fears
His hours of Joy, perchance of tears.
And when to man's estate he grew
The feelings that we know, he knew.

We know not whence or where he wrought,
What visions dreamed, what aims he sought.
Ambition's call he may have heard,
Mayhaps his heart with love was stirred
Or a greed of gold he may have felt,
Or at the shrine of passion knelt.
This much we know and naught beside
That he was born and lived and died.

It may have been his lot to toil,
To delve in mines or till the soil.
He may have sailed the trackless seas
Or felt the heat of the desert breeze
Or a priestly garb he may have worn
Or weight of public honors born.
But poor or priestly, rich or great,
He came at last to this sad state.

With reverence then behold with me
That which we all must sometime be;
And when we reach the dread abyss
of death; Then we shall be like this
But unto those whose faith remains
Death only severs earthly chains;
Our spirit freed from this poor clod
Is but to sleep to wake with God.

Welton Adams Hughes
Arizona
Grand Commander — 1951
Born October 28, 1901
Died November 18, 1970

Clarence Albert Ogle
West Virginia
Grand Commander — 1958
Born September 7, 1893
Died November 19, 1970

DeCarr Flourney Hosford
Florida
Grand Commander — 1954
Born January 25, 1897
Died November 21, 1970

Harold Pierce Davidson
Oregon
Grand Commander — 1953
Born April 25, 1883
Died December 6, 1970

Carl E. Anderson
Illinois
Grand Commander — 1955
Born December 23, 1902
Died December 29, 1970
Scottish and York Rite Unity in North Carolina

Unity was the theme of the Scottish Rite Reunion in New Bern, North Carolina, November 17-19. York Rite leaders joined Scottish Rite leaders in a program of "Unity" centering around the life of Thomas G. Slate, 33°, Fayetteville, "one of North Carolina's most beloved Masons."

L. to r., James G. Johnston, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina; Hiram J. Casebolt, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council; Thomas G. Slate, Past Illustrious Grand Master and honoree; Luther M. Cromartie, Potentate of Sudan Temple; Maurice E. Walsh, Grand Master of Masons; A. Oden Latham, Deputy Grand Commander; and Dallas Holoman, Jr., Grand High Priest.

Scholarships for Christian Ministry

The Knights Templar Foundation of California for Christian Ministry recently awarded fifteen $1000 scholarships to theological students and five $2000 awards to the faculty salary budget of five accredited Theological Seminaries in California.

The Foundation, started by the Grand Commandery of California in 1955 to help fill the 15,000 vacant Protestant pulpits in the United States, grants fifteen scholarships annually to promising students who are in need of financial aid to continue their studies.

The Fund for the Foundation is raised by a one dollar per year contribution by the Sir Knights of California.

Constantinian Centennial

United States Premier Conclave, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, observed its centennial anniversary December 12 at the Pittsburgh Masonic Temple with a special assembly at 4 p.m. and an evening banquet at the University Club.

Clyde E. Donaldson, Sovereign of United States Premier Conclave, was the banquet toastmaster. Distinguished guests were the Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, William E. Yeager; the R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania, Hiram P. Ball, and the principal speaker, George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
Dr. and Mrs. Hosea B. Willard, now of Sun City, Arizona, are in the midst of a 30-day trip through South America. The schedule called for them to make their first landing in Bogota, Colombia, the evening of January 12, then "work south along the west coast as far as Santiago, Chile, across the Andes to Baraloche; to Buenos-Aires, to Rio and Brasilia." Sir Knight Willard, P.C., Iowa, is a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Dispensations and Charters, and attended the official presentation of the charter to Tijuana Commandery No. 3, Tijuana, Lower California, by Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell January 9.

The holiday greeting from Sir Knight Klaus-Dieter Lincke, West Germany, reads: "Ein gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und die besten Glückwünsche zum neuen Jahr."

The December Knight Templar Magazine relayed an inquiry from H. Gerard Everall asking for information about the date and place of death of his grandfather, George Forman, "believed to have been a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and the Master of a Newark, New Jersey, Lodge about 1912." Although his basic inquiry remains unanswered, Grandson Everall received a response from Sir Knight Edward B. Speicher, Newark, who wrote: "I do know that he was Eminent Commander of Damascus Commandery in Newark, New Jersey, and gave me my degree in 1907."

"It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are."

Among the some 3,500 Templars listed as Life Sponsors at the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is the R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

The world probably is no worse than it has ever been. It's just that the coverage of news is so much better and faster.

As attributed to Robert Fulton when he invented the steamboat — and as reiterated by Louis A. Beaudoin, Grand Encampment Membership Chairman with reference to the mini-skirt, "Now we no longer need the wind." Chairman Beaudoin, at the Northeastern Department Conference in November, also used the example to stress that "what we need today in Templary is less wind and more honest-to-goodness application of man-power and work."

If we work upon marble, it will perish;
If we work upon brass, time will efface it;
If we rear temples, they will crumble into dust;
But if we work upon immortal souls,
If we imbue them with principles,
With the just fear of the Creator and love of fellowman,
We engrave on those tablets something which will brighten eternity.

"Mozart was a Mason. He died at age 35. Could modern medicine have saved him?" This is the provocative heading on an Illinois Masonic Medical Center leaflet promoting its Development Fund. The release notes: "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart joined the Masons in Vienna in 1784 and it is known he did not take his membership lightly. Several compositions resulted from his Masonic association."

It's what we learn after we think we know it all that really counts.

C. Kritt, Reporter
What Rainbow Means to Me

By Kini Kedigh
Past Worthy Advisor
Millington No. 30, Millington, Tennessee

Five years ago in November, when my dear friend (and "Big Sister"), Mary Calhoun, brought me into the Millington Assembly Room, my first impression was the closeness and sincere feeling each Rainbow Girl had for the other.

In each office I served, there was a specific rewarding responsibility that brought a sense of fulfillment with the end of each term.

Visiting other assemblies brought an opportunity to meet new friends, all with the same set of morals, dreams and goals.

The honor that comes with the high office of Worthy Advisor is now reflected upon with pride and a rewarding knowledge of accomplishment. Leadership in Rainbow is a special kind of understanding and direction. The comforting and assuring guidance of the Mother Advisor builds a beautiful relationship and bridges the barrier of women and girls.

A new dimension is added to Rainbow's endeavor with participation in Grand Assembly. The ultimate honor of obtaining the Grand Cross of Color is a precious moment in the life of a Rainbow Girl and forever seals the bond of all Rainbow achievement.

A meaning of Rainbow love that is paramount is the rewards that come through planning and working together. Each service symbol that is earned has its own special meaning for that particular part of Rainbow ritual.

Whenever the beautiful words of the initiation ceremony are read they capture a new sentiment and become deeper engraved in one's memory.

Rainbow means all of this to me and although part of it now will be a beautiful girlhood memory, new understanding continues to emerge from Rainbow work and will always be close to my heart.

Mortgage Burning Pending

Pittsfield Lodge No. 790, Pittsfield, Illinois, incurred "a heavy debt" in 1967 when it purchased what Grand Commander Thomas W. Richards reports was "a choice piece of property upon which a church building stood and which required extensive alterations."

As relayed by the Illinois Grand Commander, "at the stated Conclave of Ascalon Commandery No. 49 in October 1970, Eminent Commander Ralph Blalock proposed that the Commandery undertake the project of raising sufficient funds to pay off the mortgage for Pittsfield Lodge.

"The response was far beyond expectations. The amount needed was raised in less than eight weeks. In the near future, the Lodge plans a mortgage burning ceremony."

A Reminder

Let us be men. Face the truth of Masonry today. We have forgotten our Entered Apprentice lecture. Let's not just remember it; let's live it. You will see a different man in the mirror, a man you can be proud of, a man whose conviction sells Masonry.

Sir Knight J. D. Miller
Celina, Ohio
The Hobby That Grew — And Grew


This began a Templar hobby that has grown thru the 20 intervening years until Sir Knight Julius has a personal collection of more than 3,000 slides of Masonic events.

He has photographed practically every Pennsylvania Grand Conclave, Installations of Officers in the Gettysburg-York-Harrisburg area of the state, receptions of Grand Officers, Christmas Observances, Easter Services, Anniversaries and other special activities in which Masons and Templars were involved.

Clark, appointed official Grand Commandery photographer in May 1964, when the present Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, Paul C. Rodenhauser, was concluding his term as Grand Commander, is a Past Commander of York Commandery No. 21, and possesses a long and impressive record of Masonic offices and memberships. He is serving as Grand Secretary of the Grand Master’s “A” Chapter, Allied Masonic Degrees. He and his wife, Mae (two daughters and three grandchildren), are to be seen whenever there is a gathering of Knights Templar and ladies.

And Sir Knight Clark still carries his little brown photographer’s bag with him wherever he goes.

Senior Templars

Edward J. Bullock, 97 years old in September of 1970, was Knighted in Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, Milwaukee, in 1898. He affiliated with Siloam Commandery No. 54, Oak Park, Illinois, in 1922. He lives at 822 William Street, River Forest, Illinois 60305. Among other Masonic offices he has served as M.I. Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine.

Otto C. Nutting, St. Amand Commandery No. 20, West Kennebunk, Maine, was 96 in September of 1970. He was Knighted in 1903. Sir Knight Bullock and Sir Knight Nutting were honored in 1970 for their years of service in Masonry.

Clark H. Leach, Recorder, St. Amand Commandery, and Alvin L. Crump, Recorder, St. John’s Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Chicago, separately raised the question as to whether either Sir Knight was the senior Templar in the Grand Encampment.

Names of any Templar of longer service, with Masonic information, will be welcomed by the Editor of the Knight Templar Magazine.
“Endowed with Three Excellent Qualities . . .”

THE TEMPLAR’S SWORD

by

Henry McKenzie
Toledo Commandery No. 7, Toledo, Ohio
Pastor Emeritus, College Presbyterian Church, Murray, Kentucky

The Hilt of Justice

In Templary, we know there is an urgent need for the recovery of what we formerly called “the scrupulous conscience.” It refers to moral sensitivity, to integrity and to a quality of trustworthiness with honor that gives the Masonic morality and reverence a place in human character. Of course, we believe that justice should be tempered with mercy. We begin, however, with the HILT; we end with the sword’s POINT. Justice has a firm hold in our Christian ethics. Templarism is a sacrament more than a fellowship, and its life comes from Golgotha. I remember one of the first sermons I tried to preach... It is safe to follow the crowd, but we take Judas’ place at the altar alone.

It is true in our modern world that we have reduced our ethics to etiquette and we are blind to the law of justice necessary in our social environment. We follow customs, not righteousness. We are more concerned with status than with the Kingdom of God. We overlook the fact we are building a building not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. Templarism sets us apart from social engineering to rebuilding the temple and the practice of every virtue. Even if we fail in a just cause, we are assured the cause will flourish like the green bay tree. Truth crushed to earth shall rise again. The way of the Cross is eternal life. When we tune in the television we adjust the horizontal with the vertical. The Knight adjusts his social life with the spiritual, the temporal with the eternal, the human with the divine, the earthly life of the pilgrim with

the reflection: “In hoc signo vinces.”

There are well-meaning Sir Knights constantly urging the Commandery to avoid controversial subjects and to confine itself to local interest in charity and brotherhood. Our mission is our commission to the widow and orphan, the hungry and sick. We begin at the altar but that gives strength for building with material tools for spiritual ends. The sword repudiates the law of the jungle and answers the call to live and help live. If we have the active sword it will be drawn to give that freedom to others which we demand for ourselves. The sword of Justice is lifted declaring “Magna est veritas et prevalebit – Truth is mighty and will prevail with justice.”

The Blade with Fortitude

In this age of social convulsion we have to lay hold of fortitude if we are to keep and develop our Christian Knighthood. We live in a sea of social storms; in fact our young people have never known a tranquil society. It is no longer a matter of finding a way; our problem is to ascertain if there is A Way! Insecurity is the eminent characteristic of this era. Every Knight has committed himself to throw the power of the Blade against inherent inequities. There is no salvation without the shedding of blood. Righteous indignation is our heritage and our challenge to meet the power of demoniacal intimidation. In the year 1307 Grand Master Jacques DeMolay and sixty of his Knights were imprisoned in Paris. DeMolay and fifty-four of the Knights were burned alive May 13, 1310. Accept
the Cross and crucifixion to find the resurrection. There is no crown without the Cross. The sword is not an instrument of compromise.

In ancient Israel, the right of a man to unmolested possession of his homestead was sacred. King Ahab decided his palace grounds should include the land of Naboth. The humble peasant confronted the King with these words, “The Lord forbid it me that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.” We remember the one in the Third Libation saying, “The word I will not give.” The Templar’s Blade champions every truth and justice. The Knights of the Cross, like the ancient prophets, would not surrender liberty for conscience for security. They met tyrants, inquisitors, persecutors and fanatics saying, “The Lord forbid that I should give my inheritance unto any one undubbed by the sword of Christ.” The widow’s son had uncompromising convictions. Death was the way to life.

The Son of God came to bring a sword. His disciples misunderstood Him. He entered the city of Jerusalem against the advice of the disciples. They wanted safety first; Christ wanted righteousness first. He endured the torture and shame without defence. Now He is going up the hill that turns not back and there, in physical agony, He talks of paradise. His Blade of Fortitude endured to the end. In the asylum we take the sword and courage comes. It is God’s way with man. The real Templar leaves a heritage of courage. He has drawn his sword from the hilt with justice and endured with fortitude.

It’s Point with Mercy

The Old Testament has one supreme ethical value, that is, Justice; the supreme value of the New Testament is Mercy. This does not, however, mean remission of penalty, or the relaxing of a demand which might have been enforced. The basic idea in Christianity is kindness. In Knighthood, it is the kindness of Darius, King of Persia, who allowed the exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the Temple. He also restored all the holy vessels remaining in his possession that had been taken from Jerusalem when the children of Israel were carried away captive to Babylon and reserved by Cyrus.

The Prelate reads the record, “Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with a multitude with swords. Now he that betrayed Him, gave them a sign, saying: ‘Whosoever I shall kiss, the same is He.’ He came to Jesus and said, ‘Hail, Master,’ and kissed Him.” At the Last Supper Jesus said to Judas, “You see, I love you. Now can you do this to me? Judas, I love you!” Jesus was reluctant to let him go on with the wicked bargain. This is divine charity – it is mercy over and above the call of justice. In every biography in the entire Scriptures, we find men missing the mark, i.e., sin, faults and failures, not only ask mercy from God but from men. Mercy, like justice, equality and deity, cannot be defined. A definition is a limitation and there can be no limit to Mercy. It is compassion that mitigates penalties; it lubricates friction. At our wits’ end and our complete resignation we appeal for mercy. The merciful, like the peacemakers, are children of God. The sword, with Justice, Fortitude and Mercy, gives us the most difficult ethical, social and judicial problems.

The Sir Knight realizes in Mercy, human or divine, there must be a redemptive quality. It is not only negative; it is positive so that character can build on a firmer foundation. It must be just; it may be severe. Its purpose is to bring healing; we hurt to heal. The unmerciful have no right to ask for mercy. “Forgive us of our debts as we forgive our debtors.”

As Templars we are under the arch of steel and we bring from the scabbard the
East Central Conference

A January announcement from Department Commander Ned E. Dull, Van Wert, Ohio, states that the 1971 East Central Department Conference is scheduled March 27, at the Sheraton-Dayton Hotel, Dayton, Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28. Previously, the conference had been announced for Friday and Saturday, March 26-27.

The three-way gathering, in cooperation with the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council representatives, Stuart M. Rutter and William H. Harmon, will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, with separate meetings. A combined session is scheduled for Sunday morning.

Registrations will be accepted at the scene starting Friday evening, the 26th. A combined dinner will be served Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Ladies accompanying attendees at the York Rite workshop conference will be invited to the Saturday dinner.

**Brother Bart Starr Stars**

_The Wisconsin Masonic Journal_ for January noted that President Nixon’s recent visit to Wisconsin was to pay tribute to Packer football star, Brother Bart Starr, at a testimonial program in the Brown County Arena.

President Nixon, an ardent football fan, lauded Brother Starr for his "leadership qualities, his character, his moral fiber." Starr then led the President onto the Arena floor introducing him to members of the Packer squad and their wives.

Nixon recalled that Starr sat on the bench when he joined the club as a reserve quarterback but rose to become the greatest quarterback in football history.

Sir Knight Earl B. Bauer, Wisconsin’s Grand Recorder, notes that another football great in Wisconsin, Ray Nitschke, is a fellow Mason.

**Midwest Grotto Ceremonial**

Dr. R. G. Larsen, Chicago, was named Regional Chairman of what was described as a Gala Grotto (Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets) Ceremonial February 5 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 915 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, starting at 8:00 p.m.

The release from C. B. Montis, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Council, noted that “our Grand Monarch, Ralph L. Shepherd...and all of the Grand Line Officers of the Supreme Council...and all officers of the Midwest Grotto Association” were to be in attendance.

Some 100 candidates and several “top dignitaries in Masonry” were expected – the latter to be made Prophets-at-Sight by the Grand Monarch.
GRAND COMMANDER’S MESSAGE

This is not a rerun of December’s insert titled MEMBERSHIP, which was submitted by Sir Knight Ewart Roberts, D.G.C., and the membership committee. However, it deals with a directive issued by our M.E.G.M., S.K. G. Wilbur Bell, who has designated February as Membership Month.

Membership is Templary’s toughest problem, and this issue of the Knight Templar contains articles pertaining to our problem. It would be well for each Knight Templar to reread the December issue, and to digest thoroughly the articles in this issue. The December article was written 30 days prior to the birth of the Grand Master’s ideas, but, it now automatically makes each Sir Knight receiving the magazine a member of his Commandery’s MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

In General Order No. 1 I pointed out that this Grand Commandery could last 60 years if the annual loss of members averaging 389 was sustained. I hope that our membership 23,887 as of May 1, 1970 can be judged the “Absolute bottom” and the only way is upward.

Having a sales talk on your tongue, a determined mind to achieve a goal, a petition in your hand, GO GET ‘EM. We could turn the corner this year with YOUR HELP.

William D. Geesey
Grand Commander

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Have you made your reservations for the Pennsylvania Pilgrimage, April 9-11, to Washington D.C. for the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service? If not contact your Eminent Commander and do so NOW. This weekend is a high point of our Templar year. The “Pa. Package Plan” includes housing, the traditional Pa. Dinner Sat. Evening (which will be attended by most of the Grand Encampment Officers), transportation to and from the service, Grand Encampment breakfast after the service, all taxes and gratuities, BUT DOES NOT include transportation to and from Washington.

Double occupancy (per person) one night $24.50 two nights $37.00
Single occupancy (per person) one night $31.50 two nights $51.75
Single event registration is also available; see your Eminent Commander for details.
PETITION FOR CAPITULAR DEGREES, ROYAL ARCH MASONS

To: __________ Chapter, No. ____ R.A.M.

The applicant, a Master Mason in good standing and a member of __________
Lodge No. ____ located at __________ State of __________ respectfully prays that the Degrees of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be conferred upon him.

He was born at __________ State of __________ on the ___ day of ______; has been a resident of the State of __________ for the past ___ months and by occupation is a __________ He has never before petitioned a Chapter and been rejected. (State exception, if any:

If elected he promises to yield cheerful obedience to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter and the By-Laws and Regulations of this Chapter. (If required in any jurisdiction: He represents that he has a certificate of proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Degree of Master Mason.)

Signed the ___ day of ______, 19___

(Sign name in full)

Residence: ____________________________ Tel. No. ______________

Business: ____________________________ Tel. No. ______________

(Where applicable) PETITION FOR CRYPTIC DEGREES, R. AND S. MASTERS

To: __________ Council No. ______, Royal and Select Masters

The undersigned respectfully represents he is at this time a member of __________ Lodge No. __________, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of __________, is a member or has applied to __________ Chapter No. __________.

Royal Arch Masons, Located at __________; for the degrees conferred therein, and hereby fraternal petitions for the degrees conferred in this Council, promising obedience to the Rules and Regulations of the Council and those of the Grand Council of __________

Signed this ___ day of ______, 1971.

(Sign name in full)

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

To: The Officers and Sir Knights of __________ Commandery No. __________

The undersigned represents he received the Degree of Master Mason in __________ Lodge No. __________, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of __________; that he is at the present time a member of __________ Lodge No. __________, jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of __________; that he received the Degree of Royal Arch Mason in __________ Chapter No. __________; under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of __________, and that he is at the present time a member of __________ Chapter No. __________, jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of __________; (or has petitioned __________ Chapter No. __________ for the Capitular Degrees); that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion and has not been rejected by any Commandery. (State any rejection:

and that prior to the date of this petition he has resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of __________ (or Subordinate) for ___ months; that he is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood and, if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

He has read this petition and signs his full name hereto:

Dated: _______________ Signed in full: _______________

We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the Petitioner and recommend his admission:

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He was weary mentally and physically. Seven years of warfare, marked by retreats, disappointments, near starvation and the constant threat of total defeat, had made inroads upon his strength.

Finally, in October of 1781, when Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktowne, General Washington and his friends, following the surrender ceremonies, felt the justifiable need for celebration.

That evening, the General — taking Lafayette and other friends and officers with him — celebrated in typical fashion. He spent the evening at a Masonic Lodge.

That one significant event, in a life brilliant with highlights, tells the story of Washington, the Mason. There are others that add to the story.

For example, in 1777, a number of Lodges in Virginia met and agreed to form a Grand Lodge. After a convention session on June 23 of that year, the representatives recommended that George Washington be named the first Grand Master.

Washington’s response was that he “did not consider it Masonically legal that one who had never been installed as Master or Warden of a Lodge should be elected Grand Master.”

Another Masonic highlight: In 1788, Alexandria Lodge, after working under a charter from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, decided to transfer itself to the Grand Lodge of its own state. With his consent, General Washington was chosen to be the first Worshipful Master under the new charter. He was installed on April 28, 1788, and was reelected the following December. He was still Master of his Lodge when he took his oath of office as President of the United States, April 30, 1789.

Washington’s inauguration ceremonies in New York City were strongly Masonic. On each step of his journey to New York from Mt. Vernon, he was attended by distinguished Masons in public office. Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, administered the oath. General Jacob Marston, who succeeded Livingston as Grand Master in 1801, served as Marshal for the occasion. Another future Grand Master, General Morgan Lewis, was Washington’s personal escort for the inauguration.

When ceremonies were held in 1793 to lay the cornerstone of the new Capitol at the site of the City of Washington, President Washington set the stone with a gavel carved from a stone for the building, and trowel still in the possession of the Alexandria Lodge. He wore a Masonic Apron given to him by Lafayette — which is preserved in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

When Washington lay dying in December of 1799, he was attended by three physicians. Each was a Mason; one was a Worshipful Master. The Masonic ceremonies following his death were in charge of his own Lodge.

A resolute fighter, a courtly gentleman; a devout and inspired leader; a rich man who risked his wealth and his life for his country; a man of honor and conviction beyond man’s ability to measure, George Washington was a Mason. He believed in Masonry. He lived and died — a Mason!
With those three exceptions, wherever you live, wherever your membership may be, you will find pages 28 and 29 devoted to a jurisdiction-wide, unified, concerted membership theme — including a York Rite petition for your use during February, Membership Recruitment Month.

I urge you, in your own jurisdiction, to make use of the material on pages 28 and 29 of this issue. The petition form may not fit precisely each jurisdiction’s format but the Committee on Membership has designed a “universal type,” which we hope will be adaptable in all jurisdictions. I am sure that the initial securing of the interest and signature of a worthy Christian Mason will result, even if re-signing is necessary or desirable, in a successful campaign. Please make your membership recommendations and submit your petitions to your own officers, not to the Grand Encampment office.

Let us unite to make the benefits of our Order available to other qualified brethren. I ask for your full-hearted cooperation and your active participation in making Templary stronger than ever in 1971.

We are all justly proud to be Templars. During this year — starting now — let’s make it possible to share that fraternal pride with more and more of our worthy Masonic associates.

Courteously,

[Signature]
TEMLAR TEMPO

Push buttons can speed up or slow down almost everything these days — except man. We are in a heavily mechanized era but we cannot computerize the individual. To make a Templar tick we need motivation, dedication, inspiration, determination and the realization that nothing is accomplished, within Masonry or without, unless we work at it.

Membership Recruitment is no exception — in fact, it's the rule! To accelerate the Templar tempo of membership you and I must stop wishing and start pushing.

As your Membership Committee for the 1970-73 Triennium, we would like you to know that we not only stand willing to assist you, we urge you to give us a job to do for you. We can consult with you, counsel, advise, suggest, recommend, help to provide authorized membership tools. We can aid in a variety of methods, and we will be delighted to hear your views on any phase of membership recruitment.

Please check pages 28 and 29 this month especially. In all jurisdictions except three there is a standardized York Rite petition form for your use. We hope it fits your needs; if not, use your own forms and methods — but USE them! NOW, during February, MEMBERSHIP MONTH.

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