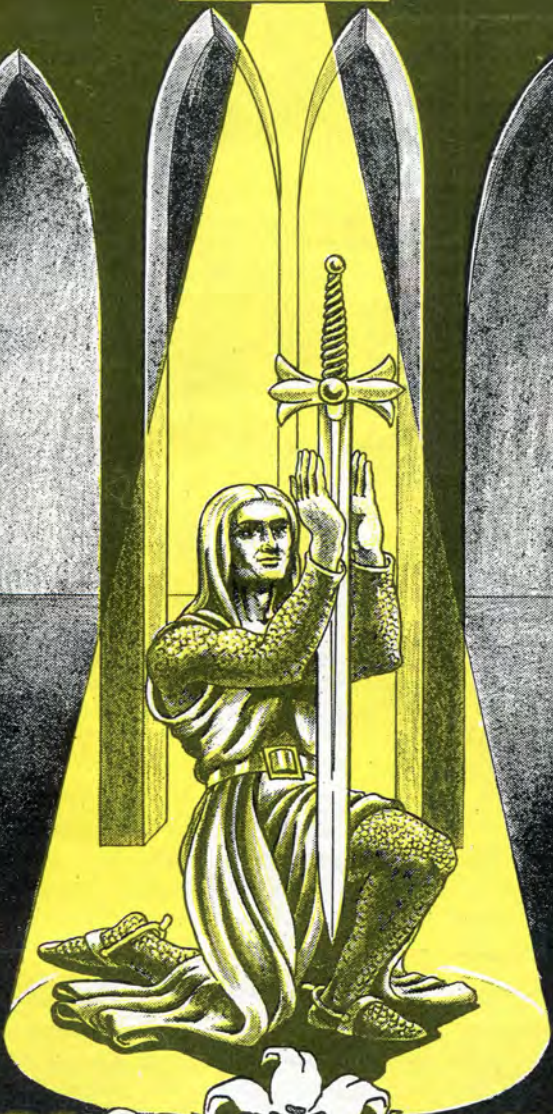


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“GNATS ON THE HIDE OF AN ELEPHANT”

Are we, Sir Knights, sometimes guilty of allowing trivia to divert us from our destiny as Christian Masons?

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who has honored our Order by becoming its Right Eminent Grand Prelate for the current triennium, was the expressive speaker for the Frank S. Land Breakfast at Washington, D. C., February 23, when the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America sponsored its annual salute to the memory of the founder of the Order of DeMolay.



The Imperial Council's breakfast, as usual, was excellently conducted. Outstanding participants were involved in every phase and category, and all deserve a special salute, starting with Imperial Potentate Aubrey G. Graham, who presented an Imperial Council contribution of \$20,000 to the International Order of DeMolay, with Grand Master Walter O. Helwig accepting and expressing the Order's appreciation.

But it was something that Sir Knight Peale addressed to the FBI representatives (who annually assist with the breakfast) that makes my point for this message and this particular occasion.

“Carry back to my good friend, your Director,” he said, “my sincere greetings and warm felicitations. And please tell him to pay no attention to all the pipsqueaks. They are nothing more than gnats on the hide of an elephant – and I certainly mean no disrespect by the term, elephant.” Our Grand Prelate received a great round of applause for the sentiment – as he did for a succession of other succinct Peale observations and comments during the address.

Letting “gnats on the hide of an elephant” disturb or distract us is something each of us must guard against. Too often, we are apt to allow trivia to control our attention, our time and our effort to the detriment of major needs and benefits. Too frequently, we let the trees block our view of the forest. We become immersed in our own pet views, our own pet



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The Easter illustration was especially executed for the
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Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver. Sir Knight Pool, an

Honorary 33^o, Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, is a veteran of World War II, a commercial artist, lives in Aurora, Colorado, and spends his vacations in the desert and mountains making sketches for future works of art.



From the MAIL BIN

Happy! Yes, I'm happy to be a new Sir Knight. Sad! But I'm sad that I didn't join 15 or 10 or 5 years ago. Why not? No one asked me to join and I didn't take the initiative. Sounds familiar doesn't it? But it doesn't get new members. They don't just appear.

But we can break the log jam. We can take our recent appointment by Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell to heart. We are all now members of our Commandery's Membership Committee. Let's get to the task.

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For some time I have been trying to get around to let you know how much I enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine*. I moved back to my home town from Pensacola, Florida, after retirement from the Frisco Railroad and the closest York Rite bodies are at West Plains, Missouri, about 30 miles away. Not having a car I will be unable to attend. The *Knight Templar Magazine* lets me know what is going on over the country.

I enjoyed attending the Pensacola meetings and I think the York Rite has a lot that would do all Blue Lodge Masons a lot of good. I am Senior Warden in Clifton Lodge 463 here and Worthy Patron in Mt. Zion Chapter 229 O.E.S.

J. L. HACKETT
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I would like to learn whether my grandfather, Alex S. Smilie, was a Knight Templar. I know he was a Royal Arch Mason as my mother told me so. His father, Rev. James Smilie, came from Edinburgh, Scotland. My grandfather died in Mississippi just after the Civil War. If anyone has information, please let me know.

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I have read the article, "Masonic Timepieces," by Robert J. Lewinski and was deeply interested.

In 1965 the Masonic Bowling League of which I was secretary for some 29 years presented me a watch with Masonic symbols on its face. It is a Hamilton make.

It resembles the Dudley Masonic timepiece with these differences: at 12 it has Blue Lodge symbol with the G, at 3 the Plumb, at 6 the Open Bible, at 9 the Level, 11 the Trowel, 1 the Mallet or Setting Maul, 5 the Compass and 7 the Square. The hands and second hand are plain. All emblems are in gold. No other figures are present. It is duly inscribed on the back. What is on the inside I do not know as I have never had it open.

I prize this gift very much and show it to everyone interested.

I am not a Scottish Rite Mason, but a York Rite all the way. I am not a Shriner but I have the Chapter, Council and Commandery. My Blue or Symbolic Lodge is West Gate No. 520, Detroit, Michigan.

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In your January 1971 issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* my husband and I were fascinated with the article on "Masonic Timepieces." We would like to inquire if there is a catalogue on these or any other watches. If so, where would we be able to get one? Any information on "Masonic Timepieces," new or old, would be appreciated. We would very much like to order a watch, if we can get the information.

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A note on your article on page 12 of your January issue, on President Roosevelt Raising his sons. Visitors that night were permitted by invitation only. A big Irish cop was at the door to collect the cards. One brother, without a card, explained, "You do not know who I am. I'm the High Priest of a Chapter up in Westchester County." The reply was "I don't care if you are the High Priest at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, you can't get in here without a card."

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RE: Kirk, Son, Installation

Kirk, Father — p. 16, February Issue

On June 24, 1969, our immediate Past Master, Brother Ogden Kyle Jones, Jr., installed his father, Brother Ogden Kyle Jones, Sr., as Master of South Park Lodge No. 1320, A.F. & A.M., Beaumont, Texas. Brother Jones, Jr., conferred the Blue Lodge Degrees on his father. Brother W. O. Parmley, deceased, a son-in-law served as Senior Warden, Brother Robert E. Moyer, another son-in-law served as Junior Warden and gave the Lectures. Brother Jones, Sr., conferred the Degrees upon Brother W. K. Parmley, a grandson, and Hal O. Courts, a nephew. Brother Robert E. Moyer is now serving as Master of South Park Lodge. The only picture of this installation is now in the Museum of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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On January 13 last I wrote to the Commanderies at Spokane, Washington, and Sandpoint, Idaho, advising them that our Preceptory had quite a number of K.T. tunics and chapeaus which we no longer use due to the present dress we have, mantles and red pill box hats.

In receiving a reply from Guy Sligar, he stated both Spokane and Sandpoint Commanderies have a surplus of uniforms in their armories. He suggested your magazine to advertize that we have these tunics and chapeaus, since you have a circulation over the whole United States. Possibly some Commandery would accept our offer of giving this regalia away.

It would be very much appreciated if you would mention this in your magazine. If any Commandery can use this type of regalia they can have same by paying the shipping charges or have someone from Cataract Commandery come up to Trail and pickup the regalia for them.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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We would greatly appreciate any Sir Knights donating historical Boy Scout items for our museum: Scout handbooks, uniforms, badges, pictures, anything "Scout." Send express collect or we will remit Parcel Post expense.

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I read with interest the short article, "Point of Information," on page 30 of the January 1971 issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

I believe articles of this kind are of interest to some of your readers. They are to me and I would like to see more of them.

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In the beginning I wish to thank you for the continued sending of the *Knight Templar Magazine* every month.

I have two questions to ask. Question No. 1: What is the Masonic Flag (if any) and what does it look like? Some years ago I read an article pertaining to this subject. Many years ago, probably 50, or in the age of sailing vessels and probably some steam, on a certain Christmas Day, a goodly number were at the same time at anchor in an Eastern port, possibly Hong Kong. A Master of one of the vessels *raised the Masonic Flag* and very soon thereafter about half of the vessels in harbor did the same.

Question No. 2: Was Jesus Christ a Mason? Some possible background for thinking that He was. I once read that three years before going on his preaching and teaching itinerary (or before his last three years of life) he disappeared from family, friends and the vicinity in which He lived, and was reported to have gone to a retreat or Monastery of Essens (Masons) near the Dead Sea.

We all know the old hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" in which the refrain includes Christ, the *Royal Master*." I looked it up in the Methodist Hymnal and noted that the refrain was first written 1820. Of course Christ was many times referred to as the Master, but not exactly the *Royal Master*.

If you have any information on these questions I am sure they would be of interest to all Masons.

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As a Civil War buff of many years I have for a long time known of the tale of the Lodge that had remained "at labor" for a half century without an official closing. However, not until I read "A Chapter from Masonic History" in the February issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* did I know the full story of Hiram Lodge No. 40 of Raleigh, North Carolina.

For those who would like to learn more of the story of Freemasonry and the Civil War I suggest the book, "House Undivided," by Allen E. Roberts, published by Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company, New York, New York.

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A piece of legislation has been introduced at the present session of the General Assembly (state legislature) of the State of Virginia to permit the cities and counties to levy real estate taxes against all tax-exempt landholding in Virginia. This would include *all* church property; lodge buildings (Masonic, Shrine, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Moose, etc.); all children's homes; all senior citizens homes, etc. All income producing property for years has been taxed at regular real estate tax rates regardless of who owns it, church or otherwise.

If this legislation is enacted, it would easily spread to other states.

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I most heartily concur with those letters appearing in the current issue of your magazine in urging the return of the sword of the Traunitz family, now in the possession of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

I am not a Mason...yet, but I have been giving membership serious consideration, especially since my father has been active in this work for years as was his father before him.

If, excepting the Christian Church, the Order of Free and Accepted Masons stands on the foundational bases of truth and following after genuine Godliness, then the sword in question will, indeed, be returned to its rightful owners.

I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to Mr. Koeckert and Heldman.

The REV. CARL WIENER
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I was interested in reading an article by Sir Knight J. R. Foreshew in the February issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* regarding the Black Flag Soliloquy.

I received a copy of that Soliloquy from a friend of mine in Missouri several years ago and have used it when conferring the Order of the Temple. It is a good substitute for the one in the Ritual.

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A Message from the R.E. Grand Prelate . . .

I'LL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING

by
Norman Vincent Peale



The following message of Easter inspiration was written by Dr. Peale, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., expressly for the April issue of the Knight Templar Magazine. Sir Knight Peale's next feature will be a July highlight.

It was a long-distance telephone call that spanned nearly half the continent. The voice at one end was feminine, old and frail. The voice at the other end was masculine, vital and crisply strong. It was an aged mother and a beyond middle age son who were speaking.

Strangely and tenderly, sometimes, I grant you, exasperatingly, men to mothers are always little boys. The conversation, therefore, was pitched on that level and she talked to him about the simple, humble, endearing things of the family. She was talking from a little Midwestern village, from an old-fashioned home on a tree-lined street. He was in a towering office building in throbbing and surging Manhattan. But it was a communication between two people who loved each other very deeply.

He knew she wasn't well and he said to her, "Mother, I am flying out tonight and we will have a good time together. You just get everything ready and I will be with you tomorrow."

"Ah," she said, "I will have all the things you like to eat. Won't it be nice to have my boy home again." And then her quavering voice came over the wire, "I'll see you in the morning."

When he arrived in the morning it was to be told that quietly and peacefully during the night his beloved mother had

gone over to the other side. There she lay peacefully sleeping in death. He looked upon her face, upon the lips that would not speak again, and remembered the last words he had heard her say, words he would never forget: "I'll see you in the morning."

This man, a longtime friend, is modern, businesslike, matter-of-fact, sophisticated. I asked him what he thought about that statement: "I'll see you in the morning." He looked at me in surprise. "Why, of course," he said, "I'll see her in the morning."

"How do you know?" I asked.

"Oh," he said, "don't you remember how you and I and our friends used to go to those little country churches a long while ago?" And well I do remember. I am thankful that I grew up in little country churches just after the turn of the century. Looking out the windows you saw no buildings, only fields and hills and woods and the sky. Those preachers weren't always highly educated men but they believed everything they said. And, furthermore, they had spiritual experience to communicate; they knew God through Jesus Christ.

My friend continued, "Don't you remember the old hymn: 'There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar.' And the refrain: 'In the

sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore.' Oh yes," he said, "I haven't the slightest doubt at all that I will see her in the morning. And I don't believe you have any doubt, either."

Since the Bible tells you that there is a land beyond, that there is life after death, that there is immortality, you can be sure it is a fact. And the great minds have always known it. John Morley at the end of his remarkable book of recollections writes: "And so to my home and in the gathering twilight." What home? Why, of course, the many mansions beyond this life of mortality.

I have been reading recently the life of a man I have always admired, Sir William Osler, who has been characterized as the greatest doctor who ever practiced in the United States. Born in Canada, he later taught at Johns Hopkins and finally in England. When he decided to leave the United States to work in England, the greatest financiers in this country offered large sums to keep him here. He trained the Mayo brothers and also Harvey Cushing, the greatest brain surgeon of our time.

Dr. Osler lost a son in World War I. The best physicians in the American army tried to save the boy but his wounds were mortal. Sadly, they laid the body of the beloved son of their dear chief in the earth. This was the beginning of the end for Osler; the boy was the apple of his eye, the idol of his life, the center of his dreams.

Finally, a few years later, he was taken with an illness which he, with his skillful understanding and diagnostic ability, knew to be a mortal disease. He was observed in his last hours writing something on a little sheet of paper. When he was dead they had to pry the paper from his cold hands. This is what it said: "And so the voyage is nearly over and the harbor is in view. It has been a glorious journey, with such good companions

along the way. But I go gladly, for my boy will be waiting for me over there."

Now, can we presume that a mind like Sir William Osler's could be wrong, especially when his faith is built upon the substantiality of the word of God and the permanency of Jesus of Nazareth, as well as intellectual and spiritual history? Nobody anywhere has yet disproved Jesus. He lives, and because He lives, we live also.

So, when you have to come to that sad experience of seeing someone whom you love disappear into the darkness, listen carefully and you will hear him say, "I'll see you in the morning." And when the time comes that you, too, shall go into that darkness, realize to your comfort that darkness is only the prelude to light.

There has never been any darkness that hasn't given way to light. Light is the ruler of the day. Light is the answer, not darkness. Visiting Mount Holyoke College when my daughter was a student there, we walked around the campus and came upon a sundial bearing this inscription: "To larger sight the rim of shadow is the line of light."

With small sight you see only shadow, but to larger sight, the rim of shadow is the line or beginning of light. That is exactly what the resurrection story teaches. Let me illustrate this further. I went out to Kennedy Airport one night to take a plane to Paris. We took off quite late; in fact, it was one o'clock in the morning due to some mechanical difficulty. It was a moonless and starless night. There was rain in the air and some mist; it was very black and dark. When the stewardess came to pull down the window shades, I said, "Please leave mine up; I want to see what I can see."

I sat looking into the darkness. Faintly, far in the distance, a very thin line of golden light appeared. It was then 6 a.m. in Paris. Five hundred miles and

one hour later, that line of light suddenly burst into the amazing glory of the dawn.

That is the way it is. When the final hour comes and deep darkness is there, remember, just remember the words on the sundial: "To larger sight the rim of shadow is the line of light." "I'll see you in the morning."

Ours is a universe of materiality; but materiality is only a demonstration of spirituality. The alive, dynamic universe is full of spirit. A great Harley Street (London) physician once told us that there is no tissue in the human body that isn't essentially spirit.

We have had mystical experiences of life in materiality. I was preaching in Georgia at a Methodist gathering under the leadership of my good friend, Bishop Arthur Moore. It was a real oldtime Methodist gathering.

At the final meeting Bishop Moore asked all the preachers in the congregation to come to the platform, form a choir and sing. As they came, the congregation was singing that old song: "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away." I was sitting on the platform as these preachers came from their places and came down the aisles singing the old hymn. Then I saw him; I saw my dear old father.

Before he died he had suffered several strokes and could hardly move, and his voice was in a whisper. But there came my father down the aisle singing, with a wonderful light on his face: "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light." He seemed about forty; he was trim and vital and healthy and handsome, and he was smiling at me.

When he put up his hand in the old familiar gesture, it was so real that I came up out of my chair. What the people thought I do not know. But only my

father and I were in that big auditorium. Then I sat down and could see him no more; but the inner feeling of his presence was indisputable. I knew that I could say to my father, "I'll see you in the morning."

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Officials Meet with Dr. Peale

Dr. and Sir Knight Norman Vincent Peale, Grand Prelate, Knights Templar, U.S.A., was the featured speaker Tuesday morning, February 23, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., for the annual Frank S. Land Memorial Breakfast sponsored by the Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S. The picture was snapped following the breakfast while Grand Encampment officials conferred with Dr. Peale.



Grand Master Bell, right, consults with the Grand Prelate in company with, left to right, Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser, Past Department Commander Alvin L. Crump and Grand Captain General John B. Cottrell, Jr.

A Personal and National Goal

"When those who are uninjured by injustices are just as concerned as those who are injured."

MASONIC WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sessions of the Allied Masonic bodies, Masonic workshops and seminars, and the Conference of Grand Masters, together with the Conference of Grand Secretaries and attendant events highlighted the February calendar in Washington, D. C.

The Washington Hotel served as headquarters for the February 19-21 Allied Masonic events. Activities in connection with the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons-in North America were scheduled at the Shoreham Hotel starting February 21.

Chronologically, meetings began Friday, February 19, with the Masonic Workshop conducted by the Philaethes Society. February 20 gatherings included the Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A., the Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.; the Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.; installed Master's Council, A.M.D.; Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D.; Great Chief's Council, No. 0, Knight Masons; Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; the Annual Banquet, Allied Masonic Degrees; Masonic Order of the Bath and Ye Antient Order of Corks.

The February 21 meetings at the Washington Hotel featured a Convent General, K.Y.C.H. breakfast; the Society of Blue Friars; the Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.; the Grand College of America, H.R.A.K.T.P. (when Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was elected Grand Preceptor), and the luncheon gathering of the Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Bienfaisants de la Cite Sainte. In the afternoon the dais officers of General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Grand Encampment met as the International York Rite Unity Commission.

The Shoreham February 21 activities included receptions and the annual United Grand Imperial Council dinner-discussion for Masonic leaders, with Grand Sovereign William E. Yeager presiding. February 22 was meeting-day for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, also the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association and the Grand Secretaries' Dinner, with Past Grand Master of Indiana, Dwight L. Smith, as speaker.

Tuesday began with the Frank S. Land Breakfast sponsored by the Imperial Council of Shrine. The speaker was the Grand Prelate of Knights Templar, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. The Grand Masters' Conference and the Grand Secretaries' Conference were in session during the day; the Grand Masters' Banquet was the 7 p.m. feature, with Judge Richard P. Emmet as speaker. The Conference sessions were resumed Wednesday morning, the 24th, and the gatherings concluded with a luncheon by the Supreme Council, 33^o, A. & A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, at the House of the Temple.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

M.W. Brother Samuel McIntosh, Past Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, announced his unavailability for office after 13 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus by acclamation. To replace him as the guiding executive for the annual conferences, M.W. Brother William B. Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.



Wm. B. Stansbury, Jr.

Sir Knight Stansbury, member of all York Rite bodies, and a K.C.C.H., Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University (A.B.), and the University of Maryland Law School (LL.B.). He is engaged in the general practice of law in Baltimore. He served for three-and-a-half years as a Special Agent in the Counter-Intelligence Corps (C.I.C.). An active Methodist, he is President and Attorney for the Baltimore Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The new Secretary-Treasurer noted at the Grand Masters' banquet that "this Conference ranks in its efficiency of

operation far above the level of any great conferences of its kind in North America. The stature it has attained is due in great measure to the efforts of this man — Brother Sam McIntosh. His patience and imagination and good humor and tact have served as the tempering ingredient which has drawn us together and made this Conference the positive force for good which it is today. The 4,000,000 Masons we represent, if they were with us in this room tonight, would join me in saluting him. . . He is one of the truly great Masons of North America."

The Conference was opened February 23 by Robert P. Joyce, P.G.M., Indiana, Conference Vice Chairman 1970, in place of P.G.M. William A. Hooks of North Carolina who was ill and could not attend. The following officers for 1971 were elected: Conference Chairman: Herbert A. Heubner, Grand Master of Masons of California; Vice Chairman: Claude M. Collie, Grand Master of Masons of Arkansas; Executive Secretary Treasurer: William B. Stansbury, Jr., P.G.M. of Masons of Maryland, Chairman of the Conference Committee for 1972: Thomas R. Dougherty, D.G.M., New Jersey, Chairman, Time and Place Committee: Stanley A. Johnson, Grand Master of New Hampshire.

The Keynote address by George R. Effinger, Grand Master of Kentucky, was on the theme of the Grand Masters Conference, "Masonry's Relevance to the Modern World." Group discussions were held as follows:

1. The Masonic Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of 1776.
2. Should our fraternity try to keep pace with the changing world?
3. Is leadership training the most imperative need in Masonry today?

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4. Would it be advisable to open our Temples for Youth and Community activities?

The Conference gave authority for further discussions in 1972 of the Masonic Celebration of the 200th Anniversary and the possibility of holding the Conference of 1976 in Philadelphia.

Later the reports summarizing the conclusions reached at the four group discussions were given.

The Grand Masters' Banquet was highlighted by an address by the Honorable Bro. Richard P. Emmet, Circuit Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit of Alabama, who spoke on the theme of the Conference to the nearly 900 in attendance.

The Time and Place Committee

reported the 1972 Grand Masters' Conference would be in Washington, D.C., Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22 and 23, preceded by a reception 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, with the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association on Monday.

The report of the Commission on Information for Recognition was given by P.G.M. Donald E. Gardner, Maine, in the absence of P.G.M. Samuel A. Hennis, Jr., North Carolina, who could not be present because of illness. It covered the early history of the Commission as furnished by Dr. Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts and former Secretary, and in addition reported on Brazil, Belgium, France, Cuba, Grand Lodge of France, Grand Orient of Italy and Turkey.

MEETINGS, ALLIED MASONIC BODIES

By Wylie B. Wendt, Past Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council, A.M.D.

The program of the meetings of the Allied Masonic Bodies was carried out as scheduled, all meetings being held in the Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C.

The first meeting was the Masonic Workshop, Friday evening, February 19, under the auspices of the Philalethes Society, William R. Denslow, President. The program was a panel discussion of the topic, "are Physical Requirements Essential to Freemasonry?" Dr. Eugene S. Hopp, Past Grand Master of Masons in California, was the moderator. Six papers were read and discussed.

The Grand College of Rites held its 40th Annual Convocation February 20 at 9:30 a.m., J. Landis Randall, Pennsylvania, Grand Chancellor, presiding. John Zeitlow, New York, was elected Grand Chancellor and Herbert A. Fisher, Virginia, was reelected Grand Registrar. Forty Brethren were elected to membership and obligated as fellows of the college.

Grand Master's Council "A", A.M.D., opened its 38th Annual Communication at 10:30 a.m., Joseph C. Richmond, Maryland, Sovereign Master, presiding. Forty Royal Arch Masons were elected to membership and obligated. The Red Branch of Eri was awarded to Marvin E. Fowler, Virginia; Morrison L. Cooke, Kentucky, and James R. Case, Connecticut. Alvin L. Crump, Illinois, was elected Sovereign Master and C. Clark Julius, Pennsylvania, was reelected Secretary.

The Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. was opened at 11:30 a.m. in its 39th Annual Communication by Wylie B. Wendt, Kentucky, Sovereign Grand Master. Reports of the S.G.M., the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were received. Grand Council recessed at 12:30 p.m.

Installed Master's Council, A.M.D., opened at 2 p.m. In the absence of Murray C. Alexander, Sovereign Master,

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the degree was conferred upon a class by John H. Pierczyzaski, P.S.G.M., acting as Sovereign Master.

The Council of the Nine Muses, No. 13, A.M.D., opened at 2:30 p.m., William G. Peacher, Sovereign Master, presiding. Eight of the nine members were present. William E. Yeager, Pennsylvania, was elected Sovereign Master and, according to established custom, he presented a paper, "The Uniqueness of Pennsylvania Masonry." The Senior Warden, Wylie B. Wendt, Kentucky, was given notice that as the Sovereign Master the following year he would be expected to prepare and read a paper.

Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., opened its Fourth Annual meeting at 3:00 p.m., James R. Case, Connecticut, Excellent Chief, presiding. Several candidates were inducted into the council. Walter M. McCracken, Virginia, was named Scribe.

Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., was opened at 3:30 p.m., Henry Emmerson, Great Chief, presiding. Robert L. Grubb, North Carolina, was elected Great Chief and J. Landis Randall, Pennsylvania, was reelected Grand Scribe.

Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis opened its Triennial Convocation at 4:45 p.m., Harold V. B. Voorhis, Supreme Magus, presiding. Routine business was conducted.

The annual banquet of the Allied Masonic Degrees was held in the ballroom at 6:00 p.m. Wylie B. Wendt, S.G.M., presiding. Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Illinois, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and P.S.M., Grand Master's Council "A", A.M.D., spoke on "Our American Heritage" to 199 persons.

Business in Grand Council, A.M.D., was resumed at 8:00 p.m. with committee reports and routine business.

Charters were granted to eleven councils U.D. William J. J. Fleming, West Virginia, was elected and installed Sovereign Grand Master and Robert L. Grubb, North Carolina, was reelected Grand Secretary. G. Wilbur Bell, Illinois, was started in Grand Council line. Grand Council was closed at 9:25 p.m.

The Masonic Order of the Bath met in 49th Annual Assembly at 10:00 p.m., Henry Emmerson, New York, Commander General, presiding. Ye Ancient Order of Corks met in its 45th Cellar at 11:00 p.m., William C. Reilly, Grand Bung of America, presiding. These two organizations are the fun groups and each had a class of fifty-seven candidates. The Order of the Bath has had a total of 1,161 members from 40 states, the District of Columbia and 12 foreign countries since its inception in 1921.

On February 21, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, had breakfast in the hotel at 7:30 a.m., Charles F. Adams, Nebraska, Grand Master General, presiding. The attendance was in excess of 100. It was announced that the 36th Annual Conclave of Convent General will be held on September 24 and 25, 1971, at Omaha, Nebraska.

The Society of Blue Friars held its 39th Annual Consistory at 9:00 a.m., Harold V. B. Voorhis, New Jersey, Grand Abbot, presiding. The newly elected Blue Friar was the Reverend Donovan D. Tidwell, D.D., Texas, who read a very interesting paper, "The Influence of Masonry in the Frontier Days of Texas."

Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, opened its 39th Annual Ingathering at 10:00 a.m., D. Peter Laguens, Louisiana, Grand Preceptor, presiding. Several important items of business were disposed of. G. Wilbur Bell, Illinois, was elected Grand Preceptor; George C. Moreland, Virginia, was reelected Grand Registrar. Arthur W. Craft, Ohio, was appointed Grand Outer Guard.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES

by M.W. Brother Dwight L. Smith
Past Grand Master of Indiana

Discussion of seven topics pertaining to Grand Lodge administrative practices kept the Conference of Grand Secretaries busy for a crowded one and one-half days' schedule.

Subjects included on the agenda were: Automated Record Keeping; Membership Transfers, Demits, Resignations and Certificates; Simplified Forms; Insurances for Masonic Organizations: Past, Present and Future; View of the Membership Situation; Memorial Practices for Sojourning Masons; More on Grand Representatives.

President Archer B. Gay of Virginia presided at the sessions and introduced four new Conference members: Albert W. Abramson, Rhode Island; Frank A. Arnold, Missouri; Robert A. Hinshaw, Ohio; Charles T. Jackson, Iowa, and William T. Minnick, District of Columbia.

Later in the Conference William B. Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Masons in Maryland and newly elected Executive Secretary of the Conference of Grand Masters, was elected an associate member.

Tributes were presented in memory of five Grand Secretaries or former Grand Secretaries who had died during the year just ending: Andrew J. White, Jr., Ohio; Herbert A. Crowell, Rhode Island; Harry B. Savage, District of Columbia; Charles T. Sherman, Michigan, and John H. N. Morgan, British Columbia.

Announcement of the death of Ralph E. Whipple, Grand Secretary Emeritus of Iowa, also was made during the Conference sessions and a telegram of sympathy was dispatched to Mrs. Whipple.

The annual Conference banquet, held on the evening preceding the opening of the Conferences sessions, had as its speaker the longtime Secretary-Treasurer, Dwight L. Smith of Indiana, whose subject was "Put on Thy Strength."

Julian B. Hollingsworth, West Virginia, was elected President for 1971-72, with Harvey C. Byrd, Texas, First Vice President, and Edward H. Siems, California, Second Vice President. Dwight L. Smith was reelected Secretary-Treasurer.

MASONIC WEEK ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Philalethes Workshop session February 19 was conducted by Eugene S. Hopp, P.G.M., California, well-known physician and Masonic student. The Philalethes President is William R. Denslow, P.G.M., Missouri. The workshop subject: "Are Physical Requirements Essential to Masonry?"

The speaker for the Annual Banquet of the Allied Masonic Degrees, February 20, was the Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell. Wylie B. Wendt, as Sovereign Grand Master, presided.

Twenty one leaders of Masonic bodies were guests of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, for a dinner-discussion Sunday, February 21. Grand Sovereign William E. Yeager hosted the gathering and presided for the Masonic discussions.

During the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Monday, February 22, Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell presented a check for \$1,000 to the Association as the Grand Encampment's contribution toward maintenance of the memorial.

Ninety Nine and Thirty One-Hundredths

Three years ago the Grand Recorder's office in Chicago began to receive roster returns from Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Recorders to establish a compilation of all Templar membership records and to provide, additionally, a mailing list for the *Knight Templar Magazine*. The consistent cooperation of some 1,600 Recorders has resulted in a compilation which the Grand Recorder calls "almost perfect." Post Office returns of magazine labels, a sure measurement of the updating efficiency of Recorders, average one-half of one percent.

A half dozen Commanderies among the 1,600 have not updated their rosters. In addition to causing incomplete membership records, lack of monthly updatings prevents a small number of members from receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine*. Members not receiving the magazine should be advised to contact their local Recorders to verify their listings, also to relay changes of address.

Stone Graduation Speaker at Cook County Jail

Sir Knight W. Clement Stone, millionaire insurance executive and father of PMA (Positive Mental Attitude), was the featured speaker for February graduation exercises at the Cook County Jail, Chicago.

Thirty men graduated from the Programmed Activities for Correctional Education (PACE) Institute at the jail. Stone, a member of Evanston Commandery No. 58, Illinois, contributed \$22,000 of the \$88,000 cost of the facility. The inmates take academic courses, vocational training and a course in PMA.

One of the graduates told how PMA helped him. "It's how I overcame my fear of standing up and facing you," he told the audience.

"The Clergy and the Craft"

The Rev. Forrest Haggard is the author of "The Clergy and the Craft," a book on the subject of the relationship between Freemasonry and the churches. It is available at \$4.00 a copy from the Educational Bureau, Box 529, Trenton, Missouri.

Charles Higgins Resigns

Sir Knight Charles Higgins, the "voice" of Freemasonry to tens of thousands he instructed in the work for more than 50 years, has resigned as Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania after 34 years of service.

A Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, the 98 year old Sir Knight has led all of his local York Rite bodies. He is a member of St. Alban Commandery No. 47.

Bell Knights Kalber

Chicago television personality Floyd M. Kalber, 33° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J., was Knighted March 11 by Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell.

The Orders were conferred under the auspices of Chicago Heights Commandery No. 78, James Whitley, Commander, for Englewood Commandery No. 59, both of Illinois. Council degrees were conferred earlier in the day.

Coming next month - listing of meeting dates and locations for national Masonic and Masonically-affiliated bodies.

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Masonic Club to Honor Williams

Brother John J. Williams, who recently concluded his career in the United States Senate, will be guest of honor April 16 at a dinner sponsored by the Masonic Club of Delaware. The former senator is an Honorary 33^o Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J. Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury will join the members of the Masonic fraternity in Delaware for the Wilmington program.

Missouri Sesquicentennial Class

W. Bush Walden, Grand Commander, has set a minimum goal of 63 candidates for the Sesquicentennial Class when the Order of the Temple will be conferred Saturday afternoon, May 15, at Springfield during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

The class will be named in honor of Missouri's Grand Master, M.W. Brother William H. Chapman.

Layne and Laird Retire

At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina, with Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell in attendance, the Rev. Henry F. Collins, P.G.C., was elected to replace Sir Knight Hugh N. Layne, who retired as longtime Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite bodies of South Carolina.

John W. Laird, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, has retired due to ill health. Grand Commander William Geesey appointed Henry C. Mauldin to replace Laird.

Bell at St. Elmo's 75th

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was the guest of honor at the 75th Anniversary of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland, March 5.



The above picture, courtesy of the dark room talents of P.C. Leighton Harrell, shows G.C. George Fulmer, D.C.; G.C. Charles Cover, Maryland; Grand Master Bell; Commander William VanSant, and G.C. Moffet Sensabaugh, Virginia.

A Virginia Salute

P.G.M. Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, has been saluted by the Commonwealth of Virginia, for "Meritorious Service rendered through the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., to aid the unfortunate in bringing light to many and assisting them back to being wage earners."

The presentation was made by Justice DeWitt Gurnell, who said: "When the history of Rhinebeck has been brought up to date the name of Major General Walter DeLamater will be added to Livingston, Montgomery, Lewis and Morton as the most famous sons of Rhinebeck."

MASONIC NEWS IN TEMPLAR REVIEW

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Earthquake Damages Masonic Temple

The earthquake which struck California's San Fernando Valley February 8 did \$50,000 damage to the Masonic Temple there according to Jimmy Raymond, California Supplement Editor. Outside walls were shifted six to ten inches out of line, the front wall cracked and interior fixtures were badly damaged.

Valley Commandery No. 75, with 150 members living in the path of the possible flood of the damaged Van Norman Dam, carried on business as usual.

Dr. Peale at Chicago

In what the newspapers announced as "his only on-the-road church appearance outside the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City," Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, was the speaker March 4 in the Lenten Preaching Mission, Chicago.

Dr. Peale spoke at 12:10 and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, at the Chicago Temple, First United Methodist Church, Clark at Washington streets, in the Chicago Loop.

Redford Commandery Annual Visitation



Some of the Sir Knights of Redford Commandery No. 55, Detroit, and their ladies who made the visitation to Ithaca Commandery No. 40, Alma, Michigan, January 16.

Since 1965, Redford Commandery Sir Knights and their ladies have made an annual trek to Ithaca Commandery No. 40, for their Annual Inspection at Alma, Michigan, 130 miles northwest of Detroit. Over the years the number of Sir Knights and ladies has increased until buses are now needed to make the trip.

Refreshments were provided aboard the bus this year by the chairman, Sir Knight Robert Trayer and Mrs. Trayer. The event is now partially sponsored by the "Tempo-Club" of Redford Commandery.

BI-CENTENNIAL STATEMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, on February 18, appointed Dr. Sidney L. DeLove as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee for the Observance of America's Bi-Centennial. On February 23, during Masonic Week at Washington, D.C., Sir Knight Bell released the following official statement of Templar bi-centennial policy:

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be an active participant in Masonic and civic observance of the 200th birthday of our nation.

A planning committee has been named with the nationally known author, speaker, patriot, banker and Mason - Dr. Sidney L. DeLove, Chicago - as its chairman.

The Grand Master, officers, members - and the central office of the Grand Encampment - in keeping with the Order's firm belief in, and close identification with, patriotic involvement at every level, and appropriate with its position in the traditions and heritage of Freedom, will develop an active program of cooperative participation with Grand Lodges and other Masonic organizations to suitably mark the bi-centennial of the United States of America.



G. Wilbur Bell
Grand Master
Knights Templar, U.S.A.

The Grand Master's expression of "cooperative participation" gives every indication of being prophetic. In March, Sir Knight DeLove was selected by Grand Sovereign George A. Newbury, 33°, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, to serve as chairman for the Scottish Rite activities of observance, and was named also by M.W. Grand Master Clinton H. Lang, Illinois, to head the Illinois anniversary planning.

Dr. DeLove, in announcing his advance plans, stated that the first step of preparation for a full-scale Masonic observance would be the writing and distribution of an anniversary book, stating the basis for the observance - "who's birthday are we celebrating?" - "what is America?" - "what are we observing?"

Sir Knight DeLove, who is also an Honorary 33°, N.M.J., notes that unified action will help in emphasizing Masonry's overall role in the formation and development of the United States of America.

Sir Knight Carl J. Baesemann, Denver, Chairman of the Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities, is working with Dr. DeLove on bi-centennial plans.

REV. PHILIP JONES TO BE SUNRISE SPEAKER AT ARLINGTON

Rev. Philip R. Jones, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Milton, Pennsylvania, will be the speaker at the 41st Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Service of the Grand Encampment.



Sir Knight Jones, Mt. Hermon Commandery No. 85, Sunbury, Pennsylvania, was recently named "Man of the Year" in Milton. The recognition cites his leadership and participation in all community activities: YMCA, United Community Chest, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Rotary, American Legion.

A Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Rev. Jones has served on the Milton school board, as Director of the YMCA and as Director of the Evangelical Community Hospital. He received the Presidential Citation for Employ the Handicapped in 1967.

The Milton Standard said, "Whether he is delivering an invocation at this meeting, principal speaker at another, acting as master of ceremonies at a dinner, or leading a civic discussion group — or from his own pulpit — his message always springs from the inner fire that impels the man who is Philip Jones: an intense mission for Christian stewardship and fellowship."

The Easter Service will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday, April 11. Knights in full uniform will form lines of march at 7 at the West Gate, near Fort Meyer, for the march to the Amphitheatre. The lines will pass the grave of the late Grand Master and Secretary of the Army, Wilber M. Brucker.

Following Rev. Jones' address, the ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell will conclude the Service. Music will be furnished by the United States Marine Band and Army Chorus. The service will be broadcast over the NBC radio network.

Church by the Side of the Road

At the Wagon Wheel resort, near Rockton, Illinois, on Route 2, is the Church by the Side of the Road. Conducted by a non-conformist Methodist minister, the Rev. John L. Walker, it serves Jews, Moslems, Christians of all denominations — and it has no members.

The church was built by Walter Williamson, owner of the Wagon Wheel, in 1964 in memory of his mother. An estimated \$30,000 to \$35,000 is spent by Williamson annually to support its operation.

Although it has no membership, there is usually an overflow crowd each Sunday, and visitors drop by at the rate of 1,000 weekly. During 1970, the Church by the Side of the Road was the setting for some 300 weddings and 80 baptisms.

The pastor, Sir Knight Walker, is a member of Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3, Madison, and was Knighted by the present Grand Commander of Wisconsin, George R. Hughey, when he was Commander.

For the fifth successive year, Wisconsin Templars and their families, says Karl A. Crane, P.G.C., "will make our pilgrimage to this unique House of God." Beloit Commandery No. 6 has sponsored the event since its inception.

THE GLORY OF EASTERTIDE

by
Alvin B. Lowe
Grand Prelate, Utah

On the first Easter Sunday, on the barren hills of Judea, there was conveyed to the wondering Marys a divinely clear command, "Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: He is risen; He is not here. . ." Today Easter brings to all of us the joyous message of eternal Life. Certainly it is a season for the restoration of hope, of peace and universal love to the world. Should not all mankind exult in the resurrection since it has been proven that human hate can never triumph over divine Love? It gives assurance in casting off the bonds of fear and doubt.

In past ages the early Christians had no fear of what the cruel Roman Emperors would do to them, even if it meant being thrown to the lions. The beloved disciple, John, was not afraid of the boiling oil. He knew that only mortal man could die, that Love is the master of hate and that Life is God, and being of God, is eternal.

In this perplexing age, when some people doubt the existence of a Supreme Being or say that "God is dead," the youth and the older generation can review with sober reality that line of questioning and become confused. The youth may be fearful of living in a nuclear age, of military service, of the precarious chances of success in his chosen occupation. Those of mature years may view death as oblivion and wonder if there is eternal Life.

During His short earthly ministry, Jesus assured His disciples, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." They believed all the Master had told

them prior to the tragedy on Calvary but did not understand its full meaning until after the ascension. Little wonder that their hearts failed them and their senses became dulled, seeing His body wrapped in a linen shroud and a heavy stone rolled in front of the cave. Then, after he stepped forth from the sepulchre, they began to comprehend all He had been teaching them the past three years. With burning hearts they walked to Emmaus with the Christ. When He told the doubting Thomas, "be not faithless, but believing," Thomas could only reply with the most poignant assertion of the Master's divine nature, "My Lord and my God."

The humble Nazarene had proved the availability of the divine Love which triumphed over the treachery, malice and betrayal that had nailed Him to the cross and sealed Him in the grave. He proved to all doubters that life is ever eternal. He silenced the questioning Philip with the words, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father. . ." To all His tortuous tormentors, His cruel oppressors, it became evident that He could not be crucified. It proved without doubt that in the divine order of existence man is never the victim of death and the grave but the everlasting expression of Life or God.

All men have the glorious opportunity to resurrect themselves from the sepulchre of benighted thinking, to roll away the speculation of death and thus ascend in the assurance of eternal Life. For as Paul said, "the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed."

This is the glory of Easter.

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Spanish Ritual Translators

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, in commenting upon the Spanish Ritual soon to be available to the Spanish-speaking members of Mexican Commanderies, expressed his appreciation to the formal committee, headed by Dr. J. George Lang, and has a special word to the "unsung translators" who worked with the committee in the translating and coding of the ritual.

"We all owe a special salute to these translators," said Sir Knight Bell, "because a large part of their work is unknown except to the committee itself. Many hours of dedicated effort have been given to the project by Sir Knights Hubert J. Stone, Segundo F. Caro, Joseph D. B. Green and also William Webber."

Sir Knight Stone, North White Plains, New York, is a Past Commander of Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53. His memberships include K.Y.C.H. Sir Knight Caro, Amityville, New York, a member of Panamerican Lodge No. 1124, is Captain General in New York Commandery No. 1. Sir Knight Green, Woodside, New York, is a Past Commander of New York Commandery No. 1, and Sir Knight Webber, P.C., most recently served as Commander U.D. of Tijuana Commandery, which has since become Tijuana Commandery No. 3.

Other members of the Committee on the Spanish Ritual in addition to Chairman Lang, P.G.C., New York, are J. Howard Haring, P.G.C., New Jersey, and Joseph C. Rodriguez.

The Grand Master noted that the Spanish translation is the only translation authorized by the Grand Encampment. Authorization or permission has not been granted for the translating of the Grand Encampment ritual into any other language.

Section 232 of the Statutes covers the authorization provision for translating or other use of the ritual.

New Mexico York Rite Centennial

1971 is York Rite Centennial Year in New Mexico. A Centennial Festival is scheduled for Santa Fe June 18 and 19. Organizing the project are Grand Illustrious Master Fred C. Piper; Vic Gallivan, Santa Fe, Centennial Chairman; Tim Gillespie, Albuquerque; Henry C. Coddington, Gallup; Marvin Baker, Albuquerque, and Past Grand Commander Phil Witherspoon.

"Fred wants this year to be the sign of the HUNDRED," writes Sir Knight Witherspoon. "In order to do this a class of at least one hundred candidates will be needed for the festival in June."

A commemorative coin will be struck and one will be given to each candidate who receives the Royal Arch Degree during 1971. A coin free of charge will be given to all registrants. After the festival is over the coins will be available for \$1.00 each.

Each candidate Knighted during the year will receive an engraved certificate signed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and the Grand Commander showing he was Exalted, Received and Knighted during the Centennial Year.

Bumper stickers for automobiles are now available to help promote the Centennial from Victor L. Gallivan, Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 4491, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

50 Year Certificates for 36

McKeesport Commandery No. 86, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, had a busy February Conclave. Edwin R. Parsons, Commander, listed 36 Sir Knights as recipients of 50-year certificates at the February 21 Conclave. Total membership is approximately 450.

Combined Business Meetings

Voters at the 51st Triennial Conclave amended Section 65 of the Grand Encampment Constitution by adoption of a new paragraph – 65(c) – to read:

“A Commandery may, at Stated or Special Conclaves held for the transaction of business only, consider and transact business jointly with Chapters and Councils domiciled at the same location. At such conclaves, members of Chapters and Councils who are not Knights Templar may be admitted; provided, that in the event of an objection by a Knight Templar to balloting on petitions for the Orders by all present, such petitions shall be considered only by members of the Commandery. At such conclaves, following prayer, the Commander may declare the Commandery open for the transaction of business.”

For the opening and closing of such meetings, Herbert D. Sledd, Chairman, Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, has approved the following form:

1. Commandery Officers take stations
2. Commander calls for tiling of York Rite meeting
3. Prayer
4. Commander declares meeting open and presides for combined business meeting, taking up the items of the individual bodies in progressive (Chapter-Council-Commandery) or unified (one York Rite session) order.
5. Balloting, as provided, may be by all present – unless a Knight Templar objects or requests that petitions for Commandery be considered by Knights Templar only.
6. The combined meeting will be pronounced closed by the Commander following closing prayer.

Bell Made Tall Cedar

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., was made a Tall Cedar at Sight by Jr. Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, George P. Leigh, Jr., at the February 27th Ceremonial of Cleveland Forest No. 70, Cleveland, Ohio.



Grand Master Bell sits with Jr. Supreme Tall Cedar Leigh and Grand Master of Masons Thompson.

John H. Leadley, P.C., Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 64, and District Deputy Supreme, Tall Cedars, listed among the candidates: Charles E. Canfield, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio; Alvin L. Crump, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois; Robert S. Spencer, Past Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Michigan and Governor General of the Sovereign York Rite College of North America; John A. Snyder, Prior of Keystone Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour of Pennsylvania; Charles Fotheringham, Past Prior of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour and Governor General of the York Rite College of Ontario, Canada.

In attendance was Cedar Donald M. Thomson, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. A banquet was served to 230 Cedars and their ladies.

P.G.C. Henderson Installs Father Grand Commander



P.G.C. Albert C. Tverberg, Grand Recorder and Supplement Editor for North Dakota, supplied this 1945 picture of P.G.C. Henderson, left, installing his father Alfred as Grand Commander.

The death of North Dakota's Past Grand Commander Claude A. Henderson on December 27 brought a unique chapter in Templar history to a close.

Claude A. Henderson was elected Grand Commander in 1941. That same year, Alfred Odgers Henderson, the Grand Commander's father, was elected Grand Warder.

G. Wilbur Bell Class

The Annual York Rite Festival at the Masonic Temple, Springfield, Illinois, brought another complement of Masons into caputular and cryptic Masonry via "The Word," presented January 30 with a cast of 50. Knightings followed the presentation of the York Rite drama.

The G. Wilbur Bell Class, with the Grand Master as speaker, was invited to a York Rite Prospective Candidates Dinner Wednesday, January 27.

"The Word," permitted experimentally to acquaint York Rite Masons with its form and content, was written by Myron K. Lingle, Past Prior, K.Y.C.H.; Past Grand Master of Masons of Illinois; Deputy, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., for Illinois; Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine.

The 1942 Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota's biography of Grand Commander (Claude) Henderson ends with this line: "We hope Frater Alfred O. Henderson may be installed as Grand Commander by Past Grand Commander Claude A. Henderson."

The father was almost 72 at the time he was elected Grand Warder and it seemed unlikely the sentiments of the 1942 Proceedings would become a reality. However, a number of vacancies in the Grand Commandery line caused Alfred O. Henderson to become Grand Commander in 1945. He was installed by his son, P.G.C. Claude A. Henderson.

Because of his advanced age and ill health, Grand Commander Alfred Henderson was unable to carry out his plans for the Grand Commandery year. He attended the Grand Conclave in 1946 but was unable to preside. He died a few months later, on October 8.

Honors for Polzin

John G. Polzin, junior Past Commander, Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Kalamazoo, Michigan, had a busy 1970 with prospects for a busier Masonic future, according to Wm. F. Engel, Peninsular Recorder.

Sir Knight Polzin, a Past Master and Past Most Wise Master, "was elected Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in May and had the Honorary 33° conferred upon him in September at the annual session of the Supreme Council, N.M.J."

Other Michigan Knights honored by the Supreme Council last September also include Milo E. Underhill, Past Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, Harold G. Copp.

DeMolay Leadership Camps for 1971

DeMolay Leadership Camps for 1971 offer a concentrated course in the technical aspects of membership, chapter activities, public relations and chapter organization, and also an opportunity to spend a week in fun and fellowship in the company of DeMolays from other chapters and jurisdictions.

The week-long camp session includes sports activities and opportunity for rest and relaxation.

Standard price of \$75 for 1971 includes lodging, meals, a camp notebook of outlines of all lecture material, and special camp clothing. Transportation fees to and from camp are the responsibility of the individual camper.



The schedule for the 1971 camps is as follows:

- June 20-26: Northeast Camp, Camp Jewell, North Colebrook, Connecticut.
- June 27-July 3: Midwestern Camp, Trout Lodge, Potosi, Missouri.
- July 11-17: Northwest Camp, Menucha Conference Center, Corbett, Oregon.
- July 11-17: Southeast Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina.
- July 18-24 and July 25-31: Western Camp, Camp LaHonda, LaHonda, California.
- August 15-21: Rocky Mountain Camp, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado.
- August 22-28: Southeast Camp, Camp Thunderbird, Clover, North Carolina.
- August 22-28: North Central Camp, Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, Minnesota.

Camp scholarships have been given from practically every body of Masonry on the local and national level. The High Twelve International Clubs have been a great booster of the camp program and continue each year to sponsor a large number of DeMolays to camp on scholarships.

The general camp schedule includes morning discussions, lectures and group seminars on topics related to DeMolay and its program. The afternoons are devoted to sports and the evenings to feature entertainment and education-type programs.

General Lafayette Genealogy

Harold V. B. Voorhis, Summit, New Jersey, in his capacity as a Member, American Friends of Lafayette, has released a new publication — *General Lafayette, A Genealogy*.

Copies at \$2.00 are available from Sir Knight Voorhis, 105 New England Avenue, 2B, Summit, New Jersey 07901.

SENIOR TEMPLARS

The mention of Sir Knights Bullock and Hamilton as "Senior Templars" in the February issue has brought additional news of Templars distinguished by age and length of service in Christian Masonry.

EDWARD J. BULLOCK, Siloam Commandery No. 54, Oak Park, Illinois, apparently holds the honor with 73 years as a Templar. His long Masonic record includes Past Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine.

EDMUND P. HAMILTON, P.C., Palestine Commandery No. 5, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, is a close second. He has been a Templar for almost 72 years. The 95 year old Sir Knight is a retired state educator.

D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr., Grand Recorder of Vermont, who nominated Sir Knight Hamilton, also named Sir Knight CHARLES CURTIS ALLEN, a Mason for 72 years and a Templar for 69. A member of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Middlebury, Sir Knight Allen is also 95.

From Maine comes Sir Knight OTTO C. NUTTING, St. Amand Commandery No. 20, West Kennebunk, who was nominated by St. Amand's Recorder, Clark H. Leach. Sir Knight Nutting is 96

and has been a Templar for 68 years

Sir Knight James R. Case, Connecticut Supplement Editor and Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge, suggested Connecticut's senior Templar PHILIP NICHOLS SUNDERLAND. Sir Knight Sunderland, who will reach the age of 100 on June 1, has been a Templar for 67 years. A member of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Danbury, he is Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, an office he held nearly 60 years ago in 1912.

Probably one of the most active senior Templars is Sir Knight HERMAN LIPPMAN, JR., a member of St. John's No. 1, Providence, Rhode Island, for 61 years. Holder of the Grand Lodge's Distinguished Service Medal, the 87 year old Templar is chairman of the Sick Committee for which he drives an average of 1,000 miles a month visiting Commandery members.

DR. THOMAS ROBERT WHITE, Raper Commandery No. 1, Indianapolis, celebrated his 101st birthday last July, but has been a Knight Templar only 47 years. He was guest at a November banquet by Raper Commandery in his honor. He has been a Mason since 1909.

Templar Publications

Knight Templar guidelines are available, at no charge, upon application to the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

The available leaflets include Guidelines from the Committees on:

- 1 - Public Relations
- 2 - Membership
- 3 - Patriotic and Civic Activities
- 4 - Religious Activities
- 5 - Educational Foundation

"The Three Dots"

The *Scottish Rite Herald* of Dallas, Texas, advances an explanation of "the three dots" or "triple period" sometimes used after Masonic abbreviations. The symbol . . . was first used in the 1700's, says the publication. "It is shaped like a delta, a symbol of the Scottish Rite, and is used after abbreviations which belong to the Rite - as A. . . A. . . S. . . R. . . and Ill. . . for Illustrious." Other interpretations regard it as a symbol of the three Great Lights or the three presiding officers.

VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

What If Everyone Else Was Just The Same As I Am?



It was a gloomy, rainy day and, as evening approached, the steady rain was blown to and fro in sharp gusts, drenching the pathetic groups waiting for the bus and casting a dismal atmosphere everywhere.

Soon the rain turned to sleet and the puddles began to turn to ice, glaring and shimmering in the twilight. Everyone was despondent and sad and the rush for home was evident. As I sat by the window looking at the blackening sky I thought, "Oh my, tonight is Commandery night. Will I go?"

Sinking back in my easy chair I mused — nothing special, just another meeting. I don't need to get out — and besides, I do want to read that best-seller I bought at the book shop last week. Let the officers take over, and I'll make the next meeting.

So it is that we are apt to take the easy way and go when we feel just right or when we cannot find anything else to do. The affairs of the Commandery are, to us, very unimportant and a needless chore.

In the past, our Masonic brethren made every effort to attend every meeting, even riding miles on horseback or in an open wagon, through blizzards, hail, sleet and snow, to take care of the "business of the Craft," not counting the

discouraging handicaps, nor paying heed to inconvenience, health or conditions.

Our wiser brethren even set their calendars to accommodate their Masonic needs, for "Moon Lodges," setting their meeting nights on those days on which the moon would be in its full light, when the horseman could find his way by the bright beams of the moon, and could do his duty to Freemasonry. They took advantage of the natural elements and carried on their work in harmony and good will.

Today we look for everything the "easy way" and fail to realize our obligations demand full attention to the needs of our Craft. We go to meetings when it is convenient and remain at home under every pretext and excuse. Is this the reason for the large losses in our Fraternity — a lack of real interest and an unwillingness to overexert ourselves when it suits us? I wonder.

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Class of 148 in Indiana

One hundred forty eight candidates became York Rite Masons March 13 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Fort Wayne, Indiana, when "The Word" was presented by an Illinois cast. The Order of the Temple was conferred by Detroit Commandery No. 1.

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN

by
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Beaumont No. 38, Texas

As a Templar and minister of the Gospel, I can say I would never have gone beyond the Blue Lodge had it not been for the known Christian emphasis of Templary.

I also know that in the teachings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, one does not obtain the crown without bearing the cross. As long as Jesus was giving away free meals and medical attention and breaking up funeral processions by raising the dead He had no difficulty in getting followers.

When Jesus began to speak of the cost of wearing the crown (discipleship) in terms of self-denial and cross-bearing, His following dwindled.

It has been pointed out "that the Grand Master of all Templars was himself a Jew and was devoted to everything which was good in the religious doctrines of His people. Exclusion and rejection were foreign to the thinking of this Great Teacher who based everything he did on love of God and one's fellow men." Yes He did, but there is no record of His saying one religion is as good as another. Not one instance is recorded of His commending the Temple sacrifices of the Jewish religion. Not once did He say the teachings of Plato or Socrates or Buddha or Confucius were equal to His. No, our Grand Master did not then nor does He today exclude or reject any who come to Him. Men exclude and reject themselves on the basis of whether or not they are willing to accept Him as their Grand Master.

There are those who are apparently ready and willing to sacrifice any principle for the sake of unity. But, our Grand

Master of all believed some things were worth dying for. He never advocated an ecumenical movement unless all were ready to march under His banner.

Templary can become a "me too" branch of Masonry. But is it necessary to deny the message of Christianity to compete with Scottish Rite?

York Rite Masonry and more especially Templary has a unique and distinctive contribution to make to the world at large and the world of Masonry in particular. It is only a foregone conclusion that any change in Templary would produce numerical growth. Is it not just as conceivable that Templary will lose more in terms of its unique role in Masonry than can be gained through numerical growth alone? Is the cost of possible numerical growth worth the price of Templary's uniqueness? Is the Templar's obligation to defend the Christian religion meaningless? Is he not under obligation to defend it in principle against compromise as well as with sword in time of war?

The crown and the cross go together. They belong together. Our Grand Master has put them together, and you cannot have the one without the other. Templary and Masonry need both.

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Next month — the completion of the Masonic Week reports with a review of the Masonic Service Association meeting by executive secretary-treasurer Conrad Hahn.

NEBRASKA

SUPPLEMENT



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Greetings! News is again critically short, but Mt. Tabor No. 9 did send me a list of the officers installed in the York Rite for 1971. The best thing about this list of officers, is the fact that outside of some necessary duplications the rest of the officers are mostly not duplicated or repeated in others. That is, they did not just juggle the chairs around, which is real good. Also they included a list of fifty Masons, eligible to petition and a series of dates for work and other information running up to May. This is good business and good planning and I congratulate them.

Easter is almost here (the 11th) with its glorious story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the eternal rock upon which the Christian religion is founded. This is the spring time of eternal hope and renewed life.

Christ is Risen – Be not Afraid. This is the fact upon which everything on which Christianity and Templary depends. The Apostle Paul reminds us that were it not so, our faith is vain. Without Easter, there could be no Christmas. Our Babe of Bethlehem is a risen ascended Savior. He gives us all that is requisite to follow: He brings the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the “Way of Life,” without Him there could be no Masonry or Templary.

The early Christians used Easter as a time of victorious salutation. One would exclaim, “Christ is risen,” the other would reply, “Yes, Christ is risen indeed.”

Yes, belief in Easter means that our experiences here become the foundation for studies later on in God’s classroom of life. Then Easter means that we are born for victory and not defeat. It comforts and sustains us in time but more it promises a great adventure on ahead. As Victor Hugo wrote “Death is not a blind alley. Death is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight and opens on the dawn.”

Yes, Easter is an eternal message that means so much to those who love life. It is all wrapped up in Christ’s statement: “Because I live, you, too, shall live also!” Such a belief makes all the difference between death and life. Come, let us live in the joy of our Easter faith.

In “Deeping Lent” you may discover for yourself the sources of joyful, peaceful and fruitful living and the Lenten season will culminate for you in a glorious inspiring Easter.

Emerson once wrote: “this time, like all times, is a very good one, if we would know what to do with it!” You might remember that when you are discouraged after reading the newspaper.

Cicero, the great Roman philosopher and statesman, said it some 2,000 years ago and it is still very true today. The "six mistakes of man" are: first, the delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others. Second, the tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected. Third, Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it. Fourth, refusing to set aside trivial preferences. Fifth, Neglecting development and refinement of the mind, and not acquiring the habit of reading and study. And sixth, attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

If you like a man — "Tell Him Now"

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing;

If you like him, or you love him, tell him now.

Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration

And he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow.

For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it;

He won't really know how many tear-drops you have shed.

If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him,

For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead!

Do not forget to attend your Lodge once in a while. That is the foundation upon which all the rest depends. Also if there is a Chapter of DeMolay in your town, pay them a visit too at least once or twice every six months. This is vital too, they are future Templars. There are girls too, Jobies and Rainbows, they like you too.

The last two days of the April York Rite meeting, April 15th and 16th will be held in the Temple 19th and Douglas, Omaha. The Centennial Banquet will be held on the 15th, which is a change. Our Grand Master will be there, why not you?

What is the code of a Templar? He must look upon friendship as something possessing sacred values. Something so precious as not to be used for selfish gain.

His confidences must be respected and we must rather help than to receive. The honors and rewards that await the Valiant Templar are many, but they can be realized only thru devotion, unselfish service, loyalty and self sacrifice for the good of the Order. He must promote the Order of Christian Knighthood. He must be proud to wear the uniform that bears the emblem of the Cross. He must be loyal and true to the Order. To share his prosperity with those less fortunate. To give of his heart and mind without thought of reward. To sincerely give his best to live up to the teachings of the Order. To go forward with devotion to the Banner under which he has enlisted. IN HOC SIGNO VINCES!



Percy Albert Shipp
 Louisiana
 Grand Commander — 1968
 Born July 3, 1896
 Died January 11, 1971

H. LeRoy Wright
 District of Columbia
 Grand Commander — 1969
 Born July 3, 1902
 Died February 17, 1971

Walter Reynolds Converse
 New York
 Grand Commander — 1939
 Born November 11, 1889
 February 18, 1971

Carl Schloss Gilbert
 Wyoming
 Grand Commander — 1969
 Born September 18, 1898
 Died February 19, 1971

Frederick Rae MacLaughlin
 New York
 Grand Commander — 1961
 Born July 1, 1897
 Died March 2, 1971



Harold Lloyd Dies

Harold Lloyd, 77, star of more than 250 comedies from the silent screen era, died March 8.

Sir Knight Lloyd, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, was a Past Imperial Potentate, A.A.O.N.M.S., Shrine of North America; Past Sovereign, San Gabriel Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Honorary 33° and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters among his other Masonic memberships.

The Cross and the Crown

Behold our glorious, Templar emblem
 With passion cross, and royal diadem;
 One speaks of glory, laud, and fame,
 The other of human sin and shame.

Is this, then, a paradox,
 This regal crown, this lowly cross?
 Nay, the twain to one were wed
 By Him who Calvary's brow did tread.

He aspired not the crown to wear,
 But chose rather the cross to bear;
 To redeem man from his fallen state,
 And assure for him a nobler fate.

And on the perimeter of these two,
 Our stirring motto is on view,
 Challenging and inspiring each Sir Knight
 To champion charity, faith, and right.

These on a Maltese Cross imposed,
 Of striking black its color composed;
 Bespeaks the Templar's rich heritage
 Of crusading valor and pilgrimage.

Wear it, then, Sir Knight, with joy
 And all your wakeful hours employ
 In service to Christ, not counting the loss,
 There is no Crown, without a Cross!

— Ernest G. Rice, Commander, Calvary No. 3, Parkersburg, West Virginia

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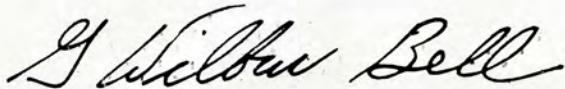
projects, our individual interpretations, and forget that the sole evaluation of any Templar plan or action is whether or not it is good for our Order, not whether it is an advantage or disadvantage to us as individuals.

Templary has a great and exclusive benefit. We, as Knights Templar, form a sovereign national body. We make our decisions thru the vote of our Grand Encampment members and the power thus delegated to your Grand Master. This Templar sovereignty in every state of the Union and beyond gives our Order solidarity and strength. We speak with a common voice.

Let us make sure that voice is always clear and distinct. Let us not allow "gnats" to affect our thinking or change our course. Let's not spend so much time worrying about the "pipsqueaks" that we have no time or energy left to make our Order stronger and better – numerically as well as in Christian influence. We have a great destiny to fulfill in Masonry, and each of us has a role.

Let us – each of us – remember: When we support Templary we are contributing to our fellowmen, our nation and the Christian religion.

There can be no greater triad of causes.



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VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The results of the November 1-January 31 Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Charles S. McIntyre, Chairman, will be announced in the *Knight Templar Magazine* when the compilation has been completed and the figures are released for publication by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Rhinebeck, New York.

The Campaign, designed to stimulate fund-raising programs and activities in individual Commanderies, officially closed January 31. Final reports were due at Rhinebeck not later than February 5.

THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND

They stood and watched yet knew not, while their eyes beheld
in that one day a tragic fate unparalleled.

The judge knew not and judged he not, but strife must cease
So he'd do what the mob desired to keep the peace.
Though in his hand he held the power to command,
He did not understand.

The crowd lost face to satisfy a morbid strain
And please the baser instinct of a torpid brain.
They watched it as another show, a one-night stand.
They did not understand.

The leaders who'll play judge in bold frigidity
Made ev'ry rule apply in cold rigidity.
Our rules, alone, they told the judge, must rule the land.
They did not understand.

The soldiers eyed with nonchalance, the motley crowd
And stood aside to let them rail and rant aloud.
They'd watch and wait and only act on command.
They did not understand.

The friends and those who'd been so close were now not here,
And by their absence one might say they lived in fear.
It should have been their will, the rules, to countermand.
They did not understand.

Yet, one saw grandeur in the center cross near his.
The thief, who softly said, "He's done nothing amiss."
Eternal good and grandeur march on hand-in-hand.
The thief, alone, did understand.

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