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*The Grand Master Compares . . .*

## **HAND-WRINGING and HAND-WASHING**

Earlier in this first year of the 52nd Triennium, the dedicated and forceful chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership, Louis A. Beaudoin, P.G.C., Massachusetts-Rhode Island, wrote:

“Stop the Hand-wringing. The time has come for us to put our house in order and place our projects in correct perspective. Our Eye Foundation, our Educational Foundation, our Easter Sunday Memorial Service at Arlington, our uniforms and all other projects and programs are of no importance whatsoever – if we don’t have members.

“Let’s stop wringing our hands about membership and *do* something.”

I subscribe to Sir Knight Beaudoin’s sentiments. It is certainly true that the finest projects are of no value unless we have an active and growing membership. Of all the projects on the agenda, Membership Recruitment has to be the most important. It is the basis upon which we build our activities and philanthropies in Christian Masonry. Without members, we cannot live up to our commitments; we cannot fulfill our heritage as a “charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society.”

So, let’s stop the hand-wringing and get to work. Recently, a Templar complained to me about the bad record of his Commandery during the year. “They just didn’t bring in the petitions,” he said. I asked him the obvious question: “How many petitions did you present?” Somewhat startled, he gave me the obvious answer: “Well, none, I guess.”

Let’s each of us look at our own records – not the achievements or lack of achievements of others.

One thing more. During these summer months, let’s not “wash our hands” of recruitment responsibility. Bulletin-after-bulletin, letter-after-letter from Commanders wish members a “happy vacation, see you in the fall” type of message.

There can be no vacations from recruitment effort on behalf of Christian Masonry. Let’s stop wringing our hands ten months of the year and washing our hands of responsibility two months of the year.

Let’s get to work – and stay at work – 12 months a year. Templary is worth it.

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### The Cover:

*Aramco World Magazine*, specializing in the history  
and culture of the Middle East, is the source for the

August cover illustration showing the lumbering siege machines of the First Crusade at the walls of Jerusalem. The same publication also served as one of the variety of references for this month's collection of research materials on the Castles and Campaigns of the Crusaders. C. L. Rothwell's compilation begins on page 9.





## From the MAIL BIN

I have in my possession a Past Commander's jewel which was presented to Sir Knight Warren Newell by L'Isle Adam Commandery No. 222. This jewel must be very old as it was given to me by Mr. Newell's daughter, Mrs. Florence Ryder, who passed away in 1958 at the age of 84.

The Grand Lodge office in Boston has referred me to you for information as this Commandery is not located in Massachusetts or Rhode Island.

This is a lovely jewel and in excellent condition. It occurs to me that the originating Commandery might be interested in having it as I am planning to dispose of it.

Can you possibly give me the location of this branch of your Order and the name and address of someone connected with it?

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For the past ten months I have been looking for something in our good little magazine but have been disappointed in not having seen it. What I have been looking for is an announcement that the Grand Commandery of West Virginia has taken the hints given by other Sir Knights in letters to Mail Bin in the issues of November 1970 and April 1971 and returned the Crusader's Sword to its rightful owners, the Traunitz family of Darmstadt, Germany.

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I came upon a solid heavy copper silver dollar size commemorative badge with ribbon and bar.

This is from the Bristol Lodge, North Attleborough, Massachusetts, 1797-1897 Centennial. One side carries a full raised bust of Paul Revere with signature. It indicates he was Grand Master from 1795 to 1797.

The reverse side carries interesting pillars, three lights, eye, Keystone, arch, three steps, etc.

I would be interested in hearing from someone from that Lodge regarding its welfare, etc., since the date of this commemoration.

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Every so often an issue of a good periodical comes out containing an exceptional wealth of inspirational and informative material. To me, the *Knight Templar* for June '71 is such an issue.

As I re-read this issue I am increasingly impressed with the Grand Master's Survey Comments (p. 2) and by Professor Carter's analysis of a fallacy of the Craft. Equally outstanding are Sir Knight Smith's "The Middleman" (p. 25) and the space given to "The Flag" and to "A Daughter of Independence." Dr. Walker's "The Refreshing Look" (from his 1970 Commencement address) contains factors which might, most appropriately, be called to the attention of current and future graduates.

With these comments on the June issue must come an expression of appreciation of the many, similar, fine issues. It is so good to receive the *Knight Templar*.

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I was attending a Lodge in a town somewhere between Boston and Quincy, Massachusetts, where I learned a candidate must listen to a historical lecture in his Degree before the Master is satisfied with his work. A Brother was lecturing some who had just finished the M.M. Degree and, in his talk, mentioned Sam, John and Joe Parsons.

It seems John was instrumental in organizing the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. There is no Masonic history of Samuel but Joe was a Mason and a Captain in the English Army, also a war time deserter. Nothing more is known of him except that he settled at Parsons, Virginia (now West Virginia.)

Of course, I had to stick my two-bits in and I found that since his time I am the only offspring to have been a Mason and a military man at the same time. This was quite a night for me.

I once had a Bluefield muzzle loading rifle and a Masonic sword that Grandad Parsons once owned. It is said he stuck it in the ground and shot a hole through it.

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Like most Masons, I am always pleased to have someone join our fold, but at times I have some misgivings. It seems to me to be a very short while ago that I read John Wayne had been made a Master Mason. Now, in a very short time, he has become a Shriner, so it would appear he was rushed through the Chapter, Council and the Commandery. Being created a Shriner on the same day that he was Knighted it would seem his application must have been in before he really was a Knight Templar.

It seems to me when a candidate is rushed through the degrees he does not fully grasp, or have time to absorb, the full meaning of the Ritual. Please understand, I am not criticizing John Wayne but the method used to rush some candidates through the degrees.

By coincidence, in the same issue there was an article which stated: "In Ireland a Mason must be a Master Mason for two years before he is eligible to receive the Royal Arch. After 5 years he may receive the Knight Templar."

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## Georgia and the Steamships

Sir Knight Walter M. Callaway, Jr., DeKalb No. 38, Decatur, Georgia, editor of *The Masonic Messenger* of Georgia, writes ". . . in dealing with early steam-boating in America, it appears to me that something has been overlooked. . . it occurs to me someone should speak up for Georgia and its role in early steamships.

"William Longstreet, Augusta, was given a patent by the Legislature in 1788 for a steam engine on a boat and his craft was driven by steam up the Savannah River at a speed of five miles per hour.

"The first steamship to cross an ocean was the S.S. Savannah which left Savannah, Georgia, May 22, 1819, and arrived in Liverpool, England, on June 20. During the historic voyage the Savannah sailed under steam power for 14 days. The other days she moved by sail due to the captain's inability to correctly gauge the extent of his fuel supply.

"After calling at Liverpool and other northern European ports the Savannah sailed for home. The return voyage took 25 days, 19 of them being under steam power. The navigator was Stevens Rogers, Union Lodge No. 31, New London, Connecticut. The Captain, Moses Rogers, is believed to have been a Freemason but proof is lacking.

"The world's first atomic powered merchant ship, the N.S. Savannah launched at Camden, New Jersey in 1959, was named in honor of the S.S. Savannah."

## Senatorial Addenda

Attorney Sebe Dale, Columbia, Mississippi, writes to update July's list of Masons in Government. Sir Knight Dale, in the same 1969 33<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Class, can well vouch that the Hon. John C. Stennis, Senator from Mississippi, is a Mason.

## VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN RESULTS ANNOUNCED BY THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, RHINEBECK, NEW YORK

*The listings which follow are the results of the Voluntary Campaign conducted for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from November 1, 1970, thru January 31, 1971. The three leading Grand Commanderies, based on per capita results of their Constituent Commanderies, will receive special plaques for first, second and third places. The three Grand Commanderies having the highest total returns, regardless of the number of their Constituent Commanderies or per capita results, are also listed for general information.*

*The highest-producing of the 16 Subordinate Commanderies also receives a special plaque, and appropriate plaque recognitions also go to all Constituent Commanderies showing \$2.00 or more in per capita results.*

*Voluntary Campaign projects brought in \$179,987.54.*

### GRAND COMMANDERY PLAQUE WINNERS

- No. 1 Utah — \$2.08 per member — Total: \$2,249.75  
Lawrence F. Butler, Chairman
- No. 2 Nevada — \$2.04 per member — Total: \$1,739.80  
Herbert J. Pfeufer, Sr., Chairman
- No. 3 Connecticut — \$1.88 per member — Total: \$5,453.45  
John W. Colody, Chairman

### TOP PRODUCING SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY

Al Hasa No. 1 — \$6.93 per member — Total: \$1,122.22

### CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$2.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

(by states)

Alabama	Piedmont No. 29	Piedmont	\$ 2.02	\$ 129.00
Arizona	Calvary No. 8	Winslow	2.40	238.00
Arizona	Arizona No. 1	Tuscon	2.27	740.22
Arkansas	Siloam No. 15	Siloam Springs	63.29	5,000.00
California	Santa Rosa No. 14	Santa Rosa	2.93	264.00
California	Taft No. 65	Taft	2.68	185.00
Colorado	Jefferson No. 39	Golden	6.82	511.43
Colorado	Pikes Peak No. 6	Colorado Springs	3.07	427.38
Colorado	Gunnison No. 8	Gunnison	2.35	155.00
Colorado	Coronal No. 36	Denver	2.17	708.43
Colorado	Ivanhoe No. 11	Durango	2.05	135.00
Connecticut	Crusader No. 10	Danbury	7.66	1,095.90
Connecticut	St. Elmo No. 9	Meriden	4.25	837.00
Connecticut	Columbian No. 4	Norwich	3.92	349.06
Connecticut	Stamford No. 12	Stamford	3.49	387.00

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Connecticut	Clinton No. 3	Norwalk	2.81	267.25
Florida	Triangle No. 38	Eustis	2.00	180.00
Georgia	St. Bernard No. 25	Covington	2.09	180.00
Idaho	Idaho Falls No. 6	Idaho Falls	2.51	288.37
Illinois	Beaumanoir No. 9	Decatur	3.13	1,109.00
Indiana	East Chicago No. 58	East Chicago	4.26	575.00
Indiana	Greenfield No. 39	Greenfield	2.46	615.73
Iowa	Bethlehem No. 45	Washington	2.88	590.00
Kentucky	Fulton No. 34	Fulton	2.48	355.00
Louisiana	Ivanhoe No. 19	New Orleans	3.72	900.00
Mass.-R.I.	South Shore No. 31	East Weymouth	4.17	580.00
Mass.-R.I.	Thomas S. Webb No. 51	Cranston, R.I.	4.13	773.00
Mass.-R.I.	Natick No. 33	Natick	2.71	840.00
Mass.-R.I.	Northampton No. 30	Northampton	2.02	210.00
Michigan	Monroe No. 19	Monroe	3.68	1,030.00
Missouri	Ascalon No. 16	St. Louis	5.06	3,190.82
Missouri	St. Charles No. 73	St. Charles	2.70	196.80
Montana	Palestine No. 18	Harlowton	5.48	252.00
Montana	Golden West No. 24	Shelby	2.22	279.50
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson No. 8	Carson City	8.95	528.00
Nevada	DeWitt Clinton No. 1	Reno	2.21	476.00
New Hampshire	Mt. Horeb No. 3	Concord	2.17	247.60
New Hampshire	DeWitt Clinton No. 2	Portsmouth	2.09	475.00
New Jersey	Bethlehem No. 27	Ridgewood	22.14	2,258.00
New Jersey	Delta No. 26	Union	4.84	237.00
New Jersey	Ascalon No. 29	Union City	3.26	163.00
New Mexico	McGrorty No. 4	Deming	2.18	159.00
New York	Genesee No. 10	Lockport	4.88	390.00
New York	Salamanca No. 62	Salamanca	3.44	344.00
New York	Adirondack No. 82	Lake Placid	2.61	245.00
New York	Cortland No. 50	Cortland	2.20	196.00
North Carolina	DeMolay No. 34	Mt. Airy	2.06	362.00
North Dakota	St. Aldemar No. 3	Grand Forks	3.27	605.00
Ohio	Warren No. 39	Warren	2.24	780.00
Oklahoma	Gethsemane No. 25	Okmulgee	3.96	400.00
Oklahoma	Lawton No. 18	Lawton	2.22	300.00
Oklahoma	Perry No. 10	Perry	2.00	88.00
Pennsylvania	Bethel No. 98	Hanover	4.02	780.00
Pennsylvania	Samuel S. Yohe No. 81	Stroudsburg	2.43	433.00
Tennessee	Fayetteville No. 35	Fayetteville	4.84	474.00
Tennessee	Cyprus No. 23	Knoxville	2.62	1,315.83
Tennessee	Chevalier No. 21	Oak Ridge	2.48	782.92
Tennessee	St. Elmo No. 15	Memphis	2.42	400.00
Tennessee	Coeur de Lion No. 9	Knoxville	2.25	1,645.74
Texas	Ruthven No. 2	Houston	4.28	5,880.25
Texas	El Paso No. 18	El Paso	4.18	1,220.08
Texas	Childress No. 77	Childress	4.00	240.00
Texas	Hidalgo No. 94	Edinburg	3.97	413.00
Texas	Litt S. Perry No. 111	Angleton	3.19	606.00
Texas	San Marcos No. 56	Sequin	2.52	300.00
Texas	Brenham No. 15	Brenham	2.18	135.00
Utah	Malta No. 3	Park City	2.42	75.00

Utah	Utah No. 1	Salt Lake City	2.06	1,191.25
Vermont	Taft No. 8	Bennington	2.20	240.00
Virginia	Piedmont No. 26	Haymarket	6.72	450.00
Virginia	DeMolay No. 4	Lynchburg	4.76	1,110.00
Virginia	Arlington No. 29	Arlington	3.14	1,230.00
Virginia	Moomaw No. 27	Lexington	3.06	330.00
Virginia	Appomattox No. 6	Petersburg	2.50	395.00
West Virginia	Hinton No. 12	Hinton	2.73	407.00
Wisconsin	Wisconsin No. 1	Milwaukee	2.70	592.00
Wyoming	DeMolay No. 6	Sheridan	2.61	687.00
Philippines	Okinawa No. 2	Ginowan	2.53	699.00

### SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES REPORTING \$2.00 OR MORE PER MEMBER

Saudi Arabia	Al Hasa No. 1	Dhahran	\$6.93	\$1,122.22
Delaware	St. Andrew's No. 2	Dover	3.27	349.54
Japan	Tokyo No. 1	Tokyo	2.61	1,020.00

Grand Commanderies Showing the Highest Dollar Totals are:

Texas — \$22,033.07  
 Ohio — \$11,135.43  
 Massachusetts-Rhode Island — \$9,098.45

### Revised Rituals Available from Grand Encampment

G. Calvin Dyson, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters, has announced the completion of ritual revisions and the availability of new rituals from the Grand Encampment office, Chicago, by way of the Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies, effective by September 1, 1971.

The revised rituals, incorporating all changes adopted since 1961, are the work of the Committee and the Grand Recorder's office. As in the past, and at no change in cost, the rituals are available to *Grand Recorders* and to the *Recorders of the 16 Subordinate Commanderies* for assignment and distribution. *Copies are not available at the Chicago office to individuals.* Requirements permit the sale and distribution of Grand Encampment Rituals only through Grand Recorders and Subordinate Recorders.

In addition to Chairman Dyson, the Committee on Ritualistic Matters includes Charles E. Bostick, P.G.C., Illinois, and John B. Nye, P.G.C., California.



## CRUSADER CASTLES AND CAMPAIGNS

by  
C. L. Rothwell

*The following compilation of references and observations from a variety of sources has been prepared by Editorial Assistant Cheryl L. Rothwell. The commentary of fact and legend was inspired by the Aramco World Magazine which provided the illustration for the cover of the current issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.*

When the Crusaders swept into the Holy Land in the 11th century they immediately began to build massive castles for defense.

The Latin Kingdom, the long, narrow kingdom the Crusaders carved out of Islam, with the sea on the west and the hostile Moslems on the east, was especially vulnerable. Castle sites were selected with a view to defense and signal vantage. Shortage of manpower made the immense fortifications a necessity.

Castles ranged from Manavgat to Ile de Graye in the Gulf of Aqaba. Le Moine was built at an elevation of 6000 feet and was under snow several months of the year. Baldwin I built Montreal in 1115 on a circular mound in the wild Idumean hills, isolated by a deep natural fosse. At Tyre a castle was built on a peninsula and could be isolated by letting the sea into a dyke, thus cutting it off from the town but retaining communication by sea. Acre was also built on the sea with its own harbor. The castle, both Templar and Hospitaller, had double walls and was noted for the "Accursed" tower which withstood the Muslim assault of 92 engines for six weeks. At Corycus they built a castle in the sea which still stands.

The castle at Margat was the largest. Owned by the Hospitallers, it was designed to hold enough provisions to keep a force of 1000 men through a five year siege. A deep surrounding moat was cut into the hillside.



Castle Pelerin was built on a peninsula near Mount Carmel. A 20 foot thick wall separated the castle from the mainland.

The most impressive of the castles was Krak des Chevaliers (Castle of the Knights.) Virtually impregnable, it withstood at least 12 Saracen assaults in its 162 years, only to fall to the Sultan Beibars not by assault but by a trick.



The Hospitallers acquired Krak in 1142 and began reconstructing it in the 1180's. It was one of the first castles with fully concentric fortification. The south wall was 80 feet thick! The entire wall surrounding the castle was built with embrasures, openings through which the knights hurled their missiles and dropped hot liquids on the enemy below, the earliest known example of continuous machicolation.



Behind the massive outer wall was a moat. Abrupt escarpments formed two sides. Outer ditches were dug on the other two. The walls of the inner ward, those of the castle itself, were strengthened by a massive talus, a sloping wall built of stone a yard long and almost two feet high. The talus was set with three linked towers.



The only entrance to the Krak was through a vaulted passage containing four gates and at least one porticullis, an iron gate which dropped down, cutting off the entrance, during an attack. Three "elbows," blind, right-angle turns within the passage, effectively discouraged charges.

The Krak guarded the waist of the Latin Kingdom. It was one of a network of seven major castles (Tortosa, Safita, Chastle Rouge, Arima, Coliat and Akkar were the others) linked by signal fire visible for 50 miles. Fires from the Krak were visible in Jerusalem. Carrier pigeons were also used.

For all its strength, the Krak was elegant. The chapel was Romanesque, the arcades traceried. The Grand Master's chamber was vaulted and pilastered.



In 1271 a forged letter was sent into the castle. Purporting to be from the Grand Commander at Tripoli, it instructed the knights to surrender. They did so and marched under safe-conduct to the coast. Thus the mighty Krak fell intact to the Saracens.

During the first period of the Crusades the castles were strongworks for the blockade of the Saracen strongholds and for extension of control over the lands beyond the Jordan River. In the second period, with the Saracen strength growing and the power of the knights declining, the crusaders were forced to rely more and more on their superior skills as military architects.

In the beginning, the castles were generally owned by kings or great lords under the feudal system prevalent in Europe. The great families also owned a few castles, such as Margat, but found they could not hold them more than the three generations due to the high cost of maintaining, the infant mortality rate of males and continuous payment of ransom for captured members. In the 12th century most of the castles were sold to the Templars and Hospitallers who could afford to keep them.

The Military Orders were better



equipped to maintain the castles. They were wealthy, with the money of the church behind them, and they were empowered to raise their own taxes. They had the power of the church behind them and were recognized in diplomatic circles all over Europe. They were responsible directly to the Pope and no other. Importantly, they had their own navy. Their vows of celibacy, poverty and obedience made them more easily adaptable to the lonely life of the castles. Finally, their organization insured continuity of policy and command and assured there would always be a male leader.

The Military Orders were devout and heroic. At the battle on the plains of Hattin they displayed remarkable valor as they met the overwhelming Saracen force. After their defeat the 230 survivors died rather than turn Muslim. Only the Grand Master was spared.

There were four categories of men in the castles under the Military Orders: the Knights who were, by birth, eligible to bear arms and own three horses; Chaplains; Serjeants, squires who could own two horses; and Brothers, men of simple birth. The Knights wore a cross on their surcoats and could only draw their swords when the standard of the cross was displayed.

Assimilation of oriental custom was quick as it was commercially expedient. The Muslims and the Crusaders often took time out from the wars to hunt together in the countryside.

Both sides indulged in massacres, the Muslims being most noted because they had the most chance. Of the 22 Grand Masters of the Temple from 1118 to 1312, five died in battle, five died of battle wounds and one starved to death in a Saracen prison.

The Military Orders did not engage in friendly relations with the neighboring countryside as the feudal lords before them had done. However, they set up

rather democratic civil courts. A jury of six, including four natives, tried the defendant. The witness had to be of the same race as the defendant.

With the fall of the castles, the Holy Land fell to the Muslims. (In fairness, it must be pointed out that the Holy Land of the Christians was also the Holy Land of the Muslims.) Why did these immense fortifications, so cleverly designed and manned by the heroic knights, fall? Historians disagree on the reason.

The defeat at Hattin in 1188 was probably the turning point in the Crusades. Castle garrisons were depleted to give men to the army that was annihilated on the plains of Hattin. The chronic shortage of manpower which resulted was hard on the remaining defenders. As the Muslims slaughtered troops after the castles fell, the remaining men sometimes surrendered to save their lives. Morale was low.

Shortage of supplies was another factor. Belvoir fell after withstanding 18 months of siege when supplies ran out. Garrisons were starved out of Beaufort and Krak of Moab. The troops at Montreal went blind for lack of salt. Other castles took note of this and prepared - Margat with its storage for five years of supplies; Krak with its huge graneries, bakeries, oil-presses and a windmill on the battlement; Saone with its two subterranean water tanks.

The Saracens used a wide variety of weapons to take the castles of the crusaders. Depleted now in manpower and supplies, the castles that withstood massive attacks in the past fell before the Saracen siege.

Several methods of attack were employed. Walls were scaled or breached or the castle was besieged with the artillery of the day.

Direct assault, scaling the walls, was generally the easiest to repulse. Scaling  
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ladders were easily pushed away by the defenders resulting in heavy losses as the ladder and the men fell to the ground. Wooden towers were more effective but somewhat difficult to construct and utilize. The towers were constructed of wood and had to be taller than the castle walls. As they approached the wall a draw-bridge dropped and the attackers scrambled across into the castle. However, the towers were susceptible to fire flung from the the castle and they could only be used on flat land. Castles were rarely built on a plain and use of a tower necessitated leveling the ground and filling in moats – long days of work while the defenders watched and planned a defense.

Unable to scale the walls, the Saracens tried to breach the walls using rams and bores (the Roman *musculus*) which attempt to bring the walls down by shock. The most common form was a large tree tipped with an iron head and slung between two uprights. The invaders then rhythmically swung the ram into the walls while the defenders attempted to catch and pin the weapon to prevent its further use.

The most effective – and most dangerous – weapon used to breach the walls was the “saps” or mines. The sappers of Aleppo and Khurasan were particularly noted for their skills. The process involved digging below the foundations of the wall, filling the hole with timbers and setting fire. Often, this was done secretly while the attackers distracted the knights with other weapons. Sometimes it was done openly and the knights, knowing no defense, waited inside for the moment when the walls would fall and leave them to a Saracen massacre. The psychological effect of this sometimes caused castles to surrender. The only known defense was to build the castle on solid rock. Edessa, Le Chastellet and the outer defense of the Krak fell to the mines. Margat surrendered after the Muslims, failing in all attempts to take the castle, mined the

walls and invited the Hospitallers out for a look. Knowing they had no chance the knights surrendered and marched under safe conduct to Acre as the Saracens entered the castle they had taken intact.

The mangon was a sling that tossed rocks at the castle. It was difficult to aim. The trebuchet was like a seesaw. When one end was released a stone was hurled at the castle. It could be aimed more accurately than the mangon. The Saracens generally used the trebuchet to toss fire into the castles. The balista was a huge crossbow which shot thick iron bolts with accuracy. The Krak was constructed with special embrasures through which the archers could fire the balista at the attackers.

In 1291 Chastel Pelerin, the castle on the peninsula in Sidon Lebanon, fell. The Military Orders fled this last stronghold and retreated to Cyprus. There was no great need to build castles there. Thus, the era of the great crusader castles came to an end.



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### Changes – Masons in Government

In going through the list of Masons in government in the July *Knight Templar Magazine* Sir Knight Darrell Cover, Helena No. 2, Montana, spotted several errors. Sir Knight Cover is Vice President – Government Relations for the National Association of Independent Insurers in Washington, D.C.

Frank L. Farrar is no longer Governor of South Dakota, according to Cover. Albert Gore is no longer Senator from Tennessee, having been defeated for reelection.



## TIME OUT

*The following memo was sent by Pennsylvania's Grand Generalissimo A. Kenneth Stevens, Membership Chairman, to all Commanders in Pennsylvania.*

Most of you are interested in one sport or another and are familiar with the term "TIME OUT." In most cases Time Out is called when a team is behind and a new strategy is to be tried. Sometimes Time Out is called just for a good old fashioned pep talk. It is not a time when the game is called and the players leave the field of play. Many a team has gone forward and the game has been won due to a brief Time Out.

The months of July and August should not be a time for calling the game and leaving the field. Let's call Time Out just long enough to get the team together to regenerate its enthusiasm, to plan a summer membership drive, to inform your membership of your quota and your need of help in reaching or passing it. Everyone likes to be on a winning team. Give all your members an opportunity to be on your membership team and we will win.

THE TIME IS NOW!

## THUMBNAIL EDITORIAL

A strange assortment of mail crosses the desk of any Recorder, especially at state or national level. Some of the mailings are "radical" or spurious appeals; some are unusual representations by "national" committees or organizations. Some tell about strange projects — such as one recent letter urging a Templar in each of several jurisdictions to serve as chairman in a Knight Templar capacity for a "Presidential" organization to have a national Christmas party for the President and Vice-President. (President and Vice-President "of what" was not designated.)

Some may be laudable and authentic, but the point is that a few individuals, trading upon their real or implied memberships, occasionally attempt by quickly-formed "organizations" to enlist the cooperation of other Masons in projects that are not altogether acceptable or which do not have official Templar sanction. Each member should be cognizant of this occasional situation and, it is hoped, will easily recognize the difference between authorized and unauthorized Templar mailings.

The Editor

## 52nd Triennial Conclave in Chicago

Two years from the present month, the 52nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., will convene in Chicago. The Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave Committee named by Grand Master Bell consists of Alvin L. Crump, chairman; John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Captain General; and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser.

Local Illinois Committees will be designated later. Also in the near future, the Grand Encampment Committee will release basic Triennial plans and arrangements for housing reservations. Dates of the 52nd Triennial Conclave will be August 11 (Saturday) thru August 16 (Thursday), 1973.

## OUR VANISHING ART

by  
Dr. Kelvin L. McCray, 32°

*Sir Knight and Dr. Kelvin L. McCray, recently retired minister of Fairview Methodist Church, Chandlerville, Illinois, to which Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell belongs, is a member of Damascus No. 42, Havana, Illinois, home Commandery of the Grand Master.*

*An advocate of the vanishing art of good penmanship, Sir Knight McCray is also skilled in the art of ornate writing. He writes of the problems caused by illegible handwriting.*

How is your handwriting? Perhaps we should not ask that sort of question because so many people might hesitate to give an answer. The skill with the pen is becoming a lost art. Time was when up and down the land there were many very fine penmen. They took a great deal of pride in their writing.



The advent of the typewriter and bookkeeping machines has led many to believe that a good handwriting is not necessary nor needed now. The fact is, more writing is being done today than ever before. No matter how many new machines come into existence there is going to be a lot of writing by hand to do. A person's handwriting should represent him or her as a courtesy to those who will be reading it.

Handwriting became a casualty of the depression in 1929 when boards of education felt they should cut back somewhere. They made the unwise decision of cutting back on the teachers and supervisors of handwriting. Here is what is happening as one result of this ill-advised move:

In one year alone business lost an estimated \$70 million on this continent because of poor handwriting.

In a community in New York, two patients died of overdoses of a digitalis preparation when a pharmacist mistook the prescriber's illegible writing for what it was not.

In Minneapolis, a nurse's mistake in copying a physician's prescription resulted in a fatal overdose of hydrochloric acid for an ulcer patient in the Swedish hospital.

Some six years ago, because of careless handwriting put into a computer at Cape Canaveral, an \$18 million spacecraft flew off-course and had to be blown up.

Best wishes on two million Christmas cards go astray every year because of illegible handwriting on the address. An average of 23 million letters go to the dead letter office each year.

Some 400,000 tax refunds can't be delivered because the names and addresses can't be read.

At one hospital there were 389 errors in administration of medicine. Johns Hopkins Hospital reported 178 similar errors in seven months.



One Detroit department store reports that 20,000 sales, unreadable, hold up an average of \$165,000 purchases a year.

An average of 20,000 letters a year containing money end up in the dead letter office. An average of 56,000 containing valuables also wind up in the dead letter office. The office in one five-year period was able to return about \$586,000 to the senders.

The International Association of Master Penmen and Teachers of Handwriting is trying desperately to do something about the handwriting situation. They have contacted teacher-training schools about putting penmanship in their curricula and the response is: we shall be very glad to do so providing we can get a competent teacher. So the problem there is the teacher. The Association is hoping that it can in some way solve this problem.

The scrambled script today seems to reflect "the rush of our times." It has been claimed that the writing of children, in particular, often supplies a key to an underlying personality problem. It is reported that 84 per cent of the young people appearing in New York City's Children Court, were found to have trouble writing.

The trouble caused by the tortured writing of adults is endless. Hieroglyphic shopping lists cause husbands to bring home beans instead of bacon.

A year-long study made in a Pennsylvania school indicated that the pupils with the best handwriting were those whose parents also wrote most legibly.

Good penmen are fast decreasing in number. This scribe can only think of six or eight who are active today across the country.

The advent of the ball point pen is the principal villain in bringing poor writing

into the schools and businesses, along with the lack of competent instructors.

To master the "Queen of Arts" one must lay aside all habits that would in any way affect the nerves. He must take the time and be able to concentrate on forms of letters, slant and spacing. A good instructor is a prime requisite.

All skilled penmen use oblique holders with a pen point designed for the particular kind of writing they want to do.

Sgt. R. A. Huber, of the crime detection laboratory in Ottawa, says: "Good penmanship . . . and writing with a fine, resilient nib present the greatest problem of the malefactor." This is true, as every handwriting expert will tell you. Poor handwriting is generally the happy hunting of the forger.

Now mind your p's and q's and cross your t's and dot your i's.



The Grand Master's name, ornately written by Dr. McCray.

Dr. McCray's address is Bath, Illinois 62617.

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### Point of Interest

Since 1922, date of the Educational Foundation's inception, up to and including the calendar year of 1970, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation has made a total of 66,596 Student Loans with an aggregate value of \$24,199,471.47.



# PEOPLE/EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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## DeMolay News Highlights

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird and Presidential Counselor Robert S. Finch were among the recipients in a special investiture of the DeMolay Legion of Honor "on a distinguished group of Masons . . . at the Grand Lodge building in New York City April 15."

The conferrals were by the New York Metropolitan Preceptory under the leadership of John J. Reiner. Serving as Commander in the East was J. George Lipton, who was the first State Master Councilor of New York and received his LOH at the early age of 20.

During the evening ceremonies former DeMolay Executive Officer for New York, Robert Walker, received the Cross of Honor. Special guests of Executive Officer Henry O. Dormann at the ceremonies, attended by more than a thousand, were DeMolay Grand Master Chester Hodges, Past Grand Master Walter O. Helwig and the Supreme Council Executive Director, Richard Harkins.

Another DeMolay feature was the July 10 statewide DeMolay Class at Culver Lake, New Jersey, named for the Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment, John B. Cottrell, Jr. The Initiatory Degree, conferred indoors in the morning, was followed Saturday night by a mountain-top conferral of the DeMolay Degree.

Among the Masonic and DeMolay leaders present, in addition to Sir Knight Cottrell, were William C. Chasey, Jr., Active Member of the International Supreme Council and Executive Officer for New Jersey; Grand Commander H. O. Lee Fenstad, and a number of Past Grand Commanders of New Jersey.

## Barbourville Wins Trophy Again



Harold E. Jones, left, receives the Earl Cline trophy from the Grand Commander of Kentucky, Sir Knight Henry C. Smith, as a reward for Barbourville Commandery's winning the annual competitive drills of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. This is the third time Barbourville No. 39 has won the first prize and the second time in a row. This year the drills were held in the coliseum of Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond.

## Red Cross Regional Assembly

The 1971 Western Regional Assembly of the Red Cross of Constantine will be held September 17-19 in Boise, Idaho, according to Harley Mathisen, Intendant General, Idaho, and Ernest Logan, Jr., Sovereign of St. Michael's Conclave, Boise. K. C. Gress, Intendant General of California Southern, is Chairman of the Regional Committee.

## A Shrine First?

Sir Knight S. M. Rising, Killington Commandery No. 6, Rutland, Vermont, was honored last January with the presentation of a 60-year pin by Cairo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Rutland. A Past Potentate, Rising had kept every one of his dues cards during his 60 years of membership. They were on display for the presentation ceremonies.



# MASONIC NEWS IN TEMPLAR REVIEW

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## August 21, Leslie H. Swan Day

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma has arranged a celebration at the Scottish Rite Temple, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Saturday, August 21, to mark the 50 years of M.W. Brother Leslie H. Swan as a Past Grand Master of Masons.

Hundreds of well-wishers, unable to be present, have written letters of congratulation to Past Grand Master Swan. Compiled in book form, they will be one of the official presentations on August 21.

Among a variety of distinctions, Sir Knight Swan is a Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, as well as Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Illustrious Master.

The M.E. Grand Master of Knights Templar, G. Wilbur Bell, has written to "express personal affection and official congratulations from the more than 375,000 Knights Templar of the United States of America."

## "The Word" in Kansas

The York Rite Masons of Kansas plan to present, with their own cast, Myron K. Lingle's synoptic ritual drama, "The Word," October 23-24 at Salina.

Active members of the three York Rite Bodies have endorsed the festival and a number of leaders "from a large area" will be present. Kansas officers have issued letters of invitation and encouragement for widespread participation.

According to the *Kansas York Rite Magazine*, 1,000 Masons will be able to observe the festival presentation from the sidelines.

## Frank L. Bourke Home From Hospital

Sir Knight Frank L. Bourke, P.G.C., Maine, and Past Department Commander of the Northeastern Department, is resting at home following a stroke. Sir Knight and Mrs. Bourke reside at 27 Alpine Road, Portland, Maine 04103.

## Grand Recorder Hunt Back at Work

Grand Recorder Bruce Hunt of Missouri is back in the office following surgery. However, he will not be able to fully resume his duties as Grand Secretary-Recorder to the York Rite Bodies of Missouri for several weeks.

## Piper Joins Walker and Adams

When Fred C. Piper was installed Grand Commander of New Mexico Grand Commanders Ralph Walker of Colorado and Loyd Adams of Arizona were on hand. It was more than a visit to an adjoining Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Piper once lived in Denver, where he secured the York Rite petition of a fellow Past Master, Ralph Walker.

Later, Sir Knight Piper moved to Arizona where he was instrumental in organizing a Commandery at Safford. One of the first candidates to be Knighted in the new Commandery was Loyd Adams.

Last fall Sir Knights Walker and Adams became Grand Commanders of their respective Grand Commanderies. And in April this year Sir Knight Piper became Grand Commander, joining the ranks of the two he had helped bring into Templary.



## Memo from the Grand Recorder's Office

Under date of June 30, a memo announcing new services and report information was mailed to Department Commanders, members of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership and to Grand Commandery, Constituent and Subordinate Commandery officers to advise them of enlarged Grand Encampment services effective with the month of July.

New services include detailed membership activity reports monthly, prepared and mailed direct to Constituent and Subordinate Commandery Recorders; summaries of membership information monthly to Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders; and a resume of the Grand Commandery (and Subordinate) statistical figures to Grand Encampment officers and members of the Committee on Membership.

The new services will not alter the system and schedule for the relaying of monthly updating information from the Constituent Recorders. They will continue to forward duplicate updating reports near the end of each month to their respective Grand Recorders.

Starting in the fall, the Chicago office will provide listings of "sojourning Templars," members who live in jurisdictions other than their states of membership, on a Department by Department basis. This material will be available at Department Conferences, updated each year for each

of the seven Department Conferences held under the leadership of the Department Commanders.

**As a repeat reminder for all Recorders, the new reports from the Chicago office will not change in any way the routing of the monthly update reports. These, as in the past, will continue to go in duplicate to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. He in turn retains one and forwards the other, as before, to the Grand Encampment office so that all levels will have the same information at the same time.**

The memo to the some 1,600 Recorders covered the new services in detail. One or two Recorders, after receiving the memo, raised an inquiry regarding any change in updating procedure. There is no change. Constituent Recorders will continue to mail duplicate update forms to their Grand Recorders and the 16 Subordinate Recorders will continue to mail their forms without change also.

Paul C. Rodenhauer

### Dr. Padgett Appointment

Past Grand Commander John H. Padgett, Phoenix, has been appointed to serve as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Arizona by Sir Knight Loyd E. Adams, Grand Commander.

Arizona's Supplement Editor to the *Knight Templar Magazine*, Robert F. Henderson, reported the appointment following the July 5 death of the former Grand Recorder, Dwight E. Shannon, P.G.C.

### Joint Royal Arch Installation

Chester Bush, Grand High Priest of Kentucky, recently presided over joint installation services of five Royal Arch Chapters in Northern Kentucky. Sixty-five officers were installed.

The joint service was promoted by the Northern Kentucky York Rite Association. Walter C. Bruen is the President.

Members of the Association assisted in the installation ceremonies.



## FRANKLIN'S TEXAS GRANDSON

*O. Etheridge, Conroe, Texas, sent several histories of Brother Richard Bache, grandson of Brother Benjamin Franklin, to the Knight Templar Magazine. Bache, who helped write Texas history, was one of the original members of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas back before Texas became a state. When Texas was accepting statehood, in fact, Bache was the only man to vote against it.*

Richard Bache was born in Philadelphia, the son of a former Postmaster General of the colonies and Sarah, only daughter of Benjamin Franklin. He married Sophia Dallas, daughter of the Secretary of State under Madison, served in the War of 1812 and returned home to become Postmaster of Philadelphia.

In 1836 he suddenly left his wife and nine children and went to Mississippi where he lived for a time with his daughter and son-in-law. From there he went to Texas to fight for independence. Later he was assigned to guard the house in which Santa Anna was imprisoned. He left the army shortly thereafter.

Obviously broke and under pressure to support his wife, he took any job available, often two or more at once. In November 1838 he was serving in dual capacities in the Navy Department and as enrolling clerk of the House of Representatives.

Grand Lodge records for 1837 show Bache as Junior Grand Deacon and Grand Sword Bearer. In 1838 he was Deputy Grand Master.

In 1842 Brother Bache moved to Galveston where he clerked in the Navy Yard for a short time before being named commander of it. In 1845 he was elected as one of the city's delegates to Austin to consider the invitation to statehood.

Mrs. Bache's brother, George M. Dallas, was at the time Vice President of the United States. Bache was so embittered with his wife and her family that he refused to agree to statehood under an administration that included a Dallas.

(One history states Bache's sister was married to Vice President Dallas making him a "double" brother-in-law to the Vice President.) Thus he became the only man to vote against Texas statehood.

Despite his opposition to statehood, the people of Galveston elected Bache to the first Texas Senate and then re-elected him to a second term. He died of a stroke on the street in Austin during a session of the Second Legislature and was buried there with full honors from the State of Texas on March 18, 1848.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Historians disagree on many of the events in the life of Brother Bache. The foregoing compilation is taken from both histories, agreeing sometimes with one, sometimes with the other.

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### Dentist Heads Grottoes



George William Thomas, D.D.S., of Richmond, Virginia, is the new Grand Monarch of the Grottoes of North America. Thomas is a 1950 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

## Governor Hearnes' Missouri Sesquicentennial Message

Sir Knight Warren E. Hearnes, Governor of Missouri, wrote the following message for *The Freemason* in observance of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.



Governor Hearnes, now serving his second term, is a member of Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Prior to his election as governor he served five terms in the Missouri House and one term as Secretary of State. He is currently Chairman of the National Governors' Conference and President of the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments.

*The history of Freemasonry in Missouri has been so closely tied to the history of the state itself that I take special pleasure in recognizing the sesquicentennial celebration now underway, confident that I speak for countless Missourians in extending congratulations and best wishes to each of you.*

*Not only do the State of Missouri and Missouri Freemasonry share a 150th anniversary this year, but they hold in common the names of many outstanding Missourians who were Masons as well as government, civic, business and professional leaders of the state.*

*Those of us who are Masons should take full advantage of this opportunity to reflect upon the proud history and traditions of both Freemasonry and Missouri, vowing to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of the past and to commit ourselves to the needs of the future.*

### Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter

Miss Scottie Burritt, Honored Queen of Bethel No. 6, Milwaukee, has been selected "Miss Wisconsin Job's Daughter," according to Mrs. Dorothy M. Crane, Past Grand Guardian, wife of Karl A. Crane, P.G.C. Miss Burritt will compete with Job's Daughters from all states, provinces and countries where Bethels are located for the title of "Miss International Job's Daughter" at the Supreme Council of Job's Daughters International sessions in Cleveland August 18-21.



### Another Commander in 50th Year

Sir Knight Russell J. Harden, Sr., P.C., Fond du Lac No. 5, Wisconsin, was raised in Fountain Lodge No. 26, Fond du Lac, on February 19, 1920. He was presented his 50-year pin on April 29, 1970. Six days later, on May 5, 1970, he was installed Commander at the age of 74.

**Change of Location:** The combined Northeast Regional York Rite meeting will take place at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, October 15-16, rather than at Lennox. The Sheraton Hilton Hotel in Pittsfield will be the setting for the Conference.



## Oklahoma Class Will Feature the Honorable Carl Albert

Speaker of the House of Representatives, United States Congress, Brother Carl Albert, will be the special "York Rite Field Day" candidate in the York Rite Degrees and Orders to be conferred October 23 at the Masonic Temple, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The *Oklahoma York Rite Newsletter* of June announces that "in honor of this great occasion the York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma have designated Saturday, October 23, as Carl Albert York Rite Day in Oklahoma." On that day all the York Rite Degrees and Orders will be conferred on members of the class honoring one of Oklahoma's national leaders. General Chairman for the festival is Sir Knight August Johnson.



Grand Recorder F. M. Lumbard writes: "I have also secured the petition of the Congressman from my district, who has announced his intention to run for U.S. Senator next year, Ed Edmondson. Hope we can build a large class for this event."

### New Kansas Grand Secretary

The M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Kansas, Robert D. Caplinger, has announced the appointment of Albert O. Arnold, Jr., to the post of Grand Secretary of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Kansas, A.F. & A.M., effective August 1.

Ben W. Graybill, P.G.M., Interim Grand Secretary at the time, wrote that "his (Arnold's) fourteen years as secretary of an active Lodge of over 400 members has provided him with the experience which will be invaluable to him in his new office . . ."

"Brother Arnold enlisted in the Marines September 9, 1942, and served with a combat unit in the South Pacific . . ."

The new Grand Secretary, whose office is in Topeka, has a background of athletic activity, including football, boxing, wrestling and hockey.

### Old Dominion Invitation

Old Dominion Commandery No. 11 meets in the North Room of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia. Its stated Conclave is on the third Friday of each month except in July and August when the Asylum is dark. Commander Jason W. Snyder invites all Knights Templar to visit Old Dominion Commandery and "particularly the Grand Encampment's Knights Templar Chapel on the eighth floor" when in the Washington, D.C., area.

Sir Knights of Old Dominion Commandery stand guard in the Chapel on George Washington's birthday, February 22, and on Easter following the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington. Snyder says the Guards are in full Templar uniform when on duty; his Commandery performs this service voluntarily so the public and visiting Knights will get "a little something extra when visiting the Chapel on these special days."



## Marine Heads Sojourners



Lt. General Herman Nickerson, Jr., (USMC-Ret.) was installed as National President of National Sojourners, Inc., during the 51st Annual Convention in Sacramento June 23-25.

Nickerson, a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, set in motion a Five Year Plan for the 10,000 National Sojourners to follow, using the life of George Washington as a theme, culminating during the Bicentennial in 1976.

Sir Knight Harry Russell Kutz was awarded the Sojourner Legion of Honor Medal, highest award of the Sojourners, during the Sacramento session. Kutz is also being honored this year for 50 years of membership in his York and Scottish Rite bodies.

## New National Commander

The Legions of Honor of the Shrine is an organization of Shriners formed in 1922 "to include veterans of all conflicts since the Civil War."

World War veteran, Eugene F. Hoffman, Ansar Temple, Springfield, Illinois, became the National Commander of the National Association of Legions of Honor in June.

To present him with his official fez of office, National Commander-elect Hoffman invited his longtime friend, Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, to attend the Annual Meeting and Convention of the organization June 2-6, at Oakland, California.



Two members of Elwood Commandery No. 6, Springfield, and one of Damascus Commandery No. 42, and all members of Ansar Temple, Springfield, are shown at Oakland. Grand Master Bell congratulates National Commander Hoffman, while the 1957 National Commander, Arnold R. Kugler, approves. Not pictured — another member of Elwood Commandery and Ansar Temple, new 7th National Lt. Commander, Wayne Johns.

## AMERICANISM

Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and hardihood — the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

—Theodore Roosevelt



## OLD AMERICAN FLAGS

*Sir Knight George W. Hervey, Falls Church, Virginia, believes that many of the old American flags in existence today are not really authentic colonial flags. He tells of an experience he had with an old flag and brings out a historical note about it.*

Concerning the valuable old American flags numerous persons and organizations think they own I recall at least one appropriate sage remark, credited to the 19th Century philosopher, wit and essayist Josh Billings. "It ain't so much that folks don't know; it's what they know that ain't so that causes so much confusion in this world."

Several years ago I suddenly decided that a beautiful 13-star flag, long in my possession, could be put to appropriate use by my Chapter of the National Sojourners. Preliminary to the intended presentation, however, I sent this flag to the Smithsonian Institute for examination by textile experts there. I was destined to be disillusioned by the eventual report.

From the size, cotton material, mode of hand-stitching and other physical characteristics, my prized flag was judged

to be circa 1850. Accordingly, I disposed of that specimen differently than planned. I did not want some unenlightened enthusiast 50 or 100 years hence to be claiming unwarranted antiquity.

As a boy I heard that my grandmother's brother (a good Mason, of course) had been one of the returning soldiers who participated in a mammoth parade up Broadway in New York after the termination of 1849 Mexican War. She, then 28 years old, undoubtedly made the above described flag especially for that patriotic occasion. Hundreds of other women presumably did likewise.

I have read somewhere that such 13-star handmade versions often appeared on July 4 along the eastern seaboard up to the Civil War period. Probably no more than four or five old flags now in existence trace even so far back as the War of 1812.

### Davy Crockett

Davy Crockett is best known to us as a mountaineer, pioneer and a heroic figure in the early story of our nation. But very few remember him as an able and courageous member of the U.S. Congress where he served for six years.

On one occasion in the House of Representatives a proposal was presented to grant a payment of \$10,000 to the widow of a Naval officer who had died a hero's death.

Davy Crockett spoke out against this proposal. "No one is more sympathetic with this bereaved widow than I am, nor is anyone more anxious to help this deserving lady than I am, but we all know that the government has no right to become a charitable institution. However," said Davy Crockett, "I am the least able financially of the members of this Congress to donate two weeks of my salary for this purpose, but I am cheerfully willing to do so. Therefore, I move that every member present donate two weeks of his salary to this widow. This will even exceed the \$10,000 under consideration."

*There was not one member of the House that arose to second this motion.*

America sorely needs more Davy Crocketts.

Dr. Sidney L. DeLove  
Chairman, Knights Templar, Bicentennial U.S.A.



**Frank Elmer Vantine**  
 South Carolina  
 Grand Commander — 1941  
 Born November 15, 1890  
 Died May 20, 1971

**Frederick Porter Caughman**  
 South Carolina  
 Grand Commander — 1956  
 Born October 16, 1886  
 Died May 29, 1971

**John Joseph Priborsky**  
 Wyoming  
 Grand Commander — 1949  
 Born August 6, 1892  
 Died June 27, 1971

**Dwight Elmore Shannon**  
 Arizona  
 Grand Commander — 1957  
 Born July 4, 1906  
 Died July 5, 1971



### Dwight E. Shannon

Dwight E. Shannon, who died at his home July 5 following hospitalization for a heart attack, was Secretary-Recorder of the York Rite Bodies of Arizona. Broadly active in Masonry, his particular interest was Templary. It was the one Grand Body of Arizona he aspired to serve as presiding officer, which he did in 1957.

Sir Knight Shannon was born on Independence Day 1906 in Marshfield, Missouri. He died on the day of the official observance of Independence Day 1971.

Funeral services Thursday, July 8, were attended by, among other Masons and Templars, H. B. Willard, P.G.C., Iowa, member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Dispensations and Charters, and C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

### Gordon F. Grant

A letter received July 9 from Colin J. Campbell, Grand Secretary, Grand Council of Canadian DeMolay, announces "the death of Gordon F. Grant, Grand Master of the Canadian Order of DeMolay, former Executive Officer for the Province of British Columbia and Active Member of the International Supreme Council."

### REQUIEM

Under the wide and starry sky,  
 Dig the grave and let me lie,  
 Glad did I live and gladly die,  
 And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grave for me:  
 Here he lies where he longed to be;  
 Home is the sailor, home from the sea,  
 And the hunter is home from the hill.

Robert Louis Stevenson



## Masonic Helping Hands

Little Virginia Marie Galvez, 10 months old, of Guatemala City, Guatemala, had been in a coma for 40 days and doctors there were unable to determine the cause. Her father Douglas, a member of Union Lodge No. 1, Guatemala City, spoke of the child's condition to a fellow Mason, Brother Boden.

Brother Boden, a missionary, is a member of the Mosaic Amateur Radio Net, an international ham radio club composed of Masons. He broadcast a plea for help to Domenic A. Pallotto, 32°, Chicago, founder of MARN. Pallotto turned the request over to Sir Knight Frank A. Phillips, Corresponding Secretary, who immediately contacted Sir Knight Vernon Perfect, Masonic Relations Director at Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Phillips, of Dyer, Indiana, is a member of Crestview No. 25, Crestview, Florida.

Help was soon on the way. MARN financed and made arrangements to fly Virginia and her parents to Chicago for further tests.

In the meantime, Sir Knight John Carlos Loayza, St. Bernard No. 35, Chicago, a member of the Peace Corps in Guatemala and an acquaintance of the child's father, learned of the situation and decided to write a friend in the United States for help. Sir Knight Richard Prugh, Siloam Commandery No. 54, Oak Park, received the letter and called Sir Knight Perfect. However, the child had arrived two days earlier through the efforts of MARN.

The story has a sad ending. Doctors at Illinois Masonic were unable to cure the malady which caused the coma. Little Virginia and her parents returned to Guatemala on July 4.

There has been no news about Virginia from Guatemala City since the family's departure from Chicago.

## Knights Templars and Masonic Mutual Aid Association

Did you know that at one time the Knights Templar were involved in mutual aid benefits along with other Masonic bodies?

Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Deputy Grand Commander of the District of Columbia and Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, sent a copy of a "Knights Templars and Masonic Mutual Aid Association" policy no. 91 dated January 1, 1878, to the *Knights Templar Magazine*. The policy was issued to George W. Couradt of Peru, Indiana, by the Association in Cincinnati.

The policy was among papers found in the effects of a deceased relative by a Massachusetts man and forwarded to Sir Knight Fowler. A receipt from the Association stamped "Paid July 13, 1882" shows Sir Knight Couradt paid a three dollar assessment for "deaths nos. 52, 53 and 54."

Also included in the papers was policy no. 10 of the "Knights Templars and Masons' Life Indemnity Company." It was issued to Couradt on May 27, 1884, in Chicago.

## DeMolay Eye Foundation Gift

The DeMolays of Sam B. Cantey, Jr. Chapter, Houston, Texas, have presented a \$100 check to the Eye Foundation. The check for a Patron Certificate was presented to Sir Knight Aubrey G. Martindale, Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee for the Grand Commandery of Texas.

This is the second time this Chapter of DeMolay has presented the Eye Foundation with a \$100 check. The young men made the money for the contribution by operating a booth at the Houston Astro-dome.



## C. Victor Thornton New Imperial Potentate

C. Victor Thornton, Moslah Temple, Fort Worth, Texas, was installed Imperial Potentate at the 97th Imperial Council Session of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine held in Miami Beach June 27-July 2. He succeeds Aubrey G. Graham, Khedive Temple, Norfolk, Virginia.

The new Imperial Potentate is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason; member of Worth Commandery No. 19, Fort Worth, Texas; and Sovereign of St. Timothy Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, among his other Masonic affiliations.



Approximately 100,000 Shriners and their families attended the Shrine convention, the largest convention ever held in Miami Beach. Two big parades were held, a six hour day parade of 12,317 Shriners on June 29 and a night parade on July 1.

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell and Grand Prelate Dr. Norman Vincent Peale shared the Grand Master's official car in the day parade. Dr. Peale, a former Imperial Chaplain of the Shriners, was on hand to deliver the principle address at the Imperial Potentate's banquet June 30. Grand Master Bell is Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee for the Imperial Council and a Past Potentate of Ansar Temple, Springfield, Illinois.

Noble Dr. F. T. H'Doubler, Past Potentate of Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Missouri, was elected Imperial Outer Guard. Dr. H'Doubler is a member of St. John's Commandery No. 20, Springfield, Missouri.

A Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas, Dr. Robert Bruce Brannon, Ingle-side, was appointed Imperial Chaplain. Sir Knight Brannon is currently Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

Harvey A. Beffa, Sr., St. Louis, was

elected President of the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. As President of the Board of Directors he automatically becomes Chairman of the Board of Trustees, succeeding the late Harold Lloyd, Past Imperial Potentate. Beffa, a Past Imperial Potentate, was himself a victim of polio in 1932. Today he is a successful businessman.

Cahaba Temple, Huntsville, Alabama, became the 171st Temple when it was granted its charter at the 97th Imperial Council Session. Al Amin Temple, Corpus Christi, Texas, was granted dispensation and could receive its charter at the 98th Imperial Council Session.

The Shrine will observe its "Shrine-ennial," a new word coined by new Imperial Potentate C. Victor Thornton to designate the 100th birthday of Shrine-ism in North America, at the 98th Imperial Council Session to be held July 17-21, 1972, in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. (The Shrine was formed September 26, 1872, but the Imperial Council was not organized until a few years later.) The birthday celebration will officially begin December 31, 1971, at the Shrine East-West football game in San Francisco.

**Coming: September 10-11 at Tyler, Texas — Statewide York Rite-Shrine Festival honoring Arch M. Dullnig, P.G.C., P.P., Grand Encampment Chairman.**



## Vrooman's Views

### "The Manner of Makyng Knyghtes"

Pouring through some old papers yesterday, I came across an old manuscript which narrated the means of making Knights in ancient times. It was an interesting story, and I repeat it here for the benefit of our readers, in order to give more light on our Chivalric customs and traditions.



The article is entitled "The manner of makyng Knightes after the custome of Englande," and reads as follows:

"Thanne shall the Squyer lift up his armes on high, and the Kynge shall put his armes about the nekke of the Squyer, and lyftyng up his right hands he shall smyte the Squyer in the nekke, sayeng thus — 'Be Ye a good Knyghte' — kissing him.

"It was in the time of Charles the Great, that the way of knighting by the 'colaphum,' or blow on the ear, was used in the sign of sustaining future hardships, a custom long after retained in Germany and France, William, Earl of Holland, who was to be knighted before he could be emperor, at his being elected king of the Romans, received knighthood by the box of the ear, etc., from John, king of Bohemia, 1247 A. D."

It does seem that now, in this day and age in which we move so swiftly, that we ought to pause and bring to our memories some of the early traditions, ceremonies and activities of the past, to make our ceremonies more real and impressive.

**John Black Vrooman**

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### Cache No. 27 Receives Capitol Flag

A belated report tells of the presentation on March 15 to Cache Commandery No. 27, Conneaut, Ohio, of a Flag of the United States which had flown over the Capitol Building at Washington, D.C.

The presentation was made by the Master Councilor and Senior Councilor of Conneaut Chapter of DeMolay to Commander Lawrence Mills and Ralph A. Sanders, P.C., Prelate Emeritus, in observance of "Patriotic Day," one of the days DeMolay Chapters observed as part of National DeMolay Week.

### Wisconsin Fights Drug Addiction

The Royal Arch Foundation of Wisconsin is sponsoring a program "to assist in prevention and rehabilitation of narcotic addicted youth." As a part of this program, they have made available a "narcotics identification guide."

The guide lists the various types of narcotics by their proper names and also by their slang names. It tells the physical symptoms of addiction, what to look for and the dangers of using the drug. The idea behind the slide-chart guide is to help the public become aware of the problem of drug addiction.

Guides may be ordered from the Royal Arch Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc., 225 E. Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, for a one dollar donation to the project.

# PENNSYLVANIA SUPPLEMENT



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## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I was both privileged and fortunate to attend the 36th annual State Conclave Order of DeMolay, recently held in Erie, Pennsylvania. This was a real thrill and the highlight of the occasion was the presentation of the various awards and certificates. Your Grand Commander received a special thrill in presenting a TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP award to a boy from his own DeMolay Chapter, Oriental Chapter in Johnstown, sponsored by Oriental Commandery No. 61.

I had previously requested that Sir Knight Robert S. Hanson, chairman of the Grand Commandery Education Foundation, present the scholarship awards. However, he was gracious enough to permit me to present this award to one of my own boys. I thank Sir Knight "Bob" for that privilege. I also express my thanks to Past Grand Commander Harold E. Stokley and Past Commander Charles J. Meek, chairman and vice chairman respectively of the Grand Commandery Committee for DeMolay, for their very able assistance.

Every Knight Templar in Pennsylvania should be proud of the part Templary plays in the support of DeMolay. However, we could and should do more.

This is vacation time. No doubt all of the Constituent Commanderies have called off for the summer except for an occasional picnic. This is the time, however, to have a summer membership drive. This is the time for you members to call at the homes of prospective candidates. Each Commander has been given a quota to be reached this year. It is pleasing to your Grand Commander to note that



some Commanders have given themselves a larger number to reach. This is very gratifying. May I suggest that you keep this number ever before you. Publish it in your notices. Have your members ask "What does the number mean?". This creates interest and enthusiasm. I am sure that with a determination, based on faith that it can be done.

**AWAKE, THOU THAT SLEEPEST!**

Ewart Roberts  
Grand Commander





## HE MIGHT SAY YES

Founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, Templary deserves the enthusiastic and sustained support of every Christian Mason. Templary deserves better than it has been getting.

I am asking for your concern and cooperation. Nine out of ten eligible Master Master Masons have not joined a commandery of Knights Templar. At least 50% of these would if they were properly asked. Sir Knights, go out and ask your Christian Masonic friend to petition Templary. HE JUST MIGHT SAY YES!!!

### Knights Templar DeMolay Scholarships

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 Ronald L. Schmiermund  
 Oriental Chapter, Johnstown

\$1,000.00 Award  
 Michael C. Downing  
 Greenville Chapter, Greenville

\$500.00 Awards  
 David S. Forster  
 Reading Chapter, Reading

Richard J. Harper  
 Chester Chapter, Chester

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## Plan \$3.5 Million Hospital Wing

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* of July 11 carried the news that a seven-story building in the center of Philadelphia, owned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was being sold "by the Pennsylvania Masons, who plan to use the income from the sale to aid construction of a new wing of their hospital in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County."

The building on Arch Street, once occupied by the *Evening and Sunday Bulletin* had been purchased some years ago with the idea of enlarging the present Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge "around the corner" at 1 North Broad Street.

"But," reports the newspaper, "since the Shriners have purchased land in Bucks County for their offices and since the Scottish Rite Temple has purchased the Town Hall at Broad and Race Streets, the spokesman (Grand Lodge) said 'the building did not serve our needs anymore and we didn't need that center.'

"He said revenue from the sale will help pay for the \$3.5 million new wing of the Elizabethtown hospital. The wing will contain 116 beds."

The hospital to which the newspaper refers is a part of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown supported by the 240,000 Masons of Pennsylvania.

## The Church By the Side of the Road

In Rockton, Illinois, there is a church that has no members but it is filled to overflowing each Sunday. In fact, the overflow crowd is so great it takes a basement chapel where the crowd watches the upstairs service via closed circuit television.

The church's Chaplain is a retired minister from Wisconsin. Sunday services, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., are "somewhat informal." The Rev. John L. Walker, Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3, Madison, Wisconsin, describes them as "traditional," utilizing the "old" sermons and hymns. A Roman Catholic Mass follows at 12:30 p.m.

The Church By the Side of the Road was built in 1964 by Walter Williamson, owner of the Wagon Wheel resort where the church is located, in memory of his mother. Williamson spends \$30-35,000 a year to support the chapel, freeing all offerings for charitable use.

All Protestant demoninations, Catholics and Jews attend the services. About 300 weddings are performed each

year. "We've married people from every state except Alaska and we've even had folks from the Philippines and Pakistan," said Rev. Walker. He also handles about 80 baptisms a year.

The construction of the church is diverse. The bell came from Scotland, the siding from a tobacco shed, the rose window, red doors and side windows from a Methodist church in Janesville, Wisconsin. Inside, the baptismal font, altar and pulpit came from a century old Lutheran church in Minnesota and the pews, reportedly used by the family of Jesse James, came from Brodhead, Wisconsin.

Rev. Walker has no administrative problems. With no membership there is no church board. His time is free to counsel anyone who asks or just listen to someone who needs a friend.

Some of the more conservative churches frown on Rev. Walker and his interdenominational church. But the people come — at the rate of 1,000 visitors a week.



## Working Together

by George A. Newbury, 33°

*The Sovereign Grand Commander's editorial in the latest issue of The Northern Light, official publication of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, is an observation and expression of Masonic cooperation, "especially between the Scottish and York Rites."*

*With the permission of Sir Knight Newbury, the Knight Templar Magazine presents a reprint of his editorial, "Working Together."*



On a recent visit to the Valley of Peoria, Illinois, I saw something that pleased me very much, as I am certain it will you. The first section of the 32° — the ceremonial section — was exemplified by Knights Templar in full dress Templar uniform. Most of those participating were Past Eminent Commanders of their Commanderies. I was told that this is a long-standing practice in the Valley of Peoria. I can also report that the work was beautifully and impressively done.

Here is a fine example of the kind of cooperation that should exist among all branches of the Masonic Order and especially between the Scottish and York Rites. In a very real sense the degrees of the two Rites compliment each other as both compliment the degrees of Symbolic Freemasonry. By working together in a

spirit of mutual helpfulness and brotherliness, we add strength to the whole Masonic structure.

I realize that in most of our Valleys — possibly all except the Valley of Peoria — the elected and appointed officers of the Consistory traditionally exemplify the first section of the 32°. I am not suggesting — and would not suggest — any change in that practice generally — although an occasional exception might be in order. However, there are many other ways in which the two Rites can cooperate and where both can cooperate with the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the Symbolic Lodges in their areas. I bring this to your attention as one striking example of such cooperation and of Masonic Brotherhood in action within the Fraternity.

### 10 Years Ago This Month

The August 26, 1961, issue of *The Masonic Chronicler*, Chicago, notes that "nearly three hundred Sir Knights Templar of Illinois, and their ladies, journeyed to Cleveland, Ohio, on August 11, 1961, to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

"The Conclave was well attended and successful, especially for the Sir Knights of Illinois, when on Wednesday, August 16, 1961, Sir Knight George Wilbur Bell, Past Grand Commander of Illinois, was elected to the office of Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment.

"The result of this election ushers in to the Grand Encampment Grand Line, one of the most outstanding Masons in Illinois. Sir Knight Bell has an unusual ability not only for leadership but for distinguished service in every capacity and has devoted his entire fraternal life in the interest and welfare of the Orders."

## DOOR COUNTY

by Sidney J. Harris

*The following is an excerpt from columnist Sidney J. Harris' essay "Door County." Door County is Harris' favorite vacation spot, "beautiful" and quiet. It is not a place for the tourist, Harris says, but only for those who seek a quiet sojourn with nature. Below, he writes of the loss of such places.*

Our affluent society suffers from what John Maynard Keynes has dubbed "the paradox of the aggregate." Things that are good and desirable for the few become intolerable when overrun by the many. As more and more people emerge into affluence, their very numbers make it impossible for them enjoy what the few once possessed. This is a grim paradox our prosperous democracy has barely begun to face.

And this "paradox of the aggregate" is complicated by the bleak fact that our affluence is not accompanied by education, the development of taste or the cultivation of public manners. So that the people who can now afford what only a few could relish in the past do not have the same regard for quiet loveliness, the same standards of privacy, the same respect for the ecology of land and water and air.

As an ideal, democracy should rise to the level of its highest, not sink to the level of its lowest; but the opposite has too often been the case, and area after area has been despoiled by people with more money than manners, more demands than responsibilities, more sensations that want satisfying than emotions that need tranquilizing.

Look at the rape of the public parks in the last decade or so. Or even the degeneration of the closely guarded national parks. Only the young people among us seem aware of our deprivations against nature.

So, please, don't venture into Door County this summer, unless you're carrying the green ecology "E" as a sticker on your car and really mean it.

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