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ONE YEAR AFTER DENVER

As these words are being written, your Grand Master has been in office just a few days under one year. As you read them, the term will be a day or two past the one-year mark.

It has been a year packed with Templar activity, both challenging and rewarding. There are indications of progress, slow but steady, and there is promise of growth and gain to come.

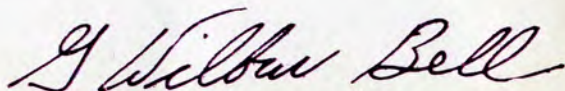
As I complete one-third of my term as Grand Master, I must admit to some disappointment that the pace of progress has not been faster; but I must also truly confess to pride in what this Grand Encampment has accomplished, and I would be sadly remiss if I failed to express my deep gratitude to the officers and members of Grand Encampment, and to all the Christian Masons who comprise this great Order. I wish I could shake the hand of each dedicated Masonic friend and associate and say "thank you" for elevating me to this high office and for supporting me so loyally during this first installment of the three-year tenure.

Surrounded by a wealth of Templar talent and devotion to our Order, I know that our next year is bound to reap greater gains in interest, activity and membership. I know with the continued help of my fellow officers and members that I will head an even stronger, larger and more influential Order when the next year comes to a close.

One of our greatest annual projects will begin in another month. Starting October 1 and continuing until Easter Day, April 2, 1972, our fourth Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be in progress. You will hear more about this from me and from others. My present purpose is to stress that it is NOT a contribution campaign, but an opportunity for PROGRAM ACTIVITY — for fund-raising projects that will give the membership the opportunity for PARTICIPATION, not primarily the offering of a donation.

More on that subject in other forms. For now, let me thank you all as we reach the first milestone of this triennium.

It is wonderful to be sharing this Templar journey with you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. Wilbur Bell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.



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The Cover:

The sampler of photos from the *Knight Templar Magazine* file shows Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell in action. With responsibilities few can fully comprehend, the Grand Master maintains an activity schedule that belies description. It has been well-said that his time,

talent and resources are devoted to others, and are characteristics exemplified in these anonymous lines:

I expect to pass thru this world but once;
Any good thing, therefore, that I can do,
Or any kindness that I can show to my fellow-creatures,
Let me do it now;
Let me not defer or neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.

P.C.R.



From the MAIL BIN

Ezekiel Bates Blue Lodge, Attleboro, Massachusetts, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. To commemorate, and as a remembrance of this occasion, a simple but beautiful bronze finished medallion was designed, "struck" and sold. This medallion cannot be purchased from any store, catalogue house or jewelry factory. It can only be purchased from Ezekiel Bates Lodge. If you are a collector of "things" Masonic — this medallion will make a wonderful and beautiful addition to your Masonic collection. Also, it could serve as a pattern or an idea for your Lodge or other Masonic body to commemorate and remember a special occasion.

This medallion is available to you for \$2.00 each or \$10.00 each embedded in a clear plastic circle. To obtain a medallion order, forward your check for \$2.00 or \$10.00 drawn in favor of Ezekiel Bates Lodge A.F. & A.M. to me together with a stamped, self-addressed heavy mailing envelope. Within a month you will receive your medallion.

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Could there be a kind Knight Templar who could help me in my search? Several early American glass works blew bottles with Masonic symbols on them. I am looking for some of those bottles. Anyone having any information on them please write.

R. LEONARD WILLIAMS
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Pasadena, California 91103

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Writing on behalf of the members of the Mosaic Amateur Radio Net, I should like to express our gratitude in your publicizing the plight of little Virginia Maria Galvez of Guatemala City in the article, "Masonic Helping Hands."

I am sorry to inform you and my Brother Sir Knights that in spite of the efforts of the personnel at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center, a recent report from our missionary member is that Virginia Maria apparently will not survive.

FRANK A. PHILLIPS
Corresponding Secretary, MARN

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Being a Royal Arch Mason is the greatest thrill of my life. It was rather sad to read how membership in Capitular Masonry is declining in some areas of the United States, but inspiring to read it is on the ascent in New Jersey.

I am happy to report about our York Rite Festival in the Youngstown Temple May 22, 28, 29, for candidates in the Nineteenth Capitular District of the Seventh Arch and the Ninth Division. We had 48 candidates. Thirty-eight were Knighted, 19 were from St. John's Commandery No. 20, Youngstown. It was a thrill to see so many candidates.

This is going to be an annual affair. This November we will have another festival. It takes planning and dedicated men to make this a success. It can be done, and what a blessing it will be for Capitular Masonry. With cooperation from all bodies and from each Companion and Sir Knight we cannot fail. So let each of us lend his support. I'm certain each will have many pleasant memories.

JULIUS BARTHA
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Editor's Note: Let's make it a "York Rite" blessing.

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No doubt there are those in this Country who would delight in expunging Mississippi as a State in our Union. I feel very confident however, it was not the intention of whoever provided the article listing the United States Senators who are Masons to exclude the Senator from Mississippi John E. Stennis. He is very much a Mason. It was my privilege of being a participant in conferring the honor of Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry on Brother Stennis here in New Orleans on December 6, 1969. In addition Senator Stennis was our banquet speaker and believe me he is an ardent member of our Craft.

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In your list of Masonic officials in the national government you omitted the name of Elwood H. Hillis, Representative, Fifth District, Indiana. Mr. Hillis belongs to Howard Lodge No. 93 at Kokomo, Indiana, and all the York Rite Bodies there.

JAMES R. HARTLEY
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Logansport, Indiana

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I was pleased to see the list of the Senators, Representatives and other federal officials who are Masons in the July *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Here are the names of a few more Masons who are serving in the 92nd Congress: William V. Alexander, Arkansas; Elwood H. Hillis, Indiana; Goodloe E. Byron, Maryland; Bob S. Bergland, Minnesota; Harold L. Runnels, New Mexico; John H. Ware, Pennsylvania; and C. G. "Mike" McCormack, Washington.

Martha W. Griffiths of Michigan and Julia B. Hansen of Washington are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

JERRY R. ERIKSON
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I was sorry that Ernest W. Finlay took his negative stand regarding so-called "fast classes" or "festivals." Masonry and other affiliated Rites are at best holding their own and in some areas losing ground in membership. That doesn't necessarily mean losing in quality. Men such as Brother John Wayne are indeed a plus to our cause.

Although he took his York Rite and Shrine in close order, he did not take them lightly, nor did he miss any portion of the ceremonies.

I should know. I sat with him through each preparation room.

FLOYD H. SMITH, K.Y.C.H.
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An ardent admirer of Sir Knight John Wayne, I can but heartily agree with Brother Ernest W. Finlay whose opinion it is that on occasion men of prominence are "rushed through" the Orders of Templary.

Another subject: For whatever reason the Traunitz family gave up their "long cherished crusader's sword," who are we to preach morality to the Grand Commandery of West Virginia?

The gift, as I understand it, was freely given and does by every right, moral and legal, belong to that Commandery.

All Masonic literature interests me. The *Knight Templar Magazine*, of course, is included. And Albert Gallatin Mackey will ever be my source of the Masonic Landmarks. His reasoning is too lucid for argument.

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Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 from Mrs. Charles Clelland in memory of Sir Knight Charles Clelland, Past Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 3, Packersburg, West Virginia.

ERNEST G. RICE, P.C.,
Recorder, Calvary No. 3

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I could not help noting the misquote of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Requiem" on page 24 of the August issue.

The first line does not end with a comma; the second line ends with a colon. The last three lines of the second verse are normally in italics. In the third line, second verse, the sixth word is spelled "long'd." There is no word "is" in the last line.

Authority for these corrections is "The Oxford Book of English Verse," Oxford University Press. We must strive to keep the language pure. Our ritual would also decay if continually misquoted.

THORNTON W. DENNIS
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Editor's Note: Our alibi is in quoting a quote, rather than the original. Our apology.

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I recently visited with Sir Knight William I. Cranston, 9 Stratford Road, Cranston, Rhode Island, member for over 50 years of St. John's Commandery, Providence, Rhode Island, Harmony Blue Lodge of Cranston and Providence Chapter of Providence. He is 93 years of age. He, like myself, is a descendant of Governor John Cranston, who migrated to Rhode Island in 1636, and is the last member of his branch of the family.

His residence contains many family memorabilia, some of which date back to the American Revolution.

His patriotism is adequately demonstrated by a large American flag in his front yard and a proud display of flags in every room of his home. He is also a member of numerous historical and patriotic organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution. He has been an active member of the Baptist Church for years and has been married for 62 years.

Needless to say, I thoroughly enjoyed my much too short sojourn with him and must gratefully thank the *Knight Templar Magazine* for putting him in touch with me following an article which I wrote for the July 1970 issue.

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This is a picture showing an object loaned to me by a Brother Scottish Rite Mason. Being a Knight Templar I know the significance of the Cross, Keystone and Blue Lodge emblem. It is the skull and crossbones mounted in this fashion that puzzles me. Does anyone know the origin of this lovely piece of work?



It is solid gold (probably 18K) and the black background is enamel. The eyes of the skull are rubies. It is delicately wrought, seems very old and may have graced a Brother's watch chain or vest as a fob many years ago. Would anyone having some history of this emblematic jewel please let me know?

MELVIN STEVICK
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I work on the Santa Fe R.R. with the father of Terry Len Santola, Rialto, California, and I'm writing to tell how proud we are of his accomplishments in DeMolay. From here to the coast, we're all proud of him. As all of us frequently discuss, we depend upon boys like Terry for our future.

Terry was awarded the DeMolay Degree of Chevalier at the ICS meeting in Sacramento. He has participated in school and college bands, became an Eagle Scout. As a member of DeMolay, he has received the Representative DeMolay Degree. He was Master Councilor for DeMolay from November 1968 to May 1969. Now attends San Bernardino Valley College and works summers for the U.S. Forestry Service.

He recently received the Knighthood Priory. He's the kind of boy to make every Mason proud. As you know, Santa Fe R.R. has quite a large Masonic Club.

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JOHN FITCH

by
James R. Case

Sir Knight Case, a veteran of the European theater in both World Wars, is nationally noted for his Masonic research. He is the author of numerous articles in the various Masonic publications and Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Connecticut. Case is a member of the American and Missouri Lodges of Research and a Fellow of the Philalethes Society.

In 1969, his 50th Templar year, Case was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. He has been awarded several medals by Grand Lodges for his contributions to Masonic history, is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the General Grand Chapter and is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, N.M.J.

Sir Knight Case's chief interest is the identification of 18th century Freemasons in America. Below, he writes of one of those Masons, "poor John Fitch."

Success and happiness seemed always just beyond the grasp of "poor John Fitch" as he called himself, no matter which way he turned. As a child his feeble constitution was a handicap on the farm. As a boy he was unpopular in the dame school to which he was sent, although he did well in mathematics and geography. He displayed remarkable inventive ingenuity at an early age.

Sent to sea in hopes it might improve his health, a short five week voyage proved more than he could take. He came home to South Windsor, Connecticut, and went to work for the local storekeeper. Turning to the clock maker's trade, he quit that when he learned that as an apprentice he was not allowed to handle the tools. As a surveyor's helper he did better and learned the rudiments of the art. He also picked up some of the trade secrets of the silversmith.

Following an early marriage, he made an unfortunate venture into brass founding, and, in company with his brother, failed in the business of making potash.

Embarrassed financially, and unhappy in his home life, he skipped out and found work as a common laborer and mechanic's helper in Albany and Trenton.

The latter location seemed a favorable one and he was making a living as a button molder and clock repairman, peddling his own wares, when the Revolutionary War broke out. Now 32 years old, he became a lieutenant in the First Trenton Company, but some difficulties with young officers who outranked him, led to his resignation. He turned to the business of gunsmith and armorer.

Working on Sunday in the war effort caused his expulsion from the Methodist Church. Once out of the fold, he became an army sutler, a purveyor of beer and tobacco. Having picked up some certificates in bounty lands in the Ohio country, he set out for the West to survey and lay out his lands. Taken captive by Indian raiders, he was marched to the detention camp of the British garrison at Detroit.

Here he came into his own, for his Yankee ingenuity and skill as a jack-of-all-trades soon became known, and his services were in great demand. He molded buttons, engraved powder horns, repaired time pieces, hammered out silver charms, tinkered and smithed, made various gim cracks, and was generally useful to his captors and managed to lay aside a few shillings. He was reluctantly exchanged in time to be in New York for a dismal Christmas Day in 1782, and made his way back to Philadelphia. His Ohio lands had been surveyed in vain as the Federal Government took over, laid out the land in mile squares and Fitch's claims were nullified. He did, however, leave a valuable map of that portion of the Northwest territory he had visited.

Now living at Bristol, Pennsylvania, all his thoughts and time and energy were turned to his latest idea of applying steam power to water navigation. He did take time out to join Bristol Lodge (25), A.Y.M., and made frequent mention of his Masonic affiliation in his journal. His mechanical experiments were with power driven wheels, paddlers and screws. He obtained exclusive rights in the waters of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York and Virginia for a term of years. Somehow nothing happened to bring in the money he needed to perfect a successful steamer and hold his monopoly.

He had to make his own engines and at last, in 1790, ran a vessel on a regular schedule between Philadelphia and Trenton, although because of lack of patronage it was not a commercially profitable undertaking. From a friend, business associate and fellow Nutmegger, Captain Jonathan Heart, came the testimonial "that he was fully convinced that the same force applied to a boat would be sufficient to carry it against the most rapid waters between the mouth. . . of the Allegheny and the mouth of the Muskingum on the Ohio."

One quality which John Fitch possessed he applied in name to a larger

vessel, the "Perseverance," but he was still dogged by disaster and disappointment, as the boat was wrecked before it could prove itself. Hoping for better luck in Europe, he went to France in 1793, planning to protect his patent rights and raise some money. He succeeded in neither and came back to America working his passage as a common sailor before the mast.

He seems to have spent a year or so with a brother-in-law in Connecticut but was unable to effect a reconciliation with his immediate family. One daughter had married James Kilbourne, a prominent figure in Connecticut and Ohio Masonic circles. Fitch did raise enough money to build and demonstrate a power driven boat on the Collect Pond in New York City but made no progress in financing his venture or extending his monopoly. Ten years later, with a more persuasive personality, and more powerful patronage, Robert Fulton was to speed up the Hudson in the "Clermont" at six miles per hour.

Fitch wrote bitterly that he expected "some more powerful man" to succeed where he himself had failed, but he nevertheless turned hopefully towards the West. Before trying to build and demonstrate a steamer on the Ohio he tried to capitalize on his Kentucky land holdings near Bardstown. But squatters were there before him and tedious lawsuits were in prospect. To drown his sorrows he found the native distillery products convenient, abundant and effective. To bring peaceful sleep to his troubled mind he resorted to occasional use of opium pills. Combined overdoses of the two palliatives carried him off in his sleep one night in 1797, in what was suspected of deliberate suicide.

"Poor John Fitch", the first American to successfully apply steam power to water borne vessels, and neither the first nor the last inventor to be cheated out of the fruits of his genius, was not suitably memorialized in stone until 1927 when Congress belatedly erected a monument

Two Generations of Grand Commanders



P.G.C. Robert S. Allen, standing, with his father, P.G.C. Raymond S. Allen.

The list of Wyoming's Past Grand Commanders includes two members of the Raymond W. Allen family of Cody. And, in a few years, the number will be three.

Father Raymond W. Allen was elected and installed Grand Commander in 1954 on his 70th birthday. Thirteen years later, in September 1967, he watched his youngest son, Robert S., become Grand Commander. Today, his second son, John M., is in the Grand Commandery line.

... JOHN FITCH

to his memory. This stands in the square at Bardstown while in his native village a bronze plaque marks his birthplace.

Sir Knight Case resides at 43 Highland Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut 06801.

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Hands Across the Sea

Georgeta Griden, 15, Brosov, Romania, will soon be able to see again. A distant relative and Knights Templar from around the world have made it possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Papp of Akron, Ohio, flew to Romania to visit relatives in the summer of 1970. They discovered Georgeta, Mrs. Papp's great-niece, had been blinded in 1969 when the lime she was using to whitewash her home had splashed in her eyes.

Six months after the accident Georgeta had received a cornea transplant in Bucharest but it clouded over. Doctors had advised the only hope was to have the operation in a more advanced country but the Griden family could not afford this.

The Papps, who were preparing to retire, decided to work another year to bring the girl and her mother to America for the operation. However, the bills for air fare and doctors became more than they could afford.

Sir Knight Henry Fritsch, P.C. Cuyahoga Falls No. 83, Akron, Chairman of the Eye Foundation for the Northern District of Ohio, heard about the case and contacted the Eye Foundation in Rhinebeck.

On March 27 a live cornea transplant was made on Georgeta's eye, thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. An operation on the right eye to remove the scar tissue and insert an artificial cornea will be done as soon as Georgeta is fully recovered from the first operation.

On July 4 the Sir Knights of Cuyahoga Falls No. 83 took advantage of this example of the Eye Foundation at work to show Templary to the citizens of Ohio. Georgeta, her mother and Mrs. Papp rode on the Commandery's float in the Stow, Ohio, parade, largest of its kind in Ohio.

Forthcoming Regional Conferences

First of the fall "combined" York Rite Conferences will be at the Sheraton Hilton Hotel, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Friday and Saturday, October 15-16. Regional representatives of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council are George S. Mason, 1691 S. Main Street, Ext., Jamestown, New York 14701; and Waldo I. Powell, 2 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773; the Department Commander is Dr. Ward K. Ekas at 141 Hollywood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618.

Next in line is the South Central Regional York Rite Conference Friday and Saturday, October 29-30, at the Trade Winds West Motor Motel, Tulsa, Oklahoma. In the South Central region, the General Grand Chapter's General Deputy Grand High Priest is Ambers J. Lewis, 439 Riverside Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana 71010; the General Grand Master of Council's representative is Bernard F. Mandlebaum, 1537 South Hickory, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003. The Department Commander is Arthur G. Coots, P.O. Box 647, Dalhart, Texas 79022.

The North Central Conference is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, November 20-21, at the Ramada Inn, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The General Grand Chapter in this region is represented by Mark C. Morgan, 16 West Lonnquist Blvd., Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056. Representative for the General Grand Council is John H. Watts, 1011 East Main Street, Grand Junction, Iowa 50107. The Department Commander is Arthur J. Peterson, 2224 East 43rd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407.

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, accompanied by Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser, will participate in all Conferences. Other officers and committee chairman are expected. Calvin A. Behle, General Grand High Priest; Verne W. Mokler, General Grand Master of General Grand Council; General Grand Secretary McGaughey and General Grand Recorder Hunt, and other official representatives of the two General Grand bodies, are scheduled to attend.

Details of the Southwestern Conference have not yet been announced beyond last year's announcement that it would be held in Las Vegas November 13-14, 1971.

New Indiana Officers

Richard D. Unger, P.G.C., has been appointed the new Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Indiana by Grand Commander Omar E. Hager, to fill the vacancy created by the July 31 resignation of Past Grand Commander Edwin M. Demlow, long-time Grand Recorder who served as Grand Commander in 1957-58.

Harold R. Hoolihan, P.G.C., was elected Grand Treasurer.

Supreme Council in Philadelphia

The 159th yearly session of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, is scheduled September 26-30 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with the General Sessions to be held in the Academy of Music, Broad Street. September 23 and 24 will be devoted to executive business sessions of the principal officers and Active Members of the Supreme Council. 198 nominees for the 33rd Degree will receive the conferral Wednesday evening, September 29.

Who's Who and What's What. . .

Services and Staff of the Grand Encampment Office

If it were to be attempted in one sentence, the Grand Recorder's office in Chicago could be described as a focal point and extension of service for the Grand Encampment to help meet the growing fraternal needs of Christian Masons in communications and information, both inspirationally and regulatory, in today's world.

Obviously, what follows is far more than one sentence. It is a vignette which is sketchy and non-technical, but which it is hoped will reflect an accurate atmosphere of the office organization. It is hoped also that the account of operations will give Templars some feeling of pride in their office kindred to that felt by a capable, interested and responsible staff.

Harry Dozier, native Chicagoan, retired from one of the Chicago area steel-mills, presides over the "communication center" of the Grand Recorder's office, a term that covers a multitude of activities. Each morning, Harry starts his day by running some 300 pieces of incoming mail thru an electric letter opener. Then he sorts and distributes to the five basic departments of the office - Data Processing, Bookkeeping, Editorial, Secretarial and Administrative.



Harry also, every hour, picks up and distributes inter-office mail and memos among the five general departments. This is important and necessary. Perhaps a dozen or two letters that morning referred to several different topics, all within the same communication. Perhaps a member wanted to order a copy of the Constitution and Statutes, at the same time asking for some information about

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Kudos to the Hub

"The Grand Recorder's office is the hub of Grand Encampment operations. No account of the office structure would be complete without a hearty commendation to Grand Recorder Rodenhauer for the revolutionary progress he made during the term of Past Grand Master Crofts and is making, with the help of trained staff, during the present triennium.

"Particularly, I understand and appreciate his work in making the office organizationally strong so that it can be a hub of consistent service regardless of any changes in Grand Encampment officership. I share with the Grand Encampment officers, and all our members, the mutual aim to maintain an operational center, well staffed with capable assistants, ready to be a source of consistent service to our membership.

"To Sir Knight Rodenhauer, and a staff dedicated to this goal, I express the appreciation of the Grand Encampment."

G. Wilbur Bell

the Educational Foundation — perhaps also submitting a thought for the *Knight Templar Magazine*, or a suggestion for the Committee on Membership, or giving a change of address.

Such letters, and other memos and items of information, need prompt circulating. The overall letters will be received and answered by or thru the Grand Recorder — but the component parts must be supplied by others, or noted by others for their operational information.

Inbetween, Harry Dozier has little time for meditation. He operates the photocopier — which is a popular and productive item of equipment. He operates the Gestetner stencil-scanner and the Gestetner duplicator. He wraps packages, mails rituals, checks supplies, picks up office materials and keeps an inventory eye on the shelves of stationery, typewriter ribbons, pencils, pens, paper clips, staples and sundry office items. He also handles outgoing mail.

The five basic departments Harry weaves together with memos and mail are on two floors of the office building at 14 East Jackson Boulevard. There's Bob Bigley, Programmer, his sophisticated tape equipment and his staff of alert, fast-working girls, on the 16th floor — almost immediately under the "office proper" on the 17th floor.



Programmer Robert Bigley and staff, from left, Ellen Solomon, Norma Solomon and Swedlana Baba.

To data processing go all the address changes, the update reports from 1,588 Recorders each month...the approved requests for printoffs, printed labels, membership statistics, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship totals, and scores of other information and requests for services.

Bob, who moved to the Chicago area from Oelwein, Iowa, became Programmer in June of 1969 before he was 21, was made a Mason July 11, 1970, and is a fall York Rite Festival candidate — along with his Dad. His is an operation where a delicate balance must be maintained between what is best for data processing procedures and what is best for the individuals from whom information is received and the individuals for whom information is designed.

The Grand Recorder's office utilizes computerization as a tool, rather than the governing element of the organization. It is a complex tool, however, and serves well only those who know how to use it — in this case, operationally, Bob, himself, and three young ladies from Iraq, all hired at different times, and all highly proficient in the coding, keypunching and clerical duties. Swedlana Baba, from Bagdad, is the older in point of service, having joined the staff early in 1970. Some eight months later, Norna Solomon, whose home had been in Kirkuk, Iraq, became a co-worker; and early in the current year, a vacancy occurred which brought Ellen Solomon, Norma's sister, to the staff.

Up on the 17th floor meanwhile, hard at work is one of the newest typists and stenographer assistants on the staff — Carmelita Yambot, whose earlier training and office experience was in the Philippines. Camelita handles numerous record-keeping details and clerical assignments related to the Educational Foundation, bookkeeping, plus the typing of reports and general correspondence.



To the left of Carmelita's working area is the office of the editorial assistant for the *Knight Templar Magazine* — Cheryl Rothwell. Cheryl, with a B.A. in Political Science from Western Illinois University (minors

in geography, journalism and English), in addition to her detailed duties with the magazine, cues and "sets-up" the wide variety of materials "printed" in the office on our own IBM Magnetic Tape/Selectric Composer System. These include the programming of guidelines, General Orders, biographical releases. Hers is a demanding profession, and she handles it with skillful consistency. Cheryl is a Central Illinois native.

She works directly with, and is assisted by, Lois Cullen, who joined the staff in June and who operates the word-processing department as programmed by Cheryl. Lois



works with form letters, records on tape all the materials which are cued by the editorial assistant, and, of course, carries out the type-composing assignments for the magazine. Lois, formerly an elementary teacher, with a B.A. in English from Mundelein College, has a Colorado background.



While we're in the "back office" — so called by location, not by any lack of or lateness of assignments, Mrs. Bernice Powell holds forth in an office equipped with all the tools and equipment of bookkeeping and accounting — ledgers, Monroe 570

calculator, files of annual returns, and many other items — including a large safe which contains the "valuables" related to the office.

Mrs. Powell, who began her duties when the late John Temple Rice became Grand Recorder in 1949, is active in the Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois, which she currently serves as Grand Shrine of Jerusalem. Her record includes Worthy High Priestess, Damascus Shrine No. 22, Chicago; District Deputy of the Supreme White Shrine for five years. She has also served as a member of the Supreme Convention Committee.

One of Mrs. Powell's additional specialties is proofreading. Whenever time permits, outgoing printed materials, including the *Knight Templar Magazine*, are proofed, along with other staff members, by Mrs. Powell.

The next office, centrally located in the back section (actually in room number 1730), is occupied by Jan A. Hapgood. Jan, a Senior DeMolay, is the correlator-supervisor of the clerical and operational work of this area, works with Bob Bigley in program planning, specializes in Educational Foundation and Eye Foundation statistical and accounting work, has become an accomplished tax advisor and administrative assistant to the Grand Recorder, and also serves as purchasing agent.



Jan Hapgood gives an assignment to Carmelita Yambot. → → →

Originally from New York, Jan received his B.A. in Economics from Parsons College, Iowa, before doing a stint in the U.S. Army. He joined the staff the beginning of 1969, shortly after his discharge from the service.

Moving forward from the cluster of offices occupied by Mrs. Powell, Miss Yambot, Miss Rothwell and Jan Hapgood, the passage leads thru the library where all the Printed Proceedings of the Grand Commanderies are cased — plus Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, the Imperial Council of Shrine, the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine; the Supreme Councils, 33°, S.J. and N.M.J., also, when received, those of other national bodies.

Next in line is the word-processing center, with Lois Cullen turning out a printed magazine page, or a page of Proceedings, or whatever has the highest priority of the moment — then a short hallway leading past Harry Dozier's assignment center to the "front office" — the Suite 1733 which appears on all letter heads and releases. Presiding over this area (separated from the entrance door by a partial partition or railing) is Miss Violet Carlson, executive secretary to the Grand Recorder, and supervisor of the general clerical and typist work of the offices.



Violet, who was secretary for the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine, 53 West Jackson Boulevard, when the late Edward A. Glad was

Grand Recorder of that organization, moved (along with the Red Cross of Constantine office) to 14 East Jackson Boulevard to become executive secretary to the present Grand Recorder of both bodies.

She is a Chicagoan, well acquainted

with the office requirements of the two Orders. She made the move to the combined office in June of 1969.

Assisting her as typist and general office worker is Noemi Balbinot, who became a staff member early this year and who specializes in dictaphone typing for the Grand Recorder. She comes originally from Canton, Illinois.



A separate adjoining office is headquarters for the Grand Recorder. The "in" and "out" baskets are maintained by Miss Carlson, who also has the difficult assignment of trying to halt traffic, especially during dictation and telephone activities by the Grand Recorder.



The office, forced into a quick transition with the advent of the every-member mailing of the magazine, now has acquired a capable and loyal staff — each with different skills and specialties, each gaining ability and "seasoning" with time, each becoming more aware of the needs of the membership and the overall responsibilities of the Grand Recorder's office.

Although far from complete, these are a few of the assignments carried out by the Grand Encampment office:

Writing, editing, formatting, type-composing and designing the camera-ready pages for each monthly issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. (In addition to the standard 32 page magazine, an average of 45 Grand Commanderies forward their own two-pages of jurisdictional news for pages 28 and

29, making a net total of 122 pages to be set up each month).

Updating two basic lists of names and addresses monthly — the membership list, arranged alphabetically by Commanderies, and the mailing list, arranged by zip codes — for approximately 375,000 Knights Templar.

Receiving, checking annual returns, Educational Foundation reports; informational material from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for "feed back" to Rhinebeck for the Foundation's use.

Originating an average of 160 outgoing letters daily.

Working with committees in a variety of capacities — ritualistic matters (preparing new ritual); religious activities (preparing and printing Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day scripts drawn up by the committee); filling ritual and Constitution and Statutes orders; shipping Guidelines, forms for Grand Encampment and Red Cross of Constantine; providing monthly membership summaries for each Constituent Commandery, also for each Grand Commandery, and for Grand Encampment officers and the Committee on Membership.

As a point of information, the office receives 7,500 to 10,000 name and address changes monthly — the majority from Recorders on update forms, 500 to 700 from individual members and the remainder, some 1,500-1,700, in the form of Post Office Notices.

Office hours officially are from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Normally, anyone calling from 8:15 to 5:15 would receive an answer.

Operations are interesting, challenging, rewarding. The priority list is long. More and greater services will be available as time, facilities and staff permit.

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100 Years of Templary

Wilson Irby, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, announces to *Knights Templar Magazine* readers that "this is the centennial year for the Arkansas Grand Commandery." P.G.C. Jacob L. King is the Centennial Committee Chairman. Members include Grand Commander Irby, Deputy Grand Commander M. Shields Edwards, Grand Generalissimo Chester A. Liddle and P.G.C. Kenneth C. Johnson.

A folder describes "a beautiful commemorative bronze coin in a plastic container," which is for sale both within and without Arkansas. The folder notes that "you may want to acquire some as keepsakes for members of your family."



The commemorative coins are available from Chairman King at P.O. Box 574, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901. The coins are \$2.00 each.

Labor Day

Labor Day, September 6 this year, is one of the holidays observed in all the states, as well as in several countries outside of the United States. It was first observed in 1882 "in honor of, or in the interests of, workmen as a class." It first became a legal holiday in 1887 in Colorado. Labor Day is part of one of the five official three-day holiday weekends of the year. In European countries and the Philippines, Labor Day is traditionally observed on May 1.

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Arch M. Dullnig Festival

The All Texas Arch M. Dullnig Commemorative York Rite Festival and Sharon Shrine Ceremonial will be held September 10 and 11 in the Caldwell Auditorium, Tyler, Texas. Grand Master Bell, P.G.M. Crofts, Grand Recorder Rodenhauer and Department Commander Coats are on the list of Grand Encampment officers expected to attend along with Texas Grand Master Lloyd Kneisley, Grand Commander Dale Miller, Deputy Grand High Priest Allee Nobel and Deputy Imperial Noble Struby.

Conferral of the Chapter Degrees is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. September 10. The Council Degrees will begin at 8 a.m. September 11 followed by the Commandery Orders at 1 p.m. The Shrine Ceremonial is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and Temples from throughout Texas are expected to participate in this "giant Texas Thank You" to P.G.C. Arch Dullnig.

A Special Day for Ponca City

September 25 will be York Rite Field Day in Ponca City, Oklahoma, honoring M.W. Howard R. Harold, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma.

The degrees and Orders of Chapter, Council and Commandery will be conferred in the Masonic Temple of Ponca City.

Death of Companion Larrave

Sir Knight Alexander G. Wygard, Mexico City, has relayed a letter from Companion John M. van Beusekom, High Priest, Guatemala Chapter No. 1, Guatemala City, of the kidnapping and death of Companion Rene Larrave of that city.

The communication, quoted in part, reads: "Companion Larrave was kidnapped last week, Monday evening, (apparently July 5), at 8 p.m., when he was on his way home, and they took him out of his car. He was killed almost immediately under great tortures, and two days later he was thrown into a barranca (wooden shelter), where he was found.

"The motive. . . is unknown. He was an architect and was involved in politics years ago when he was running for mayor of this city of Guatemala.

"As you will recall, Companion Rene Larrave was also a Knight Templar and was made a Shriner in Mexico at the same time. If I remember well, it was in 1967.

"Masonic funeral services were held and there was a full attendance of America Lodge and of the Royal Arch Chapter No. 1."

Boyd County Masonic Day

The Symbolic Lodges in Boyd County, Kentucky, will unite to confer the Master Mason Degree in Ashland, October 2, under the chairmanship of William Billips, Commander, Ashland No. 28. The Grand Master of Masons of Kentucky is scheduled to attend.

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K.Y.C.H. to Confer Royal Arch

Walter Bruen, President of the Northern Kentucky York Rite Association, has announced a one day Masonic festival to be held September 11 at the Masonic Temple, Sixth and Vine Streets, Dayton. Temple Royal Arch Chapter No. 172 will be host with William Lorenz as Co-ordinator.

The Mark Master Degree will be conferred at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Past Master Degree at 4:15 and the Most Excellent Master Degree at 5:00. Following a supper, the Royal Arch Degree will be conferred at 7:00 p.m. with Chester Bush, Grand High Priest of Kentucky, presiding. Knights of the York Cross of Honour will fill the stations.

Super Excellent Master Degree

Evanston Masonic Temple, Evanston, Illinois, will be the October 29 setting for the conferral of "the spectacular and extra Council degree of Super Excellent Master," sponsored in this instance by the York Rite College (Illinois No. 15), and to be conferred "in cooperation with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Augustus N. Gage Council No. 124."

Information relayed by Glen H. Reno, chairman, pro-tem, publicity committee, notes that the regular Council degrees also will be conferred, "beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Royal Arch Masons who have been elected in their respective Councils to receive the Council degrees."

Knights and Tall Cedars

A contingent of Knights Templar from Columbus and Mt. Vernon, Ohio, assisted in the institution of Franklin Forest No. 172, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, in the Knights of Pythias Hall in Columbus in June.



The Knights formed the guard for presentation of the colors during opening ceremonies. Supreme Tall Cedar George P. Leigh, Jr., Virginia Beach, Virginia, and other Supreme Forest officers were on hand to perform the institutional ceremonies. Past Supreme Tall Cedar Donald E. Saylor, Norristown, Pennsylvania, inducted the 50 charter members of the new Forest.

News of P.D.C. Bourke

Maine Supplement Editor Ralph C. Rackliff reports that Frank L. Bourke, P.D.C., "is at home and continues to improve. This will be a long process and visitors are asked to limit the length of their visit. A card or letter will be very much appreciated."

Sir Knight and Mrs. Bourke live at 27 Alpine Road, Portland, Maine 04103.

Grand Master Announces New Voluntary Activities Campaign

A new Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will be inaugurated October 1, 1971, and will be in effect until Easter Day, April 2, 1972. The M.E. Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell, will head the project assisted by Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, and the Executive Director of the Foundation, P.G.M. Walter A. Delamater.

The emphasis will be on programs and projects for fund-raising, rather than contributions, with public relations for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as an essential by-product. As before, the preparation and distribution of material and the contacts with Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery chairmen will be handled by the Grand Recorder's office in Chicago. However, all reports and all funds are to be forwarded direct to the *Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.*

The Grand Master and the committee ask for one concerted project in each Commandery at some point during the six-month period — or a series of related activities — with all reports to be made thru the respective Grand Commandery Chairmen. Reports and funds are to be forwarded by the Grand Commandery Chairmen to Rhinebeck as soon as received. For accurate tabulation and proper credit, prompt reporting is essential. Reports on activities late in the period must be received before April 21, 1972.

Salute to Sheriff Elrod



Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, on behalf of Masons among the 1,800 persons in attendance, presented Brother Richard J. Elrod with a Masonic Certificate of Award during a July testimonial dinner in Chicago to honor the recently elected Sheriff of Cook County upon completion of seven months in office.

The Most Eminent Grand Master Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Dear Mr. Bell:

Thank you so much for the generous award check from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for our Miss International Job's Daughter Pageant.

I personally appreciate your interest and just can't wait until the girls know of the tremendous support of your organization. These expressions of interest make a lasting impression on our young ladies.

Please accept a most sincere thank you from the Supreme Guardian Council of the International Order of Job's Daughters.

Sincerely,
Virginia L. Donaldson
Chairman, Pageant Committee

FROM THE MAJOR LEAGUE TO MASONIC LEADER

based on an article by
Lee W. Harris

"I think I am the only Major League baseball player to serve as Grand Master and Grand Commander." Those are the words of Louisiana Grand Commander Louis A. Legett. Lee W. Harris, Past Grand High Priest, and Editor of the Louisiana Supplement to the Knight Templar Magazine, traces his Grand Commander's career from the Majors to Masonry.

Louis Alfred Legett was born June 1, 1901, in New Orleans. He was a four letter man – football, basketball, baseball and track – in high school. After graduation he went to the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. Under coach Bill Brennan, an umpire in the Southern Association, he earned letters in football, basketball and baseball.

Graduating in 1926, he immediately signed a baseball contract with Atlanta and was sent to Macon, Georgia, of the Sally League. They sold him to the Chicago Cubs and he was sent to Reading, Pennsylvania, of the International League. Ordered to Newark on an option, he refused to report, went back to Reading and then on to Albany, New York. In 1925 at Reading, Legett, a catcher, was named on the All Minor League Battery. (In 1963, he was named to the All Time, All Star Team, International League for his Minor League record.)

The Boston Red Sox bought Legett and he began a four year career in the Major League. He caught some of the top pitchers of that era including Lefty Grove – "Grove was without a doubt the best left handed pitcher." – Wes Farrell – "Ferrell could thread a needle with a baseball. You could sit in a rocking chair and catch him" – and Rube Walberg.

Legett recalls team-mate Eddie Morgan tried to use a webbed glove at first base. "It was ruled out. Today all first basemen use that type of glove."



It was the era of Babe Ruth and Sir Knight Legett says, "None can compare with Ruth. He was the most colorful player in baseball. If he didn't concentrate on hitting homeruns there's no telling how big a batting average he would have had just by punching the ball to the outfield."

After four years the Boston Red Sox sold Legett to Syracuse, New York. He then transferred to Nashville of the Southern League and retired at the end of the 1938 season.

Legett returned to New Orleans and opened up his dental office, which he still maintains, but he never did sever his connection with baseball.

In 1945 he and 30 other men organized the Junior Sports Association to promote kids' baseball in the summer. They formed 35 teams and solicited contributions to support them. In 1947 the New Orleans Recreation Department took over the program. Today he is the Chairman of the Baseball Program and is known as "Happy Chandler of New Orleans."

"Doc" Legett is presently on the Board of Governors and President of the Public School Athletic Association, member of the Southern A.A.U. Officials Club, on the Advisory Board of the New Orleans Recreation Department and a member of the Diamond Club Hall of Fame.

It was during his career in baseball that Legett became a Master Mason. He served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge and went on to become Grand Master of Louisiana in 1955.

He became a member of Concorde Chapter No. 2 in 1944 and immediately took the Orders in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19. Later he became a member of Louisiana Council No. 2.

Sir Knight Legett is a Past Sovereign, St. Paul Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and a Former Intendent General for Louisiana. He is a member of Jerusalem Temple, the Royal Order of Jesters and Farhad Grotto. In 1967 he was elected Knight Commander Court of Honor.

In the meantime, Sir Knight Legett had started in the line of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana. On April 13, 1971, he was elected and installed Grand Commander.

What does the catcher say to the pitcher when he walks to the mound? That is a question many fans have asked and Grand Commander Legett answers: "Of course, what a catcher says to a pitcher depends on many things, the

inning, the score, his temperament. Many times the catcher can see something the pitcher is doing wrong. Some times what the catcher says cannot be put in print. Again, it may be to gain time so the relief pitcher can warm up. It is generally for a good reason. At times it is to settle a fellow who may be working too fast, or to talk about the next hitter. That question could fill a volume."

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California Presents Indiana Pins

Three Sir Knights, members of Angola Commandery No. 45, Angola, Indiana, were presented 50-year pins by Grand Commander Gordon M. Pannell, California, in the Asylum of Long Beach Commandery No. 40.

Past Grand Commander Harold Hoolihan, Indiana, had managed to keep track of the three Templars, Knighted in the same class on April 7, 1921, after they moved to California. He suggested the California presentation to his friend P.G.C. John B. Nye, California. Grand Commander Pannell agreed to make the presentation during his annual visit to Long Beach No. 40.



P.G.C. John B. Nye looks on as Grand Commander Pannell presents the 50-year certificates to Indiana sojourners Philo M. Squires, Claude R. Brown and Milo M. Squires. Commander David B. Slayton, Long Beach No. 40, is at right.

P.M.A. IN ACTION

by
Robert J. Cole

W. Clement Stone, Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois, is a self-made multi-millionaire. The 69 year old Templar was the subject of Robert J. Cole's profile for the "Man in Business" section of the May 2 edition of The New York Times. Portions of the article, "Think, Act' He Says - He Must Be Right," are reprinted here.

Before Stone was three years old, his father died broke. He had lost everything through gambling.

By the time he was six he was selling newspapers on the streets of Chicago. At 14 he was working summers for his step-father in a small insurance office. At 16 his mother moved to Detroit to set up another insurance office, but he stayed in Chicago with "a nice English family."

In the summer he joined his mother, selling insurance in banks, stores and offices - just as his salesmen do today. He recalls that he was earning more than \$100 a week then. By the time he 20 he had set up his own insurance agency in Chicago.

He had also met a girl named Jessie in high school and decided that he would marry her when he was 21.

"I didn't have much capital," he said, "but I had the ability and the earning power."

He began running ads for salesman in the Chicago *Tribune*. Inquiries started coming in from nearby states, and he was hiring men as fast as they applied. He then advertised in other states, attracting still more. By 1930, when he was 28, he had about a thousand men selling insurance for him over much of the country.

Hard times had hit the nation, but he was earning about \$35,000 a year. His

spending power, however, was greater. Even before the Depression, he remembered, he began "buying things" on credit: "A couple of big Lincolns, a home in Evanston, a 30-foot cruiser. . . money didn't mean anything. . . I knew I could go out and make it."

The Depression, he said, was the "best thing that happened" to him. "It forced me to develop good work habits and be more scientific in training men so I could pay off my debts."

He took time out for a stint at Northwestern University, but left after two years because of the financial responsibilities of raising a family and building a business. He has since picked up a draw-erful of honorary degrees, including a Doctor of Humanities from the Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen, Michigan.

It was then that he developed to its fullest the outlook he defines as P.M.A. - Positive Mental Attitude - and the catch phrases that go with it. Although they may sound corny, they fired up his sales force and made him rich.

He carries an inexpensive cigar lighter with the words "Do It Now" emblazoned on it along with his signature.

A coin the size of a silver dollar that he often gives away bears his likeness on one side and on the other the words, "Study, Think, Plan, Act."

Ash trays he passes out read, "Success is achieved and maintained by those who keep trying." His sales stationery reads, "Hit the target. Aim higher."

"What the mind of man can conceive and believe, the mind of man can achieve," he is fond of saying, in a paraphrase of something he remembers from Napoleon Hill, the author and lecturer, with whom he wrote "Success Through a Positive Mental Attitude." He now gives away at least a million such books every year.

By 1939, when he decided to form his own insurance company, he borrowed \$22,000 from the policy, added \$3,000 to it and formed the Combined Mutual Casualty Company, selling accident and health insurance.

Seven years later he heard that the Pennsylvania Casualty Company was for sale. It had not sold much insurance, but it did have a license to sell in 35 states. He made a deal to buy it from the Commercial Credit Company of Baltimore for \$1.6 million, a sum he did not happen to have. So he talked Commercial Credit into lending him the money.

He put up the company as security and promised to pay off the entire amount in 60 days, with interest. He did, too. He reduced the company's capital and surplus to \$500,000, the legal minimum, and paid back the \$1.1 million difference. He borrowed the rest from a bank. He then moved the company to Illinois and changed its name to the Combined Insurance Company of America, which he later merged with Combined Mutual.

Today Combined has blossomed into a substantial company with assets of nearly \$260 million and net income of \$26.3 million last year. Earnings for the first quarter of this year are expected to increase. Its shares in the last 10 years have soared by 750 per cent, and after a series

of stock dividends, stand today at roughly \$47 a share.

Among his big beneficiaries have been President Nixon and the Republican party. In the 1970 elections, he admits to having given \$810,000 to about 50 candidates, largely Republican, to help elect men friendly to Mr. Nixon. Today he is a welcome guest at the White House.

Asked if he ever used P.M.A. to motivate the President, he replied: "He thinks so and I think so too. And if you go to the White House, you'll find our books there." He seemed to know that one book was in the President's suite and another in Mrs. Nixon's.

His fortune has grown so rapidly since then that his charitable contributions, funneled through the W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Foundation, have so far reached nearly \$35 million. In the next few years he, his wife and the foundation are committed to give \$17 million more.

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The Holy Land — Plus

The Robbinses, P.D.C. Bill and Marilyn, Trenton, Missouri, are heading another tour to the Holy Land, "plus Switzerland, Egypt, Cyprus and Greece," departing from St. Louis November 29, leaving Zurich, Switzerland, for the return flight December 14.

Sir Knight Robbins points out that the tour is being organized by Dr. and Mrs. Willard Gunckel, Monett, and that "Dr. Gunckel has served many terms as the beloved Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Missouri." Bill and Marilyn Robbins made a similar trip with the Gunckels in 1968.

York Ascension Alcove

J. Harry Hoffman, P.C., York Commandery No. 21, has announced a dedication ceremony for the Ascension Alcove of the New York Masonic Temple, York, Pennsylvania, Saturday, September 18, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Larry M. Miller, Generalissimo of Gethsemane Commandery No. 75, York, as dedication speaker.

Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer, P.G.C., Pennsylvania, and an Honorary Member of York No. 21, accepted an invitation to attend and participate in the program.

Sir Knight Miller is pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, York. The Ascension Alcove, a Templar project made possible by donations, is located in the west portion of the new center.

The entire York Masonic Center, now in completion stage, will be formally dedicated to Masonry October 2 by the R.W. Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M., of Pennsylvania.

James K. Wilson Speaks

James K. Wilson, Chairman of the Membership and Publicity Committee, Grand Commandery of California, was the speaker June 20 for the Second Annual Celebration of St. John the Baptist's Day by Oroville Commandery No. 5, Oroville, California.

The observance was held in front of the Knight Templar cross located atop Memorial Park Cemetery. Eminent Commander Roland Strang was assisted by Paul K. Corley, former Grand Prelate, as Master of Ceremonies.

Present and participating were Templars from other Commanderies, Royal Arch, Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow leaders.

Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction

The Regular Session of the Supreme Council, "of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-Third Degree of the A. and A.S. Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America" will be held in the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C., beginning Monday, October 18, at 9:30 a.m.



The session will be preceded by Committee Week, starting October 14. Illustrious Brother Henry C. Clausen, a Sir Knight of California Commandery No. 1, San Francisco, is Sovereign Grand Commander. Other officers include Sir Knight and Illustrious Brothers Lee Lockwood, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Texas, Deputy Grand Commander, and Fred Kleinknecht, Sovereign Grand Inspector General at Large, Grand Secretary General.

Commander Knights Father

Commander Larry Leininger, Sidney No. 46, Ohio, Knighted his father, Lloyd O. Leininger, at the Commandery's annual inspection April 3. On hand for the event were Grand Commander George W. Davidson and Grand Senior Warden Lawrence Looker, the Inspecting Officer.

“Impact” of Tax Reform Act of 1969 on the Craft

by Sir Knight Arthur S. McCarthy

The following, upon the request of the Grand Recorder, has been provided for the Knight Templar Magazine by Sir Knight McCarthy, who is a member of a Dallas-based CPA firm.

Despite warnings emanating from the office of our Right Eminent Grand Recorder and from Grand Secretaries and similar officers throughout the Craft, many officers of subordinate bodies seem blissfully unaware that they could be personally subject to stiff penalties should their organizations fail to file an annual information return with the Internal Revenue Service.

While the Tax Reform Act of 1969 did not remove the tax exempt status of Masonic and related bodies holding exemption letters from IRS, it did impose stringent reporting requirements. With the exception of churches and other organizations (except private foundations) having gross receipts of no more than \$5,000.00, all tax exempt organizations are now required to file annual information returns with the Internal Revenue Service. Failure to file a proper and timely return can subject an organization to civil penalties of \$10.00 per day, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00. Under certain circumstances, like penalties can be assessed directly against the person or persons responsible for filing such returns.

Generally speaking, any Masonic or related body receiving more than \$5,000.00 in gross receipts during one accounting year must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19155, on or before the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of such accounting year. The basic filing information can be found on the Form 990 and the related instruction pamphlet which may be obtained from any IRS office. Special attention should be given to the following sections of the Internal Revenue Code (and the applicable regulations): 501 (a), 501 (c)(2), 501 (c)(10), 6033, 6072, 6104 and 6652. Each responsible officer would be well advised to consult with his organization's legal counsel and auditor concerning its activities and any implication that such activities might have on its tax exempt and reporting status.

Traditional Poconos Assembly

The United Grand Imperial Council's Past Grand Sovereign, William R. Burchfield, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, will again head the regional Assembly of the Order at Buck Hill Falls in the Pennsylvania Poconos Mountains October 22-24.

All Red Cross of Constantine Degrees and Orders will be conferred Saturday afternoon, after morning installation ceremonies for officers and candidates from a dozen states. There will be a formal Saturday evening banquet, a closing church service Sunday morning.

Reception for Rumpf

“Anticipating that our Companion Ellsworth Louis Rumpf will be elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Illinois at the September Grand Council,” Adoniram Council No. 95, Ravenswood Masonic Temple, Chicago, announced in July a reception and dinner for Saturday evening, September 11, at the O'Hareport Hotel, with reservations handled by Fred G. Svendsen, P.T.I.M.

Laurence Alexander is Thrice Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council.

MOTTOES OF TEMPLAR KNIGHTHOOD

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

Orders of Chivalry all have mottoes (usually in Latin, Greek or French) and our Orders of Masonic Knighthood are no exceptions. Even our Order of the Red Cross (which is an Order but not of Chivalry) has its motto emblazoned on the banner.



In the Order of the Temple, the grand standard is white. In the center of the field is a blood-red Passion Cross, over which is the motto of the Order, "In Hoc Signo Vinces" (In this sign, thou shalt conquer), and under it is "Non Nobis, Domine, Non Nobis; Sed Nomini Tuo Da Gloriam" (Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory).

There may be some doubt as to whether "In Hoc Signo Vinces" was even the motto of the ancient Templars. This motto refers to the vision of the Emperor Constantine in connection with the battle against his brother, Maxentius, for the control of the Roman empire.

Tradition tells us that on the eve of the battle, October 28, A.D. 313 (or 314), Constantine was seated in front of his tent and offered up a prayer for divine inspiration in the battle of the morrow. As he turned his face toward the setting sun there appeared in the heavens a light in the form of a cross surmounted with the inscription in Greek, "En Touto Nika" (In this, Conquer) which in modern times appears as the well known phrase "In Hoc Signo Vinces."

Constantine, a pagan Emperor, was so impressed by the sign that he ordered a standard constructed in imitation thereof and commanded it to be carried into battle as an ensign of victory and divine protection. Constantine was victorious in the battle of Saxa Rubra, a small village about nine miles from Rome, and, after proclaiming himself as the head of the empires of the East and the West, declared Christianity to be the state religion of Rome.

While it is true the ancient Templars wore a red cross on their left shoulder or left breast and hence were called "Crusaders" (cross bearers), they did not use the motto "In Hoc Signo Vinces." Rather, as they rode into battle, they were wont to cry "Deus Vult" (It is the will of God), or "Non nobis, Domine, Non nobis" (not unto us, O Lord, not unto us), or their better known battlecry "Beauseant" (fair to look upon), from which came the name of their battle flag which we as modern Templars proudly display in our asylums and carry in public parades.

On the badge or decoration of a modern (English) Knight Grand Cross of the Temple or a Knight Commander of the Temple appears "Non Nobis, Domine, Non Nobis," which would indicate that this motto apparently has precedent over the so-called motto "In Hoc Signo Vinces."

Cannor's Templar Monitor, "The Shibleth," says: "In its Latin form 'Consummatus est' (It is finished) was a cherished phrase of the ancient Templar usage. It is to be regretted that its use appears to be entirely dropped by the modern Order in the United States. Would it not be a proper complement of

Odd Fellows Founded By Masons?

According to an article which appeared in *The Masonic Chronicler*, Chicago, in 1930, the Odd Fellows Lodge was first organized in England by Masons.

"Stevens' Cyclopedia of Fraternities," according to the article, lists the first Lodge of Odd Fellows as *Loyal Aristarcus No. 9*, which met at Oakley Arms, London, England. "Tradition is that a number of London Masons in 1830-40 had a difference with their lodge, withdrew, and formed another society — a lodge or club of Odd Fellows."

... WYLIE B. WENDT

the phrase 'In Hoc Signo Vincens' and on reversing the position to use "Consummatum est"?"

There is a statement in the old editions of Grant's *Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar* as follows: An attempt was made in Grand Encampment to provide a Templar ring, but it failed to pass. It was to have been a Templar cross with the letters P.D.E.P. "Pro Deo Et Patria" (for God and Country) between the arms.

As is known to all Templars, the motto of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross is "Magna est Veritas, et praevalabit" (Great is Truth and it will prevail). This motto appears on the banner of the Order. Connor's Monitor states: A Companion of the Red Cross has engraved upon his escutcheon these words: "Liber-tas et natale solum" (Liberty and my native soil).

The ancient motto of the Knights of Malta was "Pro fide" (for faith) to which was added later: "Pro utilitate hominum" (for the benefit of mankind)

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At Imperial Council Session



Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Ansar Temple, poses with Walt Jeanes, Yaarab. Temple, new President of the International Association of Shrine Motor Corps, at the Miami session. With Grand Master Bell and Jeanes are Past Imperial Potentate J. Worth Baker, third from left, and Irwin S. Chesen, Past President of the International Association of Shrine Motor Corps, right.

Religious Activities Scripts

Available for distribution in September is a new booklet of Services for Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day, prepared by the Committee on Religious Activities Suggested Templar services for all three themes are included in one booklet. A copy is being mailed to each Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, to the Commander and Recorder of the 16 Subordinate Commanderies, and, thru them, to the Prelates and Grand Prelates. More copies can then be secured, at no cost, from the Grand Recorder in Chicago.

The Committee on Religious Activities is headed by Gordon J. Brenner, P.G.C., New Jersey, and includes: William R. Robbins, P.G.C., Missouri; The Rev. Henry F. Collins, P.G.C., South Carolina, and the R. E. Grand Prelate, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Advisory to the Committee are: The Rev. E. Robert Chable, Ph.D., and The Rev. Howard D. Towne, D.D., former R. E. Grand Prelates; and the present Associate Grand Prelate, The Rev. Beryl Sales Kinser, D.D.

Shrine Editor Cited

Edwin A. Julius, P.C., Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Assistant Rabban of Zembo Temple and editor of *The Zembo Peeper*, received the top "Human Interest Award" for editorial coverage of the Shrine burns institutes in a presentation by Aubrey G. Graham, retiring Imperial Potentate, at Miami Beach in July.

The trophy was provided by Robert Keith, Medinah Temple, Chicago, a past president of the Photo Journalism Division of the Photographic Society of America. Editor Julius, in his September 1970 issue, featured a cover illustration of "Temples of Mercy" in Boston, Cincinnati and Galveston and a double-spread story of the work of the Shriners' burns institute.

Zembo Potentate Elmer Harter, in his August publication message, drew the membership's attention to the award, "a top prize for Shrine publications."

"Look's" Peace of Mind

The July 27 issue of *Look* featured a series on achieving "Peace of Mind," a collection of the methods practiced by a number of the world's prominent personalities.

One of those interviewed was the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who noted that he finds peace of mind through a committed relationship with Christ and through faith in God.

Dr. Peale expressed the conviction that you can think your way to tension or you can think your way to peace.

He quoted from Edwin Markham's "At the heart of the cyclone tearing the sky. . . is a place of central calm" to make his point that just as a cyclone gains its power from a calm center, so does a man also.

Captain William Gilray

Sir Knight and Captain William George Gilray, Clearwater, Florida, and Hampton Bays, New York, died June 19. He was 81. Captain Gilray, Manhattan Commandery No. 31, New York, was a veteran of both World Wars and spent 20 years as a Merchant Marine in the Far East.

Chicagoland York Day

October 9 is the date of the annual Chicagoland York Day. Honorary Master of Ceremonies will be Clinton H. Lang, present Grand Master of Illinois Masons. Principal Guest of Honor will be John Murphy who becomes Grand Master on October 8. The South Region York Rite Association is sponsoring the event.

National Travelers Club Donates

Eugene A. Pretnicki, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Secretary-Treasurer of the East Penn National Travelers Club, reports a donation of \$86.47 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the collection taken at the club's Ascension Day Service at Granite Hill Camp Ground, Gettysburg.

Fall York Rite Festival

The North Shore York Association of Illinois is holding its Fall York Rite Festival in November. Chapter degrees will be conferred on November 6, Council Degrees on November 12 and the Commandery Orders on November 13. Sponsors of the festival are Evanston Chapter No. 144, Wilmette Chapter No. 253, Augustus N. Gage Council No. 124 and Evanston Commandery No. 58.

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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

"AWAKE, THOU THAT SLEEPEST"

It is not to be supposed that anyone really is asleep but it is just a reminder that September is the month to resume our activities in our Commanderies. I trust that we took advantage of the time out during the summer to contact prospective members. There should be many names on the October notices. I shall look forward to reading them.

I have a confession to make. I was supposed to attend a membership committee meeting of my own Commandery; in fact I promised to be there. I completely forgot all about it until reminded the next day. Of course they had the meeting without me and I trust that my absence didn't cause any confusion. I shall hear about it however, for many months to come.

Last month I told you of my attending the 36th Annual Conclave Meeting of the Associated Chapters of DeMolay of Pennsylvania and of the thrill I received from presenting the Scholarship award to a DeMolay Boy. This month I wish to share with you the thrill of reading this DeMolay Boy's letter of appreciation. I believe it to be a masterpiece, but judge for yourself. It is addressed to Sir Knight Robert S. Hanson, the Chairman of our Committee for the Education Foundation.

"Dear Mr. Hanson:

This letter is an attempt to express my appreciation to all the men who have made possible the Knights Templar DeMolay Scholarship Fund, and especially those who selected me to receive a



scholarship.

I have been proud to have belong to a number of organizations, but DeMolay has a unique foundation and association that gives it more meaning than anything else I have ever been a part of. It was most distinctly an honor for me to receive the scholarship.

Please don't confuse a mere appreciation of the money given to me with the honor of receiving it. I respect the fraternity that is Masonry and the men that believe in it enough to put all their efforts into the furthering of it. I respect even more those Masons who have realized that the future of Masonry is in the hands of young men who are genuinely interested and have first-hand knowledge of the organization and a feeling for its concepts.

The gentlemen seated at the head table at the banquet in Zem Zem Mosque are the kind of foresighted individuals that I am referring to. It is with these men that I am honored to have any association, needless to say a personal friendship. To say "Thank You" for the scholarship is far too trite to express my actual impressions, so let me say that it is the sort of thing I would expect from Masons involved with DeMolay.

In the future I hope that the Knights Templar DeMolay Scholarship Fund will be continued and possibly expanded. Please convey my sincere appreciation to anyone connected with the program and I assure you as long as Masonry backs DeMolay in the ways that it has, DeMolay will continue to believe in, and support Masonry.

Fraternally yours,
(signed) Ron L. Schmiermund."

Ron Schmiermund is a Past Master Councilor of Oriental Chapter in Johnstown, a Representative DeMolay and a Chevalier. He is presently attending Penn State University.

Does this letter make you proud that you are a part of Templary? It should! It should also make you want to help DeMolay all the more.

Ewart Roberts
Grand Commander.

DID HE SAY YES?

Our E. G. C. Ewart Roberts has set membership goals for each Commandery. By now, you should be well on your way to arriving at 50% of your goal. How did your Commandery fare? Ask that Christain Masonic friend to petition Templary. He just might say YES.

EDITORIAL

Editorials are generally envisioned as tools of criticism. This we are told, is the proper place in which to call down a person or an organization. Newspapers, magazines, even television employ the editorials as the accepted device for airing their views, venting their displeasure or voicing their aggravation. The right to criticize is as American as apple pie — and any of a hundred organizations would jump to the cause if that right is jeopardized. Somewhere, someone is opposed to virtually anything or everything. One can get criticism at the drop of a topic. However, criticism is a right, and it does serve a useful purpose. It benefits the giver and the receiver. It creates attention and opens the channels of communication. Sir Knights, we must open the channels of communication. If I were to review all the news activities I have received from the 89 Commanderies and use this to determine how active and strong Knights Templary was in Pennsylvania; my conclusion would be that Templary is DEAD!!! It has ceased to act or think, its vital energies are extinct, all the powers of life have ceased their operation.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH

Past Grand Master and Mrs. John L. Crofts, Sr., recently returned from a trip to Europe where they visited with their son, Sir Knight and Dr. John L. Crofts, Jr., and his family. They drove through Austria, Italy and Switzerland, then spent five days in London before flying home.

In London the Crofts visited the Temple Church, built by the Knights Templar during the second half of the 12th century. The following information is from a guide and history of the church forwarded by P.G.M. Crofts.

"The Temple takes its name from the crusading Order of Knights Templars, founded in 1118 to protect pilgrims on the road to the Holy City. Henry I introduced them to England. . . In the second half of the 12th century they built their great house of the New Temple on the banks of the Thames. . . after the dissolution of the Order in 1312 the property was granted to. . . the Knights Hospitallers who in turn were suppressed at the Reformation. Thus the Temple eventually passes to the Crown. . ."

The Temple church comes under the direct authority of the Crown and he appoints the Master of Temple. The "Benchers of the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple" are responsible for maintaining the Temple Church and its services.

The Great Fire of 1666 did not touch the Temple Church but it was badly damaged on May 10, 1941, "the last and worst night of the Blitz." It has since been restored.

The original Round Church was built on the model of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and was consecrated on February 10, 1185. The style is Transitional — between the old Romanesque and the new Gothic styles. It is interesting to note that the Temple Church was built during the crusades and was dedicated only three years before the battle at Hattin. Templar activity was not confined to the Holy Lands.

In the center of the Round Church are the effigies of eight knights dating to the 13th century. Historians generally agree the effigies do not represent Templars but friends of the Order. Only four have been identified. Other ancient coffins were discovered in the Church in 1842 and were reinterred under the pavement of the Round Church.

Between the pointed arches around the aisle wall are the stone heads once described by Charles Lamb: "grotesque Gothic heads that gape and grin, in stone, around the inside of the old Round Church (my church) of the Templars."

On Ascension Day 1240, "in the presence of Henry III and the nobles of the realm," the new choir was consecrated by the Templars. This addition to the Round Church was built in the first-pointed Gothic or Early English style.

In the northwest corner of the choir are the stairs leading to the Penitential Cell where Knights who disobeyed the Master or broke the Rule of the Temple were confined. The chamber is less than five feet long and has two slit windows looking into the Church.

The windows of the choir were shattered in the Blitz and new windows were designed to replace them. Ancient papers stored there were destroyed when the roof of the Round Church caved in in flames.

\$75,000 IN EYE FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at their annual meeting in Chicago July 24 and 25 authorized a grant of \$50,000 for specialized research for the Ophthalmology Department of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center and a \$25,000 grant to the Institute of Ophthalmology of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, for further development of an artificial cornea. The latter is the second such grant for the purpose in a field where a "breakthrough" is expected momentarily.

The fourteen officers and trustees of the Foundation incorporated a 7:00 a.m. Sunday breakfast and tour of the Illinois Masonic Medical Center into their crowded two-day sessions. The meeting with Board President Warren Barr and Administrator Allen Hicks, both Knights Templar, was arranged by Sir Knight Alvin L. Crump, a Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and board member of the Medical Center.

The Annual Report of the Eye Foundation will be issued thru the office of the Executive Director, P.G.M. Walter A. DeLamater, Rhinebeck, New York, in the

near future. It will contain a condensed review of the year's activity in applications, cases handled, contributions, Life Sponsorships, Patrons, Associate Patrons and other information, including research grants.

The Chicago meeting had 100% attendance. Those present were: G. Wilbur Bell (Grand Master), President, Illinois; Roy W. Riegle (Deputy Grand Master), First Vice-President, Kansas; E. Guy Frizzell, Second Vice-President, Tennessee; Edmund F. Ball (Grand Treasurer), Treasurer, Indiana; Paul C. Rodenhauer (Grand Recorder), Secretary, Illinois; Williard M. Avery (Grand Generalissimo), General Counsel, Indiana; Walter A. DeLamater (Past Grand Master), Executive Director, New York; Howard T. Jostyn, Assistant Executive Director, New Hampshire; John B. Cottrell, Jr. (Grand Captain General), Trustee, Pennsylvania; John L. Crofts (Past Grand Master), Trustee, Florida; Alvin L. Crump, Trustee, Illinois; Harold S. Gorman, Trustee, Nevada; Charles S. McIntyre, Trustee, Michigan; and George W. Sorrell, Trustee, Alabama.

New Templar Film

... TEMPLE CHURCH

Several coffins have been found in the choir, including that of a child believed to be the infant son of Henry III who was buried in the Church in 1256. Here also is the marble effigy of a bishop, thought to be Heraclius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

There are many other items of interest in the Temple Church in London. However, they are identified with later periods and later owners.

A Templar film depicting the background of the Order, including its history and philanthropies, has been authorized by the Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment from a public relations appropriation approved at Denver. Details of the film — sound, color and professionally produced — will be released in future weeks by the Committee on Public Relations. Chairman is Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder, and the committee includes Warren H. Deck, P.G.C., New York, and Robert M. Anderson, P.G.C., Mississippi. Advisory members are William R. Robbins, P.G.C., Missouri, and Robert E. Newnam, the 1971-72 Deputy Grand Commander of Colorado.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GRAND MASTER



The Grand Master was born September 2, 1912, in Mason County, Illinois, near Chandlerville. A farmer and grain dealer, he is also Vice President and a Director of the Havana National Bank, Havana, Illinois. His business career includes W. S. Smith & Company, St. Louis, Missouri (construction), and the Simmons Construction Company, Quincy, Illinois.

Sir Knight Bell is a member of the Fairview Methodist Church, a Director of the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged and Infirm in Paxton, a member of the University of Illinois Citizens Committee, the Union League Club of Chicago, the Sangamo Club in Springfield, National Alumni Association of Bradley University, the Farm Bureau of Mason County, the Flying Farmers of Prairie Farmer Land, Airplane Owners and Pilots Association for the United States of America and the Chicago Air Club.

Grand Master Bell holds Life Membership in the Royal Order of Scotland. He was created a "Prophet at Sight" in Danville, Illinois, and is a member of Zingbad Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., Jacksonville, Illinois. A past Thrice Potent Master of Sangamo Lodge of Perfection, he was the recipient of the Honorary 33^o, N.M.J., at Detroit in 1964. He was made a Tall Cedar at Sight in 1971 and is the present Grand Preceptor, H.R.A.K.T.P.

Many Happy Returns of the Day, Grand Master Bell.

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