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M.E. Grand Master
G. WILBUR BELL

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VOLUNTARY "ACTIVITIES" CAMPAIGN
for
the Knights Templar
EYE FOUNDATION

October 1971—Easter Sunday 1972

"... the accent is on Fund Raising Projects—benefit events and activities in each Commandery ..."
"WE ARE HUMBLE AND APPRECIATIVE"

Unfortunately, other Masonic obligations prevented my attendance September 10-11 at the Texas York Rite Festival and Shrine Ceremonial at Tyler, Texas, in honor of one of the most respected leaders in Masonry of my acquaintance. Fortunately however, the Grand Encampment was well represented by Past Grand Master Crofts, Grand Captain General Cottrell, Grand Recorder Rodenhauser and Department Commander Coots in our expression of respect to this outstanding leader.

I feel the best way to describe our own sentiments is to quote the expressive words of the General Chairman for the event — Dr. Jim Proctor — as printed in the official program:

"This program and the Masonic lessons it exemplifies are humbly dedicated to one man whose life has been, is, and always will be a true example of the cordial virtues taught us from the Holy Bible. He has placed brotherly love, service, and humility first in his actions and deeds. All men only speak well of him, and all brothers admire and respect him. To this man and disciples of all that is Masonry, we offer this work as our modest token of our esteem, love and admiration —

"This man is Arch M. Dullnig."

Sir Knight Proctor also wrote that he was "humble and appreciative" for all those who "labored to bring Masonic light" to the meeting and ceremonies.

Your Grand Master echoes that sentiment. I am humble and appreciative for Sir Knight Dullnig's example and the contributions he makes to Texas Templary and to Grand Encampment — for the work of the Texas brethren who planned and executed this tribute — for the similar work in York Rite Festivals in other Grand Encampment jurisdictions.

Membership is our number one project. I am sure the example of the Tyler Festival will stimulate — again in the words of the Chairman — "all York Rite Bodies in presenting area and statewide festivals."

In union and harmony, let us work to expand the teachings of Templary and to offer worthy Masonic friends the rare privilege of membership.

I salute Arch Dullnig, friend and co-worker, and all Knights Templar everywhere who work for the good of our Order.

S. Welcher Bell
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Material for Grand Commandery’s two-page Supplements is to be directed to the respective Supplement Editors. Address corrections from members are to be sent to the local Recorders.

The Cover:

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell in General Order No. 7, dated August 25, has designated October 1, 1971, thru April 2, 1972, as campaign time for Voluntary Fund-Raising Projects and Commandery Activities on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Named to the Grand Encampment Voluntary Campaign Committee are Executive Director and Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater and Chairman Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan — assisted by Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser. The roster of Grand Commandery Chairmen begins on page 10. The Campaign accent is on PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN BENEFIT EVENTS and PUBLIC RELATIONS — not donations.
I look forward to receiving the Templar and I sincerely hope you have many, many long years ahead to publish this very fine work. It is appreciated here because in Scotland we have no such publication.

JOHN LAING
West Lothian, Scotland

The compendium, ‘Crusader Castles and Campaigns,’ by C.L. Rothwell in the Knight Templar is most interesting. Whether it is fact or legend, the incident of ‘when supplies ran out garrisons were starved out’ and that ‘the troops at Montreal went blind for lack of salt’ is noteworthy.

Reciting an incident of this kind may throw light into the present research into the cause of cataract blindness of today, among many old persons.

JOHN H. PEARCE
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The Knight Templar Magazine is to be commended for bringing to light the story about Davy Crockett. As was pointed out, America does need more Davy Crocketts.

On August 6, 1971, the Detroit Free Press published a letter which reflects credit to another great and good American J. Edgar Hoover. America sorely needs more men in high places with the integrity and ability of Mr. Hoover.

WILLIAM F. HORSCH
P.O. Box 5211
Grosse Point, Michigan 48236

As you probably do not know, I have been Grand Commander for only two months and have inherited this Templar sword situation. There is a moral issue involved in the Grand Commandery keeping such a prized possession and, while it does not belong to me personally and is the property of the Grand Commandery, the only thing I can assure you is that this matter will be brought to the attention of our next Conclave for disposition.

Your letters have been well received and you have my assurance that I will do everything in my power to amend this situation.

ARTHUR M. HERNDON
Grand Commander
West Virginia

I should like to compliment you on your excellent publication of the Knight Templar.

I have been confined recently with some leg trouble, and have read the magazines from cover to cover again. You cover the earth with the varied stories, and the one which made tears come to my eyes when I read the story was that of Brig. Gen. Ely Samuel Parker, written some 112 years ago. It is so true to Masonry.

When you published my story of returning to Masonry last year (July 1970), I had Sir Knights from Connecticut, Kentucky, Ohio and New Mexico write to me.

Then on our trip to the West Coast this winter we stayed at a motel in Tennessee, where the owner recognized me and the story about Templarism.

VERNON LIEBLEIN
16519 Clifton Boulevard
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
I would like to thank you for the help you have provided me. Earlier this year, a Jobie wrote and asked why you didn't write more of Job's Daughters. I quickly wrote and explained something of Jobies. I also asked if people would write me. Since then, through the mail, I met a pen pal whom I enjoy writing very much. I really wish there were more people like Beth Stevens of Dover, New Hampshire. She's a fine girl and a very successful Rainbow. (She was installed as Worthy Advisor September 19.)

I don't know exactly how to say this but we really need Knight Templar support. If you would publish more on us perhaps more girls would write to you. In the meantime, please put my name in the hat for more girls to write. I love hearing from girls, or for that matter, anybody. Just please write me.

SUZANNE MUNDY
114 Sussex Place, Surrey Hills
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Have now received fifty-year recognitions from the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, of which I am a Past Illustrious Master. I am a Past Commander of Akron Commandery and have received a 50-year medal from the Grand Commandery of Ohio. If I live till spring I will receive the 50-year medal from the Scottish Rite, 32°. I am in my 84th year, having been born December 26, 1887.

W. CEPHAS CUNNINGHAM
783 Ardala Avenue
Akron, Ohio 44306

I am surprised that Knight Templar should find it worthy to carry information like "Door County."

I live in God's Country, "Oregon," where the "Door" is open to people to come join us enjoy our beautiful paradise, any time of the year. We have lakes, streams, mountains and ocean beaches. These are welcome spots and particularly to Knight Templars.

HUBERT L. HAASARUD
6407 N.E. Sacramento Street
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I have noted, with considerable interest and pride, the article in our Knight Templar Magazine, California Supplement, for August, entitled "Let's Get Rid of the Word Festival."

I think that we should first see how Webster defines the words Festival and Pilgrimage, and then make the decision. We will note that Festival pertains to a feast, joyous; mirthful. Pilgrimage on the other hand, is defined as a journey by a pilgrim; a journey to some place deemed sacred for a devotional purpose; the journey of human life. Does not this definition fit more perfectly the meaning and purpose of our ceremonies?

Perhaps others of the York Rite, who now hold "Festivals," will desire to join with us in the East Bay York Rite Association in calling these great and important combined ceremonies a Pilgrimage, for short, or, as we like to refer to our combined ceremonies, A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Each of our ceremonies requires that we believe in a Supreme Being. Who is the Great I AM? Where do the teachings of our Commanderies lead; It would seem that the title, as stated, is perfect. Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Let's make it another York Rite Landmark.

I recommend that this title be universally adopted where the combined York Rite Ceremonies are held for the purpose of conferring all of the York Rite Degrees and Orders.

THOMAS W. STORER, P.C.
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San Lorenzo, California 94580

Would like to swap a few West Virginia Knight Templar glass commemorative pieces I have for the same from Pennsylvania. Also would purchase pieces from Pennsylvania if any Sir Knight be willing.

A. E. ARCHIBALD
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Help Stop Truth Decay. Use Templary Liberally!"
I was interested to see in the September issue a number of references to York Rite Festivals.

The Greater Atlanta area has been holding these since 1956. They are held in the spring and fall, in time to qualify candidates for the Shrine summer and winter Classes (and we owe our Yaarab Shrine Temple our appreciation for their support), and have proved most successful. In fifteen years we have held 27 Festivals with a grand total of 3826 candidates.

There is, of course, some opposition to Festivals from a few people, but our feeling on the subject is that it is better for the candidates to receive first class work from the best ritualists in the state than to have it read badly in their local Bodies. Nevertheless, we encourage work in the individual Chapters, Councils and Commanderies as much as we can.

It would be interesting to know if there are other older consecutive Festivals, or Festivals more active from the point of view of candidates worked.

R. S. SAGAR
Secretary
Fifth District York Rite Festivals
2824 Norgate Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30034

Several years ago a Brother Mason gave me a one dollar bill. It was a series 17 Dollar Silver Certificate. George Washington's face was turned to the left. In the lower right hand corner in the border is a snake, coiled to strike towards Washington. In the upper left part of the bill is Columbus on the deck of his ship pointing skyward. At his belt is a pouch engraved LEO. Kneeling about him are three men in Masonic positions as the three degrees are performed. At the rear is another man with arms upraised. About Washington's neck is a cravat, the lower half of which is a nun's face and head dress in white.

This bill was recalled from circulation. The story was that an anti-Masonic engraver in the Treasury Department was responsible. Perhaps someone remembers this and can tell me more about the bill. (I understand it is illegal to photocopy U.S. currency so I cannot send a picture of it.)

JOHN R. GUN THER
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Enclosed is a sample of the cacheted envelope that is being offered by Greylock Lodge A.F. & A.M. to mark the Lodges's 100th anniversary.

100th ANNIVERSARY
GREYLOCK LODGE
A. F. & A. M.
NORTH ADAMS, MASS.
1871 - 1971

They are being offered for $.35 each or three for $1.00. They will be postmarked September 14, 1971, and will be franked with the new $.08 flag stamp. If unaddressed covers are required, a stamped self-addressed No. 10 envelope should be enclosed with the remittance for the covers ordered.

All orders should be sent to Mr. Charles N. Cahoon, 137 Harding Avenue, North Adams, Massachusetts 01247.

STEPHEN J. TWINING, SR.
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In your September Mail Bin Jean E. Cranton says, "patriotic organizations including the Sons of the American Revolution." I don't know of any organization that is not patriotic. A patriotic organization is one that thinks their beliefs are for the good of the nation and that is almost everyone. So the term has no meaning whatsoever.

INO HUNT, K.Y.C.H.
Bateavia, Iowa 52533
A Report . . .

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

by
Charles R. Groeling, Jr.

Charles R. Groeling, a teacher in Niles West High School, Illinois, is a Past Commander of Evanston Commandery No. 58 and chairman of the Grand Commandery of Illinois Youth Activities Committee. His knowledgeable report is printed for the information of all Knights Templar interested in the broad base of Youth and the Future.

There appears to be a mounting feeling within the ranks of the American taxpayers that free public education in our towns and cities has become largely inefficient and overpriced. In the midwest, pleas for more funds by boards of education have been rejected overwhelmingly and there is every indication that this situation is nationwide.

Communities have lost faith in their educational systems and are abandoning their support. In addition, opportunists, cranks and reactionaries have jumped into the vacuum attempting to effect their own pet programs. Commentators in the press and on television tend to generalize on the issues and in some cases, cloud them with biased reporting. Equally unfortunate is the fact that only the most “newsworthy” events or viewpoints are given coverage to the end that the viewer or reader is apt to make erroneous assumptions about the state of public education in any given locale.

Since the time of George Washington and Paul Revere, Masons have figured positively in the course of our nation’s social progress. The 70’s are no time for members of the fraternity to assume any other posture. The future of a great American tradition such as Masonry depends upon the course of development our society elects to follow in this decade.

Educational forces at work now will play an important role. Even at the time of writing this report, the source of motivation for our educational institutions is shifting, under pressure, from the needs of the community to those of the student. These forces have brought about drastic changes in the goals and achievements of our schools already. Possibly, the student oriented curriculum has merit, but in pure form it could hardly produce the technology that built our great cities, put men on the moon or placed mankind on the brink of conquering disease and poverty. This philosophy in its base form rarely could produce the self discipline of a George Gershwin, Bart Starr or Charles Percy. Masonic activities are not the point of discussion in this report, but Masonic involvement is. Young people today are impressed with noble undertakings for the good of their country, community and world. Any organization which can attain any degree of relevance in these endeavors will capture the fancy of youth.

Most Masonic institutions are concerned about the future. With the concern in mind, they have organized something in the nature of a Youth Activities Committee. If the purposes of these committees are merely to help organize and operate Job’s Daughters, Rainbow, Boy Builder or DeMolay groups, then the campaign for Masonic survival will be lost. For as worthwhile as these groups are, they are not necessarily meaningful in the
larger communities where Masonic activity and influence have all but become extinct.

If we believe that the principles inculcated in Masonic ritual are still worth what our Masonic forbears sacrificed their very existence to preserve, then our duty is not to allow these principles to molder in the dank darkness of a little used Lodge hall but carry them back to the streets and alleyways of communities where the very identification of a Masonic building is all but impossible.

The force which can reverse this dismal trend is education. Not the type which feeds upon itself and causes any purpose to become entangled in its own aimlessness nor gains acceptance by placating those who lack the strength and vision to achieve, but an educational system which still recognizes a good job, talent, difficulty in learning with help for the disadvantaged is what we need. This should be a system akin to the Masonic system itself; a system in which anyone regardless of wealth, intelligence or talent may achieve rewards and satisfaction commensurate with the effort put into service and with the amount of dedication and commitment offered.

Masons must be knowledgeable about our educational system. They must be critical but not disdainful; they must seek change with due respect but not enslavement to the past. It is desirable that Masonic organizations take the initiative in availing themselves for qualified persons who can educate and enlighten their memberships on the issues at hand.

We must always be mindful of the fact that the acquisition of knowledge is not the end which we seek. Masons must move into the community armed with the facts essential for the campaign for improvement, change or retention of our schools as the facts and circumstances of each locale so warrant.

The truth is simple. Young people today are not the radicals, anarchists or revolutionaries often depicted in irresponsible generalizations. Even in the ranks of beards and long hair we can find intelligence and ambition in abundance, not to mention some extremely conservative points of view. The overwhelming majority wants only good things for this land of ours and would be inspired by any group which can effectively pick up the banner.

When Masons again manifest themselves as one of the central positive forces in our land, particularly at the community level, specifically in the affairs, problems, activities and achievements of youth, they will perpetuate the concept of Masonry and Masonic ideals preserving Democracy, a concept which dates back to the origin of this great land of ours.

Sir Knight Groeling resides at 5405 Madison, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

President Nixon Hails DeMolay

The Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay's Golden Anniversary Conclave in Palm Springs Featured an August Anniversary Class for Chester Hodges, Grand Master of DeMolay.

Melvin A. Pixley is Deputy and Executive Officer for Southern California; Peter T. Whited is Director of Public Relations. In their souvenir program was a personal message from President Richard Nixon, who noted that the Order was observing its 50th anniversary in his native Southern California and wrote:

"At no time has your work been more vital than today. Your positive approach to the perplexing problems of an increasingly complex modern society continues to inspire in young Americans the kind of courage and conviction so necessary if we are to preserve the heritage of the past and enrich the quality of life in the years ahead."
The Story on the One Dollar Bill

by

James B. DeMasters

Sir Knight DeMasters, member of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, Kansas City, Kansas, wrote the following story about the Great Seal which appears on the one dollar bill "in the hope that our great American heritage will never be forgotten." DeMasters is a member, Sons of the American Revolution, and devotes much of his time to his hobby — patriotic writing and speaking.

This is a story which every citizen should know and cherish as a jewel of wisdom. On the back of the U.S. one dollar bill is our country's motto, "In God We Trust" and a representation of The Great Seal of the United States.

The first committee on the Great Seal was formed July 4, 1776, and consisted of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. These were great scholars, versed in foreign languages and familiar with ancient history and philosophy.

The face of the Great Seal is on the right of the dollar with the American bald eagle, our nation's symbol. As the eagle lives nobly and majestically on high cliffs, so should our ideals be high. As the eagle's breast is protected by a shield, so are our individual rights, which we hold dear, protected by our Congress.

Clutched in the eagle's right claw is an olive branch and in the left claw are thirteen arrows. This signifies that our government has the power of peace or war. The head of the eagle always turns toward the olives indicating a desire for peace, even in war. In the eagle's beak is a ribbon with the motto, "E Pluribus Unum" meaning "Out of Many, One." Above the eagle is a heavenly burst with 13 stars, which indicates the spiritual above the material.

On the left is the reverse of the Great Seal with an incomplete Egyptian pyramid representing "Solid Strength and Duration." The unfinished pyramid means that the United States will always build, grow and improve. The thirteen layers of the pyramid refer to the Thirteen States and the separate stones represent local self-government. At the bottom are the words "Novus Ordo Seclorum" meaning the "New Order of the Ages."

Above the pyramid is an eye within a triangle. Since ancient times this has been the "All-Seeing Eye of God." And last, "Annuit Cœptis" means "God has favored our undertakings."

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Campaign Reminder

The Fourth Annual Voluntary "Activities" Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation starts this month and concludes Easter Sunday, April 2, 1972.

Constituent Commanderies are reminded to forward reports and benefit-event funds to their Grand Commandery Chairman - who will maintain a record and relay the checks and information to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at Rhinebeck, New York.

Reports are due promptly following the Commandery's benefit-event or events. Self-framed plaques will be awarded for "campaign productivity."
**MAKE PARTICIPATION YOUR DONATION**

The Fourth Voluntary “Activities” Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is underway. It will end Easter Sunday, 1972. During the intervening six months the accent is on personal participation of Knights Templar in Commandery fund raising projects rather than on contributions. Chairman Charles S. McIntyre, who lists the names and addresses of Grand Commandery Chairmen in the following columns, stresses the threefold benefits of personal participation in planning and executing at least one major benefit or fund-raising activity in each Commandery: Involvement in a worthy cause with other Christian Masons; Dissemination of information of promotional value for membership and public; Funds for needy Eye Foundation cases.

He joins with the Grand Commandery Chairmen in urging early planning and prompt reporting in order to receive Commandery credit. All reports are to be made by Constituent Commanderies through their Grand Commandery Chairmen on forms provided by the Grand Recorder’s Office in Chicago. Grand Commandery Chairmen (and Chairmen in the 16 Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment) will then forward funds and reports to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 15272.

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ADDENDA FROM RHINEBECK

Information released by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at Rhinebeck, New York, shows that additional 1970-71 Voluntary Campaign credits are in order for:

**Arizona**-Columbine Commandery No. 9—"over $2.00 per capita" in Voluntary Campaign.

**Michigan**-Damascus Commandery No. 42—"over $2.00 per capita".

Healing the Blind

C. Lydon Harrell, Jr., P.C., Grice Commandery No. 16, Norfolk, Virginia, likens the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to an extension of the teaching of the New Testament and the healing by Christ. In his messages on the subject, when Commander and since, his theme is: "What more noble way can a person show his love and appreciation for our Saviour than by carrying on His work in healing the blind..." His words become doubly appropriate during the Fourth Annual "Activities" Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
OCTOBER
HEADLINE
190
YEARS AGO:

VICTORY
AT
YORKTOWN

Head Quarters near York   19th Oct° 1781.

Sir

I have the Honor to inform Congress, that
a Reduction of the British Army under the Command
of Lord Cornwallis, is most happily effected. — The
unremitting Ardor which actuated every Officer & Soldier
in the combined Army on this Occasion, has prin-
cipally led to this Important Event, — at an earlier
period than my most sanguine Hopes had induced me
to expect. — . . . No:
thing could equal this Zeal of our Allies, but the emu-
lating spirit of the American Officers, whose Ardor would
not suffer their Exertions to be exceeded — . . .

With the highest Respect & Esteem
for
Your Excellency*
Most Obedient and
most humble Servant
G·Washington

Coming Highlights

Among the features in the November Knight Templar Magazine will be a
pictorial salute to the current R.E. Grand Commanders, Dr. Oliver S. Willham's
review of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and a Thanksgiving
message from the R. E. Grand Prelate, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.
"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Proverbs 22:28

LANDMARKS

A publication of the United Masters Lodge, No. 167, of "Antient Free and Accepted Masons," Lodge of Masonic Research, Auckland, New Zealand, contains a discourse on the subject of "Landmarks" by R. W. Brother R. L. Ramsey, Past Provincial Grand Master. With the permission of the Master, V. W. Brother H. A. Marks, relayed by Secretary A. J. Crisp, P.M., excerpts have been selected for Knight Templar Magazine readers.

We frequently hear brethren exhorted to preserve the ancient landmarks and guard them against encroachment.

The apprentice is instructed to adhere to the Ancient Landmarks.

The Fellow Craft is informed that he may offer his opinion on such subjects as are introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master who will guard the landmarks against encroachment.

The Master Mason is told that the Ancient Landmarks committed to his care he is to preserve sacred and inviolate, and never suffer an infringement of our Rites, or a deviation from established usage or custom.

The Master-elect promises never to permit or suffer any deviation from the Ancient Landmarks, but at no time and in no place are the Landmarks defined, the ritual's only direct references to them being those which I have already mentioned.

Attempts to define the landmarks have been peculiarly American exploitations, the 25 given by Dr. Mackey being probably the most copied, and have produced considerable dissension and dispute. The 250-year-old controversy stems from the single reference in the General Regulations of Anderson's "Constitutions" of 1723. Regulation 39 states that "Every Annual Grand Lodge has an inherent Power and Authority to make new Regulations, or to alter these, for the real Benefit of this ancient Fraternity; Provided always that the old Land-marks be carefully preserv'd." Dr. Anderson, as his traditional history shows, was given to flights of fancy and rhetoric, and one wonders if even in the beginning he had any precise definition of landmarks in mind. The term did not appear in the old Gothic constitutions...

Seemingly from very remote times it was customary in some countries for stones to be set up to mark the boundaries of the territory of nations, tribes and individuals. These specific stones were called landmarks or land markers. They marked the bounds of the different divisions of lands, and as they were of great importance very severe penalties were attached to their unlawful alteration or removal. We learn of the confusion which resulted in Egypt when landmarks were removed. The River Nile annually overflowing its banks caused the inhabitants of the Nile valley and the adjacent low lying areas to retire to the hilly parts of the country during the overflow. When the flood waters subsided they returned to their usual habitations, but the rushing flood having washed away their landmarks caused many disputes, among them which sometimes erupted into civil war...

The land survey system instituted by...
Euclid, supplemented by trigonometry and conic sections is the same system which we employ today to define and ascertain our different divisions of land. Where the ancients employed stones as landmarks we utilize pegs of a durable nature which are driven into the land to mark boundaries, and their positions are accurately recorded on plans carefully preserved in the archives of our lands department.

It was never sufficient that stones be set up to mark a boundary. It was requisite that they be recognized as landmarks, by the people concerned and the longer they were so recognized, the more sacred they became. If in the course of time an alteration in the boundaries of the territories of nations or individuals became mutually desirable or necessary; with the sanction and approval of the authority, the old marks might be lawfully removed, and new ones set up.

It was not always that a boundary was at the first instance marked by official markers. A particular geographical feature might for many generations be recognized as a boundary by the interested parties, and the subsequent setting up of the official landmarks was the legal form of recognizing an established usage. Although a landmark might be an established usage, it did not necessarily follow that an established usage was a landmark. In addition to being an established usage, it must fulfill the functions of a landmark. It must mark a boundary or division.

Can we then say that Masonic Landmarks are certain of the established usages and customs which occupy a position in Masonry, similar to that held by usage and custom in a community? Politically such usages are called Common Law. Masonically they are called Landmarks. In a community Common Law has all the force of Statute Law. In Masonry a Landmark has all the force of Grand Lodge Law. In a community Common Law cannot override the fundamental principle of equity. In Masonry a landmark cannot override the fundamental principle of the square. It would then appear that Masonic Landmarks are those established usages and customs which mark the boundary lines of the Masonic world, both in its internal divisions and in its external relation to the outside world.

Freemasonry as at present constituted is the result of a very gradual growth. Many alterations have been made in the Order since it was first instituted, but there is one point that has undergone no change whatever. That is the motivation of its very existence. The building of a Universal Spiritual Temple of fellowship and peace; and to that end the formation of the human lodge. That is the deepest sentiment and the highest aspiration in the heart of Masonry. To build, strengthen and beautify the structure we employ every art and science, adopt every aid that civilization and progress can afford, and exercise all the powers and gifts with which we are endowed.

The address of the Secretary of United Masters Lodge No. 167 is P.O. Box 564, Auckland, 1, New Zealand.

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Point of Information — Only Templar Jewels

Section 257, Constitution and Statutes: Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Meritorious Jewels, Badges of Commanderies and Malta Jewel may be worn on the left breast, placed in the order named, on a line with the third button of the coat.
A DeMolay Says "Thank You" To Templars

TO: Educational Foundation, Division of Pennsylvania

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 to those who selected me to receive a scholarship.

I have been proud to have belonged 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 who 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.

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,
Ron L. Schmiermund

California Swords to Kansas Knights

Kansas Grand Sentinel Joe W. Atkins was trying to organize a drill team in Arkansas City Commandery No. 30. He read a letter in the Knight Templar Magazine from Recorder Thomas W. Storer, Oakland No. 11, California, stating Oakland had some surplus equipment.

Sir Knight Atkins communicated with Sir Knight Storer and obtained eight swords and eight chapeaus for the Arkansas City Commandery Drill Team. Thanks to the California Knights, the Kansas Knights were able to compete at Salina May 8.

Masons' Gold Check

An authentic solid gold check for $1 million presented by Minnesota Masons to the Masonic Memorial Hospital at the University of Minnesota in 1966 was on display through September at the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum in New York City.

The gift was the result of a three year drive by the Minnesota Masons to double the size of the hospital, noted for its cancer research and the treatment of disease. The Masons helped to build the hospital in 1958.
Canadian Knights Meet


Retiring Supreme Grand Master Harry Killam presided over the sessions. Sir Knight William Stanley Wright was elected Supreme Grand Master and Mark A. Davis Deputy Grand Master. Charles E. Wells, K.C.T., and Leonard H. Bearne were re-elected Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer respectively.

85 New Templars

The All Texas York Rite Festival and Shrine Ceremonial at Tyler, September 10-11 in honor of Arch M. Dullning resulted in 85 Knightings. The Shrine Ceremonial Saturday evening following the Festival brought 42 Templars into Shrinedom.

Dr. and Sir Knight Jim Proctor, Tyler, was general chairman. Visitors present to honor Sir Knight Dullning, present chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Finance, included among other Texas and national leaders Sir Knight and Noble Henry Struby, Deputy Imperial Potentate; Grand Captain General John B. Cottrell, Jr.; John L. Crofts, Sr., Past Grand Master; Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder; Department Commander Arthur G. Coots; Texas Grand Commander Dale Miller; Past Grand Commander Ed Bloomquist and other past and present officers.

Sponsors were the Tyler York Rite bodies and Sharon Temple – Charles C. House, M.E.H.P. and T.I.M.; Price B. Carter, E.C.; Everett Evans, Potentate.

MSA Moves

Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association, formerly headquartered at a Washington, D.C., address, announces a new address for the MSA office.

Effective September 1, the address of the Masonic Service Association became 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.
Biffart Honored

Sir Knight Edward C. Biffart, Jr., Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, Pennsylvania, has received membership status in the American College of Hospital Administrators. Biffart is the Assistant Administrator of Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Requirements for membership in the College include eight years of favorable work in hospital administration to become a nominee, three more years of favorable recommendations as a nominee and passing a rigorous examination, both written and oral, to test knowledge in all phases of hospital administration.

Grand Master 1972 Rainbow Speaker

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell has accepted the invitation of Mrs. Agnes McLeod, Supreme Worthy Advisor, to be the speaker for the 50th Anniversary Banquet of the International Rainbow for Girls July 25, 1972.

The sessions and anniversary events are scheduled for McAlester, Oklahoma.

McCarty Heads Illinois Knights

Kenneth E. McCarty, Chicago Heights Commandery No. 78, is the new Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Commander of Illinois in 1956, was re-elected Grand Treasurer and served as Installing Officer following the September 4 election at Springfield. Thomas W. Richards, as 1970-71 Grand Commander, presided for the 115th Annual Illinois Conclave. The 1972 Conclave will be at the Wagon Wheel, Rockton.

Anniversary Medal

Illustrious Potentate Merrill R. Bradford has announced the issuance of a medal commemorating the 50th anniversary of Anah Temple, Bangor, Maine.

Medals are offered for sale in bronze at $5.00 and in hallmarked .999 fine silver at $15.00. The silver medals are serially numbered and limited to 1972. The first ten numbers will be auctioned. “A substantial portion of the proceeds from the sale of these medals will be donated to the Shrine hospitals,” said Potentate Bradford.

Orders for the medals may be placed by writing Anah Medal, 9 High Street, Belfast, Maine 04915. (Bids may be mailed to the same address.) Delivery of the medals is expected to begin November 1.
Three Generations in Masonry

Injuries Befall Kansas York Rite

Six prominent Kansas York Rite workers have suffered injury or illness recently according to Grand Recorder Charles S. McGinness.

Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council Neil McLeod was injured in a fall from a ladder and spent several weeks in the hospital. LeRoy Ashcraft, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter, suffered a broken neck and pelvis in an August 2 auto accident which killed his father.


Like Father, Like Son

The first York Rite Festival sponsored by the newly organized Northeast Mississippi York Rite Association was held in Tupelo. The Festival honored Past Grand Commander Abb N. Sneed of Tupelo. Heads of all three Grand York Rite Bodies were present. The Grand Commandery of Mississippi was represented by Grand Commander James E. Sneed, son of the honoree.

The Sneeds of Mississippi are the third father-son Grand Commander combination to be brought to the attention of the Knight Templar Magazine.

COMING – 1972: A DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE STATEWIDE YORK RITE CLASS IN ILLINOIS. DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.
The 88th In South Dakota

The 88th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Dakota met in Winner, September 12, 13 and 14.

South Dakota’s Grand Recorder, Walter E. Reckling, writes: “All Grand Officers were present with the exception of Cleo Treadwell, Grand Captain General, whose passing causes great sorrow among us. Wilson Sweaney, R.E. Grand Commander, presided.

“We were honored by the presence of thirteen distinguished guests. Among them was Paul C. Rodenhausen, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, also Arthur J. Peterson, Department Commander.

“Officers elected were Maurice E. Webb, Grand Commander; George E. Bruntlett, Deputy Grand Commander; James MacLafferty, Grand Generalissimo; Loren A. Campbell, Grand Captain General. The 1972 Conclave will be in Aberdeen, September 10-12, 1972.”

Bell at Honolulu Centennial

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell flew to Hawaii to join in the celebration of the Centennial of Honolulu Commandery No. 1 September 9-16. The Charter was issued September 29, 1871, in Baltimore and arrived in Honolulu on November 30.

The history of Honolulu No. 1 is intricately tied in with the history of the Islands. John Owen Dominis, P.M., P.H.P., became Commander in 1872. Later he married Lydia Lilioukalani, last monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Six years later David Kalakaua, Rex, last King of Hawaii, was elected Commander, according to Recorder H. George Conger.

Sir Knight George N. Kahapea, Sr., is Commander for the Centennial year of the Subordinate Commandery.

Sledd To ABA Position

Sir Knight Herbert D. Sledd, Chairman of the Templar Jurisprudence Committee, is the 1971-72 Assistant Secretary of the American Bar Association according to the August issue of the American Bar Association Journal. Sledd is a Past Grand Commander of Kentucky.

Dr. Sweet Honored

Photo courtesy THE DAILY CHRONICLE, Centralia, Washington.

Dr. Paul W. Sweet, Northwestern Department Commander, Centralia, Washington, received a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in the 1971 Rose Parade in Portland. Sweet rode in the honor chariot with the Wyoming Black Horse Troop. The Black Horse Troop, the only mounted Commandery in the United States, won the blue ribbon in the Equestrian Division.
Uniform Lint Removers

William E. Girard, Commander, Kensington Commandery No. 54, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, is assisting in publicizing a Knights Templar Eye Foundation project of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Kensington Commandery.

The members are making and selling nylon-mesh Lint Removers which, says Commander Girard, "work wonders removing lint from black uniforms." Each Lint Remover has a decorative ribbon to which is affixed a label which reads: "Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Kensington Commandery No. 54, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046."

Inquiries to that address or to the address of Sir Knight Girard should bring prompt information. The Eminent Commander's address is 715 Fairfield Road, Glenside, Pennsylvania 19038.

A Gift for Mrs. Bell

George R. Hughey, P.G.C., Wisconsin, presents Mrs. G. Wilbur Bell with a capping for a flag pole -- complete with bronze eagle and halter pulley -- while Grand Master Bell looks on. Mrs. Bell, some months ago, had expressed a desire to have a tall flag pole erected and had described a preferred design for the cap. Sir Knight Hughey overheard and had the mounting made to order.

"For Orderly Transfer of Duty"

Up for consideration at the 125th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky September 20 was a recommendation to provide a new subparagraph to the Regulations to facilitate transfer and continuance of the Recorder's duties in a Constituent Commandery.

Its wording is as follows: "The Recorder of each Constituent Commandery within the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kentucky, shall immediately upon his election, appoint an Assistant Recorder, subject to the approval of the Commander. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Recorder, under the supervision of the Recorder, to become acquainted with the duties and procedures required of the Recorder and, upon notification of the absence, illness, death or removal from office of the elected Recorder, to assume and perform all of the duties of the Recorder, as defined in Section 18c of these regulations."

Interstate Royal Arch Day

Metropolitan Chapter No. 101, Illinois, hosted a conferral of the Royal Arch Degrees on a class of 20 candidates from both Illinois and Kentucky August 21. Kentucky Grand Chapter officers, led by Grand High Priest Chester Bush, conferred the Degrees, according to Andrew E. Barton, P.G.C., Illinois.

Grand Officers of the Illinois Grand Chapter, led by Deputy Grand High Priest Emil A. Ulbricht, were on hand for the event. The Chapter Day was the idea of District Deputy Grand High Priest J. Sam Smith of Metropolis, Illinois. Then Deputy Grand Master Ellsworth L. Rumpf led the Grand Council of Illinois while the Grand Commandery of Illinois was represented by then Deputy Grand Commander Kenneth E. McCarty.
BECOMING A TEMPLAR: “Spiritually Revitalizing”

An Interview With
by
Henry G. Walter
former United States Steel Executive

Henry G. Walter, longtime Mason, former president of the Gerrard Steel Strapping Division of United States Steel Corporation, has devoted his life to Masonic principles and to the conviction that every man owes his fellow citizens a large share of his time and effort.

The Chicago Lawndale Boys Club, Junior Achievement, projects to feed and clothe Korean War Orphans and a multitude of civic and philanthropic activities—including the Illinois Masonic Medical Center—have benefited from his dedicated talents. So much of his time has been given to these worthy projects that he felt there was none available for progress thru the York Rite bodies. During the past year, this situation has changed.

Sir Knight Walter is now a member of Evanston Chapter No. 144, Augustus N. Gage Council No. 124, Evanston Commandery No. 58, El Jaala Grotto, Medina Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Chicago, and St. John’s Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, all of which reflect the recruitment conviction and effort, among others, of Past Department Commander Alvin L. Crump.

What was Sir Knight Walter’s reaction to the York Rite? He says it this way: “I want to thank Al Crump for taking time to give me that extra push I needed. It was something I always wanted to do and never got around to doing. No one tried very hard to convince me or to tell me what I was missing, so I just went along—putting it off. Now, I have one very lar regret—that I didn’t pursue Templ twenty-five years ago.”

His involvement in the York Rite and Templary has not lessened his efforts in the Illinois Masonic Center and other altruistic projects. For example, he heads the Special Gifts Division of the Illinois Masonic’s Development Fund Program.

During the 12 months he has been devoting almost full time to this undertaking, he has brought the story of the Center’s programs, objectives and development goals to scores of influential Chicagoans, who are thus getting a dramatic close-up picture of “Masonic Action” for the first time.

Henry Walter fulfilled a Horatio Alger role in securing his formal education and in establishing a successful manufacturing business which he ultimately sold to United States Steel.

He studied accounting and engineering, later graduating from Wabash School of Commerce and Northwestern University. He retired from the steel business in 1957.

The Development goal for the Illinois Masonic Medical Center has been set at $30 million over a ten-year period, with $18 million yet to be raised. To a man who has personally raised more than $3 million for various not-for-profit institutions since his retirement, the $18 million goal is not formidable. He brings to this assignment not only a wide range of experience and acumen, but unshakable devotion to the Illinois Masonic motto, “Dedicated to the Service...”
National Sojourners and General Knox

Major General Henry Knox was a volunteer at Bunker Hill. He later became Chief of Artillery in the Continental Army and is known as “the father of American Artillery.” Still later, he served as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Secretary of War.

While his Masonic record is unclear, the records of St. John’s Lodge, Boston, establish that Knox visited the Lodge on November 26, 1800.

The National Sojourners, Inc., in cooperation with the Knox Memorial Association, is urging the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp depicting Brother Knox during the Bicentennial Era. The Sojourners urge all Masonic and military stamp collectors to write their Congressman and to the Postmaster General urging the issuance of such a commemorative stamp.

Available

Revised Rituals, at no change in rate or trade-in procedure, are available via Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies and Recorders of the 16 Subordinate Commanderies from the office of the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Also available upon request are religious service scripts for Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day to augment the Grand Encampment Guidelines from the Committee on Religious Activities. Other guidelines available at no charge include Public Relations, Patriotic and Civic Activities, Membership and Educational Foundation. Forthcoming will be “Guidelines for Junior Officers,” initiated by Grand Captain General John B. Cottrell, Jr., as an assignment of the M.E. Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell.
Bicentennial Celebration Plans

The planners of the 1976 Bicentennial celebration hope to “engage the nation’s artistic, intellectual, scientific, athletic, political, social, business, labor, agricultural and ethnic communities to take part in the year-long celebration.” The American Bicentennial Commission plans to involve the entire nation as well as the rest of the world.

Twenty parks with a Revolutionary War history will be the scene of festivals and exhibits. Under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution, an encyclopedia of the first 200 years of America will be prepared and published. Leonard Bernstein has been commissioned to write a bicentennial symphony. The winter Olympics will be held in Colorado. Philadelphia is bidding for the 1976 World’s Fair.

The Grand Encampment’s Bicentennial Commission is accepting suggestions for patriotic celebrations, souvenirs and programs through the Grand Recorder’s Office.

Between the Goalposts

Seen at the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stadium during the annual Shrine pre-season football game is a passion cross framed by the goalposts and formed by Knights Templar from the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin and visiting Knights.

Bicentennial Stamp

The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has designed this stamp in red, white and blue — the first in a series planned for issuance through 1976.

175 Years of Templary

Washington Commandery No. 1, Hartford, Connecticut, will celebrate its 175th Anniversary on November 13 according to Sir Knight John W. Colody, General Chairman. The celebration will be held at DePasquales Restaurant, 3430 Berlin Turnpike, Newington.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The East Bay York Rite Association Oakland, California, will present its sixth annual “Pilgrimage to the Holy Land” October 31 and November 6 at Oakland’s New Masonic Memorial Temple, 3800 Broadway, Oakland. This year’s class is named in honor of Sir Knight Lester S. McElwain, Deputy Grand Master of California Masons.
Charles Carpenter Ricker
1902-1971

Born in Green County, Tennessee, April 26, 1902, Charles Carpenter Ricker had long been active in Masonic circles. He was a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, was Past General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and at the time of his death was Grand Secretary-Recorder of the York Rite Bodies of North Carolina. He was also Recorder, and Intendant General, Division of North Carolina, Red Cross of Constantine. His death occurred September 12; funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 14, in Asheville, North Carolina.

Requiescat In Pace

Ad Fidem

Oh, Faith, dim light in this fast darkening world,
Now shed your unseen beam on our high hope
And let your rays of infra-red be swirled
To show us God, and how with love to cope
With deepening gulfs between the hearts of men.
Across the spectrum of the long-waved light
Through endothermic power that He can bend
From far beyond His universe’s height,
God sends his love to fight athermic sin.
Sweet Sister, help me see eternal truth
Through your good news, and bring your word within
And lead me down the strait path you make smooth
With pyrogenic evidence. No fear!
The warm glow will be proof that God is near.

DONALD H. SMITH
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The Unknown Soldier

The people wept at the graveside
Of one that nobody knew;
"He’s somebody’s boy,” they whispered,
“And one who was brave and true;”
Maybe he is somebody’s brother,
We know not, we never can tell;
Perhaps, in the crowd, is the mother
Who cherished him, lov’d him well.

We decked his casket with flowers,
A dirge play’d over his grave
And sorrowful hearts for hours
Paid tribute to the “unknown” brave;
And these were the words they whispered,
“No tomb to mention his name,”
But he died on the field of battle
And gained a national fame.

His past is shrouded in mystery,
We know not from where he came,
No record to give us his history
For nobody knows his name.
We know not his creed nor his color,
No picture revealing his face,
But we honor the “unknown soldier”
Revere his last resting place.

The unknown soldier is sleeping,
He answered the last roll call,
He gave his dear life while fighting
For freedom to one and all;
And ages to come will honor
Him, who was fearless and brave,
And will know that the “unknown soldier,”
Rests in a well-known grave.

William E. Jones

Submitted by the late author’s grandson,

OUR COLORS

by
Charles R. Fuller

Sir Knight Charles R. Fuller wrote the following poem in 1917 for a patriotic gathering of Englewood Commandery No. 59, Chicago (now of Harvey, Illinois). Called “Ode to the Flag” by his friends, the poem was used on many subsequent occasions. Sir Knight Fuller died in 1938 while reciting the poem at a P.T.A. meeting in St Petersburg, Florida.

The emblem of our Nation’s Glory,
Conceived in Liberty most holy,
It waves for honor and for right
That men are equal in God’s sight;
Fostered in spirit by Freedom’s call,
Our fathers gave their lives, their all,
And consecrated this to you,
A flag of Red, of White, and Blue.

Where'er unfurled in this domain
We point with pride, it bears no stain,
Nor will a sacred trust betray
Or a tyrannical will obey;
Brave, loyal hearts will thee defend,
In righteous cause until the end —
So furthered by thy Truth renew,
Our pledge to thee Red, White and Blue.

Then onward march, the brave and true,
With valiant hearts when hopes seem few
In glorious sheen, mid shot and shell,
Our banner gleams, 'tis foes death knell
The “Despot” vanquish, Victory win,
To grant us peace, 'gainst powers of sin
Oh God of Hosts, protect anew
Our flag of Red, of White, and Blue.

October Highlights

October 27 marks the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, one of the 13 Masonic Presidents of the United States. October is the month when the American Navy was founded in 1775 by the Continental Congress. Veterans Day, October 25, is one of the three-day weekend holidays. Another, Columbus Day, falls on the second Monday, October 11.
The Lord’s Prayer in the Ritual

by

Wallace A. Knopp

It seems that whenever the Lord’s Prayer is given in unison in public, or even in a Church service, when it reaches the middle section it breaks down into complete chaos, with some using the term “Debtors” and others using the term “Trespass”.

In our York Rite Ritual we use both terms. I have been unable to find, by searching the available literature and old records, and even by communication with the York Rite College in Detroit, just why, when, where or by whom the particular terminology was adopted. However, we can make certain deductions and form the following hypotheses.

The Lord’s Prayer, as we know it, is found in St. Matthew, the sixth Chapter. Also, a shorter version is found in St. Luke, the eleventh Chapter. This is not the Lord’s Prayer but the Model Prayer. The Disciples asked, “Teach us to pray,” and Jesus replied, “When you pray, pray ye likewise, Our Father which art in Heaven,…” It says, “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” Due to its simplicity and personal appeal it has gained common acceptance as the “Lord’s Prayer.”

The Lord’s Prayer is found in Matthew, the twenty sixth Chapter, just prior to His death on Calvary, when in the garden He Prayed that He be spared the cup of death. Again, in St. John, the seventeenth Chapter, is found His prayer for the people, or the Prayer of Consecration. Jesus exemplified the vicarious principle, that is, assuming another person’s debt, obligation, guilt or sin and paying the penalty.

The common version of the Lord’s Prayer, as found in Matthew six, uses the word, or term, “Debtors,” then adds the term “Trespass” to emphasize or illustrate the original meaning. The term “Debtors” refers to the laws of Moses (Leviticus the twenty-fifth Chapter) It alludes to the cancellation of debts, return of money and interests, and return of property to the original family owners. It occurred every fifty years and was called the year of Jubilee. The added term trespass refers to the spiritual and moral thinking and its application to the lives of the people.

The word Debt means “that which is due from one person to another; something owed; an obligation.” It is real and tangible. The word Trespass means to go across or cross over; to exceed the bounds of what is lawful; to encroach, infringe, or intrude on another’s privileges, rights or privacy.”

Although the meaning of these two terms is separate and distinct the application is similar and congruous. Both of these terms are made clear in the parable of the rich land owner, Matthew, eighteenth Chapter. “We must forgive first, in order to be forgiven.”

In the Chapter we use the term “Trespass.” The legends of history which the Chapter portrays for us show the jealousy, strife and spiritual decline of the people, from the building of the Temple to the Babylonian captivity – the infringement of their rights, slavery and the violation of their human rights – their return to Jerusalem and the encroachment of their neighbors at the rebuilding of the Temple Trangression made them humble. They experienced the full meaning of the word “Trespass.” As Jews, under the laws of Moses, they had no debts; they were not debtors. Theirs was a Chrismatic transgression against their God. Hence, in the Chapter we use the
Voluntary Campaign, Knights Templar Eye Foundation
(from General Order No. 7)

"I call upon all Knights Templar to cooperate in planning and presenting Masonically-acceptable benefit activities which will result in monetary aid for casework and research and which, additionally, will direct the favorable attention of the fraternity and the public to our humanitarian work in helping to save and restore vision.

"All Knights Templar are requested to observe the emphasis upon Commandery projects, as opposed to contributions..."

"The Voluntary Campaign will extend from October 1, 1971 to April 2, 1972."

Grand Master Bell

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The Lord's Prayer

word (term) Trespass.

In the Commandery, for the Order of the Temple, we use the term "Debtor." Legend and history informs us the ancient Knights were a noble and courageous group. They were noted for their deeds of charity and pure beneficence.

Today, we as Knights Templar promote the same principles of unselfish assistance to others – universal benevolence, and the advancement of Christian principles. As Knights Templar we are a Christian organization. As Christians we are in debt to our Lord and Savior (the vicarious principle, He died for us that we might live and have eternal life.)

Therefore, whenever and wherever Sir Knights are assembled, when we pray we say: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Sir Knight Knopp, P.C., Calvary No. 3, resides at 3106 Fairview Avenue, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101.

DeWitt C. Cregier

"The great Chicago fire" occurred one hundred years ago, October 8-11, 1871. Most of the city was destroyed as the fire burnt out of control for days. One building did survive though – the Chicago Water Tower, whose construction was supervised by Sir Knight DeWitt C. Cregier.

Cregier, a Past Commander of Apollo No. 1, Chicago (now of Wheaton, Illinois), was Grand Master of Illinois Masons at the time of the Chicago fire. Four years later, in 1875, he received the 33° at Portland, Maine. Sir Knight Cregier was a charter member of St. John’s Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and one of the founders of the Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois.

In 1889 Cregier was elected Mayor of Chicago. He is credited, in large part, with bringing the Columbian Exposition of 1893 to Chicago. Upon his retirement from public office he returned to his profession of Consulting Engineer. He died in November 1898.
THE AMERICAN WAY

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of men by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by discouraging the rich. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help man permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

This is very timely for today. However, it was said by our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.

I have just received a communication from the Grand Encampment office informing me that the fourth concerted Voluntary Campaign, for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, will begin October 1, 1971 and officially close Easter Day, April 2, 1972. This is a six-month period in which to raise funds for our Knights Templar philanthropy.

Please realize that this is not a "contribution" campaign. This is a period for fund-raising projects. I am requesting that each Commander appoint a committee for this period in order to arrange for special programs or projects which will raise money for the benefit of our Eye Foundation. These programs or projects could include such things as pancake suppers, rummage sales, concerts, football games, etc. Not only will the Eye Foundation benefit from such projects but your Commandery would get that much needed publicity and public relation benefits. It would also create much needed interest in your Commandery. It does not have to be a major project but could be a series of smaller projects carried over the six month period.

Although virtually on vacation during the summer, your Grand Officers have not been completely idle. Several Section meetings have been held where the Grand Officer got together with the Division Commanders for his section and talked over the problems and mapped out programs for the coming months. It was our thought that meetings such as these would be more beneficial than a meeting with a large attendance. Those present
? WHAT CAN ONE MAN DO ?

John W. Gardner has said, "In the abstract there is no correct answer to the question, 'What can man do?' If the overwhelming majority believes 'NOTHING', then the system will become one that confirms that answer. But if any substantial number continue to believe that one man can do a great deal, then they will preserve a system that sustains their belief."

What can one man do? One Man, One Petition and our York Rite membership would double. Remember no matter how many membership letters are sent, speeches given or brochures printed, nothing really happens until you personally ask an eligible Brother to join with us in the York Rite.

Isn't it time we looked upon membership as a long term investment in Templar and isn't it time each of us adds a new member to the rolls this year? Won't you help?

? WHAT CAN ONE MAN DO ?

! GET A PETITION !

Your Membership Committee

would all take part and express their opinions rather than a select few doing all the talking in a larger meeting. We will await the outcome to see if we were correct in our thinking.

Your Grand Commander wishes to congratulate the Sir Knights of Lewistown Commandery No. 26, with a special star to the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Gwin W. Ault, on the occasion of their visitation to our Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Approximately three buses loads of Sir Knights and their Ladies traveled to Elizabethtown to hold Church Service there. They took along their own preacher, printed their own programs and invited guests of the Home to attend. Lunch was arranged for and enjoyed by all, following which a tour of the facilities and grounds was made. I am informed that this was the first time for a Knight Templar sponsored Church Service at Elizabethtown. Again, Sir Knights, Congratulations.

During October, your Grand Officers will be attending several Division Receptions, namely: Division No. 11 on October 9th; Division No. 2 on October 16th; Division No. 7 together with the 100th Anniversary of Commandery No. 41, at Pottsville on October 23rd; and Division No. 17 on October 30th. In addition we have the Grand Commandery of Ohio and a Grand Encampment Department meeting. We trust that we may greet many of you at one of these assemblies.

Ewart Roberts,
Grand Commander.
1,142 Texas Masons Gather

Some 1,142 Master Masons from all over Texas gathered at the Municipal Coliseum in Lubbock August 30 to hear Shrine Imperial Potentate C. Victor Thornton, Fort Worth, and other Masonic leaders call for greater unity, harmony and membership effort.

Blue Lodge, York Rite and Shrine leaders were joined by Governor and Sir Knight Preston Smith and Congressman George H. Mahon. Also on hand was Texas State Senator Jack Hightower, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

York Rite leaders attending the West Texas fete included, left to right, Grand Illustrious Master Lloyd Kriesley, Grand Scribe and Administrator of Texas Masonic Homes John Waddell, Grand High Priest Dr. N. B. Gafford and Grand Commander Dale Miller.

Open Air Initiation

Crestview Chapter No. 40, R.A.M. Crestview, Florida, will hold its 16th Annual Open Air Initiation in the Royal Arch Degree at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 16, in Royal Arch Park near Crestview. The Grand York Rite officers of Florida are expected to attend.

Rees Presents AAA Award

Sir Knight George D. Rees, left, Mizpah Commandery No. 73, Viceroy, St. John's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Chicago, makes the presentation of the AAA Pedestrian Safety Award to Ralph Jendrich, center, and Police Chief Jack Hurnek, both of Clarendon Hills, Illinois. Sir Knight Rees is a Director of the Chicago Motor Club.

Illinois Cross of Honor Award

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, P.G.C., Illinois, presents the Knights Templar Cross of Honor plaque to Sir Knight Joe Patrick Houchard, St. Elmo No. 63, Chicago, as Grand Commander Thomas W. Richards looks on at left. Also receiving the Cross of Honor award but unable to be present was Sir Knight Howard Earl Sutton, Gil W. Barnard No. 74, Sullivan, Illinois.
“R” Rated — for Recorders Only

In this instance, the “R” represents a “Reminder” for all Recorders that there has been no Grand Encampment change in the procedure for Update Reporting each month. As in the past, Constituent Recorders will send two copies of the report forms to the Grand Recorders, and the Grand Recorders, retaining one, will send the other copy to the Grand Encampment office in Chicago.

Apparently because the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment has been able to inaugurate a recapitulation and informational mailing to each Recorder monthly, some Recorders thought the entire Grand Encampment reporting system was changed. There has been no change — merely an addition in services from the Grand Encampment.

New Update Report forms are being designed and printed but are not yet in circulation. When completed, they will be mailed in quantity to Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies for Constituent Commandery distribution. In the interim, the old forms are in effect — with no change in procedure at present or in the foreseeable future for either Constituent or Subordinate Recorders.

P.C.R.

Plume Pointers

Rosalind DeLamater, wife of Past Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, has culled some home-cleaning clippings on plume cleaning and forwarded them to the Editor for the benefit of Sir Knights with sick and soiled chapeaux.

The cleaning requires cornmeal. One method “used many, many years ago in millinery stores” to clean ostrich plumes or ladies hats was to place cornmeal in a large sack, insert the plume and gently shake “as you would in coating food.” When clean, the plume was removed and the back of a silver knife was used to gently pull the feathers out to the end.

Another pointer calls for cornmeal and a soft brush. After brushing the cornmeal from the plume, “we curled it by holding it over the steam from a tea kettle of boiling water.”

Neither Mrs. DeLamater nor this magazine issues a guarantee with the methods. The Knight Templar Magazine also notes that several supply houses still offer plume-cleaning and other Templar uniform services.

From Bulga to Budget

Supposedly, housewives in the era of the Roman Empire kept a supply of small leather bags for household expenses. Into each bag would go the amount of coins needed for a specified period of time and from each bag would be taken the coins needed to pay for the specific item. Bulga, Latin for bag, came to be associated with careful financial management. The word finally evolved as budget in English.
VOLUNTARY "ACTIVITIES" CAMPAIGN

1. The Voluntary Campaign will extend from October 1, 1971, to April 2, 1972.

2. Commanderies are directed to arrange benefit activities instead of contributions wherever possible.

3. Promotional materials, report forms and complete instructions prepared by the committee will be distributed from the office of the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment.

4. All funds raised must be reported through Grand Commandery Chairmen by Constituent Commanderies.

5. All Grand Commandery Chairmen (and Chairmen in our 16 Subordinate Commanderies) will mail their full reports and funds direct to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.

6. Funds and reports are to be turned in immediately following receipt. There are no specified report dates. HOWEVER, ONLY REPORTS RECEIVED BY A DEADLINE OF APRIL 21, 1972, WILL QUALIFY FOR VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN CREDIT.

7. Life Sponsorships, Patrons and Associate Patrons funds will be counted for campaign credit. Only funds excluded from Voluntary Campaign credit are Wills, Bequests and Memorials.

8. Suitable plaques will be presented to each Commandery whose fund-raising activities result in an average productivity of $2.00 or more per member; also a special plaque for the highest per capita by a Subordinate Commandery; and, additionally, there will be appropriate plaques (1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards) for the three highest producing Grand Commanderies — based upon their per capita averages.