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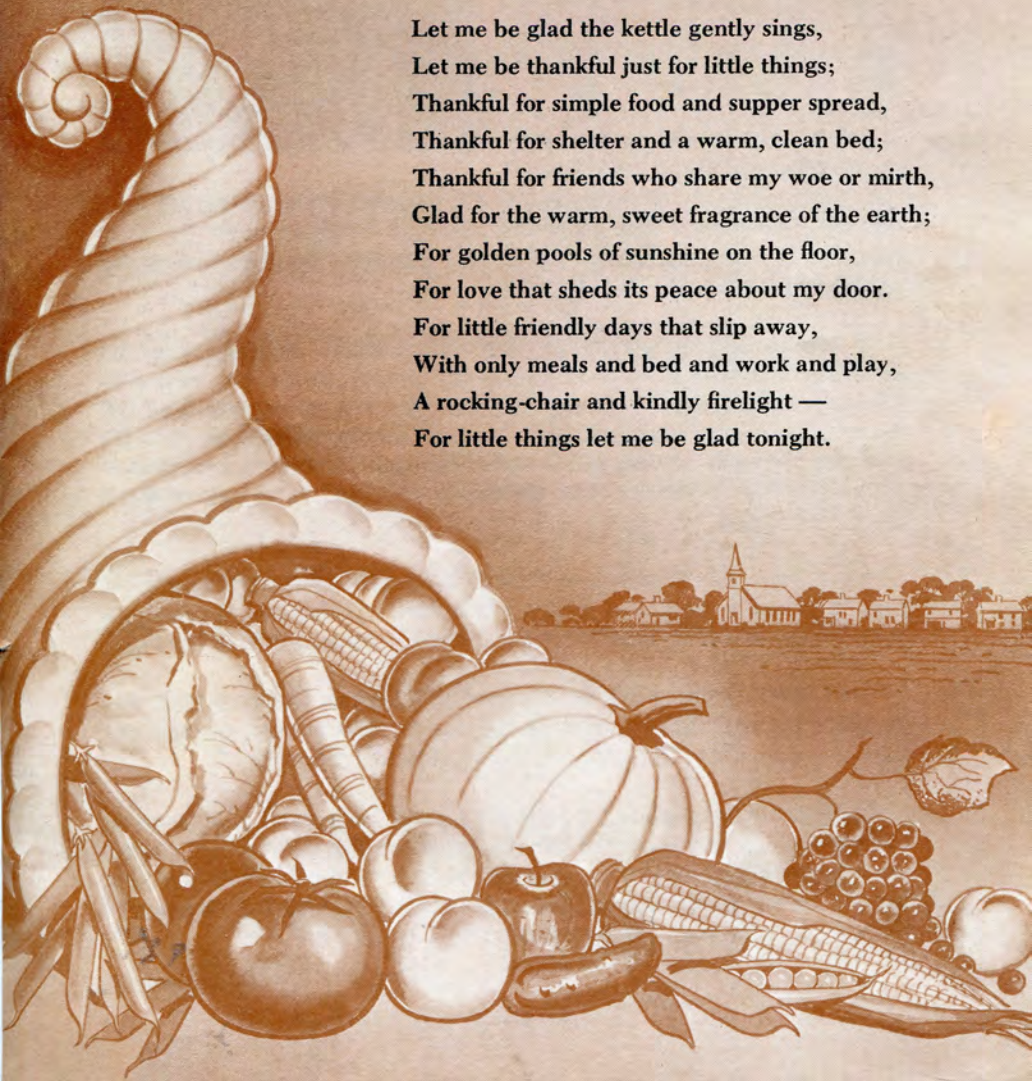
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Give thanks — for little things . . .

Let me be glad the kettle gently sings,
Let me be thankful just for little things;
Thankful for simple food and supper spread,
Thankful for shelter and a warm, clean bed;
Thankful for friends who share my woe or mirth,
Glad for the warm, sweet fragrance of the earth;
For golden pools of sunshine on the floor,
For love that sheds its peace about my door.
For little friendly days that slip away,
With only meals and bed and work and play,
A rocking-chair and kindly firelight —
For little things let me be glad tonight.



THE CONSTANCY OF CHANGE

The world is changing; it changes constantly, whether we like it or not. One of the more encouraging indications of change was the advice of a notorious young “protestor,” formerly long-haired and shaggy, who told one and all via October news media that long hair was no longer a suitable symbol of revolt, but an out-dated fad. He even went so far as to say, in his own words, that the ballot box is the place to resolve problems.



In the same week last month, I heard a football veteran talk about the big changes taking place among the younger professionals. He said, without reservation, that today’s rookies are faster, smarter, more resourceful and determined, far more adept than the crop of his own rookie era slightly more than a decade ago.

In more scholarly fashion, Dr. Endicott Peabody, Headmaster of the famed Groton School for more than a half century, pressed the thesis that “Progress is the law of nature. It moves in long waves, but does not necessarily follow a straight line through the centuries.” He told his students there are reverses in life and civilization, sometimes great tests of endurance and resolution, but always, in the end, “man moves ahead again.”

We all agree that change does occur; I think most of us are in agreement that “progress is the law of nature.” However, I am inclined to think that too many expect that “law” to create progress without any help from us.

Let’s give Nature a lift on the road to progress. Don’t sit back and expect some remarkable brand of osmosis to automatically increase our membership and give Templary greater prestige and influence.

Changes do take place; mostly they must be *caused*! If a formerly violent agitator and protestor can change, if professional football players are improving year after year, let’s “get with it” and create a little change for the better in our beloved Order. Let’s not only love that Order; let’s work for it. Such work can be a pleasure!



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The Cover:

The simple and unpretentious verse on the cover expresses appreciation for the sometimes forgotten "little things" of life. The words are those of the famed Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, whose birthplace and home at Greenfield, Indiana, is preserved as a state shrine. His lines are a reminder of the harvest of blessings that call for the giving of thanks to an Omniscient Provider.



From the MAIL BIN

A reference on page 27 of the October issue to the Great Chicago Fire of October 8-11, 1871, a week less than a century ago, sent me looking for something I had seen just a few days ago — and I found it!

On Thursday, October 12, 1871, the Secretary of the then three year old Madison Lodge No. 93, A.F. & A.M., of Madison, New Jersey, recorded in the Minutes the appeal of the Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey for relief for the sufferers from the fire and the Lodge, scarcely boasting fifty members, voted \$100.00 from its sparse treasury.

The following week our Grand Secretary acknowledged that a total of \$219.00 had reached him, indicating an outpouring of generosity from the individual Brethren as well.

On the following September 5, 1872, the Minutes reported that the Grand Master of Illinois had returned \$118.00 of this donation stating that an overwhelming response had poured in just double what was needed and 50% of the donations were being returned.

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The quality and newsworthy articles included in each issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* are a continuing source of enjoyment to me. I hope they will continue to arrive on schedule.

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Could there be a kind Knight Templar who could help me locate an Army buddy named Charley Spiers? We were in Germany together in 1947-48, in Starenberg and Heidelberg.

Charley lived in an Orphans Home in Oklahoma before going into the Army. He married a German girl and returned to Oklahoma in 1949.

Charley's probably retired by now. Last contact was in 1964. He was on his way to Turkey.

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Warren C. Burrows, P.C., died suddenly September 1 at the age of 52. He was buried with full Templar honors September 3. He was knighted in 1958 and served Peninsular No. 8 as Commander in 1963. Since then he continued to serve the Commandery and York Rite Masonry in all capacities.

Four hundred dollars were contributed in his memory to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by Sir Knights, relatives and friends.

WILLIAM F. ENGEL, P.C.
Recorder, Peninsular No. 8
Kalamazoo, Michigan

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Back in 1924 it was my pleasure to be Eminent Commander of a Commandery in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. I was a member for more than 50 years. While Commander it was my pleasure to Knight a father and his two sons before the Grand Commander of Illinois.

Let's talk Masonry every time we have the opportunity.

JOHN PERRY CASTLE
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At the stated meeting the last Friday in December 1917 of Petrolia Lodge, we had a candidate who was about to enter military service and had a dispensation to have all three Degrees conferred at one time. (This is no longer permissible as one Masonic month must elapse between First and Second Degrees.) After the usual routine business, election and installation of officers, I proceeded to confer the three Degrees on Joseph Hill Lay of Oil City.

I did not see him again until 50 years later when he came to our Lodge Room to receive his 50-year pin. I asked permission to present it to him. Grand Officers were present. I presented Brother Lay with his 50-year pin stating, "Brother Lay, the last time we faced each other was 50 years ago, December 1917, in approximately the same position we now stand, when I invested you following the conferring of the three Degrees. I congratulate you upon receiving this pin and appreciate the opportunity of presenting it to you."

The Grand Officers of Pennsylvania told me afterward they did not think this ceremony had ever occurred before. I am now 84 years old and the above episode will remain vivid in my memory until I pass on.

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I am indeed happy to know that S.K. Arthur M. Herndon, Grand Commander of West Virginia, is aware that there might be a moral claim to the Crusader's sword that now reposes in their archives.

Freemasonry can be enhanced by returning the sword to its rightful owners or to a Commandery in Germany if the rightful owners cannot be located. It is hoped the Grand Commander of West Virginia can use the influence of his high office and return the sword. All Masonry will profit by that act of brotherly love.

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Referring to page 26 of the September issue wherein is stated "Oddfellows founded by Masons" and the date given, 1830-40; this is in evident error as the first Oddfellows Lodge in the United States was organized in 1819. It would please me no end to have a correction made in the next issue.

ROY F. ANDERSON
San Francisco No. 41
52 years an Oddfellow

Editor's Note: Correction hereby made. Source of information for article was 1930 Masonic Chronicer. The year 1819 is supported by the World Almanac 1971. See information from Past Sovereign Grand Master Smith elsewhere in this issue.

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As Recorder of Winchester Commandery No. 30 I have long enjoyed reading the *Knight Templar Magazine*. In the October issue I greatly enjoyed reading the article by Wallace A. Knopp, "The Lord's Prayer in the Ritual."

I am an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Winchester and, as you perhaps know, we Presbyterians always use "debtors" rather than "trespass." The question of whether to use "debtors" or "trespass" has raised a question in my mind for some time but now I feel the use of "debtor" is fully authorized.

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Enclosed please find copy of my program of our Installation of Officers October 9 in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans.

I thought you would like to see the nice job the printer did putting "Be Master of Yourself" on the back cover, which he duplicated from the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

Thank you for your permission and past courtesies.

JULIAN G. KERETZ
Master Councilor,
Concorde Chapter,
Order of DeMolay

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First Voluntary Campaign Report

After one week of the fourth Annual Voluntary "Activities" Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Grand Encampment committee lists total reports of \$2,562.00.

The early reports were from the Grand Commandery chairmen in 22 jurisdictions - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

Highest Grand Commandery return the first week was \$365.00 from Ohio. Weekly reports are being issued to all Grand Commandery Chairmen, Grand Encampment officers and to the trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Kentucky Has Third Annual Gain

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky, for the third successive year, shows a net gain in membership. The Kenneth N. Johnson plaques for membership gains went to Winchester No. 30 for the greatest number, and to Moore No. 6, Hopkinsville, for the largest percentage gain. Plaques were presented during 125th Annual Conclave.



Fraternal Relations Meeting

The October 12 Fraternal Relations Meeting of the South and Southwest Section, Chicago, featured G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., as speaker. The meeting was hosted by the South Suburban Shrine Club, Elwood Hartung, president, with the co-hosts consisting of the following Shrine Clubs: Calumet, Chicago South Side, Illinois Central, Joliet, Kankakee, Morris and Southwest Suburban.

The Fraternal Relations Meetings have the following official representations: Grand Lodge - William Wisenborn, Grand Lecturer; Grand Chapter - James W. Cross, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Grand Council - Thomas F. McGifford, Sr., Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Grand Commandery - William Dawkins, Chairman of the Membership Committee; Scottish Rite - Sherwood L. Kresin, M.S.A., Thrice Potent Master; Medinah Temple - Harold MacDonald, Past Potentate.

Templar Fellowship Night



Division Commander J. Arthur Snyder, left, originator of the Annual Fellowship Night at New Castle, Pennsylvania, is observer as Mrs. Kathryn D'Amico, Worthy High Priestess, Sharon Shrine No. 8, White Shrine of Jerusalem, presents \$100 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Patron check to John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment, speaker for the September 25 fellowship program attended by 240 from Northwestern Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

Precepts from Shakespeare . . .

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERS

The Knight Templar Magazine salutes each Templar who by virtue of experience, service, devotion and the acclaim of his fellow members has become the chief executive of the Knights Templar in his jurisdiction.

To them, Shakespeare may have been speaking when he said in the voice of Polonius:

Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar . . .

Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice;

Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment . . .

This above all: to thine own self be true,

And it must follow, as the night the day,

Thou canst not then be false to any man.



Samuel F. Jackson
ALABAMA



John B. Prater
ARIZONA



Wilson Irby
ARKANSAS



Gordon M. Pannell
CALIFORNIA



John I. Williams
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MAINE



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MARYLAND



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Donald M. Kruger
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Joseph W. Nickle
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NEBRASKA



C. Earl White
NEVADA



Albert W. Baines
NEW HAMPSHIRE



H. O. Lee Fenstad
NEW JERSEY



Fred C. Piper
NEW MEXICO



Sidney E. Friar
NEW YORK



A. Oden Latham
NORTH CAROLINA



George J. Totman
NORTH DAKOTA



Robert H. Emmons
OHIO



Jack Freeman
OKLAHOMA



Robert F. Wagner
OREGON



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PENNSYLVANIA



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PHILIPPINES



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SOUTH CAROLINA



Maurice E. Webb
SOUTH DAKOTA



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TENNESSEE



Dale E. Miller
TEXAS



Lloyd N. Taylor
UTAH



Harold F. Burroughs
VERMONT



J. Bayard Cole
VIRGINIA



George L. Tracy
WASHINGTON



Arthur M. Herndon
WEST VIRGINIA



Franklin H. Neumann
WISCONSIN

Picture of
Wyoming
Grand Commander
not available

Grand Master of Masons Confers

Members of the Centennial York Rite Class of Damas-cus Commandery No. 2, Jacksonville, Florida, had a unique climax to the ritualistic ceremonies when the Order of the Temple, September 25, was conferred by the M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Florida.



Sir Knight Wilbur W. Masters, Grand Master, presided for the conferral as Eminent Commander in the closing highlight of the Centennial ritualistic work, which extended from September 16 thru the 25th. A centennial banquet was served Saturday evening following the Order of the Temple at Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, for Sir Knights and their ladies.

The following is an excerpt from the printed program's Masonic biography of Grand Master Masters: "active Mason since being raised in Duval Lodge No. 159 in 1934. Worshipful Master in 1939. District Deputy Grand Master of the old 9th Masonic District in 1942. Head of all York Rite Bodies from 1942-1953 when he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Head of all Scottish Rite Bodies 1946-1960. Coroneted a 33^o Mason in 1954 and presently an active Ritualist. Past Sovereign and present Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine. Past Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Florida in 1954. Presently a member of the Necrology Committee of the General Grand Chapter of the O.E.S. Grand Cross of Colors in State Assembly, Order of Rainbow. Past Potentate of Morocco Temple of the Shrine, 1949, and Director of the Ritualistic Cast." The Grand Master is active in church and numerous civic affairs in addition to Masonry.

129th Annual Conclave at Dayton

For the 129th consecutive year, Sir Knights of Ohio assembled for their annual transaction of business, election of officers and related official and social Conclave events.

George W. Davidson, outgoing Grand Commander, presided over the Annual Conclave October 8-9 at Dayton. Installed as new Grand Commander Saturday night, October 9, following the Grand Ball in the ballroom of Dayton's Masonic Temple was Robert H. Emmons. Installing officer was Cecil J. Pierce, P.G.C. George H. Thomas, P.G.C., and a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Finance, served as Marshal.

Other dais officers installed in the open ceremony were Walter E. Drake, Deputy Grand Commander; Parker G. Manning, Grand Generalissimo, and Lawrence M. Looker, Grand Captain General. Thomas E. Gibson, P.G.C., and George R. Fitez, were re-elected and installed Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder respectively.

The Grand Encampment, officially represented by Willard M. Avery, Grand Generalissimo, was further represented by the East Central Department Commander, Ned E. Dull, and the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, Paul C. Rodenhauser.

Additionally, Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell appeared personally Saturday, October 9, for the drill team competitions, the Saturday banquet and Grand Ball, and the presentation of Knights Templar Cross of Honor Awards, over which he presided at the invitation of Grand Commander Davidson. He also presented Sir Knight Davidson with the Past Grand Commander's jewel of the late Sir Knight Fern J. Blose, who died in 1963. Mrs. Blose assisted in the presentation.

General Chairman for the Conclave was Ronald H. McDonnell, Jr., P.C.

Support Government, Promote Education . . .

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

by
Dr. Oliver S. Willham

Although not as well known throughout the membership of Grand Encampment as, perhaps, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, one of the rewarding and creative influences of Templary is embodied in the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, founded in 1922. Dr. Oliver S. Willham, President Emeritus of Oklahoma State University, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, reviews the purpose and progress of the loan program for students.



The government of the United States of America is the product of an experiment that has been in progress for 195 years. The basic ideas for this experiment were gleaned from the Magna Charta, the instrument which the English Barons forced King John to sign in June 1215 at Runnymede. The Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States of America correspond closely to the bill of rights of the Magna Charta. The founders of the new nation, the United States of America, wanted it to be a haven for *liberty, reason, justice and equality.*

Under this experimental government, the United States of America has developed an agricultural industry second to none. Five percent of the people produce the food and fiber for the nation and a surplus to help feed the rest of the world. Only eighteen percent of the consumer's income is required for food and clothing. It has also produced an industrial system which through mass production has made the fruits of technology available for the masses. Great advancements have been made in the profession of medicine. Today it is common to successfully replace or repair parts of the human body. Outstanding advancements have also been made in law, education and the fine arts.

The Masonic fraternity has encouraged its members to support their government and promote education. These basic teachings were responsible for the establishment of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and the creation of a student loan fund to be used to help worthy students regardless of creed or race to complete their education. This farsighted program was established in 1922 and today's members of the Masonic fraternity have the stewardship of this heritage in their hands. The Knights Templar was one of the first organizations to promote this type of program. Its venture has encouraged many others to enter this field of student support.

Since the inception of the loan program nearly \$25 million have been loaned to about 66,000 students. A few scholarships have also been granted. This is a big business and requires efficient management if the present generation of Masons keep faith with the founders.

The average size of a student loan has steadily increased from \$200 to \$900. The regulations and standard practice as revised in 1967 permits loans up to \$1500 for each of the last two years in school. They also permit loans to

students in Vocational and Technical schools.

Education beyond the high school is of an essence in a technological age. The student loan program provides for the following types of education: training to be artisans and craftsmen in a vocational school; preparing to be technicians with various specializations in a technical school; preparing for medicine, veterinary medicine, law, theology, engineering, business, agriculture and others in a professional school; a broad liberal education to act as a foundation for business, trades or professions in a college or university.

Business ventures operate largely upon borrowed capital. Why not apply the same principle to education — attend school now and pay for it when on the job. The Knights Templar program charges no interest until the student graduates or drops out of school.

The mobility of the modern student makes it necessary that regulations and standard practices be uniform from Division to Division. The paper work required for loans must be kept at a minimum. Time is always of an essence to the student.

There are many loan programs available to students. This competition creates a healthy challenge. The Knights Templar Foundation Fund meets the challenge in every respect. However, the student's attention must be directed toward it.

The stewardship of this trust fund is responsibility of every Knight in the country. It is administered by cooperating committees of Constituent Commanderies, Divisions and the Grand Encampment. Attention is directed to the "Guidelines for Making Student Loans," pages 5-11. Prepare to inform prospective students in your local community.

The Knights Templar are in an excellent position to aid in the solution of the most vexing problems confronting the

world. Everybody is interested in an enduring peace which can only come in a world free from hunger, poverty and racial prejudice. A successful urban way of life must be established to supplant the extremely viable rural way of life of yesteryears. Natural environment must be studied and preserved. The economy must continue to grow and expand and the governmental processes must be reshaped. Help must be given to the developing nations to aid them in becoming a part of the world economy. The above problems can be solved by education.

To provide gainful employment to all its citizens is a problem confronting every country. The work week can be further shortened but this creates many additional problems. Workers can be retired at an earlier age but it is not feasible to retire a healthy person much before age 65. Because of the rapid increase in knowledge retraining is a must in many professions. Why not keep young people in school for a longer period? It will be cheaper than so much unemployment insurance. It is suggested that serious thought be given to providing every capable student a four year basic course in a college or university and then complete his course in a vocational-technical or professional school.

Changes must be made in every facet of life. These changes must be innovations which have been weighed and tested. The ways of the past will not suffice for the future. Survival will depend upon vision, courage and change. The time left for such innovations is short. The members of Knights Templar are in excellent position to help prepare young people for the challenges of the future.

Every member of the Masonic fraternity should examine closely his own organization and help introduce some innovations. Remember, Masons are pledged to support the government and education. It is not enough to just live for your country; you must be willing to die for it if necessary.

SIGMA MU SIGMA

On March 25, 1921, three Knights Templar and nine Master Masons founded Sigma Mu Sigma fraternity on the campus of Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana. This year the fraternity is celebrating its Golden Anniversary.

The purpose of the fraternity is to provide fraternal brotherhood while the Masons are away from their home Lodges attending college. The following information is excerpted from a history of the fraternity written by Sir Knight August T. Boley, Executive Secretary and Editor of *Azureor*.

Twelve Masons joined together in 1921 to form Sigma Mu Sigma. They wanted to provide the fraternal brotherhood of the Craft for men from all over the country while they spent four years away from their Lodges obtaining a college education.

From 1921 until 1923, Sigma Mu Sigma remained a local fraternity, more a Masonic Club than a Greek fraternity. That year it became a member of the American Association of Local Greek Letter Fraternities.

Brother Almond C. Fairfield, active in Sigma Mu Sigma at Tri-State, graduated in 1924 and began teaching in Oklahoma City. There he was instrumental in founding Beta Chapter on the University of

Oklahoma campus. His father, Senator Louis W. Fairfield, Indiana, introduced the bill in Congress which granted a federal Charter to Sigma Mu Sigma.

By 1925 there were six Chapters across the country. The National Council was organized and incorporated in Washington, D.C. Then came the Depression. In 1934 eight Chapters were absorbed by Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Chapter returned to local status.

In the meantime, Square and Compass, the original Masonic fraternity, was also experiencing difficulties. In 1950 it was reorganized in Richmond, Virginia. Two years later, on August 3, 1952, at Angola, Indiana, a merger of Sigma Mu Sigma and Square and Compass was effected with seven Chapters. After the merger, the fraternity again began to grow.

The 60's saw another decline in the fortunes of the fraternity. In 1965 Alpha Chapter, the founding Chapter at Tri-State, affiliated with a large social fraternity.

Today, Sigma Mu Sigma follows many of the Masonic traditions which were set up in 1921, performing many needed services on the campuses of its five Active Chapters. Its prime function is still service and Masonic brotherhood.

Veterans of the York Rite

Wichita Falls York Rite Bodies will host area York Bodies November 11 to honor the Veterans of the York Rite. Presentation of 25 and 50 year awards will be made by Deputy Grand Master Jack Hightower, Grand Lodge of Texas; Deputy Grand High Priest Alie Noble, Grand Chapter; Grand Master Lloyd C. Kneisley, Jr., Grand Council; and Grand Commander Dale E. Miller.

... EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The time is now to sell education and the Educational Foundation loan program. Let us go forward with the task. Suggestions for the improvement of the present loan program will be welcomed by the chairman or the Grand Recorder.

RESEARCHING WITH OUR PREDECESSORS

As Master of Mexico Lodge of Research No. 24, M.W. Brother Alexander G. Wygard, P.G.M., of Mexico City, presented a 1970 address based on reports by Past Grand Lecturer, Dr. I. Adam Wygard. Sir Knight Alexander Wygard noted that "apart from the fact that he was a Brother to us all, it was my privilege to be his carnal brother as well. But I can truthfully say, without prejudice of kinship, that the words he composed as messages to his Brethren in 1954-55 are as timely today as they were the day they were written." Excerpts of address follow.

"Masonry is one of the few time-proven institutions whose votaries sincerely believe that their philosophy... converted into action... can effectively contribute to prepare a better future. We believe, even more we know, that only the reign of Truth and Goodness can assure peaceful human progress. Whereas, by the lack of these two vital elements, we must necessarily be thrown back into dark barbaric ages.

"We know and we believe in these two elements... but we keep it to ourselves. **OUR ACTION IS NOT VISIBLE.** Are we too modest... are we too timid... or are we simply indifferent? Whatever the reason, the attitude of reticence on these problems is a sinful one. Remember, there are five million Masons around the globe. What an army in the service of Brotherhood!

"And in our army, rank does not matter; today a general, tomorrow a private. The only credentials that count are Heart and Brain, but first, of course, the Heart. Our weapons are Character and Intelligence. To forge and strengthen these weapons within our OWN ranks first is our sacred duty.

"Masonry is not a religion, but it does insist on religious sentiment and accepts all religions fitting our concepts of the Fatherhood of God and Morality. Theological differences are not our concern, but we do hold that philosophical morality not anchored in a belief in Deity is a fragile idea. Perhaps there are a few

intellectuals of high moral standing who would contend that Ethics without admission of the religious concept of the Creator is conceivable. But the high moral achievement of these few has been attained... whether they are conscious of it or not... by their upbringing in the medium of the Judeo-Christian or other high culture. However, their system of Ethics without Deity is unthinkable as a standard pattern for over three billion human beings. They cannot find a common morality disconnected from the concept of the Divine.

"Even the scientists who believed they would find the solution and explanation of All in Time, Space and Energy are more and more inclined to accept the existence of the inexplicable secret, of the moving force, of the supernatural guiding intelligence... .

"Words and phrases often repeated become a routine; their intended meaning which impresses at first encounter, fades away and only empty sound remains.

"Many of our members lose interest in the meaning of the parables and symbols of our ceremonies, and even of the simple words they contain. I do not blame them; it is not their fault, but rather of their "teacher" Brethren within the Lodge. We have in our ranks many outstanding minds, and far too few of them give of their ability and time to explain to both new and old Brethren alike expanded aspects of an accepted thesis. Remember: *Masonry is a progressive science.*"

A Sentiment from "Harper's Weekly" of October 8, 1898

Sir Knight Henry N. Walker, Fullerton, California, came across a copy of *Harper's Weekly* published in 1898 and was attracted to a poem which he thinks "is not only beautiful but means the same thing today as it did then."

The material that follows is the poem, "America, Beloved Land," written by Abbott Frederic, plus the editor's comment of 73 years ago.

**AMERICA, beloved land,
In reverence here thy children stand;
From West, from South, from East, from North,
Thy heroes show thy power forth.
Thy raging war bolts rend and crash;
Thy foes to swift destruction dash;
Yet grant, O God, that wars may cease,
And keep us in Thy holy peace!**

**Our country, sacred, glorious blest,
Defender of the poor, oppressed,
Forever may thy people be
United, equal, brave, and free, —
Their radiant banner never furled,
Their mission to uplift the world.
Almighty God, stretch out Thy hand,
In blessing, o'er our native land!**

**Her sons pledge riches, life, and fame
To keep unstained her spotless name;
Their blood has dropped like crimson rain;
Their great deeds live and shout again;
But let us not in power and pride
Forsake our fathers' Light and Guide.
Eternal God, ne'er turn Thy face
From deathless Freedom's chosen race!**

[This poem was written by Mr. Frederic after listening to a performance of the "Star-Spangled Banner." The words of this familiar song seemed to him weak and inadequate, and he therefore set himself to the task of composing something worthy of the nation. It is hoped that some musician will set the words to music. — EDITOR WEEKLY.]

History of the Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States first came into widespread usage and acceptance on Columbus Day, 1892.

In the 77th Congress, its official recognition was granted when Congress codified all rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of our Flag. Then, in 1954, the words "under God" were added to the Pledge by the Congress.

In the year 1620, the Mayflower Compact, a document which contained the first constitution in America for complete self-government, declared in the opening sentence "In the name of God. Amen."

On July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers proclaimed our Declaration of Independence which no less than four times refers to the existence of the Creator.

It was during the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln that Congress directed the inscription "In God we trust" be placed on our coins.

With this in mind, several Congressmen and Senators suggested legislation adding the phrase "under God" to our Pledge. Congressman Oliver Bolton asked that there be no comma separating "one Nation" from "under God" and the Congress adopted his version in 1954.

Thus, when the Pledge is recited, it should be remembered that nothing stands between our Nation and our God, and no pause should occur at this point in its recitation.

Dr. Peale at a Later Date

An article by the M.E. Grand Prelate, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, announced for November, will be featured at a later date. Conflicting schedules caused the present postponement.

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50th Anniversary Speaker

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, Chandlerville, Illinois, was the speaker at the 50th anniversary celebration of George Washington Lodge, Louisville, Kentucky. Sir Knight Bell told the more than 200 members and guests "tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life."



Sir Knight William S. Conaway, P.C., Louisville-DeMolay No. 12, Past Grand Master of Kentucky Masons and present Master of George Washington Lodge, welcomes Grand Master Bell.

Southwestern Department Conference

Southwestern Department Commander John R. Mendijs has scheduled the Departmental Conference for November 13 at the Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas. Grand Master Bell, Grand Recorder Rodenhauer and several chairmen and members of Grand Encampment committees will be present to present and review national objectives and programs.

On November 14 Grand Encampment leaders will meet with representatives of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council.

Wyoming's 84th Annual Conclave

Charles A. Painter presided over the 84th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming September 11 at Rawlins. New officers include: Glenn W. Hill, Grand Commander; Ralph Drury, Deputy Grand Commander; Ernest R. Burgon, Grand Generalissimo; William Curtis, Grand Captain General. The new Grand Senior Warden is John M. Allen, the third of the Allens to serve in the Grand Commandery line. Martin L. Eggert is the 1971-72 Grand Junior Warden.

The 85th Annual Conclave, as announced by Grand Recorder Marcus R. Nichols, will be in Cheyenne, Saturday, September 9, 1972.

23 New Knights

Sir Knight Johannes van Beusekon, High Priest of Guatemala Chapter No. 1, Guatemala City, Guatemala, has forwarded 23 petitions for the Orders to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Mexico City, Mexico. The prospective Knights will travel to Mexico City to have the Orders conferred on November 4-5, according to Alexander G. Wygard, P.C.

New Jersey Festival

The 28th Annual Templar Festival of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey will honor Past Grand Commander John C. Ballinger. The festival will be held November 20 at the Masonic Temple in Plainfield. Grand Captain General Kenneth Reed is chairman of the event.

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Reading No. 42 Centennial

Four Past Grand Commanders and four Grand Officers were among the guests at the centennial commemoration of Reading Commandery No. 42, Reading, Pennsylvania, September 18. Grand Generalissimo A. Kenneth Stevenson, representing Grand Commander Ewart Roberts, presented 50-year pins to nine Sir Knights. Commander Guy B. Bierman presided at the dinner and Recorder Edward B. Meinhardt, P.C., General Chairman for the event, presented the guests.

P.G.C. Charles B. Wolfertz was speaker for the evening. A check for \$100 was forwarded to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., to commemorate a century of Templary.

Sword and Jewel Stay in the Family

Ronald N. Dingle, Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 4, Tacoma, Washington, was Knighted by his father, a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, in Oriental Commandery No. 62, Indianapolis, in 1942. Sir Knight Dingle says "I have used his sword and will receive his Past Commander's jewel when I am 'replaced' in November."

Rainbow Selects Eye Foundation

Miss Scarlett Brown, installed Worthy Advisor of Samuel S. Sumner Assembly No. 9, Frankfurt, Germany, September 19, has selected the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as her charity. The news was relayed to the *Knights Templar Magazine* by Sir Knight Dan H. Benney, Recorder of Hermann Von Salza No. 1 and member of the Advisory Board for the Rainbow Assembly.

Shrinetennial Medals



Shrinetennial medallions commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Shrine and the 50th anniversary of the Crippled Children's Hospitals will go on sale at all Shrine Temples November 1 according to information received from Centennial Committee Chairman L. D. Webster.

The silver (.999) will sell for \$10. They are serially numbered and limited to 10,000. The bronze medallions will sell for \$2.

Texas Has Another Festival

A York Rite Festival and Hella Temple Shrine Ceremonial in honor of Joe W. Steed, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, is undergoing final plans at presstime for presentation Saturday, October 30, in the Scottish Rite Temple, Dallas.

Sir Knight Steed, active in all York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies, is a 33^o Inspector General Honorary, S.J., a member of Pittsburg Commandery No. 43, a DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor recipient and, among other memberships and activities, is associated with Hella Shrine Temple — also as an Honorary Life Member of Sharon Temple, Tyler, and a Past Patron of the O.E.S.

Masons Parachute to Meeting

Harry H. Cusick, Lisbon, Ohio, noted the October *Knight Templar Magazine* report of the gathering of 1,142 Texas Masons at Lubbock and forwarded a clipping from Lisbon's *The Evening Journal* describing an outdoor Labor Day meeting of "some 1,900 Masons," three of whom parachuted into the gathering. Cusick, who serves at a guard post, has not missed any of the 15 annual assemblies.

Excerpts from *The Evening Journal* tell of the event: "One of the largest crowds ever, some 1,900 Masons from 45 Lodges in 17 states and Italy and Japan attended. The meeting was sponsored by the 24th Masonic District.

"One of the highlights of the event was when three Brothers parachuted into the gathering. . . The Master Mason Degree was conferred on a candidate.

"Donald M. Thomson of Cleveland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, led a host of visiting Masonic dignitaries. . . Clifford M. Powell of Youngstown, a past District Deputy Grand Master of the district, presented Colin B. Montis, Past Grand Master, now of Chicago, 'Master's Wages' for the 15th year.

"Knights Templar of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Divisions of the Grand Commandery of Ohio presented the colors under the direction of Robert Sickels of Alliance Commandery 67, serving as Captain General."

York Dedication

Sir Knight and the Rev. Larry M. Miller, Pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, presented the dedication sermon September 18 for the Templar unveiling of the Ascension painting by the Rev. C. Guy Stambach in the Ascension Alcove, Red Lodge Room, of the new million dollar Masonic Center of York, Pennsylvania.

The ceremony, sponsored by York Commandery No. 21 and Gethsemane No. 75, was attended by local, state and national Templar representatives and families, with J. Harry Hoffman, P.C., No. 21, as chairman of arrangements.

Harry N. Flavell, Jr., P.C., No. 21, described the "fine art" category of the Ascension painting and introduced the artist. Eminent Commanders Lemuel R. Lawson and Clarence A. Meyers participated in the ceremonies, as did the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Francis R. Black. Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer represented the Grand Encampment. Past Grand Commanders Charles R. Eurich, Pennsylvania, and Conrad J. Raider, Maryland, attended, as well as others from beyond the York area.

Music was presented by the Chanters, York Forest No. 30, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Pastor Miller, the dedication speaker, is Generalissimo of Gethsemane Commandery No. 75, also in York.

Thanksgiving . . .



O, it sets my heart a clickin' like the tickin' of a clock, when the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock.

James Whitcomb Riley

For the record . . .

THE BACKGROUND OF THE ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The page 26 mention in the September Knight Templar Magazine, quoting a 41 year old reference to the possible formation of the Odd Fellows by Masons has brought a thorough and informative letter on the organization's founding and background from Donald R. Smith, Past Sovereign Grand Master, the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, whose office is in Linden, California.

In the interests of providing authoritative information, we are happy to print Past Sovereign Grand Master Smith's letter on the subject.

I received a copy of the September 1971 issue of the *Knight Templar* from Dr. Raymond Miller of Washington, D.C., and an item on page 26 was pointed out to me with reference to the Odd Fellows Lodge. The information contained in this item was incorrect and I am sure you desire to set the record straight.

Odd Fellow Lodges are the outgrowth of the early English guilds. There is no date which marks the culmination of the development from guilds into lodges. Defoe, in *The Gentleman's Magazine*, published in London in 1745, makes mention of Odd Fellows, but gives no specific information as to the institution of the first lodge. The records of Loyal Aristarchus Lodge No. 9 seem to be the oldest that have been preserved. These records show that this lodge of Odd Fellows was holding its meetings in 1745 and indicate that it was instituted many years earlier.

It is known that this society grew up in England during the 18th century. The earliest ritual existing at the present time is dated 1797 and was used by the Patriotic Order of Odd Fellows. In 1813 in England various lodges of Odd Fellows met and organized the Manchester Unity of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which became one of the principal Friendly Societies of Great Britain. In 1819 the American Order was founded

and was afterward affiliated with the Manchester Unity. This continued until September 23, 1842, when the Odd Fellows of the United States resumed their original independence. Thomas Wildey is recognized as the founder of American Odd Fellowship even though there were other Odd Fellow Lodges founded as early as 1806 in the New World. These earlier lodges soon disappeared, but Washington Lodge No. 1 of Baltimore, Maryland, is still in existence. It was self-instituted on April 26, 1819. From that small beginning lodges were instituted throughout the United States and Canada, and one hundred years ago the American Order instituted lodges in other countries throughout the world. Today there are Grand Lodges in North America, South America, Europe and Australasia. The present membership is in excess of one million.

Possibly some Masons helped form the first Odd Fellows Lodge but there is no authentic written records to bear this as fact. Likewise, the date in the item appearing in the *Knight Templar* (1830-40) is incorrect because the 1840 S.G.L. report showed more than 11,000 members had already been admitted to the American Order. I appreciate the opportunity of calling this to your attention.

Donald R. Smith

WASHINGTON COMMANDERY 175 YEARS OLD

Washington Commandery, now in Hartford, Connecticut, is observing its 175th Templar birthday. Sir Knight James R. Case, Historiographer, reviews some of the factual highlights in the Commandery's history.

A banquet formally marking the 175th Anniversary is scheduled November 13 at Newington with John W. Colody as Chairman.

Few Commanderies in the United States can claim organization dating back 175 years or more. Only one Commandery in the United States can claim having been chartered from London.

In July 1796 three regular Knights Templar from three different Commanderies, and in accordance with ancient usage, formed an Encampment, as it was then called, at Colchester, Connecticut, and conferred the Order of Knighthood on five Royal Arch Masons. At dedication of the new Free Masons' Hall in New London on St. John's Day in June 1800 Knights Templar had a place in the procession.

Assemblies were to be held no more often than once in six months and officers were chosen every three years.

Under date of September 3, 1803, a charter was granted by Lord Rancliffe, head of a Grand Conclave of Knights Templar in London as well as the Royal Ark Mariners. This "Grand Warrant for the State of Connecticut" appears to have been challenged in 1810 as the Commandery recorded a vote that the charter from London was the authority under which they acted in "making Knights Templar."

In 1819 Thomas Smith Webb, who had with persistent determination organized the General Grand Encampment of the United States in 1816, visited Washington Commandery and, through his persuasion, the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment was acknowledged. A charter of recognition was granted accordingly.

Washington Commandery flourished until the anti-Masonic depression when the asylum was closed. Distribution of population in Connecticut was shifting with growth of industry along the water courses and with the development of the railroad. When Washington Commandery again threw its doors open, it was stationed at Hartford.

During the first phase nearly 200 Royal Arch Masons from all over the state were Knighted, also one pilgrim from South Carolina and one from Brazil. Many of the members were prominent as officers of the several Grand Bodies in the state, not to mention governors, judges, generals and admirals. Notably, only three were clergymen.

In 1825 the Sir Knights of New Haven and vicinity withdrew and organized a Commandery in that city. They in turn sponsored a third Commandery which made organization of a Grand Commandery possible. An eminent Past Commander of Washington Commandery and Past Grand High Priest, Dr. John R. Watrous, was chosen the first Grand Commander in 1827.

After being seated in Hartford in 1844 Washington Commandery became the largest and most active among the twelve in the state. Down through the years leading citizens attracted to Masonry found membership in Washington Commandery a distinction. Social changes in the last half century have had their influence on Templary as well as other Masonic bodies and membership numbers have not been sustained.

MOSAIC AMATEUR RADIO NET \$50,000 for Eye Research

The Mosaic Amateur Radio Net was conceived by Brother Domenic A. Pallotto of Chicago, owner and operator of amateur radio station W9BOX. Pallotto wanted to bring Masonic radio operators together. He envisioned an international organization for Masonic fellowship as well as a service organization.

Brother Pallotto confided his idea to Brother Walter G. Lind and the two men discussed the idea with their respective Lodge officers. About a year after Brother Pallotto conceived the idea, on November 2, 1969, a call was made on the 40 meter amateur radio band. Members of the York and Scottish Rites as well as appendant Orders such as Eastern Star and DeMolay responded to the call and MARN was born. Membership today is international in scope.

Membership is open to all members of the Craft or related bodies having any class of amateur radio operator's license. Sir Knight Frank A. Phillips is Corresponding Secretary. Brother Pallotto is Recorder. Headquarters are at 11049 South Avenue E, Chicago 60617.

... WASHINGTON COMMANDERY

The centennial of Washington Commandery in 1886 was a great celebration combined with a parade and consecration of the new asylum followed by a banquet. During the 150th year of the Commandery the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was their guest. In keeping with the times, the 175th anniversary this year was planned with appropriate ceremony and retrospect.

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

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Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell presents check for \$50,000 to Warren N. Barr, Sr., president, Illinois Masonic Medical Center board of trustees, Chicago, for eye research. The grant was one of several authorized in July by the trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Ekas Honored

Ward L. Ekas, M.D., Department Commander of the Northeastern Department, was honored last month at Damascus Shrine Temple, Rochester, New York, when he received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. Sir Knight Ekas was saluted on the occasion for his contributions to all branches of Masonry — including the Shrine and the Grand Encampment.



A fellow recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor with Dr. Ekas was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New York, Roy E. VanDerlender, Sr., active in the York Rite and other Masonic bodies.

159TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Philadelphia was the scene of the 159th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, September 26-30. Vesper Service Sunday the 26th had as officiants George Adelbert Newbury, LL.D., 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander; The Rev. Kenneth E. Buckwalter, Fairless Hills United Methodist Church and Prior, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia; and The Rev. John Gabriel Fleck, D.D., 33°, Grand Prior, Supreme Council. The sermon was presented by the Rev. John D. Trefzger, D.D., 33°, Minister of the First Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois. Organist was C. Bertram Nelsen. The Philadelphia Scottish Rite Chorus was directed by Edward S. Siddell, 33°.

Sovereign Grand Commander's Allocution

Illustrious Brother Newbury concluded his Allocution at the Tuesday session with an essay which brought a standing ovation from the Scottish Rite Masons. As Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, later predicted, "it will become an essay printed and reprinted in Masonic literary journals for years to come." To be one of the first to confirm Sir Knight Hahn's prediction, the essay is herewith featured in the *Knight Templar Magazine*.

FATHER'S LODGE

Not so many years ago "Father's Lodge" was a common household expression in countless homes in America. On Lodge night father would get dressed up in his Sunday best and hie himself off to Lodge. It was an event that he looked forward to and few things would prevent him from being present with the Brothers on Lodge night.

If Aunt Cynthia happened by and noticed father's absence, she was sure to say, "Oh, this is Lodge night." She needed no comment from mother to explain his absence. Also, there would be a note of approval in the tone of her voice. Father's membership in the Lodge was a matter of pride for all the family, even aunts and great-aunts as well as mother and the children.

Despite an air of mystery as to what went on behind the tiled doors, all understood that it was something fine and noble. Men about town toward whom there was the slightest trace of a suspicion as to their moral character or their honesty and integrity in business could not join the Lodge. In a very real sense

membership in the Lodge was the highest recommendation a man could have.

From earliest boyhood Johnnie and Jimmie looked forward to the time when they would be able to join father's Lodge. Occasionally when they were together and the conversation turned to the future, father would say, "Boys, I hope you will grow up to be the kind of men who can join our Lodge." Mother, too, would sometimes speak hopefully of that day when she could say that her boys belonged to the Masonic Lodge.

When Susie became engaged to get married, all the family let it be known, with a show of unfeigned pride, that her future husband was a Mason.

Such was the Masonic Lodge of yesteryear. Its influence in shaping the character of American manhood — and indirectly of American womanhood — was an enormous one. And we can be proud of the fact that that influence was a fine one, bringing out the best in men's nature and encouraging the development of a moral standard among our people in

America that had much to do with making America what it later became — a leader among the Nations of the World.

In today's busy world, attendance at Lodge is not what it was in our fathers' time. The demands of business and the opportunities for everwidening social and pleasurable activities are crowding it out. We still are proud of our membership and affection for our Lodge still runs deep. The membership of 4,000,000 Masons in America attest to that. But we seldom are seen in Lodge. Lodge nights is not what it was in our fathers' time.

The aura of idealism built up around our Fraternity by those who preceded us as Masons still hovers over it. Being a Mason still is a badge of honor recognized alike by Mason and non-Mason. But we don't get together and talk about it as they did in our fathers' day. Too, we also must shamefacedly admit that all too few have the square and compass on our coat lapels. Close friends sometimes do not know that they are Masonic Brothers.

This is something that should concern us. It should concern every Mason — and especially those of us who have centered our activity in the Scottish and York Rites, in the Shrine and the other Concordant Bodies.

America needs Freemasonry today. It needs its teachings of high moral standards. It needs its lofty idealism. It needs its deep spiritual qualities. Never in the history of our Country has there been a greater need than today for the encouragement and development of these qualities among our people.

As our population has increased; as we have changed from a rural people to a nation of city dwellers; as our cities have become ever more congested; as our economic and social orders have become more complex and unmanageable; as the circumstances placing temptations before our youth have multiplied, the need for sturdy and uncompromising examples of

honor, of moral integrity, of an idealism that can rise above the sordidness of much of today's life, of deep spiritual convictions, and an unshakable faith in God on the part of the adult men and women of America has become increasingly apparent. In fact, it is a need which, if it is not met, may signal our downfall as a Nation.

Freemasonry can do much to provide these examples of honor, of moral integrity, of idealism, of the things of the spirit and a belief in God. It did so in our fathers time. We must make it do so in ours.

To do so we must lend our wholehearted and enthusiastic support to our Symbolic Lodges. It is there that Masonic membership is centered. All of us are Master Masons and each of us is a member of a Lodge. We must do our part — each of us individually — to see that our Lodge is well led, that its meetings are well attended and stimulating, and, above all, that its candidates are inspired and enthused.

Perhaps we cannot make the Lodge the focal point of community activity that it was in our fathers' time. Conditions have changed. Our manner of life is different. But with a proper realization of its importance, we will find much that we can do as loyal Masons to help our Lodges fulfill the mission which they are so capable of fulfilling. If we do, to paraphrase a much-quoted statement of a famous member of our Fraternity, "Freemasonry may yet see its finest hour."

Father's Lodge

A Glorious Memory for so many of us!

Let us keep that memory fresh by keeping our Symbolic Lodges strong and an inspiration for our Youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Ill. George A. Newbury, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

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At the Tuesday morning session, "the distinguished guests of the Supreme Council" were received in the following order:

INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DEMOLAY

- III. Chester Hodges, 33°, Grand Master
- III. George M. Saunders, 33°, Grand Secretary

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.

- III. and General Herman Nickerson, Jr., 33°, National President

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

- III. Conrad Hahn, 33°, Executive Secretary

UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

- III. George M. Saunders, 33°, Grand Sovereign
- III. Paul C. Rodenhauser, 33°, Grand Recorder

IMPERIAL COUNCIL, A.A.O.N.M.S.

- III. C. Victor Thornton, 33°, Imperial Potentate
- III. George M. Saunders, 33°, Imperial Recorder

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND, AND THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

- III. Marvin E. Fowler, 33°, Provincial Grand Master, Royal Order of Scotland, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR NICARAGUA

- III. and Colonel Julio Gutierrez Rivera, 33°, Active Member

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR CUBA

- III. Jose R. Duarte, 33°, Grand Representative

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS

- III. Edwin M. Selby, 33°, General Grand King

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

- III. G. Wilbur Bell, 33°, Grand Master
- III. Paul C. Rodenhauser, 33°, Grand Recorder

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR EL SALVADOR

- III. Rodolfo Glaser, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE DOMINION OF CANADA

- III. Donald L. Witter, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander
- III. Harvey R. Doane, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander
- III. Arthur L. Scace, 33°, Grand Chancellor
- III. Wilbert G. Welby, 33°, Grand Secretary General
- III. Howard B. Moore, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and Past Honorary Sovereign Grand Commander
- III. Ralph H. Rutherford, 33°, Executive Secretary

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- III. Antonio Guerrero Peynado, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR VENEZUELA

- III. Carlos Rodriguez-Jimenez, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander
- III. Waldemar Hait, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR COLOMBIA

- III. Abraham Mora Sanchez, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and President of the X International Conference of Supreme Councils
- III. Alvaro Lopez Holguin, 33°, Active Member and M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colombia with seat at Bogota

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR BELGIUM

- III. Raoul Berteaux, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and President of the IX International Conference of Supreme Councils

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR FRANCE

- III. Felix A. Lenhart, 33°, Active Member

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

- III. Joshua K. Shepherd, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander and S.G.I.G. in Arkansas
- III. Harry O. Schroeder, 33°, Grand Steward

PRESIDING GRAND MASTERS OF THE STATES IN THE NORTHERN JURISDICTION

M.W. Charles R. Brown, 32°, Grand Master of Indiana (coroneted Wednesday)

M.W. Donald M. Thomson, 33°, Grand Master of Ohio

M.W. Clinton H. Lang, 33°, Grand Master of Illinois

M.W. Herbert H. Jaynes, 33°, Grand Master of Massachusetts

THE RIGHT WORSHIPPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN PENNSYLVANIA

R.W. Hiram P. Ball, 33°, Grand Master

Grand Master's Response

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, called upon for remarks, expressed the good wishes of the some 380,000 Knights Templar and subscribed to Sovereign Grand Commander Newbury's sentiment which had been reprinted in the August *Knight Templar Magazine*. In that issue, the Sovereign Grand Commander noted the assistance of Knights Templar in the ceremonial section of the 32° at Peoria, Illinois, and wrote:

"Here is a fine example of the kind of cooperation that should exist among all branches of the Masonic Order, and especially between the Scottish and York Rites."

Next Year's Recipients

Two hundred and five Masons were elected to receive the 33° at Boston next year. Among them are: Congressman John P. Saylor, Pennsylvania; from Ohio, Congressmen Samuel L. Devine, Chalmers P. Wylie and Delbert L. Latta; Joseph Thomas, Executive Director of the Firestone Foundation; C. William O'Neill, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court; and William O. DeWitt, former major league baseball club owner and executive; from Illinois, Dr. Walter C. Bornemeier, immediate Past President of the American Medical Association; The Rev. Harold Blake Walker, nationally known columnist and speaker; and Howard C. Ryan, Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Mack Truck President Honored

Zenon C. R. Hansen, chairman of the board and president of Mack Trucks, Inc., Allentown, Pennsylvania, was made a member of the Supreme Council, N.M.J., and coronated an Honorary 33° at Philadelphia September 29.

Sir Knight Hansen, a member of Oregon Commandery No. 1, Portland, Oregon, was the recipient of a Freedoms Foundation Award in 1970. He has been awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor by the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. Sir Knight Hansen has also been active on the national council of the Boy Scouts of America.

GOURGAS MEDAL: A rarely-conferred Scottish Rite honor for "notably distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, humanity or country," the Gourgas Medal was awarded to John W. Bricker, 33°, senior Active Member of the Supreme Council, having served nearly 30 years. Former Attorney General, Governor and Senator, Bricker was 1944 Vice Presidential candidate on the ticket headed by the late Thomas E. Dewey, also a Mason. His York Rite memberships include Community Chapter No. 227, R.A.M.; Columbus Council No. 8, R. & S.M.; and Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.



George Wilberforce Grant
New Jersey
Grand Commander — 1961
Born November 19, 1895
Died September 16, 1971

Ethelbert H. Bingham
Utah
Grand Commander — 1965
Born April 2, 1895
Died September 21, 1971

Norman Strippy
Maryland
Grand Commander — 1953
Born February 21, 1900
Died September 25, 1971

Orie H. Little
New York
Grand Captain General
Born July 24, 1914
Died September 27, 1971

James Marvin Lawrence
South Dakota
Grand Commander — 1968
Born August 28, 1908
Died September 28, 1971



Sir Knight Hugo Black

Justice Hugo Black, a member of Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Birmingham, Alabama, died September 25, 1971. Funeral services were held September 28. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Justice Black, appointed to the Supreme Court in 1937, served 34 years. According to one source (UPI) only Marshall and Holmes served longer; another source (World Almanac) says three served longer terms — Justices Marshall, Field and Harlan. (The Harlan to which the Almanac refers was from Kentucky, the grandfather of retiring Justice Harlan.)

A Sir Knight's Prayer

Oh God, upon the stage of life,
Between each waited curtain call,
Let there be no inward strife;
That could my roll befall.

Oh guide me, God, in subtle ways
To master envy, pride and pain,
And lift me on the stormy days
That measure little gain.

Just let me do my honest share
Up there, upon the stage and off.
Reveal to me that region rare,
Where smiles replace the scoff.

Then, when some member of the cast
Is weak from toil and woe;
I'll help him to the very last,
And keep him with the show.

In shadow and in sunshine Lord,
Don't let me miss my cue;
Or ever drop my gleaming sword,
Until my act is through.

Gilbert H. Hill
P.C., Coronal Commandery No. 36
Denver, Colorado

THE BEAUSEANT

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

Each Knight Templar has heard the explanation of the meaning of our Beauseant. The Beauseant was the battle flag (the vexillum belli) of the Templars of the Crusades and we bear this banner in memory of our ancient companions.



The flag was divided across the center, the upper half being black and the lower half white — intended to signify the Templars were fair and favorable to the friends of Christ but dark and terrible to His enemies. The idea is an oriental one, white and black having been used by the Arabs in the sense indicated. In addition to the familiar salutation of the Arabs, "Peace be unto you," they also used another greeting, "May your day be white," that is "May you be happy."

There is some doubt as to the derivation of the word Beauseant. Some authorities claim that Beauseant came from bauseant, which is only a form in the older language of the modern word Bien-seant, signifying "Decorous," "well-becoming" or "fair to look upon." Others contend it refers to two words, "Bien seant," the fair seat, having reference to the two knights riding on one horse, as it appears on the original seal of the Order, indicating the poverty of the knights. It would seem natural therefore, to refer the word to this token of brotherly love where two Templars were represented as united in close friendship and seated on one horse. The device served as a symbol of intimate union. Later the word was adopted as their battle cry (pronounced

bo-say-ong) and finally it formed an appropriate formula of oath, signifying "By the fraternal bond of the Templar Order — Beauseant."

It was between the years 1120 and 1130 that the Beauseant was for the first time flown under the sky of Judea where, for nearly two hundred years, its presence carried dismay into the ranks of the infidel who fled like sparrows from a hawk on its approach. It was strange the power this flag had over the minds of friend and foe alike. By the one it was looked upon as a talisman of victory, by the other as a thunderbolt of destruction. And when we remember as long as the Beauseant flew, so long was the battle maintained by the Templars, we cease to marvel at the superstitious awe with which it was regarded by the enemy.

The officer whose duty it was to carry the Beauseant was called Balcanifer or Beaucenifer (from Beauseant and fero, meaning to carry). The office is still retained in some of the high degrees which are founded on Templary. The Beauseant to the present day Templar is a symbol or emblem, indicating once again how all Freemasonry is symbolic.

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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER

Traditionally, November is regarded as the month for thanksgiving, probably because Thanksgiving Day falls in this month. This is the day when we, as a Nation, are expected to pause in our busy lives in order that we may acknowledge the Lord as the giver of all good gifts and extend to him our humble thanks.

I believe that we, as Knights Templar, should do something each day to express our thanks and appreciation for our many blessings. We have much to be thankful for and one day is not sufficient time to be thankful for all that we have received.

There are many things we could do in order to extend our appreciation.

First of all we should pray to God and offer our thanks to Him. We could do a kind deed for a friend or neighbor without any thought or desire of being paid back in kind. We could have a smile on our face rather than a frown. We could help someone who can use our help rather than criticise him. We should support our church. Let us attend our Commandery Conclaves and offer our help to the officers. There are so many things that one can do if he really wants to do good as an expression of appreciation for the many blessings he has received.

If you are open for other suggestions may I put before you the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The fourth annual Special Voluntary Campaign is now in effect, having started October 1st and will run until Easter Sunday, April 2, 1972. This is not a campaign in order to collect more money from the members, although all contributions are cheerfully accepted. It is a program whereby the



Commandery members may have projects in order to raise money for the benefit of the Eye Foundation. If done right and with good publicity in the local newspaper, it can be of great help to both the Eye Foundation and your own Commandery. I trust that each Commandery will have some project of this kind during the month of November and continue to the end of March.

If you are not already a Life Sponsor to the Eye Foundation, you may wish to express your appreciation by subscribing for one during this Special Campaign. The Thirty Dollars thus subscribed would count toward your Commandery's total.

As an incentive to the Constituent Commanderies, Grand Encampment will present a beautiful framed plaque to each Commandery averaging Two Dollars, or more, per member.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ITENERARY

November and December, 1971

November.

3. Sunnehanna Lodge No. 742, Johnstown, Pa.
5. Division No. 10, Reception, Bradford, Pa.
6. Division No. 12, Reception, Erie, Pa.
8. Lorraine Commandery No. 87, Butler, Pa.
12. Cambria Council No. 32, Johnstown, Pa.
16. Portage Chapter No. 195, Johnstown, Pa.
18. Oriental Commandery No. 61, Johnstown, Pa.
20. Division No. 5, Reception, Chester, Pa.
27. Division No. 9, Reception, Reading, Pa.

December.

1. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. (tentative)
2. Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. (tentative)
3. Constans Conclave, R.C. of C., Johnstown, Pa.
4. Guest of Cedarettes, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Christmas Party
10. Cambria Council No. 32, Johnstown, Pa. Annual Election.
11. Divisions No. 15 and No. 16, Reception.
12. Annual Christmas Program and Breakfast, Columbia, Pa.
17. Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Md. (tentative.)
21. Portage Chapter No. 195, Johnstown, Pa. Annual Election.
23. Oriental Commandery No. 61, Johnstown, Pa. Christmas Observance.
27. St. John's Day. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa.

I have been pleased to appoint Sir Knight Warren R. Williams, Jr., Eminent Grand Junior Warden, as Chairman of this Fourth Voluntary Campaign, in Pennsylvania. All monies and reports should be forwarded to him, His address is:

Griffis Street, Montrose, Pa. 18801.

"May you let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father."

Ewart Roberts,
Grand Commander



150 Years for Maine No. 1

Maine Commandery No. 1, Gardiner, Maine, is observing its 150th Templar year. The Commandery was originally constituted as a Council of the Red Cross under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in May 1820. The Grand Encampment issued a charter establishing it as Maine Commandery No. 1 in 1821.



Two coins of silver dollar size have been struck to commemorate the anniversary. The nickel silver coins are \$2 and the sterling silver coins, available in limited supply, are \$10, plus a small mailing and insurance charge. Mail requests should be addressed to Donald E. Trask, Recorder, 138 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine 04345.

Point of Information

Honorary titles such as Eminent, Very Eminent, Right Eminent and Most Eminent are not utilized – in written or verbal form – by the individuals holding offices to which these honorary titles refer. To all members, the presiding officer of a Commandery is the Eminent Commander, but to the presiding officer himself his title is Commander – unembellished with the honorary “Eminent.” As per Section 77 of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes, the official title is “Commander,” the honorary title is “Eminent.” Same ruling applies to all other Templar titles. The possessor never uses the honorary title to refer to himself.

“Tallest Cedar”



George P. Leigh, Jr., Virginia Beach, Virginia, will serve as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States until December 30, 1972. His term extension was brought about by the untimely death of his expected successor, William M. Burrows, and the change in the fiscal year of the Supreme Forest.

Eye Foundation Bequest

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation was the recipient of a bequest of \$2,736.85 from the late Mrs. George Cull, whose husband preceded her in death in 1966. Sir Knight Cull was Knighted in Zion Commandery No. 2, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 6, 1920.

News of the bequest was forwarded to Executive Director DeLamater by Minnesota's Grand Recorder, James Joyce.

Scottish York Rite Conclave

Billed as “a first for Grand Chapter in the State of Pennsylvania,” it was both a York and Scottish Rite “first” in Pennsylvania when Lycoming Chapter No. 222, Milton Chapter 298 and Amity Chapter 293 were joined by Williamsport Consistory in conferring the Royal Arch Degrees. The event was held in the Scottish Rite Building in Williamsport October 2.

Templar Philanthropic Representatives

"Glad To Be A Mason"

Grand Commander Franklin H. Neumann, Wisconsin, has selected a "Templar Philanthropic Representative" in each Wisconsin Commandery - covering Educational Foundation and Eye Foundation projects - and has sent a letter to each explaining the appointment and procedure. Among excerpts from his October letter are the following:

"Believing that we should decentralize as much as possible the operation of our three Foundations and make available at the local Commandery level information and working tools, I have appointed you as the Templar Philanthropic Representative of your Commandery and its locality.

"I have requested our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Earl B. Bauer, to prepare a packet of informative literature together with a card indicating your appointment.

"From the packet you may select as many items of literature as you wish for distribution to your members and to other Masonic bodies where you may visit. An order for your needs will get immediate attention."

"I am glad to be a Mason, not because of all the help we received, but because I have always felt it was an organization of good, kind, compassionate and understanding brothers and feel this is to be another testimony of just such hearts."

So wrote Brother Douglas E. Galvez to the Worshipful Master of Union Lodge No. 1, Guatamala City, Guatamala. Brother Galvez is the father of Virginia Maria Galvez, the infant who, thanks to Masonic help, was brought from Guatamala to Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago.

The letter was forwarded to the *Knight Templar Magazine* by Sir Knight John Carlos Loayza, the Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatamala. Sir Knight Loayza also noted the Galvez family has moved to Chicago where Brother Galvez is presently employed.

Tips for Junior Officers

The Grand Encampment Office, Chicago, has free copies available of new Guidelines for present and prospective Commandery officers. The booklets, authorized by Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell and drafted by John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Captain General, were prepared for printing and distribution by the Grand Recorder's office.

Advance copies have been mailed to Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Recorders and Grand Encampment officers and committee chairmen. Supplies are available upon request at no charge.

Write for copies of GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS to the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.



VOLUNTARY EYE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE - ONE MAJOR BENEFIT IN EACH COMMANDERY BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY, 1972.

WASHINGTON'S 1789 THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint Committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;

"Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquillity, union and plenty, which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of Government for our safety and happiness and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors, which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

"And, also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all people, by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science, among them and us; and generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."