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Non nobis, domine, non
nobis sed nomini tuo
da gloriam



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When I look at the various titles and suffixes for distinguished Masons, I am reminded that we often fail to identify ourselves by one of the most distinctive designations the fraternity has to offer — the abbreviation “K.T.” after our names.

Those who are 32° and 33° Scottish Rite Masons identify themselves as a matter of course, but we, who are also Knights Templar, forget to let others know of our affiliation with Christian Masonry. Because we fail to designate “K.T.” when we write or publish our names, we are missing a golden opportunity to let others know of our pride in membership and of our top rank in York Rite Masonry. We are missing a consistent method to gain good public relations for our Order.



Let's devote some positive thinking to this subject. Let's start to let the world of Masonry know that we are Knights Templar. A simple and effective method is to use the initials “K.T.” everytime we sign our name in Masonic correspondence, every time there is a need or opportunity for Masonic identification.

Let's turn our power of positive thinking upon Templary. Let us with justified pride write “K.T.” after our signatures. We should be especially proud to identify ourselves as Christian Masons during the Christmastide — but let's not stop there! Let's carry the spirit of Christmas and the significance of “K.T.” throughout the year to come.

If you are proud to be a Knight of the Temple — show it! A good name is an individual's most valuable possession — and there's no better name than Knight Templar.

G. Wilbur Bell



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The Cover:

The Knight of Old illustrated on the December cover is a symbol of the Knights Templar of 1971 who, with all Christians during this Advent period, are preparing for the Feast of the Nativity. The Editor and staff of the *Knight Templar Magazine* join with the Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment to wish for every Templar, his family and his friends, a season of true and enduring joy. May this season bring to all Templars the rich awareness of Christian fellowship with fellow members around the globe.



From the MAIL BIN

As per my recent telephone conversation, I am interested to know if any of your readers would trade or sell Masonic Commemorative Plates, Goblets, Wines, etc. I am interested in enlarging my collection which numbers over four hundred including some dating back to the 1800's. In addition I am in need of a Dudley watch.

Since receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine*, I have read it thoroughly and believe it to be "tops" in Masonic publications. Its content and format achieve the purpose of disseminating information about the Grand Encampment as well as serving as a focal point for news from all the jurisdictions.

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Here is a check as a donation contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The unusual thing about this check is that this Sir Knight William Owen Parker is our oldest living Mason and Sir Knight that I know of on the Biloxi-Gulfport or the whole Gulf Coast area. He is 91 years "young." He is quite deaf but his eyesight is good and until the last year he has made special meetings of our bodies in Biloxi. And on Past Master's night until this year he has taken part in our degree work. We all love him dearly.

We are beginning our groundwork on the current Voluntary Campaign and have great hopes for it's success.

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This is written to everyone who had something to do with the November 1971 issue of the *Knight Templar*. It's just loaded with the most wonderful news.

The article, truly a masterpiece, "Father's Lodge," by Ill. George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander, literally "shot" me into space. This one of many excellent articles in the issue should be read by every Master Mason. I will do my best not to lose it and will show it to many, especially Brother Masons who don't receive the *Knight Templar*.

I have not done much in the Craft other than attend meetings. Much of my practice is evening work, but have affiliations in all York Rite Bodies for 28 years; my Scottish Rite dates to 1948. I'm a Past President, Cleveland Chapter No. 23, National Sojourners, a Past Commander, Moses Cleaveland Camp, coupled with Shrine Membership.

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Needless to say that in my 85th year I still enjoy reading about the main activities among the Knights Templar of the country of which I shall remain a citizen as long as I live. It's the care of relatives older than myself that holds me here. Yes, the days as Prelate of Zion Commandery No. 2, Minneapolis, and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota are very alive in my thought and memory. And I cannot express my joy when reading about the continued devotion of the many who are active now when the years are taking their toll. God bless you all.

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On page 15 of the October 1971 issue of the *Knight Templar*, there is an article on the Masons' Gold Check. The last line of the article says "The Masons helped to build the hospital in 1958."

I would like to see this corrected.

In 1958 the Masons raised the money and built the hospital, at that time a two story building. About 1966 the Masons raised another 1.1 million and added two floors to the hospital. The original concept of the hospital was for the aid of terminal cases. The second two floors offered facilities for research and children patients, and the Gold Check mentioned was presented at this time.

When the building was built it was given to the University of Minnesota with no strings attached. We have absolutely no control of its policies or use. In addition we have established a professor's chair in Cancer Research at the University.

I believe our *Knight Templar Magazine* to be one of the best pieces of public relations and most interesting of all Masonic Literature. Please keep up the good work, but I would like to see this one correction.

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Editor's Note: Glad to print Sir Knight Miller's letter. Our source was the New York Times, Sunday, August 15, which said: "The huge gift was the result of a three-year fund drive, sponsored by the Masons, to double the size of the hospital they helped build in 1958."

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It is a pleasure once again to read Sir Knight Charles R. Fuller's (Englewood Commandery) — recitation of his poem, "Our Colors." I heard his rendition on several occasions and each time he received the applause and acclaim from all those present.

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As Sir Knights of Columbine Commandery No. 9 located in Safford, Arizona, we find ourselves, and very proudly so, bursting at the seams. Our Commandery had been growing at the rate of 10% and the future looks even better.

Our problem is we need more uniforms — coats, belts, chapeaux and swords. In our Commandery, all who desire have an opportunity to go up through the line to Commander, whose uniform as you know is quite distinct from the rest. The case being, a great deal of money can be spent on uniforms that most can ill afford.

We would appreciate hearing from any Sir Knight, any Commandery, who may be of help to us. Send a list of the items, condition, size and price. Your help for our cause will be greatly appreciated.

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Knight Templar continues to command my careful attention, and deep satisfaction: The timely admonitions of the Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell; Discussion on the Educational Foundation by Dr. O. S. Willham; "Researching With Our Predecessors" by P.G.M. Alexander G. Wygard; "The Beauseant," by P.C. Wylie B. Wendt; all are truly articles of deep significance in educational and historic value. To top this all with Washington's "Thanksgiving Proclamation" was ideal.

A refresher course in ethical standards and humanitarian ideals could not do more to restore confidence and direction to the energy Masonry must exert in our trying times.

I am sure all Sir Knights join me in the feeling that our *Knight Templar* is tops on our reading schedule. For all of us, sincerest thanks!

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I read with interest your story in the October 1971 *Knight Templar* concerning the Ladies Auxiliary of Kensington Commandery No. 54 in Pennsylvania.

Now for some bragging about the Ladies Auxiliary of Trinity Commandery No. 68, New York. Our Ladies and Sir Knights convene on the same night, in separate parts of the building, and then have collation together. Many times the Ladies contribute home-baked cake for refreshment. They take complete charge of our pre-meeting dinner on Inspection Night. Each year they have a Bus Ride as an extra treat. They make donations to our General Fund.

The Ladies are the proud possessors of EIGHT patron Certificates from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and are busily working for their ninth. This year the president has started a campaign to have every Lady and Sir Knight sign an Eye Donor card.

God Bless the LADIES. What would we do without them?

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I enjoy the *Knight Templar Magazine* very much and enjoy reading about the different articles that appear. In the November 1971 issue I was happy to see the Grand Commanders of each state. But what about the Commanders of the newest states of Alaska and Hawaii? Do we have any Commandery in these two states? I will say again that I enjoy the magazine each month.

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Editor's Note: The states of Alaska, Delaware and Hawaii do not have Grand Commanderies, although there are one or more Subordinate Commanderies in each.

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Sacrifice

When he has more than he can eat
To feed a stranger's not a feat . . .

The late Sir Knight Edgar A. Guest

Annual Assembly, S.O.O.B.

The Fifty-first Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Los Angeles, California, September 27 through October 1 included members and Sir Knights from almost every state including Hawaii.

Speaker for the Annual Banquet was Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. This humanitarian charity has been the principal philanthropy of the Beauceant (an organization of the wives and widows of Knights Templar) since 1958 when it was adopted by the Supreme Assembly. This year, under the leadership of Mrs. Cordon Purdy, a total contribution of \$27,633.85 was achieved.

Mrs. Guy L. Page, Quincy, Massachusetts, was elected Supreme Worthy President during the Supreme Assembly. She will travel for eight months visiting Assemblies in mainland United States and Hawaii.



The Fifty-second Supreme Assembly will be held in Dallas, Texas, in September 1972.

The Ladies Also Serve

A quote from the October notice of the Ladies Auxiliary of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 39, Ashland, Pennsylvania:

"Please keep in mind the Commandery needs the support of all of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary. How nice it is to see the familiar faces, but wouldn't it do our hearts good to see the unfamiliar ones."

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

by David R. Perry

Past Commander David R. Perry, Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Harrisburg, is a Pennsylvania attorney and speaker known to thousands of audiences in educational, civic, religious and fraternal groups. He has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in elective and appointive capacities, including terms in the House of Representatives and as Special Deputy Attorney General. A World War I veteran, he returned from the Italian front to complete studies at Dickinson Law School, where he received his L.L.B. degree. A Past Master of his Lodge, with memberships in Chapter, Council, Scottish Rite and Shrine, his vignettes of Christmas in the current issue of the Knight Templar Magazine are from a draft of a 1970 talk at Trinity Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, of which he is a Past Sovereign.

Soon it will be Christmas – kids filled with great expectations – mincemeat and cookies perfuming kitchens – Christmas cards at a new flood level. Church Choirs polishing up old Anthems – Ministers on old sermons. There's little new either to tell or sing about this glorious Festival of the whole human race.

Despite the ever increasing social tensions connected with its modern celebrations – one hopeful sign again stands out – most of us are beginning to shed the role of cynical adults to become children again – revive old memories, resolves and ideals forgotten in the fierce competition of every day living. Even those of us who have tasted of fear, dread, hurt and suspicions open the door of hope that next year will be the one to bring fulfillment of the age old promise – “Peace on Earth.”

Behind each Christmas symbol and custom lie legends and traditions, some of which pre-date the Nativity by many centuries. Their origin is misty, changed and rechanged through the passing years; until the true stories are almost forgotten. Just as America was settled by many peoples from many lands, so have our Christmas traditions found origin in many countries. The result is figuratively a

beautiful tapestry, woven by us, from threads fashioned by, and reflecting many ages, lands and peoples.

The Date – Christmas

No one knows with certainty the exact date of the birth of our Savior since there was no thought of celebrating that event until 400 years after His death. Then the Bishop of Rome, upon request, arbitrarily adopted the date of December 25th, and from there the artists, the poets and the composers have taken over and probably the selection of that date reflected a desire to bring to an end the wild reveling and orgies of the Pagan Festivals held at that time of the year.

The Name – Christmas

Even the name of Christmas comes to us from early England and its people, then it was “Christes Messe” meaning literally “Christ’s Mass.”

Rome called their Festivals the Saturnalia and the Kalends and celebrated them between the 14th and 24th of December. In so doing they paid homage to and sought appeasement of Saturnalia, the Sower, God of Agriculture.

In the North where winters were longer and more severe, the Barbarians celebrated a like event and held their orgies and revelries from mid-November to mid-January, paying homage to their Gods, Odin and Thor. They called it Yule.

In Persia and the near East — men kindled fires, offered humans as sacrifice to their God Mithra — and named the holiday, "Birthday of the Unconquered Sun."

Two hundred years before the Nativity the Druids of Ancient England gathered under their sacred Oak trees, cut the sacred Mistletoe with golden knives.

The Holly and the Mistletoe

As did the Druids, so too the Scandinavians held the mistletoe sacred — cut it carefully, and distributed it in pieces to the people, that it be hung over the entrance to their dwelling places and keep the evil spirits away.

The early Romans used laurel as emblems of Peace, Joy and Victory. The Ancient Briton substituted Holly and Ivy in its place, the Holly symbolized the crown of thorns worn by Christ on the Cross; its small berries His drops of blood shed for us.

Transition From Pagan to Christian

History records that old customs and habits, once approved by man, become a vital part of his daily living and behavior pattern; and he, in turn proves very hostile to any sudden change in them, he'll fight, if necessary to protect them. Our Early Christian Fathers must have been very aware of this human reaction as they labored to bring Christianity and the practice of its teachings to those about them. So rather than "out with the old and in with the new" customs and traditions, they retained most of the customs but substituted new symbols.

According to Legend, the first of such New Christmasses was celebrated by King Arthur in the City of York, 521 A.D., and lasted 3 days.

But, then followed the invasion of England by successive armies from the North, each imposing their own customs and traditions upon the Islanders.

At the time of Shakespeare, Christmas and its social observance had been extended to 12 days, Christmas Eve to Epiphany, in fact from the year 567 until less than 200 years ago, those 12 days were declared by the Church as a Holy Holiday. From the custom grew the now much repeated chant — "On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me," etc. — catchy tune but not altogether true as to the lyrics.

All this festivity and frivolity irritated the Puritans. In our country — the newly arrived Puritans felt the same way. We are told that when a group approached Governor Bradford with a petition to make Christmas a Religious Holiday, he replied:

"It's against my conscience that some should play while others work." The diary of the Governor shows that our very first Christmas Day was celebrated by "erecting ye first house for common use to receive settlers and their goods."

Santa and Reindeer

These were a gift from Holland, brought here by the early Dutch Settlers of New York.

The Dutch hailed him as San Nicklas, and pronounced it Sinterklass, the patron Saint of children. In early England they changed his name to Saint Nickolas, in honor of their own Bishop of Myra. Many legends surround this old Bishop, each agreeing on his piety and virtue.

One legend hails the Bishop as the befriender of sad maidens, too poor to pay

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the dowry necessary for their marriage. It relates to the Bishop and his visits to the homes of the maidens, throwing three gold coins thru their open bedroom windows, to be used for that purpose.

Some consider this the fore-runner of the three glittering Balls which hung outside the Pawnshops of old – others, more romantic, hail it the fore-runner of the glittering balls on the Christmas tree.

When Old Nick reached this country, his name was changed, he grew a beard and when he laughed “His belly shook like a bowl of Jelly.”

This physical concept of old Santa can be credited to the genius of three outstanding men and their works: Washington Irving and his beautiful description of a happy rural Christmas celebration; Dr. Clement C. Moore, and his now famous and beloved poem, “Visit from St. Nickolas”; Thomas Nast, the famed and often feared political cartoonist, whose plump Santa Claus became the model for our annual Nocturnal Visitor.

While in Italy many years ago, I heard a very touching legend of those people as to this Christmas Distributor of gifts. Prior to the Nativity a young lady lived alone in a little cottage by the side of a road. The Three Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem, stopped to ask directions – told her of the expected birth of a King – showed her the gifts they carried. They suggested she accompany them. Being busy with home chores, she declined; being a woman, she changed her mind, packed her basket with gifts and started out. By then the Wise Men were out of sight – she lost her way. Since then each year at Christmas she visits the homes, from her basket distributes gifts to the children – ever hoping to find, some day – the Child Jesus.

The Stockings Were Hung From the Chimney With Care

This custom was also given us by the

women of Holland. Even today they are famed for their neatness in keeping house, requiring children to keep their wooden shoes in neat rows by the fire place, and to encourage that habit among children they repeat the old legend of Sinterklass riding the mythical Horse Sleipner of the God Woden on his Christmas trip. The gifts he bears are only for children, then in bed. How does he know which are in bed at the time? – by the shoes lined up neatly in front of the fire place. The custom spread over to France, then England, finally to this country. Being more practical and realizing stockings stretch but shoes do not – therefore hold more – we adopted the stocking.

The Decorated Christmas Tree

This we got from our German friends. Back of it are many legends and traditions.

According to the Germans, Martin Luther while attempting to explain to his wife and children the beauty of a snow-covered forest under the glittering star-sprinkled sky had an idea. He went into the garden, cut off a little fir tree, dragged it into the nursery, put candles on its branches and lighted them.

Another legend tells of a lad lost in the forests coming at night upon a humble woodman's cottage. He was welcomed, fed and sheltered. Next morning, to the sound of a heavenly choir, angels appeared bearing gifts for the woodsman and his wife. The young man turned out to be Christ, who promised his host that he'd never want again. In token of the promise, He broke a small twig and planted it in the ground, where it took root, and each year at Christmas bears a bounteous crop of fruit and nuts.

Be the legends as they may, the facts are that as early as 1608 the Christmas Tree was being widely used as the center of the Christmas Celebration throughout the Rhine Valley Region of Germany; 200 years later, Queen Victoria, who had

married a German Prince, introduced the custom in England. The French in turn borrowed it from the German invaders who took over and occupied Notre Dame.

Lights and the Candles

Long before the time of the Nativity, at this time of the year the Early Hebrews established and celebrated Chanuckha, the Feast of the Lights, in which lighted candles are the feature. The Greeks held a similar Festival and featured lighted candles and lamps. The Chinese celebrated their "Feast of the lanterns" also featuring candles. The Irish put a lighted candle in the window to light the way for the Holy Family in their Journey to escape the destroying wrath of Herod.

The Scandinavians use the candle on the Christmas Cake to be blown out for good luck to the blower.

A French legend tells of discovering a Gigantic Tree in the forest, its branches covered with candles, some erect, some hanging down; on its top, the brilliant figure of a child wearing a halo. In the 13th century, the Pope officially declared the tree represented all mankind, the figure was the Christ Child, the erect candles all the good people, those hanging down the bad.

The Giving of Gifts

Gift-giving was a favorite custom of the early Romans to show friendship and respect. To heroes and divinities they gave statuettes. To personal friends, they gave candles for light, gold to bring riches, lamps to bring wisdom, fruit to make their lives sweet.

The Romans started the Priest's Box. As each ship was ready to sail, the box was opened and all on board compelled to contribute something of value. The box was sealed and traveled aboard the ship on its journey. Upon return to the Home harbour, the box was delivered to

the Priest, who, on Christmas Day, broke the seal, contributed its contents either to the church or among the poor.

In England, the first day of the 12 day Christmas was known as Boxers Day, named not from the fighting ring, but rather from the bottle shaped boxes carried by servants, apprentices, postmen, employees, etc. to solicit money from patrons and employers alike; sort of fore-runner of "a dime for a cup of coffee day."

The Early Church Divines frowned on the idea of exchanging gifts - Chrysostom called it "diabolical" - St. Augustine "Satantic extravagance." Later the Divines were kinder in their criticism, noting that gift exchange was merely a substitute for showing good-will, generosity and kindness demanded by the Christmas observance.

To those who might complain over increasing Commercialism of Christmas I offer a formula of Christmas giving, given by Lord Balfour many years ago.

"The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness; your opponent - tolerance; your friend - your heart; your child - a good example; your father - deference; your Mother - conduct designed to make her proud of you; yourself - respect; to all men - Charity."

To us at least this Christmas should prove more than a mere date on the Calendar; its observance more than T.V. Spectaculars, trimming trees, exchanging cards and gifts, worthy though each may be. The Story of Christmas offers more shining things to lift our spirits, wills and hopes. In that story lies the Magic of All Christmasses, Past, Present and Future.

David R. Perry, a former director of the Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, and Mrs. Perry have resided in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011, since 1944.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

The highest recognition of Masonic service granted by the ranking Order of the York Rite, the Grand Encampment, is the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. The award consists of a plaque citing the "exceptional and meritorious service" rendered by the recipient "far beyond the call of duty."

The award was inaugurated by action of the 49th Triennial Conclave at Philadelphia. One award was allowed for each Grand Commandery. In 1967 at Detroit, the Statute was amended to permit one nomination from a Grand Commandery membership of 10,000 or less, and one additional nomination by a Grand Commandery for each additional 10,000 members, or major fraction of that number. Not all awards are utilized each year. And some jurisdictions, entitled to a second nomination, restricted the number to one.

A Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor Committee has been named at each Triennial Conclave since the inception of the award. The purpose of the committee, once the recognition was inaugurated, has been to study and evaluate the project, to receive and formulate suggestions or recommendations for the future.

The present committee appointed by Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, is headed by Edgar H. Clark, P.G.C., Michigan, and includes Kenneth N. Johnson, P.G.C., Kentucky, and Lonzo Pope, P.G.C., Georgia. Sir Knight Clark, in reviewing the 1971 awards, expressed satisfaction with the selections and commented, for the committee, that he is "happy to observe the high standards on which the nominations have been based."

The Knight Templar Magazine joins with the Grand Master and the members of the committee in congratulating the distinguished and dedicated Templars who are 1971 recipients of the highest honor Christian Masonry can confer — the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

Grand Commandery	Commandery	Recipient
Alabama	Etowah No. 15	James Merlin Christopher, Sr.
Arizona	Not Awarded	
Arkansas	Hugh De Payens No. 1	Horace Brooker Douglass
California	Glendale No. 53	Clarence Irwin Hammet
Colorado	Pueblo No. 3	Eugene C. Guild
Connecticut	Not Awarded	
District of Columbia	Washington No. 1	Marion Knight Warner
Florida	Trinity No. 16	Leslie Osmond Chisholm
Georgia	St. Omer No. 2	Ross Fortune Mainor
Idaho	Lewiston No. 2	Ambrose Henry Aylworth
Illinois	St. Elmo No. 64	Joe Patrick Houchard
	Gil W. Barnard No. 74	Howard Earl Sutton

Indiana	Fort Wayne No. 4	Brown Cooper
Iowa	Holy Cross No. 10	Robert E. Thielen
Kansas	Abilene No. 25	William K. Phillips
Kentucky	Winchester No. 30	General Ennise Black
Louisiana	Jacques DeMolay No. 2	Carroll Winn Cormier
Maine	Dunlap No. 5	Forrest Clifton Legard
Maryland	St. Bernard No. 9	Hulbert G. Foutz
Mass. & R.I.	Not Awarded	
Michigan	Genesee Valley No. 15	Harold Earl Kanous
Minnesota	Faribault No. 8	Albin Maurtz Onsrud
Mississippi	St. Cyr No. 6	Thomas Hudson Scarbrough
Missouri	St. Graal No. 12	Edwin Jere Deal
Montana	St. John's No. 12	Leslie E. House
Nebraska	Jordan No. 15	Lillard S. Jensen
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson No. 8	Charles A. Carlson, Jr.
New Jersey	St. John's No. 9	Wilfred William Minton
New Mexico	Not Awarded	
New York	Salamanca No. 62	Raymond L. Abbott
North Carolina	Piedmont No. 6	Sinclair Tebo
North Dakota	Zion No. 9	Arthur V. Duvall
Ohio	Cuyahoga Falls No. 83	Henry Franklin Fritsch
	St. Omer No. 59	Charles Russell Vining
	Coshocton No. 63	Dean Samuel Wolfe
Oklahoma	Elk City No. 22	George Travis Hayes
Oregon	Ivanhoe No. 2	William Frank Thomason
Pennsylvania	Prince of Peace No. 39	John Harold Johnston
	Northwestern No. 25	Harley J. Morris
South Carolina	S. Maner Martin No. 17	Julius Clifford Hubbard, Jr.
South Dakota	Dakota No. 1	Reginald S. Fraser
Tennessee	To Be Awarded	
Texas	Ruthven No. 2	Robert Brooks Magruder
	San Antonio No. 7	William C. Young
	Amarillo No. 48	William V. Dell
Utah	Malta No. 3	Jay R. Newman
Vermont	Mt. Calvary No. 1	George H. Thomas
Virginia	Old Dominion No. 11	Charles Adrian Cornnell
Washington	Townsend No. 9	Louie Alfred Opstad
West Virginia	Pennsboro No. 20	Orville Robert Bonnell
Wisconsin	Robert Macoy No. 3	Robert William Stockman
Wyoming	Immanuel No. 3	Harold Fielding Eppson

There is one award for the 16 Subordinate Commanderies.

The 1971 recipient, representing all Subordinate Commanderies:

William Webber

Ivanhoe No. 2

Mexico City



JESUS CHRIST BEFORE HIS MINISTRY

by

Alvin B. Lowe

Grand Prelate, Utah

During the Christmas Season, when we again celebrate the birth of our Lord and Master, many people wonder about His history, especially the eighteen silent years. There is no actual, provable information on His life other than that written by the four Evangelists. Mathew, Mark, Luke and John focused their attention on the personality of the man Jesus. Truly, history is much better informed on the lives of His contemporaries, the Roman Emperors, Augustus and Tiberius, and even King Herod, than about the best man that ever trod the globe. History records what has been, but fables and traditions, springing from truth, often reveal what history has missed. Thus, anything written about the boy and man Jesus, especially in the eighteen silent years, is apocryphal and a legend.

Dr. Thomas DeWitt Talmage wrote, "Christ was the joyous boy of the fields. We are not permitted to think that the shadows of Calvary darkened His path as a youth, and the Apocryphal Books of the New Testament show a great deal of the early life of Christ not to be found in the four Evangelists." There may be many scrolls in the great Library of the Vatican that could tell more about the history of Jesus. Libraries in ancient abbeys, churches and cathedrals may also have a wealth of information on the early life of our Master. It would seem certain that many historical facts were destroyed by the rampaging Puritan fanatics during the reign of Oliver Cromwell in Britain. The fire that destroyed the beautiful Cathedral at Glastonbury in 1184 also destroyed its library. Much information has come from the Library of St. Sophia Mosque in Istanbul and is referred to later in this article.

Matthew writes, "the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." But the Gospel of I Infancy in the *Lost Books of the Bible* has, "the cave...the heavenly hosts appeared to them, praising and adoring the supreme God." Also from the Talmud in the St. Sophia Mosque, as quoted in Reverend W. D. Mahan's *Archko Volume*, "the shepherds were aroused by the light, though it was only the third watch of the night and the air seemed filled with human voices, saying 'Glory! Glory! Glory! to the most high God!'"

Luke's Gospel tells of Jesus, at the age of twelve, sitting in the midst of the doctors in the Temple, both hearing them and asking questions. But Luke does not tell what subjects were discussed. Evidence exists that the two Gospels of Infancy were written by the doubting Thomas. Could it have been, and this is an interesting question, that Thomas was still skeptical, even after his plaintive wail as recorded by John, "My Lord and my God?" In Matthew 28:17 reads, "but some doubted." Could Thomas have delved into the childhood of the Christ further than any of the other ten faithful Apostles? The Gospel of I Infancy chronicles that the boy Jesus discussed law, astronomy, philosophy, physics and other subjects with the doctors and rabbis.

Many authorities assert that John the Baptist knew Jesus before he baptized Him in the Jordon River. The Virgin Mary, who was a cousin of Elizabeth, the mother of John, said in an interview with Gamaliel, who had been sent from the Sanherdrim, that John lived in the mountains of Judea and that she did not believe that he knew Jesus.

After the Virgin Mother told Gamaliel of her Son's frequent visits with the Bethany family he interviewed Mary and Martha. The Gospel of John records the raising of Lazarus from the dead, saying only, that the Master was told, "he whom thou lovest is sick," not giving a clue of His love for Lazarus. A Talmud from the St. Sophia Mosque Library quotes Mary and Martha as telling Gamaliel of Jesus' frequent talks with Lazarus, of the two young men sitting on the house top, many times half of the night, sometimes all night discussing various things of interest. They also told of the frequent walks taken by Jesus and Lazarus into the surrounding country side, where Jesus told Lazarus all about the flowers, the trees and the rocks. None of the wild animals were afraid of Him, the stag and the wolf would stand still and let Him stroke them. No poisonous snake ever hissed at Him. Lazarus told his sisters that he always felt safe in Jesus' company. But the humble Nazarene never talked about Himself. He was mild and unpretentious.

In neither the *Holy Bible* nor the *Lost Books of the Bible*, is there any evidence of the activities of Jesus between the age of twelve, when He sat with the Rabbis in the Temple, and the beginning of His ministry, eighteen years later.

The ancient wise men of India assert that Jesus visited their country. Their *Vishnu Purana*, a sacred Hindu book, records that He dwelt in the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal. However, any mention of a definite time or the length of the visit is apparently not recorded.

Joseph of Arimathea, according to the Talmuds, was the younger brother of Mary's father and he was reputed to have been a very wealthy man. He was in the tin trade and had a fleet of ships engaged in the transportation of tin and other metals from Britain to Phoenicia. In the Gospels of Luke and Mark in the Latin Vulgate Bible, he is referred to as "Decurio," a common Roman term for

an official of metal mines. The miners of Britain have sung a song for ages past, "Joseph was in the tin trade."

The Virgin Mary was, apparently, widowed while Jesus was still a youth. As both the Roman and Judean laws required that a male member of a family take over a father's duty to a son, it seems probable that Joseph of Arimathea took his beloved nephew on more than one of his business trips to Britain. That Joseph loved Jesus was to be proved years later when he went before Pilate and "boldly" claimed the body of Jesus, preventing the Sanhedrim from consigning the body to the field reserved for the burial of criminals. Only a person as powerful, and with the political acumen that Joseph possessed, could have made such a demand on Pilate.

The traditions of Cornwall and Somerset, in Britain, support the evidence that Jesus, as a boy, accompanied Joseph to Britain. A later tradition is that Jesus, as a young man, spent considerable time prior to His ministry studying at one of the Druidic Universities.

Only the Roman historians claimed that the people of ancient Britain were savages. Why? Because they had been Druids two thousand years before the time of our Lord. They worshiped God, while the Romans were pagans, and anyone who did not worship the same pagan gods that the Romans did were counted as savages. A Druidic triad summarized its principles: "Three duties for every man: Worship God; be just to all men; die for your country."

Reverend R. W. Morgan, in his *St. Paul In Britain*, says that there were forty Druidic universities in Britain south of the Clyde with sixty thousand students. What could have been more natural than for Jesus to have studied at one of the universities and rumor says that it was the one at Glastonbury in Somerset. Why is there no record of it? Could it be because

of the rampaging fanatics of Cromwell, or the Glastonbury fire of 1184, or the fact that Gildas (A.D. 516-570) was the first British historian? All British history prior to Gildas was written by the Romans.

Part of William Blake's beautiful hymn, "Jerusalem," reads:

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pasture seen?

Of the millions of people who have learned and sung this famous song, how many have ever considered the meaning of the words? It would seem that most people have no idea what they refer to.

Gildas said, "Christ, the True Sun afforded Light, the knowledge of His precepts, to our island during the last year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar." Jesus' implied visit to Glastonbury would have been concluded in A.D. 27, the same year that Tiberius retired to Caprae. The long absence of our Master from Jerusalem would seem to be sustained by the collection of the stranger tax, as related by Matthew, when He told Peter to take the money out of the fish's mouth.

St. Augustine arrived in Britain in A.D. 597 and later wrote to Gregory the Great that "he found a church constructed by no human art, but by the hand of Christ Himself. . ."

There were about 70 scrolls, known to church historians during the first four centuries of the Christian era, which cannot be found today. Among them was the Gospel of Peter, a fragment of which was found in 1886 in a monk's tomb in Egypt. It is possible that more of the seventy lost scrolls will be located in the years to come. The most important discovery in many centuries, the Dead Sea Scrolls, may completely reveal the account of the history of the thirty years of Christ Jesus prior to His ministry. But will the Christian world believe such

AN ANCIENT PRAYER

May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest to me; and if I do may I be reconciled quickly. May I never devise evil against any man. May I love, seek, and attain only that which is good. May I wish for all men's happiness and envy none. May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me. When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make amends. May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent. May I reconcile friends who are wroth with one another.

May I, to the extent of my power, give all needful help to my friends and to all who are in want. May I never fail a friend in danger. When visiting those in grief, may I be able by gentle and healing words to soften their pain. May I respect myself. May I always keep tame that which rages within me. May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never be angry with people because of circumstances. May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he has done, but know good men and follow in their footsteps. — Eusebius, 4th Century.

Eusebius was an Ecclesiastical historian born in Palestine, made bishop of Caesarea and was prominent in the Council of Nicaea. His "Historia Ecclesiastica" and other writings made him known as the father of church history.

... ALVIN B. LOWE

revelations, or will the legend, the fantasy, continue?

Sir Knight Lowe's analytical presentation was especially written for the consideration of KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE readers. The author will welcome any comment, critical or otherwise, on his study as printed. He resides at 1509 Michigan Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105.

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\$25,000 for Cornea Research



Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell makes a second presentation of a grant of \$25,000 for artificial cornea transplant research to the Institute of Ophthalmology, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. Check is accepted by Dr. Arthur Gerard Devoe. Looking on are Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master, and the Institute's Dr. John H. Dunnington. Grant was authorized at the Annual Meeting, Trustees of Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

El Paso Publicity

El Paso Commandery No. 18 and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation received beneficial publicity in the October 23 *El Paso Times*. The paper carried a picture showing the presentation of the 1970 Voluntary Campaign Certification of Commendation to Eminent Commander Wallace H. Brucker and Frank D. Hensel, chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation committee for El Paso Commandery. The presentation was made by Grand Commandery Voluntary Campaign Chairman J. M. Willson, Jr., of Floydada.

The accompanying story in the newspaper was furnished by Sir Knight Hensel and included news of the Voluntary Campaign and the background of the objectives and assistances of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

DeMolay Sweetheart Pageant

F. Carley Bryant, Executive Officer in Oklahoma for the International Supreme Council, has been named by DeMolay's Grand Master, Chester Hodges, to head the "First DeMolay International Sweetheart Pageant" to take place next June during the Hollywood, Florida, International Supreme Council and Congress Session.

The chairman and DeMolay headquarters will release detailed information later. In the interim, Chairman Bryant says: "This is indeed a big responsibility and without the help of every jurisdiction, Supreme Council member, Jurisdictional Master Councilor, Mothers' Clubs — and, most of all — our DeMolays, this program cannot succeed."

There will be an advertising program to include a picture of each State Sweetheart officially entered in the competition. Advertising and "congratulatory" space details can be secured from F. Carley Bryant, Box 371, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Grand Master Bell R.O.S. Speaker

G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., was the speaker for the Washington, D.C., banquet of the Royal Order of Scotland October 21. Some 900 members and ladies were in attendance at the event which followed the biennial session of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J.

Sir Knight Bell also serves the Royal Order of Scotland as a 1971 office bearer in the capacity of Provincial First Grand Steward. Marvin E. Fowler is Provincial Grand Master of the Order.

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98th Birthday Salute

Edward J. Bullock, celebrating his 98th birthday, was guest of honor at an anniversary luncheon Saturday, September 18, at the Union League Club, Chicago. Sir Knight Bullock, member of Siloam Commandery No. 54, Oak Park, is the dean of Sovereigns of St. John's Red Cross of Constantine Conclave, Chicago — having served in 1927 — and the dean of Grand Sovereigns of the Grand Imperial Council, an office he held in 1947.



Guest-of-honor Bullock, seated right, is shown with William G. Mateer, Grand Treasurer, seated, and left to right, standing, present Sovereign Frederick C. Jonas; St. John's Recorder and Past Sovereign Alvin L. Crump, and St. John's member Warren N. Barr, president of the board, Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Shrine East-West Game December 31

G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master, will be an Imperial Shrine guest at Candlestick Park, San Francisco, when Islam Temple's 47th annual East-West football game is telecast nationally Friday, December 31.

A formal reception and banquet honoring Imperial Potentate C. Victor Thornton is scheduled Thursday evening, December 30.

Sir Knight Yeager Honored

Veterans Day was 50-year Templar recognition day for William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, and a veteran Masonic leader in numerous other branches of the fraternity.

Sir Knight Yeager's 50-year certificate was presented in his home Commandery, Warren No. 63, Warren, Pennsylvania, Monday evening, October 25.

Arizona's Grand Prelate and G.H.P.

Devotional services for the 78th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arizona at Chandler were conducted Sunday, October 24, by the Rev. Olin Eugen Lehman, B.D., Eminent Grand Prelate, and the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Pastor of St. James United Methodist Church, Tucson. Sir Knight Lehman also is the current M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Arizona.



Divine service participants, left to right, included Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master, Grand Prelate and Grand High Priest Lehman, Grand Commander Loyd E. Adams, the Rev. Leslie J. Ross and Department Commander John R. Mendius.

Largest Class of Candidates in Oklahoma York Rite History



With 34 remaining to be Knighted, the 351 current members of the Carl Albert Festival are pictured in the Masonic Temple, Tulsa, October 23, when the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Oklahoma combined their efforts to present the degrees and Orders to the largest class ever assembled in the state. "It took faith, dedication and teamwork," says Grand Commander Jack Freeman, whose home Commandery doubled its membership as a result of the class.

Government Leaders

In addition to Speaker of the House Carl Albert, for whom the class was named, other participating members prominent in government included Congressmen Ed Edmondson and John Happy Camp. The Honorable David Hall, Governor, was among the 34 candidates whose conferrals will take place later because of emergencies preventing their attendance.

Conferral Commemoratives

A special commemorative coin, embossed with the Honorable Carl Albert's picture, was given to each member of the class. Additionally, a "substantial and unique" plaque of metal mounted on a wood backing was presented. The personalized plaque contains the individual's

name and the wording that he "was a member of the Carl Albert York Rite Festival Class held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 23, 1971." Also engraved on the plaques were the emblems of the Symbolic Lodge, the Chapter, Council and Commandery.

Gethsemane Commandery No. 25

The class included 100 members (102 petitioners) from Gethsemane Commandery No. 25, Okmulgee, home Commandery of Grand Commander Freeman, who conferred the Order of the Temple upon the Speaker of the House.

Grand Master's Greetings

The Grand Master, in a telegram to Sir Knight Ball and Grand Commander Freeman, said: "Please express to the

Templars of Oklahoma the best wishes of their fellow 380,000 members and my official greetings on their special festival occasion honoring one of America's great Masons, Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives."

August S. Johnson, P.G.C., was General Chairman for the festival.

Grand Chapter, Grand Council

Grand High Priest Ben Mandelbaum and Illustrious Grand Master S. B. Ingerson also participated in the conferrals. Present for the occasion were M.W. Grand Master of Masons Howard Harold; S.G.I.G. Charles P. Rosenberger, 33°; also Potentates Al Matthews and Robert Schuetz. Edmund F. Ball, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, represented Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell.

Congratulations in Order



Grand Commander Freeman, left, and William A. Perry, right, receive congratulations from Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball on securing the petition of Roger Bone, second from left. Bone is manager, Ball Corporation in Okmulgee. Sir Knight Ball is Chairman, Executive Committee of the Ball Corporation, which is headquartered in Muncie, Indiana.

Tri-State Templar Festival

The Tri-State Templar Festival will be held April 29, 1972, at the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Cathedral, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Order of the Red Cross will be conferred at 10 A.M. Following lunch, the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple will be conferred.

Thirty New Santa Ana Knights

A Southern California festival October 23 resulted in the conferral of the Order of the Temple upon 30 candidates. Present for the festival were a number of Grand Commandery officers headed by Grand Commander Gordon M. Pannell.

The program, with Santa Ana Commandery No. 16 as host, included a banquet for the Sir Knights and ladies, followed by a historical review of the Commandery by Donald Danknick, musical selections by G. Willard Bassett and a memorial tribute to departed Sir Knights by Henry Bracken Wall.



Grand Commander Gordon M. Pannell is shown with Santa Ana Commander Robert C. Thomas and, on right, R. Ray Blauert, a Past Grand Commander of South Dakota.

Nebraska York Rite Festival

The York Rite Masonic bodies of Hastings, Nebraska, were host to a state-wide Festival Saturday, November 13, when the experimental ritual, "The Word," was staged by ritualists from various parts of the state. The production was under the direction of Richard Albright, Omaha; Tom Blanchard, Blair; and Curtis Maynard, Hastings. Degree team members were from different York Rite bodies of Nebraska. Last year's presentation of "The Word" was staged by an Illinois ritualistic team.

Creek Becomes River

Normally, it's a small creek in Chester, Pennsylvania, but on September 13th the creek suddenly became the raging Chester River, spreading flood damage over an extensive area of the city. The causes were excessive rainfall and a debris-blocked bridge.

Among the buildings affected was the Masonic Temple of Chester. Robert F. Stark, P.C., Chester Commandery No. 66, said in a telephone interview that the Temple received approximately 18 feet of flood water, causing extensive damage to the heating equipment and other materials.

Chester Commandery's Recorder, Sir Knight Leslie H. Porter, and his wife were rescued from the second flood of their own flood-destroyed home. Water ruined the Commandery's addressograph and plates. Sir Knight Porter, despite the loss and the dislocation, has been mailing monthly Commandery bulletins without a miss — using gummed address-labels provided by the Grand Encampment office in Chicago.

Great Pestigo Fire of 1871

The wide publicity received by the Chicago fire, October 8-11, 1871, eliminated from the front pages — and almost from the records — a similar fire disaster which occurred simultaneously in Wisconsin.

Clifford D. Bemus, a Sir Knight of Genesee Valley No. 5, Flint, Michigan, knew of the fire and incorporated a painting of it as a part of twenty-one and a half foot mural "just completed at Menominee, which I promised some of the brothers two years ago if they were successful in getting a museum started." Sir Knight Bemus, whose mural photographs will not suitably reproduce in the *Knight Templar Magazine*, says "this museum will now be one of the best north of Milwaukee."

Earl B. Bauer, Grand Recorder of Wisconsin, also provided information about the Pestigo fire. It resulted in hundreds of deaths and destroyed more than 50 square miles of homes and timber. It was relatively unknown elsewhere because the headlines nationally were devoted to the Chicago tragedy.

More Chicago Fire Contributions — 100 Years Ago

Robert T. Phillips, Chatham, New Jersey, noted in his letter in the November issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* that \$219.00 had been forwarded from Madison Lodge No. 93 in October 1871 to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for the relief of sufferers from the "great Chicago fire."

Samuel K. Zipp, St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, further points out in *The Chicago Scottish Rite Magazine* for November that contributions from the "Masonic country" 100 years ago amounted to \$83,089.06 in cash and \$7,545.44 in supplies. Sir Knight Zipp, 33°, Librarian, writes: "As an example, five Lodges in the state of Maine sent \$450.00, the Lodge in Columbia, a small town of 12,000 in southeastern Pennsylvania sent \$75, the Craft of Louisiana sent \$400, the Lodges of the state of Illinois sent \$15,897.85, the Dakota Territory contributed \$60.50 and British India sent \$26.65."

SYMBOLISM OF A CANDY CANE

by
Donald J. Barthelmeh

No season is so rich in signs and symbols as is Christmastide. We are literally surrounded by beauty, artistry, craftsmanship and creative ability as so many visual expressions draw our attention to the Birth of Christ.

The STARS of silver and gold and shining blue remind us of the new star seen in the East. Every carol breathes the spirit of angelic voices. Greens of every description remind us of the Eternalness of life with God. Our gifts to others imply the Greater Gift we would offer to the baby Jesus.

Of the scenes of Christmas none is more beautiful than the shepherds on the hillside watching their flocks by night, with crook in hand, about their humble business of guarding and keeping safe their flocks. From here they receive the announcement, "unto you is born a Saviour." Then they joined together to go "see the great sight which had come to pass."

The Shepherds crook was at the first service of worship of the Christ. Its counterpart is our candy cane — so old as a symbol that we have nearly forgotten its origin.

We are immediately attracted by its color — the red and the white. Red is for sacrifice; white is for purity. The body of the cane is white, representing the life that is pure, or that may be pure. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." But only in so far as we are pure, do men see God, not yonder but here, not then, but now shall we see Him. As you are pure so shall He be to you. Even as the Christ Child came in all purity so do we seek the purity of life He brings. Even as the Shepherds came in

humility and purity of purpose so is our worship always to be in humbleness before the Lord.

The BROAD RED STRIPE is symbolic of our Lord's sacrifice for us. We may celebrate the birth of a child Jesus, but we must also be mindful of the man, Christ. Christmas always brings us ultimately to Calvary. We pause to reflect on who we find yonder on Calvary's tree. Just as we take the Christmas tree to mark his birth, so we transpose it into an old rugged cross in Lent to remind us that: God "came down at Christmas" to reveal his love, and to prove the extent of His love. He gave his life on the Cross in sacrifice for our sin.

And then the many smaller stripes — these symbolize the sacrifices we must make as Christians — the offerings we would bring to be intertwined with the supreme sacrifice of our Saviour. They may mean the wounded sheep He has brought to the fold; or the scars of our sorrows which the Good Shepherd bore for us or the lesser pains and sufferings we must bear in witness to Him in whom we believe.

The FORM as a staff suggests a symbol of service. The Saviour Shepherd seeking out His own with a determination that none shall perish; we fulfilling our purpose as those who he has called to serve even as he came to serve. The form of a staff suggests LIFE IS A SERVICE even as the Christian life is a worship.

But of course the color and form give way to the aroma of peppermint and its pungent taste. Peppermint is akin to the aromatic herb hyssop. Recall the old Psalmist's plea:

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be
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clean,

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7

Old Testament scholars suggest the use of hyssop not only for its delightful taste but also for medicinal purpose. A healing nature is suggested. What better symbolism at Christmas for us for we are told "We are healed by his stripes."

It is candy and the candy cane is to be shared — broken into myriad pieces for all to share. It draws us into fellowship of sharing. How good it is to remind ourselves of Jesus' statement, "This is my body broken for you." Just as Jesus' body is broken in order to be shared, just so, our lives as good stewards must be shared. We come to realize as children of God and sharers of Christ's life that "only as we give, shall we live!"

Love came down at Christmas, all lovely and divine. Now in the Season of Christmas we seek to spread that love among all men. One symbol is the SHEPHERD'S CROOK, made visual in its implications through a candy cane. It calls us to serve; its red bands direct us to a life of sacrifice; its essence of mint relates the tastefulness of those who would share. We are also reminded that our life might be pure, made white by the sacrifice of the Saviour circling ourselves and spiraling up into a life of love and peace.

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Jason Worley Snyder, Commander of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, Virginia, invites all Sir Knights who are in the Washington, D.C., area Christmas Day to worship with the Sir Knights of Old Dominion at noon in the North Room of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia.

5th Week Voluntary Campaign

The first five weeks of the current Voluntary "Activities" Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation show a cumulative total of \$16,586.39 reported to the office of the Executive Director at Rhinebeck, New York, by Grand Commandery chairmen.

The Campaign stresses "benefit activities" of a Masonically-acceptable nature to achieve a three-fold objective: — raise funds, provide Commandery programming incentive and create better public and fraternal knowledge of the Grand Encampment's humanitarian project. The Voluntary Campaign extends until Easter Day, April 2. No Campaign credit can be given for reports at Rhinebeck received later than April 21, 1972.

Holiday Gift, Fully Guaranteed!

A gift guaranteed to help others, year after year, is a Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Available only to Knights Templar, its cost is \$30.00. It becomes a part of the Permanent Endowment Fund and its income helps in the preventing and curing of blindness for years to come.

A Life Sponsorship is a holiday gift a Templar can buy for himself — and at the same time help others.

The gift is especially appropriate during the Voluntary Campaign. For application form, check the Recorder of your home Commandery. A Life Sponsor is excused from the annual \$1.00 Eye Foundation assessment.

COLONEL HARLAND DAVID SANDERS AND MASONIC FRIENDS



The white-suited Colonel Sanders poses at the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C., with the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33^o, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, Illustrious Henry C. Clausen, on his immediate right, and to his left, the M.E. Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., G. Wilbur Bell. Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, is at the extreme left of the picture; Illustrious C. Fred Kleinknecht, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, on the right. Center background is the Honorable William M. (Fishbait) Miller, Doorkeeper, House of Representatives, Washington.

Colonel Sanders, of Kentucky Chicken fame, was a 33^o candidate at the biennial session of the Supreme Council October 17-21 at Washington.

He is a petitioner for the Templar Orders in Louisville DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky.

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER CLAUSEN PRESIDES OVER OCTOBER SESSION OF SUPREME COUNCIL, 33^o, S.J.

Committee meetings began Thursday, October 14, at the House of the Temple, Washington, for the biennial session of the Supreme Council, 33^o, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, which opened officially Sunday morning, October 17, with a Memorial Service honoring Illustrious Brother Albert Pike, 33^o, and departed Brethren, with an address on Albert Pike by Robert B. Watts, 33^o, Grand Cross, Director of Education. The prayer was by Grand Chaplain Edgar C. Powers, 33^o.

Monday morning marked the opening session of the Supreme Council, when the distinguished visitors were introduced and received by the Sovereign Grand Commander. Among the guests were Grand Master Bell and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer. Grand Orator Frank H. Davison, 33^o, S.G.I.G., Idaho, presented the address of welcome, and Illustrious Brother Clausen then delivered his allocution. This was followed by the Executive Session after which announcement of Designates elected was made.

Wilbur D. Mills, Dinner Speaker

Monday evening's dinner by Sovereign Grand Commander and Mrs. Clausen was in honor of Sovereign Grand Commanders, Grand Secretaries General, Representatives of Foreign Supreme Councils, Members of the Foreign Relations Committee. The principal address was presented by the Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, 33°, Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives. Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen presided.

The guests included Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, also Grand Lieutenant Commander Richard A. Kern; Sovereign Grand Commanders and other Representatives from Canada, Belgium and France. Government and military leaders included General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, General Bruce C. Clarke, Lt. General Willard Pearson, Lt. General Herman Nickerson, Jr., Senators Curtis, Ervin, Jordon; Congressmen Brotzman and Aspinall, Colorado; Brown, Ohio; Henderson, North Carolina; Mahon, Texas; Martin, Nebraska; Wayne and Schwengel, Iowa; Steed, Oklahoma; Waggoner and Passman, Louisiana.

Officers of Masonic bodies included Grand Master Bell and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer; DeMolay's Grand Master Hodges, Provincial Grand Master Fowler, Royal Order of Scotland; Imperial Potentate C. Victor Thornton and other representatives.

Grand Crosses were presented by Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen to Joe D. Waggoner, Jr., General Clarke and the Speaker of the evening, Chairman Mills.

Illustrious Brother Clausen was then surprised by a presentation of an appreciation plaque by his Masonic associates in Long Beach, California, to salute his service as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.

Red Cross at Buck Hill Falls

The annual regional assembly of the Red Cross of Constantine at Buck Hill Falls October 22-24 was attended by nearly 400 members and ladies, with William R. Burchfield, Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, in charge of arrangements. He was assisted by John G. Eshleman, Intendant General for Pennsylvania Central.

Robert W. Caldwell, Grand Viceroy, represented Grand Sovereign George M. Saunders. G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of Knights Templar U.S.A., and a line officer of the United Grand Imperial Council, attended. Among other Grand officers present were: William J. Nether-ton, Grand Senior General; William G. Mateer, Grand Treasurer; Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder; Dallas F. Bullock, Grand Almoner; Stanley F. Maxwell, Grand Herald; Walter B. Wilson, Grand Trustee; the Rev. John C. Brumbach and the Rev. Robert K. Hill, Grand Chaplains. Past Grand Sovereigns included John W. Laird, Robert Ingalls, Walter A. DeLamater, William H. Cantwell, Maurice A. Hammer, William E. Yeager.

**Campaign Leaflets Available**

Recorders, Voluntary Campaign chairmen and committee members are reminded that leaflets for the 4th Annual Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign are available, in bulk quantities, from the office of the Grand Recorder in Chicago. The promotional leaflets are designed as mailing "stuffers" and for other forms of distribution to members.

Officers in Fact and Name

The Salina Masonic Temple, Salina, Kansas, was the scene October 23 of "The Word," the synoptic ritual-drama presented in Kansas for the first time. As a result, 71 new Templars are on the Kansas rosters.

One of the highlights was the participation of the Grand Encampment's Deputy Grand Master, Roy W. Riegle, P.G.C., Kansas, who served as Commander for the conferral of the Order of the Temple through the first four libations.



A second highlight, writes Grand Recorder Charles S. McGinness (who is also currently Grand High Priest), resulted from the request of Sir Knight Basil L.

Johnson, D.D., the appointed Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, to serve as "working" Prelate for the conferral. Sir Knight McGinness reports that "everyone was greatly impressed by the excellent manner in which he handled his station." The Rev. Basis L. Johnson is minister to the First Methodist Church, Dodge City, "one of the larger churches in western Kansas."

The festival netted 92 new members of Councils. The Council degrees are not mandatory for the Commandery in Kansas.

Guidelines for Junior Officers

Franklin H. Neumann, Grand Commander of Wisconsin, has distributed 500 copies of the Grand Encampment's new "Guidelines for Junior Officers" to all Wisconsin Constituent Commandery officers.

"A Masonic Happening"

A three-way class, regarded as a "first," has been scheduled in the Scottish Rite Temple in Houston, Texas, Saturday, December 4, reports Joseph S. Lewis, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

"The Masonic Happening" is a Scottish Rite Reunion, a York Rite Festival and a Shrine Ceremonial — on the same day, in the same building, with coordinators from the three bodies combining their work "to tell the world," as they say, "that Masonry is united and working together — and that there is no room in Masonry for ill-feeling toward any Mason or Masonic organization."

The York Rite representatives are A. C. Martindale, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Texas, and Sir Knight J. D. "Buddy" Baccus. Glen M. Severs is the Shrine representative. The general coordinator or chairman is J. W. Chandler, 33°. He and G. Ronald Aldis, 32°, K.C.C.H., represent the Scottish Rite.

The Lodge Room is the setting for the York Rite Festival while the Scottish Rite Reunion takes place in the auditorium. The evening Shrine Ceremonial follows the Festival and Reunion.

Workshops in Connecticut

Grand Commander Paul J. James, Connecticut, announces a series of Templar Workshops starting in December, the result of a questionnaire to each Commander which asked whether workshop sessions would be considered helpful.

"Heartily favored was the institution of a course for officers," says Sir Knight James. The workshops will include Commanders, Generalissimos, Captains General and Senior Wardens. The Grand Commander received 100 copies of the new Grand Encampment publication, "Guidelines for Junior Officers."



Sidney L. DeLove

The death of Sidney L. DeLove, well known Chicagoan and author and lecturer on patriotic and historical themes, occurred October 29. Masonic Services were conducted October 31. Funeral services were held Monday, November 1.

Harry Wood Smith
Virginia
Grand Commander — 1946
Born March 2, 1891
Died September 12, 1971

William Harrison Tweedle
South Dakota
Grand Commander — 1929
Born February 9, 1874
Died October 9, 1971

Myron Horace Cushman
Kansas
Grand Commander — 1958
Born November 28, 1897
Died October 11, 1971

Richard W. Evans
Kansas
Grand Commander — 1953
Born June 12, 1882
Died October 13, 1971

Sigurd R. Jensen
Illinois
Grand Commander — 1952
Born May 24, 1889
Died October 17, 1971

Lowell Graham Hays, Sr.
Tennessee
Grand Commander — 1965
Born August 5, 1908
Died October 18, 1971

Carroll Alfred Campbell
Connecticut
Grand Commander — 1944
Born June 5, 1882
Died October 31, 1971

John R. Pond
Oregon
Grand Commander — 1965
Born September 13, 1900
Died November 3, 1971

Peace and rest at length have come,
All the day's long toil is past,
And each heart is whispering, "Home,
Home at last."

When the night swoops down
to embrace the day,
I shall slip my moorings
and sail away
Through the purple shadows
that darkly trail
O'er a ripple of water
to tell the tale
Of a lonely voyager
sailing away
To mystic isles
where at anchor lay
The craft of those
who had sailed before,
O'er the unknown sea
to the unknown shore;
And a few who watch me
sail away
Will miss my craft
from the busy bay.
But I shall have
peacefully furled my sail,
Safely moored
from storm and gale,
Greeting the friends
who sailed before,
O'er the unknown sea
to the unknown shore.

Department Conferences Continue

October's Regional York Rite Conferences included the Northeastern Conference October 14-15 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and the South Central October 29-30 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Southwestern Regional Conference was held at Las Vegas Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14. A second November Conference — the North Central — had a November 20-21 date in Sioux Falls, Iowa.

Approximately 85 officers and Past Grand Officers attended the Northeastern Conference, with Dr. Ward L. Ekas, Department Commander, conducting the Friday afternoon and evening sessions. George S. Mason is the General Grand Chapter's Representative in the area; Waldo I. Powell, who chaired arrangements, represents the General Grand Council. Next year's Grand Encampment Conference for the Northeast will be in Baltimore, Maryland, October 13-14.

Grand Master Bell, with Grand Captain General Cottrell and Grand Recorder Rodenhauser, were Grand Encampment speakers augmented, among others, by Louis A. Beaudoin, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Membership, and Warren H. Deck, member of the Grand Encampment Public Relations Committee. Also participating in the session was the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Calvin A. Behle.

Arthur G. Coots, A. J. Lewis and Bernard F. Mandelbaum joined efforts for the South Central Conference at Tulsa. Grand Chapter and Grand Council representatives met for a combined session Friday afternoon, while Grand Commandery representatives participated in separate workshop sessions Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday morning a feature of the meeting was an address by Sir Knight Joe D. Waggoner, Louisiana

Congressman.

General Grand High Priest Behle and General Grand Secretary Charles K. A. McGaughey headed the General Grand Chapter delegation; Deputy General Grand Master Hoyt McClendon and General Grand Recorder Bruce H. Hunt represented General Grand Council. Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master, and Grand Recorder Rodenhauser attended for the Grand Encampment, as did Dr. Oliver S. Willham, Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation. Next year's Conference will be in Tulsa, October 27-28.

In charge of the Southwestern Conference were Department Commander John R. Mendius, Regional General Deputy Grand High Priest E. Monroe Foster and Regional Representative for the General Grand Master of General Grand Council Robert L. Karnes. In the North Central Region, Arthur J. Peterson is the Grand Encampment's Department Commander; Mark C. Morgan represents General Grand Chapter and John H. Watts the General Grand Council.

The conferences are workshop sessions designed, in the case of Templary, for the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and his representatives to present current program details and disseminate information on such activities as the central office operations, reports, the *Knight Templar Magazine*, membership progress, public relations, the Eye Foundation and the Educational Foundation, festivals and other phases of the triennium projects.

A projected Grand Encampment highlight of the North Central Conference was the attendance of Grand Master Bell, Deputy Grand Master Riegle, Grand Generalissimo Avery, Grand Captain General Cottrell, Grand Recorder Rodenhauser and the 52nd Triennial Conclave Committee Chairman, Alvin L. Crump.

GUIDELINES Available from Grand Recorder's Office, Chicago

1. **TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS:** A compilation of the ABC's of publicity and public relations — in outline form, easy to read, informative for the non-professional chairman or member of a public relations committee or a Commandery officer. It covers simplified do's and don't's, committee organization on Grand and Constituent levels and makes recommendations for communications inside and out of the Commandery.

2. **PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:** Stress is on community involvement, as opposed to patriotic programming exclusively. Basic content lists, briefly and directly, suggestions for Grand and Constituent Commandery civic participation.

3. **HOW TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:** The title is self-explanatory. The 1967-70 committee stresses the two-way selling of membership, Inspirational and Organizational. It also devotes some attention to "Keeping Present Members."

4. **GUIDELINES FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:** Sir Knight John L. Crofts, Grand Master when this booklet was released, notes in his foreword: "The suggestions contained in this brochure result from discussion and suggestion on a broad base which includes the committee, its advisory committee, Grand Encampment officers and others. It is understood that no Templar unit may be attracted by all of the suggestions made, and our purpose is to suggest rather than to order specific activities."

5. **GUIDELINES FOR MAKING STUDENT LOANS:** In January of 1971, Grand Master Bell directed and authorized the publication of material initiated and prepared by Oliver S. Willham, Chairman, Grand Encampment Committee on the Educational Foundation. It tells the

Need for Education, Importance of Student Loans, Regulations and Standard Practice, Duties of Division Committees, Responsibilities of Constituent Representatives. A Primer for every Templar.

6. **SUGGESTED SCRIPTS FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** Companion piece for the earlier Guidelines for Religious Activities is a booklet of three suggested religious services scripts — for Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day. Printing date was August 1971. Practical and impressive scripts designed for specific Templar use.

7. **GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS:** The latest of the booklets currently available. Publication date October 1971. The suggestions are for present and prospective officers of a Commandery of Knights Templar. Includes recommendations on Looking Ahead, Planning, Appointments, the Commander as Programmer and as Presiding Officer.

For copies at no cost, write Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Also available from Chicago are Voluntary "Activities" Campaign stuffers, report forms and fact sheets.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation standard material (non-Voluntary Campaign) is available only from the headquarters of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., at Rhinebeck.

For "Serving Humanity," "Wills and Contributions" and "Highlights of a Great Charity" — all designed for year-around use — write to Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.

PATRIOTISM

by
Luther A. Smith

Luther A. Smith, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, wrote the following article during his term of office. It is taken from a patriotic program held in Washington, D.C., in October 1969.

America is great because it had great Founding Fathers who sincerely and unselfishly dedicated themselves, their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to the cause of independence and civil and religious liberty, and to the establishment of a government with a Constitution and Bill of Rights that would guarantee these blessings to the people of the United States. They set about to create on this continent a "New Order of the Ages" where men could, with the help of God, work out their own spiritual, economic and social salvation freed from the Old World governmental and ecclesiastical restraints and prohibitions, superstition and ignorance. They accepted the challenge of the oceans, the wilderness, mountains, rivers, Indians and all other obstacles that got in their way. They had high purposes, noble ambitions, and lofty ideals, plus mighty convictions and the determination and courage to maintain them at all hazards.

If we would keep America great, happy and prosperous, we must indoctrinate our children with the ideals of liberty held by our forefathers and instill into their minds and hearts respect and admiration for their heroic deeds, their sufferings and sacrifice in establishing this Republic, and build into their lives and habits those attributes and characteristics which will make them good citizens, loyal to the concepts and philosophy which sustain our way of life.

100 Years of Templary

The printed Centennial program for the October 2 anniversary celebration of Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, Missouri, carries in its historical review a picture of Sir Knight Harry S. Truman, taken November 7, 1963, when he "received his 40 year certificate."

LeRoy Van Loon, Kansas City, reports that attendance at the Centennial banquet exceeded 200 and that Grand Commander Joseph Nickel headed a full attendance of Grand Commandery officers, in addition to seven Past Grand Commanders and "20 of our 25 living Past Commanders of Palestine."

DeMolay Speech Winner

As part of their Golden Anniversary, the jurisdiction of Southern California, Order of DeMolay, held a speech contest on the subject of "What DeMolay Means to Me."



Winner Ron Robertson presented his speech at the California Grand Lodge session on October 13, representing the DeMolays of California.

The Masonic Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare

Medical research is the philanthropy of many Masonic organizations. The list of Masonic-sponsored medical research is long. All are familiar with the Knights Templar support of research in eye diseases. The Scottish Rite, N.M.J., has long supported research in mental illness. The Knights of the York Cross of Honour support leukemia research. The list goes on and Masons can well be proud of their part in helping to alleviate the sufferings of mankind.

The Masonic Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare in Utica, New York, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New York, is an example of Masonic medical research at work.

The original Foundation was incorporated in 1947. The first field of research was Rheumatoid Diseases, namely Rheumatic Fever and Arthritis. Grants were made to medical colleges and institutions in New York. From 1946 to 1956 about \$1,500,000 was contributed to this research.

In 1957, with the sting removed from Rheumatic Fever, the Grand Lodge decided to build its own Medical Research Laboratory in Utica on a site made available by the Trustees of the Masonic Home there.

The Foundation turned its research efforts to Gerontology, the study of the aging process from childhood through old age. The Grand Lodge supports the center and its staff of 30 with grants of over \$300,000 annually. In addition, the Research Center receives grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Atomic Energy Commission and the American Heart Association.

The choice of research over treatment is best summed up by Sir Knight and Dr. Richard A. Kern, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons and Lieutenant

Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, Scottish Rite, N.M.J.: "It costs less money to implement the research that produced a vaccine against poliomyelitis than it took to build a single hospital to treat its victims. Relief money, once spent, is gone after helping only a limited number of beneficiaries. Research money, wisely spent, works for all mankind to the end of time."

Beside the economic benefits and the mark on posterity, there are other benefits to research. The elimination of the human suffering of the victims cannot be measured in dollars.

Other "side effects" of research are also important. Brother Alexander Fleming was researching with bacteria when he discovered penicillin accidentally.

The Research Center in Utica also provides another "side effect" of research: education. Training is provided for future medical researchers, both undergraduate and graduate. The Foundation also conducts a postdoctoral program which draws scientists and physicians from around the globe. The University of Chicago, the Mayo Clinic and the University of Indiana have sent faculty members for research training in cardiology. Two staff members teach courses in biophysics and physiology at Utica College and Syracuse University.

Through Masonic medical research, Rheumatic Fever is no longer a killer of children; mental illness is no longer a misunderstood disease; blind people have been given sight; progress has been made in finding cure for leukemia. In the future, through Masonic medical research, many other diseases like cancer and Parkinson's Disease will be conquered. Every Mason can be justly proud of the contributions of Masonic medical research to the well-being of all mankind.

YULETIDE GREETINGS and GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

As Editor of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, and in company with those of the Grand Recorder's office who have a role in our publication and other Grand Encampment projects, I thank our readers for their favorable comment, for their interest, their suggestions and their constructive recommendations and contributions during this past year.

We join in expressing appreciation and send you our collective wishes for a joyous holiday season. May you and the *Knight Templar Magazine* share many happy yuletides in the future.

Paul Rodenhauer
 Violet M. Carlson
 Shini Balchinot
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 Swedhana Baba
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 Bunnie L. Powell
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 Norma Solomon
 Ellen Solomon

Hospital Volunteer

Vernon F. Perfect, Director of Masonic Relations, is the source for the announcement that Hazel P. Rodenhauer, wife of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, has completed a six-week R.N. refresher course at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago and is now serving two-to-three full days of nursing duty weekly as a volunteer.

Mrs. Rodenhauer, a R.N. graduate of Lancaster General Hospital, Pennsylvania, also has a B.S. degree in Nursing. Before assuming volunteer duty, she spent six weeks in daily refresher classes and in-service work for updated information in nursing techniques.

Lights! Camera! Action!



L. A. Critchfield, Dayton, caught this shot of Ken Mowat, producer-cameraman for J. P. Productions, as Mowat films scene during Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Ohio in October. His attention and camera are focussed on Grand March, a pictorial highlight for the *Knight Templar* film to be released near January 1. It will portray various facets of Templary for Commandery programs.

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hail'd its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.



Holy Jesus! ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.