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The Cover:

One of the most heroic acts of World War II occurred when the U.S.S. Dorchester was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland February 3, 1943. Four chaplains gave their lifebelts to soldiers aboard the transport, then linked arms and raised their heads in prayer as they went down with the ship. They were Clark V. Poling and George L. Fox, Protestants; John P. Washington, Catholic; Alexander D. Goode, Jewish.

From the Grand Master. . .

A REFLECTION AT THE MIDWAY POINT

Calculating approximately, you and I have reached what we can consider the halfway mark in our Templar triennium. You honored me with election to office as Grand Master August 26, 1970. A new Grand Master will be elected August 15, 1973.

We have a year-and-a-half to expedite the programs of progress planned for this triennium. We've had 18 months of preparation; now it's time to capitalize on our united labors. It's time to consolidate resources and fulfill some of the continuing needs of Christian Masonry — in particular, Membership.

Your Grand Encampment has prepared a variety of guidelines available for the asking; we have revised and issued new Rituals. Data processing aids to Commanderies are increasing. Charles S. McIntyre heads your activities in our current Voluntary Campaign for the Eye Foundation. A half-hour film, "The Cavalcade of Templary," has been prepared and released by our Committee on Public Relations. We have an active Committee on Membership headed by Louis A. Beaudoin. Your *Knight Templar Magazine* continues to grow in information and interest. We have chartered, as you authorized at Denver, a new Commandery in Tijuana, Lower California; petitions for Dispensations to form Commanderies in Nuernburg, Germany, and Guatemala City, Guatemala, are being processed.

Taking stock at this point shows there is movement, there is activity, interest, participation and progress — in many ways, involving many Templars. Working together we can accomplish our goals not only for this three-year period, but for trienniums of the future.

To so many, I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude — for your kind holiday greetings and remembrances, for your support, your Christian concern, your prayers. There are examples of personal and official cooperation literally too numerous to acknowledge separately, altho' each is individually recognized and treasured.

I thank you — each and all — for your fraternal kindness and thoughtfulness, and for the strong support you continue to give me. May each new year bring you ever greater rewards of happiness and achievement.

G. Wilson Bell K.T.



From the MAIL BIN

Will you please send the *Knight Templar* to me now at Kampoul No. 3, Elesea, Athens, Greece.

I wish to bring greetings to all Knights Templar that I can. Also I extend to you and all Knights Templar traveling in Greece to feel free to stop at my home for which they may stay free as if this was their home away from home.

With the best regards for the New Year to all Knights and God be with you all.

BURTON L. GIRARDIN
Knight of York 33, PMC
(Highland Park Commandery No. 53,
Highland Park, Michigan)

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Something MUST be done to modernize the Blue Lodge ritual. Nobody, today, is going to sit thru the "repetitious hog-wash" (my connotation) of opening a Lodge nor the same repetitious stuff in the three Blue Lodge Degrees. Let's get with it! Even the Catholic Church is modernizing.

So, you ask, if the repetition is cut out of the three Degrees in Blue Lodge what is left? Take the four Degrees of the Chapter, combine them into the first three and make a GOOD four Degree Blue Lodge. Just the mere fact of a change in Freemasonry should start a resurgence of interest.

THINK ABOUT IT! And don't let the old fogies sway you. I feel strongly for Masonry.

W. DeWOLFE FINCH
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Several years ago a Past Master delivered a lecture in my Lodge, periodically, whenever presenting a lapel pin to a newly raised Master Mason. The lesson was that although he now wore a pin on his coat indicating that he was a member of the fraternity, this did not mean that he was truly a Mason and that his actions in the Lodge and in public, toward his fellowmen, designated how good a Mason he really was.

I have been trying to get a copy of that lecture for a long time and I wonder if any of the readers of our *Knight Templar* may be able to supply the wording of that or a similar lecture and forward it to me.

I look forward to receiving the publication each month and enjoy reading it from cover to cover.

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Could anyone give me some information as to where I might obtain some pictures of the Presidents of the United States who were members of the Masonic fraternity? We would like them to be approximately 10 or 12 by 14 or 16 inches, suitable for framing. They are to be displayed on the walls of our Lodge Room.

May I brag a little and let you know that I haven't missed ANY COMMUNICATION of Western Star Lodge No. 138 in 20 years and four months. This includes regular meetings, called and special meetings and Masonic funerals. Do you know of any attendance record equal to that?

B. E. CHRISTY
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I am in possession of an old straight razor with Masonic emblems on the blade. It is in fine condition and still in the original case. I would like very much to see it help my son in college. My late husband was offered \$1000 for it 50 years ago.

The razor was found in an old Indian war camp about 100 years ago so I would judge it to be very old. It was manufactured by Wade & Butcher, Sheffield, England. I would very much appreciate any help you can give me in selling the razor.

PEARL E. WHITE

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Editor's Note: Mrs. White's photocopy of the razor was not suitable for reproduction in the Knight Templar Magazine.

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I was pleased to see the design and illustration of Sir Knight Lee H. Salisbury, P.C., used as a cover of the *Knight Templar Magazine*, December issue. I wish to advise that Sir Knight Salisbury also designed and illustrated the certificate which is presented to each Illinois Commandery for contribution of \$1,000 or more annually to the Illinois Knights Templar Home for the Aged-Infirm, Inc., Paxton, Illinois.

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Our Grand Master's Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is to be commended, but I dare say that 75% of the Sir Knights have never seen a Life Sponsorship petition. I know since the *Knight Templar* has been mailed to the entire membership and even to a year before the general mailing, we have never had a Life Sponsorship petition printed in the publication. I should like to suggest that a petition be printed and perhaps the return might prove very worth while.

HARRY A. ROSENTHAL, JR., K.Y.C.H.

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I am writing to ask you if you know of any castles that might be available at a low cost. I would not like a very large one, or one that is beyond repair. My friend and I wish to purchase one and then fix it up so it is livable. If you know of any such place could you please write me concerning this matter?

JEANIE KELLEY

514 North Iowa

Gunnison, Colorado 81230

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I read with interest the nice article on "Templar Tom Thumb." We in Middleboro are quite proud of him and have on display a large collection of the wee fellow's memorabilia. All the readers are invited to see this collection owned by Middleborough Historical Society.

Mrs. Tom Thumb was a very active member of the local Chapter of Eastern Star. Tom Thumb's passing was a sad event in local history. There was a Masonic service and the body was escorted to the railroad station with appropriate ceremony.

Thanks for such a fine article.

LORENZO C. JUDGE

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I read my *Knight Templar Magazine* from cover to cover and consider it an excellent Christian Magazine. Today, when I removed my December issue from my postal box, I found a label bearing another Knight Templar's name adhering to mine. Upon presenting the label to the Postmaster, he informed me that this was *junk mail*. Junk mail indeed! How dare he refer to the *Knight Templar Magazine* in this manner?????

Enjoyed the story of "My Father's Lodge" very much because it reminded me so much of my boyhood when father, uncles and cousins took off for their Masonic activities. I determined that one day I would do so. Well, today I do the same.

From Midst the Blue Pacific,

CLYDE W. GRUBBS

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Re: Picture Story, January *Knight Templar*, page 27.

I see no more reason to be associating with and recognizing the Knights of Columbus than I would see Masons endorsing the Black Panthers, the German American Bund or participating in Klan Rallies. To give honor and respect to an organization that has its first allegiance to a foreign power is consorting with those that would have had all Masons exterminated to the very last one.

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I am writing this letter to ask you to make mention in the *Knight Templar* that stamp clubs have been started at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Chicago and St. Louis. Stamps and stamp collecting supplies are needed to keep the clubs going. The clubs meet once a week and have as many as 20 children in attendance a week. We are attempting to get each child who is interested started on his own collection. We can use any stamps we get, on or off paper, and especially any albums, hinges or catalogs we can get. All material will be given to the children for their use only. Materials can be sent to the hospitals or to me.

JARL-ALFRED VAN SANTEN
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I have read a couple of letters in the Mail Bin where a Worshipful Master lived to present Masons whom he had given the Degrees with their 50 year certificates. I believe I have one that will go them one better.

In January 1916, and immediately after his installation, Worshipful Master Charles Hermann, Iowa Lodge No. 2, Muscatine, Iowa, gave Mr. S. G. Pollock and myself our First Degrees the same evening, then we received the Second and Third Degrees as soon as we could be conveniently handled. We were the first candidates in 1916 and the first for W. M. Hermann.

In January 1966 Mr. Hermann, still active and in good health, presented both Mr. S. G. Pollock and myself with our 50 year certificates, making this a double presentation. Past Master Hermann spoke many times during the few years preceding January 1966 saying that he hoped that he would be able to give us our 50 year certificates and his wish came true. P. M. Hermann passed away about 3 years ago but his wish was fulfilled. It is rather unique that he was able to present his first two candidates with their 50 year certificates. Both Mr. Pollock and I belong to a Masonic Koffee Klub that meets every weekday morning, with about 15 other regulars, at the Masonic Temple in Muscatine. Most of the members are older men who are retired, but a very good example of Masonic Brotherhood. Please note that DeMolay Commandery No. 1 in Muscatine is the oldest Commandery in Iowa and was chartered and established in 1866.

RAY E. DOWNER, P.C.
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New Novel by Mrs. Dunn

Irma Dunn, widow of the late Joseph Cameron Dunn, P.G.C., New York, who had a long record of Grand Encampment participation, is the author of a new novel announced by Vantage Press, New York. Mrs. Dunn's new work carries the title, *Those Kennedys*, with Ireland as the locale. Former stories include *The Begatitudes of Isaac*, *When Miss Tillie Was Here*, *A Slightly Disjointed Affair* and *Row of Plums*.

Membership Gains

For two successive months, updating reports from Constituent and Subordinate Recorders have shown gains in Grand Encampment membership figures. November had a net gain of 431; reports received in 1972 for the month of December showed an addition of 558 on the plus side of the membership ledger.

WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN

by
George L. Cashman

Sir Knight Cashman is a recognized authority, lecturer and author on Lincoln history. He has been Curator of Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, since 1951. Cashman is a member of Elwood Commandery No. 6, Springfield.

February marks the birthday anniversaries of two of the world's great figures: George Washington, who gave us our nation, and Abraham Lincoln, who preserved it for posterity. These are the men whose long shadows cast across the pages of history will survive in the hearts of men who cherish freedom so long as there is freedom anywhere.

On February 12, 1809, 163 years ago, a son was born to Nancy and Thomas Lincoln in a little log cabin on Nolin Creek in Kentucky. Little did the world realize that this child was destined to become the towering figure of the nineteenth century, the "Saviour of the Nation." This event occurred ten years after the death of another great American whose birthday we celebrate this month, George Washington, "Father of his Country."

Abraham Lincoln and George Washington are the embodiment of our precious heritage. They began life in totally different circumstances, Abraham Lincoln in the school of "hard knocks" and Washington in a world of aristocratic luxury. Yet, both possessed the ideals which have given us a heritage not found anywhere else on earth.

Lincoln had great reverence for Washington. He frequently used the name to give authority to his own statements. On the occasion of the 110th anniversary of Washington's birth, in a speech in Springfield, Illinois, Lincoln said, "Washington is the mightiest name on earth. . . . On that name an eulogy is expected. It cannot be.

To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name Washington, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked, deathless splendor, leave it shining on."

As we pause this month to pay homage and honor to these two great statesmen let us remember that Washington and Lincoln captured the imagination of the world by their characters, their principles, their philosophies and profound achievements. In days of weakening faith it is well that we should rededicate ourselves to the preservation of those ideals and principles for which they stood. The names, Washington and Lincoln, are forever linked with man's eternal struggle for freedom. If we are to hold our place in world leadership we must turn to the principles of such men as these who served mankind and the nation in full measure.

The writer is frequently asked his opinion as to what Lincoln would do if he occupied the White House today. It is no tribute to a man a century and more dead to offer feeble guesses as to what he would do or think if he were alive today. We can only suppose that he would defend the constitutional rights of all of us, that he would have little patience with the subversive influences in our midst or with the strange doctrines prevalent in the world.

We must assume that he would fight, as we must fight, the hideous and despairing efforts of an ideology at complete variance with our democracy. We know

that Lincoln was not an appeaser nor one who yielded to the expediency of the hour, but a man of character and high principles who unflinchingly faced the task that duty and destiny set for him. His faith and his courage kept us an undivided nation and free people. The struggle for right and wrong goes on, as Lincoln foresaw it would. His is the unfinished task before us.

We think of Washington during that terrible winter at Valley Forge, pacing the frozen ground, beset by treachery and subversion among his subordinate officers, his army in rags, cold and hungry, held together by raw courage and burning patriotism. We see Lincoln, pacing the corridors of the White House, deep in thought, troubled by the jealousies and intrigues within his cabinet of those who considered themselves his social and intellectual superiors. We see him with furrowed brow, concerned with the apparent ineptitude and inability of his generals to win battles, weighed down with the awesome responsibilities of a wartime President, never despairing, always confident of the final outcome of the struggle.

Abraham Lincoln was a tragic figure. A peace-loving man, he had the misfortune to come to leadership at a time of complicated emotions and bloody hatreds. By nature, a man with humor and a zest for life, he bore the griefs of a nation at war on his shoulders and came to an untimely end just when his faith in right had won its greatest vindication. Lincoln was more than a great American. He was a great humanitarian who made his way to immortality through the force of his own intellectual powers and faultless character. His memory is cherished throughout the world wherever people have an understanding of his conception of the dignity of the common man.

As we pay homage to these great Americans, Washington and Lincoln, let us remember that they more than any

others embodied and exhibited our distinctive civilization. We honor them for the virtues that made them great, for their unswerving loyalty and patriotism. Both represented the cause of freedom. It is with deep respect and admiration for their leadership that we pay tribute to them in this month that marks their birthdays.

Sir Knight Cashman may be reached by writing: Curator, Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

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Grand Master at Medical Center

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, after preliminary tests in December, cleared his activity schedule for admittance to the Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, effective January 16.

Surgery to correct a circulatory problem had been arranged, as this issue of the *Knight Templar Magazine* went to press, for January 19 or 20.

Sir Knight Bell, who hopes to achieve a partial resumption of his activities in a matter of weeks, expressed appreciation for the many messages of solicitude he has received and for the prayers offered for his early recuperation.

"In the meantime," said the Grand Master, "it's business as usual for the Grand Encampment. There will be no interruption in the regular operations of Knights Templar, U.S.A."

The Illinois Masonic Medical Center is located at 834 W. Wellington, Chicago, Illinois 60657.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS

by
Wallace L. Davis

In order to depict the historical background of the Order of the Red Cross we should begin with a brief description of the part of the world to which it refers and which was known in ancient times as Mesopotamia. The word is Greek and means "between the rivers." The rivers referred to are the Euphrates and the Tigris where the Jews, during the Babylonian captivity, are said to have tilled the soil until Cyrus destroyed the Chaldean dynasty. These two rivers still flow down from the Armenian Mountains into the Persian Gulf, just as they flowed from those same heights into the same gulf in those dim days that saw the dawn of the human race. (Many scholars believe that this land was the site of the Garden of Eden.)

Many centuries have passed since the Accadians, the first known inhabitants of this region, developed what was civilization to them. From whence they came no one knows. Their history, brief as it is, can only be found in the annals of the people who destroyed them.

In about the year 5000 B.C. there came into the country a Semitic people who conquered the Accadians and took possession of their lands. They were the ancestors of the Chaldeans, the Assyrians, the Babylonians and other people whose names are familiar to every student of ancient history.

In those days the land must have been marvelously productive. Ancient writers referred to Mesopotamia as the Garden of the Lord, and Herodotus, the Greek historian, has said he feared to describe the country as he saw it, as he had his doubts

about being believed. Vast systems of canals and aqueducts supplemented the rivers and added to the fertility of the land.

Were we to turn back the pages of history and be transported to Mesopotamia as it was five thousand years ago we would see many familiar sights. We would see vast wheat fields that took care of the main food supply of the population; we would find the same oranges, apricots, figs, apples, pears, plums, quinces, cherries and melons that are on our tables today; we would find, in the gardens, beans, peas, onions, cucumbers and even spinach.

It has been possible to trace the chronology of Assyria and Babylonia through tablet inscriptions that refer to a total eclipse of the sun. As such eclipses are visible over very small areas of the earth's surface and as the tracks of eclipses which occurred thousands of years ago can be easily traced by modern astronomers, the eclipse referred to on the tablet was determined to have taken place in 763 B.C. Parallel writings indicate various events that took place at times before and after that eclipse.

In later years, after the passing of the ancient civilizations, the land between the rivers was occupied by Greeks, Syrians, Romans, Saracens, Turks and, after World War I, by the British. It is now known as Iraq.

It is difficult to realize the world of the ancients, as they knew it, was so small. Three thousand years before the Christian era Europe was not peopled by

any race that has left us a line of written history, the Western World was unknown to anyone except its own inhabitants and Egypt was the only section of the Dark Continent where there was any civilization. But Asia, the cradle of the human race, was the home of nations that have left a marvelous record of what their life must have been. Vast libraries of sun-baked tablets that have turned to stone indicate the peoples between the rivers knew many of the arts and sciences we know such as literature, poetry, geography, arithmetic, geometry and astronomy. We can picture the Chaldean astronomer gazing into the clear blue-black heavens above his land and seeing the same stars and the same constellations we see today. The fact the constellations we know have changed very little since that time reveals the period of human life and intelligence is but an infinitesimal moment in the ages past and the ages that are to come. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Psalm 19:1.

In their libraries have been found mortgages, deeds, contracts, promissory notes and other evidence business in those days was transacted in much the same way as it is today. Chaldean astronomers divided the day into twenty-four hours, the hour into sixty minutes and the minute into sixty seconds. Their year was 360 days. Our divisions of time into multiples of twelve and sixty have come down from the Chaldeans without the slightest change. It is also interesting that the Babylonian code of laws provided heavy penalties for bribery of officials, overcharges, ignorant doctors and dishonest and incompetent contractors!

Babylonian and Chaldean civilization dates back to about 4500 B.C. At first there were a number of small kingdoms in the area but, in about 2700 B.C., they began to unite and soon Babylonia became supreme. The first capital city of Babylonia was Babylon, which was founded about the year 2100 B.C. and which remained the royal city until taken

by Cyrus of Persia in 536 B.C. It was situated on both sides of the Euphrates with walls about 15 miles square. Recent excavations indicate that the outer shell of the great wall was built of bricks and asphalt and was 23½ feet thick. Next has been found a filling in of sand and gravel 69 feet thick, then another retaining wall 44 feet thick, making the thickness of the entire wall 136½ feet. Herodotus tells us there were one-story houses on top of the wall and the wall was 336 feet high. The "hanging gardens" of Babylon were placed on a high terrace which supported enough ground for trees to grow and a temple. This structure, by stages, reached a height of 625 feet.

Water transportation developed as it was needed long before the founding of Babylon, but it should be remembered that the Persian Gulf extended about 150 miles farther inland than it does now — this land has been built up over the ages through silt deposits.

The written language of the Babylonians has been preserved through the use of writings on sun-dried bricks. Paper as we know it, and the papyrus of ancient Egypt, was unknown to them. (However, some of the writings that have been translated are so palpably exaggerated that they must be discounted in preparing historical writings.)

As in most ancient nations, there was human slavery in Babylonia, but the lives and even the property of the slave class were protected by law. Many of them were prisoners of war and often free men with no means of livelihood would sell themselves into slavery. An insolvent debtor became a slave but if he worked hard enough and accumulated enough property, he could buy back his freedom. Farmers worked about as they do today. They cultivated the soil, took care of the harvests, worked according to the seasons, irrigated when necessary, sold their crops for the best prices they could get and saved what they could for the lean years. Craftsmen learned their trades

through apprenticeship, developed the guild spirit and took care of their common interests. Merchants and traders acted as bankers when necessary and often extended credits. In many respects, their daily life was much the same as ours is today.

As has happened in every stage of history, Babylonia and its capital city took form, rose to greatness and eventually fell to rise no more.

History knows the conqueror of the Babylonian empire by his Latinized name of Cyrus, rather than by his real name of Kurush. One writer has aptly said the story of Cyrus is half legend and half truth and it is rather hard to tell just where one ends and the other begins. He was a prince of the little country of Anshan and succeeded to its throne in 559 B.C. It was only nine years later when he appears as the man who released his people from the domination of the Medes. This made him the ruler of most of Persia and what remained of Assyria. It was a rich and fertile country with only a few stretches of desert and mountains.

There were two other kingdoms that were potentially troublesome to Cyrus: Babylonia and Lydia. The ruler of Babylonia was not one to give Cyrus any trouble but Lydia was, at the time, governed by Croesus, whose name even today symbolizes great wealth. His country was receiving tribute from many of the cities along the coast of Asia Minor and, after Cyrus had conquered the Medes, Croesus formed an alliance with Babylon, Egypt and the Greek Kingdom of Sparta. Before long the two powerful kings took up arms against each other. The Lydians were routed and Croesus retired to his own capital of Sardis. Thinking he was safe from Cyrus, he disbanded his army. The result was Cyrus ended the Lydian Kingdom. Instead of putting him to death, as was common in those days, Cyrus spared Croesus, who afterward became one of Cyrus' best friends.

After completing his conquest of Croesus's domains, Cyrus turned his attention to Babylon. We do not know what the Babylonians were thinking at the time, but there is plenty of evidence in Holy Writ that the prophets of the Jews, who were in captivity at the time, were sounding warnings continually. No heed was paid to the prophecies and the country drifted slowly and surely to its inevitable end. Within two months after the war started, practically all of Babylonia except the capital city was in the hands of the Persians.

Sir Knight Davis is a Past Commander of Allen Commandery No. 20, Allentown, Pennsylvania. He resides at Star Route, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania 18036.

"The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross" will be included in the March KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE.

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Dedicated to Masonic Service

Sir Knight Harry Sansburn, P.C., DeMolay No. 13, Aspen, Colorado, is "one of the most enthusiastic and energetic Masons in Northern Colorado," writes Gordon R. Merrick, Colorado Supplement Editor.

Sansburn celebrated his 81st birthday in 1970 by advancing to Commander of DeMolay No. 13. That year he received his 50-year pin from his Lodge.

He handles the sick visitations and flower arrangements for the two Lodges in Fort Collins and is "a one man calling committee to guarantee large turnouts for all Masonic funerals." He is also active in the Shrine Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and White Shrine and is the "top petition getter for all bodies."

Sir Knight Sansburn started his duties following retirement as a printer in Chicago where he was a Past Master of Woodlawn Park Lodge No. 841 and District Deputy Grand Master.

CHAIRMAN McINTYRE ANNOUNCES MIDWAY CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Charles S. McIntyre, Grand Encampment Chairman for the fourth annual Voluntary Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign, announces a total of \$83,626.28 reported at the end of 13 weeks – the halfway mark in the Campaign. April 2, Easter Sunday, will be the Voluntary Campaign's closing date. As of January 1, 1972, the following jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction reports had been recorded:

Jurisdiction	Total January 1	Jurisdiction	Total January 1
Alabama	\$ 225.00	Nebraska	\$ 160.50
Arizona	626.30	Nevada	661.55
Arkansas	752.00	New Hampshire	361.00
California	3,824.44	New Jersey	1,871.59
Colorado	1,620.00	New Mexico	189.50
Connecticut	800.00	New York	3,092.50
District of Columbia	246.00	North Carolina	1,546.21
Florida	1,657.00	North Dakota	1,093.00
Georgia	2,884.00	Ohio	3,808.50
Idaho	679.15	Oklahoma	914.00
Illinois	1,732.00	Oregon	623.50
Indiana	1,080.00	Pennsylvania	5,153.60
Iowa	1,413.00	South Carolina	760.00
Kansas	720.90	South Dakota	416.00
Kentucky	2,141.06	Tennessee	8,394.01
Louisiana	721.10	Texas	10,307.00
Maine	129.00	Utah	689.00
Maryland	1,758.00	Vermont	85.00
Massachusetts-Rhode Island	6,135.00	Virginia	6,308.00
Michigan	1,792.32	Washington	400.00
Minnesota	950.00	West Virginia	1,212.25
Mississippi	360.00	Wisconsin	352.50
Missouri	489.25	Wyoming	120.00
Montana	838.75	Philippines	772.80

A Feather in One's Cap . . .

In early ages, feathers and plumes were considered the exclusive property of men, particularly men in military service. For a special act of valor, a man was awarded a feather for his headdress – hence the phrase developed, “a feather for one's cap.” The expression is said to have been in use by the 16th century.



THE MODERN TEMPLAR

Grand Commander Austin P. Renn, Maryland, invited Grand Commander Ewart Roberts, Pennsylvania, to be the December speaker at Sir Knight Renn's Grand Visitation to Beauceant Commandery, Baltimore. The Grand Commander to the south of the Mason-Dixon line was so impressed with the address of the Grand Commander to the north of the Mason-Dixon line that he forthwith expedited the forwarding of a copy to the Knight Templar Magazine. An excerpt of Sir Knight Roberts' address follows.

The Modern Templar is a Christian gentleman interested in doing his bit and his best for mankind, his church, his city and country. The lessons and teachings of the Order give him a firm foundation on which to build his life and to practice in his association with his fellow men.

As a Master Mason he has declared his belief in God. As a Templar Mason he has enlisted under the banner of Jesus Christ and joined an active Order founded upon the Christian religion and a daily practice of the Christian virtues.

As a Mason he has taken an obligation on that Great Light which is to guide to happiness and liberty. As a Templar he has stood in silence before the most profound and inspiring scene ever presented to human view. He has pledged his sword and life to defend those things which exalt and embellish human life.

The Modern Templar has passed through sacred ceremonies which have deeply impressed him with the true values of life; his character has been strengthened by sublime lessons which enable him to wage war against the vanities and deceits of the world, by contacts with men who have helped him over life's stony highway.

The Modern Knight Templar is sincere in assisting in the advancement and up-building of this noble Order of Christian Knighthood. He secured that "consolation and peace of mind which the world can neither give nor take away" from the Christ of Calvary and the present living Christ.

He exemplifies in his daily life that principle of the Order, its crowning glory — Charity — which is another name for love and another name for Christ — the Christ of the Cross and Sepulcher. The Modern Templar, who lives up to the teachings of the Order, is a man who is esteemed in his community, a man who is respected and admired for the things he stands for.

A very high honor is given when a man is Knighted as a Christian warrior, pledging allegiance to the Cross, to the flag of our country; practicing charity, educating the youth and upholding the Christian religion.

The Passion Cross is the badge of the Order. It is the precious jewel of the Knight who has dedicated his life to the cause of Christian Knighthood. This Cross, worn proudly upon the uniform of the Sir Knight displayed upon the banners of the Order, is the emblem of the Templar's faith in the blessed Savior, the Great Captain of our Salvation. This conspicuous Badge of the Order — the Sacred Passion Cross — represents the shape of the cross on which Jesus suffered crucifixion. It is also known as the "Cross of Calvary" or "Latin Cross," and is sometimes placed upon the three steps emblematic of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Modern Templary has a great responsibility resting upon it — a responsibility placed there by the public in its high esteem and deep respect for this Christian Order and the principles and ideals for which it stands.

FEBRUARY TO BE BUSY MASONIC MONTH IN WASHINGTON

The Conference of Grand Masters and the Grand Secretaries' Conference the week of February 20, preceded by the February 18-20 meetings of the Allied Masonic Bodies, will bring hundreds of Masonic leaders to Washington, D.C., for seminars, reports, discussions and associated fraternal events next month.

William B. Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, who serves as Secretary-Treasurer for Masonic Week, has released the following schedule for the conference program which will take place at the Shoreham Hotel:

Sunday, February 20

Registration, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. — Grand Masters' Conference Tea and Reception, Palladian Room.

Monday, February 21

7:00 a.m. — Deputy Grand Masters' Breakfast, Palladian Room.

10:00 a.m. — George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association meeting, Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia Buses leave Shoreham promptly at 9:00 a.m. Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. at Memorial. Buses return to Hotel right after lunch.

2:00 p.m. — Masonic Service Association, 52nd Annual Meeting, Diplomat Room.

7:00 p.m. — Grand Secretaries' Dinner, Palladian Room.

Tuesday, February 22

7:30 a.m. — 8:45 a.m. — Frank S. Land Breakfast by Imperial Council of Shrine, Regency Ballroom. (Admission by ticket only.)

9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. — Grand Masters' Conference, Diplomat Room.

9:00 a.m. — Grand Secretaries' Conference, Tudor Room. Grand Secretaries' Luncheon at 12:30 p.m., Executive Room.

2:00 p.m. — Grand Secretaries' Conference continued, Tudor Room.

7:00 p.m. — Grand Masters' Banquet, Regency Ballroom. (Doors open, 6:30. Tables reserved until 6:55.)

Wednesday, February 23

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Grand Masters' Conference continued, Diplomat Room.

9:00 a.m. — Grand Secretaries' Conference continued, Tudor Room.

12:30 p.m. — Luncheon, Supreme Council 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, House of the Temple, 1733 16th Street, N.W. Transportation provided.

The Registration desk will be open in the East Main lobby of the Shoreham on Sunday, February 20, at noon, Monday, February 21, and Tuesday, February 22, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Information on meetings of the Allied Masonic Bodies, Friday to Sunday, February 18-20, at Hotel Washington, has been released by the Secretary of the Committee on Time and Place, Harold V. B. Voorhis. The complete schedule follows:

Friday, February 18, 1972

7:30 P.M. — Masonic Workshop — The Philalethes Society Eighteenth Meeting
William R. Denslow, President
Franklin J. Anderson, Secretary

Saturday, February 19, 1972

8:30 A.M. — Registration
9:30 A.M. — Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.
Fortieth Annual Convocation
M.I. John F. Zeitlow, Grand Chancellor
R.I. Herbert A. Fisher, Grand Registrar

10:30 A.M. — Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.
Thirty-ninth Communication
V. Alvin L. Crump, Sovereign Master
V.C. Clark Julius, Secretary

- 11:30 A.M. — Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
Fortieth Annual Communication
M.V. William J. J. Fleming, Sovereign Grand Master
R.V. Robert L. Grubb, Grand Secretary-Treasurer
Open for the receipt of the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports. All A.M.D. members are invited to attend.
- 12:30 P.M. — Luncheon (Dutch Treat)
- 2:00 P.M. — Installed Master's Council, A.M.D.
Thirty-ninth Annual Communication
M.V. Murray C. Alexander, Sovereign Master
R.V. Robert L. Grubb, Secretary
To confer the Installed Master's Degree on Masters of Councils present who have not been installed. All Installed Masters are invited to be present.
- 2:30 P.M. — Council of the Nine Muses, No. 13, A.M.D.
Thirty-ninth Annual Communication
M.V. William E. Yeager, Sovereign Master
M.V. Harold V. B. Voorhis, Permanent Secretary
All A.M.D. members are invited.
- 3:00 P.M. — Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons
Fifth Annual Meeting
V.E. Carl R. Greisen, Excellent Chief
V.E. Walter M. McCracken, Scribe
- 3:30 P.M. — Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.
M.E. Robert L. Grubb, Great Chief
V.E. J. Landis Randall, Grand Scribe
- 4:45 P.M. — Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
Triennial Convocation
M.V. Harold V. B. Voorhis, Supreme Magus
R.W. Frederic L. Pike, Secretary-General
- 6:00 P.M. — Annual Banquet, Allied Masonic Degrees
M.V. W. J. J. Fleming, presiding
All present for any of the meetings may secure tickets.
- 8:00 P.M. — Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees
Labor resumed: Committee reports, routine business, Election and Installation of Grand Officers, and closing.
- 10:00 P.M. — Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A.
Fifty-first Assembly
M.H. Henry Emmerson, Commander-General
V.H. Harold D. Elliott, II, Keeper of the Bath Records
- 11:00 P.M. — Ye Antient Order of Corks
Forty-sixth Cellar
M.W. William C. Reilly, Grand Bung for the Americas
R.W. Wilfred W. Minton, Provincial Grand Bung of U.S.A.
- Sunday, February 20, 1972
- 7:30 A.M. — Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honor
Breakfast in the Hotel
M.E. Arnold C. White, Grand Master General
M.E. Stanley W. Wakefield, Grand Registrar General
- 9:00 A.M. — The Society of Blue Friars
Fortieth Annual Consistory
M.I. Harold V. B. Voorhis, Grand Abbot
R.I. James D. Carter, Secretary-General
- 9:30 A.M. — The Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.
Fortieth Annual Ingathering
V.E. Welland S. Horn, Preceptor
R.E. George C. Moreland, Registrar
- 10:00 A.M. — The Grand College of America, H.R.A.K.T.P.
R.E. G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Preceptor
R.E. George C. Moreland, Grand Registrar

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The Illinois York Rite Pilgrimage, honoring Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, will take place April 29 in Medinah Temple, Chicago, with the presentation of "The Word," as authored by Myron K. Lingle and portrayed by a cast from Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Peale will be the speaker at the dinner following "The Word" for York Rite Masons and their ladies. A class of 500 is the committee's goal.

Centennial Cacheted Envelope

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, celebrating its 100th Anniversary, has prepared a cacheted envelope, red in color, consisting of the lettering "GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA," a replica of the Seal of the Grand Commandery and the years 1871-1971.

The envelopes have been franked with the 1971 religious Christmas Stamp and postmarked December 28, 1971. Two different postmarks are available: Alliance, Nebraska, home of Grand Commander Ehm J. Sorensen; and Omaha, location of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, sponsor of the project. Proceeds will go to the Fourth Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The envelopes are being offered at \$.50 each or \$1.00 for the set of two. Orders may be sent to Richard E. Peterson, c/o Grand Recorder, 401 Masonic Temple, Omaha, Nebraska 68102.

Grand Master Bell at Beauceant

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell has accepted the invitation of Mrs. Guy L. Page, Supreme Worthy President, to serve as banquet speaker for the Supreme Session of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, scheduled for the Sheridan Hotel, Dallas, Texas, October 2-6, 1972.

Mrs. Page, Weymouth, Massachusetts, was installed Supreme Worthy President in Los Angeles October 1, 1971.

Installing Team for DeMolay

Georgetown Commandery No. 4, Georgetown, Colorado, maintains an Installation Team for DeMolay Chapters. In 1971, the team installed the officers of Arvada Chapter and Golden Chapter of DeMolay.

Commander D. Sommers further notes: "We are proud of our Commandery. Total membership is only 64. However, consistently we will have 30 to 40% of our members in attendance."



Georgetown Installation Team, left to right, front row: Sir Knights Dickey, Metcalf, Allen, Sommers; second row, Sir Knights Shaffer, Caldwell, Young, Briebak, Cook; third row, Sir Knights Stott, Johnson, Kerr and Steele.

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Wisconsin Gets "The Word"

The synoptic York Rite drama, "The Word," will be the ritualistic vehicle for a Wisconsin festival at Madison April 15. Written by Sir Knight Myron K. Lingle, Past Grand Master of Illinois and Deputy of the Supreme Council, N.M.J., for Illinois, "The Word" will be presented by the original cast from Springfield, Illinois, and — says Coordinator George R. Hughey — "a selected group of Knights Templar from Wisconsin Commanderies."

Sir Knight Hughey announces that the one-time presentation has been sanctioned by the Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, and the presiding Grand Officers of Grand Chapter, Grand Council — and, via the Grand Encampment, by the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.

Ray Nitschke, famed Green Bay Packer, will be the class exemplar.

Eugene Assembly No. 198, S.O.O.B.



Officers of Eugene Assembly No. 198, Eugene, Oregon, installed December 20 are, left to right, Mrs. Ray E. Allen, Color Bearer; Mrs. Merle Frisbie, Treasurer; Mrs. Ronald Brown, Second Vice President; Mrs. Martin Real, Worthy President; Mrs. Howard Dauntless, First Vice President; Mrs. Floyd Angelo, Recorder; and Mrs. Henry Douda, Preceptress.

District O.E.S. Project

The Shriners Hospital in Chicago is the project of the Manistee (Michigan) District of the Order of the Eastern Star, comprising 18 O.E.S. Chapters.

The District President is Ruby Brill and the District Patron is Sir Knight Joseph Brill. Their particular effort is the collecting of washable toys and games for the young patients of the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Brill notes that contributions have been above expectations, "for which we extend our gratitude."

The gifts are to be acknowledged and the names of the donors announced at a session, open to the public, to be held the evening of May 10 at the United States Armory, Cadillac, Michigan.

Interstate Visitation

Grand Commander Austin P. Renn, Maryland, led a group of 10 Grand Commandery officers in the fourth annual interstate visit to Gethsemane Commandery No. 75, York, Pennsylvania, in October. The Grand Commander's party also included P.G.C.s Raider, Schaub and Warwick.

Frankfurt Honors Grand Master

Dan Harry Benney, Recorder-Secretary of the York Rite Bodies in Frankfurt, West Germany, has issued official notification that the three Frankfurt York Rite Bodies have voted Honorary Memberships to the M.E. Grand Master, G. Wilbur Bell.

All in the Family

A letter from P.G.C. Edward S. Pike, Vermont, relates the Pike family's long involvement with Vermont Templary.

"Unfortunately my father, Roger S. Pike, a Past Commander of Killington Commandery, died before I was 21 so I didn't have the opportunity of being associated with him in Knight Templar work. It was his sword, however, that I belted on when I became Commander in 1941. Previous to that I had worn the sword, replated, of a rather remote relative who was the second Commander of Killington Commandery. And, needless to say, it was my father's Past Commander's jewel which was pinned on my breast by a rather proud uncle when I became eligible to wear it.

"On June 16, 1962, it was my pleasure to confer the Order of the Temple on my own older son, Roger M. Pike, who, to his father's delight, went on to become Commander of Killington Commandery in April 1970 and to whom was given the honor of wearing his grandfather's sword, now inscribed with three names. And, again needless to say, it is his grandfather's Past Commander's jewel that is presently being made over for him.

"Of course there's a bit of a problem. While I was Grand Commander of Vermont I conferred the Order of the Temple on my younger son, Edward C. Pike, who is presently an officer of Killington Commandery and who carries the same sword as did I when I was first Knighted. What we're going to do about sword and jewel when he becomes a Past Commander hasn't yet been figured out.

"I have now served Killington as its Recorder for the last ten years. I took the job over from my uncle who was Recorder for nineteen years. He took it over from his father (my grandfather) who had been Recorder for forty years. How's that for keeping it in the family?"

50 Year Members Become Life Sponsors

Past Grand Commander Earle G. Helmick, West Virginia, reports that Sir Knight Richard Warren (pictured below with Mrs. Warren) received "his 55 year service award" in Calvary Commandery No. 3, Parkersburg, in 1971 and at the same time issued his check for Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

"Sir Knight Spencer Creel," writes Sir Knight Helmick, "was awarded a 50 year service pin, and he, too, issued his check in the amount of \$30.00 for Life Sponsorship."



Sir Knight Rickenbacker

One of the distinguished Templars receiving the *Knight Templar Magazine* monthly is Captain "Eddie" Rickenbacker, the World War I ace, now 81. Sir Knight Rickenbacker, who began his Masonic career in 1922, is a member of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, Michigan.

Among his honors are the Croix de Guerre with four palms, the Legion of Honor Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross with nine oak leaves and the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was coronated an Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason by the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in 1949.

Spotlight on the Constitution . . .

CAN WE HAVE A HAPPY REVOLUTION?

by
Sir Knight Ralph C. Dills
 California State Senator

At the 15th Annual United States Constitution Observance Dinner in the Masonic Temple, Gardena, California, last year, Sir Knight Ralph C. Dills, State Senator and Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Organization, addressed the joint gathering of four Masonic groups and their ladies on the provocative subject of a "happy revolution."

With the consent of Sir Knight Dills, the Knight Templar Magazine condensed his remarks for space consideration and earmarked the presentation for use in the issue for February, "Month of Presidents."

I believe all of us have seen bumper strips that read: Have a Happy Day! I propose another slogan for wide distribution and it is: HAVE A HAPPY REVOLUTION!

This play on words may bring a smile to your lips but let us recognize that, like it or not, the profound fact is, we are in the throes of a Revolution.

Not only are our people and groups being overwhelmed by the change wrought by technology but our products, communities, organizations — even our patterns of love and friendship are deeply affected.

Social processes are running wild, resisting our best efforts to guide them.

In this New Society that is developing since World War II, we have witnessed hydrogen bombs, intercontinental missiles and space travel, electronic data processing and automation, new agriculture, new drugs, new contraceptives, TV — and worldwide problems.

Every human institution is being changed — the family, the school, the church, the bank, the police, the city, the farm, the factory, business, tourism, the

army, the military-industrial complex and the nation-state.

The impact and extent of the changes can be comparable to ten Industrial Revolutions and Protestant Reformations packed into a single generation.

Young people today, as in the past, are impatient. To those of us who grew up when the burning issues were finding jobs and security in the system and helping to stop Hitler — these young people today say "Come on, get with it." The burning issues to them are the ills of the very system itself which we have built.

As a student, teacher and practitioner of government and history, I am convinced that our United States Constitution — with its latest 26th Amendment giving the right of franchise to 18 year old citizens — established the framework for freedom to make the necessary changes.

The competency of our Constitution to meet the crises of political revolution has been well demonstrated. The Declaration of Independence set the framework for our American colonies to join together in overcoming the government of Great Britain which was depriving them

of their lives, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Having won by war their political freedom, they found it necessary to cooperate to effect a national confederation by adopting the Articles of Confederation in 1781.

But the confederacy under these Articles became powerless to raise revenue, enforce treaties or enlist the individual action of the people. It was a League of States, not of people.

A more competent framework for freedom was called for. Yet the Constitutional Convention met "for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation."

Instead of revisions, the Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, in 87 working days from May 25th until September 17, 1787, drew up a document later called a "bundle of compromises." Only 38 of the 55 deputies who attended actually signed the National Constitution. But this viable document has withstood the ever-increasing intensified crises throughout the 184 years of our revolutionary history because it is a union of people, not just a league of states.

This Constitution has been described by the great British Prime Minister, Gladstone, as "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

Born of Revolution and tempered by time, experience and compromise it can still be the beacon light of direction for the passengers on the new ship of Revolution. By and under the Constitution it is possible for the American people to meet every challenge to our political, social and economic system. And we can do this without giving up precious and established values necessary to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and without "loss of self."

Contrary to the claim of the revolutionists, there has been a constant increase, not a decline, in democracy and liberty and power among the people.

By statute, by court interpretation, and by amendment to the Constitution more and more people are being given or guaranteed rights, privileges, powers and immunities unheard of in any other place or time in history.

That the young and the philosophers of the Revolution do not fully utilize these opportunities for change is not the fault of the framers of the Constitution nor of present-day governmental organization.

Much too often young people complain and demonstrate rather than confer and participate. Even before the granting of the 18 year old vote, in California less than 40% of persons 21 to 25 years of age even bothered to register to vote.

It is rewarding to note that in a recent California Special Senate election a substantially greater percentage of 18 year olds voted than did their elders. This is a good trend.

Our duty is to join forces with the Revolutionaries who wish to accomplish desired changes in a peaceful and constructive manner.

We can furnish the leadership under our beloved National Constitution to safeguard our freedom while moving toward a better America.

So, let's have a Happy Revolution, by becoming a part of it, and making it so. Let us lend our energy, dedication and helpful services in giving or taking directions. The sacrifice we make can reap rewards in finding our own real selves.

Dare we accept the challenge?

Dare we put our lives, our fortunes,

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and our sacred honor on the line as modern day Revolutionaries as did the signers of that Revolutionary document – the Declaration of Independence?

Do you know what happened to the signers? Do you know the suffering they endured? We will not now be required to do so if we “get with it.”

On the eve of the historic signing, John Adams of Massachusetts wrote his wife: “I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure it will cost us to maintain this Declaration.”

And cost it did! Five were captured and tortured to death by the British. Nine others fought and died from wounds or hardships in the war. Twelve had their homes pillaged and burned. Two lost their sons in battle. Remember, there were young among them for eighteen of the fifty-six were under age thirty. Yet not one of the fifty-six escaped abuse. All sacrificed dearly!

We will not be called upon now to sacrifice to such an extent unless we fail to participate and let the changes be made by violence and bloody revolution.

So, may we begin now to recognize the seriousness of the charges against our generation. May we spread this understanding of the present Revolution on to others. May we dedicate a substantial portion of our time, money and talent to effecting the necessary changes within the framework of our beloved National Constitution.

This 184 year old Constitution can supply us the tools of peaceful Revolution.

Let us be aware of the Revolution that is going on and rather than just witness it, be prepared to participate in meaningful activity to bring about a happy transition.

Let us with the loving help and guidance of the Great Architect of the Uni-

verse build a nation of love and peace and self-satisfying service out of this Happy Revolution!

Ralph C. Dills, whose leadership involves a wide range of civic and educational activities, is active in the York Rite, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He is a veteran jurist and serves as Treasurer and member of the Executive Board of Governors of the National Society of State Legislators. His office is at 5050 State Capital, Sacramento, California 95814.

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Loan Prints of Templar Film

Free loan prints of the 16 mm color-sound film, “The Cavalcade of Templary,” are now available for booking through the office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Chicago.

The film, 29 minutes in length, sketches the story of Templary from the time of the Crusades until the present. It is designed for Commandery showings and for presentation to audiences of all types, including non-Masonic groups.

To engage a print, write to the Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, at least three weeks in advance of the showing date. Specify two dates – first and second choices. Although no conflict difficulty is expected because of the number of available prints, list two dates in order of preference to avoid disappointment. Do not list a Post Office Box Number as a shipping address. Give your name, street address, city, state and zip code.

Modern Talking Picture Service, Chicago, will clean, inspect and repair each print as used, and will handle official confirmation of bookings and shipping of prints. Booking arrangements, however, must be made by writing: Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder, Suite 1733, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Grand Commanderies or others wishing to have permanent possession of a print can purchase one at \$225.00.

THE AGE MYTH OF "DESIDERATA"

In large numbers of publications, the thumbnail essay, "Desiderata," is published from time to time – usually with the erroneous age credit, "Found in old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Maryland, 1692." We of the Knight Templar Magazine are quite conscious of the mis-statement because we, too, back in January of 1970 ascribed the same source and year to "Desiderata."

Thanks to a number of our readers, we received information correcting the ancient age reference. One – Sir Knight Page R. Edmondson, Minneapolis – wrote at the time:

"The author was Max Ehrmann, and it was written in 1927. The Rev. Frederick Kates, rector of old St. Paul's Church in Baltimore, mimeographed it as an inspirational writing for his congregation. As was his custom, he included on the sheet the date of the founding of the church – 1692. "Telenews" (Northwestern Bell Telephone Company publication) printed 'Desiderata' in December 1969, together with the information about its origin."

Sir Knight Edmondson concluded his 1970 letter: "Whatever the date of writing, it is a beautiful and thoughtful essay, and I was happy to see it in Knight Templar." We agree with Sir Knight Edmondson's sentiment and herewith present again "Desiderata," as written in 1927.

P.C.R.

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexatious to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the Universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the Universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.



"WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL
and
PART UPON THE SQUARE"

A note of commendation to the Knight Templar Magazine for "the great amount of enjoyment" and information it "brings each month when it comes to my room" has been received from a two-term Past Commander who asks to be identified as "O.F.S." With his note, he enclosed the following poem, written "by Robert Morris. It is a poem I have had in my Masonic papers for a great many years. There is a great deal of sentiment in the poem, as I have copied a lot of them and given them to some of my Masonic friends."

We meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square;
What words sublimely beautiful those words Masonic are;
They fall like strains of melody upon the listening ears,
As they've sounded Hallelujahs to the world, three thousand years.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station brought;
The Monarch from his palace and the Laborer from his cot;
For the King must drop his dignity when knocking at our door,
And the Laborer is his equal as he walks the checkered floor.

We act upon the Plumb — 'tis our Master's great command,
We stand upright in virtue's way and lean to neither hand;
The All-Seeing eye that reads the heart will bear us witness true,
That we do always honor God and give each man his due.

We part upon the Square — for the world must have its due,
We mingle in the ranks of man, but keep the Secret true;
And the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
But we long, upon the Level, to renew the happy scene.

There's a world where all are equal — we are hurrying toward it fast,
We shall meet upon the Level there when the gates of death we pass;
We shall stand before the Orient and our Master will be there,
Our works to try, our lives to prove by His unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the Level there, but never thence depart;
There's a mansion bright and glorious, set for the pure in heart;
And an everlasting welcome from the Host rejoicing there,
Who in this world of sloth and sin, did part upon the Square.

Let us meet upon the Level, then, while laboring patient here,
Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor be severe;
Already in the Western sky the signs bid us prepare,
To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the Square.

Hands round, ye royal craftsmen, in the bright, fraternal chant;
We part upon the Square below to meet in Heaven again;
Each tie that has been broken here shall be cemented there,
And none be lost around the Throne who parted on the Square.

Submitted by O.F.S.



Adolph H. Roeper
 Missouri
 Grand Commander — 1956
 Born June 22, 1902
 Died August 23, 1971

Sam K. McBride
 Wyoming
 Grand Commander — 1948
 Born July 22, 1892
 Died December 17, 1971

G. Burton Long
 Massachusetts-Rhode Island
 Grand Commander — 1965
 Born July 29, 1906
 Died December 23, 1971

John C. Walton
 Arizona
 Grand Commander — 1969
 Born August 9, 1907
 Died December 31, 1971

A Thought
 from Sir Knight C. D. Bemus
 Flint, Michigan

I do not fear the road ahead
 we know all men must tread.
 Life is sweet beneath the sky —
 altho' in war I've seen men die.
 I now depart from this my home
 to join both friend and foe:
 To meet without the bitterness
 oft' existing here below,
 but with the Love that God
 intended men to know.

G. Burton Long, Past Grand Commander and well-known Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts-Rhode Island, died December 23 after a lengthy illness. Services were held December 28 at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was active in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation projects of his jurisdiction and, as Grand Recorder, served as Secretary-Treasurer of his Division's Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

Colin Barker Montis, a Past Grand Master of Masons in Ohio (1963-64), and Executive Secretary of the Supreme Council, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (Grottos), died of a heart attack New Year's Eve in Chicago. As Executive Secretary, he maintained his headquarters in Chicago at 100 East Ohio Street. Born February 3, 1904, he was a member of Oriental Commandery No. 12, Cleveland.

Word has been received of the death of Chester H. Newell, Grand Secretary-Recorder for the California York Rite Bodies from 1947 to 1969. Masonic Services were held in San Francisco December 20. Sir Knight Newell was a former Intendant General for California, Red Cross of Constantine.

A notice from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon tells of the December 31, 1971, death of Sir Knight Ernest W. Peterson, Grand Treasurer of the two Grand Bodies, at Salem, Oregon. Sir Knight Peterson was born March 11, 1892, in Panama, Nebraska.

VROOMAN'S VIEWS

by John Black Vrooman, P.C., Missouri

Is There a Connecting Link Between Ancient and Modern Templary?



Many zealous and well meaning members of our Order have been trying to trace a permanent and reliable connection, link and tie between the Ancient Order of Knights Templar and the present system of

Knighthood. But it just isn't that simple and there is great doubt that such a firm connection can ever be established.

Documented facts, proved events and historically authenticated evaluation of these facts are absolutely necessary before they become HISTORY — until then, they are myth and fiction, as legends that have been told our children through the Ages.

There have been several theories advanced about the events which followed the vivid and brutal suppression of the Ancient Templars by Philip the Fair and Clement V in 1314, and we must look with care at the many ideas which have been advanced as to what actually took place and what really happened after the dispersal of these valiant followers of DeMolay.

For more than six centuries Masonic historians have weighed the evidence of the fate of the Templars after DeMolay was executed and have failed to find any satisfactory answer.

There are six leading theories acceptable to historians:

1. That Secret Pories continued in England, and elsewhere, after the suppression.

2. That the Templars entered the Masons Guilds and preserved their rituals and activity in these groups.

3. That the Templars who entered the Order of Christ, preserved their ritual and eventually permitted it to become a part of Freemasonry.

4. That fugitive Templars, under John Marc Larmenius, with written authority from DeMolay, organized a Grand Priory, and became the Order of the Temple in France.

5. That fugitive Templars fled to Sweden, and under Pierre D'Aument organized a Grand Priory, and were eventually absorbed into Freemasonry as the *Rite of Strict Observance*.

6. Another rather far-fetched theory is that the Templars after the suppression fled to Scotland, where they supported Robert Bruce in his warfare and after the Battle of Bannockburn were created a special Knightly Order to be perpetuated as such.

Whatever the theories that have been suggested, the men who had been so closely associated for so long a time, would not sever these ties of blood, and consequently, sought to associate themselves more closely in as many ways as possible.

Whatever the fate of ancient Tem-

Eye Foundation Gift

To commemorate its 75th Anniversary, October 18, 1971, Mary Auxiliary Association attached to Mary Commandery No. 36, Philadelphia, presented a check for \$100.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The presentation was made by Mrs. Albert E. Martindale, Jr., President of the Association, and Mrs. John J. Fleming, Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Association. Among those attending the Anniversary celebration were Albert E. Martindale, Jr., Commander, and the other officers of Mary Commandery; from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Howard T. Scull, Jr., G.C.G.; Dallas F. Bullock, P.G.C.; G. Calvin Dyson, P.G.C.; George F. Held, Division Commander, Division No. 1; and also representatives of the six Commanderies of Division No. 1.

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plary, the conditions of association indicated beyond peradventure that they desired to remain together and work as a unit. But, on the other hand, to assume that Ancient Templary and Modern Templary are a continuation of and a projection of the same thing, is utterly impossible.

Recent research in Ireland and in Scotland, through records of Ancient Craft (Symbolic Freemasonry), leads me to believe that there may be, if it can be found, a link, through the *conferring of the Order under Craft auspices*, by which ancient and modern Templary can be, at least in a small way, brought together.

At the Stated Communication January 15 of the Missouri Grand Lodge, Sir Knight Vrooman was presented with the Grand Lodge 50 Year Membership Button — also with a 30 Year Service Plaque from the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

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Mansfield Commandery Medals

William C. Kimes, K.Y.C.H., Mansfield Commandery No. 21, Mansfield, Ohio, announces a small supply of Mansfield Commandery 100th Anniversary Medals of his own design are available to Templar collectors. He states: "This is a very limited issue and will be delivered on a first come, first served basis."



Nickel silver medals (1000 minted) are \$1.25. This medal is available on a keytag at \$1.50 or on a rhodium plated bracelet at \$2.25. Sterling silver medals, numbered to 100, are \$6.50. There is an additional charge of \$.25 for postage.

Checks are to be made payable to "Commandery Medals" and mailed to Sir Knight Kimes at Post Office Box 1194, Mansfield, Ohio 44903.

Two Intendants General Appointed

George M. Saunders, as Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, has announced the appointments of Idaho and Illinois Intendants General for the Order — L. Merton Dawald, St. Patrick's Conclave, Lewiston, and Dr. Albert G. Martin, St. John's Conclave, Chicago.

Sir Knight Dawald fills the position in Idaho formerly held by Harley A. Mathisen, whose death occurred in 1971. In Illinois Dr. Martin succeeds Myron K. Lingle, Springfield, who requested release from the office because of increased duties as Deputy for Illinois, Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and other Masonic commitments.

Grand Master at Shrine Events

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell was a guest of the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America at the East-West Shrine game the last day of 1971, viewed by millions on coast-to-coast television.

A Shrinetennial reception and banquet in honor of the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir C. Victor Thornton, Texas, was hosted by Islam Temple, San Francisco — Illustrious Dalmar G. Berglund, Potentate — December 30 at the Fairmont Hotel.

The printed program for the banquet listed these distinguished guests: Lester S. McElwain, Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii; G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A.; Henry C. Clausen, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; Gordon M. Pannell, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California; and Earl Warren, Chief Justice, Retired — Supreme Court of the United States.

The December 31 schedule included breakfasts at the Fairmont for Elective Divans and the Cabiri. Buses departed from the hotel for Candlestick Park at 10 a.m. Box lunches were provided at the game for officials and guests.

106 Years of Templary

Oshkosh Commandery No. 11, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, recognized two long-time Masons in November when Francis S. Lamb and George P. Nevitt received past-due 50-year certificates.

Sir Knight Lamb, who was Raised in 1913 and Knighted in 1915, is the son of the late Past Grand Commander Charles F. Lamb. Sir Knight Nevitt, Raised in 1916, was Knighted in 1921, became Oshkosh Commander in 1925 and Grand Commander of Wisconsin in 1934.

York Rite Festival in Fort Wayne

Plans for the York Rite Spring Festival in Fort Wayne, Indiana, call for the Chapter and Council degrees to be conferred March 18, with Brian L. Bex, "probably the youngest nationally read author in the nation," as the evening speaker.

The Orders of Templary will be conferred April 29, when the speaker will be Shirley Temple Black. Born in Santa Monica, California, April 23, 1928, Shirley Temple Black is presently deputy chairman of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Conference on Human Environment. She is active in civic and volunteer groups, including the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

According to advance releases, the March 18 ritualistic work will be presented as follows: Mark Master — Angola Chapter No. 58, Butler No. 106; Past Master — William Hacker No. 63, Garrett No. 129; Most Excellent Master — Defiance (Ohio) No. 89; Royal Arch — Fort Wayne No. 19 and No. 161. The Council degrees are to be conferred by Angola No. 27 and 83; Flint (Michigan) No. 56, with the Super Excellent by the Indianapolis Club.

The Order of the Red Cross on April 29 will be conferred by Bloomington Commandery No. 63; Order of Malta by Fort Wayne No. 4, and the Order of the Temple by the Grand Commandery officers of Michigan and Ohio, and St. Omer No. 59, Toledo, Ohio.

Sir Knight Buffalo Bill

A Templar of renown was the famous hunter, scout, guide, fighter and showman, Col. William F. Cody. Buffalo Bill was Knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 13, North Platte, Nebraska. He had received his Masonic degrees in Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, also in North Platte.

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation
Life Sponsor Applications Received
January 1, 1972**

Alabama	954	New Jersey	418
Alaska	43	New Mexico	209
Arizona	284	New York	1668
Arkansas	383	North Carolina	501
California	1671	North Dakota	123
Colorado	429	Ohio	2999
Connecticut	593	Oklahoma	363
Delaware	103	Oregon	330
District of Columbia	414	Pennsylvania	1885
Florida	1149	Philippines	148
Georgia	1023	South Carolina	304
Hawaii	60	South Dakota	238
Idaho	156	Tennessee	1180
Illinois	994	Texas	5465
Indiana	879	Utah	173
Iowa	373	Vermont	155
Kansas	444	Virginia	1608
Kentucky	742	Washington	256
Louisiana	471	West Virginia	445
Maine	214	Wisconsin	950
Maryland	873	Wyoming	158
Massachusetts & Rhode Island	2591	Canada	11
Michigan	1785	Canal Zone	82
Minnesota	201	Germany	49
Mississippi	376	Japan	162
Missouri	542	Mexico	5
Montana	268	New Zealand	1
Nebraska	322	Saudia Arabia	185
Nevada	148	Scotland	2
New Hampshire	136	Total	38,694

Easy and Helpful

It's easy to become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Temple Eye Foundation. Ask your Recorder for an Application Form. The cost is \$30.00. You are exempt from yearly assessment and the interest from your \$30.00 continues to provide annual income for the humanitarian work of the Foundation.

A POETIC THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule.
For this great nation, under God
Finds public mention of him odd.

Any prayer a class recites
Now violates the Bill of Rights.
Any time my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Teach us of stars or pole and equator
But make no mention of their Creator.
Tell of exports in Denmark and Sweden
But not one word on what Eve did in Eden.

The law is specific, the law is precise
Praying out loud is no longer nice.
Praying aloud in a public hall
Upsets believers in nothing at all.

In silence alone can we meditate
And if God should get the credit, great.
This rule, however, has a gimmick in it:
You've got to be finished in less than a minute.

So all I ask is a minute of quiet
If I feel like praying, then maybe I'll try it.
If not, O Lord, this plea I make:
Should I die in school, my soul you'll take.

(With credit to Paul Benzaquin, associated at the time of composition with radio station WEEI, Boston)

Two York Rite Components To Hold Combined Triennials

Las Vegas, Nevada
September 24-27, '72

Among the 1972 highlights will be the combined Triennial Convocation of Royal Arch Masons and the Triennial Assembly of Royal and Select Masons, two of the three York Rite components, in Las Vegas in September.

Templary, ranking York Rite Order, will hold its sovereign Triennial Sessions one year later - August 11-16, 1973 - in Chicago.

January Department Conferences

The Northwestern Department Conference for 1972 was conducted January 15-16 at Spokane, Washington, with Dr. Paul W. Sweet, Jr., Department Commander presiding. The official representatives of the Grand Encampment were Roy W. Riegle, Deputy Grand Master, and Paul C. Rodenhauer, Grand Recorder.

Department workshop sessions are scheduled annually to relay updated program information from the Grand Encampment to the dais officers, Grand Commanderies within the area — in this instance, the Grand Commanderies of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Subjects range from Membership promotion to Religious Activities, statistical reports from the central office, and Grand Encampment publications and projects generally. Simultaneously with the Templar workshop meetings, the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council hold separate sessions, with all three groups having a combined meeting the second morning of the conference. Closing Spokane speakers were General Grand High Priest Calvin A. Behle and Sir Knight Riegle.

The General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International is represented in the Northwestern area by Herbert G. Fitz, Idaho; Edward J. Skibby, Montana, is the representative of the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S.M., International.

Birmingham, Alabama, January 21-22, was the time-and-place for the second January Conference, with Stephen B. Dimond as Templar presiding officer and national participants including Past Grand Master John L. Crofts, Sr., and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer.

Sir Knight Dimond's counterparts for the General Grand Chapter and General

Little Johnny Spell

Ira L. Aldridge, Douglas, Georgia — Senior Warden of Gethsemane Commandery No. 20 — is "thankful to my God that I can be a part of a Christian organization such as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation."

The local newspaper tells the story of Little Johnny Spell, the Douglas baby who was blind at birth but can now see. It's the case that makes Sir Knight Aldridge proud of his membership. The baby's mother, Mrs. Deborah McNab Spell, is quoted by the paper in part:

"Please let me thank the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and all Sir Knights belonging to this Christian organization. My little baby boy was born blind. I began asking if anyone knew who could assist us. I thank God that He guided me to a neighbor who referred me to her father, Ira L. Aldridge, Sr., for help through the Masons. . . . A transplant of the cornea in the left eye was a success and today my son, Johnny, can see a small pin or needle on the carpet. Please let me once again thank my God, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and all others for help."

Grand Council in the Southeastern area are James E. Moseley, Georgia, and Milton L. Fegenbush, Alabama. Jurisdictions include: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

The East Central will be the next 1972 Conference, at Lexington, Kentucky, March 11-12. Ned E. Dull is Department Commander; General Grand Chapter and Grand Council representatives are Stuart M. Rutter and William H. Harmon. The three Grand Bodies have established Conference patterns — from noon Friday until noon Saturday, or from noon Saturday to Sunday noon.

The Story of a Loan

Back in 1931, and again in 1932, the Kansas Division of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation made loans totalling \$600 to a young man in college. Shortly after graduation, he suffered mental illness and was cared for in two Kansas state hospitals until 1959, when he was able to secure menial employment.

Grand Recorder Charles S. McGinness (currently also Grand High Priest of the Kansas Grand Chapter R.A.M.) tells the story:

"On May 30, 1935, his note had a principal balance of \$589.71. In 1959 he began making payments, some as low as \$5.00. By March of 1968, the balance was down to \$179.71. He continued periodic payments and the last \$5.00 was received January of 1969.

"All payments had been credited to principal; nothing in interest charges had been received or requested, because of his continuing illness and apparent determination to handle his obligation.

"Sir Knight Ralph B. Mitchell, of the Kansas Division, marked the note paid-in-full, wrote the now-aging gentleman a

letter of appreciation and mentioned, in passing, that if he ever felt like paying something on the interest it would be utilized for a student loan.

"Nothing was heard until September 1971. Then Sir Knight Mitchell received a letter and a check for \$500."

The letter reads in part:

"I thank you and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas for your courteous patience through the years following my ambition and hopes of forty years past. There seems no need to relate my story because every student and past student has one and through the years you have heard much of mine." (The letter then explains that the \$500 check enclosed was the insurance check received after an accident in April 1971 when he had the flesh torn from his hand.) "Again, I wish to thank you. I will not forget. . .and will continue believing that everyone has duties with equal rights."

Grand Recorder McGinness says: "No one before put the computers to work in figuring 40 years of interest, but there's now one big star high up in the record book — because of the Kansan Who Remembered."

EXTRACT FROM A MASONIC SONG

Sir Knight George W. Hervey, Virginia, provides this verse with the observation that the author intended it to be sung to an old Scottish tune, "Shawn-boy."

Ye powers who preside o'er the wind and the tide,
 Who marked each element's border;
 Who formed this frame with beneficent aim,
 Whose sovereign statute is order; —
 Within this dear mansion, may wayward Contention
 Or withered Envy ne'er enter;
 May secrecy round be the mystical bound,
 And brotherly Love be the centre!

Robert Burns (1786)

CHAMBER OF REFLECTION

The following are quotes from a sermon delivered in May of 1934 at the 112th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Virginia by Sir Knight and Dr. Henry W. Battle, as reported in the Daily Progress of Charlottesville at the time:

“Knights Templarhood requires that the candidate for its revelations, its sublime visions, and personal fellowship, shall experience a season of solemn meditation, alone with an open Bible and the symbol of mortality and soul-cleansing, before he is deemed fit.

“The age is desperately in need of a Chamber of Reflection . . . For lack of it, the note of Reverence is fading out of the music of life, and when that is gone the melody will be gone — all will be gone.

“Deep in the world’s heart there is spontaneous applause for the man brave enough to commune in solitude and silence with things of time and eternity . . . The greatest experiences of life are found in the awe and hush of solitude. ‘He leadeth me beside the still waters.’ ‘Be still and know that I am God.’ ”

