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SEPTEMBER: The Tomb of Hiram, King of Tyre, is identified with Masonic symbolism and with a great era of world history. When the peoples began to gather 4,000 years ago in what is now Lebanon, they called themselves Cananites; the Greeks called them Phoenicians. They settled the great coastal city-states of Tyre and Sidon – a region visited by Jesus. Tyre, center of commerce in the ancient world, was an island fortress – "Queen of the Waters." The Lebanon coastline is a living record of biblical events and lives, also of the Crusades and the Knights of the Temple.
A Need and a Challenge...

TO TURN DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

General Order No. 10 is now in distribution to introduce the 5th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Although the period for fund-raising activities and benefit events does not start until January 1, 1973, now is the time to prepare. Now is the time to name Grand Commandery, Constituent and Subordinate chairmen. Now is the time to lay the groundwork for a tremendous and concentrated three months of unified effort and participation starting the beginning of next year.

The Grand Encampment committee will again be headed by Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, and will include Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser. The committee’s preparatory work has already begun. Soon every Commandery will receive guidelines, promotion leaflets, report forms and other supporting materials from the Grand Encampment office in Chicago.

This is no ordinary campaign. First of all, it is a campaign for Commandery fund-raising events, not for solicitation of Templar contributions. Second, it is a campaign that must bring in more than $300,000 if the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is to continue its humanitarian work at the present assessment figure.

It is a matter of mathematics. To handle the casework, we must go beyond the $300,000 mark during the 5th Voluntary Campaign from January 1 through March 31, 1973.

I think we can do it. I think you want to do it. Set up thorough plans now, then make the beginning of the New Year a gala campaign kickoff. Remember — activities! The emphasis is 100% on Commandery projects — shared projects — not contributions. All moneys reported will count for Commandery credit EXCEPT Wills, Bequests and Memorials.

There will be especially designed plaques for each Commandery that realized a per capita average of $2.00 or more from its benefit events — also for the top three Grand Commanderies and the top producing Subordinate Commandery.

I hope to have the pleasure of presenting these recognitions to your Commanderies next August at the 52nd Triennial Conclave in Chicago.

S. William Bell
A member of Muskogee Commandery No. 2, Muskogee, Oklahoma, has been elected to the highest honor in his Church.

Sir Knight and Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr., pastor of the Boston Avenue United Methodist Church of Tulsa, one of the five largest Methodist Churches in the world, was elected at Houston, Texas, by the College of Bishops in the United Methodist Church and was appointed to preside over the Louisiana Conference, with headquarters in New Orleans.

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Editor’s Note: Grand Recorder F. M. Lombard, Oklahoma, wrote he was present and assisted in conferring the Templar Orders on Dr. Crutchfield. Dr. Crutchfield is a Past Grand Prelate of Oklahoma.

There is a movement begun, I have heard, of trying to place John Philip Sousa in the Hall of Fame along with Foster and McDowell. A Raymond Dvorak of the University of Wisconsin is spear-heading the drive.

I am wondering if some Sir Knights could aid or assist in serving what I deem to be a worthy cause. I would like to see that great musical genius of Marches in the Hall of Fame and wondered if a concentrated effort by Sir Knights — by petition or whatever — would be effective in putting Sousa there. I would like to see Masonic bodies help spear-head such.

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In my capacity as Past Commander of Heidelberg Commandery No. 2, Germany, I visited Walther Graf Von Speten Commandery, U.D., in Nurnberg, Germany, on July 1, 1972.

The Sir Knights, under the able leadership of Eminent Commander Rudi Hofer, conferred the Orders upon four candidates in a most efficient and impressive manner. They exhibited their usual wonderful enthusiastic spirit within the York Rite and I can vouch that we have a very active group off Companions and Sir Knights in Nurnberg, worthy of the trust reposed in them by issuing them a dispensation.

I am writing this unsolicited letter so that credit may be given where credit is due.

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I read the article on Sir Knight Paul Revere with much interest and would like to see more articles on early history of our country and the parts played by the members of Masonry.

How about the Stars and Stripes? I remember the story of the woman that sewed the parts together, but was there some meeting or get-together when the design was planned; were there any Masonic members who helped to plan the colors?

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Editor’s Note: The World Almanac says facts of the history of the flag are obscured by myth and legend. The story of the Betsy Ross flag, which legend says was initiated by a committee headed by Brother George Washington, has not been documented.
The item on page 23 of the current Knight Templar Magazine could have been done in one day if Miss Harrison had contacted Brother William Mercer Hollis, S.G.I.G. for Florida, 2320 Jonila Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33803. He could have set up a contact with the Supreme Council in Amity, S.J. The writer has for years carried a letter of introduction to any of these Councils when traveling in foreign lands.

I have been in the Southern Jurisdiction, as a member of the Valley of Norfolk, Virginia, for over 54 years. It seems to be a universal problem — members don’t know what is expected of them visiting Lodges other than their own. There is a lot more to Masonry than just being able to give the Ritual but don’t think so.

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I read with interest the story about the young lady and the DeMolay plaque in Paris.

There is a more expanded version of how the plaque was presented and dedicated. It was not placed on the Pont Neuf by the Parisiennes. The plaque was presented by the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, Kansas City, Missouri, and dedicated by the DeMolay 50 Year Club in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Order of DeMolay.

In July 1969 a group of about 500 DeMolays, their Advisors and members of the Supreme Council staff left the United States on three chartered aircraft from Kansas City, Chicago and Boston. The group met in Paris, where the plaque was already placed. The President of the Paris City Council unveiled it in a blinding rain storm. The group was invited to the City Hall where the Mayor of Paris received and greeted them. The following day 12 bus loads of excited and happy people left Paris for a wonderful two-week adventure ending in Rome. We travelled through France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Luxembourg, Lichtenstein and Italy.

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I am a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 15, Memphis, Tennessee. For the past two years I have been the coach of the Memphis Mustangs girls softball team. This year my team won the A.S.A. “B” League City Championship of which I am quite proud. I would like to continue the team in 1973 but the cost of insurance and park fees has risen so much we may not have sufficient funds.

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I have been a reader of the Knight Templar Magazine for a good many years. Have been a Knight Templar for over 50 years. Also a Past Commander since 1935. Age — 90 years. Am also a local sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

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Filming Session

Grand Master Bell, with a member of the WGN Productions film crew in view, is shown during preparations for filming of the Grand Master’s introduction to the two patriotic films now available for free advance booking from the Grand Encampment — one on the background of the Declaration of Independence and the other recreating the ride of Sir Knight Paul Revere. (Bookings are limited.)
MILFS FOR COMMANDERY USE

Free-loan 16mm color-sound films available for future bookings from the Grand Encampment include:

THE CAVALCADE OF TEMPLARY –

A 29 minute review of the background of Templary, from the time of the Crusades to the present. Professionally filmed for the Grand Encampment, 15 prints have been made available for bookings. Designed for Templars, Masons, ladies, the general public. Good for new or potential candidates.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE COLONIES –

This 20 minute film, purchased from the Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation, is available only in a single print. Therefore, bookings are limited. Includes brief filmed introduction by Grand Master Bell. Designed to provide patriotic programming for Commanderies especially as 200th Anniversary of the U.S.A. approaches.

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE –

Another single film from Encyclopaedia Britannica with an opening greeting from the Grand Master. Reviews in 11 minutes the situation in the colonies in the spring of 1775. Recreates the events that occurred on the night of April 18. Good pre-200th Birthday programming.

Arrangements for free individual bookings can be made by writing as far in advance as possible to the Grand Recorder listing at least two preferences of showing dates for any one of the films desired. No cost except return postage. Between showings films are inspected, cleaned, repaired if necessary – and shipped – by Modern Talking Picture Service. Bookings, however, must be arranged by writing (early!) to:

The Grand Recorder
14 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1733
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Templars Host DeMolays for Film

Each Sir Knight of Hospitaller Commandery No. 31, Jacksonville, Illinois, was requested to invite and bring a DeMolay to the showing of the Grand Encampment film, “The Cavalcade of Templary,” August 8. Seventy-nine – 43 Templars and 36 DeMolays were present for the buffet preceding the film. Sir Knight Edward Dale Crowcroft was Master of Ceremonies.

Sir Knight William Dean Jarrett, General Chairman, explained the Templar and DeMolay roles within the Masonic family after which the film was shown. Commander Russell B. Cosner and Master Councilor Dennis Doyle made brief remarks. The benediction was given by former Grand Prelate Ernest N. Armstrong.

Certificates Are “All”

Expressed in phraseology usually ascribed to the Pennsylvania Dutch, the Templar Membership Certificates are “all” – or, in other words, “all gone.”

The Membership Certificates were illustrated and described in the July Knight Templar Magazine. Favorable acceptance was anticipated, but the immediate response was far above expectations.

A new and larger supply has been ordered. The engraving and printing procedures require until the middle of the current month for completion. The new stock will be ready for distribution September 18. At that time all orders currently on hand at the Grand Encampment office – and any new requests – will be filled promptly.

The Membership Patents or Certificates from the Grand Encampment are available through Recorders only – Grand, Constituent, Subordinate. The charge to Recorders is 20 cents each in quantities of 100 or more; 18 cents each in lesser amounts.

Recorders may order from the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604. (Checks payable to Grand Encampment.)

KEEP TEMPLARY ON THE GROW!
HIRAM, KING OF TYRE

based on an article by
Elmer T. Kemper

Sir Knight Elmer T. Kemper, Sterling Commandery No. 47, Sterling, Kansas, and now a resident of Phoenix, Arizona, sent the cover picture to the Knight Templar Magazine. It was made from a slide Sir Knight Kemper bought on a tour of the Holy Land several years ago. He also included a short article on Hiram’s role in the building of the Temple.

Hiram, King of Tyre, was what we would probably call the “prime contractor” for Solomon’s Temple. He supplied the skilled artisans and materials used in the building. The Israelites were an agricultural people whereas the men of Tyre were skilled artisans in woodworking, stone masonry and the molding and casting of metals.

A contemporary and friend of both David and Solomon, Hiram supplied the “cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons” to build David a house (II Samuel 5:11.) Forty years later, Solomon requested assistance from Hiram to build the Temple.

Hiram supplied the cedars as well as the workmen for the building in the Temple. In return, Solomon sent Hiram wheat and oil from Israel. When the Temple was completed, Solomon gave Hiram 20 towns in Galilee. Hiram was quite disappointed in these towns. This incident appears in the Sixth Degree of the Scottish Rite.

According to Masonic tradition, Hiram was the Grand Master of all Freemasons. When he visited Solomon prior to the consecration of the Temple, he found Solomon had been inspired by God “above all mortal men” and yielded his pre-eminence to Solomon. He is supposed to have acted as Senior Warden when the mythical Master’s Lodge was held in the Temple.

Hiram is also referred to as the “pillar of strength” as “by his power and wealth he assisted the great undertaking” (of constructing the Temple.)

Tradition states Hiram visited Solomon many times to consult on the symbolism of the Word. He gave his daughter in marriage to Solomon. Tyrian mariners taught Jewish sailors how to bring gold from India to beautify the Temple.

Hiram was King of the City-State of Tyre in Phoenecia, now known as Lebanon, for 34 years. Located about 15 miles from the present Israeli border, Tyre was an important maritime seaport for several centuries. Tyrian sailors went as far as Great Britian and brought the royal purple dye to Rome. Near Tyre today is the tomb which is pointed out as that of Hiram, King of Tyre.

“Truth or Consequences”

Historians of old say that both Hiram of Tyre and Solomon were fond of proposing enigmas to each other for solution. Supposedly Solomon first sent some to Hiram who, being unable to solve them, paid a large amount of money in forfeit. He in turn propounded a number to Solomon. When the latter was unable to answer them, he paid Hiram a larger forfeit than he had earlier received from the Tyrian King. History does not name the ultimate winner in the exchange of riddles.
50th Anniversary of Rainbow

The Supreme Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, marked the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Order by the Rev. W. Mark Sexson during the 1972 Sessions held July 25-27 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Agnes McLeod, Wichita, Kansas, is Supreme Worthy Advisor. Miss Niki Kyle, Phoenix, Arizona, served as Acting Supreme Worthy Advisor.

Prior to the official start of the Assembly, on July 22, ceremonies were held at the Rainbow Temple, McAlester, dedicating a "fountain of living water" and unveiling a large bronze bust of Rev. Sexson in front of the Temple.

G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., was the speaker for the banquet July 25. Over 6,000 were registered in attendance from throughout the United States and 12 foreign countries.

Several gifts were presented for the Library and Trophy room at the Rainbow Temple during the Sessions. Among them was a plaque engraved with a prayer written by an astronaut on Christmas Eve on the moon.

The Session officially closed July 27 with the Investiture Ceremony of the Grand Cross of Color, highest honor which the Supreme Assembly can confer.

National Anthem Anniversary

September marks the anniversary of the writing of the words of "The Star Spangled Banner." Francis Scott Key composed the verses September 14, 1814.

A Check from Sheri

Sheri Hengen, Junior Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow Girls of Mississippi, presents a check for $2,815.00 to Grady Barnhill, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Representative in Mississippi, at Grand Assembly. Sheri, whose Eye Foundation goal was exceeded by $815, is the daughter of P.G.C. and Mrs. Louis Hengen, Biloxi.

Job's Daughters Meet

The 52nd Annual Supreme Guardian Council, International Order of Job's Daughters, met in Anaheim, California, August 2-5, Mrs. Zelma McCauley, Los Angeles, Supreme Guardian, presiding.

Masonic leaders on hand were the Grand Master of California Masons, Lester McElwain, and the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, Mrs. May Mickelson of Wyoming. Anaheim Mayor Jack Dutten welcomed the girls.

Supreme Guardian Mrs. McCauley presented a check in amount of $7,839.25 to Raymond Phoebus, Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, for the Shrine Hospitals as her charity for the year.

Miss Annetta Stumpf, Glen Burnie, Maryland, was elected Supreme Guardian and will preside over next year's session in Baltimore, tentatively scheduled for the first week in August.
The senior members of Grand Encampment were invited to tell the readers of the Knight Templar Magazine what they had done in the years since they served as Grand Commander of their respective Grand Commanderies. Some are now incapacitated by age or infirmity and wrote just a few lines, others were modestly reticent or forgetful in listing their activities. Some are familiar names to Grand Encampment and thus more information was available.

The senior member of the Grand Encampment is Sir Knight Nelson C. Bledsoe who served as Grand Commander of Arizona 59 years ago in 1913. Dr. Bledsoe is “96 years young” and still active in Masonic circles. He is a member of Bisbee Commandery No. 4 and, of course, holds 50 year memberships in his Lodge and York Rite Bodies. Presently he is Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Arizona, Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, and its Grand Chamberlain.

A retired pharmacist, Sir Knight Rendle remains interested in the activities of the local Masonic bodies altho he is unable to actively participate due to a hearing loss and vision impairment. This fall he has been invited to confer the Order of the Temple on a candidate and hopes to be able to do so. During his year (1923) as Grand Commander he had “the honor and pleasure of Knighting a large number of candidates.”

“My experience as a member of the various Masonic bodies has been a most rewarding one for it has enriched my life,” he wrote.

Past Grand Commander Mudgett, North Carolina, now resides in Delray Beach, Florida. Partial paralysis has precluded my taking part in the activities of the Knights Templar Constituent Commanderies” for the last eight years. However, he expresses a continuing interest in Templary and the problems it now faces, particularly
membership and lack of attendance.

Sir Knight F. Ward DeKlyn and Sir Knight Henry P. Glinde man served as Grand Commanders of their respective Grand Commanderies in 1924.

Prior to his election to head Connecticut's Templars, Sir Knight DeKlyn served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and Grand Master of the Grand Council. His biography in the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut for 1924 described him as a man who was not content with a title or an office but rather one who worked hard for Masonry. He received the Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., in 1948.

Active in civic affairs, Sir Knight DeKlyn served as a member of the Danbury Common Council and the Danbury Board of Education. He is now in a nursing home where he will celebrate his 87th birthday next month.

No information is available on Sir Knight Henry P. Glinde man, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Idaho in 1924. He is listed as living at 730 Foster Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

In 1925 Perry L. Blackshear was Grand Commander of Georgia. His biographer described him as "the man who does things the pessimist says can't be done." He continues to try to attend "special events" of his Commandery, "particularly if they occur during the daytime hours." A retired dental supplies dealer, he has written an historical booklet on his profession and a book on the genealogy of his family, active in colonial Georgia. He now is "working at the subject of horticulture."

"I give grateful credit to my experiences with men and morals, to the years I devoted to Masonry. No better garden exists for the young man to grow in favor with God and man."

The dean of Florida Past Grand Commanders is George A. Dame, Grand Commander in 1926. His health is good for a man of 90 but he is unable to walk without the aid of a walker. He was a doctor for many years and his two sons are now in the field of public health. During World War I, Dr. Dame was Director of Health Service for the Florida State Board of Health.

Past Grand Commander George O. Linkletter of New York is inactive due to illness which struck him a few years after he was Grand Commander in 1927. Prior to his illness he was interested in the various Masonic organizations and held several offices.

Chester G. Taylor, Grand Commander of Idaho in 1928, has been a Templar for 66 years. He was active in Weiser Commandery No. 7 until the last few years when health has prevented participation. "The Knights Templar have always been
an important and inspirational factor in my 66 years of membership," he wrote.

Past Grand Commander Leslie H. Swan has served as Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oklahoma since serving as Grand Commander in 1929. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge 51 years ago, for which he was honored in August 1971. He has been an Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J., since 1929.

He continues active in his York and Scottish Rite bodies, Shrine and with Masonic youth groups. He is Intendant General Emeritus of Oklahoma, Red Cross of Constantine.

In 1930 Joseph A. E. Ivey served as Grand Commander of Arizona. He learned pharmacy as a young man and received Arizona license No. 423 which he still holds. Last year the Board gave him a life-time license. He is retired.

Sir Knight Ivey prematurely petitioned King Solomon Lodge No. 5, but had to wait until he was 21. Shortly thereafter he was Raised and eventually served as Grand Master. He is also a Past Grand High Priest and a Past Grand Master of Council and has served as Grand Recorder of both bodies. He is former Intendant General of Arizona, Red Cross of Constantine. P.G.C. Ivey is no longer able to attend Commandery functions due to poor health.

Sir Knight Percy W. Doles, Montana, also served as Grand Commander in 1930. He will celebrate his 92nd birthday in November but he is still active in DeMolay Commandery No. 15, Havre. He also serves on the Committee on Work of the Grand Lodge and the Committee on Finance of the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

Since 1930 he has served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and of the Council of Royal and Select Masters. A Templar for 62 years, he was influential in organizing and served on the first official staff of DeMolay, Rainbow and Job’s Daughters in Havre. He is now retired after 44 years with the Great Northern Railway (now the Burlington Northern) where he was Trainmaster and Chief Dispatcher.

David L. Griffith was Grand Commander of Tennessee in 1930. At the age of 94 (95 in December) he is still able to attend Commandery “on special occasions, such as inspections.” Following his year as Grand Commander, he served the Grand Encampment in several capacities: Grand Warder, 1931-34; Triennial Committee, 1940-43; Finance Committee, 1943-61. He is Intendant General Emeritus of Tennessee, Red Cross of Constantine, and is an Honorary 33°,
A.A.S.R., S.J.

"Being a Mason has been, next to my church, a major factor in my life. As has been said by others, it is not what I have done for Masonry but what it has done for me that counts. I am fortunate I can still have some small part in this wonderful work," wrote the 60 year Templar.

The "junior" members of this select group of Templars are William B. Wanner, Nebraska, and C. Byron Lear, New Jersey. They served as Grand Commanders in 1932.

Sir Knight Wanner, who describes himself as "an 80-year old Bum," is still quite active. He attends all the meetings of his local Lodge, York Rite and Eastern Star bodies and, less frequently due to distance, the Scottish Rite and K.C.C.H. This spring he attended his 50th Annual Conclave. He is also a Past Grand Master of Nebraska Masons and a Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star.

Each month P.G.C. Wanner writes the Nebraska Supplement for the Knight Templar Magazine. He has written the 100 year histories of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery as well as writing the Grand Lodge Review for the past 25 years. For 18 years he wrote the Review for the Grand Council. As a writer he knows the value of brevity and thus his short and to the point comment on Masonry: "I like it."

Last, but certainly not least, is C. Byron Lear, known to most readers as the Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Lear was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1934 and elected Grand Junior Warden in 1937, progressing in order until 1949 when the press of business forced him to decline the nomination for Deputy Grand Master.

He is still an active member, occasionally representing the Grand Master at Annual Conclaves and as a Trustee of the Permanent Fund. Sir Knight Lear installed Grand Masters DeLamater and Brucker and served as Installing Marshal for Grand Masters Crofts and Bell. He served as General Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee of the Grand Encampment for the June 18, 1966, celebration held in New York. He is Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

The senior members of Grand Encampment were invited to comment on Templary over the years and to give any advice they had for modern Templars. Some of their "words of wisdom" follow.

"Too many candidates do not thereafter appear regularly at our Conclaves to fully grasp the beautiful lessons of this Order together with those of other Masonic bodies."

"For some unknown reason York Rite Masonry during the last several years slumped. Lately there has been an upsurge, perhaps due to the Eye Foundation."

"Our ranks continue to be thinned at a time when we desperately need added manpower to carry the Templar movement into the closing years of the 20th Century. More Sir Knights in more Commanderies (must) begin again, as once was done, to transmit the Templar story intelligently and with enthusiasm to eligible members of our honored Craft. Enthusiasm or the lack of it will spell the difference between success or defeat. We definitely lack enthusiasts in sufficient numbers, apparently, and until we face
50 Years a Commandery Officer

Honorary Past Commander Bruce L. Peters, Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Lakewood, Ohio, was installed as an officer of the Commandery last June for the 50th consecutive year, 43 years as Recorder, prior to that seven years as Treasurer. A Charter member of his Commandery, a 50-year member of his local York and Scottish Rite bodies and Al Koran Temple of the Shrine, he is an Honorary 33°, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

... SENIOR P.G.C.s

that fact we need no actuary to foretell our future.”

“Templary now has a greater role to play than ever in the past, and today it has the tools, knowledge and dedication to make itself a force for Masonic revitalization.”

Appreciation for assistance in the compilation of biographical information is expressed to the Supplement Editors, Grand Recorders, Grand Commanders and others who devoted time and effort in tracing some of the background details.

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Old Living Freemasons

The Masonic Service Association, Conrad Hahm, Executive Secretary, has released its 38th compilation of the Oldest Living Freemasons in point of membership. First five on the 1972 list, with date each became a Master Mason, are:

WILLIAM E. CRONK, February 3, 1891
SAMUEL M. BENNETT, January 11, 1892
GEORGE L. ROBERTS, March 7, 1892
MYRON W. STICKNEY, September 25, 1893
FOSTER GAVIN, December 16, 1893

Brother Cronk, originally a member of Diamond Lodge No. 555, Dobbs Ferry, New York, is now a member of Rising Star No. 450, Yonkers.

Sir Knight Bennett, first a member of Cohutta Lodge No. 64, Cohutta, Georgia, now has membership in Arlington No. 438, Arlington, Texas. He is a member of San Antonio Commandery No. 7, San Antonio, Texas.

Sir Knight Roberts has his membership in Temple Lodge No. 248, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. He is a member of Northern Commandery No. 16, Towanda.

Brother Stickney, fourth on the list, maintains his membership in Pleasant River Lodge No. 163, Brownville, Maine.

Brother Gavin is a member of Russellville Lodge No. 371, Russellville, Alabama.

Youngest on the list of 218 Oldest Living Freemasons in point of membership is Frank E. Royce, Fraternity Lodge No. 262, Ann Arbor, Michigan, who became a Master Mason December 27, 1902. Sir Knight Royce’s Templar membership is in Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13.

Old Friends

We get the sweetest comfort
When we wear the oldest shoe.

We love the old friends better
Than we’ll ever love the new.
52nd TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.
August 11-16, 1973       Chicago, Illinois

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell will preside over the 52nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in Chicago, August 11-16, 1973, with the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois as host for the national gathering.

The famed Conrad Hilton, 700 South Michigan Avenue, will be the headquarters hotel, scene of the business sessions and many of the special events. Some features have been planned for the new McCormick Place on the Lake Front at 23rd Street.

The Triennial Conclave Corporation for the Grand Commandery of Illinois is headed by Charles E. Bostick, P.G.C., President; Vice President is John E. Cook, Deputy Grand Commander; Grand Recorder Lyle R. Melvin serves as Secretary-Treasurer. Other Grand Commandery of Illinois members of the corporation are Grand Master Bell; Sir Knights Alvin L. Crump, P.G.C.; J. Emerson Miller, Grand Commander, and Murray S. Stillwaugh, P.G.C.

The General Committee for the 52nd Triennial Conclave will have Clare B. Lang, P.C., St. Bernard Commandery, and Phillip S. Makin, P.C., Apollo No. 1, as Co-Chairmen. Sub-committees are being formed by Sir Knights Lang and Makin. First to be named was the Chairman of the Committee on Housing.

Gerald G. Sanderson, Chicago Commandery No. 19, is the Housing Chairman. He is Executive Vice President of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau. All requests for reservations or information regarding the Conrad Hilton, headquarters hotel, are to be directed to Sir Knight Sanderson.

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The respective committees will prepare and distribute Triennial program and registration material in the near future. Currently, the tentative program includes Drill Team Competition Saturday morning and afternoon, August 11 — Detroit Drill Team Exhibition and Shower of Stars entertainment Saturday evening, all at McCormick Place.

A divine service and a special luncheon are planned for McCormick Place starting at approximately 10:45 a.m., ending at approximately 1 p.m., Sunday, the 12th. A reception for the Grand Master will be held in the Conrad Hilton Grand Ballroom Sunday evening.

Sessions in the Grand Ballroom will start Monday morning, the 13th, concluding with installation of officers Thursday noon, August 16. An exemplification of “The Word,” the synoptic ritualistic drama by Myron K. Lingle, is planned for Tuesday evening at Arie
Present at Both Deposits

Among those present at the 1972 Great Smokies Cryptic Assembly deposit at Waynesville, North Carolina, July 9-11 were three Sir Knights who were also present when the first deposit was made July 5, 1937. They were: C. Ellwood Smyrki, Maryland, Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S.M., International; John B. Phelps, Florida, also a Past General Grand Master; and Harold V. B. Voorhis, New Jersey, well known Masonic authority and Past General Grand Steward of the General Grand Council.

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1973 K.T. TRIENNIAL

Crown Theatre, McCormick Place, with the Springfield (Illinois) cast. The Grand Master’s Banquet will be the Wednesday evening highlight.

Special entertainment, state dinners, breakfasts, luncheons and other events are in the planning stage according to the committee.

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Triennial Sessions at Las Vegas

September 24-27 are the dates at Las Vegas, Nevada, for, respectively, the 55th and 31st Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, International.

G. Calvin Behle, Utah, will preside over the General Grand Chapter sessions as General Grand High Priest. General Grand Master of the General Grand Council is Verne W. Mokler, Idaho.

Advance registrations begin Friday, the 22nd, at the Hotel Sahara headquarters and continue through Tuesday, the 26th. First official event will be the religious service at 5:45 p.m. Sunday. The Mutual Guild Dinner and General Grand Chapter workshops also are scheduled Sunday evening. Sessions, convocations, state and regional dinners, luncheons and breakfasts, ladies events, tours and other Triennial features will continue through Thursday, September 28.

General Chairman is Alger R. Bourne; Co-chairmen are Robert L. Karnes and John Padgett. Walter R. Martini is Secretary; Ralph Steiner, Treasurer.

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R.C.C., Division of New Guinea

Knight Templar word from Rabaul, New Guinea, tells of a Red Cross of Constantine appointment by the Grand Sovereign of the English Constitution.

He has designated the Territory of Papua, New Guinea, as an independent Division of New Guinea. G. G. Bailes, Rabaul, PNG., has been appointed the first Intendant General of the new Division. Sir Knight Bailes returned to New Guinea late in July after an extended stay in Australia “visiting Masonic bodies.”
Earle Combs to College Post

Sir Knight Earle B. Combs, Past Commander, Richmond Commandery No. 19, Kentucky, has been named Chairman of the Board of Regents of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. He replaces Sir Knight Lyman V. Ginger, Webb No. 1, Lexington, who was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction for Kentucky. Sir Knight Combs is the former New York Yankees outfielder and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame who was featured in the February 1971 issue of the Knight Templar Magazine.

Arizona Grand York Rite Sessions

October 22-25 are the dates for the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arizona and the Annual Sessions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The Annual York Rite Banquet is scheduled Tuesday, October 24. Sessions will be held in the Scottish Rite Temple, Tucson. Arizona Supplement Editor B. Kendall Pitkin writes that the complete schedule will appear in the Arizona Supplement to the Knight Templar Magazine in the October issue.

Other September and October Annual Conclaves of Grand Commanderies, some in connection with Grand Chapters and Councils, include:

September
2nd: Illinois, Rockton
8th: Colorado, Canon City
8th-10th: Massachusetts-R.I., Boston
9th: Wyoming, Cheyenne
10th-11th: Kentucky, Louisville
10th-12th: South Dakota, Aberdeen
15th-17th: New York, Kerhonkson

October
1st: New Hampshire, Manchester
3rd: Minnesota, Minneapolis
7th: New Hampshire, Manchester
7th-9th: Ohio, Cincinnati

Bike to Braille Institute

Sir Knight Humbert Lamb, Long Beach Commandery No. 40, California, bought a tandem bike for himself and his wife. Then he read that the Orange County branch of the Braille Institute planned to hold a Bike-a-thon for their students. He contacted the Eye Foundation Committee of his Commandery and arranged to donate the bike in the name of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Sir Knight Lamb presents tandem bike to Shirley Grove, Manager of the Braille Institute.

Porky and Pancake

A successful 1971 Porky and Pancake Tent at the Kenosha County Fair, Wisconsin, induced the Past Commanders and Commanders of District No. 3, Southeast Wisconsin, to arrange a second annual fund raising event August 9-14 of 1972.

Profits from the food booth went to the 1975 Annual Conclave Fund when the District's John Earl Davis, by elective succession, will be Grand Commander.
99 Years and One Week

A Masonic birthday luncheon is planned September 23, at the Union League Club, Chicago, for Sir Knight Edward J. Bullock, Siloam Commandery No. 54, Oak Park, Illinois, whose 99th birthday anniversary arrives one week earlier — September 16, a day he will observe with his family.

Sir Knight Bullock, active in Templary and other branches of Masonry, is the dean of Past Grand Sovereigns of Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, having served in 1947.

The September 23 luncheon arrangements are being made by St. John’s Conclave, Chicago, George D. Reese is the current Sovereign.

New Location for Dr. Carter

Henry C. Clausen, 33°, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, has announced the transfer of the Supreme Council’s Grand Historian, Dr. James D. Carter, to the Scottish Rite Temple, Dallas, Texas. His office address is now P.O. Box 15197, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Reception for Blackwell

Murphysboro Council No. 49, R & S.M., Illinois, plans a reception for the newly-elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois, Richard L. Blackwell, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Carbondale. Dinner reservations may be made with J. S. Isom, 9 South 18th Street, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966.

Charter Member’s Grandson

Sir Knight Melbourne Florence, Commander of Cynthiana Commandery No. 16, Cynthiana, Kentucky, presents 50-year card to Past Commander Harold Poindexter in the presence of Past Commander Carroll M. Curtis, Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky. The occasion was the 100th Anniversary of Cynthiana Commandery. Sir Knight Poindexter is a grandson of a Charter member of Cynthiana. (Photo by Cynthiana Democrat relayed by Sir Knight Morrison L. Cooke, D.G.C., Kentucky Editor.)

One Good Turner Deserves Another

Ola E. Turner, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Osceola Commandery No. 32, Osceola, Arkansas; son Stanley E. Turner, Richland, Indiana, and grandson Charles W. Turner, Evansville, Indiana, (home of Henry C. Struby, new Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America) received special “three generation” recognition at Hadi Temple, Evansville, when Charles, was initiated as a Shriner.

The Cape Girardeau newspaper gave coverage to the Indiana recognition, complete with a snapshot of the three Turner Nobles. The newspaper noted that “Ola Turner and his wife have been residents of Cape Girardeau for many years and the children of the couple were reared in the city. Mr. Turner is a member of Sahara Shrine, Pine Bluff.”
Social Order of the Beauceant

The Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant will be in session October 2-6 in Dallas, Texas, with Mrs. Guy L. Page, Supreme Worthy President, presiding. Mrs. Page's home is in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

The Supreme Recorder of the Supreme Assembly is Mrs. E. Loy Knoske, 365 Kenmore Avenue, S.E., Warren, Ohio 44483.

Among the Templar guests attending will be the Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., G. Wilbur Bell, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Bell.

The Social Order of the Beauceant is an organization whose membership is limited to the wives and widows of Knights Templar. It was founded in Denver, Colorado, February 20, 1890. The name is derived from the ancient Knights Templar banner.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has been the principal philanthropy of the Beauceant since 1958.

160th Annual Meeting

The 160th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General "of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America" takes place in Boston, Massachusetts, September 21-28 with the Statler Hilton Hotel as headquarters. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction includes the 15 northeastern and midwestern states.

The General Sessions will be held in John Hancock Hall with Illustrious Brother George A. Newbury, 33rd, Sovereign Grand Commander, presiding. The 1972 Sessions will feature the triennial election of the organization's officers and the conferral of the 33rd upon 204 Scottish Rite Masons nominated to receive the honor at last year's meeting in Philadelphia.

The Supreme Council general session will close Thursday noon, September 28. The Royal Order of Scotland has scheduled a meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday for the conferral of the Degrees, followed by a banquet. Marvin E. Fowler is Provincial Grand Master.

Hostelry Addition

St. Quentin Conclave, Garden City, will co-host with St. Paul's Conclave, New York City, the 101st Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council Red Cross of Constantine, June 1-2, 1973. Robert W. Cauldwell, Knight Grand Cross, is Grand Sovereign of the Order.

Among the Regional Assemblies to be held during the current year are the Western, under the direction of Intendant General Irvin S. Gress, at San Diego, California, September 22-24, and the Northeastern, chaired by Past Grand Sovereign William R. Burchfield, at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, October 20-22.

$50,000 for Eye Foundation

Grand Commander Ewart Roberts presented a check for the Eye Foundation in amount of $50,000.00 to Deputy Grand Master Roy W. Riegle during the Pennsylvania Annual Conclave last May. The check was given as a bequest in the will of the widow of a Sir Knight of Lincoln Commandery No. 91, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, during Sir Knight Roberts' 1971-1972 term as Grand Commander.
Remember your Obligations...

PROMISES, PROMISES

by
The Rev. Richard Hewitt
Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of California

For some little time a specific point has returned over and over to my mind. As a matter of fact, it has occupied my attention for quite awhile, not only in the field of Freemasonry but in my profession as a minister as well. It's my firm conviction that we in the various Masonic bodies simply cannot stress this point often enough or strongly enough.

The point I wish to emphasize is the obligation each of us have taken, first in Blue lodge and later in the York Rite. We're familiar with the obligations as they are administered; we observe the position the candidates for our work are in at the moment; we notice the circumstances of that portion of the work.

Now, my Brother Knights, I ask you to go back in memory to the time when you took your obligations and recall those events as clearly as you can. What position were you in at the moment? Where were your hands placed — and why? What were the words you repeated? Who was the guiding Light and Spirit of that portion of the ceremony? Did you hear — really hear — the words of the obligation? Did the significance of the moment penetrate deeply into your mind? Were you aware — then or since — that you were making a solemn promise to adhere to a specific way and manner of living?

All of us realize quite well that it's one thing to know and repeat words; it's something else to know what those words really mean; it's a completely different matter to put that meaning into action in our daily lives. To ignore this thought is to separate our Masonic teachings from the conduct of our daily living and, if we do this, we miss out completely on the great worth and usefulness of those teachings.

Often I wonder how deeply the provisions of our obligations have sunk into our minds. I'm reminded of the minister who gave his first sermon in his new church. He was duly congratulated by the congregation on the excellence of his discourse; the following Sunday they were all set to hear more of his dynamic words. But what they heard was a repeat of the previous Sunday's sermon. There were a few raised eyebrows but they politely congratulated him nonetheless. The third Sunday — the same sermon. This went on for some six weeks when finally one of the church trustees took the minister aside and said to him: "Reverend, your words are dynamic and hard-hitting, but I'm sure you have other sermons in your file. Isn't it about time you preached us a new one?" The minister replied: "Mr. Perkins, I do have many more sermons and I'll gladly preach another — when I feel the congregation has gotten the point of my first one."

What do you suppose the originators of the various forms of our ritual had in mind when they developed them? Was it simply to evolve a complex and mysterious form of ceremony — of a sort merely to challenge and intrigue and pique the curious who, once they'd learned them, lost all further interest? Did they seek to produce a form of mystery teaching so involved that but few men would take the time and have the patience to try to
ferret out its real meaning?

I doubt it. It's my feeling that they sought to develop a set of rules for Masons to live by and illustrated them by allegory and parable, after the example of Jesus of Nazareth.

There isn't one of us who doesn't hopefully look forward to some form of betterment in the circumstances of living. In our Masonic rules for life can be found succinct instructions for achieving this. Not one person now living is completely, entirely and fully satisfied with things as they now are. Anyone who says he is has come down to a complete stop. He's like the man who, after twenty-five years with one company in one position of some responsibility, finally woke to the fact that he was going nowhere and he decided to do something about it. He went to his supervisor and put in a bid for a promotion, with a pay increase. "After all," he said, "I've had twenty-five years experience with the company." The supervisor replied - a trifle sadly: "You haven't had twenty-five years experience. You've had one experience for twenty-five years."

How many of us have had just one experience in our obligations then failed to go further to probe into the depths of Freemasonry and what it can offer us? Whether or not we're aware of it, we have a great need to dig deeply into the work of our several Masonic bodies, absorbing as much as our minds will take; then personally identifying ourselves with it - in other words, putting ourselves individually right in the middle of it and seeking to realize that it is meant specifically for us. Only in this fashion will its revelations come alive for us; only thus will they find a place in the events of our daily existence.

How much of the legend of Hiram do you recall? Do you see it merely as a legend, to be listened to and observed with pleasure then forgotten when you leave Lodge? You York Ritters, do you recall the Degrees of the Chapter and the Council, the Orders of the Commandery? Are they to you stories, parables, allegories, legends - with no foundation in fact and no relation to our modern world of today? Do you see them simply as the portrayal of mythical events of a long gone past? If you do - and I'm purposely being blunt, like the two-by-four against the mule's head - if you do, you've practically wasted your time, your initiation fees and your dues.

Try to envision yourself as the personification of Hiram undergoing the experiences he met - as an actual pilgrim encountering the experiences related in the Order of the Temple. Could you meet those experiences with equal courage and fortitude and carry them through to a similar ending?

It is my prayer that the deep significance of our Degrees and Orders will continually grow in our hearts and minds, that all our words and actions will ever reveal the great sweep and compelling influence of our basic tenets. I also pray that Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth will be our constant watchwords, that we will always be ready to give alms to the truly needy, that we will feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Thus we will heed and bring to life the words of that Blessed One under Whose banner we are enlisted - words so plain and yet so fraught with meaning: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Sir Knight Hewitt, Sacramento Commandery No. 2, resides at 1318 H Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

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Quote of the Month

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The above, currently in limited quantity, can be ordered — with check made payable to the Grand Encampment — from the Grand Recorder, Suite 1733, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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Another free booklet from the Grand Encampment is the KNIGHT TEMPLAR MEMORIAL SERVICE, prepared by the Committee on Religious Activities in the 1964-1967 Triennium.

"The Gift of Sight"

The Administrative Office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, P.O. Box 191, Rhinebeck, New York 12572, announces the distribution of new envelope "stuffers" prepared by the Foundation’s national Committee on Wills and Contributions.

The leaflets, containing a brief treatment of the need and procedure for bequests, have been mailed in quantity to each Commandery, according to Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M. He, with the Grand Master, requests each Recorder to distribute the pamphlets to his membership.

Clinton's Ditch

The dominant role of Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton in the planning and building of the Erie Canal will be the theme of a special feature written for the October Knight Templar Magazine by Warren H. Deck, P.G.C., New York, a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Public Relations.

DeWitt Clinton was elected first Grand Master of the Grand Encampment ("General" Grand Encampment in those days) when it was formed in 1816.
ANNUAL MEETING K.T. EYE FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Sponsorship of the Fifth Voluntary Campaign for benefit events and fund-raising activities was one of the decisions at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23, at the Palmer House, Chicago.

A review of the expenses of growing casework by the Foundation indicated a need for a substantial increase in annual income. The Trustees in unanimously adopting plans for the Voluntary Activities Campaign — January 1 thru March 31, 1973 — noted that more than $300,000 would be needed if the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was to continue its humanitarian work at the present assessment rate to Templars.

Charles S. McIntyre, P.G.C., Michigan, although prevented from attendance, announced from his Monroe, Michigan, office after his appointment as chairman of the campaign that the complete emphasis was upon fund raising projects rather than upon contribution solicitation.

"The committee of Sir Knights DeLamater and Rodenhauser join with me to urge benefit events of all types which are Masonically acceptable, and on a far larger scale than ever before," he stated. "We direct the attention of Commanderies to such events as musicals, theatre presentations, special speakers, testimonial dinners, in fact, everything from pancake breakfasts to circus attractions.

"Properly organized fund raising programs give the members of a Commandery the opportunity to unite in a worthwhile project-program. These efforts help to unite the members in a common cause, also to acquaint the members and the public with the work performed by the Eye Foundation and, at the same time, raise much needed funds."

During the two-day review of the July 1, 1971-June 30, 1972, operations and plans for the current year, a $25,000 grant was made to the Institute of Ophthalmology of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City for continued research in the field of artificial corneas and one for $15,000 was made to the University of Pittsburgh, Eye and Ear Hospital, Department of Ophthalmology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master, as President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, presided for the sessions. Deputy Grand Master Roy W. Riegle, by virtue of his office, is First Vice President. The Grand Encampment's Treasurer, Edmund F. Ball, serves in a dual capacity as Treasurer of the Foundation.

Re-elected for 1972-73 were: P.G.M. Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director, with the Rev. Howard T. Joslyn as Assistant; E. Guy Frizzell, Second Vice President, and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser, Secretary. Willard M. Avery, Grand Generalissimo, was appointed General Counsel.

Pictured at Meeting of Trustees

Grand Master and President G. Wilbur Bell listens to a discussion point with Deputy Grand Master and First Vice President Roy W. Riegle.

Past Grand Masters John L. Crofts, Sr., and Walter A. Delamater, left and third from left, chat with Trustees Howard T. Joslyn and John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Captain General.

Left above, Trustees Alvin L. Crump, Illinois, and Harold S. Gorman, Nevada. Above, Grand Generalissimo Willard M. Avery with Second Vice President E. Guy Frizzell, Tennessee. To the left, Trustees George W. Sorrell, Alabama; Gorman and Treasurer Edmund F. Ball.

General view of Knights Templar Eye Foundation Trustees as they assembled for the Annual Meeting July 22-23 in Chicago.
Harvest Time in Kansas

A statewide York Rite Festival has been scheduled at the Masonic Temple, Topeka, Kansas, September 15-16, with September 11 as the deadline for relaying candidates' names and registrations to the chairman, James E. Zimmerman, 1329 Kellam Street, Topeka 66616.

Festival activities begin with a Festival Supper at 6:30 Friday the 15th, followed by the conferral of the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

Breakfast is at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, the 16th, with the Royal Arch and the Degrees of Council from 8:00 to noon. Lunch will be followed by the Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta and, with conferral by the Grand Commandery officers, the Order of the Temple. A dinner at 6:30 Saturday closes the festival.

Struby York Rite Class

A one day York Rite festival October 7 in Evansville, Indiana, will be named the Henry B. Struby Class in honor of the new Imperial Potentate of the Shrine whose home is in Evansville.

A cast from Illinois will present Myron K. Lingle's "The Word." Webb Commandery No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky, will confer the Order of Malta and the "Crusaders" of Wisconsin will confer the Order of the Temple. Sir Knight Harland Sanders, of Kentucky chicken fame, will be a special guest.

A banquet will follow the festival. Entertainment will be provided for the ladies throughout the day. Reservations, at $7.50 for men and $6.50 for ladies, should be sent, no later than October 1, to James R. Pearson, 2016 Bellemesead Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714.

Carl Sorensen Summer Class in Nevada

The 1972 York Rite Reno, Nevada, Festival June 17 and 24 honored Carl Sorensen, Grand High Priest in 1944-45 and Grand Commander in 1948-49. Climax was the Knighting of 28 candidates pictured with Sir Knight Sorensen, center, above. Sir Knight Ralph H. Emerson, reporting on the Nevada class, writes that Kerak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and Potentate Jack Pangborn hosted a buffet hotel lunch for the Commandery and class members prior to the Order of the Temple conferral.
Templary in 1689?

A BIT OF TEMPLAR LEGEND

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

In his two volume Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Arthur Edward Waite, the English Masonic historian and mystic, has an interesting article on the subject of the Viscount Dundee which, if taken as true, will carry evidence of an Order of Knights Templar back to the year 1689 and to Scotland.

It has been said that the well known French historian and theologian Don Calmet has lent the authority of his name to three important statements: (1) that John Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee, was Grand Master of the Order of the Templars in Scotland; (2) that when he fell at Killiecrankie on July 27, 1689, he wore the Grand Cross of the Order; (3) that his cross was given to Calmet by the brother of the Viscount.

If this story is true we are brought at once into the presence of a Templar survival or restoration which owes nothing to the dreams of the Chevalier Ramsay, nothing to the passion for High Grades in Masonry and nothing — so far as we can determine — to Masonry itself, whether operative or speculative.

We know evidence is lacking for the alleged perpetuation of the Ancient Order of Knights Templar after the death of Grand Master Jacques de Molay in 1314 and no one has been able to explain how Templary became a part of Freemasonry.

The legend of such perpetuation and connection bear all the traces of manufacture. These legends are, of course, long after the tragedy of Killiecrankie and it has been common practice of Masonic writers in the past to say the hypothesis of the survival was invented by Ramsay, who also manufactured the Templar grade. Waite says both statements are untrue.

It is curious that such a legend should have arisen in connection with Masonry and, if it originated around 1740 or later, there is no question it was prompted by Ramsay’s Oration. But if a Grand Cross of the Temple was actually found on the body of Viscount Dundee it is certain that the Order of the Temple had survived or was revived in 1689. It may have been quite informal, apart from all rigid organization, but a way may have come thereafter when Scottish Masonry may have joined up with the Templar vestige by the simple fact the Templars became Masons or vice versa. Similar theories have been advanced in connection with another Masonic organization, related to Robert Bruce and the battle of Bannockburn, after the death of DeMolay.

The foregoing is presented to show some of the legends that endeavor to supply the missing link between the Ancient Order of the Temple and the modern Order.

And while mention has been made of the Grand Cross of the Temple, it is of interest to note that in Scotland in 1880 the Soldiery of the Temple was divided into three grades: Knights Companions, Knights Commanders and Knights Grand
Centennial for Franklin No. 23

Franklin Commandery No. 23, Indiana, celebrated its centennial July 8 with a banquet in the Masonic Temple. Forest L. Mock, Grand Commander of Indiana, and Willard M. Avery, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, were among those present.

The Commandery was formed in Franklin by 32 Sir Knights March 4, 1872, and received its Charter April 30 of that year. Six of the Commandery’s eleven 50-year members were on hand. Prior to the program Grand Commander Mock presented the Commandery with a plaque for having achieved the highest percentage membership gain in Indiana during the previous year. Harry E. Kemp is the Commander of Franklin No. 23.

August 26 Dedication

With Illustrious Brother Henry C. Clausen, 33°, as banquet speaker and Grand Master of North Dakota Masons, M.W. Dr. James F. Woodward, as the August 26 dedicatory speaker, the new Masonic Temple at Fargo, North Dakota, was the center of summer attention among Masons of North Dakota.

Dedication arrangements were handled by members of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, which is headed by Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen. Edward J. Franta, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Dakota. Also an active participant in the event was Past Grand Master of North Dakota Masons Otto Haakenstad.

Old Dominion Anniversary

The 100th Anniversary of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, Virginia, will be celebrated December 12, 1972, according to tentative plans announced by Anniversary Chairman Oliver Lloyd Onion, Springfield, Virginia.

Grand Master Bell is expected to be the Anniversary banquet speaker.

Sir Knight Cain Honored

Sir Knight K. Malcolm Cain, Plains Commandery No. 11, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is the recipient of the John Campanius Holm Award, highest weather service recognition one can obtain, for his work in the field of meteorological observations for 21 years. The Award was presented to Sir Knight Cain in a Jaycee sponsored banquet in Clinton.

WYLIE B. WENDT

Cross.

Writing in his accustomed manner without references, John Yarker states all Templar Encampments of the eighteenth century in England, Ireland and Scotland had a grade of Templar Priests but that it has since been abandoned. He claimed the year 1686 as the year of revival of this grade, thus antedating the Calmet story of Viscount Dundee by three years.

The Priestly Order of the Temple is at present an active Masonic body in this country, working under the name of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and confers three ranks or decorations – Knight Priest, Knight Commander and Knight Grand Commander – which compare, in a way, with the three grades or decorations of the Scottish Knights Templar.

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Sir Knight William McKinley
Born January 29, 1843

William McKinley, 25th President, a member of Canton Commandery No. 38, Canton, Ohio, died September 14, 1901. He was succeeded by another Masonic President, Theodore Roosevelt.

The Proceedings of the 25th Annual Convention of the Supreme Grand Cross of Constantine, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 16, 1901 – just two days after the death of the President – carried a memorial page devoted to William McKinley.

Notification of the death of Lionel L. Lemarie, Grand Recorder Emeritus, Louisiana, has been received from Sir Knight A. A. Chidsey, Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Lemarie died the afternoon of August 7. Private funeral services were held August 9. He was born August 8, 1894.

Sir Knight Wallace L. Davis, a Past Commander of Allen Commandery No. 20, Allentown, Pennsylvania, died May 19 of this year. He was the author of a number of research articles featured in the Knight Templar Magazine. Published posthumously was "The Order of Malta" in the August issue. Another article by the late Sir Knight Davis has been scheduled in the October magazine.

96th Birthday for Templar

Sir Knight Roy I. Burtner, P.C., Lorraine Commandery No. 87, Butler, Pennsylvania, celebrated his 96th birthday with a party in the Butler VA hospital where he resides. The party was sponsored by volunteer groups in the hospital headed by William B. Brown, Portersville, M.S.A. Representative in the hospital.

"Representatives of several of the Masonic Bodies were present in recognition of the fact that Burtner has been an active Mason for nearly 70 years, having been initiated in Butler Lodge No. 272, F. & A.M., October 22, 1903," wrote the Butler Eagle in its July 17 edition. Among those present was Lynn C. Burtner, Junior Past Commander of Lorraine, a nephew of Sir Knight Burtner.

Spanish American War veteran Burtner, front, is surrounded by Masonic well wishers at his 96th birthday party. From left, William B. Brown, M.S.A. Representative; Lewis R. Hogan, M.S.A. volunteer; Harry M. Hayes, Past Master and Secretary, Butler Lodge; Mack E. Murphy representing the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh; and nephew Lynn C. Burtner, P.C., Lorraine Commandery.

Pictorial 4th of July Memory

Participating in the Eveleth, Minnesota, 4th of July parade was Grand Commander Donald W. Jarvi. Flanking the parade car in which Grand Commander and Mrs. Jarvi are seated are: Aubrey Mitchell, Sword Bearer; Phillip J. McFaul, Junior Warden; Theodore Hill, Grand Prelate, and Charles Stell, Senior Warden.
DON'T FORGET
GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

The 64th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be held at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 8th, 1972. L. E. Armstrong, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

The 20th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters will be held at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 7th, 1972. William F. Smith, M.I. Grand Master, presiding.

The 85th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming will be held at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 9th, 1972. R.E. Glenn W. Hill, Grand Commander, will preside.

A DUTY OF EVERY MASON

If every member of each Masonic Body should attend each and every Lodge Meeting our Temple Lodge rooms would not be large enough to accommodate them; however, we do not have this problem. Some members enjoy attending the Lodge meetings, taking part in initiating new members, working on committees, being Lodge Officers etc., while other members do not enjoy these activities. Can we as active members of various Lodges truthfully say that all the non-active members are “Poor-Members”? I for one cannot agree with this.

Most of our members who do not attend our Lodge meetings or take part in the Lodge work still do much for the good of Masonry. How? By being the type of men they are: good men, men who thought enough of our Masonic Fraternity to join us, and be one of us, men who are active in their community, in their State and in their Country affairs. Men who live in accordance with the teachings of Masonry, men who wear their Masonic Badges with pride and who make it a point to let all know that they are Masons.

When we say in talking about getting new members “WE WANT QUALITY AND NOT QUANTITY” how are we really thinking about these men? Men who are not active in the Lodge work but are doing their share for the good of Masonry in other ways?

I think that when we think of our members in terms of being an asset to our Fraternity we must look well beyond the Lodge Room.

Now, there is one think that I think should be the unequivocal duty of every Mason; that is that each and every Mason should assume the duty of getting at least two (2) new members for each of the Masonic Bodies of which he is a member. One new member to replace himself when he “Passes On” and one new member to help the Lodge to grow.

This duty should be discussed at intervals in our Lodge Rooms and at other convenient times. Also each new member should be told that it is his duty as a Mason to get two new members during the remainder of his life; and that this duty should be accomplished as soon as possible.

Is this asking too much of our members? Just 2 new members during his lifetime. If we would all as Masons adopt this duty our Masonic Fraternity would grow and grow.

Editor.
York Rite Masonry in Buffalo

York Rite Masonry in Buffalo, Wyoming, this year has somehow had a wonderful recovery or revival. For three years we have had no candidates for the Chapter or the Commandery; then this year we have taken in seven candidates through the Chapter, seven through the Commandery and seven through the Council.

It seems to me that Masonry does run in streaks or cycles as we have had several candidates take the Blue Lodge work this year and still some names coming in. At times it has been very discouraging when we have from twenty to forty brothers in attendance at our meetings and no candidates. Also when we think back to around 1938; and think of the large numbers of Blue Lodge candidates initiated between then and 1961. During this period we had a gain of Blue Lodge Masons from 23 to 577 each year; then from 1961 to 1971 we have had a consistent loss in Blue Lodge Membership. All this effects our York Rite Membership.

It is my understanding that many of our Blue Lodges and York Rite Bodies have taken in more new members this year than they have in several years. This makes me think that we are now starting on an upward turn in Masonry.

In the York Rite Initiations at Buffalo this year we have tried to stress quickness in getting the candidates through the Degrees and not take several months in doing it. I am sure the candidates appreciate this. For a while we had a special session every week and got the candidates through the Chapter in one Month; and then through the Commandery in another month. Then the Sheridan Council No. 3 Degree teams came to Buffalo and conferred the Council Degrees on our seven candidates. I think that in order to keep the interest of our candidates we should confer all the York Rite Degrees on them in no longer than 2½ months.

Regarding our Grand York Rite: It seems to me that we can do much more regarding York Rite Unity. There are so many things of vital interest to all the York Rite Masons in Wyoming that need to be discussed by all three Bodies. I think that when we have our Grand Officers meetings in Casper we should first have a 45 minute joint meeting of all the three Bodies. We could here discuss the problems pertaining to all three Bodies without coming to any conclusions at this time. This would give the Officers of each Body a knowledge of the things that pertain to all the Bodies, that need the attention of all three Bodies.

After the joint meeting we could hold separate meetings and take care of all the things the Top Officer of each Body had listed etc. that pertained to that Body alone and also discuss the things that were brought in the joint meeting that pertained to all three Bodies.

Then after the separate meetings we should again have another 45 minute joint meeting where we can consolidate our thinking on the problems that pertain to all three Bodies and come to some conclusion on each problem.

Some of us travel a long way to attend these meetings at Casper; but any one of us can get to Casper by 12:00 noon. We could start our first joint meeting at 1:00 P.M. sharp and finish all the meetings by 4:30 P.M. This would make a long day for some, but inasmuch as some have come quite a distance to get to Casper another ½ hour or so should not make too much difference to em and I am sure the Grand York Rite would benefit very much.

I personally feel that the Councils have been making good progress this year and we should top the number of new members taken in last year. It has been a pleasure for me to visit our Councils this year. At none of my visits did we have less than twelve members present and sometimes we had as high as twenty-five.
GRAND MASTER'S GENERAL ORDER NO. 9

To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and Holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America:

GREETINGS:

Decision No. 14 of the late Grand Master, Sir Knight Wilber M. Brucker, relates to the subject of Life Sponsorships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as they apply to Dual Memberships. Because of some misunderstanding and confusion caused by individual interpretations through the passage of time, this General Order is hereby presented and officially distributed to re-affirm Decision No. 14 which was issued in response to the following question:

QUESTION: If a Sir Knight from Iowa is elected to dual membership in an Illinois Constituent Commandery, does he pay two Eye Foundation assessments? If he takes out a Life Sponsorship in Iowa, does it apply in Illinois? If he is a Past Commander in Iowa, and becomes a dual member in Illinois, can he become a member of the Grand Commandery of Illinois by election? If he loses good standing in Iowa, how does Illinois know of it? Does his membership or dues card in Illinois have special 'dual member' notation on it?

Decision No. 14 is in five parts, the first two of which specifically are rulings on Life Sponsorships and Knights Templar Eye Foundation assessments as they affect Dual Members. The Decision is presented in its entirety as approved Tuesday, August 22, 1967, at the 50th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in Detroit, Michigan:

DECISION: 1. Where a member holds dual membership in two Constituent Commanderies, he must pay the Eye Foundation assessment in each Constituent Commandery. This matter was discussed at the time this legislation was pending, and it was stated that this would be the result. The assessment on each Grand Commandery is based on the membership therein, which would necessitate each member paying his assessment.

2. If the member is a Life Sponsor, he is exempt from the payment of assessment wherever he may hold his membership. This is specifically provided for in Section 18 1/2 of the Constitution.

3. When a Past Commander in one Jurisdiction becomes a dual member in another Jurisdiction, he may become a member of the Grand Commandery in the second Jurisdiction by election thereto. (Lightfoot's Digest, Decision 140).

4. When a member holding dual membership loses the same in one Commandery, he loses it in both, and the Grand Recorder of the Jurisdiction where the sentence was imposed should notify the Grand Recorder of the other Jurisdiction of the results of the trial. Provided he may demit from one Commandery without affecting his membership in the other.

5. I suggest that as a matter of policy, the notation "dual member" should be
placed on all dues cards issued by Commanderies so that there will be sufficient identification of such memberships.

In conformity with Decision No. 14, this General Order notifies all officers and members that the 1967 rulings remain in effect. The holder of a Life Sponsorship is exempt from the $1.00 annual assessment of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in any Commandery in which he holds membership.

If he is not a Life Sponsor, a Dual Member must pay the annual Eye Foundation assessment in each Commandery in which he may hold membership. He also assumes all other responsibilities of membership in each. A Life Sponsor in the Eye Foundation similarly is subject to all responsibilities of membership in each Commandery with the exception of the Eye Foundation annual assessment.

Furthermore, for clarification, it is hereby noted that Life Sponsorships are not limited to one per member. Any Knight Templar may purchase an unlimited number of Life Sponsorships for continuance of the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Life Sponsorship Certificates can be issued, however, only to living Knights Templar, not to the memory of a deceased member.

Attest:  

Grand Master

Grand Officers in Quarterly Meeting

Favorable membership reports were on the agenda for a meeting in the Grand Encampment office, Chicago, July 23-24. Left to right are Grand Captain General John B. Cottrell, Jr., and Grand Generalissimo Willard M. Avery. To the far right is Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, and, in the foreground, the Deputy Grand Master, Roy W. Riegle. Participating but not pictured was Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauser. The meeting of officers followed the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
“BORN TO THE PURPLE”

Hiram, as King of Tyre, reigned over a Phoenician city noted for its wealth, its skilled artificers, its daring seamen and as the source of the deep purple dye that became a badge of rank throughout the known world. Tyrian dye gave rise to the phrase, “born to the purple,” to describe one of royal blood.

Tyrian sailors, long before Roman excursions to Britain, made their way to that “far off island” for tin. Their city, today in Lebanon – then in Phoenicia – is buried by the ruble and ruins of civilizations that followed.

Excavating now in progress will continue for years to come to uncover the successive layers of remnants of the past left by the Assyrians, the Babylonians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, the Byzantines, Arabs, Crusaders and others.

The tomb near ancient Tyre, pictured on the cover, is reportedly that of Hiram of Tyre, “Pillar of Strength.”