

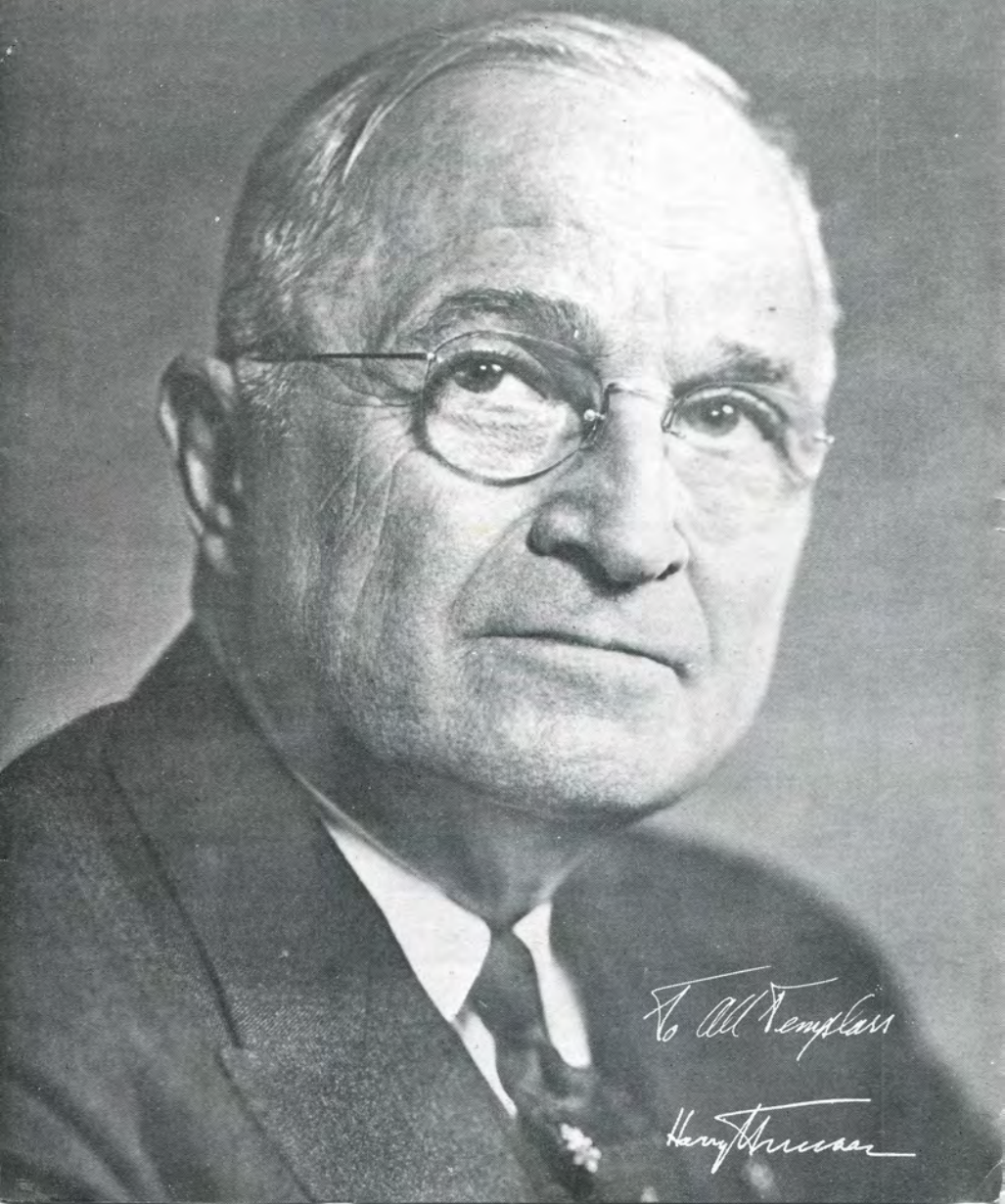


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**JANUARY:** A New Year brings change and the *Knight Templar Magazine* each January tries to do some dressing up of its own. Annual format alterations result from the year's accumulated ideas and recommendations which have survived evaluations, mullings and cullings. If you notice any appearance change, we hope you will approve. This issue, among other features, offers a biographical salute to Sir Knight Harry S. Truman. For the cover photograph, especially autographed for Knights Templar, we are indebted to Masonic colleague Bruce H. Hunt, whose many honors and titles include Past Grand Master of Missouri Masons, Grand Recorder of Missouri Templars and General Grand Recorder of Royal and Select Masters of General Grand Council International.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Editor

## UNITY AND PROGRESS IN 1973

This is the time to give special thought and effort to self-improvement, organizational revitalization and both personal and Masonic progress generally, a time to face facts in our Order of Knights Templar, U.S.A., which will convene for its 52nd Triennial Conclave August 11-16 in Chicago.



We cannot speak for sub-divisions of the York Rite or for other bodies, but we can give our attention and our positive effort to Templary — which to the York Rite is primarily what the Consistory is to the Scottish Rite. For years we have discussed York Rite Unity; we have frequent meetings of elected officers of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and the Grand Encampment to study and keep “alive” possible avenues of unity for greater organizational influence, elimination of waste, and for both structural and esoteric cohesiveness and strength.

Need for a unified York Rite seems to be recognized on all sides. The modus operandi is the drawback. Back in 1966, an official Commission of equal representation from the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Grand Encampment — after two years of concerted effort — proposed a York Rite merger, a “York Rite of Freemasonry” which would incorporate the voting members of the three bodies and which, once formed, would then work out the bulk of its Laws and Regulations for self government. The recommendation died for lack of understanding and support.

We have cooperation but not unity. In 1973 let us give our best thought to this subject and let us act to eliminate the duplication of time, effort and dollars.

York Rite unification makes a fine subject for a New Year’s Resolution.

*G Wilbur Bell*







# The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Mary Commandery No. 36 has at its disposal quite a bit of Templar paraphernalia — uniforms, chapeaux, baldrics, etc. We no longer have use for them and like to dispose of them but dislike the idea of throwing them away. We would be glad to forward them to someone free of charge except for freight expense.

FREDERICK C. HERB, Commander  
279 DiMarco Drive  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19154

□ For more than 20 years Battle Creek Commandery No. 30, Michigan, has used a 36 man full form opening team. It has been seen by numerous Sir Knights throughout Michigan and Indiana. On March 14, 1970, the Commandery and Drill Team conferred the Order of the Temple at the J. Edgar Hoover Spring Festival, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

At the Annual Inspection on November 4, 1972, conducted by Grand Commander Maurice L. Johnson, Battle Creek unveiled the larger 48 man drill team — all Sir Knights and without shoulder straps in the line. This will become the new trademark of this Commandery and is probably the largest one in existence. The Commandery traditionally fields five to six platoons at Grand Commandery Conclaves. I have served as Captain General for many years.

C. WILLIAM SMITH, K.T.C.H., P.C.  
70 West Clinton Drive  
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

□ The *Knight Templar Magazine* pleases me as I always read every article in it.

I am an original member of the National Champion Oriental Band of Clinton Shrine Club from Kaaba Temple, Davenport.

CARO V. PHILLIPS  
115 ½ South Second  
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□ I have a sword which was found in the Texarkana area and appears to be quite old. I understand it is a Templar sword. The man whose name appears on the blade, M. Hirschberg of St. Louis, Missouri, was a maker of swords and it has been learned he discontinued his work in 1840 and died in 1857.

Anything you might be able to add to the sword's history would be greatly appreciated.

HAROLD V. BELL  
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Wake Village, Texas 75501

*Editor's Note: A sketch of the sword is not reproducible. It is a Templar sword with the letters "UKT" as a frequent inscription. The sword case and red leather belt are also in possession of the writer.*

□ November 20 the "Cavalcade of Templary" was shown by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Eugene, Oregon. We had a full house and the entire attendance — Knights Templar, their families and special guests — were well pleased and spoke very highly of the film. I consider this a complete success and highly recommend that all Commanderies who have not had the opportunity to view this outstanding film do so.

MAX G. COGILL, Chairman  
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□ Does anyone have a watch chain charm, "K.T." with a Maltese cross on one side and a keystone or cross and crown on the other which is available for sale?

H. E. HABECKER  
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Rockford, Illinois 61108

Letters from readers are welcomed although space limitation does not permit use of all letters received, nor can those printed be quoted always in their entirety.

□ The Past Matrons Club, Order of Eastern Star No. 33, Palatka, Florida, and the Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church, San Mateo, Florida, also Southern Charm Garden Club of San Mateo, Florida, wish to thank Mr. Alvin C. Lowe for his most informative treatise, "Jesus Before His Ministry," published in your volume XVII, No. 12, Official Publication of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

MRS. RUFUS H. HOLCOMBE  
Devotion Chairman  
White Oaks  
San Mateo, Florida 32088

□ I have enjoyed so much reading and rereading the interesting *Knight Templar Magazine* which my late brother William Stone received. May I have this continued by sending you the money for a subscription?

AUDREY M. STONE  
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55410

*Editor's Note: Ms. Stone's interest is appreciated. The magazine continues to be mailed to her.*

□ Coming from a family of Masons (my grandfather, my uncle and my father are all Masons!), I really enjoy reading your magazines. My grandfather, Sir Knight Irving E. Jones, Sr., is the only Knight Templar and suffers the loss of his monthly *Knight Templar Magazine* to me. . . . Favorite articles have included — ones on the Crusaders' Sword now in the George Washington Masonic Temple, Alexandria, (which I have seen two times!); and the article on . . . W. A. Mozart.

A music Major, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that my idol, W. A. Mozart, had been a Mason. Unfortunately, I have misplaced that issue. May I have a reprint . . . and information on how to obtain a recording of his Masonic Symphony.

(MISS) DOTTIE ISAAC  
Old Dominion University  
Norfolk, Virginia 23508

*Editor's Note: A copy of the May 1971 issue has been located and sent. A recorded collection of "Mozart's Masonic Music" is available under a London (Decca) label featuring the Edinburgh Festival Chorus and the London Symphony Orchestra. Identification: London FFrr Stereophonic OS 26111.*

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□ I thoroughly enjoyed the article "Masonry and English Rulers" by C. L. Rothwell in the October issue. I wonder about the mention of King Frederick of Sweden initiating Prince Edward of England. Sweden's king in 1868 was Charles XV. Sweden had no King Frederick during Edward's lifetime.

ELMER W. JOHNSON  
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Oakland, California 94605

*Editor's Note: Our history source stated that Edward VII "was initiated into Freemasonry in 1868 at Stockholm, Sweden, by King Adolphus Frederick, who was also Grand Master of Sweden." However, history records the dates of Adolphus Frederick as 1710-1771. Also, Charles XV, King of Sweden from 1859-1872, served as Grand Master of Sweden. Therefore, it appears our Masonic source was incorrect.*

□ I have a copy of *A Merry Crusade to the Golden Gate* by Edmund Frederick Erk. It is the story of the 29th Triennial Conclave trip to San Francisco in September 1904 by Allegheny Commandery No. 35, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Its condition is fair. It has many pictures of scenery and hundreds of names listed. I am trying to sell it to help out our Pleasant Hills Library Used Book Sale.

PATRICIA BURGER  
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□ I receive the magazine and regularly read it cover to cover. I especially enjoy reading the historical sketches, not only of Tennessee personalities but others as well.

My affiliation is with Al Hasa No. 1 in Saudi Arabia. I worked in Arabia 12 years before retiring and locating in Tennessee. My wife and I find it pleasant and friendly — who could ask for more.

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## GOOD ADVICE FOR '73

**A newspaper columnist sums it up nicely for everyone, including Templars:**

**LEAD  
FOLLOW — or  
GET OUT OF THE WAY!**



# The Knight Line



"This day Time winds th' exhausted  
chain,  
To run the twelvemonth's length  
again."

Brother Robert Burns was writing of "New Year's Day, 1791." His verse is appropriate for the present season and serves to direct attention to the practical aspect of "exhausted" time sometimes required for the delivery of *Knight Templar* magazines to various parts of the country and in different communities.

Post office handling varies greatly. If the occasional comments are accurate, some copies require as long as 22 days. We hear from other readers whose copies arrive regularly within a few days of mailing. This great variance in deliveries appears to be true of the majority of publications. It is regrettable and we all wish magazine deliveries could be consistent.

An expressive letter from Omaha, Nebraska, comments on a November article about two friends who had pursued similar leadership paths in Symbolic Lodge and in York Rite. Says the writer in effect — so what? "We have three Masons and friends who were Master of the same Lodge, High Priest of the same Chapter and Illustrious Master of the same Council."

Harry Tollander, David Kipling and Morton Steyer were Masters of Florence Lodge, in '69, '68 and '64 respectively. Tollander was 1972 Commander of Mt. Calvary No. 1, Kipling was installed in December; Steyer became Commander of Jordon No. 15, Blair, in December. Kipling is now in Grand Lodge, Steyer in Grand Council, Tollander in Grand Chapter.

The letter concludes: "I know all three and they are pretty wonderful, but one I know quite well for he is my husband." Signed: Mrs. Harry A. Tollander.

Sir Knight Benjamin H. Weston, Lantana, Florida, has discovered 11 Lodges which carry the name of Paul Revere in addition to the one noted in the July 1972 *Knight Templar Magazine*. He lists them as: Paul Revere 462, San Francisco, California; Paul Revere 162, Denver, Colorado; Paul Revere 638, Lucas, Iowa; Paul Revere 446, Bonita, Louisiana; Paul Revere 538, St. Clair Shores, Michigan; Paul Revere 321, St. Louis Park, Minnesota; Paul Revere 330, St. Louis, Missouri; Paul Revere 929, New York City, New York; Paul Revere 98, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico; Paul Revere 205, Othello, Washington; Paul Revere 348, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Leland S. Taylor, St. Petersburg, Florida, has a long Masonic record. He was 85 in 1972, was in Denver for the 51st Triennial Conclave, expects to be in Chicago for the 52nd in August. He was Raised in Abraham Lodge No. 8, second oldest in Kentucky, in 1908. Presently, he is a member of just about everything Masonic in St. Petersburg.

From Harry Nichols Krenkel, San Francisco, comes information that he became a 50 year Mason in 1970, a 50 year R.A.M. and K.T. in 1971, also a 50 year member of Islam Temple in October 1971. He served almost 39 years in the U.S. Army, having enlisted in 1914.

Attention all K.T.! Frank A. Richard, Roslie Commandery No. 5, Natchez, Mississippi — and a member of the Police Department — has through his law enforcement activities come upon a Knight Templar sword inscribed: "F. B. Halstead, O. B. Halstead." He would like to see that its legal Templar owner (or family) receives the sword. Write to Det. Capt. NFD Rickard, Natchez Police Dept.



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## SIR KNIGHT HARRY S. TRUMAN

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by  
C. L. Rothwell

*The years of Harry Truman in the Presidency were tumultuous. Volumes One and Two of his Memoirs label them as "Year of Trial and Hope" and "Years of Decisions." In this month's Knight Templar Magazine, Assistant to the Editor C. L. Rothwell looks at Truman the Mason and Truman the President and offers a factual resume of the man who has been roundly criticized and generously praised but who has been described as "always a man of honesty and loyalty to friends."*

Harry S. Truman has been a Mason for almost 64 years. He has been a member of his Chapter and Council for 53 years and is in his 50th year as a Templar. This is his 52nd year as a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He is an Honorary 33°, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction – the only President ever to actually hold the 33°. Sir Knight Truman is one of only 13 Masons ever to be awarded the Gourgas Medal of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, for "notably distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, humanity or country."

He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Missouri. A close friend of Frank S. Land, Truman was instrumental in helping with the new DeMolay organization. He was later named an Honorary Past Grand Master of DeMolay.

Truman's Masonic record is distinguished but history will not note it. He served in the military, as a Judge, in the U.S. Senate and as Vice-President of the United States. Then, on April 12, 1945, he was catapulted into the pages of history. "I felt like the moon, the stars and all the planets had fallen on me," he said of that day when he became the 33rd President of the United States.

Harry S. Truman was born May 8,

1884, in Lamar, Barton County, Missouri. Both of his grandfathers, Shipp and Solomon, were Masons. A family disagreement over which of them he was named after led to his use of only S. as a middle name. (There are those who say he simply picked the S out of a hat and it stands for nothing at all – hence, it should be written S with no period following.)

In 1887 the family returned to Jackson County and it was there, in Independence, the future President received his education. An omnivorous and retentive reader, his particular interest was history. It has been said, by Masonic writer H. L. Haywood, that Truman's knowledge of military history was almost as expert as that of Eisenhower or MacArthur.

In 1905, at the age of 21, Truman began his military career by enlisting as a private in Battery B, artillery, Kansas City, Missouri. He eventually made Sergeant.

In World War I he assisted in organizing the Second Missouri Field Artillery. He became 1st Lieutenant of Battery F in 1917 and less than a year later was promoted to Captain. In September 1918 Captain Truman and his command rendered distinguished service at St. Mihiel. A few weeks later they participated in the battle at Meuse-Argonne. It was in the final battle at Meuse-Argonne that →→→



Truman's battery fired the last gun of World War I at 10:45 a.m. November 11. He was discharged the next year with the reserve rank of Major and became a full Colonel in 1932.

Soldiers who served with Truman in France recall his expertise in directing artillery fire and his concern for his troops. Truman himself is modest about his military career and has rarely spoken of it.

On June 28, 1919, Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace, his childhood sweetheart. Bess Truman's father was David W. Wallace, Grand Commander of Missouri Templars in 1892 at the age of 28. They have one daughter, Mary Margaret, and four grandsons.

Altho most people seem to remember Truman as a haberdasher, he spent most of the years prior to entering politics as a farmer. It is said he once won a vote by fixing a wheat binder for a farmer while campaigning.

In 1914 Truman began his political career as a road overseer. Later he became Postmaster and, in 1922, was elected Associate Judge. In the 1924 election he was defeated along with the rest of his party but was elected Presiding Judge in 1926 on the basis of his earlier record of honesty and efficiency.

He was noted as an astute business manager for the county. When a bond issue for roads was voted Truman managed to get 85 more miles of road than planned built — and still leave a surplus of \$200,000.

Judge Truman's record was noticed and he was discussed as a possible candidate for Governor. However, in 1934, he chose to run for the U.S. Senate. He won easily.

At the time of his first election to the Senate Truman was in the line of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and also the

Shrine in Kansas City. Sir Knight George M. Saunders, now Imperial Recorder of the Shrine, recalls Truman came to see him at that time. Saunders was then Recorder of the Kansas City Shrine and a long-time friend.

"Truman felt his election to the Senate would somewhat curtail his Masonic activities. He felt he could continue with his duties to the Grand Lodge but should resign his office in the Shrine. His Senatorial duties would not allow time for all his Masonic activities," Saunders recalls. Saunders was later on the committee which went to President Truman to tell him of his nomination to receive the 33<sup>o</sup>, A.A.S.R., S.J.

As Senator, Truman served on the Appropriations, Interstate Commerce, Military Affairs and Public Buildings and Grounds Committees as well as various sub-committees. He headed up several investigations and is perhaps best noted for the Truman Committee which investigated defense program expenditures prior to and during the war. He is credited with "exposing waste and corruption and saving the country \$15 billion."

It is interesting to note the breath of scandal never touched Truman, from his first political position thru his years as President. He was instead noted for routing out corruption and saving money.

In 1940 Truman became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He signed both the Dispensation and Charter for the Missouri Lodge of Research. (In 1950, while President, he served as Master of the latter.) It was an election year for Truman but he made 24 personal Masonic visitations and presided over the 121st Annual Communication September 30-October 1, 1941 — two months before Pearl Harbor. At that time he spoke of being Grand Master as "an honor which I believe is greater than any other which can come to me."

Truman's activities in the →→→





George M. Saunders, Imperial Recorder of the Shrine, and W. Howard Millington, Royal Impresario of the Royal Order of Jesters, pose with portrait of Truman as Grand Master of Missouri Masons.

Senate gained him the notice of the President and, in 1944, Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt chose him as his Vice-President. (Truman's daughter, in a new biography of the President, says Truman was a very reluctant candidate for the office.) On January 20, 1945, the two Masons, having defeated Brother Thomas Dewey and Sir Knight John W. Bricker in November, were sworn in. Less than three months later President Roosevelt was dead and Sir Knight Truman found himself President of the United States.

Truman did not even know of the United States' possession of the atomic bomb when he became President. Within four months he was called upon to make the decision to use it on Japan. Ever since those fateful days in August of 1945 when the bomb was dropped his decision has been praised on one hand and cursed on the other. It is doubtful Truman was too concerned over the controversy. His motto was: "The buck stops here." Once he made a decision he accepted both the praise and the blame, taking full credit for it, good or bad.

Truman witnessed the signing of the United Nations charter and brought the war to an end. Now he embarked on his own program soon to be known as the

Fair Deal. He supported full employment, an expansion of Social Security, the Fair Employment Practices Act, public housing and slum clearance.



President Truman poses with, seated, Nat D. Jackson, left, and Harris C. Johnston; standing, George C. Marquis, Rev. Milton F. Hill, Sam Gilliland, Perry N. Lindgreen and George M. Saunders following conferral of the Order of the Red Cross on the President at 8:00 a.m. December 26, 1945, at the home of his friend Nat Jackson in Independence. Truman, in his usual manner, left his house by the back door and crossed the alley to Jackson's home to escape his Secret Service guards.

Many Masons served under Truman. Former Supreme Court Justice Sir Knight James Byrnes was Truman's first Secretary of State. He was followed by Brother George C. Marshall, who later served as Secretary of Defense.

In 1947 Truman began the program which bears his name — the Truman Doctrine. Next came the Marshall Plan. Both programs were successful in curbing communism thru economic stimulation. When the Soviets blockaded Berlin in 1948 Truman created a massive airlift to supply the Berliners until the Soviets backed off.

As President, Truman attended the Frank S. Land Memorial Breakfast given by the Shrine each year during Masonic Week and sometimes served as the speaker. DeMolay gave the President a portrait of "mama" painted by artist Norman Rockwell which hung in the →→→



White House the remainder of the Truman administration.

1948 was an election year. When the Democrats added a civil rights plank to their platform the southern states bolted the party. Polls predicted an overwhelming defeat by Brother Thomas Dewey but Truman laughed at the polls. "Senator Barkley and I will win," he announced and campaigned across the nation by train. His victory may have come as a surprise to many, and notably the *Chicago Tribune* whose now famous banner headline "DEWEY WINS" hit the street as Truman won re-election, but Truman always swore he never had any doubts about the outcome.

The individualized style of the late radio commentator, H. V. Kaltenborn, who persisted in the prediction error on the airwaves as the *Tribune* did in print, made him a target of Truman's frequent impersonations. With obvious enjoyment, Truman would mimic the Kaltenborn "authoritative" approach and quote his famous summation that "Dewey was indeed the next President of the United States."

In 1949 he negotiated a military alliance to protect western nations against communist aggression now known as NATO. He supported a policy of compromise between Communist China and Chiang Kai-chek.

In June 1950 the Chinese Communists attacked Korea. The U.N. asked for armed support. Truman sent American troops under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur, a Mason. Other Masonic generals in the Korean conflict included Walton Walker, Matthew B. Ridgway, John A. Hull, Omar N. Bradley, George H. Decker and Lyman L. Lemnitzer.

Brother MacArthur opposed Truman's policy of limited objectives in Korea. In probably the most controversial decision of his administration, Truman relieved

MacArthur of his command and replaced him with Brother Ridgway.

Truman ordered the Army to seize all railroads on August 27, 1950, to prevent a general strike after the railroads refused to negotiate with the union. The railroads were returned to their owners in May 1952 following the signing of a new labor contract. On April 8, 1952, Truman ordered the steel mills seized to prevent a general strike after some steel companies refused to negotiate with the CIO. The Supreme Court overruled Truman on June 2; on June 3 a general strike began and by July 24 the steel companies had negotiated with the CIO.

On November 1, 1950, two Puerto Ricans tried to shoot their way into Blair House where the Trumans were living while the White House underwent extensive repairs. Brother Leslie Coffelt, Secret Service guard for the President, and one would-be assassin were killed. The other assassin was arrested and sentenced to death for the murder of Brother Coffelt. Truman commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Truman made four appointments to the Supreme Court - Chief Justice Frederick M. Vinson, a Kentucky Mason, Harold Burton, Brother Thomas Clark and Sherman Minton. Only Brother Washington and Brother Franklin Roosevelt made more. (President Nixon has now also made four.)

In 1952 Truman chose not to run again. He had served two and one-half months short of two terms. He and Bess retired to Independence where he wrote his two volume memoirs. Their home has recently been made a national monument. Until recently Truman kept an office in the Truman Library in Independence.

Sir Knight Truman was one of the most controversial of Presidents. His daily walks with newsmen hurrying to keep pace, his colorful language →→→



## A Look at "The Record"

The *Congressional Record* for October 17 carried a tribute to George M. Saunders, Imperial Recorder of the Shrine and Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay, and quoted in completion Sir Knight Saunders' address on "Our Nation's Greatest Asset." The address had been given in New York City in connection with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Shrine.

Quotes from the address: "If Masonry is to survive for future generations, some attention must be given to the training of the younger men. There is no organization that offers the wholesome training to the youth in his formative years as does the Order of DeMolay, and DeMolay deserves the complete support of the Masonic fraternity . . ."

"My appeal to each of you is to spend some time with these young men of DeMolay by working on an advisory council, giving guidance in one form or another, or helping in whatever way you can to promote the Order . . ."

"DeMolay members are part of our nation's greatest asset — youth, and DeMolay deserves the best we have to offer."



Clarence D. Phillips, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. and George M. Saunders, Past Grand Sovereign, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, at the Masonic Exhibit in the Truman Museum, Independence.

and blunt speech and the piano playing sessions at the White House are legend.

Nearing 89, Truman has lived longer than any other of our Presidents except John Adams and Herbert Hoover, both of whom lived to be 90.

Appreciative credit is extended to all who contributed Truman highlights, sidelights, photographs and memorabilia, including Truman friends and Masonic associates Sir Knights George M. Saunders, Bruce H. Hunt, Marvin E. Fowler, the late Herbert E. Duncan; also Mrs. John B. Cottrell, Jr., wife of the Grand Encampment's Grand Captain General, and Sir Knight Samuel Zipp, Librarian of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Chicago.

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### Truman Tribute

One year ago, projected *Knight Templar Magazine* plans called for a salute to the former Chief Executive — last of five Presidents who have been Knights Templar. Those who preceded were: Sir Knights Andrew Johnson, Garfield, McKinley and Harding. To avoid any possible or remote political connotation during an Election year, the Tribute to Sir Knight Truman, propitiously, was scheduled one year ago to be the theme for the January 1973 issue.

It is presented as a mark of respect for a man who made history, as a President and as a Mason.

Franz-Louis Kalwach, on behalf of Commander Rudi Hofer and the Sir Knights of Walther Graf Von Spelten Commandery, U.D., Nurnberg, West Germany, has relayed diplomas of Honorary Membership to Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell and Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer.

The diplomas, inscribed fully in Latin, bear the "coat of arms of Walther Graf Von Spelten Commandery designed by Sir Knight Hofer after a basic study of heraldry." Sir Knight Kalwach writes that the certificates are "written in Latin, so that it is understandable in your country as well."

In expressing his appreciation for the officers' acceptance of the Honorary Membership, Recorder Kalwach writes: "Although thousands of miles lay between us, we feel closely connected . . . as loyal Knights Templar and friends. Thank you for this new proof of your readiness to help your youngest Commandery out of the States . . ."

As a part of the Ricker Centennial Celebration at the University of Illinois, Urbana, February 22 and 23, 1973, the members of Alpha Rho Chi, an architectural fraternity whose membership on the Illinois campus is 75% Masonic, have prepared a biography of Ricker which includes his Masonic history for the library.

The late Sir Knight Ricker, Bradford No. 4, Biddeford, Maine, was first "graduate of collegiate rank in architecture in the United States" when he graduated from Illinois Industrial University (now the University of Illinois) in 1873. He was a Charter Member of the Illinois Chapter of Acacia, at that time a completely Masonic fraternity, and helped to write the Ritual of Alpha Rho Chi when it went national.

Dr. Ricker died March 19, 1924. Urbana Commandery No. 16, Urbana, Illinois, acted as Templar escort for his funeral. Masonic services were conducted by Right Worshipful David Elliot Buzzett.

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**EVOLUTION OF RESOLUTION  
1973**

The dauntless spirit of resolution  
Finds its way to summit sights;  
In the willful pride of execution,  
There's a reach for grandeur heights.

In the precious name of institution,  
Thrives the hope for mortal rights:  
There can never be a diminution  
For the brightest moral lights.

There's a faith that knows no destitution,  
Soaring high as lifted kites,  
By the crowning means of absolution:  
The sacred oaths, of kneeling Knights.

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Oak Knoll Manor  
P.O. Box 94  
Camdenton, Missouri 65020

**MAKE IT A REWARDING '73**

January thru March is the time to activate your Benefit-Events for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Fifth Voluntary "Activities" Campaign ends March 31. To continue to handle increasing case work, the Foundation needs additional income in excess of \$300,000. Set your goal high and help the Voluntary Campaign to go over the top.

Commandery reports are to be sent to the individual Grand Commandery Chairmen, who will relay the funds and correlated information to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Rhinebeck, New York.

Additional supplies of Voluntary Campaign promotional stuffers, report forms and fact sheets are available to Grand Commandery and Commandery Chairmen from the office of the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.



## WHO CAN PLACE THE BLAME?

One of the controversial subjects from history which appears to have brought a variety of responses and expressions of opinions is the "Lt. Boyd – Joseph Brant" episode of some two hundred years ago. The "torture" event occurred during the War for Independence when the Indians along the western frontier were helping the British of the period and the Americans were fighting both. The subject has caused differing, sometimes rather acrimonious statements of viewpoint. The *Knight Templar Magazine* offers the following account, not as an opinion, but as a concluding resume of the articles and letters which have appeared in 1972 issues.

The January 1972 *Knight Templar Magazine* carried "The Mason and the Indians," based on an article by Sir Knight Dewey S. Herrold about Captain John Boyd whose signing of a Masonic Lyric saved him from being burnt at the stake following his capture by the Indians in 1781. A mention was made of Captain Boyd's older brother, Lt. Thomas Boyd, who was "burnt at the stake by Indians" earlier.

Mrs. Ruth Hall, wife of Sir Knight Edwin C. Hall, Malta No. 21, New York, wrote to disagree with the "burnt at the stake" and provided information on Lt. Boyd's death by torture in the May *Knight Templar Magazine* under the title, "Lt. Thomas Boyd."

In the November issue Sir Knight David F. Thomas wrote to tell of an historical marker he saw while on a trip telling of the death of Lt. Boyd at the hands of Joseph Brant: "His scouts came as far as Geneseo, for it was there that Lieutenant Thomas Boyd and Sergeant Michael Parker fell into the hands of an Indian scouting party headed by JOSEPH BRANT. Tied to an oak which is still standing and is called 'Torture Tree,' Brant left these two to taste the slow death that only a red man knew how to measure out. BRANT, A MASON sponsored by no less a person than His Majesty King George, paid no heed to the distress signal given by his brother Mason, BOYD, then covered with blood and blistered flesh."

Sir Knight Thomas felt Brant was a "traitor, scoundrel and a murderer of men and women by his Indian scouts and unworthy of being even considered a true Mason." He asked for more information on Brant.

From Ohio came the letter of Sir Knight Kenneth C. Cox who suggested the story of Brant needed further study. He pointed out that Mackey, in his "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," credits Brant with saving the life of a Captain McKinstry of the American forces who was captured by Brant and his Indians under British command. When Captain McKinstry gave the "mystic appeal of a Freemason" Brant, a Mason in an English Lodge, released him and took him to Masons in Canada who returned him safely home.

Sir Knight C. E. Davison of Dunedin, Florida, was moved by the "scurrilous attack on a fellow Mason" to send a long letter pointing out that Brant could not be considered a traitor because he was an Indian, "not a white man," and his allegiance was to the Indians first and the British second, not to the Americans. Sir Knight Davison did admit Brant's "manner of waging war" was "horribly, horribly cruel."

However, according to Davison, Brant called off the torture of Lt. Boyd after Boyd gave the Masonic signal but was called away and the Indians killed Boyd in Brant's absence. → → →



According to Masonic researcher William R. Denslow in "10,000 Famous Freemasons," Brant received the signal of distress from Lt. Boyd and, as he had done on three previous occasions, ordered the life of his Brother Mason spared. Brant turned Boyd over to Colonel John Butler and/or his son Captain Walter Butler who allowed the Indians to torture and kill Lt. Boyd. That does not end the story, for Colonel John Butler of the British forces was a Mason with quite a record of atrocities.

H. L. Haywood, in "Famous Masons and Masonic Presidents," says of Brant: "It was he (Brant) who led the unspeakable Cherry Valley Massacre, in which women, children, infants, aged, helpless were slaughtered and tortured like animals, their houses burned down upon them, and their lands and their villages destroyed. It horrified the country; it horrified England."

Historically, the date of the death of Lt. Thomas Boyd was September 13, 1779. The Revolutionary War was on. The Indians along the western frontier were fighting with the British. Brant was a Mohawk Chief who had been educated in England. His sympathies were with his people and the British. Lt. Boyd was an American whose older brother had been killed in the Battle of Brandywine and who was fighting the Indians and the British on the western frontier. Both were Masons.

It is impossible to know whether Brant or Butler ordered the death of Boyd but it appears it was Butler. Both men were guilty of atrocities during the war. History also records atrocities by the American forces on the Indians. To the Americans Brant was a cruel murderer. To the Indians Boyd represented a force which was trying to defeat them and take their lands. Trying to place the "blame" could be an endless and fruitless project. Today it is a matter of emotion and opinion rather than fact.

Sophocles said it more than two thou-

**James R. Case, historiographer, whose resume of highlights from the life of Sir Knight John Philip Sousa was a feature of the October issue, has relayed additional information received in communication with a research specialist on John Philip Sousa and other music subjects.**

**Sir Knight Case suggests that readers might like to have the facts and views supplied by Brother Paul E. Bierley, Columbus, Ohio.**

"El Capitan" was composed after Sousa left the Marines. Sousa was not director of bands for the 6th Army Corps during the Spanish American War. He did not serve in the Army. He was a Lieutenant (rather than Lieutenant Commander) when he directed Navy bands at Great Lakes during World War I and was advanced to the higher rank after release from active duty.

Bierley says Sousa's operettas were 15 in number, rather than 10, but all were not produced. He disputes the popular fancy that Sousa discarded a pair of white gloves after one use. "He did wear his white gloves more than once," states Brother Bierley, "discarding a pair only when soiled - which, however, was often after only one concert."

Although frequently so-regarded, notes Bierley, "Under the Double Eagle" was not a Sousa composition. Further, "Sousa did not retire - ever."

**Brother Bierley, who wrote to the Editor that "it was heartwarming to see Brother Case's article," has completed two books about Sousa to be released in the spring - "John Philip Sousa: A Descriptive Catalog of His Works" (University of Illinois Press) and "John Philip Sousa: American Phenomenon," (Appleton-Century-Crofts).**

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sand years ago:

"Who is the slayer, who the victim? Speak!"

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## Huxtable at the 1901 Controls



Sir Knight Robert Huxtable, Lansing Commandery No. 25, Michigan, avid antique car fan, is shown at 75 years of age in the 75th Oldsmobile Anniversary Parade in 1972 held in Lansing. He leads the "Curved Dash Oldsmobile Parade in his Original 1901, Serial Number 20 Oldsmobile," the 20th car built by its inventor, the late R. E. Olds.

For possible Commandery use, he is searching for a "Templar car, made in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1917 to 1924." Huxtable writes: "It was way ahead of its time mechanically; the engine was an engineer's dream, but it, of necessity, was overpriced compared to other cars in those years.

"I am of the opinion one is still in this country, waiting to be purchased and restored." The car would be owned by the Commandery, used for parades and Conclave gatherings. Sir Knight Huxtable conjectures that "a Knight Templar was the head of the company, thus the name, Templar."

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**NEXT MONTH:** A brief report on artificial cornea implants, one of the research projects receiving grants from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The report will be supplied by the Keratoprosthesis Laboratory, Edward S. Harkness Institute of Ophthalmology, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York.

## K.T. Leader Is Grand Master of Masons

Grand Generalissimo M. C. Lewis, Jr., Grand Commandery of Arkansas, is the new Grand Master of Masons in the state with a nickname that the World Almanac lists as "Land of Opportunity."

Grand Master Lewis, native of Hot Springs, has three degrees from the University of Texas and is a practicing attorney and former Municipal Judge.



A former school teacher, he is a Lieutenant Colonel, retired, Judge Advocate Corps of Army Reserve. Sir Knight Lewis has served as Past International Director of Lions International. He is the recipient of the Honor Medal Award, Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, for contribution to Americanism by his Memorial Day address.

Masonically he has or presently occupies membership or positions of leadership in Arkansas Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Sahara Shrine, K.C.C.H., Scottish Rite; K.Y.C.H., York Rite; National Sojourners, Royal Order of Scotland, DeMolay, Grotto, Rainbow Dad, holder of Grand Cross of Colors; Grand Council, R. & S.M.; Grand R.A.M. Chapter – and currently has progressed to the office of Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas.

His theme as Grand Master: "Making Speculative Masonry Operative" – to put "Masonry into Action Each Day."



# HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

## Arlington Easter Speaker



The Rev. Beryl Sales Kinser, D.D., Springfield, Illinois, Associate Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., will be the speaker at Arlington National Cemetery April 22, when Templars and families from all parts of the country will assemble for Easter worship.

## St. Elmo U.D.

Knights Templar in the Fort Walton Beach area, Florida, are furthering their play by forming a new Commandery writes Sir Knight Keith E. Camizzi who is also busy in Masonry as District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for District No. 2.

"Our name," says Sir Knight Camizzi, "is St. Elmo, Under Dispensation, and we are the first Commandery that has been formed in about 10 years here in Florida. We received our dispensation and were instituted November 4, 1972."

## Orin A. Shipp Festival

The Orin A. Shipp York Rite Festival was held in the Scottish Rite Temple, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Saturday, November 11. All Degrees and Orders were conferred between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on a class of 66. Clell C. Warriner was General Chairman of the Festival Committee. Members included Grand High Priest Robert L. Taylor, Grand Illustrious Master Robert E. Fielden and Grand Commander C. W. Reese.

## Canadians to Confer Indiana Order

W. Stanley Wright, Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, will head a Canadian cast to confer the Order of the Temple at the annual Fort Wayne Spring Festival April 28 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Chapter and Council Degrees and the Order of the Red Cross will be conferred by a presentation of "The Word." Indiana Priory No. 8, K.Y.C.H., will confer the Order of Malta.

## 54 Knightings Despite Accident

The Fall York Rite Area Festival for the Eastern Area of North Carolina last October 28 resulted in 54 Masons receiving the Order of the Temple. The festival was marred by an accident during the heavy rainstorm that morning which delayed members of the Degree team from Wilmington, scheduled to confer the Most Excellent Master's Degree. A team was formed by several members of the various bodies present and the festival went on. The Eastern Area includes York Rite Bodies from Elizabeth City, Windsor, Washington, New Bern, Jacksonville, Wilmington, Kinston, Wilson, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount and Greenville.



## 100 in Georgia Class

A November class in Atlanta, Georgia, Knighted 100, "the largest class ever in Georgia apart from one day specials." The class also resulted in a gain of 56 Chapter and 81 Council members.

Carl F. Lester, Jr., was the class honoree. Among those Knighted were Jefferson Q. Miller and his four sons: Charles, Gary, Harry and Michael, all of Rome No. 8.

## Eye Foundation Publicity in Kansas

The Pittsburg *Headlight & Sun*, Pittsburg, Kansas, of November 19, under the headline "Knights Templar Action Felt Locally" by Staff Writer John K. Hay, published the story of Knights Templar Eye Foundation assistance to five year old James Monroe of Pittsburg as well as a lengthy explanation of the Foundation.

The Monroe boy was operated on for glaucoma and a cataract in his left eye. Doctors expect him to regain partial vision in the eye after being fitted with glasses. The reporter interviewed Kansas Eye Foundation Committee Chairman Lorenzo W. Payden for information on the activities of the Foundation.

## Templar and Former Justice Honored

Former Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren has received the 1972 Humanitarian Award of the Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia. The citation to Sir Knight Warren, Oakland Commandery No. 11, California, was made "for his deep compassion and commitment" to all peoples.

## Masonic American Legion Post

Square Post 203, Minnesota's Masonic American Legion Post — "one of but three in the entire United States," writes Sir Knight and First Vice Commander Jerry L. Searles — requested St. Paul's Mayor, Lawrence Cohen, to proclaim American Education Week "in honor of public schools and in recognition of the roles played by their teachers instilling democratic ideals . . ."



Left to right: Second V. Commander Niels B. Fruhstuck; Post Life Members Oscar Warwick and Charles L. Creigh, both Post Past Commanders; Mayor Cohen, and Post Commander Alvin C. Hofstedt. In Damascus Commandery circles, St. Paul, three of the above are known as Eminent Commander Fruhstuck, Warden Creigh and Sword Bearer Hofstedt.

## Spreading Time and Talent

Sir Knight Charles M. Flood, Jr., Commander of Arizona No. 1, Tucson, served as head of all three of his York Rite Bodies and his Blue Lodge during December. On November 25 he was installed as Illustrious Master of Roskrige Council No. 6 and on December 14 he became Worshipful Master of Aaron Lodge No. 49. For a period of 24 hours he was also High Priest of Tucson Chapter No. 3, thus heading all the bodies at one and the same time.



## MASONIC MEETING DATES

*The Knight Templar Magazine again presents the following compilation of meeting dates and locations of Masonic and Masonic-affiliated bodies as an annual clearing house service. The magazine assumes responsibility only for information as provided to it by the officer listed.*

<b>CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA</b>			
February 18-21, 1973	Washington	annually	William B. Stansbury, Jr. Executive Secretary
<b>CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES IN NORTH AMERICA</b>			
February 20-21, 1973	Washington	annually	Dwight L. Smith Secretary-Treasurer
<b>GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, R.A.M., INTERNATIONAL</b>			
Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 1975	Cleveland	triennially	Charles K. A. McGaughey General Grand Secretary
<b>GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, R. &amp; S.M., INTERNATIONAL</b>			
Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 1975	Cleveland	triennially	Bruce H. Hunt General Grand Recorder
<b>GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.</b>			
August 11-16, 1973	Chicago	triennially	Paul C. Rodenhauser Grand Recorder
<b>SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.</b>			
September 23-27, 1973	Detroit	annually	Stanley F. Maxwell Executive Secretary
<b>SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, A.A.S.R., S.J.</b>			
October 15, 1973	Washington	biennially	Fred Kleinknecht Grand Secretary General
<b>IMPERIAL COUNCIL, A.A.O.N.M.S.</b>			
July 3-6, 1973	Atlanta	annually	George M. Saunders Imperial Recorder
<b>U.G.I.C., RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE</b>			
June 1-2, 1973	New York	annually	Paul C. Rodenhauser Grand Recorder
<b>CONVENT GENERAL, KNIGHTS YORK CROSS OF HONOUR</b>			
September 21-22, 1973	Columbus	annually	Stanley W. Wakefield Grand Registrar-General
<b>PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND</b>			
October 19, 1973	Washington	annually	Marvin E. Fowler Provincial Grand Master
<b>SUPREME COUNCIL, GROTTOS OF NORTH AMERICA</b>			
June 14-16, 1973	Toronto	annually	Albert Arnold Executive Secretary
<b>THE PHILALETHERS SOCIETY</b>			
February 16, 1973	Washington	annually	Franklin J. Anderson Executive Secretary
<b>SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON, U.S.A.</b>			
May 10-12, 1973	Atlantic City	annually	Frank Dahlberg Supreme Scribe
<b>NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.</b>			
June 13-16, 1973	Miami Beach	annually	Stewart M. L. Pollard National Secretary
<b>NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS</b>			
July 2, 1973	Atlanta	annually	W. Howard Millington Royal Impresario
<b>GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, H.R.A.K.T.P.</b>			
February 18, 1973	Washington	annually	George C. Moreland Grand Registrar

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<b>GRAND COUNCIL, ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES</b>			
February 17, 1973	Washington	annually	Robert L. Grubb Grand Secretary
<b>SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, INC.</b>			
July 1-5, 1973	Boston	annually	Martha A. Maurer Supreme Secretary
<b>SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE</b>			
June 10-14, 1973	Miami	annually	Helen V. Drake Supreme Princess Recorder
<b>GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR</b>			
November 3-10, 1973	Denver	triennially	Mamie S. Lander Grand Secretary
<b>GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE</b>			
May 15-19, 1973	Cincinnati	annually	Gladys Abbott Grand Recorder
<b>SUPREME ASSEMBLY, SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT</b>			
October 15-19, 1973	Boston	annually	Mrs. E. Loy Knoske Supreme Recorder
<b>SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM</b>			
May 1-3, 1973	Kansas City Missouri	annually	Dorothea E. Shaffer Supreme Worthy Scribe
<b>SUPREME ASSEMBLY, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS</b>			
July 23-25, 1974	New Orleans	biennially	H. D. Grout, Jr. Supreme Recorder
<b>INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS</b>			no information received
<b>INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DEMOLAY</b>			
April 1-4, 1973	St. Louis	annually	R. E. Harkins Executive Director

### You Tell Me I Am Getting Old

You tell me I am getting old. I tell you that's not so!  
 The "house" I live in is worn out, and that, of course, I know.  
 It's been in use a long, long while; it's weathered many a gale;  
 I'm really not surprised you think it's getting somewhat frail.

The color changing on the roof, the windows getting dim,  
 The walls a bit transparent and looking rather thin,  
 The foundation not so steady as once it used to be –  
 My "house" is getting shaky, but my "house" isn't me.

My few short years can't make me old. I feel I'm in my youth.  
 Eternity lies just ahead, a life of joy and truth.  
 I'm going to live forever there, life will go on – it's grand!  
 You tell me I'm getting old? You just don't understand.

The dweller in my little "house" is young and bright and gay;  
 Just starting on a life to last throughout eternal day.  
 You only see the outside, which is all the most folks see.  
 You tell me I'm getting old? You've mixed my "house" with me!



## The Crusader Sword

The Crusader's Sword owned by the Grand Commandery of West Virginia is now on loan to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, for display in the Knights Templar Chapel there. The sword is displayed in a glass case on the south wall next to the suit of armor there.

The card underneath the sword reads: "Crusader's Sword. On loan from Grand Commandery Knights Templar of West Virginia. The original owner, an ancestor of the Trausnitz family of Germany, was a Crusader and carried this sword at the time the Knights of the Temple recaptured Jerusalem from the Infidels.

"Metallurgists who have examined the sword are convinced that it was made more than 800 years ago."



## Opening of Second Century

Sterling silver medallions marking the first class of Shrine candidates in Shrine-dom's second century have been issued bearing the signatures of Henry B. Struby, Imperial Potentate, and George M. Saunders, Imperial Recorder. Each commemorative coin – bearing the date of September 26, 1972, and the location, New York City – is numbered.

One of the Shrine presentations was made to Grand Master of Knights Templar G. Wilbur Bell. Another was given to Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer.

The reverse of each coin bears the inscription: "Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. Centennial Ceremonial, Issued to Commemorate the First Class of the 2nd 100 Years."



## Sixty-five Knighted Last Fall at Pittsburgh



A York Rite Class arranged by Commanderies of Division No. 2 October 28, 1972, brought 65 new Knights into the Order of Templary at the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Charles A. Garnes is Division Commander. Each class member received a membership certificate with compliments of Deputy Grand Commander A. Kenneth Stevenson.



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## CROSSES OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER

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

Orders of Knighthood or Orders of Chivalry are characterized by some kind of a badge, which usually partakes of the nature of a cross, the Maltese cross being the one most generally in use in the different countries.



The forms given to crosses in art are endless, but the two leading types are (1) the Latin cross, or cross immissa, the Passion cross; and (2) the Greek cross, or cross humetted or couped, the cross of equal arcs and angles. Both types are subject to many variations.

The Greek cross forms the cross of St. George, the national ensign of England previous to the union with Scotland, at which time the cross of St. Andrew was added, resulting in the Union Jack of Great Britain.

It may be of interest to note that the Grand Union flag, the immediate predecessor of our Stars and Stripes, consisted of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white and the canton of blue upon which appeared the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew representing our connection with the mother country. A severance of those ties brought about the replacement by white stars on a field of blue.

The Grand Union flag, sometimes called the "First Navy Ensign," the "Cambridge Flag" and other designations, was hoisted by General George Washington, January 2, 1776, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, as the standard of the Continental Army.

While this flag was never formally recognized by Congress, it was used on many occasions before June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress authorized the Star and Stripes as the national flag.

The cross has been a sacred symbol from the earliest antiquity. It is found upon all the enduring monuments of the world, in Egypt, in Assyria, in Hindustan, in Persia and on Buddhist towers in Ireland. The Druids cut an oak into its shape and held it sacred; they built their temples in that form. Pointing to the four quarters of the world, it was the symbol of universal nature.

The Greek cross is supposed to be the oldest known to man. This red cross on a white field has been named by some writers as the ancient Hebrew banner; this was the flag of England to 1603 when King James I changed the field to blue and added the cross of St. Andrew to the cross of St. George, each edged with white, making the first Union Jack, or Union of Jacob (Israel), indicating traditionally England's connection with the Israelites of old.

The Church of the Lateran at Rome, built by order of Constantine in A.D. 325, is in the form of a cross and was used by the early Christian architects because of its mysterious relation to the religion of all nations and as a part of the symbolism and the secret teachings of the colleges.

The cross formed the ground plan of the third Temple at Jerusalem, which is described in Ezekiel, chapters 40 to 44 inclusive. The Greek cross in →→→



red is the emblem of our Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and also the emblem of the American Red Cross Society.

The late Colonel William J. B. MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada, and an authority on Templary on this continent, writing in Stillson and Hughan's "History of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted and Concordant Orders," says: "a cross is always prefixed to the word 'frater,' when denoting a member of our Order, as distinguishing the Templar from that of other orders or societies. Such was formerly the practice and should not be abandoned. A cross should also be prefixed to the signatures of all brethren when signing as Templars, the double-barred or Patriarchal Cross being used by Preceptors and Priors."

Ecclesiastical Crosses are a medium of hierarchal distinction. The triple-barred or "Cross of Salem" was adopted by the Grand Encampment as the insignia of the Grand Master of the Order.

The two-barred cross or Patriarchal Cross signifies "Salvation to both Jew and Gentile," and the single-barred or Passion Cross represents the one on which our Saviour was crucified, although this is sometimes in doubt.

These two latter crosses were ancient badges of the Templars. The Patriarchal Cross is the insignia of an officer of the Grand Encampment. The Passion Cross is the insignia of rank of the Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar and is also worn by members of a Constituent or Subordinate Commandery on the chapeau, on the belt plate and on the coat sleeves.

The true Templar Cross or "Cross of the Order" is the cross called by heraldry as the "Cross Pattee" or "Cross Formee," open or spread at the extremities, symbolizing the spread of the Gospel to the

four quarters of the globe. By no means should this cross be formed of four equilateral triangles, meeting at a single point, which is now known as the Templar cross and is the insignia of officers of a Grand Commandery.

The Crusader's Cross, over the center of which is a crown, is the official knight Templar button described in Section 264 of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes. The Crusaders' Cross differs from the Templars' Cross in that the sides of the arms are slightly curved. The Crusaders' Cross shall be enameled as follows: for members of the Grand Encampment, purple; for members of a Grand Commandery, red; and for members of a Commandery, green.

To recapitulate, the various crosses that play a part in the insignia of our Templar Order include the Greek cross, the Latin or Passion cross, the Templar cross, the Crusaders' cross, the Patriarchal cross and the Cross of Salem.

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#### Triennial Housing Reservations

The Conrad Hilton is headquarters hotel for the 52nd Triennial Conclave August 11-16, 1973 at Chicago. Singles are \$21, \$25 and \$29; Twins/Doubles are \$35, \$38, \$41; Suites \$57.00 and up.

For housing reservations, write the Triennial Conclave Housing Chairman:

Gerald G. Sanderson  
K.T. Housing Chairman  
Chicago Convention and  
Tourism Bureau  
332 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Telephone (312) 922-2530



## Christmas Breakfast Comes of Age

One hundred forty-two Templars attended the 21st annual Breakfast and Christmas Observance at Cyrene Commandery No. 34, Columbia, Pennsylvania, December 10, with Grand Commander Russell R. Robison, Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders in attendance. Members and officers from the Grand Commandery of Maryland were among the attendees. The Grand Encampment was represented by Grand Recorder Paul C. Rodenhauer in whose term as Cyrene Commander the breakfast observances began in 1952.

Nelson Sears, P.C., presided for the breakfast features; Charles R. Frasch, P.C., was chairman; Walter E. Yohe is Division No. 16 Commander. 1972-73 Cyrene Commander is George R. Weaver.

Among those participating in both the 1st and 21st breakfast observances were: Sir Knights Herman C. Dallmeyer, William W. Wright, Charles R. Frasch, Frank H. Shank, and General Richard Snyder, (Ret.), former Adjutant General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Annually from 1952 through 1958 the program was telecast live over WGAL-TV, then filmed for the next eight years for Christmas Eve presentation. It is still covered on a TV spot news basis.

## The Sousa Stamp

The Sousa story in the October issue by Sir Knight James Case induced Robert E. Price, Indiana's Grand Standard Bearer, to relay the 2 cent John Philip Sousa Stamp from his collection for reproduction. Sir Knight Sousa, "March King," was a member of Columbia Commandery No. 2, Washington, D.C.



## Austin Decals

W. V. Giffen, P.C., Recorder, Austin Commandery No. 84, Glenview, Illinois, announces that a decal has been developed by the Commandery Drill Team for sale to raise funds for uniforms in preparation for the Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, U.S.A., in August.



The self-adhesive decals, an overall 3 by 5 inches in size, are reproduced in three colors. They are available to "other Commanderies, Drill Teams, Bands, Drum and Bugle Corps or other Templar groups." Information — plus a sample — can be secured by writing Ronald E. Ericksen (Commander, Austin No. 84), 5846 Monroe Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

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**"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better person."**

**Brother Benjamin Franklin**





## Fifty at Templar Workshop

The fifth and final Regional York Rite Workshop for the fall season was conducted November 18-19 at Capp Towers Motor Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, with Department Commander Arthur J. Peterson presiding as chairman.

Newly appointed Regional Deputy General High Priest and Regional Deputy General Grand Master James P. Irish, Altoona, Iowa, and Louis V. Sylvester, Omaha, Nebraska, conducted Royal Arch and Royal and Select sessions simultaneously Friday, November 18, starting at 1 p.m., and all three groups gathered for a closing combined session Saturday morning, the 19th.



Department Commander Peterson, foreground, and Grand Master Bell watch as Deputy Grand Master Riegle discusses 1973-1976 triennial plans.

Present from the General Grand Chapter were General Grand King H. K. Hall-dorson, Canada, and General Grand Secretary Charles K. A. McGaughey, Lexington, Kentucky; from General Grand Council, General Grand Master Hoyt McClendon, Birmingham, Alabama, General Grand P.C. of Work John H. Watts, Grand Junction, Iowa; General Grand Treasurer Charles F. Adams, Aurora, Nebraska, Bruce H. Hunt, General Grand Recorder, Kirksville, Missouri.

G. Wilbur Bell, Grand Master, headed the Grand Encampment officers and committee representatives: Deputy Grand



View of some of the 50 Templar participants from seven state area.

Master Riegle, Grand Recorder Rodenhauer; Alvin L. Crump, Illinois, speaking on Membership; Karl A. Crane, Triennial Conclave Drill Team Competition; Charles A. Howard, South Dakota, DeMolay and Masonry, and from Colorado, Carl J. Baesemann, Patriotic and Civic Activities.

The 1973 North Central Regional Conference will be arranged by James P. Irish, Chairman, Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18. The two remaining conferences of the current Grand Encampment year (which ends June 30) are the Southeastern at Jacksonville, Florida, Saturday and Sunday, January 20-21, and the East Central at Lansing, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, March 24-25.

As the concluding speaker at the combined session, Grand Master Bell repeated Grand Encampment's continued willingness to join in a unified York Rite body, much like the Scottish Rite organization.

"As the Consistory is to the Scottish Rite," said the Grand Master, "so is Templary to the York Rite." He invited organic and productive union, and pointed out that "cooperation was expected but we need more than peaceful coexistence; we need unified organization."



Sir Knight E. Bloomquist, P.G.C., is Chairman of the Festival Committee for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas.



In a recent Texas bulletin, Sir Knight Bloomquist takes up the subject of "Demits and Suspensions." In part, his letter reads:

"Now is the time when plans should be made for a betterment of our great Fraternity. NOW is the time when we should give serious consideration to those members of our Blue Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies who are candidates for suspension for non-payment of dues. We should be much more interested in keeping the members we now have than creating new ones.

"In ALL of our Masonic Bodies we stress 'Brotherly Love and Affection,' and yet we fail to be concerned when a member asks for a demit or goes suspended. Masonry has always taught that the honorable way to leave our organization was by demit, since a member has to be 'Clear on the Books' to be granted a demit. Many Masons believe in this, and when the time comes when they feel that they can no longer afford the payment of dues, they ask for a demit.

"We investigate a man before we accept him as a member. Why not be interested enough to investigate him before we grant a demit or suspend him for non-payment of dues?"

Grand Commander Roy Meredith, in company with two other West Virginia Grand Commandery officers – Grand Senior Warden Stanley K. Allen and Grand Sword Bearer Marshall M. Casdorff – paid a visit to Sir Knight C. J. Casdorff, at his home in Ronceverte, West Virginia, to present his 50 Year Service Award. Sir Knight Casdorff, now 87, shares 96 combined years of Templary with his son, the Grand Sword Bearer.

Shortly after the presentation, the Grand Commander was hospitalized for a scheduled hip operation. During his recuperation in December, he is reported to have continued his duties as Grand Commander by correspondence and thru visits by other officers of the Grand Commandery.



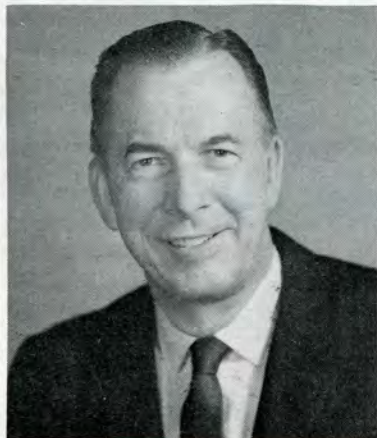
Marshall M. Casdorff, son, on the left, and Grand Commander Meredith on the right, are shown with the Award recipient, C. J. Casdorff.

**STILL AVAILABLE – MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

The Grand Encampment continues to offer – thru Recorders only – Templar membership patents at 18 cents each in quantities of 100 or more, 20 cents each in lesser quantities. Each is designed to be signed by the Commander and Recorder and to bear the seal – first impressed on a gold adhesive seal – of the Commandery. The certificates are suitable for framing and display. Recorders – Grand, Constituent, Subordinate – may send their orders, with checks, to the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

## Knighting for General Motors Prexy

Edward N. Cole, president of General Motors, described in business publications as "a man of seemingly boundless interests and vitality and ideas for doing things better," will take the step into the ranking body of York Rite Masonry Friday, January 26, in the asylum of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Michigan.



Biographers have written that he is a farm boy who made good in the big city. Edward N. Cole was born in Marne, Michigan, near Grand Rapids, took pre-law work at Grand Rapids Junior College, planned to take law at the University of Michigan, but a stint in an auto body shop whetted his appetite for the automobile industry. This led him to General Motors Institute as a student sponsored by the Cadillac Division. He enrolled in

1930 and the record shows a successful rise through a variety of engineering, manufacturing and management positions in Cadillac, Chevrolet and the GM Central Office.

One expression of his practical philosophy was made in an address to some 600 top engineers, scientists, stylists and manufacturing experts a few years ago:

**"It should be obvious to all of us that traditional concepts and methods can no longer be automatically accepted as the best way of solving the problems of today and tomorrow. If we find a better way, let's kick hell out of the status quo. The fact that 'we have always done it this way' is the best reason I know to take a particularly close look at a system or procedure."**

The president and chief operating officer of the world's largest corporation is known as a prolific speaker in addition to his management duties. According to the records, he had made more than 50 major addresses in the last 18 months.

Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 is John G. Coulson. One of the alumni of the Commandery was the late Wilber M. Brucker, Past Grand Master of Knights Templar, U.S.A., former Michigan Governor and Secretary of the Army.

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### Chairman Beaudoin Calls for a "Membership Spree in '73"

Louis A. Beaudoin, P.G.C., Massachusetts-Rhode Island, is Membership Chairman for the Grand Encampment. This is his message for the New Year:

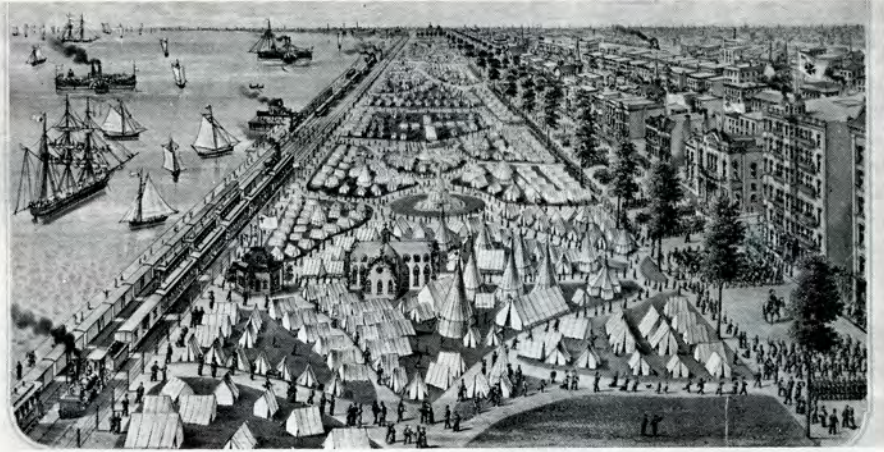
No resolutions please! Make it action instead!

Let's go on a membership spree in seventy-three. It takes sales calls — the same procedure followed by any successful salesman. The more calls, the more sales.

Remember — you couldn't be a salesman for a greater product!



## XXI Triennial Conclave



Courtesy Chicago Historical Society

This 1880 lithograph shows the Grand Encampment literally encamped in Lake Front Park at "Camp DeMolai." The Templars were in Chicago for the 21st Triennial Conclave August 17-20.

Almost 100 years later the Templars return to this very same spot when they meet next August at the Conrad Hilton across from Grant Park, as Lake Front Park is now known.

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### Press-Board, Spring-Clip Binders

Spring-clip binders, 9½ by 6½, with a cover illustration of the Cross and Crown in gold, are available from the Grand Encampment. Each binder is shipped with a full set of the eight Grand Encampment guideline leaflets. The binders can be used for filing copies of the *Knight Templar Magazine* (each will hold a full year's supply), General Orders, or materials of standard 8½ by 5½ size.

Quantities	Cost
1 thru 9	\$1.50 each
10 thru 19	\$1.35 each
20 or more	\$1.20 each

(Quoted rates include shipping and post-age costs).

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### What Happened to the Disciples?

Of the 12 disciples of Christ, only one escaped a torturous death. John died of extreme old age in Ephesus. The other 11 suffered violent and painful ends.

After betraying Christ, Judas Iscariot hanged himself. Peter, who denied Christ, was crucified, head down, during the persecution of Nero. Matthew, author of the first gospel, was slain by a sword in Ethiopia.

James, the elder son of Zebedee, was beheaded in Jerusalem. James, the brother of Christ, was thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple and then beaten to death. Both Andrew and Simon were crucified, Andrew in Patrae, a city under Greek rule, and Simon in Persia.

Bartholomew was flayed alive in Armenia and Thaddeus died from an arrow. Philip was hanged against a pillar in Asia Minor. Thomas, who doubted, died in the East Indies, run through by a lance.



## Knights Templar Home

The original building of the Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm in Paxton, Illinois, is solidly built because the Sir Knight who built it was fearful of the great storms which regularly occur in that part of the state.

George J. Shephardson served five terms as Commander of Mt. Olivet No. 38 in Paxton. During that time he Knighted 148 Masons, 59 in the year 1881 to make the record which still stands. He made the third place record for Knightings the following year with 37.

The original house has concrete floors and steel rods in the wall. Steel beams support the house and its second story. The walls are brick. Today the brick walls have been covered with white siding and wooden floors have been laid on the concrete.

The C. A. Larson family bought the home in 1883 and lived in it for 44 years before it was sold to Sam Henry. The Henry family lived in the home until April 1, 1954, when it was sold to the Knights Templar of Illinois for \$22,000.

Englewood Commandery No. 59, Chicago (now of Harvey), first purposed a Knight Templar Home in 1944. A committee to study the need for such a project was set up by the Grand Commandery of Illinois. In 1947 it was decided the Home was needed and funds were solicited. \$80,000 was quickly raised with Englewood No. 59 as the largest contributor and Mt. Olivet No. 39 of Paxton second.

In 1954 the old Shephardson home in Paxton was purchased and the Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm came into being. In 1959 a \$120,000 addition was built raising the capacity to 29 persons.

The Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm is supported by the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

## How to Start a Prospect File

This month's membership aid comes from A. Kenneth Stevenson, Deputy Grand Commander, Pennsylvania, who as Membership Chairman for Pennsylvania sent the following memo to the 89 Commanders in the state:

**It has been said, "The worst bankrupt in the world is the man who has lost his enthusiasm. Let a man lose everything else in the world but his enthusiasm and he will come through again to success." DON'T LOSE YOURS, SIR KNIGHT.**

**Ask each Officer and Past Commander to give you the name of an eligible Brother. (Your file is started!)**

**Have a Commandery representative in each Symbolic Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Council of Royal and Select Masters in your area.**

**Have your Membership Committee work with its counterpart in the Chapters and Councils. We all benefit if we work together.**

**Inform your members that such a file is being started and that their help is needed. A facsimile of the prospect card could be printed in your notice asking your members to send in the names of eligible Brethren who they would like to have join our great Christian Order.**

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**As any schoolboy knows, Chief Justice John Marshall, in 34 years as head of the highest court in the land, made the Supreme Court the "supreme" court of the land and handed down many landmark decisions which are so basic to American constitutional law they are studied in grade school history classes. Marshall was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from 1793-95. He had wintered with Brother Washington at Valley Forge and, by his testimony, "became a Freemason while in the Revolutionary Army." He died on July 6, 1835, and was buried with Masonic honors by Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19, Virginia. Tradition states the Liberty Bell cracked while tolling the death of this famous Mason.**



## "One Wonderful Person"

Charles L. Willey, P.G.C., Oregon, recently wrote an expressive letter about his wife Ethel whom he described as "one wonderful person, deserving of recognition."



Mrs. Willey "single handedly" organized Corvallis Assembly No. 201, S.O.O.B., in October 1957 and served as its President for the first two years. A great admirer of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, she recently sent a check for \$5,000 through her Beauceant Assembly and has also provided a \$20,000 Eye Foundation bequest in her will.

She is "a spark plug" in recruiting new members and regularly provides quilts for the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital as well as scarves, caps and slippers for the Veterans Hospital.

### Take Your Choice - But In Advance

Three program films have been made available by the Grand Encampment for Commandery use - for their members, for other Masonic groups and for non-Masonic audiences as well.

All are 16 mm color-sound films. All are offered for free-loan use. Only charge is return postage.

The three films are: **CAVALCADE OF TEMPLARY** - 29 minutes - a "promotional" film that highlights the background and significance of the Order; **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE** - 22 minutes - an American history film, not Masonic, designed to form the nucleus of patriotic programming in tribute to the nation's Bicentennial; **PAUL REVERE** - 11 minutes - same program type.

All are available - one at a time - if dates requested are open. All prints are in constant circulation. To arrange a free booking of any one of the films, write: **THE GRAND RECORDER, 14 EAST JACKSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 1733, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604.**

Grand Encampment  
Roll Call of Honored Dead

## IN HALLOWED MEMORY

**Arunah O. Lynch**

Virginia  
Grand Commander - 1944  
Born April 1, 1888  
Died November 14, 1973

**Archelus F. Campbell**

Alabama  
Grand Commander - 1948  
Born March 26, 1890  
Died November 23, 1973

**Rex R. Brubaker**

Michigan  
Grand Commander - 1970  
Born November 7, 1899  
Died November 30, 1973

Maurice Arthur Searle, G.C.C., Past Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Red Cross of Constantine, died November 13, 1972. He was an Honorary Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council.

Douglas E. Briggs, Detroit Commandery No. 1, long active in Grand Commandery of Michigan Eye Foundation work, Grand Secretary of the York Rite College, died Tuesday, December 5, 1972. Sir Knight Briggs handled major committee assignments when the late Grand Master Brucker presided over the 50th Triennial Conclave in 1964.

### January Event

The Committee Advisory to the Grand Master will meet in an official session Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, at the Pick Congress, Chicago, to review the past 28 months of the present Triennium and to plan for the 52nd Triennial Conclave agenda August 11-16 in Chicago.

Templary -  
An Advance in the Quality of Life

# 1973 ANNUAL CONCLAVES and GRAND MASTER'S REPRESENTATIVES

<i>Grand Commandery</i>	<i>Conclave Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Representative</i>
Alabama	Birmingham	Apr. 24-25	Paul C. Rodenhauer
Arizona	Yuma	October 23	Grand Master *
Arkansas	Little Rock	Apr. 16-17	John B. Cottrell, Jr.
California	San Diego	May 3-4	G. Wilbur Bell
Colorado	Denver	Sept. 14	Grand Recorder *
Connecticut	New Haven	Apr. 29-30	Willard M. Avery
Dist. of Col.	Washington	May 12	G. Wilbur Bell
Florida	Cape Canaveral	May 13-14	Roy W. Riegler
Georgia	Augusta	May 9-10	Stephen B. Dimond
Idaho	Twin Falls	May 20-21	C. Byron Lear
Illinois	Peoria	Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Deputy Grand Master *
Indiana	Muncie	May 3-5	Roy W. Riegler
Iowa	Ames	June 18-22	Paul C. Rodenhauer
Kansas	Salina	May 11-12	Arthur G. Coots
Kentucky	Louisville	Sept. 9-10	Grand Master *
Louisiana	Alexandria	Apr. 8-10	G. Wilbur Bell
Maine	Portland	Apr. 29-30	Ward L. Ekas
Maryland	Baltimore	May 9	Ward L. Ekas
Mass. and R.I.	Boston	Sept. 7-9	Grand Recorder *
Michigan	Flint	May 31-June 2	Ned E. Dull
Minnesota	Eveleth	June 8-9	Arthur J. Peterson
Mississippi	Jackson	Mar. 16-17	G. Wilbur Bell
Missouri	Jefferson City	May 18-19	Arthur G. Coots
Montana	Havre	June 7-8	G. Wilbur Bell
Nebraska	McCook	Apr. 5-6	John B. Cottrell, Jr.
Nevada	Las Vegas	June 3-4	Willard M. Avery
New Hampshire	Concord	Oct. 5-6	Grand Generalissimo *
New Jersey	Atlantic City	Mar. 9-11	G. Wilbur Bell
New Mexico	Las Cruces	Apr. 20	Harold S. Gorman
New York	Kerhonkson	Sept. 14-16	Grand Generalissimo *
North Carolina	Fayetteville	Mar. 4-6	Willard M. Avery
North Dakota	Grand Forks	Apr. 15-16	G. Wilbur Bell
Ohio	Cleveland	Oct. 5-6	Grand Captain General *
Oklahoma	Ponca City	Apr. 28-30	John B. Cottrell, Jr.
Oregon	Bend	Apr. 9	Willard M. Avery
Pennsylvania	Erie	May 20-23	G. Wilbur Bell
Philippines	Manila	Apr. 21	Lloyd O. Haig
South Carolina	Charleston	Mar. 11-12	Stephen B. Dimond
South Dakota	Rapid City	Sept. 9-11	Department Commander *
Tennessee	Nashville	May 18-19	Stephen B. Dimond
Texas	San Antonio	May 12-15	G. Wilbur Bell
Utah	Park City	May 6-8	John R. Mendius
Vermont	Rutland	June 3-4	Louis A. Beaudoin
Virginia	Portsmouth	May 10-12	John B. Cottrell, Jr.
Washington	Everett	May 21-22	Paul W. Sweet
West Virginia	Wheeling	May 18-19	Willard M. Avery
Wisconsin	Oshkosh	June 14-16	Roy W. Riegler
Wyoming	Cody	Sept. 15	Department Commander *

\*Note: In view of 52nd Triennial Conclave elections in August, post-Triennial Representatives are designated by title rather than by name.



## HARRY S. TRUMAN, K.T.

In his memoirs, Harry S. Truman wrote:

“Within the first few months I discovered that being a President is like riding a tiger. A man has to keep on riding or be swallowed. The fantastically crowded nine months of 1945 taught me that a President either is constantly on top of events or, if he hesitates, events will soon be on top of him.

“No one who has not had the responsibility can really understand what it is like to be President, not even his closest aides or members of his immediate family. There is no end to the chain of responsibility that binds him, and he is never allowed to forget that he is President. What kept me going in 1945 was my belief that there is far more good than evil in men and that it is the business of government to make the good prevail.”