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FEBRUARY: Sir Knight Lafayette, whose life and times were so closely influenced by George Washington, is the central Masonic theme of the current issue. A Lafayette-Templar highlight by historiographer James Case sets the pace, augmented by other seasonally selected articles. Of timely February significance are the samples of Lincoln humor prepared by Sir Knight George L. Cashman, Curator of Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield. We hope you find the issue both interesting and informative. The cover picture is courtesy of the Chicago Historical Society.

Paul C. Rodenhauer, Editor

"Three's a Crowd" . . .

TRIENNIAL PLANNING

Three years can be quite a "crowd," especially when it's a period that requires advance planning. Many of us are accustomed to making our projects a year at a time which, all things being equal, does not call for quite as much study, research and factual consultation as for a triennium.



When the advancement of Templary is concerned, planning for a three-year period becomes especially important. That is why we have a "Committee Advisory to the Grand Master," which includes a number of Committee Chairmen and Grand Encampment Officers. That is why we have a Committee on Finance, a Committee on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, a Committee on Membership, on Ritual, the Triennial Conclave, Jurisprudence, Public Relations and other groups and individuals directly and specifically charged with involvement in the good of the Order.

That is why we had called a meeting of the Advisory Committee in the month of January 1973 – to study, collect facts and figures, to discuss, to share information, to project for the Templar Triennium of 1973-1976.

And that is why the some 1,200 voting members of Knights Templar, U.S.A., the duly elected representatives of all members under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, are summoned to be present in August of 1973 when the 52nd Triennial Conclave convenes in Chicago.

All Knights Templar (and their families) are invited and will be welcomed. There will be many enjoyable social and informational events for all. But the informed consideration of the Grand Commandery and Subordinate Commandery dais officers and the Past Grand Commanders will be required in the business and voting sessions from Monday morning, August 13, through Thursday morning, August 16.

Planning for three years is not easy – especially if we are deeply dedicated, as all of us are, to the progress and advancement of Templary, the *highest membership which can be offered to Christian Masons by the York Rite.*

Come prepared to help Templary take another step forward in the three years from August 1973 to August 1976. It is *your* Grand Encampment!

G. Wilbur Bell



The KNIGHT WRITERS

COMMENTS FROM READERS



□ Who came up with the real tricky Roman Numeral designation of IXX for Volume 19? (Cover of January 1973 issue)

When I saw that, something in my skull went "TILT," for all my recollections tell me that the proper Roman Numeral designation for 19 is XIX.

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Editor's Note: I for the Money, II for the Show, III to Get Ready – and XIX on the current cover to adjust our January error of IXX. We sometimes have trouble with Arabic numerals too!

□ A special Memorial Masonic Cover, cancelled with the date and time period of Harry S. Truman's death, will be issued by our club. The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club is composed of Masonic Brethren interested in stamps and covers dealing with Masonry. It issues its own covers. Life membership is \$10. A copy of the bulletin usually enclosed in a special Masonic Cover is sent each member when issued.

Application blanks are available from Herman J. Lichty, 4532 47th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM
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□ I read the *Knight Templar Magazine* from cover to cover and enjoy it very much, especially the mail cross section from all over. I am enclosing a bulletin from my Lodge, Annapolis No. 89, Maryland, and I wonder if the consecutive number of living Past Masters, 32 without a break as of November 1972, set a record of any kind.

EDWIN L. CASKEY
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□ I am a member of Tokyo Commandery No. 1 (and the Tokyo Consistory, as well) and always read your excellent magazine from cover to cover.

I'm attempting to locate a copy of the book entitled *Heroic Deeds of Noble Master Masons during the Civil War, from 1861 to 1865 in the USA* by Jacob Jewell – Pueblo, Colorado, 1916. Does any Brother know of a library which has this book and is willing to provide it to me via an inter-library loan?

ROBERT L. BRAKE
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□ I own a rare historical collection which has a connection with President George Washington, one item being a large oval shaped silver medallion which is counted by southeastern archaeologists, silversmiths and historians to be the rarest of all early hand-made medallions. Joseph Loring was the silversmith. The collection includes gold buttons and braids from one of Washington's military uniforms.

The Smithsonian Institute wants my collection and needs a donor to acquire it. For more information on the collection, write to me.

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□ As a recently raised Master Mason (August 1972), I would like to ask for the assistance of my Brethren who are readers of your fine magazine, in my pursuit of "further Masonic Light."

I am attempting to accumulate a collection of official Masonic monitors from each of the Grand Lodge jurisdictions. If some of your readers would be willing to send me a monitor from their jurisdiction, I would be deeply grateful. If, perchance, duplicate copies should be received, they will either be returned to the sender or donated, in the sender's name, to the library of one of the local Masonic bodies.

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□ I am a 37 year old Templar and was made a Mason in July of 1960. I served as Master of Yazoo Lodge No. 42 in 1966 and am presently High Priest of Yazoo Chapter No. 8, R.A.M. The Lord and the Brethren willing, I suppose I will be Illustrious Master of Yazoo Council No. 17 during 1973. I am also Junior Warden of Yazoo Commandery No. 23.

I have been much impressed with my Masonic connections and greatly humbled by the precepts and examples, particularly impressed by the various lectures. As a result I have set to verse some thoughts and impressions published in a small edition entitled "On Squares & Things."

I still have a number of these booklets available to anyone who might be interested, and I will mail one to anyone in the continental U.S.A. for \$.50, which will about cover printing and postage. Just mail \$.50 and return address to me.

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□ Harrah's Automobile Museum in Sparks, Nevada, has two Templar automobiles on display: a 1921 Coupe and a 1922 Roadster. Both are model 4-45, 4 cylinder cars with horsepower of 50. The museum occasionally has surplus autos for sale. They also have representatives throughout the country continually buying cars and shipping them to the museum.

I believe a letter to Harrah's Automobile Collection, P.O. Box 10, Reno, Nevada 89504, may produce results; if not an actual car, at least leads or information as to where one may be.

WILLIAM S. JONES
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□ The "National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints" are only in the world's largest libraries. Volume 184, pp. 135-139, lists Freemasons and Freemasonry. The publisher has agreed to reprint this section for \$25. I recommend a copy for your Lodge if it has a library. Write James M. Boxer, Esq., Sec'y, Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd., Bloomsbury Place, London WC1A 2Q A, England. January 29 was publishing date. Price \$25.00.

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□ I have a problem that you might help me with. I had an Uncle Francis Herbert Ring, my mother's brother. He apparently belonged to the Masonic Order before he came to Minnesota around about 1855. He was one of the five men who started my Lodge, Arcana No. 187. He also belonged to Darius Commandery and Zuhrah Temple about 1907. He moved to California when I was in my early teens, about 1910 to 1915. He lived in Eagle Rock, near Los Angeles. I saw his sword when I was real young and would like to have it in memory of him. Some Commandery member near where he lived in California might be able to help me.

RAY F. BROCK
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□ The treasurer of my Lodge, South Park No. 662, has asked me to try and assist him in securing the record of his wife's grandfather either in the Commandery or Blue Lodge.

The name of the deceased grandfather of Mrs. Dorothy Miller is ARTHUR WILLIAMS STREET, and the only record she has of him is he was called from his labors on earth March 24, 1898, and laid to rest on March 27, 1898. She understands he belonged to the Lodge and Commandery. I have contacted the Lodge and been informed their records covering the year of 1898 were destroyed by fire.

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□ Sir Knight Louis J. Kluntz, Past Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Middletown, Connecticut, has graciously consented to provide fresh flowers for the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on special occasions.

It has been customary, in the past, for the Knights Templar Chapel Committee to provide Easter Lilies during Easter but, due to the generosity of S.K. Kluntz, the Chapel will now have fresh flowers during Christmas, George Washington's Birthday and Easter.

This is not the first time a Sir Knight from Cyrene Commandery No. 8 has participated in the beautification of our Chapel. Sir Knight Ansel Packard, P.G.C., furnished one of the suits of armor currently displayed in the Chapel.

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TEMPLAR JOURNAL

Quick recount. A second count of the number of Templar Presidents of the United States reveals a total of six rather than the five mentioned in the January magazine observation. Those Templars who preceded the late Sir Knight Truman as President were Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Garfield, McKinley and Harding.

The McKee Sword. Thomas Hudson McKee, not a member of the Craft, has the Templar sword of his grandfather which bears the inscription: "Awarded to Sir Thomas H. McKee of St. John's Commandery No. 24 at the Garfield Monumental Fair held in the Rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, D.C., Dec. 2nd., 1881."

Mr. McKee writes he would be glad to have the sword (and other memorabilia) viewed if "one or two of the top ranking Knights Templar here phone me for an appointment." He lists his address as 5705 Ridgetown Circle, Dallas, Texas 75230, and his phone number as (212) AD9-1468.

Lee J. Ameen, who wrote "The Saga of Apollo Eight" for the December issue, was listed as a member of Romeo Commandery No. 6, Romeo, Michigan. Not so. Sir Knight Ameen is a member of St. Bernard No. 16, although both Michigan Commanderies would be happy to claim him.

"This year we'll have such a large turnout at the Arlington Easter Service that even PENNSYLVANIA will be forced to admit we've topped them!" So says Forest C. McDaniel, Grand Generalissimo of Illinois. The Grand Commandery of Illinois has two basic travel offers — one by plane, one via bus, plus some optional tours in connection with the Washington visit on Easter weekend.

Speaking of Pennsylvania, 97-year-old John DeWald of that jurisdiction, a Mason for 73 years, writes that he is a "member who regrets" because 25 of his 50 years as a railroad telegraph operator were nighttime assignments and prevented his active fraternal participation. His years add weight to his statement: "My love for Masonry and what it teaches is deathless."

Christmas, Christmas everywhere. Dozens of accounts have been received about 1972 programs of observance held throughout the Grand Encampment jurisdiction. Some were early morning breakfast observances, some were evening programs. Some were "open," some for Sir Knights only. Members of at least one, No. 84, Illinois, participated with Knights of Columbus.

New booklet from Dr. Peale. The Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, helps to narrow the "knowledge gap" about the role of religion in American history with his new booklet, "One Nation Under God," now being distributed without charge by the Foundation for Christian Living to public, private and parochial schools.

The Grand Encampment library is enhanced by the gift of Sir Knight W. S. Turnpaugh, San Antonio, Texas. For some years, Volume IV of Denslow's *10,000 Famous Freemasons* has been on the "borrowed and never returned" list. Sir Knight Turnpaugh learned of our plight, found a second Volume IV in his collection and forwarded it to the Grand Recorder.

Item: Area reports say local post office deliveries of January's issue varied from December 26 to mid-January.

LAFAYETTE AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

By

James R. Case, K.T.C.H.

PAGES 7 and 8 DAMAGED and REMOVED

The Masonic apron made by the wife of Sir Knight Lafayette, illustrated on the back cover, was presented at Mt. Vernon in 1784. The "Messrs. Watson & Cassoul Apron," presented two years earlier, still is in the possession of Lodge No. 22, Alexandria. It has often been mistaken for the former.

Mackey and Singleton's *History of Freemasonry* says the "two aprons may be easily identified, by the Watson & Cassoul apron being wrought with gold and silver tissue, with the American and French flags combined upon it, while the Lafayette apron is wrought with silk, and has for its design on the frontlet the Mark Master's circle, and mystic letters, with a beehive as its mark in the center."

The "Watson & Cassoul" reference seemed to have a commercial connotation, but Brothers Watson and Cassoul were friends of Washington. In his *Memoirs of Elkanah Watson*, donor Watson wrote: "Wishing to pay some mark of respect to our beloved Washington, I employed, in conjunction with my friend M. Cassoul, nuns in one of the convents at Nantes to prepare some elegant Masonic ornaments and gave them a plan for combining the American and French flags on the apron designed for this use. They were executed in a superior and expensive style. We transmitted them to America, accompanied by an appropriate address."

The close of that address reads: "It is to you, therefore, the glorious orb of America, we presume to offer Masonic ornaments as an emblem of your virtues. May the Grand Architect of the universe be the guardian of your precious days, for the glory of the western hemisphere and the entire universe. Such are the vows of those who have the favor to be, by all the known members,

Your affectionate brothers,
Watson & Cassoul."

... CASE

also compiled and printed a separate publication on the geneology of the Lafayette family.

Historiographer Case resides at 43 Highland Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut 06801.

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The following is an excerpt of a sermon given by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., at Marble Collegiate Church, New York City.

I have had the privilege of traveling in many countries of the world, and some countries I love very much. I love the snows of the Alps and the quaint little villages of Switzerland. But every time I land once again at Kennedy Airport and feel the throb and surge of this land I know I am in the greatest country that God ever made. Perhaps it used to be more romantic when you came in by ship past the Statue of Liberty — maybe they ought to move it over to Kennedy Airport! At any rate, you know that you are in the land of liberty.

People come up to me in many places and say, "But don't you realize that this country has a lot of problems?"

And I say to them, "I certainly do, and I am glad of it. When any country comes to the point where it no longer has problems, that country is on the way out."

The only people I have ever met in my life who have no problems — I know right where they are — they are in Woodlawn Cemetery! They have no problems, no problems at all. But, they are dead. It follows, therefore, I believe, in logical sequence, that problems constitute a sign of life. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that the more problems you have, the more alive you are. The person who has, let us say, 10 good old tough, mansized problems is twice as alive as the poor, miserable, apathetic character who only has 5 problems. And any nation that does not have problems is in the cemetery of history.

In 1973 —
Give Templar Dedication for the
Grand Enhancement of Christian Masonry!

Angel Gabriel's Halo Explodes

Past Commander Ralph McCracken, Calvary Commandery No. 37, Danville, Pennsylvania, is responsible for what could be considered a shocking Christmas story.

The Commandery annually participates in a Christmas parade on the theme, "Put Christ Back in Christmas."

The 1972 float depicted the Annunciation. A constructed well, with arch and rope, covered the truck cab. Standing beside the well was the Angel Gabriel; in front of the Angel was Mary, kneeling as she received the announcement.

Gabriel wore a halo surmounted with miniature tree lights. For home use, these were wired in series to feed each bulb about five volts. To use the six volts of power from the truck current, rewiring in parallel was done to give each bulb the same voltage. A standard plug was attached so Gabriel could get off and on the truck conveniently.

Kay McCracken took the halo home to apply gold tinsel. Placing it on her head, she gave it what was almost a "final" inspection by plugging the lights into a wall receptacle.

"When that 110 volt current hit those poor little six volt bulbs, there was an instantaneous series of POW's as they shot off the halo like rockets," says Sir Knight McCracken.

Mrs. McCracken and the halo recovered eventually their respective composesures and the Angel Gabriel, lighted halo and all, was an impressive part of Danville's annual Christmas parade.



The Time is NOW!

It's **ACTIVITY** Time in the Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Activate your Commandery projects. Help exceed the goal of more than \$300,000. Campaign closes March 31.

Memorial Check

A \$52 check (non-Voluntary Campaign) has been received as a memorial to the late Sir Knight William H. Hamann, Columbia, Missouri, whose Templar membership was in Anchorage No. 2, Alaska.

REPORT FROM THE KERATOPROSTHESES LABORATORY

by
Arthur G. DeVoe, M.D.



Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell presents a Knights Templar Eye Foundation grant in amount of \$25,000 to Dr. Arthur G. DeVoe of the Edward S. Harkness Institute of Ophthalmology of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City. The grant was authorized at the Annual Meeting of the Eye Foundation Trustees. Looking on, to Dr. DeVoe's left, are Dr. John H. Dunnington, Executive Director Walter A. DeLamater, P.G.M., and New York Grand Commander Nelson A. Strauch.

In spite of the rather remarkable success on the transplantation of human corneas from one individual to another, a success rate which is not paralleled in other areas of organ transplantation, there remains a considerable group who consistently reject corneal grafts and are thus forced into perpetual blindness.

Although there are a number of causes for this unfortunate state of affairs usually they are the result of chemical and thermal burns. With the rapid growth of industrial chemicals as well as those in common household use, there seem to be more rather than fewer of these injuries as time goes on. With the threat of therm-nuclear war constantly hanging over our heads, further impetus is lent to the study of methods to restore vision to such badly injured eyes. To date we have implanted 398 artificial corneas in 383 patients. The extrusion rate which was previously

about 25% has now been reduced with improvements stemming from your past grants to about 8%.

The principal of the operating procedure is rather simple and can best be compared to the ordinary nut and bolt. The bolt section contains a cylinder of plastic upon which the correct curvature is ground to produce an image on the patient's retina. This central cylinder is supported by a contact lens which forms, in effect, the head of the bolt. A small hole is drilled through the center of the cornea, the stem of the bolt inserted and the nut applied to the posterior surface, thus firmly clamping the cornea between the head of the bolt and the nut.

These have been retained well in corneas of reasonably firm consistency for as much as ten years. Current research is directed towards strengthening → → →

Mrs. Clara Hall, Peoria Heights, Illinois, has relayed to Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell a check in the amount of \$2,454.80 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on behalf of the Grand Court, Order of Amaranth.

Another contribution toward the Illinois Voluntary Campaign quota was a check for \$500.00 from Sir Knight Wilburn F. Bouet, now of St. Joseph, Michigan, but a member of Englewood Commandery No. 59, Illinois. His check was received by Past Grand Commander Kenneth E. McCarty who says "the Knights of Englewood have added funds to that amount and express a determination to raise a minimum average of \$2.00 per member during the 'activities' campaign."

The Grand Encampment in late January had reports from Grand Commandery Chairmen showing more than \$30,000 as local activities got underway.

... KERATOPROSTHESES

certain soft diseased corneas so that they are able to retain the bolt. Ordinarily a weakened soft cornea will extrude the implant in short time. We have performed experimental work in animals, all designed to improve the structure of the cornea prior to implantation of the implant.

Should any Templars be interested in details we can provide this very easily but I am afraid it is too technical for average consumption. Templars are quite welcome to visit our laboratories and see the mechanics of manufacture as well as the animal specimens.

We look forward to another year of hard work in an effort to improve the current devices.

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After a brief stay in intensive care and a number of days of check-ups and observation for a possible heart problem, Past Grand Commander Charles S. McIntyre, Michigan, received so many cards, calls and other regard that he found it impossible to "make even a small dent" in writing notes of appreciation to his Masonic friends and associates.

Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Grand Encampment Chairman of the 5th Voluntary Activities Campaign, he is back in harness, and has asked the *Knight Templar Magazine* to help him relay his grateful acknowledgment. "But," said the Chairman, "after the 'thank you's' have been said, let's get down to the business at hand — executing benefit projects that will reach the far more than \$300,000 in needed funds for the work of the Foundation. I thank you all; now let's all get to work and exceed that goal!"

Chairman McIntyre notes that his own Commandery, Monroe No. 19, had reached \$2,000 by the middle of January. "I'm grateful for that; I'm grateful for the personal messages sent me in connection with the hospitalization, but I'll be even more grateful when the closing figures on March 31 show that the 5th Voluntary Campaign was a tremendous success."

The Monroe Commandery total noted by Chairman McIntyre includes a check for \$300.00 from Mrs. J. Edward Foisey, wife of Monroe's Generalissimo. Recorder William K. Edwards, P.C., reports that "Dorothy started a project selling gift items. In January she presented the Commandery her \$300.00 check which represented her profit. She carried many boxes filled with miscellaneous items to Masonic events, displayed them, packed them in boxes again — a lot of work, especially when she had to climb stairs at some locations."

March 31 Campaign Goal \$300,000 plus

THE FORTY-SEVENTH PROBLEM OF EUCLID

by

Justin O. King, P.C.

DeMolay No. 13, Ft. Collins, Colorado

In the early thirties I began a career as a secondary school mathematics teacher. During all this time I've taught geometry and feel it is one of the most important and useful subjects taught in our schools.

When I was accepted as a member of this great Masonic fraternity I was surprised and happy to hear the 47th Problem of Euclid mentioned in the Degrees. I was also happy to hear geometry and Masonry were so closely interwoven. I have some admiration and maybe I agree with Anderson's Constitutions of 1738 when he said of the 47th Problem of Euclid, "that amazing proposition which is the foundation of all Masonry of whatever materials or dimensions."

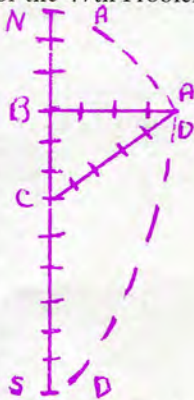
Ancients and earliest Masons held this proposition in highest regard. Their idea that the entire symbolism of Masonry was contained in the 47th Problem may not be strictly true but hints of the lessons taught in each of the emblems of Masonry can be found in some application of this great proposition.

The 47th Problem was used by the Ancient Egyptians to measure and lay out the ground on which they were to build their temples as we use the 24 inch gauge to measure and layout the time we are to spend on each part of the work. The very word geometry means measurement of the earth. The Operative Mason measures his work by the 24 inch gauge as the Ancients measured theirs by the principle of the 47th Problem. By the common Gavel he breaks off the uneven surfaces which prevent the stones from fitting squarely into the building. It teaches us as Speculative Masons to divest ourselves of all the vices which prevent us from living on the square so that we can fit as living stones into that spiritual building — the house not made with hands.

The 47th Problem of Euclid states "The square on the hypotenuse of any right triangle is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides."

The plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly, representative of the perpendicular. The horizontal reminds us of the level — these two are at right angles to each other and represent the square. The hypotenuse of the right-angled triangle which binds the two sides together and keeps them square represents the cement of brotherly love and affection which is spread by the trowel. We could continue but you are now getting the idea of what is meant by the relationship of the 47th Problem and the Symbols of Masonry.

The Ancient Egyptians, in measuring out the ground for their temples could determine the North and South line from the stars but the East and the West line was found by means of the 47th Problem of Euclid. On the North and South line, as ascertained by the stars, a string or cord was laid. Let NS be the North-South line, A,B,C,D the cord. On this cord they took a rod of any convenient length and laid off three lengths of the rod from A to B, four lengths from B to C and five lengths from C to D. The cord was fastened by pegs at B and C and then A and D were brought together at the same point. A right triangle was thus formed with sides 3, 4 and 5, with the right angle at B. BA is the East-West line and the building was square with the world. No wonder the Ancients saw a symbolic relationship!



FEBRUARY IN WASHINGTON – 1973

February traditionally is a month of Masonic activity in Washington, D.C. Masonic leaders from many parts of the country – and the world – convene for meetings, seminars, discussions, workshops and conferences on Masonic subjects.

Again, with the Shoreham Hotel as headquarters, the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America will be the nucleus of the gatherings. W. Orville Kimmel, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, is Chairman of the Conference Committee. William B. Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Maryland, is Executive Secretary. Activities extend February 18-21.

Also at the Shoreham concurrently will be the 45th Annual Conference of the Grand Secretaries of Jurisdictions in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Dwight L. Smith, Past Grand Master, Indiana, is Secretary-Treasurer; the President for 1972-73 is

Harvey C. Byrd, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Sir Knight Byrd is a Past Department Commander of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

The Grand Encampment representatives present for Washington activities will include Grand Master Bell, Deputy Grand Master Riegle, Grand Generalissimo Avery, Grand Captain General Cottrell, Past Grand Master Crofts and Grand Recorder Rodenhauer. The agenda will include a Sunday afternoon meeting of the International York Rite Unity Commission, with Grand Master Bell presiding.

The Allied Masonic Bodies meet at Hotel Washington the preceding week. Schedule of activities begins Friday, February 16. The Committee on Time and Place, headed by Marvin E. Fowler, includes Herbert A. Fisher, Henry Emmerson, Robert L. Grubb, George C. Moreland, Harold V. B. Voorhis and Stanley W. Wakefield.

PROGRAM OF A.M.D. MEETINGS

February 16 – 7:30 p.m. Masonic Workshop, The Philalethes Society

February 17 – 8:30 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.

10:30 a.m. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.

11:30 a.m. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon – Dutch Treat

2:00 p.m. Installed Master's Council, A.M.D.

2:30 p.m. Council of the Nine Muses, No. 13, A.M.D.

3:00 p.m. Great Chief's Council, No. 0, Knight Masons

3:30 p.m. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.

4:45 p.m. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis

6:00 p.m. Annual Banquet, Allied Masonic Degrees

8:00 p.m. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees

10:00 p.m. Masonic Order of the Bath of the U.S.A.

11:00 p.m. Ye Ancient Order of the Corks

February 18 – 7:30 a.m. Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour

9:00 a.m. Society of Blue Friars

9:30 a.m. Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.

10:00 a.m. Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

February 18	12 to 5 p.m.	Registration
	5:00 p.m.	Tea and Reception, Ambassador Room
February 19	7:00 a.m.	Deputy Grand Master's Breakfast, Palladian Room
	10:00 a.m.	George Washington Masonic Memorial Association Meeting and Luncheon
	2:00 p.m.	Masonic Service Association, Diplomat Room
	7:00 p.m.	Grand Secretaries' Dinner, Palladian Room
February 20	7:30 a.m.	Frank S. Land Breakfast, Imperial Council, Shrine Regency Ballroom
	9:00 a.m.	Grand Masters' Conference, Diplomat Room
	9:00 a.m.	Grand Secretaries' Conference, Tudor Room
	7:00 p.m.	Grand Masters' Banquet, Regency Ballroom (Doors open at 6:30)
February 21	9:00 a.m.	Grand Masters' Conference, Tudor Room
	9:00 a.m.	Grand Secretaries' Conference, Tudor Room
	12:15 p.m.	Luncheon, Supreme Council, 33° , A. & A. S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, House of the Temple

52nd Triennial Conclave

Host for the 52nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., is the Grand Commandery of Illinois. The Illinois General Committee in charge of planning and executing the hosting arrangements is headed by Co-Chairmen Clare Lang and Phillip S. Makin, Chicago.

The Committee has announced there will be an early distribution of advance program details and activity reservation forms.

Conclave events are scheduled to begin Saturday, August 11, with Drill Team competition and Saturday evening entertainment and to conclude at noon Thursday, August 16, following installation of 1973-76 Grand Encampment officers. Specific information on Triennial events will be printed in the *Knight Templar Magazine* whenever released by the Illinois General Committee.

Reservations for the Conrad Hilton Hotel, headquarters for the Triennial Conclave — or for any other Chicago hotel or motel — can be made by writing to the 52nd Triennial Conclave Housing Chairman:

Gerald G. Sanderson
Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau
332 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Three Leaders at Springfield



The Ansar Temple Ceremony was the occasion for the photograph of Grand Master and Past Ansar Potentate G. Wilbur Bell with presiding Potentate Hal Schussle, left and an Ansar officer, formerly Recorder, Charles E. Bostick, Past Grand Commander of Illinois Knights Templar and President of the Illinois Triennial Corporation for the 52nd Triennial Conclave over which Grand Master Bell will preside.

Next Month — An informative article about the ritualistic drama, "The Word," by Illinois Past Grand High Priest James Cross.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Past Grand Master Heads Commandery

By way of the *Ponca City News* and Past Commander Joe S. Lewis, Ponca City, Oklahoma, was announced the installation of Howard R. Harold, of Tonkawa, in the office of Commander of Ben Hur Commandery No. 14.



"It's a first in Oklahoma, possibly in the United States," writes Sir Knight Lewis, "because Eminent Commander Harold is the junior M.W. Past Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma."

The new Commander, a member of all the York Rite Bodies of Ponca City, is the retired dean of Northern Oklahoma College. He was a participant in the South Central Department Conference in Tulsa last fall.

Past Grand Master Harold's Installing Marshall was Sir Knight Lewis, Past Grand Master, Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay.

"Hunt Valley Inn Near Bonnie Blink"

Robert L. Brendle, Commander, announces a 1973 Ladies' Night for Beausant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland, to be held March 3 at Hunt Valley Inn, Interstate 83, at Shawan Road near Bonnie Blink. Dinner at 6:30 will be followed by entertainment and music for dancing.

The jurisdiction of the Free State of Maryland is one that has shown consistent gains in Templar membership year after year.

Spanish Ritual Nearing Completion

Printing of the new Spanish Ritual is expected to be completed in a matter of weeks. Copies will then be available of the official Grand Encampment ritual, translated into Spanish, to the Recorders of Spanish speaking Commanderies in Mexico, Guatemala and elsewhere, if needed, at a charge of \$5.00 each.

The Committee on Spanish Ritual appointed by the Grand Master in August 1970 was headed by Dr. J. George Lang, P.G.C., New York; and included J. Howard Haring, P.G.C., New Jersey, and Joseph C. Rodriguez, P.C., Bronx, New York. At the recommendation of Chairman Lang, the Grand Master has designated a special "Consultant" title for Sir Knight Hubert J. Stone, North White Plains, New York, and has commended Sir Knight Stone for his "specialized assistance and hours of proofing and correcting" that made it possible for the committee to prepare the coded text in proper form for the printer.

MAY DAYS: DeMolay Congress, May 24-26; Supreme Council, May 27-30, St. Louis, Missouri

Jones Retires from Newspaper

Nevada Grand Commander Clarence K. Jones retired as business manager of Reno Newspapers, Inc. and treasurer of Speidel Newspapers in December after a career which spanned more than half a century. The *Reno Evening Gazette* called him "part of the Reno story" for his many civic activities over the years.

Among his activities, Sir Knight Jones was chairman of the Nevada Civic Olympic Committee which brought the Winter Olympics to Squaw Valley. However, said Jones, "I think the greatest satisfaction I've had in the newspaper business was to help develop youth."

Altho retired, Grand Commander Jones will still be keeping an office. He is handling investments and continuing his duties with the Chamber of Commerce and the Public Works Commission.

Welcome Mat for Guests

Invitational brochures from the Jacksonville (Illinois) York Rite Masonic Committee, W. Dean Jarrett, Secretary, publicized a York Rite Steak Dinner Tuesday, January 16, at the Jacksonville Masonic Temple — complimentary to all York Rite Masons and their "Prospective Member Guests."

The folder noted that "The Cavalcade of Templary," would be a motion picture feature of the evening. The complimentary steak dinner and the program which followed were in preparation for the Annual York Rite Festival of the three York Rite Bodies in Jacksonville, Illinois — Chapter No. 3, Council No. 5 and Hospitaler Commandery No. 31. The 1973 Committee Chairman is Ernest N. Armstrong.

Grand Master at Shrine Events

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell, as the representative of the York Rite, was guest at the reception in San Francisco December 29 for Imperial Potentate and Sir Knight Henry C.



Struby, Evansville, Indiana. The formal reception was held in the St. Francis Hotel. Representing the Scottish Rite was the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, Illustrious and Sir Knight Henry C. Clausen.

On the following day, with other guests — including former Chief Justice and Sir Knight Earl Warren, Shrine officials, a packed stadium of spectators and millions of television viewers — Grand Master Bell saw stars from the East defeat the West players in the 1972 Shrine game.

St. John's and "Finian's Rainbow"

St. John's Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware, is participating in the 5th Voluntary "Activities" Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with a benefit dinner-theatre performance of the musical, "Finian's Rainbow." The benefit event is scheduled for Wednesday evening, March 21, at the Candlelight Theatre Restaurant, Arden.

The notice of the activity says this is "a major undertaking of St. John's Commandery and requires whole-hearted support." Those in the area wishing to make reservations are asked to send their checks at \$10.00 each to Walter D. Wagner, 1022 Kendall Road, Wilmington 19805.

Masonic Eulogy Given President Truman

The last rites for Sir Knight Truman were held in the Truman Library at Independence with seating for approximately 200 persons present by invitation of the family. The Masonic fraternity, as observed by Past Grand Master of Masons Bruce H. Hunt, was represented by the present Grand Master of Masons, W. Hugh McLaughlin, who gave the Masonic eulogy carried over the national TV networks.



Truman's Highest Honor

An Associated Press article, as relayed from a Kansas newspaper by Supplement Editor Gerald R. Butcher, notes that the late Harry S. Truman said in 1949 he considered his election as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Missouri "the highest honor that has ever come to me."

"That statement, carried by *Time Magazine*," says AP, "resulted in some letters of criticism." One writer felt that if Mr. Truman did not consider the Presidency a far greater honor, the voters should return him "to his Missouri Masons."

Sir Knight Truman's reply was that the office of Grand Master came unsolicited. He did not and could not campaign for it as he did for President.

Although it was not the Missouri Masonic burial service, writes Sir Knight Hunt, it contained numerous passages from it. M.W. Brother McLaughlin is a Kansas City attorney.

At 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 5, a Memorial Service for Sir Knight Truman was conducted in the Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., with presiding officers or representatives of Masonic organizations among the government leaders, foreign delegations and others invited to attend by Mrs. Truman and her family through the Office of Protocol, Department of State.

Grand Master G. Wilbur Bell responded to the formal invitation from the Acting Chief of Protocol and attended the services to represent the Knights Templar of the United States of America. The General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International, was represented by Edward M. Selby, Martins Ferry, Ohio, General Grand High Priest. The Shrine, the Masonic Service Association and other bodies also had officers in attendance.

For information on color prints of the late President Truman in Masonic attire, write Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton St., Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.



*Sunshine or shadows, what ere betide,
Omnipotent God, be at our side;*

*Make us to feel thy spirit divine,
Oh Lord we pray, our will be thine,
Teach us the way to live by the square,
Encompass our thoughts in Holy care;*

*Inspire us daily to nobler deeds
That fit us to fill the Master's needs.*

*Blessed are they whose trust is in thee,
Ever, in all ways... SO MOTE IT BE!*

- ERVIN H. STRUB



LINCOLN AND HUMOR

by
George L. Cashman

Abraham Lincoln's well-developed sense of humor must have been greatly stimulated by the many absurd and ludicrous requests directed to him during the years of his Presidency.

Lincoln, as President, was deluged with letters requesting special favors, appointments, autographs — and a few were threats upon his life. Not the least of these demands were those that desired that he contribute locks of his hair to be kept as souvenirs, or to be sold at bazaars for the benefit of soldiers in hospitals. Lincoln's wild "republican" hair was constantly menaced by those well-meaning letter writers. Not even his immediate family was exempted as Mrs. Lincoln's tresses were eagerly sought, as were also the locks of members of his cabinet.

One enterprising young lady informed Lincoln that she desired snippings of his hair and those of the cabinet members. Her request included samples of hair from distinguished citizens of Washington. She would use the hair thus obtained to fashion a design which she would have handsomely framed and sold at a Sanitary Fair for the benefit of the soldiers.

One may form a mental picture of the President of the United States of America, shears in hand, roaming the streets of the city and waylaying celebrities for the purpose of relieving them of what little hair they may have had left.

Assaults upon Lincoln's scalp did not stop with his death. Mrs. Lincoln received many requests for her husband's hair which she could not honor. Even John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin, involuntarily donated some of his hair after death to souvenir hunters.

Lincoln was a master in the art of story-telling and sometimes his anecdotes were tinged with color. While, on occasion, he recited doggerel satire of his own concoction, he said he was not a master of stories, only a retailer. Lincoln seldom told a story for the sake of the story itself but always to press home a point.

He knew a well-chosen anecdote, used to illustrate, could often eliminate much long and boring discussion. It is said a picture is worth ten thousand words. If this is true then certainly a well-chosen story, used as an illustration, must be equally effective. Lincoln's stories were always bright, piquant, penetrating and pertinent to the occasion.

Lincoln's matchless power in story-telling helped to make him a great favorite wherever he went. His stories were always sought after and he was loath to disappoint his many friends. He enjoyed the pleasure he gave to others by his seemingly endless supply of anecdotes. He had a great appreciation for humor and he was particularly fond of the writings of such humorists as Petroleum Nasby and Artemus Ward whose witticisms made him laugh. Laughter was a stimulant to Lincoln and he said, "Laughter is my antidote for tears, if I did not laugh I should die."

Lincoln's sense of humor was frowned upon by one or two members of his cabinet when, in the midst of serious discussion, he would interrupt to read a funny passage from one of his favorite humorists. Their staid demeanor was shocked by a display of what seemed to them to be ill-mannered buffoonery. They were unable to understand the importance of laughter to Lincoln.

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Templars at Marble Collegiate Church

The Templar Knights Commanders Association of the Metropolitan District of the State of New York invites Templars, "their families and friends to attend the parade and Church Service in commemoration of Ascension Day, on May 13, at historic Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue at 29th Street, New York City." The pastor of Marble Collegiate Church is Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.

David Aiken, Franklin Square, New York, President of the Association, says the parade May 13 will start at the Grand Lodge Building, 71 West 23rd Street, at 3:00 p.m. The Service will begin at 4:00. "Facilities will be available for changing into uniform and security of personal clothing provided," says Sir Knight Aiken.

I hope the time will soon come when
They will have prayer in school again.

Richard G. Glasgow
Trenton, New Jersey

... LINCOLN

Lincoln's reputation as a humorist sometimes suffered as the following incident illustrates. Two women were discussing the probable outcome of the Civil War. One said, "I think that Davis will succeed." Asked for her reason to so think she said, "Because Davis is a praying man." "But so is Lincoln," replied the other. "Yes, but the Lord will think that Lincoln is joking," was the rejoinder.

Sir Knight Cashman, a recognized authority on Lincoln history, has been Curator of Lincoln's Tomb since 1951. His address is Curator, Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

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K.T. License Plates

Clarksburg Commandery No. 13, Clarksburg, West Virginia, is offering cast aluminum license plates for sale as an Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign project. The plates come plain - with the cross and crown - or with your state and Commandery number.



The Sir Knights of Clarksburg suggest group orders by Commandery to save on handling and shipping costs and thus provide more money for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The plates are \$5.00 each, with or without Commandery designation. Orders, enclosing payment and specifying Commandery designation if desired, should be directed to D. F. Carter, Recorder, 60 Monroe Avenue, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CORRECTION

The January issue featured a listing of meeting dates for national Masonic and Masonic-affiliated bodies - based on information provided in response to questionnaire forms.

Dates given for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, were April 1-4 at St. Louis. The location remains the same as listed but the meeting dates correctly are May 26-30, 1973. Might be cooler at the beginning of April, but the DeMolay Supreme Council will not be in session until May 26.

LET'S BE MORE ACTIVE!

by
Russell T. Townsley

Sir Knight Russell T. Townsley, St. Omer No. 14, Great Bend, Kansas, gave the following speech at the 1972 Washington's birthday observance of his Lodge. He is the publisher of the Russell Daily News and the Russell Record, both of Russell, Kansas. Sir Knight Townsley is the son-in-law of Kansas Past Grand Commander Monte Krug.

Tonight across the United States there are gatherings just like this one of warm fellowship. Look around; it is easy to pickout the faithfuls, those men who are willing and able and on hand when needed.

There are others with special interests. They have a friend who is a candidate or a feeling for a certain Degree. There are few who really want to be here more often. They know and enjoy Masonry but there are so many things to be done — and so little time available for them. There are some who feel obligated to attend — now and then.

But there's one thing that's as sure as Masonry itself. There's a Masonic meeting, opening at the scheduled time, telling the story of brotherhood, fidelity and truth, with Brothers in the chairs, performing rituals. Regardless of the press of business, the scheduling of bridge clubs, whether or not the fish are biting and the urgency of income tax homework, the meeting will be held.

George Washington, the father of our country, whose birthday is being honored today, said in his Rules of Conduct: "Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. For 'tis better to be alone than in bad company."

This association of men of good quality is Masonry. Several million men

proudly hold association with the Lodge. Few are willing to give up their membership.

Yet, the Lodge halls across the nation are marked with row after row of empty chairs, monuments to absent brothers whose presence can neither be seen nor felt. They belong — and yet they don't belong. They wear Lodge pins, carry membership cards. Some remember the grip and passwords and some can even recite, although often hesitantly, the cryptic, meaningful words which set them apart from other men.

In a manner of speaking, love of one's country these days has become as transient. There are dues-paying, card-carrying Americans whose places in the lodge of freedom and justice stand as empty chairs in a Lodge hall.

Today, those vacant chairs are growing in number. There's a wall of apathy screening the spirits of the men who suffered at Valley Forge. Fading into the mists of time are those who fought, brother against brother, charged San Juan Hill, knew the shot and shell of the Argonne Forest and the epic heroes of Iwo Jima.

An eminent clergyman said a number of years ago what we need to do is to grasp the spirit of the ages — rather than the spirit of the age. In truth, the spirit of this age, without the steady- → → →

ing forces of Masonry, is that of the God of Darkness.

Today's plaintive cry for "a sign, a sign," is being subverted. "I talk, therefore I exist," is held aloft as the banner of the times. Freedom to think and to believe has been shockingly abused by daring, irresponsible, perplexed and confused minds.

Those who would prove to the world that they possess "the sign" are usually the ones hopelessly lost, baffled and confused. They would sell basic truths for the sake of expediency. They would tear down what we have, in our own ways, worked to erect.

Rev. William Douglas Williams points to a recent nationwide survey showing that 47% of Americans have grave fears about present conditions in our society and are deeply concerned about the Nation's future. The number is four times greater, he explains, that it was only seven years ago.

Are we so shallow that we think ours is the first generation to face problems? Are we, as a nation, a state or a Commandery, so narrow we can't place things in a proper perspective?

In 1825 at Bunker Hill, Daniel Webster said: "Let our object be our country, our whole country and nothing but our country. And, by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace and of liberty; upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever."

The problems can be resolved by confrontation and effort. We have the proper tools in Masonry; we also have the God-given ability to use them and we have almost two centuries of American history to serve as our balance wheel, keeping a steady, consistent pace - ticking off the seconds, the minutes and the hours in a regulated count.

I can't believe this nation will let the dynamic mainspring which provides the driving force to run unchecked.

Freedom is the identifying character of the country. The Honorable Carl T. Curtis, a 33° Mason serving in Congress, said recently in his home state of Nebraska: "We must never lose sight of the fact that our freedom was purchased at a high price.

"Freedom is not free. A rich heritage of freedom is ours because of the sacrifices of brave men at Plymouth, Yorktown, Gettysburg, The Marne, in the South Pacific, Korea and Vietnam."

Today marks the birthday of the Father of our Country, George Washington. Born in 1732, he was a leader in bringing Masonry from England to the United States.

A surveyor at 16, a leader in backwoods warfare from 1753 until 1758, he was defeated, humiliated - and indoctrinated in the rights and principles upon which this nation was built.

A wealthy landowner, a man who earned and won a place of leadership by the time he was 21, he fought for freedom. In 1775 he was named Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. Victory came after the hardships of Valley Forge in that winter of 1777-78 and the shaping of a volunteer rabble into a formidable army. He convinced the people that the nation was right and the cause was just. He served as President from 1789-1797.

Washington balanced men like firebrand Thomas Jefferson and conservative Alexander Hamilton to forge a nation on an anvil of justice, honesty and fairness. He worked with men like Patrick Henry and Richard Henry Lee and joined in arguments of Thomas Paine and John Dickinson.

As President he saw the →→→

adoption of the first 10 amendments, the first Supreme Court and the first cabinet. He withstood the Whiskey Rebellion from the Pennsylvania hills in 1794.

He was among the first to rotate crops, practice soil conservation, make effective use of fertilizer, cross-pollinate fruit trees and to develop better cattle breeds. He married Martha Dandridge Custis, a young widow with two small children. His life was devoted to his family, his nation and his Lodge.

Of the 39 signers of the Declaration of Independence, September 17, 1787, 23 were known to have been Masons.

As Masons, we can understand how it happens that the foundation of the United States dwells on such things as liberty, freedom of conscience, rights of man, general welfare, separation of church and state and the other principles we cherish.

We must love our country not for its wonderful past, but what it is today and what we can make it become tomorrow. In the here and now this nation remains the finest place on earth.

Teachings of Masonry are relevant in our day and generation. Morality and patriotism are pillars of Masonry.

News reports remind us of the moral breakdown in our country, the loss of character, the pagan conduct. There is a revolt against those things patriotic as mobs burn the flag.

Patriotism and morality are made of the same cloth. When one is torn and ragged, so is the other.

Detractors would have us write off this heritage. We cannot, we must not. The flag is the symbol of the broad meaning of patriotism. It is our land, our family, our way of life, our earth, sky and water, the embodiment of the hopes and dreams of George Washington and that small

band which saw a nation born.

Masonry is symbolic. It takes the practical tools of the building of the temple and converts them to the working tools of mankind. We, as Masons and as families of Masons, have learned to use intrinsic values of these tools to build lives. We have, as guides, the principles, ethics, morals and life patterns which are symbolic of the buildings constructed with labor, tears and skill against overwhelming odds.

Many of us have an attachment rather than an interest. The result is that self-seekers of today's ideologies have mistaken passiveness for apathy. Individually, we must prove to ourselves first and then to the world that patriotism, like Masonry, is alive, healthy and a vital force against decadent philosophies.

We build today for tomorrow. As craftsmen, sojourners and travelers, we can hold high those banners, unstained amid corruption and as pure as that which they represent. We should be striving to make patriotism so vital, so arresting, so constructive that it will give meaning and worth to all that Americans have done in the past to make the present possible.

Man cannot remain an island and no person, Mason or not, can knowingly allow the principles of George Washington, the United States and the millions who have adopted it to be debased.

The forces which would destroy all we hold dear are always present. Washington at Valley Forge knew despair. He found courage to hand forward freedoms intact. Is there anyone here who can honestly say that he would be satisfied, or true to the principles of Masonry, by doing less?

Tell the world what is right with patriotism. And continue to live by the New Commandment: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

The Grand Commandery of Illinois is one of the jurisdictions making early plans for group attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service events at Arlington National Cemetery April 22, 1973.

Tentative arrangements announced by Forest C. McDaniel, Grand Generalissimo, call for a choice of two pilgrimage projects — by air, leaving Chicago, Campaign, Decatur, Springfield, Peoria, St. Louis and Rock Island Good Friday, returning from Washington Sunday; by bus, departing Chicago, Rockford, Lincoln and Peoria Good Friday, arriving home Monday evening.

Information is available from Sir Knight McDaniel, 6536 South Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629.

Rituals Available

For the particular information of Grand and Subordinate Recorders, a new supply of coded Rituals has been prepared and back orders on hand have been filled. Additional orders will be processed as received. Grand Encampment Rituals are available, by regulation, only through Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies and Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies. The new printing was arranged under the direction of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters, headed by G. Calvin Dyson, P.G.C., Pennsylvania.

The official Notice of the 52nd Triennial Conclave, containing all proposed Amendments, committee meetings and other Conclave information will be mailed to the 1,200 voting members of Grand Encampment June 14, 1973. All proposals for printing in the Notice of Conclave and for Triennial Conclave voting consideration must be received not later than May 14, 1973, by the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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Although not solicited, individual subscriptions for others will be accepted for either a one year or five year period — at \$1.25 or \$5.00. No intermediate rates.

Bulk orders of 50 copies or more at 5 cents each continue to be accepted when mailed to one address. Orders must be received by the Grand Recorder, Chicago, the month preceding publication.

Washington's Prayer for Our Country

I now make it my earnest Prayer, that God would have you, and the state over which you preside, in His holy protection; that He would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field. And finally that He would dispose us all, to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SNOW . . .

The following is taken from Yesterday's Wyoming by Fenimore C. Chatterton. Sir Knight Chatterton was Grand Master in 1895, Grand Commander in 1902 and received the 33° of the Scottish Rite, A.A.S.R., S.J., in 1946. He was Governor of Wyoming from 1903-1906. Research in locating this information was done by Past Commander Howard J. Bennage, St. Graal No. 13, Gillette, Wyoming, and Mrs. Bennage.

In the late summer of 1892 the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming commissioned Fenimore C. Chatterton of Rawlins to organize and institute a Chapter in Lander. Chatterton traveled to Rock Springs where he was joined by Judge Jesse Knight, on his way to Lander to hold court.

Chatterton and Judge Knight boarded a buckboard stage to South Pass City for the first night. The second night was spent in Red Canyon. On the third day they arrived in Lander and, that evening, Judge Knight assisted Chatterton in constituting the Royal Arch Chapter.

The return trip to Rawlins was made by Concord Coach in a continuous two day and one night journey via Lost Soldier Divide and Dead Man's Hill. The stage station meals consisted mostly of potatoes, sowbelly and sour dough bread.

In February 1897 the Grand Commander commissioned Sir Knight Chatterton to institute Hugh De Payen Commandery in Lander. Sir Knights McMicken, Rusk, Bell (Grand Commander in 1931), Rankin, Luckfield (Grand Commander in 1908) and Evans were to accompany Chatterton.

At dawn on February 11, 1897, the seven left Rawlins with a four-horse Concord Coach and a four-horse covered wagon which contained the Commandery paraphernalia, uniforms and luggage. Fifteen miles out they encountered a driving snowstorm but pressed on. Ten miles later the coach tipped over in deep snow. It took all the strength of the seven men and four horses to right it.

Late that evening they arrived at Lost Soldier Stage Station at the south foot of the Green Mountains. There they were snowbound for the next two days. When it became clear travel by wheel in the deep snow was impossible the men fashioned sled runners out of corral poles to replace the wheels.

On the morning of the 14th they started out, the storm having abated, on a 20 mile uphill snow climb to the peak of Lost Soldier Divide where they spent the night. The weather cleared that night and it was discovered there was little snow on the north side of the divide. The wheels were replaced and the next day they continued on to Rongis on Crook Creek.

The morning of February 16 was warm and the party drove into Lander. The 140 mile trip from Rawlins had taken nearly six days. At 4:00 p.m. Sir Knight Chatterton, assisted by the six Sir Knights, Knighted 14 Royal Arch Companions of Lander, instituted Hugh De Payen Commandery and installed the officers. The installation of John S. Loud as Commander was not completed until 2:00 a.m.

On the return trip the seven were again confronted with a blizzard between the peak of Lost Soldier Divide and the stage station at the foot. The group finally arrived in Rawlins on February 22.

Sir Knight Chatterton and Sir Knight Conant Parks of Cody attended the 50th anniversary of Hugh de Payen No. 7 in 1947, the only surviving members present at the installation of the Commandery.

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AVAILABLE FROM THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICE

The following items are presently available to Knights Templar from the Grand Encampment office in Chicago:

Drill Regulations of the Grand Encampment	\$ 1.00
Manual of Tactics and Asylum Ceremonies	1.00
Highlights of Templar History	1.00
1967 Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes	1.50
Press-board Binders/Guidelines	1-9 each 1.50
.	10-19 each 1.35
.	over 19 each 1.20
Membership Certificates	quantities under 100 each .20
(available to Recorders ONLY)	quantities over 100 each .18
Templar three-color paper placemats (available March 1)	per 1,000 9.50
Templar three-color dinner napkins (available March 1)	per 1,000 13.50
<i>Knight Templar Magazine</i> (bulk - 50 or more to one address)	each .05

Guidelines available at no charge: Publicity and Public Relations, Patriotic and Civic Activities, Membership, Religious Activities, Student Loans, Scripts for Religious Activities, Junior Officers, A Capsule Chronicle of Templary.

Also available at no charge is the Knight Templar Memorial Service.

Free loan 16 mm, sound-color films available are "The Cavalcade of Templary," "The Declaration of Independence" and "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." Additionally, there is a 15-minute slide presentation, with script, of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service.

Any of the above items may be obtained by writing the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604, enclosing the correct amount where applicable. The films must be booked as early in advance as possible, giving first and second choice of dates. Audio-visual materials at presstime were booked thru April.

Pelf - Self

Theme of the current Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is PARTICIPATION rather than DONATION - SELF rather than PELF. Money to help the Foundation's work is the basic goal. There are two others. The Campaign gives each Commandery a worthwhile opportunity for "shared activity." It also can help make the Eye Foundation better known to members, other Masons and the public. Chairman Charles S. McIntyre calls for sponsorship of "Masonically acceptable benefit events to help this Templar project."

Booklets on "Crosses"

Dr. Bruce R. Brannon, Ingleside, Texas, currently Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, compiled illustrations and descriptions of 21 Crosses for display at the Centennial Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, last year in Kansas City, Missouri.

His material has been compiled in booklet form and copies are now available at 50 cents each from the Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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To join DeMolay, a young man must:

- Be between the ages of 13 and 21
- Believe in God
- Be of good character and reputation
- Have a Masonic Sponsor
- Petition a DeMolay Chapter

Half Century of Medicine



It was congratulations and good wishes for C. Otis Ritch, left, who was honored in December for 50 years of medicine, all spent with Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago. With him are Sir Knight Warren N. Barr, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Edwin Feldman, outgoing medical staff president; and Sir Knight W. Clement Stone, member of the Board of Trustees. Sir Knights Barr and Stone are members of Evanston Commandery No. 58, Evanston, Illinois.

Miss Mason?

Miss Verna A. Fowler has worked in the Masonic offices in Salina for 44 years. She started in 1928 by helping her father while his regular girl was on vacation. Her father was Sir Knight Charles N. Fowler, Past Grand Master of the Kansas Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, Past Grand Commander, General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council and an Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason, S.J.

In Salina she works in the office of Salina Lodge No. 60 but helps with the work of all the local Masonic bodies including Askelon Commandery No. 6. She has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 58 years and has sung in the Scottish Rite Choir since 1916.

“LIFE AND TIMES of GEORGE WASHINGTON” – THE MASON

In the same mail on a hot July day last summer, coincidental pieces of correspondence came to the desk of the Editor – one from Sir Knight Hobie Swan, P.C., Darius Commandery No. 7, Minneapolis, and the other from Sir Knight Fred W. Mindermann, Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Middletown, Connecticut. They were coincidental in that the one enclosed a copy of an unfavorable reference about George Washington's “nominal” Masonic activity; the other contained a variety of quotations and comments about Washington's devotion to Masonry. Neither writer was acquainted with the other nor knew of the correspondence herewith described.

Hobie Swan wrote his note on one side of a photocopied page from “The Life & Times of Washington” by General Editor Enzo Orlandi, Text by Mario Rivoire, with C. J. Richards listed as Translator.

Sir Knight Swan's communication read:

“Gentlemen: I am of the opinion that such a dastardly statement as appears on the opposite side (of this photocopy) is entitled to an official rebuff from our Order.”

The statement from the book was in a caption for an illustration. It read: “A lithograph by Duval and Hunter showing Washington in a Masonic Lodge. He was not a very active one. Undoubtedly the illustration was used by the order to capitalize on what was *only a nominal membership.*”

There was no questioning Sir Knight Swan's right to be provoked by the belittling of Washington's involvement with Freemasonry. But, research in the *Knight Templar Magazine* was not needed.

The letter from Sir Knight Mindermann on the same day enclosed all the rebuttal material needed. First among the copies of “writings of, and about, George Washington” were these quotations from letters –

December 28, 1783, to Alexandria Lodge No. 39:

I shall always feel pleasure when it may be in my power to render service to Lodge No. 39, and in every act of brotherly kindness by the Members of it.

1791, St. John's Lodge, Newborn, North Carolina:

It is peculiarly pleasing to find my conduct so affectionately approved by a fraternity whose association is founded in justice and benevolence.

1792, To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

I request that you will be assured of my best wishes and earnest prayers for your happiness while you remain in this terrestrial Mansion, and that we may thereafter meet as brethren in the Eternal Temple of the Supreme Architect.

August 22, 1799, to King David's Lodge No. 39, Newport, Rhode Island:

Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.

There were other enclosures. One was a copy of pages from “The Washington Masonic Shrine” at Tappan, New York, in which appears this portion:

“An address to him by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, dated December 29, 1792, which accompanied a copy of its Book of Constitutions → → →

recently dedicated to him . . . was similarly expressed in language technically Masonic . . .

"In his reply Washington penned a sentence that must be quoted . . ."

To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of the Masonic Institution, and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover (reveal, or express) the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

Then follows this comment: "Such letters as the one just quoted and all others of his Masonic writings and utterances possess collectively a character that has not been sufficiently observed, perhaps never observed at all, even by his Masonic biographers; they show that *Washington had a reasoned philosophy of Masonry.*"

"He was not only a member in the sense of paying dues to some Lodge and having his name enrolled in its roster; he was not only one who attended Lodge communications frequently, and took an active part in Lodge business and social affairs; he was one who had reflected much thought profoundly about the nature and purposes of Freemasonry, a thing the most zealous member not often takes the time to do, and the fact proves more than any other how deeply-rooted and how sincere and life-long was his interest in the Fraternity."

As all Templars know, there were many, many other evidences of Washington's far from "nominal" participation in Masonry — the Masonic dedication of the Capital, serving as Master of his Lodge, ad infinitum.

It is hoped that the seeming "debunking" will be recognized as an ineffectual effort on ill-founded premises, and that Sir Knight Hobie Swan, these many months later, will feel that Sir Knight

Mindermann's quotations adequately provide "an official rebuff from our Order."

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Masons Who Also Ran

Most know that 13 of our Presidents were Masons. However, many of those who "also ran" were Masons; and, in at least seven cases, no matter who won, the President would be a Mason.

In 1824 there were five major Presidential candidates. Two were Masons — Henry Clay of Kentucky and Sir Knight Andrew Jackson of Tennessee. Both lost.

Brother Lewis Cass, P.G.M. of Michigan, was defeated by Brother James K. Polk in 1844.

In 1860 Abraham Lincoln's opponent was fellow Illinoisan Brother Stephen A. Douglas. Another candidate for the Presidency that year was Brother John C. Breckenridge, a former Vice-President.

When Sir Knight William McKinley ran for President in 1896 and 1900 his opponent was Brother William Jennings Bryan. McKinley was the first of a line of Masonic Presidents which continued until 1913. McKinley was followed by Theodore Roosevelt who was followed by William Howard Taft. In 1916 Roosevelt led a third party in the Presidential contest which resulted in the defeat of both Taft and Roosevelt at the hands of Woodrow Wilson.

In 1924 Brother John W. Davis lost the election to Coolidge. In 1936 Brother Alfred M. Landon lost to Brother Franklin Roosevelt. In 1940 Brother Wendle Wilkie lost to Brother Roosevelt. In 1944 a double Masonic ticket of Brother Roosevelt and Sir Knight Harry Truman defeated the double Masonic ticket of Brother Thomas Dewey and Sir Knight John Bricker. In 1948 Brother Dewey was defeated by Sir Knight Truman.

In 1964 President Johnson defeated Brother Barry M. Goldwater. In 1968 Richard M. Nixon defeated Sir Knight Hubert H. Humphrey and third party candidate Sir Knight George C. Wallace. In 1972 Nixon defeated Brother George McGovern.

Time for Refreshment — In Style

New from the Grand Encampment office, starting March 1, will be three-color placemats and three-color dinner napkins (the latter a full 16½ by 16½ inches in size) for use in Masonic Temples and other appropriate locations where food and refreshments are served.

The paper mats and napkins, bearing Templar and patriotic illustrations, are each available in 1,000 quantities. Charge — including postage — is \$9.50 for each one-thousand placemats and \$13.50 for each one-thousand dinner napkins. Orders can be processed only in lots of 1,000 for either item.

The patriotic design on the dinner napkin, in keeping with the bicentennial of our nation in 1976, is a color reproduction of Trumbull's appropriate and well-known painting of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Templar identification subjects include the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

A sample set of the placemat and dinner napkin is being mailed to each Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Recorder later this month for first-hand inspection.

To order a thousand of either the mats or a thousand of the napkins, or a thousand of each, make checks payable to the Grand Encampment and mail to:

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

(Please allow at least three weeks for "safe" shipping time.)



Journalistic Coincidence

One reader has written the Editor that his January magazine arrived the day Sir Knight Truman died. "In the course of a long life I have never seen a journalistic coincidence to match. The editor of *Time* would have been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Most remarkable!"

Grand Encampment Roll Call of Honored Dead

IN HALLOWED MEMORY

Joseph D. Yerkes
District of Columbia
Grand Commander — 1960
Born February 4, 1893
Died January 10, 1973

Orrin D. St. Clair
Wisconsin
Grand Commander — 1954
Born September 12, 1902
Died January 17, 1973

Harry S. Truman
Missouri
Palestine Commandery No. 12
Grand Master of Missouri Masons, 1940
Honorary 33°, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.,
S.J., 1945
President of the United States, 1945-1952
Born May 8, 1884
Died December 26, 1972

A Mason's Prayer

Almighty God, Grand Master of this land
Help me to ever be, a just and upright man.

Almighty God, rule this life of mine
By your great square of virtue in my dealings
with mankind.

Almighty God, let the compasses contain
Within due bounds my passions — I ask in your
Great Name.

Almighty God, Supreme Architect of all
Help me build your Temple so strong it cannot
fall.

Almighty God, in your Great Master Plan
Make me a living stone for your house not
made with hands.

Almighty God, let me practice charity
To thus improve myself in the work of Ma-
sonry.

Almighty God, I truly worship Thee
Protect this hand and bless it — Amen.

So Mote It Be.

William V. Criswell
Box 159, R.D. No. 2
New Cumberland, West Virginia 26047

A Declaration of Templar Principles

Templary is a fraternal Light that has illumined the world since the Crusade of 1118. The Principles upon which the Chivalric Orders are founded are couched in Ritual, Ceremony and Symbolism, and give expression to the basic teachings of the Christian Religion permitting its votaries to interpret the Infinite Wisdom of the Man of Galilee according to the dictates of their conscience.

It draws its inspiration from an undaunted Faith in the first principle of Freemasonry – the Belief in the existence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Source of Life and Truth.

Templary is a Philosophy of Life based upon the Sacred Law, and proclaims the Gospel of Human Brotherhood and Benevolence of all mankind. It Labors for the Reign of Peace, the Promotion of Justice and the Search for Divine Truth. It has always been a Defender of the Faith.

It loathes Communism, and encourages an appreciation of Constitutional Government under whose Protection, Freedoms are enjoyed which are derived from the Consent of the Governed.

Templary stands unswervingly for the foregoing high Principles which each Knight Templar has voluntarily professed – the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the Love of Country. The beautiful Banner of Templary with its emblazoned Passion Cross, ever inspires the Templar with the Highest Ideals of Benevolence, Citizenship and Christian Faith.

This We Believe

Robert V. Osborne, P.G.C., Wisconsin



Worth Your Salt?

Many years ago – before the time of the Crusades and before Templars were around to be hailed as the salt of the earth – salt was a scarce and precious commodity. It was also extremely expensive. The early Roman soldier, therefore, received salt money – *salarium* – as a part of his soldier's pay. Eventually, "*salarium*" became today's very, very important word "*salary*." In the parlance of ancient Rome, anyone working for a salary would be receiving salt money.

Masonic Family Night

Alpine, Marfa and Fort Davis, Texas, Masons are preparing for their 1973 "Big Masonic Family Night" held annually the second Saturday in July. July 14 events include a reception at the City Municipal Building in Alpine sponsored by the Eastern Star Chapters, a barbecue at the Paisano Baptist Encampment Grounds, installation of Blue Lodge officers and an address by the Grand Master of Texas Masons. The Davis Mountains location has motel and camper, trailer facilities.

WASHINGTON'S APRON PRESENTED BY SIR KNIGHT LAFAYETTE



“The beautiful Masonic apron of white satin ground-work, wrought by Madame Lafayette with her own hands in France,” was presented to Washington by Lafayette at Mt. Vernon in 1784. It “with other Masonic ornaments was placed in a highly finished rosewood box, also beautiful with Masonic emblems.” The records show that the apron itself was given by the Washington Benevolent Society to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the rosewood box to the Lodge at Alexandria.